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Hunt for bin Laden intensifies

U.S., Afghans scour country for al-Qaida and Taliban chiefs

Knight Ridder News Service

TORA BORA, Afghanistan — The hunt for Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida loyalists who were flushed from the bombed caves and captured tunnels of Tora Bora evolved Monday into a desperate chase through snow-capped mountains.

American, British and Afghan fighters scoured pine forests and mountain gorges. U.S. warplanes joined the pursuit, their bombs illuminating the cloud-shrouded peaks between al-Qaida's lost refuge in Tora Bora and the reinforced border with Pakistan.

"We get all kinds of reports — that he's in a cave, that he's not in a cave," said President Bush. "There's all kinds of speculation, but when the dust clears, we'll find out where he is and he'll be brought to justice."

Recent reports suggested that bin Laden had been at Tora Bora



Osama bin Laden (left) and Mullah Omar (right) in the past week or two, but his whereabouts now are unknown — and some U.S. intelligence officials fear that he might have

plipped into Pakistan as many as 10 days ago.

The United States and its Afghan allies were also still searching for Mullah Mohammed Omar, leader of the recently ousted Taliban regime.

Some reports suggested that Omar was hiding in Baghdad, northwest of Kandahar. One anti-Taliban Afghan commander said an effort soon would be mounted to search for him there.

Three recent intelligence reports, two of them from Britain's Secret Intelligence Service and one from a U.S.

intercept of apparent al-Qaida communications, placed bin Laden in a tribal area of north-western Pakistan, southwest of Peshawar.

One British agent reported that local Pashtun tribesmen were protecting bin Laden, his son, Suleiman, and a retinue of 100 fighters and lieutenants, according to a Bush administration official who requested anonymity.

U.S. intelligence officials said that Pakistani officials were taking steps to ensure that bin Laden can't leave the tribal area.

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THE LAST-MINUTE CRUSH



Debbie Schvaneveldt helps postal worker Russ Howell keep his sense of humor at the Jerome post office Monday. Monday was the traditional busiest day of the year for the U.S. Postal Service.

Post offices handle biggest day of year

By Levi Aspeytla
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Long lines at the counter can be a common sight this time of the year. Arms filled with bundles of packages are also common.

No, this is not the nearest shopping mall.

Around the Magic Valley and nation, post offices went through their busiest day of the year Monday. Long lines were common sights as people waited to send their packages off.

"It is the busiest day because everybody is wrapping up their Christmas shopping," said Twin Falls Postmaster Rob Peters. "Everybody is sending their packages so they can get there by Christmas."

The Jerome post office usually operates one window during most of the year. A second window is sometimes used for support, but since last week, the post office has gone one step further.

"Since last Monday, we have manned three windows instead of one window," said Jerome Postmaster Tony Sabala. "We have had all three going from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m."

Customers had to wait in lines, but the increased numbers were something the post offices expected.

Twin Falls hired temporary workers to help with the extra mail and installed new machinery last week.

"We have hired Christmas casuals," Peters said. "It has only been a few this year due to the new automated machinery."

Automation and the nation's economic slump reduced the number of temporary U.S. Postal Service hires across the nation as well. But the volume of mail handled by the Postal Service was still expected to be impressive.

The Associated Press reports regular average daily mail volume is 680 million items, including about 100 million cards and letters. On the peak days of Monday and Tuesday, carriers were expected to face as many as 200 million extra cards and letters.

In all, workers from the post office and private shippers will handle about 20 billion items between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Sabala said he expects to see lines around this time of the year, and the customers should expect it too.

Jim Couch of Twin Falls agreed with that reasoning.

"I expected the long lines," said Couch, who was sending Christmas gifts to grandchildren in Oregon.

Not all customers were happy with the waiting. Christy Lapp of Twin Falls also expected long lines, but that did not mean she had to like it, she said.

"I am a little discouraged by long lines," she said as she waited to send gifts to Iowa. "They are no fun at all."

Sabala said he was concerned about people waiting until the last minute to send holiday mail. He worries that packages might get lost or misplaced by confusion.

