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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: A few showers of rain and snow. High 36, low 22.
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Dairy lawsuit: A lawsuit against a Bliss dairy is scheduled for trial today.
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Rezone request: MVRMC is asking the city of Twin Falls for a rezone.
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HEALTH & FASHION

Time to re-boot: Insight and homework are required when you're shopping for a new pair of winter boots.
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SPORTS

Alling illness: Michael Jordan will sit out at least two games with a sore right knee.
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The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - Relentless U.S. airstrikes pummeled the defenders of Kandahar Sunday with anti-Taliban forces within 20 miles of the last militia stronghold. A U.S. Marine officer said his troops might join the assault.

In the east, a provincial military official said U.S. warplanes bombed an anti-Taliban headquarters Sunday, killing at least eight people. The claim came a

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day after the official reported similar bombings killed scores of civilians nearby.
At U.S. Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Fla.,

spokesman Lt. Col. Mark Compton said the command was looking into the reports but had no immediate information about the latest attacks.
At the forward U.S. Marine base in the desert 70 miles southwest of Kandahar, an officer suggested for the first time that American forces might join the final assault on Kandahar.

"You have a lot of forces at play ... the opposition groups coming from the north down, the southeast up and us potentially

coming from where we are," said Maj. James "Beau" Higgins, an intelligence officer.
A 1.5-mile-long column of U.S. military vehicles, including light armor, left the base Saturday in a plume of dust. U.S. officials would not say where the vehicles were going.

The Marines had not joined the fight since helicopter gunships attacked a Taliban convoy a week ago. They have been joined by a five British, German and Australian officers ahead of a

possible push on Kandahar.
A U.S. military source said the Taliban were moving in reinforcements, underscoring the vow of supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar to fight to the death to hold the birthplace of the movement.

In the latest report of friendly fire casualties, Mohammed Zeman, the anti-Taliban defense chief for Nangarhar province that includes Jalalabad, pleaded with

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MUSIC IN CITY PARK



The City Parks Children's Choir Performs the first of many holiday events to be held through out the holiday season at the Twin Falls City Park Saturday evening.

Council to choose next TF mayor

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Elaine Steele said she's prepared to drop her mayoral duties this January, and two City Council veterans are pondering picking them up.

"It's an honor to serve as mayor, but it's usually been a two-year term. So probably the only way I would be mayor again would be if the rest of the council decided they could not pick anybody else," Steele said.

Steele and some council members said an unwritten rule against mayors running for a second consecutive term has developed in recent years.

"Somewhere along the line, there was kind of a gentlemen's agreement that mayors don't succeed themselves," said Councilman Lance Clow who, along with Chris Talkington, said this week he might be interested in the job.

But neither said they were prepared to formally declare their interest yet. Clow has never served as mayor. Talkington did in the early 1980s.

Meanwhile, council members Howard Allen, Trip Craig, Gloria Galan and Glenda Thompson said they probably aren't interested.

"I gave the idea some thought, but decided it would probably be best if I didn't, and maybe let some of the more experienced guys take a shot at it," Craig said. "I feel that I've really enjoyed serving on the council, but I'm not ready to be mayor," Galan said.

Allen, a former mayor and 10-year veteran of the council, said it's not unusual for things to take shape at the last minute.

"It was kind of fast. I didn't have any idea the day before I was selected that four other people wanted me to be mayor."

But whoever gets picked should be prepared to take about six months to get up to speed, he said.

"You really have to learn the complexities of city government," Clow and Talkington said they both think they have enough experience to handle being mayor, but were concerned about possible time constraints.

"I have no particular agenda to say I'm going to do anything a lot different than any other previous mayor," Clow said.

Clow said he has to consider that he is self-employed and has a

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Women's prison recalls Taliban repression

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - She pleaded with the Taliban, to let her marry the boy she loved - not the man her parents chose. But the Islamic regime said it was a crime to defy her family and sentenced her to five years in jail.

"I couldn't believe it. I cried and cried," said Fariba, 19, hugging her sweater around her trembling shoulder, her head covered in a brown floral scarf.

The inmates of Kabul's women's prison have been freed since the Taliban fled, yet 13-year-old Fariba still lives in her mud-floored cell. It has now become a haven from her conservative family.

A month after the northern alliance marched into Kabul, the prison remains a sad reminder of the repression women suffered at the hands of the rigid Taliban. Women were the target of some of their harshest rules.

Women were jailed for offenses ranging from talking to a boy other than a relative or traveling outside the home alone.

Fariba appealed to the Taliban



Fariba, 19, stands in her cell in a women's prison as a northern alliance soldier looks on in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Thursday. The woman was imprisoned by the Taliban for not fulfilling an arranged marriage agreement.

when her parents tried to force her to marry a man they had selected for her, instead of her 18-year-old boyfriend. Blinded perhaps by passion, she thought they would understand.

"Please," I begged them. "Please let me marry him. I can't

marry the boy my parents chose for me. Please," she said.

But the Taliban rulers sentenced her to prison, and beat her boyfriend. From there, things only got worse.

At one point, one of the Taliban guards wanted to marry

her against her will and take her to Kandahar, the spiritual headquarters of the movement. A guard at the women's prison stepped in and was able to prevent it.

Others were not so fortunate. Two of Fariba's cousins, 14 and 15 years old, were taken to Kandahar and forcibly married. Some of the city's poorest willingly gave their young daughters to the Taliban in exchange for money, she said.

"They would begin by washing the clothes of the Taliban, and then one Taliban would say he wants to marry her and take her to Kandahar. The people are poor," she said. They would agree.

One of Fariba's relatives sold his young daughter to a Taliban soldier for 50 million Afghani, then the equivalent of about \$800, she said. Under Afghan tradition, the family of a groom often pays the family of a bride for the right to marry her.

For one year under the Taliban rule, Fariba lived in a mud-floored cell, with the only rays of light coming through a tiny win-

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CIA paramilitary force mixes spies with soldiers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Somewhere between America's spies and commandos is a small group of men and women like Johnny "Mike" Spann, the CIA paramilitary officer killed by rioting prisoners in Afghanistan.

Part intelligence operative, part combat trooper, these officers were among the first Americans to cross the border into Afghanistan after the Sept. 11 - even before military commandos began reconnaissance missions.

"This is America's secret warfare," said Loch Johnson, a CIA expert at the University of Georgia, of the agency's paramilitary force.



Mike Spann

U.S. officials will not say how many are in Afghanistan and the surrounding countries, except that the contingent is much smaller than the hundreds of U.S. military special operations forces.

They are believed to be supplying weapons, training and intelligence to rebels fighting the Taliban. They are gathering information on their own, interrogating prisoners and defectors. Some are working alongside the Army's Green Berets and other

special operations forces, while others are on their own.

They come from within the CIA's Directorate of Operations, whose primary mission is to conduct clandestine intelligence-gathering. This includes traditional case officers, who work out of U.S. embassies, trying to make sources out of foreign government officials.

One branch, the Special Activities Division, is home to the CIA's offensive punch: Officers in this division are called upon when the president wants covertly to advance U.S. foreign policy, influencing a foreign government without any signs of U.S. action.

Inside the division are intelligence officers who can create economic and political disrup-

tions in foreign countries. Others write propaganda to influence foreign elections.

The division also contains the Special Operations Group, which is the agency's elite paramilitary cadre.

Similar to the Green Berets, these officers can train and supply local dissident groups and friendly governments. They are capable of more direct action, as well, including breaking into secure buildings to steal information.

Within this group are land, sea and air divisions; whose officers can operate almost any kind of vehicle. They can infiltrate hostile countries and rescue U.S. officers or friendly foreign

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Picking a mayor

A Twin Falls city mayor is chosen every two years by non-partisan and a simple majority vote among the city council members. That's due to happen again on Jan. 7, 2002.

Because Twin Falls has a council/city administrator form of government, the mayor has little real power beyond that of a regular council member. Mayors officially open, lead, and close city council meetings. The mayor is also expected to be one of the city's most effective liaisons to the public. The salary for mayor is \$1,000 per month. The salary for regular council members is \$750 per month.

Source: City of Twin Falls

Denver debacle: The Denver Broncos fumbled away any chance at beating the Dolphins on Sunday.
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OPINION

A simple solution: Anti-grazing groups should use compromise instead of the courts to share Western lands, today's guest editorial says.
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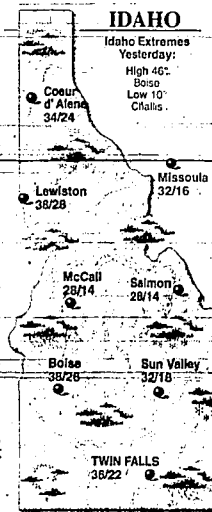
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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature
High/Low 44°/24°
Normal high/low 41°/22°
High/low last year 43°/19°
Record high 65° in 1995
Record low 3° in 1967

Precipitation
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yest. 0.63"
Normal month to date 0.08"
Water year to date (Oct. 1) 1.73"
Normal year to date (Oct. 1) 2.03"
Humidity
Yesterday at noon 88%
Barometric Pressure
Yesterday at 6 p.m. 29.51 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
Grass N.A. Weeds N.A.
Trees N.A. Mold N.A.

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

| TODAY | TONIGHT | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | | | |
| A few showers of rain and snow. | Mostly cloudy; a bit of snow. | A period of two or three rain and snow. | Some rain or snow possible. | Chance of snow and rain. | Rain or snow still possible. |
| ▲ 36° ▼ 22° | ▲ 22° ▼ 18° | ▲ 34° ▼ 22° | ▲ 32° ▼ 24° | ▲ 38° ▼ 26° | ▲ 38° ▼ 24° |

CANADIAN CITIES

| City | Today | Tue |
|-----------|----------|----------|
| Calgary | 15 6 am | 19 13 am |
| Edmonton | 12 7 am | 21 7 am |
| Regina | 23 13 am | 23 8 am |
| Saskatoon | 19 5 am | 20 7 am |
| Winnipeg | 27 21 am | 23 12 am |

REGIONAL CITIES

| City | Today | Tue |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Boise | 36 21 am | 38 21 am |
| Burley | 37 15 am | 31 20 am |
| Coeur d'Alene | 34 14 am | 32 19 am |
| Eggenville, OR | 46 38 am | 44 34 am |
| Hingman | 36 23 am | 32 24 am |
| Kalispell, MT | 33 20 am | 30 22 am |
| Lewiston | 38 28 am | 38 28 am |
| Malden | 36 27 am | 32 18 am |
| Malia | 37 15 am | 32 18 am |

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Mostly cloudy with a few showers of rain and snow today through tonight. Snow levels will generally be between 3,500 and 4,500 feet. Highs 28-40.

Boise: Rather cloudy today; a few showers of rain and snow. High 38. Rain and snow will change to a few snow showers tonight. Low 26. A bit of rain and snow possible tomorrow.

Northern Nevada: A storm will move east of the region today leaving behind plenty of clouds. Snow levels generally between 4,000 and 5,000 feet. High temperatures in the 30s to lower 40s.

Northern Utah: A storm will bring several inches of snow to the northern mountains today. Some rain in the lower elevations. Highs ranging from 20s in the mountains to near 40 in Salt Lake City.

Northern Idaho: Cloudy today with snow showers around; rain in the lowest valleys. Snow levels will generally be in the 3,000 to 3,500 foot range. Highs from the 20s in the mountains to upper 30s in the valleys.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:50 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:05 p.m.
Moonrise today 7:54 p.m.
Moonset tonight 10:42 a.m.

Last New First Full
Dec 7 Dec 14 Dec 22 Dec 30

UV-INDEX TODAY

0-1: Minimal; 2-3: Low; 4-6: Moderate; 7-9: High; 10+: Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

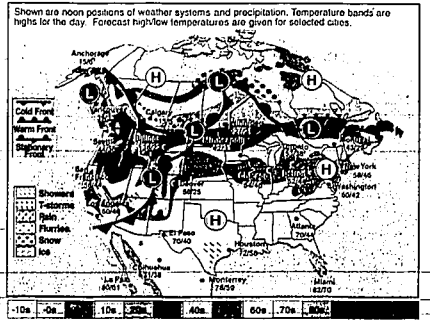
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Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)

High 83° in Fort Myers, FL Low -1° in Alamogordo, CO



NATIONAL CITIES

| City | Today | Tue |
|----------------|------------|------------|
| Atlanta | 70 44 am | 66 48 am |
| Baltimore | 55 38 am | 62 42 am |
| Birmingham | 58 22 am | 64 30 am |
| Bozeman | 56 42 am | 60 46 am |
| Charleston, SC | 67 47 am | 72 50 am |
| Charleston, WV | 58 37 am | 63 45 am |
| Chicago | 54 48 am | 58 48 am |
| Cleveland | 58 42 am | 59 48 am |
| Denver | 56 25 am | 64 22 am |
| Dallas | 55 44 am | 56 39 am |
| Detroit | 52 40 am | 55 45 am |
| El Paso | 70 40 am | 66 35 am |
| Fairbanks | -19 -25 am | -22 -34 am |
| Fargo | 34 22 am | 33 15 am |
| Honolulu | 85 74 am | 84 73 am |
| Houston | 72 58 am | 78 66 am |
| Indianapolis | 56 44 am | 60 48 am |
| Jacksonville | 72 58 am | 74 57 am |
| Kansas City | 68 49 am | 62 48 am |
| Las Vegas | 57 38 am | 54 34 am |
| Little Rock | 66 50 am | 68 53 am |
| Los Angeles | 60 48 am | 60 46 am |

Taliban

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The United States to stop bombing-civilian areas.

The mistaken targeting reportedly took place not far from the Tora Bora caves complex believed to be a possible hideout for Osama bin Laden, head of the al-Qaida terrorist group.

The United States holds bin Laden responsible for the Sept. 11 suicide hijackings that killed thousands in New York and at the Pentagon. President Bush ordered the military campaign Oct. 7 after the Taliban refused to turn over bin Laden and his supporters.

In Koenigswinter, Germany, Afghan delegates to U.N. talks debated a draft outline of a proposed administration to rule the country until a permanent, post-Taliban system can be put in place.

A proposed interim council of elders is taking shape that would rule for six months before convening a national conclave to decide on a longer-term government.

But the details of power-sharing remained to be worked out, with the delegates from four Afghan factions under intense international pressure to quickly agree on a new administration.

"They have to agree to every word in this agreement and implement it," U.N. spokesman Ahmad Fawzi said. "The international community will be watching very carefully."

U.S. bombers pounded Taliban defenses Sunday around the Kandahar airport, a few miles southeast of the city, said tribal sources in Pakistan. Along the border, 70 miles to the southwest, journalists saw an increase in the number of high-flying jets headed northward toward the Taliban

spiritual capital.

The sources said about 3,000 fighters loyal to former Kandahar governor Gul Agha battled their way to within one mile of the airport. About 4,000 fighters under Hamid Karzai, meanwhile, advanced without resistance to 22 miles north of Kandahar - "a 40-minute drive," according to his Karzai's brother Ahmed in Pakistan.

Ahmed Karzai quoted one commander, Mohammed Shah, as saying the American bombardment was so intense he's "never seen anything like it. It's unbelievable."

All reports of fighting near Kandahar and of anti-Taliban troops advanced were impossible to independently confirm because the Taliban bars foreign journalists from areas they control. Anti-Taliban forces tend to exaggerate their claims.

At the Marine base southwest of Kandahar, a military source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Taliban were moving fighters and weapons into Kandahar from Lashkargah, a provincial capital west of the city.

Anti-Taliban fighters north of Kandahar claimed to have captured a Taliban commander Saturday as he brought 25 yards of white cloth into the city. White cloth is traditionally used to wrap corpses for burial.

The tactics employed around Kandahar were similar to those used last month to drive the Taliban from Kabul and most of the rest of the country.

Taliban defenses around Kabul, Mazar-e-Sharif and other cities collapsed after days of intense American bombing followed by ground assaults by the northern alliance.

CIA

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In recent decades, the paramilitary force has seen heavy use in Central America, Angola and Afghanistan. In Nicaragua, they mined the harbors and armed the Contra rebels during the Reagan administration. In Afghanistan, they helped the mujahedeen fight the Soviet invasion. During

WORLD CITIES

| City | Today | Tue |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Accapulco | 90 69 am | 90 71 am |
| Alhambra | 59 45 am | 51 43 am |
| Auckland | 67 62 am | 70 61 am |
| Bangkok | 91 74 am | 88 74 am |
| Beijing | 38 24 am | 31 17 am |
| Berlin | 45 36 am | 46 39 am |
| Buenos Aires | 70 59 am | 70 63 am |
| Hong Kong | 64 43 am | 62 50 am |
| Jakarta | 50 31 am | 51 41 am |
| Jerusalem | 54 37 am | 52 44 am |
| Johannesburg | 64 60 am | 79 60 am |
| London | 50 48 am | 48 42 am |
| Mexico City | 75 41 am | 68 43 am |
| Moscow | 28 21 am | 28 18 am |
| Paris | 46 37 am | 48 42 am |
| Rio de Janeiro | 78 61 am | 73 62 am |
| Rome | 54 36 am | 53 39 am |
| Seoul | 42 30 am | 45 31 am |
| Sydney | 68 38 am | 61 57 am |
| Tokyo | 57 49 am | 50 42 am |
| Warsaw | 38 25 am | 34 25 am |
| Zurich | 45 38 am | 44 43 am |

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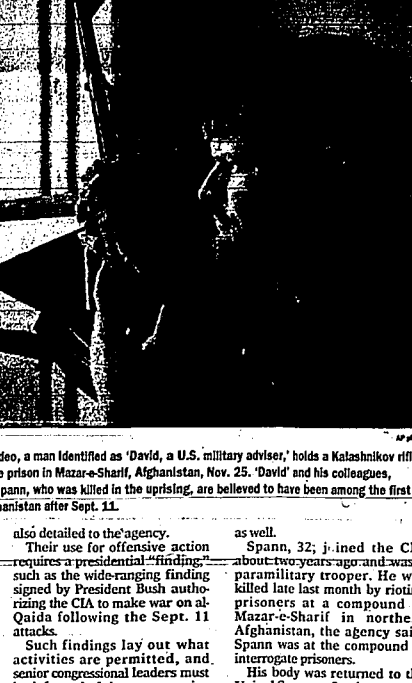
the Vietnam War, they ran "Air America" - the CIA's covert effort in Laos.