"We are trying to tell the general public to mail early so that it doesn't stack up," he said.

"Time for package delivery varies with distance, but Nina Stephenson, supervisor of the Rupert post office, recommends four days to be safe for a priority mail package in the U.S. Packages sent by standard mail take about nine days. Inside Idaho, priority packages arrive overnight, or two days at the outside."

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Drug is first to make colds go away faster

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Scientists have developed the first medicine proven to reduce the length and severity of the common cold.

Whether this is the long-sought cure is debatable, since it doesn't make the sniffles disappear immediately. Nevertheless, experts say there is little doubt the medicine — which is still months away from drugstores — makes people feel better sooner if their cold is caused by a rhinovirus, the most common culprit.

The drug, called pleconaril, makes a runny nose completely clear up a day sooner than usual and begins to ease the symptoms within a day.

Many over-the-counter medicines ease cold symptoms by drying up plugged noses and soothing aches. But this drug is the first to actually make a cold go away faster and to work by attacking the cold virus itself.

The findings were presented Monday by Dr. Frederick Hayden of the University of Virginia at an infectious-disease conference in Chicago sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology. The research was

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Buhl man announces run for an Idaho Senate seat

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BUHL — The 2002 campaign for state legislators is on, even though their districts are not officially set.

Buhl resident Tom Cannon, 56, announced in Murphy last week that he is a candidate for the Idaho Senate position in proposed District 23. That district includes all of Owyhee County and western Twin Falls County. Previously Owyhee was paired with Elmore County as District 20, and western Twin Falls County and three precincts of Gooding County made up a "community of interest" known as District 22.

There are no incumbents for the Senate in the proposed district, but an incumbent for the Senate from the previous District 22 — Sen. John Sandt, R-Hagerman — said Monday that he is considering a run for statewide office.

"I've had a lot of pressure for about nine months to run for state controller," he said.

The controller oversees the state's books and serves on the state land board.

Sandy, 52, said he isn't sure yet and that an official announcement is pending.

If Sandy chooses not to run for statewide office, but instead decides to run again for the

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CSI ponders staff cut

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idaho's sudden economic downturn has College of Southern Idaho officials considering any possible way to stretch a tight budget.

Their best bet still appears to be an early retirement deal for long-time employees a few years short of the state retirement system's "rule of 90." The one-time-only plan could save CSI several hundred thousand dollars in salary spending.

The chairwoman of the board of the Public Retirement System of Idaho, Judy B. Olson, had stated Wednesday that PERS is not set up for early retirement unless employees and employers pay up front. She was responding to CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer's suggestion that PERS could help the college cope with a \$2 million reduction in state funding over this year and next by allowing early retirements.

The plan would provide a brief period of time for retirement not just for longtime CSI employees, but for all contributors throughout Idaho who are close to retirement.

Meyerhoeffer said Monday that several employees who are already eligible for retirement have told him they will leave CSI at the end of the year. He also said at a minimum, he still would like to see at least 10 others take early retirement. "But 20 would be ideal."

Although PERS has never participated in an early retirement incentive plan, there are provisions in law for employers and employees to purchase up to four years of service before retirement.

But if the plan were to work, the pre-payments would have to be made by the state, Meyerhoeffer said Monday.

"The governor is trying to do something about PERS," Meyerhoeffer said. He went further, saying he has had favorable conversations about the subject with Gov. Dirk Korte, but the governor would not make the final commitment. Meyerhoeffer said he has also spoken to the governor about how to control or pay for escalating utility and health insurance expenses.

He said, "You'll have to wait for my speech, just like everyone else," Meyerhoeffer said.

Kemphorne is scheduled to make his yearly "state of the state" speech on Jan. 14 outlining his budget recommendations.

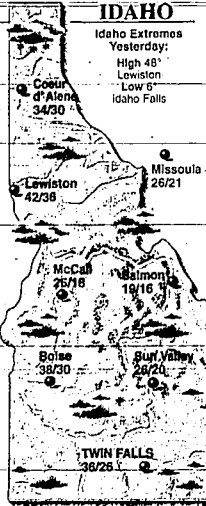
Meyerhoeffer said there was resistance to the idea on other fronts, too. He referred to CSI's hires over the past five years who work on the professional level and do not pay into PERS. They pay into retirement plans that enable them to transfer to jobs out of state without losing their retirement money, he said, and those who are older are not pleased they wouldn't also qualify for early retirement.