In times of relative peace, the Soviet intelligence force is kept to a small cadre, but it can quickly surge during a conflict. To fill out the force's ranks, the agency hires contractors - usually U.S. special operations forces troopers recently retired from the military. Active-duty commandos are

as well.

Spahn, 32, joined the CIA about two years ago and was a paramilitary trooper. He was killed late last month by riding prisoners at a compound in Mazar-e-Sharif in northern Afghanistan, the agency said. Spahn was at the compound to interrogate prisoners.

His body was returned to the United States on Sunday.



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down high in the wall. She is staying there now until she can marry the man of her choice.

There is no heat in the mud-room cells, and the only decorations are handmade mobiles - made of pits of paper folded delicately and gently into tiny flowers hanging from the ceiling.

Still taken up to a board, protected by glass, at the detention center are Turabi's edicts: no mixing of the sexes; no music; no television; no photography; no women uncovered by the all-enveloping burqa; no women traveling by themselves; no women working outside the home; no men without long unkempt beards.

Detainees included a group of foreign-Christian aid workers - two American women, four Germans and two Australians -

Mayor

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business and employees to look after outside of city hall.

Talking said the city budget and water system might be the toughest issues the next mayor will face. He also noted his outside commitments. Talking said this year was hired by Twin Falls County as the director of the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center. He said he's still trying to get ahead of the learning curve for that job.

Bill Clow, Talking and the others said it shouldn't be too hard to find a good mayor this time around.

"I and many of the others are well prepared for it," Clow said.

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who were rescued two weeks ago. Six of the workers were women and they were held separately. Their prison was a squalid two-room compound in the center of Kabul.

On the wall, hand drawn by Taliban guards, were the words Allah in Arabic script. There was also a small handwritten paper extolling the value of purdah - wearing the veil. "The good thing for a woman and the beautiful thing for a woman is hijab (veil)," it read.

The foreign aid workers drew a mural to brighten their squalid prison where they spent several weeks, apparently a jungle scene with lovingly sketched details - an elephant, a giraffe, a camel - almost unrecognizable.

The Taliban soldiers, who consider images to be against Islam, tried to wash it from the wall.

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Secretary: 'Remaining task is dirty'

WASHINGTON (AP) - American military forces in Afghanistan, now numbering up to 2,000 troops, may resort to extraordinary measures to crush the Taliban militia and root out al-Qaida terrorists from fortified cave and tunnel hide-outs, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Sunday.



U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld talks to reporters outside the NBC studios in Washington Sunday after being interviewed on "Meet the Press."

Rumsfeld described the situation in Kandahar, the last remaining-Taliban stronghold; as confused, and acknowledged the difficulty of penetrating cave systems deep in the mountains of eastern Afghanistan.

"We're entering a very dangerous aspect of this conflict," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"The remaining task is a particularly dirty and unpleasant one."

Rumsfeld was asked whether U.S. forces might pour gas into the cave complexes to flush out the terrorists.

"One will do whatever it is necessary to do," he replied. "If people will not surrender, then they've made their choice." He noted that in Maxar-e-Sharif, opposition forces flooded a tunnel in order to get the last al-Qaida fighters, whom he called "dead-enders," to come out and surrender.

U.S. commanders have not decided whether U.S. ground forces will be sent on a cave-by-cave manhunt. For now, the U.S. led campaign is relying on the persuasive power of airstrikes near Kandahar and in the mountains south of Jalalabad in eastern Afghanistan, and the incentive of \$25 million in reward money for information from Afghan locals on the whereabouts of Osama bin Laden and his lieutenants.

The cave complexes that bin Laden may be using are dug deep into mountains and have ventilation and power systems that enable their inhabitants to operate indefinitely.

Anti-Taliban forces, meanwhile, claimed U.S. bombing raids had mistakenly destroyed one of their headquarters in eastern Afghanistan Sunday, killing, at least eight people.

Bush confers with Israel's leader

WASHINGTON (AP) - Denouncing suicide bombings in Israel as "horrific acts of murder," President Bush on Sunday conferred with Israel's prime minister amid fading U.S. hopes that Yasser Arafat can curb terrorism.

What was to have been a pep talk to Ariel Sharon to get started on tentative peace overtures was transformed suddenly into an hourlong emergency White House session that shifted the burden to Arafat to prove he can end Palestinian attacks.

Bush administration officials suggested the Palestinian leader may not have a sure grip on control of the Palestinian movement.

"He is not a particularly strong leader," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said. "And I don't know that he has good control over the Palestinian situation."

Israeli officials said Sharon's Cabinet would meet Monday and decide on a strong response to the bombings. Publicly, U.S. officials did not press Sharon to avoid a response, instead challenging Arafat to act decisively against Islamic militants.

"Chirring Arafat must do everything in his power to find those who murdered innocent Israelis and bring them to just

ice." Bush said upon returning from Camp David for the meeting. The president also urged other Arab leaders in the area to take a more active role in bringing about stability and peace. "The advocates of peace in the Middle East must rise up and fight terror," Bush said.

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Enron files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy

NEW YORK - Beleaguered energy company Enron Corp. has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, the company said Sunday.

Enron also filed a lawsuit against would-be suitor Dynergy Inc. for wrongful termination of its \$4.1 billion proposed merger. Both actions were filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

Houston-based Enron is seeking bankruptcy protection for itself and 14 subsidiaries.

The company said it is in "active discussions" with several financial institutions to secure credit for the continued operation of Enron North America Corp., as well as additional funding to keep the rest of the company operating.

"From an operational standpoint, our energy businesses including our pipelines and utilities are conducting normal operations and will continue to do so," said Enron chairman and chief executive Kenneth Lay.

Enron said it plans to launch substantial work force reductions, "mainly in Houston. It didn't say how many workers would be affected."

On Friday, Enron laid off 1,100 workers in Great Britain. The company employs more than 20,000 workers worldwide.

TWA carrier is integrated into American Airlines
 ST. LOUIS (AP) - TWA start-

News in brief

ed disappearing on Sunday, as the airline's assets began changing to the American Airlines brand.

Flight numbers now come with the prefix "AA" rather than "TW." Airline executives and employees retired the "TW" Saturday with a commemorative flight from Kansas City, home of the airline's main maintenance hub, to the airline's main hub in St. Louis.

The commemorative flight, 220, was commanded by Capt. Bill Compton, TWA's last president, who started with the airline in 1968 as a flight engineer.

TWA's final scheduled flight, 2, arrived in St. Louis from Honolulu about 6:30 a.m. Sunday.

Tickets purchased for travel after Sunday that say TWA are still valid; passengers will just be traveling on American flights.

AMA debates study over paying donors for organs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - As the nation's need for organ transplants continues to outstrip supply, the American Medical Association on Sunday grappled with a possible solution once thought taboo: paying dying would-be donors and their families for vital organs.

Such financial incentives are illegal, banned by Congress in 1984, and as a result people needing organ transplants must rely strictly on volunteers.

However, only 25 percent of 78,000 organ transplants currently needed will occur in time to save a life, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing, the nonprofit agency that the government pays to oversee the nation's organ donor network.

Fifteen people die each day waiting for an organ transplant, the agency says.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

TF officials seek to fill commission

TWIN FALLS — Officials are looking for people to fill at least one and possibly as many as four openings expected soon on the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission.

The planning and zoning commission holds public hearings the second and last Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the City Council chamber at Twin Falls City Hall.

The commission also meets in the council chamber at noon on the first and third Tuesday of each month for hour-long work sessions.

People interested in serving on the commission should call Planning and Zoning Director LaMar Orton at 735-7267.

ACT question-and-answer session to take place

TWIN FALLS — College-bound high school students can get their questions about the ACT exam answered online Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Students can access the live chat by logging onto www.TeenLearningNetwork.com.

The next ACT test will be given nationwide on Saturday.

Colleges and universities make decisions about admissions and course placement based on ACT scores. The test measures students' academic achievement in four areas: English, reading, mathematics and science reasoning. The four tests are based on the curriculum taught in the nation's high schools.

The Learning Network is a Web site for parents, students and teachers and offers online educational tools, content and reference sources.

Indian storyteller to give presentation at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Diversity Council is sponsoring an "American Indian information and entertainment program at CSI.

Shoshone-Bannock Cultural Director Shane Ridley-Stevens will give a presentation at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Shields Building, Room 117. Admission is free.

The event will consist of American Indian stories and some flute music.

For more information, call Bridgett VanDerwerker at 733-9554, Ext. 2299.

Avalanche Center offers free class on Tuesday

KETCHUM — The local Avalanche Center is offering a free avalanche class from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Hemingway School. No registration is necessary.

Those who wish may follow up with a hands-on session in the field from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call (208) 622-8027 or go to www.avalanche.org.

Driver's license office will close for a day

BURLEY — The Cassia County Sheriff's Department driver's license section will close from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10.

The closure is necessary to allow officials from the Idaho Transportation Department to install a new computer system and a second terminal station at the Burley site. And, local employees will receive training on the new system that day.

Sheriff's department personnel have been waiting for the new system for the past year. Sheriff Jim Higgins said he is hopeful the new system and the additional station will speed up the time it takes to get driver's licenses and identification cards.

Cassia commissioners meet to discuss wine law

BURLEY — Cassia County commissioners will hear an update on the Idaho State Police's interpretation of the ability to sell wine with a liquor license at today's meeting.

The Frenchman's Island appeal hearing is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Commissioners will consider an appeal on an impact area variance request at that time.

Commissioners will consider giving money to a cloud-seeding program and review the proposed workplace threat and violence policy.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. in the commissioner's chambers at the courthouse. It is open to the public.

Compiled from staff reports

MVRMC asks for zoning change

By Mark Helz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The City Council today will consider a zoning change that could clear the way for more construction at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The hospital wants to expand its outpatient, radiology, emergency and same-day services, according to information released to City Hall by the hospital.

To do that, MVRMC wants to start a project involving several thousand square feet of renovations and new construction, and needs to use some of the ground which is

now Shoup Avenue West near the hospital, according to plans.

The council meets at 5 p.m. in the City Council chamber at City Hall. Public hearings to consider the hospital's plans and other requests start at 6 p.m.

The need for the hospital project is based on an increase over the past few years in the number of patients, according to a letter sent by Marc Harrison, the hospital's facilities director, to EHM Engineers of Twin Falls and included in the council's information packet for Monday's meeting.

In the emergency department, the number of visits went from 15,542 in 1999 to 18,243 in 2000 and is expected to jump to as many as 21,560 during fiscal year 2001-2002, according to the letter.

In other business, the council will:

- Consider a request from Marvin Hempleman for an extension of the approval of a mobile home park at 2916 E. 3600 N. The property was first zoned by the city in 1994. City code dictates that people who file applications for developments have a year after a rezoning to submit final plans. Hempleman was granted six one-year extensions by the council between 1995 and late 2000. Hempleman

is asking for an extension until Dec. 5 2002.

- Hear from Bill Allred of the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality about the Twin Falls County groundwater management plan.
- Consider changing the term of liquor, beer and wine licenses from a calendar year to a 12-month period running from July 1 until June 30.
- Hold a public hearing regarding changes in the language of the zoning code, including amending the definitions of "household," "call center" and "religious institution."

LABS FOR SALE



Poo Wright-Pulliam finishes painting an eagle on her 3D canvas that she's dubbed Liberty LAB. The Lab will be one of two auctioned off Dec. 29 to raise funds for urban rescue dogs such as those used at Ground Zero in New York City.

Statue auction in SV to benefit rescue dogs

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Two new Sun Valley Labs will be pressed into service to help with 911 rescue efforts in New York City.

Liberty LAB and another Lab named Stars and Stripes, conceived in the wake of September's terrorist attacks, will be auctioned off in December to benefit rescue dogs who sniffed out survivors in the rubble of the World Trade Center.

"Our whole focus is on animals helping people," said this is the perfect connection," said Terry Fischer, co-organizer of Sun Valley Labs.

Artists painted about 45 larger-than-life fiberglass Labs this summer to raise money for the Wood River Valley Animal Shelter and other doggie charities.

But Hailey artist Poo Wright-Pulliam and KSKI disc jockey

Interested?

You can see Liberty LAB and Stars and Stripes at the Sun Valley Labs "dog kenneel" Building, 2 to 5 p.m. daily at the 511 Building, at Fifth Street and Leadville Avenue.

There are now 45 Labs, including a new CandIABrador, with a candleabra on its head and LABrador Receiver all wrapped up in phone cords. The Labs will be auctioned off Dec. 29 at a gala auction party that was postponed because of the Sept. 11 attacks.

For more information, call Terry Fischer or Lyn Stallard at 726-6688 or check out the Web site at www.sunvalleylabs.net

Mary Ellen Mahar volunteered their time to paint two extra Labs on the three-dimensional canvases following Sept. 11's terrorist attacks.

Their dogs commemorate the search dogs at Ground Zero, who

Hailey artist Poo Wright-Pulliam and KSKI disc jockey Mary Ellen Mahar volunteered their time to paint two extra Labs on the three-dimensional canvases following Sept. 11's terrorist attacks.

inspired their own stories of heroism among many human stories: A golden retriever, for instance, saved five firefighters while a German shepherd survived a fall of five stories trying to save a woman. Other dogs sustained smoke and dust inhalation, eye injuries, burns and glass cuts on their footpads and even

emotional trauma from not finding more survivors.

"I knew there should be some way to make a contribution," Pulliam said.

Pulliam's Liberty LAB features an eagle on its back and an American flag on one side juxtaposed against a background of smoke. On the other side is a German shepherd rescue dog flanked by silhouettes of two rescue workers with their dogs amidst surrealistic beams.

A battery pack inserted in its chest behind a felt heart lights up a headlamp on its head. Some of the Wood River Valley's own rescue dogs, used in avalanche searches and other rescue operations, have signed their paw prints in red, white and blue.

"I love this dog. Every time I walk by him, I find myself petting him," Pulliam said as she drilled holes for whiskers made of broom straws. "My husband

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Idaho water director to address groundwater group

JEROME — Northside groundwater pumper can learn more about an agreement struck with Hagerman Valley fish hatcheries over water rights.

The North Snake Groundwater District's annual meeting next week will feature guest speakers Karl Dreher, director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, and the district's attorney Jo Beeman.

Dreher threatened to curtail more than 1,000 groundwater rights if surface water users and groundwater pumpers couldn't work out their differences. Surface water users say their water rights have been injured by groundwater pumping from the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer. Groundwater users don't want to be totally shut down.

Water users with rights to pump more than 0.1 cubic feet of

Groundwater meeting

The North Snake Groundwater District's annual meeting will be 10 a.m. Tuesday in the American Legion Hall at Seventh Avenue and North Lincoln Street in Jerome.

Farmers within the North Snake Groundwater District who have the ability to replace groundwater irrigation with Northside Canal Co. water are asked to call Mick Hobbey at 536-6118.

Parties who have non-irrigation groundwater rights and divert more than 0.1 cubic feet of water per second may petition the Idaho Department of Water Resources to join the North Snake Groundwater District. Contact Jeff Martin at 324-1083 or 961-1083 for more information.

water per second who are not party to the agreement are subject to curtailment. The district only represents irrigation rights,

but the law allows commercial, industrial and municipal rights to be included in the district and covered by the agreement with surface water users. As a result, the North Snake Groundwater district says it is expecting an influx of new members.

The North Snake Groundwater District, an association formed by groundwater pumpers to protect their water rights, has agreed to rent 25,000 acre feet of water if it's available during both the 2002 and 2003 irrigation seasons. The Magic Valley Groundwater District will rent 15,000 acre feet each year. The water will be delivered through the Northside Canal Co. and used in lieu of pumping.

The North Snake Groundwater District says it is looking for farmers able to readily replace groundwater with surface water.

If the 40,000 acre feet of water isn't available to rent next season, North Snake pumpers will

reduce groundwater use by 10 percent. In a letter to its members, the association says the option is a last resort but farmers should think about where they could cut back. Possibilities include reducing irrigated land by 10 percent, raising low water demand crops, and improving irrigation efficiency.

The groundwater district will be studying a variety of water conservation measures including re-using canal tail water and site-specific solutions to some water shortage problems in the Hagerman area.

The agreement between groundwater users and surface water users has been gathering signatures. Spring users who have signed the agreement as of Nov. 21 are Clear Springs Food Inc., the City of Twin Falls, Clear Lakes Trout Co., Blue Lakes Trout Co., Pices Investments, Pristine Springs, Buckley Farms, and the Northside Canal Co.

Water act trial to begin

The Times-News

BOISE — A lawsuit over whether a Bliss dairy is polluting neighboring springs is set to begin in federal court today in Boise.

The Idaho Rural Council brought a Clean Water Act lawsuit against the Grand View Dairy in Bliss.

Brothers Jake and Hank Bosma own and operate the dairy, which neighbors two separate springs — one owned by the Walker family and the other by the Butler family.

The Walker and Butler families claim the dairy is polluting the springs.

The Butler family — Stacy and Art, Dan and Diane, and Helen — joined the Rural Council in bringing the lawsuit. They are not asking for damages, but if they can prove the Grand View Dairy violated the Clean Water Act, penalties may be imposed.

The Idaho Rural Council must prove a hydrological connection between the groundwater and springs and that the dairy is the source of pollution.

The Bosmas contest the suggestion that their dairy is polluting.

In 1999, Henry and Jake Bosma were fined \$21,000 by Idaho officials for violations of state dairy waste rules after inspectors found dairy waste and several dead animals at the head of a spring just off their dairy. The spring belongs to the Archie Walker family.

Treasurer says foreclosures are on the rise

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — There has been an increase in Minidoka County foreclosures in 2001, according to the county treasurer. But this isn't the first year they have been on the rise.

"It's been going on for some time," said Doug Myers, manager of Land Title and Escrow in Rupert. He said he has seen the number of foreclosures increasing over the last two years.

There are more listings for bank-owned property, said John Povilson, broker at Povilson Company Realtors.

There have been about 80 foreclosures this year in Minidoka County, a lot more than in previous years, said Minidoka County Treasurer Laura Twiss. Of those foreclosures, 70 to 75 percent went to the lender or were sold. 20 percent were canceled when owners made payments and 5 percent of the owners protected themselves from foreclosure by declaring bankruptcy.

In Cassia County, clerks have filed 163 notices of default, a document which provides public notice of foreclosure. Not all of these foreclosures have been finalized.

Cassia County Treasurer Gayle Erekson keeps tabs on the number of bankruptcies and foreclosures for the county commissioners so they are aware if the tax base is shrinking. On Monday she told commissioners there had been an

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SERVICES

Frederick Willis Higgins of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Rd., Twin Falls.

Robert H. 'Bob' Brown of Puyallup, Wash., memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Mountain-View Celebration-of-Life Center with a reception immediately following a brief graveside service (Mountain View Funeral Home, Puyallup).

Ruth Vivian House Crofts Gardner of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls; friends may call from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at White Mortuary; inurnment graveside rites at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Halley Cemetery.

Irel Thomas (Shorty) Kent of Boise and formerly of Acequia, service at 1 p.m. today at the Acequia LDS Church; burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery; family and friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Charles Edward Jones of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery with military honors by area veterans and auxiliary.

Ruth W. Shinn Morris of Wendell, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Wendell Cemetery (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

John C. Robertson of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. today at the Gooding United Methodist Church; burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Roberta Sullivan, formerly of Buhl, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery; viewing will be held from 11 a.m. to noon today at

Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl.

Roy Alton Young of Boise and formerly of Hazelton, graveside service at 3 p.m. today at the Hazelton Cemetery; friends may call at 10 a.m. today at Summers Funeral Home, 1205 W. Bannock St., Boise.

Eugene Kirchenwitz of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Bonnie — Beth Jeppesen Jurgensmeier of St. George, Utah, and formerly of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Lindquist North Ogden Chapel, 2146 N. Washington Blvd., North Ogden, Utah; friends may call from 7-8 p.m. today and one hour before the service on Tuesday at the chapel; burial will be at the Ben Lomond Cemetery in North Ogden (Spitsburg & Beard Mortuary).

Douglas R. Brown Jr. of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Sixth Ward LDS Chapel, 667 Harrison St.; viewing will be held from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel, 136 Fourth Ave. E.,

Twin Falls, and 12:45-1:45 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Barbara Harris of Boise, celebration of life will be held from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Boise Eagles Lodge (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise).

Max Wesley Hogg of Burley, vigil service at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., Burley; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Little Flower Catholic Church; burial will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 6 p.m. until time of the vigil on Tuesday and one hour before the funeral Mass on Wednesday at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Lavona (Vonnie) M. Lyons of Kennewick, Wash., burial at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

Ralph Southwick of Provo, Utah, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lindquist's North Ogden Mortuary, 2140 N. Washington Blvd., North Ogden, Utah; friends may call from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the mortuary; burial will be at the Ben Lomond/North Ogden Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICES

Walter Raleigh Messley
BUHL — Walter Raleigh Messley, 103, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001 at Twin Falls Care Center. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

Charles John Freiburger
— Charles 'Chuck' John Freiburger a 72-year-old Paul resident passed away Sunday Dec. 2, 2001 at his home in Paul.

Funeral Mass will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Nicolas Catholic Church in Rupert with Father Henry Carmona as

Celebrant. Rosary will be recited Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. Friends may call Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. until the Rosary at the church and one hour prior to Mass on Wednesday. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Lester Emil Unland
TWIN FALLS — Lester Emil Unland, 83, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001 at SunBridge Care & Rehabilitation Center. At Mr. Unland's request no services are planned. Cremation was under the direction of White Mortuary.

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Eugene 'Gene' Henry Kirchenwitz

1953, he married Verna Barr. Together they had three children. They lived in Wisconsin until 1954 when they moved to Arizona. They lived in Arizona from 1954 to 1970 when they moved to Twin Falls. He enjoyed working in construction and watching the Packers and the Braves. Gene loved the outdoors where he enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. He is survived by his wife — Verna of Twin Falls, sons — Kerry and Ross Kirchenwitz both of Twin Falls, and daughter, Pamela (Byron) Orr of Rexburg, brothers — Sheldon Kirchenwitz of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Sidney Kirchenwitz of Tucson, Arizona, and sister Virginia Houli of Racine, Wisconsin. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Gertrude.

Funeral services for Gene will be held Wednesday, December 5, 2001, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery with military honors by the Magic Valley Veterans and Auxiliary. Friends may call Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Twin Falls, Idaho died Friday, November 30, 2001, at his home. He was born November 7, 1937, in Bethany, Mo., the third son of Jesse Vere Courtney and Maudie Marie (Polley) Courtney. This family lived 4 miles south of Ridgeway, he attended country school at Green Castle his first year.

After graduation, he enlisted in the Army. While in Washington Ken married Betty Courtney. They had a daughter Kathryn Ann Courtney.

He enjoyed working with the youth to help them learn the game. Ken loved fishing, boating and the friends he made.

He is survived by a daughter, Kathryn Ann Courtney, of Spokane Wash., one brother, Edwin Lee Courtney, of Lebanon, Ore., two sisters, Roberta (Woodrow) Bridge, of Twin Falls, Idaho and Helen (Dean) Radford of Thayne, Wyo., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ken was preceded in death by his father in 1943, his mother in 1981, his brother-in-law in 1992, and a sister-in-law Colleen Courtney in 1992.

Funeral services for Kenneth Courtney will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 4, 2001 at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

After the death of his father, the family moved to Ridgeway, where Ken attended school until the family moved to Idaho in the spring of 1947. He attended Lincoln School and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1956.

He later divorced. His military service included the Vietnam War. He was discharged in 1977. The joy of his life was bowling and the many friends he made there.

Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery with military honors by the Magic Valley Veterans and Auxiliary.

Kenneth Vere Courtney
Kenneth V. Courtney, 64, of

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| | Friedman Memorial Airport Board, 5:30 p.m., Blaine County Courthouse. | Thursday |
| | Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall. | Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall. |
| | Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. | Fairfield City Council, 7:30 p.m., firehouse. |
| | Hansen Community Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 W. Maple. | Kimberly Public Library Board, 7 p.m., library. |
| | Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. | Murtaugh Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall. |
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Bureau upgrades alert system

BOISE (AP) — The state's Emergency Alert System has been upgraded to allow officials to relay information to citizens more efficiently in an emergency.

The Idaho Bureau of Disaster Services replaced outdated radio transceivers statewide with state of the art equipment.

"This will help keep Idahoans informed about blizzard, severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, flash floods, evacuations and other emergency situations we regularly face," John Cline, the bureau director, said.

When emergencies arise, Idaho broadcasters have voluntarily agreed to interrupt their regularly scheduled programming to get the word out to the viewing and listening public. The system makes this happen automatically.

The Microwave Service Division, secured dedicated radio frequencies for emergencies from the Federal Communications Commission

for relaying information from microwave sites to public broadcasters.

Broadcasters will receive information on their alert system equipment. Systems at broadcast stations will automatically interrupt regular broadcasting to get the information to viewers.

The upgrade took two years at a cost of \$60,000. Funding for the project was provided through an appropriation from the Idaho Legislature.

Accountant keeps stock index of Mormon-led companies

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The 34 companies that make up the stock index New York City accountant Kent Larsen tracks are a cross section of the U.S. economy.

Bell Computer Corp. is represented on the index, as are SkyWest Airlines, Zions Bancorporation and the Arizona-based long-haul trucking concern Swift Transportation Co.

What sets the companies on the index apart is that all have members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in senior management positions.

Rather than offering the Mormon index as an investment tool, Larsen said he formulated the measure to serve as a rough gauge of how Mormon executives are doing in the business world.

"And right now, they appear to be doing as well as anyone," he said. However, it is impossible to tell which of the Mormon executives are actively involved with their church and which are not, he said.

Still, the Mormon index is up 8 percent from the closing bell on Dec. 31, 1999, while the S&P 500 is down roughly 20 percent over the same time period.

The broad market indexes over time, he said the gauge is "one of those fun ideas that occasionally emerge."

Members of the Mormon church heading major American corporations include J.W. Marriott Jr., chairman of Marriott International; Tony Burns, chairman of Ryder Systems; and Roger W. Sant, chairman of AES Corp., a Virginia-based power company with international operations.

Ned Hill, dean of the Marriott School of Management at Brigham Young University, doubts if the success of the companies that are part of Larsen's index can be attributed to any particular Mormon management style.

Volunteers move children's museum

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — It didn't take a green thumb to uproot and move the Treeshouse Children's Museum from the Ogden City Mall, but it did take many hands to make sure each child's memory is safely stored.

Up to 100 volunteers turned out Saturday to begin moving the ever-popular Treeshouse museum from the soon-to-be-closed and redeveloped Ogden mall, to the building that once housed the Standard-Examiner newspaper.

The cost of the move: An estimated \$70,000, and a few tears shed by the 21 full- and part-time employees who serve as museum staff.

The children's museum will be reconstructed, its signature multi-level treehouse not included at the new location for about two years. In the meantime, about \$3 million will be raised to build a new, stand-alone museum as part of the renovation of the mall, said museum director Lynne Goodwin.

The museum will reopen at the new site Dec. 26, just in time for the Christmas break.

"That is a big time for us," Goodwin said, because children are out of school looking for something to do.

without too much trouble," in preparation for professional movers who later will come in and dismantle the larger exhibits such as the Utah floor map, the "grandma" reading chair, and the treeshouse, which is welded

into place.

"It's been an emotional morning. It is kind of nostalgic to go through it one last time," Goodwin said, taking one last walk through the treeshouse prior to volunteers arriving.

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Sawmill inspires Scout project

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN - When church leaders in the late 1930s realized housing conditions in Heyburn were inadequate, only one solution seemed to make sense: buying the local sawmill.

It was a committee of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Heyburn that envisioned a cooperative sawmill project.

And so it was 70 years ago that the LDS building there and many of Heyburn's homes were built with lumber cut at the mill.

And as a group of Boy Scouts watched the sawmill disassembled in the Oakley Basin a few weeks ago, they began a journey into the history of sawmills and the history of Mini-Cassia.

The old sawmill, which has been taken to the Pioneer Village Museum at the Lagoon amusement park in Utah, operated in Heyburn during the late 1930s and early 1940s.

Scout Jason Firth recently visited with Heyburn's Myrtle Hellewell. Firth said he learned a lot from Hellewell, whose father, Joseph V. Lee, owned the mill in Heyburn until he sold it to the church around 1938.

The mill was operated under a church welfare plan, according to Elmer Heiner, who was the Heyburn LDS bishop at the time.

In an article for the church magazine, The Improvement Era, dated July 1939, Heiner said the plan worked on the principle of exchange of labor and commodities.

"They were convinced that by this method of self-help, housing facilities in the ward could be greatly improved with little cost to each family," Heiner said in the article.

Lee was put in charge of the sawmill, Hellewell said. "They worked together and got it done," she said.

Families were put on a list, Hellewell said. The families would work on their own homes and help on the home of the next family on the list.

The mill was located in the vicinity of 17th and H streets, she said.

Hellewell and her brothers and sisters helped their father build their house and also worked at the mill. "We were taught to work," she said. The girls worked just as hard as the boys.

"We would stack lumber. That didn't hurt us," Hellewell said. "I know the dimensions of lumber before I started school."

That first winter, the mill operated at intervals between heavy snow, doing projects and custom sawing, Heiner's article said.

"Four homes were begun during the season and will be completed as circumstances will permit at an estimated value of \$2,000 each," he wrote.

After the first season, a permanent timber camp was established, enabling the project to operate year-round. The mill continued to operate until World



Troy Peterson, Cary Livingston and Logan Hansen work with Alan Johnson, far right, shop teacher at West Minico Junior High School. The Boy Scouts are working on a display about sawmill history for a Scout project. They are helping Johnson cut a piece of lumber that was once cut by a sawmill that operated in the area for many years.

War II, when it closed, Hellewell said.

"Thank goodness. That was darn hard work," she said.

The mill sat idle until 1962 when Roy Steel and brothers LeRoy and Kenneth Fairchild purchased it. They operated the mill on the Fairchild farm in the Oakley Basin for a number of years. Hills to the east provided Douglas fir for the mill.

"They built it into a working mill using spare parts and ingenuity," a February 1966 Salt Lake Tribune article dated said.

The mill pond was formed from water which was piped five miles from three mountain springs. Sawdust was used for chicken litter and livestock bedding.

In the early 1980s, lumber from this mill was used in the renovation of Howell's Opera House in Oakley, said an early 1980s story in The Times-News.

After a number of years the mill was left to rest, where it fell into disrepair.

About three weeks ago it was taken to the Pioneer Village



Roy Steel, left, Harshel Bedke, center, and Donald Bedke stand by a stack of lumber milled in the Oakley Basin. The photograph was taken in March 1968.

museum in Lagoon, where it is being reassembled as part of the pioneer display.

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CSI TODAY

Today

CSI Golden Eagle Booster Club luncheon, noon, Taylor 277.

Tuesday

CSI cabinetmaking classes' annual Woodstock show and sale, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Herrett Center, Frost classroom.

CSI Ski Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 207.

CSI Student Disability Support Group, 1 p.m., Shields 104.

"Sustained Chord" art show, until Jan. 26, Herrett Center's Jean B. King gallery.

Business Planning Workshop, 6:30 p.m., Evergreen A20.

Twin Falls School District gifted and talented chemistry magic show, 7 p.m., Evergreen A05.

Student Bible study group, 7 p.m., Shields 103.

"Season of Light," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 8 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Wednesday

Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition board meeting, 7 a.m., Taylor 256.

CSI cabinetmaking classes' annual Woodstock show and sale, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Herrett Center, Frost classroom.

Idaho Agriculture Department pesticide applicator exam, 11 a.m., Taylor 276.

Student Support Group (free and open to all students), 4 p.m., Center for New Directions.

Future Farmers of America public speaking events, 4 p.m., Evergreen building.

Alliance weekly meeting, 6 p.m., Shields 112.

"Talley's Folly," directed by Laine Steel, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theater 119.

Thursday

CSI cabinetmaking classes' annual Woodstock show and sale, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Herrett Center, Frost classroom.

Schabot, Deagle & Co. seminar on college funding, 6 to 9 p.m., Taylor 276/277.

CSI Student Senate presents a Native American storyteller, 6 p.m., Shields 116.

"Talley's Folly," directed by Laine Steel, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theater 119.

Friday

CSI Nursing Advisory Committee meeting, 7 a.m., Taylor 256.

Magic Valley Estate Planning Committee and CSI Foundation estate planning seminar, 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Taylor 276/277.

South Central District Health general staff meeting, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Taylor 276.

CSI cabinetmaking classes' annual Woodstock show and sale, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Herrett Center, Frost classroom.

Twin Falls School District gifted and talented students paper-making class, 9:30 a.m., CSI art lab.

Latinos Unidos weekly meeting, noon, Shields 113.

CSI Golden Eagle basketball against North Idaho College: women play at 6 p.m., men at 8 p.m., gym.

Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 112.

"Season of Light," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Talley's Folly," directed by Laine Steel, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theater 119.

"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 8 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Saturday

Junior Golden Eagle basketball camp, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., gym.

Certified Nursing Assistant national written test, 8 a.m. to noon, Aspen 108.

ACT college entrance exams, 8 a.m. to noon, Shields classrooms.

"WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars," 2 and 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

CSI cabinetmaking classes' annual Woodstock auction, 2 p.m., Herrett Center, Frost classroom.

CSI Golden Eagle basketball against Ricks College: women play at 6 p.m., men at 8 p.m., gym.

"Season of Light," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Magic Valley Astronomical Society monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Canyon 119.

"Talley's Folly," directed by Laine Steel, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theater 119.