In addition, public school administrators have warned of exacerbating a teacher shortage if older teachers were allowed to take early retirement. But Meyerhoeffer said he's not convinced that a teacher shortage is a severe or immediate problem.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature
 High 48°
 Low 19°
 Normal high 49°
 Normal low 22°

Precipitation
 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yest. 0.06"
 Month to date 1.13"
 Normal month to date 0.97"
 Water year to date (Oct. 1) 2.93"
 Normal year to date (Oct. 1) 2.62"

Humidity
 Yesterday at noon 88%
 Barometric Pressure
 Yesterday at 6 p.m. 30.11 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls 30

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

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

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Times of clouds and sunshine.	Mostly cloudy; a few showers.	A couple of snow showers.	Some snow, perhaps rain.	Morning furies, then some sunshine.	Partly sunny.
▲ 36°	▼ 26°	▲ 36° ▼ 26°	▲ 36° ▼ 26°	▲ 34° ▼ 20°	▲ 30° ▼ 16°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Cooler with clouds and some sun today; it may flurry in the north. A better chance of some light snow during the overnight. Highs from 28 in the mountains to 36 in the valleys. Lows tonight 16-24.

Boise: Cooler with clouds and some sun today. Clouds will increase this evening with a low snow showers overnight. Little or no accumulation is expected. High today near average at 38. Low tonight 30.

Northern Nevada: Cool and dry today thanks to high pressure to the east. Clouds will increase this evening, especially in the northeast, where there may be a snow shower overnight. Highs today 34-42. Lows tonight 15-25.

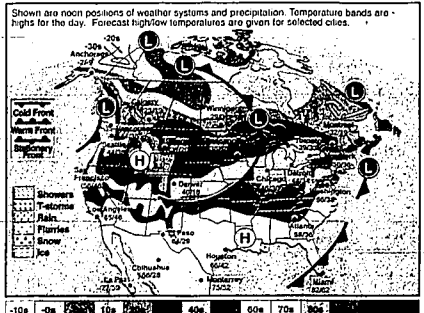
Northern Utah: Cool with fewer clouds today. A stray snow shower or two is still possible, especially in the mountains. Highs today from 25-35. Mainly clear skies tonight. Lows 15-25.

Northern Idaho: Cooler with more clouds today. Some light snow will move in during the afternoon then increase in intensity and coverage through the overnight. Highs today 30-42. Lows tonight 20-36.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 83° in Fort Myers, FL Low -15° in Gunnison, CO

NATIONAL WEATHER



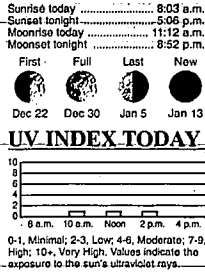
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are in degrees for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 8:03 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 5:06 p.m.
 Moonrise today 11:12 a.m.
 Moonset tonight 8:52 p.m.

First	Full	Last	Now
Dec 22	Dec 30	Jan 5	Jan 13

UV INDEX TODAY



NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	58	38	a	60	37	s
Atlanta City	59	33	sh	52	35	pc
Baltimore	54	34	c	52	34	pc
Bilings	31	20	s	31	21	c
Birmingham	60	38	a	57	29	pc
Boston	42	33	sn	42	33	pc
Charlotte, SC	68	39	a	65	42	pc
Charleston, WV	51	32	pc	49	29	sh
Chicago	46	30	c	38	25	s
Cleveland	41	35	c	42	28	sn
Denver	40	18	pc	51	28	s
Des Moines	44	29	pc	40	22	s
Detroit	44	34	c	42	22	pc
El Paso	64	29	a	58	28	s
Fairbanks	-30	-38	c	-24	-31	c
Fargo	40	30	c	25	13	s
Honolulu	82	72	pc	82	69	pc
Houston	66	42	c	62	40	pc
Indianapolis	48	33	pc	43	24	pc
Jacksonville	70	43	sh	70	45	pc
Kansas City	52	27	pc	43	27	s
Las Vegas	56	33	a	56	37	pc
Little Rock	59	38	a	51	34	s
Los Angeles	65	46	a	67	48	pc