"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 8 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Herrett Center monthly staff party, 8:30 p.m., front of Herrett Center (if skies are clear).

Sunday

Magic Valley Bible Church, 9 a.m. to noon, Shields 117 and 118.

CSI Choral Concert, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Know the score?
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Foreclose

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increase in foreclosures in the county.

"A foreclosure does not directly affect the tax base, she said. The mortgage company that takes the land still pays taxes to the county."

The problem is not tax base, but tax collection, Twiss says. Because mortgage companies have three years to pay taxes after they are due, counties may not see that money for some time.

On the other hand, mortgage companies do not have homeowner exemption, so counties levy more tax.

In the worst-case scenario, the lending company decides it cannot sell the property and stops paying taxes. After the three-year delinquency period, the

Labs

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even patted him as he walked by the other day."

The dog has special meaning for Pulliam, who volunteered as a firefighter for six years with Sun Valley. Having been there, she shares an unspoken kinship with fellow firefighters who put their lives on the line to rush into burning buildings to save lives and, sometimes, people's possessions.

"It was so tragic that so many firefighters lost their lives. You never expect that," said Pulliam, who specializes in wildlife scratchboard art. "But watching those guys raise the flag in the middle of the rubble - it was so

county takes the land. The county does not want to be in the real-estate business, Erikson said.

People tend to point to the last two years of the ailing farm economy as the cause of the foreclosures, Myers said. "He thinks it is more complicated: 'It's one of those social issues, there is not just one factor, there are thousands.'"

Because lenders pay county taxes, increasing foreclosures are not too potent for local governments. "We're in trouble yet," Erikson said.

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moving.

Mahar's Stars-and-Stripes Lab is a New York certified dog take-off on the American flag.

"It refers to the tragedy but it's inspiration, uplifting. Kind of fun, actually," she said.

Sun Valley Labs is also donating the proceeds from pet portraits done by Nevada artist Jerry Frey to the urban search and rescue dogs. To order your pet portrait, send a picture of your pet to Sun Valley Labs at Box 2214, Sun Valley, Idaho 83353. Pastel portraits cost \$195. Examples of Frey's work are available in the S11 Building at Fifth Street and Leadville Avenue.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“I'm not a fumbler, you know? He hit it right on the right spot. It was a hopeless feeling, watching the ball roll away.”

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—Denver's Chris Cole after fumbling a kickoff that cost the Broncos their game against Miami

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Which is the only NFL team that played its home games in a domed stadium the season it won the Super Bowl?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball

TFCA at ISDB, 7:30 p.m.
MVC at Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m.
Camas County at Ketchum, 7:30 p.m.

High school girls basketball

Camas County at Ketchum, 7:30 p.m.
Burley at American Falls, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame fires coach Bob Davie

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Bob Davie was fired Sunday as Notre Dame's coach, one day after the storied football program completed its second losing season—in three years.

Athletic director Kevin White said that while Davie's teams have done well academically, “We also expect and intend to excel on the field, and there unfortunately, our results and progress have been disappointing.”

The search for a new coach would begin immediately, White said.



Bob Davie

Braves, Smoltz agree to new contract

ATLANTA — John Smoltz, who thrived with Atlanta after being moved to the bullpen, agreed to a \$30 million, three-year contract with the Braves on Sunday.

The free agent pitcher was courted by several teams to resume his former role as a starter. He decided to stay with the Braves, who wanted him to remain a closer after he saved 10 games in 11 chances this past season.

Smoltz has spent his entire 14-year career with the Braves. He won the Cy Young Award in 1996.



John Smoltz

Colorado fans riot after Big 12 title game

BOULDER, Colo. — Police used tear gas and pepper spray to disperse fans celebrating Colorado's victory in the Big 12 championship game.

One officer was slightly injured and 11 students were arrested during the violence Saturday night following the 39-37 win over Texas, police spokeswoman Jennifer Bray said.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

St. Louis Rams, in 2000.

Racing toward the Rose Bowl

Miami unanimous No. 1, Tennessee slides in at second

By Richard Rosenblatt
The Associated Press

Tennessee is closing in on playing for a national championship.

The Volunteers (10-1) soared to No. 2 in the AP media poll on Sunday — replacing Florida — following their 34-32 victory over the Gators at The Swamp.

Miami (11-0) was No. 1 again, but this time it was unanimous after completing a perfect regular season with a 26-24 win over Virginia Tech.

With the win, the Hurricanes clinched a spot in the “Bowl Championship Series” title game in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3. A win

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by Tennessee over LSU in the Southeastern Conference title game on Saturday would send the Vols to Pasadena.

Florida (9-2), which dropped to No. 6, wasn't the only top team to fall. Texas (10-2), ranked third entering Saturday's games, tumbled seven spots to No. 10 after losing to Colorado 39-37 in the Big 12 Conference title game.

Oregon (10-1), with a 17-14 win over Oregon State, moved up one spot to No. 3.

The Buffaloes (10-2), most likely headed to the Fiesta Bowl,

jumped five places to No. 4 in The Associated Press Top 25 poll, followed by No. 5 Nebraska (11-1), No. 6 Florida, No. 7 Maryland (10-1), No. 8 Illinois (10-1), No. 9 BYU (12-0) and No. 10 Texas.

In balloting by the 72 sports writers and broadcasters on the AP panel, Miami collected all 72 first-place votes and 1,800 points. Tennessee had 1,709 points, Oregon 1,624, Colorado 1,557, and Nebraska 1,468.

In the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll the top five were Miami, Tennessee, Oregon, Nebraska and Colorado. Miami had 59 of 60 first-place votes from the coaches.

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By Richard Rosenblatt
The Associated Press

Some college football fans prefer the season to end in an orderly fashion. Others enjoy complete chaos.

Three breathtaking two-point games involving the nation's top teams, though, has fans pondering the same question: How will the national title chase play out after the final big game of the regular season next Saturday?

The options are limited:
• If No. 2 Tennessee (10-1) beats No. 21 LSU (8-3) in the Southeastern Conference title game, the Volunteers will play

No. 1 Miami (11-0) in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3. There could be no argument with the Bowl Championship Series standings, which determine who plays for a national title.

The Vols knocked Florida out of title contention with a 34-32 win on Saturday, while the Hurricanes beat Virginia Tech 26-24. The Gators and Hoosiers both missed 2-point conversions in the fourth quarter that would have tied the score.

• If LSU wins, don't be surprised if No. 4 Nebraska (11-1) sneaks into second place over No. 3 Oregon (10-1) in the final BCS

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Late fumble spoils Denver's hopes

By Kamon Simpson
The Gazette

MIAMI — Under the circumstances, the game was going as well as it possibly could for the Denver Broncos.

Without Rod Smith, playing in a hostile environment where they had never won in the regular season, the Broncos led Miami 10-0 after three quarters. Their ball-control offense was surprisingly effective thanks to Terrell Davis, and their defense was choking the Dolphins into submission.

But they had no margin for error in this game.

And now they have no margin of error for the rest of the season. Continuing a series of fourth-quarter slides, against a team well-versed in the art of the fourth-quarter comeback, the Broncos lost, 21-10, at Pro Player Stadium on Sunday, falling to 6-6 with four games remaining in the regular season. Figuring they need 10 wins to make the playoffs, the Broncos are faced with one inevitable conclusion as they head down the stretch.

“We figured out the math two



Denver's Reggie Hayward hangs his head following a Miami touchdown in the fourth quarter Sunday at Pro Player Stadium in Miami. Miami defeated the Broncos 21-10 after scoring three touchdowns in four minutes.

weeks ago. We figured out the math a week ago, and we know what the math is now,” Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said. “It's

four out of four.”
The number four figures prominently for the Broncos in more ways than one. During the past

four games, the Broncos have been outscored 69-31 in the fourth quarter, a figure that grew by allowing 21 unanswered points to the Dolphins (8-3) on Sunday. It was Miami's fifth fourth-quarter comeback of the season.

But it wasn't just that the Dolphins rallied, it was how. Rarely is a 60-minute game so easily distilled into two plays. Leading 10-7 after the Dolphins scored on the second play of the fourth quarter, the Broncos suffered a complete implosion on two mistakes that came only 15 seconds apart.

After falling behind by 11 points in the blink of an eye, the Broncos passed on 12 of their final 14 plays, and Griese's targets included Cole, Seattle Montgomery and KaRon Coleman, a third-string running back who was playing in his first game of the season after spending the past 11 weeks unemployed.

Had he been feeling lucky, Shanahan might have called for a field goal in that situation in an attempt to cut the deficit to eight, and then tried for an onside kick. Like their extremely dim playoff chances, though, the Broncos came up short on their final gasp.

Jordan sits with ailing right knee

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Given the physical setbacks he suffered over the summer, it seemed rather ambitious when Michael Jordan said he planned to play every game this season. That plan already is in jeopardy.

After just 16 games, Jordan can barely practice and was down a couple of days last Saturday night by Orlando's Tracy McGrady.

Jordan's right wrist and both knees “have been ailing, but it is soreness and swelling in the right knee that prompted him to schedule an appointment Sunday with a doctor in Chicago.

“I just developed some fluid on my knee, and I think it's about time to pay attention to it so it won't linger all season long,” Jordan said. “I don't think it's going to be something that's going to linger. I have to make sure there's no ligament damage, and get it treated, get it drained and see what the doctors say I have to do and see if I can get rid of it.”

Jordan has already had the knee drained once this season. He last missed a game due to injury on March 5, 1993, against San Antonio, the second of two games he missed while hospitalized with a foot infection.

The Wizards' next opponent: San Antonio again. A four-game road trip starts Tuesday, and Jordan said he might have to sit out a game or two if the Wizards' team doctor and the doctor in Chicago agree that it's for the best.

“It's early in the season. I don't want to. I'd rather continue to play,” Jordan said. “But if it's not going to get any better other than me sitting out — long-term, I want to play later in the season.”

No wins but lots of optimism for U.S. skiers

Americans fair better than expected at World Cup events

The Associated Press

LAKE LOUISE, Alberta — There were no victories for the United States in the seven North American races that kicked off the pre-Olympic World Cup ski season.

The results, though, were encouraging enough — at least seven U.S. skiers appear to have a shot at medals in the Salt Lake City Winter Games.

Four years ago at Nagano, the United States won one alpine skiing medal — a gold for Picabo Street in the women's super G.

“I think this is one of the strongest teams we have had coming into the Olympic Games,” Kristen Clark said. “We have a crew of us that are right in there. We're able to perform and get on the podium any day we race.”

Street, at 30 the old-timer on the team, is coming back from devastating leg injuries that were the result of a Friday the 13th crash just a month after her gold-medal performance in 1998.

At the start of what she promises will be her last season of racing, Street was a strong sixth in the downhill at Lake Louise on Thursday, then finished fifth in the Friday downhill despite a slip-up that nearly led to a crash and cost her at least one second.

She was so upset when her early lead failed to hold up that she stormed off the mountain without talking to reporters.

“I came into this week thinking top-15 was my goal, top-10 would be great, top five would be more than I expected,” Street explained Saturday. “After I popped a sixth in the first race, I went for the win yesterday. That's why you guys saw the emotion you saw at the finish. With that mistake, I gave that race away.”

The U.S. women's team is loaded with young talent that probably won't peak



Picabo Street skis to a 17th place finish during the final training run for the women's World Cup downhill at Lake Louise, Alberta, Wednesday. Street leads a pack of hopeful Americans looking for Olympic gold in February.

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SPORTS

American Conference standings

Table with columns: W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA, Home, Away, AFC, NFC, Div. Lists standings for AFC East, AFC Central, AFC West, AFC North, and AFC South.

Sunday's NFL leaders

Passing: Kurt Warner, Rams - 17-of-23 for 342 yards and four touchdowns. Aaron Brooks, Saints - 26 of 40 passes for 330 yards and three touchdowns. Steve McNair, Titans - 11 of 17 passes for 244 yards and three touchdowns.

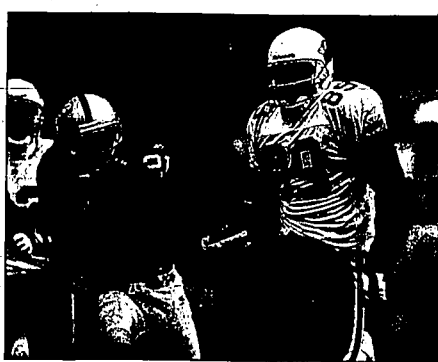


National Conference standings

Table with columns: W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA, Home, Away, NFC, AFC, Div. Lists standings for NFC East, NFC Central, NFC West, AFC West, and AFC South.

Cardinals upset Oakland in overtime

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Bill Gramatica kicked a 36-yard field goal with 7:31 left in overtime and the Arizona Cardinals beat the Oakland Raiders 34-31.



Cardinals wide receiver David Boston makes a 50-yard touchdown run as he outlasts Oakland's Eric Allen during the fourth quarter Sunday. Arizona won 34-31.

Chicago (9-2) clinched its first winning season since 1995 by defeating the Lions, who lost starting quarterback Charlie Batch to a shoulder injury in the third quarter.

It was the seventh win in nine games for New England (7-5) since an early-season loss to the Jets (7-4). Miami (8-3) took the division lead by beating Denver.

Louis Rams rebounded to beat the Atlanta Falcons. St. Louis (9-2) was coming off a dismal 24-17 home loss to Tampa Bay on Monday night.

PITTSBURGH - Troy Edwards, who has been disappointed by Pittsburgh's offense, re-emerged with a 12-yard scoring run and a big special-teams play, and the Steelers held off a frantic rally by Minnesota.

The Titans (5-6) hadn't looked like a team just two years removed from a Super Bowl berth for most of the season before beating the Browns (6-5).

The Falcons (6-5) have been outscored 197-75 in losing five straight games to St. Louis.

BALTIMORE - Rod Woodson set an NFL record with his 10th career interception return for a touchdown, going 47 yards with 1:34 left to clinch Baltimore's victory over frustrated Peyton Manning and Indianapolis.

The Buccaneers (6-5) got their first back-to-back wins of the season, but it wasn't easy. They missed two field goals and had a late defensive collapse, that led Cincinnati (4-7) rally for 10 points in the last 4:29.

SEATTLE - Rian Lindell, who missed twice in the final five minutes of regulation, hit a 24-yard field goal with 8:37 left in overtime to lift the Seattle Seahawks over the San Diego Chargers.

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NFL SUMMARIES

Summary of game results: Dolphins 21, Broncos 10; NY Jets 14, Bills 10; Denver 20, Colts 17; Pittsburgh 34, Minnesota 21; Cleveland 17, Browns 10; Cincinnati 17, Bengals 10; Tampa Bay 17, Saints 10; Atlanta 17, Falcons 10; St. Louis 17, Rams 10; Kansas City 17, Chiefs 10; Oakland 31, Cardinals 24; Pittsburgh 34, Minnesota 21; Cleveland 17, Browns 10; Cincinnati 17, Bengals 10; Tampa Bay 17, Saints 10; Atlanta 17, Falcons 10; St. Louis 17, Rams 10; Kansas City 17, Chiefs 10; Oakland 31, Cardinals 24.

Individual statistics for quarterbacks: Kurt Warner (17/23, 342 yds, 4 TD), Aaron Brooks (26/40, 330 yds, 3 TD), Steve McNair (11/17, 244 yds, 3 TD).

Individual statistics for running backs: Marshall Faulk (12 carries, 70 yds), Emmitt Smith (107 yds), Ricky Williams (102 yds), Joe Horn (150 yds), David Boston (50 yds).

Individual statistics for receivers: David Boston (50 yds), Eric Allen (40 yds), Charlie Batch (34 yds), Troy Edwards (12 yds).

Individual statistics for defensive players: Rod Woodson (10th interception return TD), Peyton Manning (10th interception return TD).

Individual statistics for special teams: Marshall Faulk (3 TD), Kurt Warner (4 TD), Marshall Faulk (100th career TD).

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Poll

Continued from A7. Oklahoma was No. 11, followed by No. 12 Stanford, No. 13 Washington State, No. 14 South Carolina, No. 15 Virginia Tech, No. 16 Georgia, No. 17 Michigan, No. 18 Syracuse, No. 19 Fresno State and No. 20 Washington.

LSU, which defeated Auburn 27-14 on Saturday, was No. 21, followed by No. 22 Ohio State, No. 23 Louisville, No. 24 Florida State and No. 25 Toledo.

The Seminoles (7-4), with a 28-17 win over Georgia Tech, returned to the Top 25 after a two-week absence.

The final regular-season poll will be released next Sunday, just before the final BCS standings.

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OTHER VIEWS

Anti-grazing lobby could achieve more out of court

The Salt Lake Tribune

Environmentalists have had cattle in their cross hairs since the first hiker spotted a cow pie upstream from his canteen. Never mind that the alarming discovery offered obvious evidence of who had come first—or that unlike the human, the cattle had a contractual right to be on the land. The cows had to go.

This bovine-phobia is understandable in some areas, especially those spectacular mountain valleys and desert canyons that have attracted expanding herds of campers in the past decade. But no matter how scenic or pristine the land, an environmentalist's heartfelt appreciation does not trump the contractual rights of the ranchers who have scratched out a living there since the days of the first pioneers.

To its credit, the Grand Canyon Trust recognizes this. Since 1996, the Flagstaff, Ariz.-based environmental group has paid ranchers for their grazing rights to 360,000 acres in and around the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. On Monday, it bought a 250,000-acre grazing allotment, then traded some of it to another rancher for his rights in the stunning Escalante River canyon. There were no court fights and no hyperbolic accusations in the media; just a quiet deal in which everybody won.

Now contrast this reasonable effort to rid sensitive lands of cattle with that of another environmental organization, the Western Watersheds Project. The Idaho-based group,

which has filed several court suits to strip ranchers of their legal grazing rights and threatened 130 more, last week demanded that the Interior Department immediately end grazing on 1.6 million acres of federal land in northern Utah. If its demands aren't met, it plans to join the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance in yet another lawsuit.

A spokesman for the group justifies these hard-line tactics with the observation that public-lands ranching is subsidized by taxpayers and is hard on the environment. The same is true to some degree, however, of virtually any use of public lands. Hikers and mountain bikers contribute nothing directly toward the costs of administering the millions of acres of Bureau of Land Management property, and in large numbers they have a detrimental impact on sensitive areas. Just look at the once-pristine lands surrounding Moab.

The only way public lands will ever pay for themselves is if all users are charged exorbitant fees or if the lands are auctioned off to private owners. But most would agree that these are not acceptable resolutions to conflicts on Western lands. Neither are the endless lawsuits from professional litigators in the environmental movement's extremist wing. The only lasting solution lies with ranchers, hikers and off-road enthusiasts finding equitable ways to share the West—identifying and securing areas for each that won't disturb the other.

The Grand Canyon Trust, for one, is blazing an enlightened path toward this elusive goal.

This editorial, reprinted from The Salt Lake Tribune, says anti-grazing groups like the Western Watersheds Project, should avoid litigation to reach solutions with ranchers.



Odd times make normalcy hard to achieve

Is America getting back to normal after the tragic jolt of Sept. 11? A recent issue of The New Yorker featured a cartoon in which one woman says to another, "It's hard, but slowly I'm getting back to hating everyone."

Is that normal or abnormal? Here are some more examples: You decide.

Yes, American troops are fighting in Afghanistan, but in the last century, the United States has intervened militarily, for one reason or another, in some 70 different countries. Yes, the country is in a recession, but there have been 11 of those since World War II.

Yes, President Bush is abnormally popular, but Congress is abnormally unpopular, too. So the Democrats who control the Senate, and who almost control the House, feel emboldened to duke it out with the White House on just about every issue, from the stimulus package to judicial confirmations, from "fast-track" trade-negotiating authority to cloning.

Such wrangling, of course, has been the norm of our partisan politics for more than two centuries. Indeed, a division of power between the executive and legislative branches has also been the rule; in 36 of the last 50 years, the party controlling the White House has confronted a Congress at least half-controlled by the opposition party.

But what will the shock of "9-11" mean for politics in the future? Maybe not much: The poll numbers suggest still more close political combat. According to a Pew Center poll conducted earlier this month, the "generic" congressional ballot—that is, when people were asked, "If the elections for U.S. Congress were



JAMES P. PINKERTON

being held today, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate or the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?"—resulted in a dead-heat tie: 44 percent to 44 percent.

But in recent years, such even-ness has been the norm. Michael Barone, author of "The Almanac of American Politics," a biennial compendium, observes that just a single percentage point in the nationwide popular voting determined congressional control in the 1996, 1998 and 2000 elections.

But enough of politics—what about the rest of the country? Religious attendance spiked right after 9-11, but it has drifted back down to more familiar, more normal levels. To be sure, anyone alive when the World Trade Centers fell will always feel differently about firemen, but do you see as many flags today as two months ago? Hasn't the familiar commercialism started to muscle out the special patriotism of September, yet again? Hasn't much of the sweet generosity in the wake of the tragedy been dissipated in sour squabbling over the distribution of funds? But, then, what's more normal than haggling over money?

And what about the popular culture? The five most highly rated TV shows this fall season have been the last game of the World Series, three episodes of the

sitcom "Friends," and a Carol Burnett special, a compilation of clips from the comedienne's 70s variety show. That's a victory for "normal," which is not necessarily the same as "wholesome."

"Friends," showcasing mostly the sexual coupling, uncoupling and recoupling of singles, would have been banned from the tube through most of TV history.

But here's something else that's abnormal, or maybe not yet normal: Alternet.org, which describes itself as "dedicated to strengthening and supporting independent and alternative journalism," reported recently on hip-hop music in the wake of 9-11, citing the case of Lefty, a Palestinian American rapper from the Brooklyn-based group Arab Assassins. The rapper was investigated by the FBI after writing lyrics such as these: "You made us when you labelled us/The world will remember this/Go ahead, son, you labelled me ... yet just in the next decade, Harding would die suddenly amid scandal, gangsters would dominate the popular culture, the stock market would crash, the Depression would begin, and fascists would start their takeover of Europe."

So that's the lesson: In this country, in this world—the normal is abnormal, and the abnormal is normal.

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LETTERS

Locals question preservation zone

The Jerome County Farm Bureau, representing 600 member families in Jerome County, is concerned about the proposed "preservation zone" along the rim of the Snake River, extending the full length of Jerome County.

We are opposed to the inclusion of private property in this proposed preservation zone.

Upon reviewing the restrictions placed on property in a preservation zone, it is obvious an individual's ability to use his property is severely hampered. This proposed taking of private property rights extending from the Gooding-Jerome County boundary on the west to the Minidoka-Jerome County boundary on the east and reaching as much as two or more miles from the canyon rim is excessive.

Much of the property has been developed for uses as diverse as rural housing, subdivisions, golf courses, farmland and commercial development. There is no logical reason to include this land in a preservation zone. Since access to the

canyon is already in private ownership, there will be no public access to the land, limiting any possible public benefit which could come from including these private lands in a preservation zone.

It is time to revisit the Canyon Rim Overlay proposal and remove the 15,000-plus acres of private lands from consideration in a Jerome County Preservation Zone.

ED BRUNE
Hazelton
(Editor's note: Ed Brune is the president of the Jerome County Farm Bureau.)

Governor's actions prove amusing

I just read an article about state police resources being misused to secure the State Capitol building. I'd like to thank this newspaper for its continuing coverage of our governor's irrational paranoia. It's quite amusing, although I probably won't be laughing while I'm slowly freezing to death on the freeway.

DANIEL BRAEGGER
Twin Falls

Name streets after great citizens

To the city fathers:
I have a suggestion in regard to street name changes.

Would like to see recognition given to some outstanding citizens who gave all the time, caring and compassion to the city and more so to the citizens of T. in Falls; namely, Sgt. Jim Mildon, Chief Frank Barnett, Fred Higgins, and surely you could find many more who are just as deserving as these.

RICHARD SHAWVER
Marana, Ariz.

Military tribunal fails justice

So, it's a military tribunal for the accused Taliban terrorist. And it'll be this way because they are not U.S. citizens.

History tells us being an American citizen really has nothing to do with anything, nor does innocence.

Two cases in point: Mrs. Mary E. Surratt was convicted and executed by hanging for conspiracy in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. She was an

illiterate who knew nothing of the conspirator's plans.

Dr. Samuel Mudd was also convicted of aiding John Wilkes Booth upon his getaway because he treated Mr. Booth's broken leg. Dr. Mudd, at the time he assisted Mr. Booth, was completely unaware that a crime had been committed. The tribunal gave him life in prison anyway.

I can appreciate the gravity of the situation. But to expound to the world that we are so kind, benevolent and just, then hunt people down (which in this case is certainly justified), give them a speedy military trial just to cleanse our souls and have them shot out back with appeal, does not appear to me to be the message we should send to the Third World countries.

"If our goal is to reduce the number of people in the world who would like to kill us, this is not the way to go about it," said Susan Stanton.

But then, maybe our goal is not to reduce the number of people in the world who want to kill us. It's respect, you say.

Respect is earned, I say. It always has been that way. Staying true to our ideals would go much further in this purpose than playing Lynch mob. But now that torture for the accused, bin Laden and the gunning down of innocent Americans—to save them of course—is in the process of being officially sanctioned, I'm not certain we have any ideals.

Let's remember the French in Algeria.

They won the terrorist war against the Front Liberation National through torture and murder just to lose all of Algeria two years later through general insurrection.

Go back a few more years and it was the same in French-Indochina (Vietnam). Seems the French methods became more murderous and hateful than anything the FLN did, or the Vietnamese.

And the Vietnamese were not nice guys.

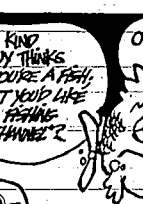
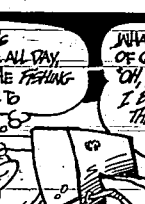
That should say something about the path we're about to take.
MARK SCHUCKERT
Twin Falls

Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



Americans should not blame themselves for Sept. 11 attacks

How many times in the last several weeks have you heard or read sentences that begin, "If we've learned nothing else since Sept. 11, we've learned..."

We've learned a lot. About Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda. About anthrax in the mail. About "smart bombs" and the geography of countries half a world away. About keeping a closer eye on those we let on airplanes, whom we teach to fly, whom we allow in the country.

JENNIFER GARRETT

tinkering, the goal of educators perhaps should be something other than tolerance for terrorists. And never mind the absurdity of the claim that a greater understanding of others would have prevented those commercial planes from being turned into guided missiles on Sept. 11 — that if we'd only known more about Osama bin Laden and his followers, we all might have become friends.

The fact is, we expect our teachers to provide correct information. And to suggest moral equivalence between the actions of the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 tragedy and unspecified high-handedness by the U.S. government is to be radically incorrect.

America did not bring the events of Sept. 11 on itself. America had done nothing that justifies the murder of thousands of innocent people.

Here, we honor human life and human rights, the pursuit of happiness and the freedom to speak our minds. Our adversaries, on the other hand, answer dissent with torture or worse. They bar women from attending school. They use children as mine sweepers. Their rules are what their leaders say they are — today, anyway.

You don't have to be American or religious or even sympathetic with the West to understand that our approach to human life and human rights is morally, socially and ethically superior to, say, the Taliban's. No one's saying we're perfect, but we do try hard — and we largely succeed — at getting these important questions right.

We're right to give women as

much of a shot at education and opportunity as men. We're right to have government serve the will of the people — rather than the other way around — and to remove barriers to pursuing the career of one's choice. We're right to hold that faith is a personal decision, not something to be imposed by those who govern us.

And that's why it's wrong to act as if we just need to work a little harder to understand countries that deny basic human rights,

that terrorize their own people, that delight in — indeed, publicly celebrate — opportunities to inflict suffering on those who dare to think, act or believe differently from them.

Teachers have a responsibility to teach what is correct and what is right. And teaching that America should blame itself for those innocent deaths flunks both tests.

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December 2001

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 560 Shoup Ave W - Twin Falls

Breakfast with Santa
 \$10.00 per child with adult chaperone which includes breakfast, craft, admission into festival, and a visit with Santa.

Saturday, December 1, 2001,
 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 241 Main Avenue West - Twin Falls

Birth & Parenting

Big Kids Klub * A class to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby.
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 \$10/family with two or more children

Saturday, December 1, 10:00 - 11:30 am
 Education Center Sage Room

Prepared Childbirth Course * A comprehensive program designed to prepare the expectant mother and support you for labor and childbirth. The course includes classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, the labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the post partum mother, care of the newborn including breast and bottle feeding, and a tour of the Women and Infant Center. Pre-registration is required.

Fee: \$40.00
 Wednesdays, December 19 - January 22,
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CPR Class * This class is offered to the community under the guidelines of the American Heart Association. It includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes both classroom instruction and hands-on practice. Pre-registration is required.

Fee: \$25.00
 Thursday, December 6, 4:00 - 8:00 pm
 MVRMC Doctor's Meeting Room

Saturday, December 15,
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Thursday, December 5, 8:00 - 9:30 pm
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Tuesday, December 11, 8:00 - 9:30 pm
 Education Center Sage Room

Thursday, December 27, 8:00 - 9:30 pm
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VBAC Preparation Course * Mothers who plan on having a vaginal birth after a previous cesarean delivery have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a childbirth educator. Safety is discussed, plus tools and information on coping with labor. Set an appointment by calling Karen at 737-2901.

SAFE KIDS * Come in for a free inspection of your child's car seat or purchase a new one and have it installed for free. SAFE KIDS also has low cost bike helmets and skate helmets for sale! Call 737-2430 for information.

Healthy Kids

Childbirth Refresher Course * This class is designed for persons who have previously taken any prepared childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures are reviewed, along with a tour of the Women and Infant Center. Pre-registration is required.

Fee: \$15.00
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 241 Main Avenue West - Twin Falls



To register for any of the classes contact: 737-2900. If you require special accommodations, call 737-2102 or TDD 737-2980 at least 24 hours in advance of the event. Interpreter services are available, contact Malena Rodriguez at 737-2163. Servicio de Interpretes disponible, por favor comuniquese con Malena Rodriguez Coordinadora al numero 737-2163.

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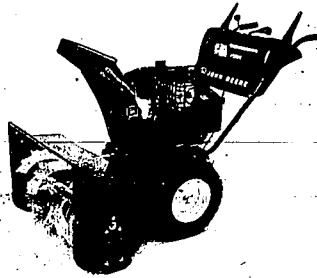
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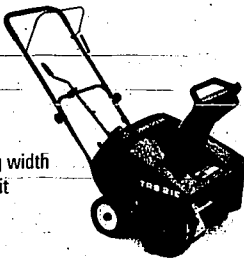
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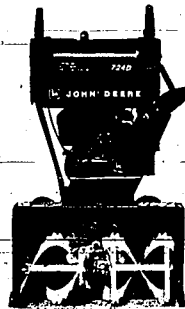
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Doing the Hokey Pokey at the airport

Air travel sure is a big old laundry hamper of all these days. That's what I was thinking as I was removing my clothing in front of hundreds of people at the Denver airport - (which is located in Wyoming).

For some reason, my traveling party had been singled out by the security people for a near-protocol level of scrutiny. This surprised me, because my party consisted of me, my wife and our 20-month-old daughter.

I cannot imagine terrorists getting anything done if they were traveling with a baby. Every few steps they'd have to change the baby, feed the baby, snatch lethal objects out of the baby's mouth, etc. They'd have no time for anything else. At the end of the day, they'd be going: "Did you commit the act of terror?" "No! I was wiping chocolate off her. She was the doll! I thought you were going to commit the act of terror!"

Nevertheless, we were singled out. This meant that while the other travelers zipped through security, we were ordered off to

the side, where a man told me to remove my shoes, belt and wallet, which he handed to a woman, who, without a word, snatched them from me. I was hoping that these were security personnel, as opposed to wallet thieves who

figured out that, these days, air travelers will do anything they are ordered to do ("OK, Mr. Smith, I'm going to ask you to put your left hand in, take your left hand out, do the Hokey Pokey and shake it all about").

Next, the man told me to hold my arms out so he could search me. This meant I had to let go of my pants, which, being beltless, began to slide down, an occurrence that I am sure had been recorded in my Terrorist Suspect Profile on some computer somewhere. ("USE EXTREME CAUTION. KNOWN MOONER.")

While I was performing as the World's Oldest Chippendale Dancer, other security people were insisting that my daughter, toddle along through the metal detector. But first they made her give up her Cow Baby doll, so they could put it through the scanner. I imagine the Cow Baby doll got their attention because it looks like a cow, but when you lift up the head, you see it's actually a baby wearing a cow costume. This is clearly indicated ("LOOKS LIKE COW, BUT ACTUALLY BABY").

They finally let us pass, but when we got to our gate, they called out our names - only our names - and ordered us to hold out our arms. This was again, while all the other passengers looked on, no doubt wondering what kind of lowlife terrorists were to be lugging around a baby. If anything remotely suspicious had occurred on the flight, our fellow passengers would have beaten us senseless with their in-flight dinner rolls.

We were traveling as part of a tour with a rock band called the Rock Bottom Remainers. This is a group of authors who raise money for charity by playing amplified instruments in such a way as to bring audiences to their feet, shouting, "OK, OK, we'll donate! Stop playing!"

One of our show-stopping songs is "Leader of the Pack," the story of a woman who tragically dies by a motorcycle accident. I sang this song, and we do a little routine wherein Amy's husband, Lou DeMattei, dresses up as a motorcycle gang member and simulates the crash by diving onto the stage. Lou prides himself on the realism of his dive, and when one show it was so realistic that he broke his collarbone.

So with the song still going on, Lou, the "corpse," was lying on the stage in agony, but the rest of us did not know this. Unfortunately, this was the night when I decided to kick the "corpse" to make sure it was "dead." This was so hilarious that another band member, Stephen King, decided that he would also kick Lou. Fortunately, Lou was able to stagger off the stage before his wacky behavior ruptured his spleen. Maybe he was the one who gave our names to the Denver security people.

-Dave Barry is the humor columnist for the Miami Herald.



HUMOR
Dave Barry

These boots are made for walking

If your feet get cold, you get cold all over

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

KETCHUM - He sells boots by the truckload, but when it comes to treading lightly through a tough Idaho winter, Bob Rosso advises customers to go with what works.

"One of the products we sell a lot of this time of year is a crampon that fits on the bottom of an ordinary hiking boot," says Rosso, who owns the Elephant's Arch outdoor gear store here. "It will keep you from slipping on the ice, and that's a feature that a lot of people don't consider in a boot."