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Calgary	25 18 c	30 4 pc
Edmonton	16 14 c	20 17 sn
Halifax	22 12 c	22 0 c
Kelowna	28 24 sn	28 22 sn
Lethbridge	30 14 pc	37 17 pc
Regina	25 9 c	25 7 c
Saskatoon	25 9 c	25 3 pc
Toronto	39 33 pc	38 29 sn
Vancouver	44 38 r	48 32 c
Winnipeg	29 0 c	22 14 sn

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Akron	90 73 pc	90 73 pc
Athens	40 31 sh	42 30 c
Auckland	75 62 c	72 59 c
Bangkok	39 25 c	35 20 c
Beijing	33 20 c	30 20 sn
Berlin	37 33 c	40 22 sn
Buenos Aires	64 70 r	61 63 sh
Calcutta	67 46 s	57 41 pc
Hong Kong	68 61 r	68 59 c
Jakarta	32 20 c	32 20 c
Jerusalem	61 40 a	48 35 sh
Johnsburg	66 64 pc	67 67 pc
London	45 34 pc	43 31 pc
Mexico City	70 48 sh	68 46 sh
Moscow	11 1 c	65 30 c
Paris	39 33 pc	41 29 pc
Rio de Janeiro	85 70 pc	82 69 pc
Sao Paulo	83 40 sh	81 38 sh
Singapore	29 17 s	29 18 s
Sydney	80 61 c	88 68 c
Tokyo	43 31 c	45 31 c
Winnipeg	51 27 c	33 28 sn
Zurich	27 22 c	31 23 pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Boise	38 30 c	40 30 sn
Bozeman	32 31 pc	35 23 sh
Burley	33 19 c	40 24 sh
Coeur d'Alene	34 30 sn	36 26 pc
Elko	33 22 pc	40 23 c
Empidon, OR	45 38	46 34 sh
Hagerman	36 27 pc	39 30 sn
Idaho Falls	19 14 pc	29 22 sf
Kaisersburg, MT	29 26	34 29 pc
Lawton	42 36 sh	44 29 pc
Malad	28 19 c	36 26 c
Matta	35 13 s	39 12 c

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
McCall	26	18	sf	30	16	sn
Missoula, MT	26	21	pc	35	20	sf
Pocatello, OR	28	16	pc	34	20	sf
Portland, OR	46	38	r	44	34	c
Richland, WA	41	35	sh	43	27	pc
Salmon	19	16	pc	30	14	sf
Salt Lake City, UT	34	23	sf	40	28	c
Seaside, WA	44	38	r	44	34	c
Spokane, WA	34	30	sn	38	26	pc
Stanley	21	11	pc	30	13	sn
Sun Valley	26	20	pc	36	18	sn
Yellowstone, MT	16	8	s	22	12	sf

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Colds

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financed by ViroPharma Inc. of Exton, Pa., which is developing the drug.

The company applied in July to the Food and Drug Administration for approval to market the drug. A decision is still months away, perhaps longer.

Experts say they expect the agency to be unusually cautious, since any medicine to treat a non-lethal infection in healthy people must be extremely safe.

"The safety issues are dramatic," said Dr. Scott Hammer, a virus expert at Columbia University. "They will be looked at very, very carefully."

Nevertheless, Hammer said the drug's benefits appear significant, since a one-day reduction in a viral disease that lasts only a few days is probably the best that can be hoped for.

Hayden said he has seen no significant side effects from pleconaril. Some volunteers have a slight, temporary rise in cholesterol levels, which he said has "no clinical significance."

"The company has not said how much it will charge for the medicine, which would sold by prescription under the brand name Picovir, but officials said it is likely to cost as much as antibiotics, which typically are more than \$40 for a course of treatment.