Winter boots - which is to say, hiking boots - are one of the fastest-growing segments of the outdoor apparel industry, in large part because a lot of folks who buy them aren't necessarily looking to keep their feet warm. But style aside, some winter boots handle snow, cold and wet better than others.

"There are lots of variations from boot to boot," said Bill Studebaker, who runs the outdoor program at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. "If you're buying boots to go stomping around in the snow, you should look for a boot with good insulating quality and material that breathes and one that keeps your feet dry."

Leather and some synthetic materials allow air to circulate around your feet, wicking away the sweat. Rubber - actually, rubberized synthetics, the predominant materials in winter boot soles - do a fine job of keeping water out, but they can also keep moisture inside the boot. And the soles of some hiking boots don't have much more insulating value than the soles of sneakers.

Synthetic materials in winter boots come in many types and

quality, ranging from the same simple nylon found in sneakers to Gore-Tex, a fabric that combines waterproofing and breathability.

There's also a significant difference among leather boots, according to OutdoorPlaces.com, an outdoor web site. Split-grain leather comes from a cow hide that has been split and the inner part of the hide removed. Light and breathable, split-grain is not as durable and is less water-resistant than full-grain leather.

Full-grain leather simply means that the full hide is used and that the surface and the inner part of the hide isn't removed. Full-grain leather is the most expensive of the natural materials and the most durable, and offers the most waterproof capabilities.

Suede - and suede-like materials - are full-grain leathers that have had the outside abraded or sanded to give them a supple feel and look. But the soft outside surface reduces their ability to repel water.

Soles are made from a wide range of synthetic material and have a variety of tread patterns, depths and lug design for giving traction. But traction doesn't mean the same thing on different surfaces.

In this area during the winter, you spend most of the time walking on ice, and if you want traction on



reinforced heels in a winter boot, a flexible midsole - bends at the middle - for comfort, and a protective rand that extends from the sole over the toes of the shoe for additional waterproof qualities.

Boots that have "sealed" mid-soles - a protective covering along the line where the sole attaches to the upper - tend to keep your feet dryer.

The fewer pieces the upper is made from, the better. OutdoorPlaces.com advises: Complex stitching and patterns on the upper mean there are more places for water to get in.

And each seam, potentially, is a point of irritation. So what does it all mean when you're standing in the middle of a display of 40 different kinds of boots? "Quality matters," Studebaker said. "In boots, you get what you pay for."

For an adult, that means the \$120 range, at minimum, for a good hiking boot in the Twin Falls area. "But it's also important to consider the construction of the boot and what's best for what you're going to be using it for," he said.

For kids, Studebaker advises boots that keep the child's

feet off the snow as much as possible.

"The higher the boot is off the snow, the warmer the child's feet will stay." It also pays to spend a few extra bucks on a good pair of socks, wool or wool-synthetic, he says.

There's a saying in the outdoor community that cotton

Boot-shopping 101

- Shop at the end of the day. Try to go for a walk or be on your feet before you go boot-shopping. It's not a good time to look after sitting at a desk all day. Do a day of running errands and then go try on boots. Your feet will be slightly swollen, which will better simulate a couple of hours of hiking.

- Have your feet measured. Your shoes will probably wobble one-half shoe size in either direction depending on the style and manufacturer. Don't assume you're a size 11; get measured because your feet change over time.

- Walk around in your boots. Climb up on benches, chairs, or anything you can and hop down. Does your heel lift off of the sole when you step up? Do your toes get scrunched when you step down? Re-lace your boots and try again. If your foot is moving more than one-half inch off the heel, or your toes are uncomfortable when stepping down, try a different size or style. Don't get hung up on buying a particular style from a particular company - trust your feet. Kick some hard objects; find a solid object and kick it a few times. Do your toes move forward in the boot? If so, the boot may be too big; conversely, if you can feel what you're kicking and it is uncomfortable, your boot may be too small.

- Think twice about buying boots off the Internet. At minimum, try to fit them in a store first. Mass-produced products are built in lots, the size 11 you tried on at the local store may come from a different lot off of the Internet and not feel the same.

-Source: OutdoorPlaces.com

Researcher suggests teachers might be more at risk for diseases than others

A University of Connecticut researcher now suggests that classroom teacher may be more at risk for developing autoimmune diseases than people in other occupations.

An analysis of 11 years of death certificates that was published last summer in the Journal-Rheumatology tends to support the theory that diseases such as multiple sclerosis and lupus may be triggered by exposure to infectious diseases, said Stephen J. Walsh, assistant professor of community medicine at the University of Connecticut Health Center and author of the study.

Overall mortality from 13 autoimmune diseases, which tend to be chronic but are usually not fatal, was 23 percent for teachers, compared to 17 percent for other professions, he said - when - the researchers examined the data more carefully they found teachers ages 35 to 44 were much more likely to die from autoimmune disorders than were their peers in other professions.

AIDS toll
HIV-AIDS is now the No. 1 killer among African-Americans ages 25 through 44, according to

Health notes

UCLA psychiatrist and sex researcher Gill E. Wyatt.

Particularly disturbing is the recent new HIV-AIDS cases occur in blacks, who represent 13 percent of the U.S. population. Statistics indicate that 1 of every 160 African-American women carries the HIV virus, compared with 1 of every 3,000 white females.

Pump it up

Small pumps first designed to keep heart patients alive while they await transplants can also significantly improve survival rates and quality of life when implanted permanently, researchers at the University of Minnesota and elsewhere have found.

Heart failure affects 4.7 million Americans and costs the nation somewhere between \$10 billion and \$40 billion annually. The five-year survival rate is only about 50 percent; in patients with advanced disease, the one-year mortality rate may exceed 50 percent. Most patients are treated with medications, with obviously mixed

results, while only about 2,100 receive heart transplants because of the chronic shortage of donors.

Doctors searching for better treatments have turned to the assist pumps because of their success in revitalizing critically ill patients waiting for donor organs.

The pumps, called left ventricular assist devices, have been used successfully since 1994 as bridges to transplants. But researchers in this multi-center study found that the pumps cut the risk of death by 48 percent when compared to patients who received intensive medical therapy.

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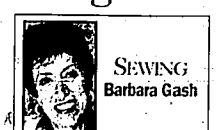
Here are a few suggestions that home-sewers and quilters would appreciate:

Polarspice continues to be a very popular fabric. It's comfortable to wear, versatile and easy to sew. Author Nancy Cornwall has written her third book about the fabric, "Polar Magic: New Adventures with Fleece" (Krause, \$21.95).

Cornwall experiments with different types of fleece, various techniques, embellishing, edge finishing and ways to personalize creations. The book includes 16 home decorating projects, too.

"Embroidery: Machine Essentials" is the latest book by sewing entrepreneur Jeanine Twigg (Krause, \$27.95). Twigg is the owner of Snap Source, a tool company in Troy, Mich., and author of many magazine articles on using snaps. Her new book, however, addresses the current craze of machine embroidery. It gives detailed directions for stitching decorative designs on these specialized machines.

The book offers 20 easy projects, a comprehensive resource directory, a helpful troubleshooting section, and even a CD with 6 exclusive embroidery patterns. This is a great guide for anyone who owns an embroidery machine



SEWING
Barbara Gash

or is thinking of acquiring one. For a quilting novice, here's a perfect little gift. "Start Quilting with Alex Anderson" (C&T Publishing, \$12.95) is an introduction to the world of quilting with six simple projects that don't require templates. Anderson is the host of HCTV's morning show "Simply Quilt" and a prize-winning quilter and teacher.

In this book, she takes you through the basics of fabric choices, equipment, and techniques, as well as giving advice on batting, basting, layers, stitches for quilting, and binding.

All of these titles should be in local shops and bookstores, or order from Krause, Krause.com or 800-258-0929 anytime; or from C&T, ctpub.com or 800-284-1114 anytime.

Barbara Gash writes about sewing for the Detroit Free Press. Write to her at the Free Press, P.O. Box 828, Detroit, Mich. 48231, or send e-mail to compuser@aol.com

HEALTH & FASHION

Center offers breast feeding class

Breast-feeding classes will be offered from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The class will discuss the advantages of breast-feeding, physiology of breast-feeding and common problems and solutions. The class will be taught by a certified lactation educator. Bring a doll or stuffed animal.

The cost for the class, including several other childbirth classes, is \$20. For registration information, call 677-6500.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer the series, "Baby and Me," from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The free classes are for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. Topics will include story telling, speech development, infant massage, safety in the home and pediatric dentistry.

Study finds stress might be factor in conception

The Hartford Courant

"Just relax, dear." The words are enough to incite even the mildest woman struggling with infertility into a fire-spitting rage.

But old Aunt Tilly and all those other purveyors of unsolicited childbearing advice may be onto something.

A growing body of scientific evidence is beginning to support the notion that stress indeed may play a role in the quest for a baby.

The newest study, published in October, found that women undergoing in-vitro fertilization who had higher levels of stress produced fewer eggs and so had fewer embryos to be transferred into their wombs than their more relaxed counterparts.

Conversely, women undergoing IVF who were the most optimistic about their chances of hav-

To do for you

For more information, call Anita Bartels at 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

CPR class

Infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 650 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Topics will include child safety, choking and prevention of injury. New parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend.

The class is free. Preregistration is not required. For more information, call 737-2900.

Back to basics

Back school will be offered from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at University of Rehabilitation Services, 560 Shoup Ave. W.,

Twin Falls.

Participants can learn proper body mechanics and exercises to help prevent and treat common back injuries.

Cost is \$25. To register or for more information, call MVRMC Physical Therapy Services at 737-2126.

Refresher class

Childbirth refresher course will be offered from 7-10 p.m. Thursday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls.

The class is for those who have previously taken prepared childbirth classes.

Cost is \$15. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

Learn CPR

CPR class will be offered from 4-8 p.m. Thursday in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC in Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest com-

pression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice. Cost is \$25. Preregistration is required, call 737-2007.

CPR for babies

Infant CPR and safety class will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class will include the basics of infant CPR, child safety and car seat instructions. To register, call St. Benedict's Family Medical Center at 324-4301.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

Birth control pills can improve your skin

DEAR PAULA: I've read that certain oral contraceptives can reduce breakouts. I was wondering which ones do that because I've always felt the pills I'm taking made my skin worse.

-KATRINA, TAMPA, FLA. DEAR KATRINA: I have previously written about the birth control pill Ortho Tri-Cyclen from

Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals as being effective in treating acne. This medication (generic name: norgestimate/ethinyl estradiol) is FDA approved as a low-dose birth control pill, meaning that it delivers a low dose of estrogen.

Now, according to a new study published in Fertility and Sterility (September 2001), it has been found that other low-dose birth control pills can have the same impact on skin.

According to one study, those who took a 20-microgram pill containing ethinyl estradiol and the progestin levonorgestrel (from Alesse; Wyeth-Ayerst Pharmaceuticals) showed significant improvement in the appearance of acne lesions compared to the half of the group that received a placebo. After six cycles of treatment, there was a significantly lower number of acne lesions in the treated group compared with the placebo group, while changes in weight were similar in both groups.

The researchers also concluded that "in addition, the choice of a low-dose contraceptive



resulted in a low occurrence of estrogen-related side effects like nausea, headaches, and breast tenderness, in addition to weight gain" (Medscape press release, Sept. 7, 2001).

The researchers also added that "If women experience fewer side effects and can treat their acne, they may be less likely to discontinue pill use, to switch to a less effective method of birth control, or to use no birth control at all."

Is taking birth control pills to control acne right for you? There are risks associated with taking birth control pills, and they should be taken into account before you make a final decision.

But if you are already considering or using the pill for birth control, this remedy may be worth looking into.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (5th edition)" (Beginning Press, \$24.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 160, Seattle, Wash. 98168 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com

ing a baby produced more eggs and had more usable embryos.

The finding surprised lead researcher Hillary Klonoff-Cohen, who expected to find that a woman's anxiety about the procedure would be more important than her overall background stress level.

"Procedural stress is important, but I thought it would play more of a role," said Klonoff-Cohen, an associate professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of California at San Diego. "It turned out that baseline stress was more important."

Although the link between psychological distress and infertility remains controversial, studies have shown an association between depression and infertility.

But the questions remain: Does depression hinder the ability to conceive children, or does infer-

tility make women depressed?

"Most of these women were intact before infertility," said Alice Domar, director of the Mind/Body Center for Women's Health at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. "The infertility destroys their coping mechanisms."

To test the psychological connection, Domar looked at a group of women who had tried to get pregnant for one to two years.

The women were divided into three groups: One set was enrolled in an infertility support group; one group was given other forms of psychological and emotional support, and the third group was given fertility medication alone.

About half of the women in both types of emotional support groups got pregnant during the one-year study period, compared to only 20 percent of the women who got no emotional help.

Domar and her colleagues at the Mind/Body Medical Institute, which is affiliated with Harvard University, now run 10-week infertility support groups in which women learn skills that Domar says are vital for emotional health.

Women are taught breathing and yoga techniques to help relax their bodies.

They are told to stop vigorous exercising and to improve their diets. Most important, they are taught to replace negative thoughts, such as "I will never have a baby," with more constructive ones.

"If you are willing to change your lifestyle and work hard to get out of your depression, you will have a better chance of getting pregnant," Domar said.

She said 40 percent to 45 percent of women who enroll in her program get pregnant within six months.

Asthma often goes undiagnosed in athletes

Knight Ridder News Services

WYNCOTE, Pa. — David Collins would one mile into a three-mile run when his chest got tight and breathing became difficult. By the time he crossed the finish line, he felt horrible.

"I couldn't breathe," said Collins, 17, a cross-country runner at Bishop McDevitt High School in the suburbs of Philadelphia. "My legs weren't tired, but my breathing slowed me down."

Collins, a tall, lanky senior from the city, was a well-conditioned athlete, so his coach, Paul Poles, was suspicious of the breathing problems.

The coach called in Jim Rogers, a sports trainer at Temple University, who arrived at Bishop McDevitt one October afternoon carrying a small plastic device.

Collins went out on a brisk 7 1/2-mile run around the field behind the school and then, over the next 10 minutes, blew hard into the plastic gadget, a "peak flow meter" used to measure lung function. The results showed his lungs were doing a poor job of moving air out — an indication that his airways had become constricted from running.

Collins, it turned out, has asthma. In his case, exercise triggered the symptoms.

"There is a lot of undiagnosed asthma in all levels of athletic participation," said Rogers, who is

program director for Temple Sports Medicine Centers and the sports medicine consultant for the Philadelphia Phillies.

High school athletes are routinely screened for heart murmurs and hernias, but rarely for asthma. Rogers is on a mission to educate coaches, from youth soccer to pro football, that they should be on the lookout for asthma, both undiagnosed and diagnosed. Coaches can cause the airways of their athletes to constrict, making it hard to breathe. For reasons that aren't understood, the incidence of asthma has increased dramatically over the last few decades.

"If we can pick up these kids," Rogers said, "we're improving performance and improving health." Asthma is an inflammatory disease involving the small airways of the lungs. For someone with asthma, any number of triggers — exercise, dust, pollen, respiratory infection, cat dander, coolers, each allergen — can cause the airways to constrict, making it hard to breathe. For reasons that aren't understood, the incidence of asthma has increased dramatically over the last few decades. The number of people with asthma in the United States went from 6.6 million in 1980 to 17.3 million in 1998, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More people are dying from the disease, too: Among those 5 to 24 years old, the asthma death rate nearly doubled from 1980 to 1993.

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Recently an antidepressant called bupropion has been used to help limit the craving for nicotine. By reducing the withdrawal symptoms, it makes stopping easier. Chloridine is an older medicine that has been used successfully in reducing the symptoms of withdrawal. The medicine can be used as either a pill or preferably as a lozenge patch. It appears to be more effective in women than men, is not addictive and has few side effects. Consult with your doctor if you believe that these medicines may be helpful to you.

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Mother was right: Eat your vegetables

Knight Ridder News Services

MIAMI — To improve nutrition — a key element in immediate and future health — focus first on attitude, then on food, dietitians suggest.

Think lifestyle, not diet. Think moderation, not abstinence. Think enjoyment, not deprivation.

"We want to get people into something they can do for the rest of their life," said family physician Dr. Penny Tenzer, who discusses nutrition with her patients. "Food is not a bad thing."

Nutrition and exercise must go hand in hand — because how many calories you burn affects how much energy in the form of calories you need to consume.

"In the short term, nutrition gives you the feeling of well-being, the stamina to enjoy your life," said Sheah Rarback, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association and a nutritionist at the University of Miami School of Medicine. "In the long term, good nutrition lowers your risk for chronic diseases," including cancer, heart disease and osteoporosis.

Registered dietitians like Rarback and Ronni Korschun, who has had a private practice in the Miami area for 26 years, extol the virtues of a balanced diet rich in fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains and high-fiber foods.

"Fruits and vegetables are loaded with phytochemicals that we know do fabulous things in the body," Korschun said. "So if it's a vegetable or a fruit, it contains nutrients that are worth ingesting."

Pigment-producing phytochemicals like lycopene in tomatoes and watermelon, beta-carotene in carrots and mangoes, and lutein in green beans and honeydew melon, are being shown to fight cancer, heart disease and health problems associated with obesity.

Points to ponder

Chew on these simple tidbits to improve nutrition:

- **Eat breakfast.** It jump-starts metabolism and gives you energy. Go for a high-fiber cereal or oatmeal.
- **Give in to a craving,** but be honest. Feeling deprived doesn't improve nutrition, Tenzer said. "Whatever you have a taste for, you really ought to have it." Tenzer said, "and know you can't have something else."
- **Don't forget to snack.** Try baby carrots, fruits, light popcorn, graham.
- **Eat a place of fresh fruit every day.** "It doesn't sound like a big deal, but you don't know how many people aren't doing that," Rarback said.
- **Move, move, move.** "Nutrition is just not enough and we just need to get up and move more. Take the stairs. Take a walk," Rarback said.
- **Portion control.** "We have been trained not from the food pyramid but restaurant portions, which can equal four servings," Rarback said.
- **Add fiber.** Switch to a whole-grain bread, a higher fiber cereal, add wheat germ to a dish.
- **Eat as a family.** "We're not just a fast-food nation, we're a fast-eating nation," Rarback said. "Get back to enjoying flavors and the social aspect of eating. We've sort of lost that."

The National Cancer Institute's 5-a-Day program, which urges people to eat five fruits and vegetables each day, now also recommends "sampling the spectrum." That is, eating fruits and veggies that are bright orange, deep red, dark green, blue, purple and yellow.

Only 10 percent of Americans are following the 5-a-day recommendation, Rarback said.

Get tested: Diabetes can kill you

Knight Ridder News Services

DETROIT — Dr. Stephenie Lucas' waiting room is filled with diabetic patients who need help.

Jim Voishich, 55, says he's too tired to exercise when he gets home from his DaimlerChrysler supervisory job. "I haven't been good at all," he admits, though he says he tries to control his sugar and intake of fatty foods.

"I'm my own worst enemy," says Voishich, who lives with constant pain from neuropathy, a numbing leg or hand problem common in people with diabetes.

"I don't follow the diets." He uses sugar-free food, but says he eats too much of it.

"Two seats away, Gary Shorter, 59, blames his poor control of diabetes on his refusal to believe he would get diabetes, even though his mother and father had it.

"I was too busy working and making money," says Shorter, who runs a pipe-fitting business. He urges people to be tested for diabetes. "Don't be stupid like I was," he says. "It's going to kill me."

Voishich and Shorter were among 200 people in attendance at a seminar in November sponsored by the Diabetes Treatment Center, a program Lucas runs at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit. The seminar offered free samples of low-fat, low-sugar foods along with expert advice on diabetes care, new technology, foot and eye problems, and other issues.

With diabetes rates rising, more corporations, government agencies and nonprofit organizations have made diabetes a top priority, and they are holding forums like these to help diabetics understand the best ways to control the disease.

The biggest effort is a new campaign to get diabetics to control three problems: blood-sugar levels, cholesterol and blood pressure.

The campaign, called the ABCs of Diabetes, was launched by two federal agencies and the National Diabetes Association. It is the

Tests and targets

The ABCs of Diabetes is a new national campaign to get diabetics to control three problems: blood-sugar levels, cholesterol and blood pressure.

The ABCs of Diabetes targets listed below are suggested by the National Institutes of Health and the American Diabetes Association:

- Tests**
1. A1C (Glucose average)
 2. Blood pressure

- 3. LDL cholesterol**
- Targets**
1. Below 7 (7 is equivalent to an average blood glucose of 150)
 2. Below 130/80
 3. Below 100

- How often**
1. At least twice a year
 2. At every doctor's visit
 3. At least once a year

— Source: Detroit Free Press

first national campaign to address the significance of cholesterol and blood pressure control in reducing diabetes complications.

The campaign addresses the likelihood of diabetes having a heart attack or stroke. Specifically, among people with type 2, or adult-onset, diabetes:

- 93 percent have elevated cholesterol.
- 70 percent have high blood pressure.
- 80 percent are overweight.

(For details about the ABCs of Diabetes, visit the National Diabetes Education Program Web site at <http://www.ndep.nih.gov/>

Consumers can call 800-438-5383 for a wallet card that tracks the three numbers and a free brochure about diabetes.)

In announcing the campaign, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson cited a 49-percent rise in diabetes in the United States from 1990 to 2000, and a projected 165-percent increase by 2050. An estimated 16 million Americans — 6 percent of the U.S. population — have been diagnosed with diabetes and thousands more people go undiagnosed.

Adult-onset diabetes is difficult to diagnose because it often has no symptoms. Many of its signs are gradual and subtle and can be confused with other health problems.

Symptoms include fatigue; dry, itchy skin; numbness or tingling in hands or feet; frequent infec-

tions; increased urination; blurred vision; increased hunger and thirst; declining sexual function; and slow-healing cuts.

Diabetes guidelines, set by national groups and federal agencies, recommended that all adults 45 and older be tested every three years for diabetes. A quick blood test, like those offered periodically at various community events, can diagnose diabetes.

Diagnosis is confirmed when two different diagnostic tests on different days show high blood-glucose levels.

A confirmed finding of 126 milligrams/deciliter (mg/dL) of blood sugar indicates diabetes. The figure was lowered from 140 mg/dL when studies showed that diabetics were developing eye complications at the higher level. The American Diabetes Association recommends a blood-sugar goal for diabetics of 80 to 120 mg/dL.

Tests may need to be conducted more often for those at greatest risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Those with an elevated risk include people who are over-

weight, have a family history of diabetes, gave birth to a baby weighing more than 9 pounds, have high blood pressure, are stressed from illness or injury, or are black-Hispanic, or American Indian.

Newer studies are finding soaring rates in those communities and others.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta recently released a study that shows Hispanic adults are twice as likely as non-Hispanic whites to have diabetes. Another recent study of 550 Arab households in Dearborn, Mich., found that 15 percent to 20 percent of the residents had diabetes, according to Adnan Hammad, health director at the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services. The survey, conducted jointly with Wayne State University and the University of Michigan, is one of the first to pinpoint high prevalence of the disease in that community.

The high-fat diet prevalent in the United States and in countries with soaring diabetes rates gets much of the blame for the increase in diabetes. Some experts believe type 2 diabetes might better be called obesity-onset diabetes because 80 percent of people with type 2 are overweight. The disease overtakes earlier, even in children, if they are overweight.

Sedentary lifestyles also contribute to the problem. "Our grandparents didn't have remote control TV changers and garage door openers," Lucas says.

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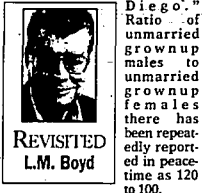
Q. What are the fewest states you have to pass through when driving coast to coast?

A. Seven: California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee and Virginia.

Q. Do pigs have scent glands, like skunks?

A. Not pigs generally, but that piglike beast called the peccary does.

Client writes, "In only one major metropolitan area in the United States do the single men perennially outnumber the single women insofar as I know: San Diego."



REVISITED L.M. Boyd

Understand I failed, sorry, to mention that a grown elephant releases approximately 175 gallons of methane from its digestive tract every day.

If the chair on which the bishop sat had not been called a "cathedral," the building in which the chair was kept would not have been called a "cathedral." If the saint's escape had not been called a "chapel," the building in which it was kept would not have been called a "chapel," nor would the guard at that building, the keeper of the cloak, have been called a "chaplain."

Q. You quote experts as saying a porpoise always sleeps with one eye open. Which eye? A. Whichever is uppermost. The animal surfaces to breathe. The open eye keeps tabs on the sizes of the waves.

First player to mark in Tic Tac Toe can't lose if said first player doesn't make a mistake.

Q. In World War II, what did the "D" in "D-Day" stand for? A. "Designated," say some. "Departure," say others. And there are those who say the "D" stands for "Day" just as the "H" in "H-Hour" stands for "Hour." The truth got lost.

The argument continues over where the first hotdog appeared on the American scene. The frankfurter on a bun originated at the St. Louis Exposition of 1904. But that didn't make it famous, no, sir. It showed up again the next year at the New York World's Fair, but that didn't make it famous either, not exactly. Credit a cartoonist for popularizing it. One Tad Dorgan, by name. He drew a panel depicting a talking sausage that looked something like a dachshund, and he named his character, "Hot Dog."

"Misspelled" is always "misspelled," writes client. Doyle Henry, "and 'incorrectly' cannot be spelled 'correctly'." Q. I read that President John F. Kennedy invented dog tags. True? A. The inventor was a man named John Kennedy, rightly enough, but he wasn't the U.S. President. More than a century earlier -- in 1852 -- the inventor tried to sell them to the Union Army, but got turned down. Numerous soldiers then bought the invention individually, so Kennedy made a little money on his bright idea, anyhow.

SOME PIG



A sow, who gave birth to 12 pigs two weeks ago, grabs a sip of water recently at the St. Lucie County 4-H Zoological Educational Program petting farm in Fort Pierce, Fla. Children from the Port St. Lucie Parks and Recreation Department's Explorations camp spent Tuesday morning learning about farm animals at the petting farm.

Cleansing tears erase terrorism's stain after Sept. 11 attacks in NYC

DEAR ABBY: "Double Victim in Indiana" compared the events of Sept. 11 to a rape. My daughter Kelly, who is 24, had the same feeling and wrote a poem expressing it. It was published in our local paper. I thought you might like to share it with your readers.



DEAR ABBY: Abigail VanBuren

— SHEILA PHILLIPS, PROUD MOM, OQUOGUE, N.Y.
DEAR SHEILA: You have every right to be proud. Your daughter's poem is a knockout, and I'm pleased to share it with my readers. Read on:
— A Bright, Sunny Day

Yes, let it rain. Let the souls cry of those from wars past. Free their tears from the sky. Let them weep and cleanse us from such sordid dismay. So we may once again appreciate a bright, sunny day.

Is it a bright, sunny day with freedom in the air? That fosters pure fright, forcing people to stare. Up in the sky and only to see an epidemic of evil raving up and me? Tell me, what is the beauty of a bright, sunny day. When hatred erupts in a toxic display. Of blood and bones, of steel and stones. Of blackest black, of screams and moans? And so I say, let it rain a relentless pour. Let humanity find a way not to ignore. This shameful show of cowardice from the weak, and return to the honor and the normalcy we seek.

Information about the prevention and treatment of drug abuse can be found on the National Institute on Drug Abuse Web site at www.drugabuse.gov. — ALAN L. LESNER, PH.D., DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE
DEAR DR. LESNER: Thank you for the information. I'm printing your letter to alert my readers that stress can lead to "bingeing" behavior that includes sex and food, as well as substance abuse. So what's a person to do in an effort to cope with stress? Recognize when you need help and locate a support group, begin a program of regular cardiovascular exercise, yoga or meditation, associate with positive people, and volunteer your free time to better the lives of those less fortunate in your local communities. All these are healthy ways to banish stress and take your mind off your troubles. (And yes, everyone backslides now and then; the solution is to forgive yourself, re-dedicate yourself to your goal and move forward.)

Cancer's lunar cycle high; follow intuitive intellect

IF DECEMBER 3RD IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are versatile, have excellent sense of humor and possess artistic tendencies that you should exploit. You often consult regarding fashion news and trends. Gemini, Sagittarius individuals play important roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: C, L, U. Accelerated social activity during this month. You will be "lucky," especially if you are birth number 3.
ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Conditions at home improve if you insist on doing things your way. It will turn out that "your way" is the right way. Love relationship intensifies and becomes hot and heavy.
TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Family member needs help but has too much pride to ask for it. Do what you can, be tactful. Seafood dinner tonight will be prepared by Cancer native. Show appreciation.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Diversity, highlight intellectual curiosity. Accent humor and keep open mind without being naive. Observe recent resolutions concerning diet. Sagittarius involved.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Lunar cycle high. Follow hunch, intuitive-intellect is honed to razor-sharpness. Obstacle is removed in connection with sale purchase of home, building. Scorpio involved.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Report the story behind the story. People rely upon your veracity, talent. Flirtation is serious, could lead to "something permanent." Written material provides answer to problem.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Wish comes true in connection with home, marital status. In-

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matters of speculation, stick with number 6. Taurus, Libra and Scorpio persons play advantageous roles. Stay calm.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Promise made in connection with promotion or career will be carried out following delay. Don't equate postponement with defeat. See relationships as they exist, not merely as you want them to be.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Power play! People want to be with you, but many hold you in awe and are afraid to approach. Loosen up, smile; give a smile to get a smile. Get priorities in order. Capricorn is in picture.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): By digging deep you make discovery; you could learn more than you care to know. Individual close to you has not told entire truth concerning finances. Aries plays major role.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Low play waiting game. Initiate project that could ultimately gain you recognition, financial security. Focus on legal rights and permissions, marital status. Leo represented.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be serious concerning health resolutions that include exercise and diet. Proposals received that include business, career and marriage. You'll attract a suitor who is "well-heeled."
PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Favorable lunar aspect coincides with creativity, challenge, children and sex appeal. Entertain and be entertained; provide laughter for one who is "depressed." Gemini featured.

Elton John announces last CD recording

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Fans-cheered his music, but sighed in disappointment when rock legend Elton John announced his newest CD, "Songs From the West Coast," will be his last.
"It's the last record that I ever make," he said Friday from the stage at the sold-out Verizon Wireless Arena.
"I'm fed up with it. I like playing to you guys-but I hate the record industry," John said. "I've made 40 albums and its about time for me to get out."
In addition to performing a

long list of his familiar hits, John introduced the audience to several tunes from "Songs From the West Coast."
The CD gets back to the basics, with John returning to his piano and a swinging, bluesy style.
The CD includes in-character features guest appearances by Stevie Wonder and Billy Preston. It also marks the first full-album collaboration between John and longtime songwriting partner Bernie Taupin since 1997.
One tune, "American Triangle," is John's reaction to the 1998 murder of gay Wyoming

college student Matthew Shepard.
John ended Friday's concert with a tribute to George Harrison. He said when he first came to America, and his album "Elton John" was number 18 on the charts, Harrison sent him a congratulatory telegram.
"I've never forgotten that gesture. It was such a mind-blowing gesture," John said. "I want to dedicate (Your Song) to him for all the wonderful music he's given us over the years. Whenever you are, George, be happy. God Bless You."

Pom pushers purchase public TV Web domain name

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Viewers looking for the way to Sesame Street may have instead found themselves in the red light district after a public broadcasting Web page was replaced with a gateway to Internet pornography.
Northwest Indiana public television station WVIN's domain name was purchased by a Lithuanian company offering links to pornographic sites, station officials told The Post Tribune of Merrillville for a story published Thursday.
"You don't really want as a public TV station to promote that image," board member Larry Brechner said.
Jim Milner, president and chief executive officer for the station, said the annual renewal fee for the domain name had been \$25. But a notice at the site soliciting offers to buy the name now sets a minimum price of \$550.

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The original farmhouse on Bruce Dredge's Caribou County cattle ranch, seen Wednesday, was built by Dredge's grandfather in 1909, along with the surrounding buildings. Dredge lives in more modern accommodations a couple miles away.

Ranchers hold on to land, work

SODA SPRINGS (AP) — Ranching is a part of Bruce Dredge's genetic makeup, just like brown hair and blue eyes. His father was a cattle rancher. His grandfather raised sheep on the same land—outside Soda Springs. One son is studying to be a veterinarian. Another is taking beef management classes at Rexburg.

One son-in-law raises cattle alongside Dredge. Another winters Dredge's cows up near Boise and raises his own cattle as well as alfalfa and corn.

The Caribou County cattle rancher said his operation, which is set up to run about 350 head of cattle year-round is a modest one.

"I'm a little player in a big business," he said. "This is not 'Bonanza'—and we're not the Cartwrights. This is just a small family business, that's all."

Dredge climbs in the pickup truck parked outside his home and drives a couple miles down a back road. The family history on the land is visible here in weathered wood buildings that sit next to the cattle yard.

The original farmhouse built in 1909 now holds a camper. The soon-to-be-torn-down old granary leans dangerously a few yards away from the house. An old out-house stands out front.

"That one's a double," he said, pointing at the out-house, "so you don't have to go alone."



Caribou County cattle rancher Bruce Dredge stands on his ranch Wednesday. The third-generation rancher plans to go on despite the continuing drought.

Like the cowboys of old, Dredge still uses horses to take the cattle to and from the grazing ranges he uses with other members of the cattle association.

Dredge's modern house down the road has running water and electricity. He often uses a truck to go out and check the cattle.

He now winters his cows in Boise, not an unusual spot for area ranchers. The winter in Boise is something new to Dredge, but with the drought and the cost

of hay over the past couple years, it's been a sensible option.

Wintering his cows somewhere else also gives Dredge time for his other job as a Caribou County commissioner.

"There are cattle around here that will go as far away as California for the winter," Dredge said. "A lot of ranchers are moving their cattle to lower altitudes for the winter."

The last two years have been tough for Idaho ranchers and

farmers. "Drought affects everyone," he said, "no matter what you do." The lack of water has affected every aspect of cattle ranching. One rancher estimated his hay production as a tenth of normal. That means buying a lot more hay to feed the cattle.

Members of the Dredges' cattle association—an organization that recently celebrated its 80th birthday—moved their cattle off the range earlier this year because they didn't want to overgraze the already stressed land.

Calves weighed less than normal, Dredge said, probably because there was less food available. His cows didn't breed as well, probably for the same reason. Normal water sources like springs and creeks dried up, which meant pumping water from well sources the association had developed became the primary drinking water.

Add to the effects of the drought, late frosts, the high price of gas and the continuing inflation of prices for machinery, parts and vehicles—and life becomes more of a struggle.

"It's a balancing act," he said, pointing out that the price of beef hasn't increased at nearly the rate that the costs of machinery and vehicles have.