The medicine attacks a large group of viruses known as the picornaviruses. Among these is the rhinovirus, the bug that causes about half of all colds.

"It really represents the first effective treatment for a rhinovirus illness," Hayden said.

The medicine stops the virus by fitting into a groove on its surface. This jams the machinery it needs to enter and infect the body's cells.

The latest research is ViroPharma's second attempt to prove that the drug speeds recovery from the common cold. Its earlier study fell short of showing a statistically significant benefit.

In the latest work, conducted a year ago, people who felt colds coming on were randomly assigned to get pleconaril or dummy pills. In all, 2,095 people started in the study within a day of the onset of symptoms.

Testing showed that two-thirds of the volunteers actually had caught a rhinovirus. In these people, runny noses and other symptoms completely went away in an average of six days, compared with seven days in the rhinovirus sufferers getting placebos.

Volunteers were allowed to take their usual over-the-counter remedies. Nevertheless, those using pleconaril began to feel better than the others within a day of starting treatment. Their symptoms were half gone in three days, compared with four days among those getting dummy pills.

New studies are under way to test the drug in children who have colds as well as in college students to see if it will keep them from catching colds.

Those with fevers were excluded from the study, since their colds are unlikely to result from rhinoviruses.

In general, Hayden said the medicine is likely to be most useful in the spring, summer and fall, when the rhinovirus is the dominant cause of colds. Colds in the late fall and winter are more likely to result from other viruses.

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Pursuing bin Laden into Pakistan could raise problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pakistan seems a natural destination for al-Qaida fighters and perhaps Osama bin Laden as U.S.-backed forces solidify control of Afghanistan. Across a 1,344-mile, largely unprotected border, it offers hide-outs and sympathetic tribesmen even though its government stands with the United States.

Flight into Pakistan by bin Laden and his allies would raise delicate issues of jurisdiction for the United States, making U.S. ground pursuit or bombing raids unlikely.

That wouldn't necessarily be a problem. The Pakistanis "are helping us look for not only Osama bin Laden but for all al-Qaida murderers and killers," President Bush said Monday.

But the alliance between the United States and the government of Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, is a delicate one.

Before the Sept. 11 terror attacks, Pakistan was one of the strongest supporters of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. Pakistan's Islamic schools and mosques, in fact, helped give



Gen. Pervez Musharraf

rise to the Taliban. Musharraf, who is still the military chief, has pledged full support for the U.S.-led campaign in Afghanistan.

In recent days, he has increased security along the border, sending helicopter gunships as well as troops on horses and mules.

But suspicion smolders in Muslim Pakistan toward the U.S. presence in the region. And Taliban sympathizers are among the ranks of the Pakistani military. Some might quietly allow fleeing al-Qaida fighters and their Taliban allies to escape.

Still, it might be difficult for bin Laden to fall slim and Arab-born — to remain at large for long, even in the mountains of Pakistan, analysts suggested.

"There are plenty of places to hide. But Pakistanis know the area better than he does. It would be just a matter of time

before he is tracked down," said Stephen Cohen, a former State Department official who has written extensively on Pakistan. Furthermore, Cohen said, Pakistan's leaders "are more likely to turn him over dead than alive, since they would not want him to recount fully what kind of connections he had with their intelligence services. He's worth more to them dead than alive, and I'm sure bin Laden knows that."

"Everyone knows that there is a \$25 million tag on his head, so there's a pretty good chance somebody would turn him in," said Dan Benjamin, a military analyst with the private Center for Strategic and International Studies.

He referred to the U.S. bounty for information leading to bin Laden's capture.

The Bush administration is treading carefully on the issue of what happens next if it can be established that bin Laden has escaped to Pakistan.

"Pakistan, of course, as a sovereign nation, has the jurisdiction," Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem, a Pentagon spokesman, said Monday. "We

are not in hot pursuit across a border." As to bin Laden's whereabouts, Stufflebeem said, "Anyone's guess."

White House spokesman Ari

Fleischer said he would not "engage in speculation" on whether Bush would carry the battle into Pakistan. "The president has made clear this is a war

against terrorism, against those who would do harm to us around the world. And there are multiple fronts in that war," Fleischer said.