"If you've got an in with the Good Lord, maybe you'd put in a word for us," he said with a smile.

Former legislator returns to state

Wright needed another dose of Idaho action

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Wally Wright left Idaho, but Idaho wouldn't leave Wally.

"He had unfinished business in his heart about Idaho," said Velva Wright, who married Wally in June. "I said, 'You need to go back.'"

So Wally is back, primarily to try and get back into the Legislature again.

"When you can affect a life or lives permanently, it's a beautiful thing to be able to do," he said. "I know I can make a difference."

Wally, 63, moved with Velva to Post Falls from Temecula, Calif., two weeks ago after a seven-year absence from Idaho. He left in 1994, after losing the state House seat he'd held for four years to Republican Wayne Meyer.

Republicans swept Idaho that year, and decisively yanked Kootenai County away from Democrats. Wally ran as a Democrat, but was more a free spirit.

He was the legislator who rolled back the candidate who

a sailboat and moved to Seattle, then Port Townsend, Wash. Sailing was rough on the Puget Sound, so he traded the boat in or a 34-foot fishing boat, Lone Ranger, he could control alone.

Lone Ranger matched Wally's mood. He hugged from port to port up the Pacific Coast reflecting on his life for six months.

"There was so much time to look within," he said. "I dwelled on things I should have done better, looked for answers."

A leg scrape turned into gangrene on his voyage and Wally nearly lost his left leg. Canadian doctors saved it. Wally returned to Washington, added a friend to the boat and headed south to San Diego.

Along the way, he met Velva, from San Diego, at a naval aviator reunion in Monterey, Calif., on Labor Day 1998.

Both were divorced. Neither was interested in love. But they talked like best friends. By Halloween, they knew they belonged together.

Wally sold Lone Ranger in 1999 and bought a 50-foot wooden sloop, Wally and Talk, that he and Velva took to Mexico. Wally taught Velva to navigate. She piloted the boat while he slept and vice versa.

They sailed along the Pacific Coast for months, gorging on brilliant sunsets and occasionally defying death. Winds and waves nearly finished them off California's coast.

Weather tested their strength, courage and beliefs.

"You put your house in order and your whole focus is on survival," Velva said. "What an adventure."

They settled near San Diego, but Velva couldn't ignore Wally's attachment to Idaho's Legislature. She pushed for a trip to Boise last winter. Wally was nervous as a bridegroom to visit the Statehouse. His nerves calmed as soon as he stood on the building's stairs.

"I wanted to be there so bad," he said, chuckling.

He and Velva sold the house they'd just bought in California and moved. They chose to house hunt in Post Falls, where Wally believes he could win an election for state or county office.

He's itching for action and energized with idealism.

"I feel joy, exhilaration about the future," he said, his eyes shining like a kid's on Christmas morning. "I have an opportunity before me most people don't grasp, and I'll grasp it with the tenacity of a bulldog."

"I gave it a lot of what I had in me. But I felt I could've done better."

—Wally Wright

University of Idaho publishes articles on life with the Nez Perce tribe

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — Indian Agent James O'Neill was tried to dodge the usual bureaucratic hoops and hang on to an increasingly shaky peace in Lapwai 134 years ago.

The Indians (Nez Perce) are divided among themselves and the non-treaty side are using this agreement, that the government will take their own time for fulfilling the stipulations of the new treaty as they have the one of June 1855 and they say possibly never pay them," he wrote in his superiors.

"They cannot or will not understand why, when their money is ready for them, that they cannot have the benefit of it, and I sincerely think that to continue putting them off and paying them in promises will result in serious difficulty."

O'Neill's letter is one of the many documents reproduced in one of several new publications by the University of Idaho Library compiling information about the 1867 Nez Perce Treaty Council. It and other publications were discussed recently at

the Nez Perce National Historical Park at Spalding by a panel of historians and tribal elders.

"We're very interested in any kind of documentation of Nez Perce history," said Diane Mallickian, a park ranger at Spalding and a tribal member.

The documents make rare material, in some cases so old it is literally falling apart, available to the general public for the first time.

"It will have an effect on the way historians write about the

Nez Perce," Mallickian said.

The papers trace the history of the region from 1829, when fur trappers were the only whites in the area, to 1911, when Starr Maxwell collected testimonies of tribal members in "Memorial of the Nez Perce Indians," which became part of the U.S. Congressional Record when Idaho Sen. William Borah presented it to the Senate in 1911.

Between the two is "The 1867 Nez Perce Treaty Council," edited and transcribed from the

original documents by Donna Smith at the university.

It details not only government correspondence, but contains a verbatim manuscript of a tribal council convened to discuss the treaty.

The documents provide a rare glimpse into the issues that led to the Nez Perce War of 1877. Idaho Territory Governor David Ballard came to Lapwai in June of 1867 to announce the Treaty of 1863 was law after four years.

"Many wrongs have been perpetrated upon you, by bad white

men, who have come upon your reservation, and by selling whiskey and practicing other wickedness," he said.

He realized the new reservation was greatly reduced. But Ballard promised the government would fulfill its agreements in the new treaty, "placing you in a position of happiness, competency and independence."

"Let me warn you, my friends, against evil advice, either from bad white men, or Indians, it will lead you to destruction," Ballard said.

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Government will sell off drilling leases

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - In a sale that was limited under a compromise between the Bush and Clinton administrations, the federal government this week is selling petroleum drilling leases off Florida's Gulf Coast for the first time in more than a decade.

The Minerals Management Service will lease tracts for oil and gas exploration in a 1.5 million-acre area Wednesday. That's a reduction from the 5.9 million acres that President Bush initially proposed.

After President Bush made his proposal, environmentalists and the president's brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, fought to block oil drilling.

The original lease area came as close as 17 miles to Pensacola in Florida's Panhandle, raising concern about potential damage an oil spill could cause to the state's tourist beaches.

The area being offered on Wednesday is at least 100 miles from the beaches of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, and the eastern edge is 285 miles from Tampa Bay.

When President Bush took office, the United States faced natural gas prices that had jumped above \$10 per thousand cubic feet and oil selling for around \$36 per barrel. But because of a sharply slower economy and increasing supplies, oil is selling today at \$17 to \$18 per barrel and natural gas goes for around \$2.

When the scaled-back area was announced in July, Interior Secretary Gale Norton predicted the auction would raise \$136 million for the government. Even though petroleum prices have dropped since then, the MMS said it still expects a strong sale because the area is close to proven deep-water reserves.

"This is acreage that the industry has been most interested in for a number of years," said Barney Wongdon, an MMS spokesman in New Orleans.

Oil companies refused to discuss their bidding plans before the sale.

The federal government has sold leases off the coasts of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama in two annual auctions since 1982.



U.S. Marines cross themselves during a service at their operating base in southern Afghanistan on Sunday morning in front of a mosque, shown in back. The service dealt with being prepared and being alert and doing their job right.

U.S. Marines prepare for assault

SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN (AP) - U.S. Marines have been joined by a handful of British, German and Australian officers ahead of a possible push on Kandahar, the Taliban's last stronghold in Afghanistan.

So far there are only five non-American officers at the U.S. base in southern Afghanistan. But their presence, and the fact that more were expected, may mark a shift in the importance of the anti-terror coalition the United States began building following the September attacks.

The campaign has been overwhelmingly American, although British warplanes have taken part in the airstrikes and about 100 Royal Marines have secured an air base north of Kabul, the Afghan capital.

"There are British, there are Germans, there are Australians and there are more to come," said Capt. Stewart Upton, spokesman for the Marine task force in Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, helicopters from the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, based on the USS Bataan, began arriving at the base to reinforce allied air power, as northern alliance forces close in on Kandahar.

The base is within striking distance of Kandahar, the last major city in the hands of the Islamic militia that once ruled most of Afghanistan, and that the United States accuses of harboring those responsible for the Sept. 11 terror attacks on New York and Washington.

The Associated Press was allowed to deploy with the Marines on condition it didn't divulge the camp's location or troop strengths, but reports from Washington have said the base is about 70 miles southwest of Kandahar, the Taliban's spiritual center.

A military source, whose name could not be reported, said the Taliban were known to be moving forces and weapons to Kandahar from Lashkargah, a town 80 miles west of the city.

Upton declined to say what role U.S. forces would play in an assault on Kandahar or give any idea of their mission plans.

Maj. James "Beau" Higgins, an intelligence officer with the Marine task force in Afghanistan, said anti-Taliban militias from the north and the southeast were closing in on Kandahar, "and we potentially coming from where we are."

Higgins said the Taliban were facing "a lot of pressure, a kind of

sneak closing in on them. Hopefully we can get them out of there in the pretty near future." It was impossible to say when, he added.

Capt. Alex K. Fulford, 30, of the 26th, flew a Super Cobra into the base from the USS Bataan during the night. He said the arrival of even more gunships sends a message to the Taliban that "you can run, but you can't hide."

But Fulford said the Taliban forces, which include many hardened fighters after more than 20 years of war in their homeland, could not be dismissed.

"They still have teeth," he said. "But we have pliers."

Fulford, of Tucker, Ga., said he still has no idea of what missions he might fly.

"Say (Afghan opposition) alliance forces wanted to go on the attack, and wanted us to protect their flank. We could," said Fulford, nicknamed "Sketch" because he does paintings on his squadron's aircraft - including an eagle and an American flag on his own helicopter.

On Sunday, Higgins, 34, of New Orleans, celebrated an improvised Catholic Mass. The pulpit consisted of stacks of neatly cut lumber topped by the green lid of a military supply box.

Congress might stay all year; GOP sees conspiracy

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress appears poised to skip the normal formal adjournment this month, raising just a recess while lawmakers return home. It's something the House and Senate used to do in times of national and global trouble.

With America is at war in Afghanistan, lawmakers say they want to be able to meet on a moment's notice. Some Republicans, however, see another motive. Without a formal adjournment, President Bush will not have the power to make "recess" appointments that bypass the need for confirmation by a Democratic-controlled Senate.

"That may be what's behind this, trying to make it tough on the president so he can't run the country well," said Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"There are a lot of games being played to try and embarrass this president so they can win seats next year. To me it's abysmal, abominable and downright cheap, but that's the way it is."

Normally, Congress adjourns "sine die" - Latin for without a date - at the end of a legislative year. That brings an official end of to all business before returning in January for a new session.

Senators and House members can just go home without officially adjourning, giving them the option to reconvene without having to ask the president for a special session, Senate Historian Don Ritchie said.

Past presidents have enjoyed periods of unilateral power when Congress is not in session.

"They've been very reluctant to call the Congress back into session, which would give the executive branch another branch to consult with instead of just being able to act on their own," Ritchie said. "The executive branch feels it works fine without the legislative branch in town."

Protecting their turf, lawmakers have become accustomed to keeping Congress formally in session during times of crisis. The first time Congress stayed all year was in 1944, while World War II raged in Europe.

"Although America wasn't

involved at the time," Ritchie said, "lawmakers felt that they needed to be in Washington just in case."

The pattern has been repeated several times: in 1950, during the Korean War; in 1963, after the Kennedy assassination; in 1973, during Watergate; in 1979, during the Iran hostage crisis; in 1991, during the Gulf War; and in 1995, the first year of the Republican takeover of Congress.

"Republicans were in control of Congress that year, and didn't want to leave Washington and leave a Democratic president in charge," Ritchie said. Bill Clinton was president.

In addition to having the stage to himself when Congress adjourns, the president also gets to bypass Senate consideration of his nominations and place people he wants directly into federal judgeships and important policy positions.

Although not permanent, these recess appointments can run for more than a year, until Congress adjourns at the end of the next session. If the Senate does not ratify the president's appointments by then, they expire.

Clinton angered Republicans by using this power to appoint the first openly gay ambassador, the first black appeals court judge in a heavily southern judicial circuit and an affirmative action advocate to run the Justice Department's civil rights office after he was rejected by a Senate committee.

The appeals court judge, Roger Gregory, was the only one to keep his job once Bush took office.

Japan celebrates royal birth; controversy looms

TOKYO - The forbidding gates of Japan's Imperial Palace opened Sunday to let waves of well-wishers onto its manicured grounds to celebrate the birth of a baby girl to Crown Princess Masako and Crown Prince Naruhito, the heir to the throne.

Rituals honoring the birth of the royal couple's first child in eight years of marriage started out as a family affair.

Hours after the delivery Saturday, a court messenger placed a sword and purple silk robes beside the infant's pillow at a hospital on the palace grounds.

On Sunday, it was the people's turn to take their party to the palace.

Tens of thousands of Japanese of all ages lined up to sign a congratulatory book. Many waved Japanese flags and shouted "Heiwa" or "long life."

Away from the festivities, Japan debated whether Japan's imperial succession law should be changed to allow a woman to ascend to the throne.

Many Japanese have been fretting about the fate of the Chrysanthemum Throne - the world's oldest hereditary monarchy - because the royal family has not produced a male heir since 1905, when Naruhito's younger brother, Prince Akishino, was born.

Swiss voters reject proposal to scrap the armed forces

GENEVA - Swiss voters Sunday overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to scrap the armed forces, cherished by many as vital protection for the small, long-neutral Alpine country in the heart of Europe.

Only 384,991 people, or 21.9 percent of those participating, voted in favor of the initiative.

The proposal went forward by a coalition called Switzerland Without an Army under a law that allows anyone to force a referendum by collecting 100,000 signatures from voters.

"The lack of security following the Sept. 11 attacks made it difficult to conduct a reasoned discussion of defense policy," said

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Jo Lang, spokesman for the coalition.

Defense Minister Samuel Schmid said the outcome was a vote for "security and against adventure. The elimination of the Swiss army would have done nothing to make the world safer, but would definitely have made Switzerland less secure."

Taiwan's opposition party declines to join alliance

TAIPEI, Taiwan - A day after a humiliating election defeat, Taiwan's largest opposition party refused to join the president's new alliance Sunday, an early sign that the vote might not end destructive political feuding.

Taiwanese were closely watching whether the Nationalists would soften their opposition to President Chen Shui-bian after their loss in legislative elections Saturday.

The party, which had 110 seats, only won 68, losing their five-decade control of the 225-member legislature.

The vote made the president's Democratic Progressive Party the biggest with 87 seats. But the DPP still lacks a majority, and Chen has been urging opposition lawmakers to join his "National Stabilization Alliance," which he says will help him form the island's first coalition government.

But on Sunday, Nationalist spokesman Wang Chih-kuang told reporters his party would not join the alliance.

Civic groups endorse civil disobedience campaign

HARARE, Zimbabwe - Unionists, priests, and thousands of representatives from civic groups on Sunday announced a civil disobedience campaign to force Zimbabwe's government to implement political reforms and stage free presidential elections early next year.

Zimbabwe was being gripped by economic and political turmoil for nearly two years since government-backed militants began invading white-owned farms, and the appeal for mass action by the National Constitutional Assembly could further heighten tensions.

Risking arrest, assembly leaders agreed to embark on a nationwide program of civil disobedience, strikes and tax boycotts beginning in January, unless the government gives in to their demands for reform.

"We will proceed regardless of the consequences," said Douglas Mwonozora, the assembly's spokesman.

State of emergency, rebel raids, leave Nepal anxious

KATMANDU, Nepal - This Himalayan kingdom has mostly

been a peaceful country known to the world over for Mount Everest and as an exotic destination for tourists.

Now Nepal has joined the list of trouble spots in south Asia. Much of the royal family was massacred in June, and a resumption of fighting by Maoist rebels led the government to declare a state of emergency last week and send the army into the fight for the first time.

The latest bloodshed, which shattered a 4-month-old ceasefire, is another blow to the impoverished country's economy, which already has seen the number of mountain trekkers and other tourists plunge nearly 70 percent.

Thousands of guerrillas, led by rebel commander Prachanda, generally have operated in remote mountainous areas during a six-year campaign that has killed nearly 2,000 people.

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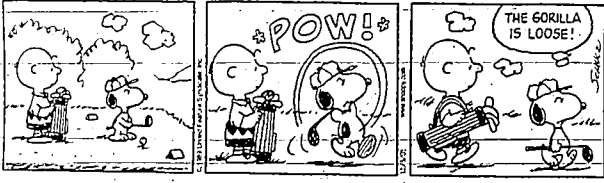
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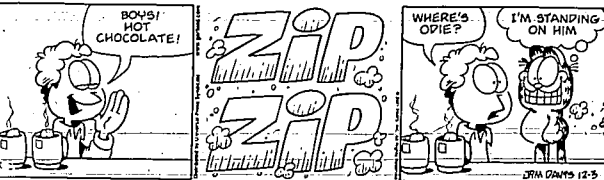
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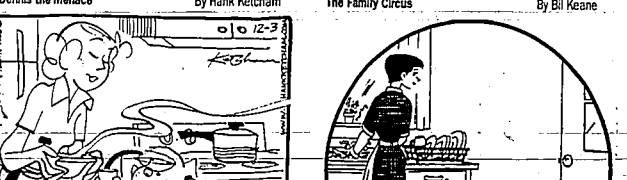


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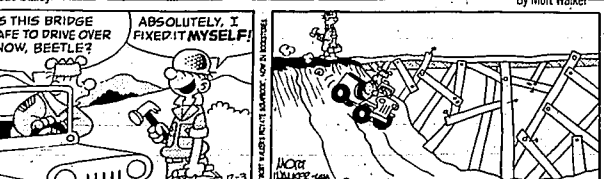
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