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U.S. holds five prisoners; fighting isn't finished yet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five prisoners from the war in Afghanistan are in American custody, and U.S. forces in the mountainous eastern region are helping search for fleeing al-Qaida fighters, the Pentagon said Monday.

President Bush said he is confident the Pakistani government will assist the manhunt should Osama bin Laden or any of his lieutenants escape across that country's border with Afghanistan.

"The Pakistanis will help us and they are helping us — look for not only one, Osama bin Laden, but for all al-Qaida murderers and killers. They will be brought to justice and it's just a matter of time as far as I'm concerned," Bush said during a White House celebration of the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr.

Asked if he believes bin Laden, suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, is still in Afghanistan, Bush replied:

"We get all kinds of reports: that he's in a cave, that he's not in a cave. There's all kinds of speculation, but when the dust clears we'll find out where he is and he'll be brought to justice."

Captives seized in Afghanistan

have been taken to the USS Peleliu, a Navy helicopter assault ship in the region, said Defense Department spokesman Richard McGraw.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the search is on for more amid fighting in the eastern mountains of Afghanistan near Tora Bora, where Afghan fighters say they have taken over the last al-Qaida stronghold.

"There's still fighting going on there," he said. "There are still people searching the area, in caves and tunnels, looking for al-Qaida fighters, Rumsfeld told reporters Monday while flying to the NATO defense ministers' meeting in Brussels.

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 if he is there. They don't believe he can hide in the region very long before someone betrays him.
 On Monday, many of bin Laden's other fighters were believed fleeing toward Pakistan, though thousands of Pakistani troops patrolled the border.
 Meanwhile, U.S., British and Afghan ground forces searched captured caves in the belief that bin Laden or his top commanders might have been killed by the fierce U.S. air campaign that raged for weeks.

"Maybe he still is there, maybe he was killed or maybe he's left," said Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem, a Pentagon spokesman.
 "Back at Bora-Bora, Afghan commanders estimated that as many as 500 al-Qaida fighters could be at large, but no one

knew with any certainty how many survived the relentless U.S. air attacks and weeklong ground assault.
 "Our search campaign is going on," said Hafta Gul, an aide to Haji Zahir, one of three Afghan commanders of the Tora Bora

assault. "They are hiding in half-ruined houses and forests. As the Arabs are trying to make their way to Pakistan, the (U.S.) bombs are being dropped on routes they are trying to escape over."
 Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld cautioned that the

work remained perilous.
 "It's going to take time and energy and effort, and people will be killed in the process of trying to find them," Rumsfeld said en route to a meeting of NATO defense ministers in Brussels.

Official says Russia will not take drastic steps over U.S. treaty break

MOSCOW (AP) - Russia's defense minister said Monday that the military will not take any major steps in response to President Bush's announcement of the U.S. withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.
 "The Russian Defense Ministry will not take any drastic direct or indirect steps," the Interfax news agency quoted Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov as saying.
 The statement was the latest signal that Russia will grudgingly accept the U.S. withdrawal from

the 1972 treaty, which top Kremlin officials have repeatedly called the cornerstone of international security.
 Bush gave six month's notice on Thursday that the United States will abandon the pact in order to pursue plans for a

national missile defense, which is prohibited under the treaty.
 Russian President Vladimir Putin called the decision a "mistake" but said it was no surprise after months of negotiations on the issue - and stressed it would not endanger Russia.

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U.S. doesn't hear SMS message

By Agustina Guerrero
Chicago-Tribune

CHICAGO — "Have you seen how many phones are in that room?" Martin Thrash asked his wife when their 17-year-old son, Joshua, invited some friends over to their Chicago home to watch a ballgame on TV.

Joshua and his friends were using cell phones to send text messages to other acquaintances, bringing more guests to the Thrash residence.

Text messaging services through cell phones — also called short message services or SMS — are booming among teens across the globe. They allow users to send and receive quick messages of no more than 160 characters. And no one, except the user, notices that a message has arrived since the phone doesn't ring.

All, teen-agers like Joshua Thrash, are relatively rare in the United States. Text messaging hasn't exploded here as it has in Europe and Asia for reasons both economical and cultural, analysts said.

"The U.S. is hooked on voice as a means of communication because it's cheap and convenient. That is not true in other markets," said Doug Simmons, director of worldwide wireless

sales at Critical Path, a San Francisco-based communication technology firm. "For a lot of us, it is much easier to just pick up the phone instead of typing a message."

Laura Meyer of Chicago came back to the United States after living for a year in Amsterdam. Meyer used the text-messaging tool in Europe because "it was a cheap way to send information. Once you start using it, you're kind of hooked."

The application proved so popular in Europe that last Valentine's Day more than 800 million text messages — including "I luv U" and "B my vlnnt" — were sent in the U.K., while only 12 million Valentine cards were delivered by the U.K. Post Office, according to the Mobile Data Association, a London-based industry group.

In Europe, teen-agers drove the text-messaging trend, but

they aren't so massively hooked on that technology here.

"American teens are spoiled by the fact that they have great access to Internet-connected PCs.

They are used to fast downloads in the form of Web pages," said Tom Bush, director of marketing at C a m b i a Networks, a Rosemont, Ill.-based provider of wireless data networking equipment. "In Europe and Japan, on the other hand, SMS is the first approach to e-mail for a lot of teens."

Besides, while most Europeans use mass transportation for their daily commute to work and school, Americans usually drive to their daily activities. "SMS is OK if you're on the train, and you don't want others to listen to your conversation. But typing a text message while you're driving is not so easy," said Simmons.

Also, wireless connections are not as popular in the United

States because Americans prefer landline access to the Internet, according to a survey done for Chicago's professional services firm Andersen by Syracuse, N.Y.-based market consultant Knowledge Systems & Research.

Consumers in the United States don't seem very enthusiastic about emerging applications for wireless devices such as planning trips, comparison shopping or obtaining information about events, either. More than half of the survey respondents said they were not at all interested in new wireless options.

So what will the approach be here to SMS if consumers are not eager to use it?

Text messaging will prove more popular among U.S. corporations than among consumers, Simmons said.

Giga Information Group has a similar view. A recent survey by the Cambridge, Mass.-based advisory firm showed enterprise applications are going to shape demand for value-based wireless data services.

For businesses in which activities and transactions are time-sensitive, there's a strong need to have back-office applications reachable from the road, Simmons said. SMS can replace phone calls and e-mails for people away from the office.

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Web site offers trips back into history

By Craig Crossman
Knight Ridder News Service

Over the years, I've written about sundry web sites that talk about products and services readers may find interesting and different. Historically speaking, this columnist doesn't write too often about web sites mainly because it's hard to find sites that appeal to everyone. But I've recently discovered one that most anyone who surfs the Internet will find fascinating. And if you've been surfing for a few years, prepare yourself for a wave of nostalgia as you begin a blast from the past with the Wayback Machine.

Basically, the Wayback Machine is a web site that lets you view most any web site that exists today as it appeared as far back as 1996. That's the year when the idea for the Wayback Machine began and when the Internet Archive started to collect and pre-

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serve every known web site it could locate. As of today, the archive boasts an impressive database that consumes over 100 terabytes of storage space and it's growing at a rate of over 12 terabytes per month. According to Internet Archive, this is the largest known database in the world and contains multiple copies of the entire publicly available Web, surpassing all the data contained in the world's largest libraries including the Library of Congress.

It's amazing how using the Wayback Machine gives one a feeling of time travel. Using it to view my own web site evoked forgotten memories about how it looked way back in the beginning and how far along it's come to be its present form.

Not all DVD players can see video CDs

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q. I recently saw an ad for "Adaptec DVpics Plus Digital Video Editing" kit. It burns videos on CDs and DVDs. Sounds very interesting and affordable. What are other brands?

—Harsh Kumar
A. With Americans rushing to replace their perfectly good videos to tape players with DVD machines, a great many of us are getting sucked into the miasma of trying to create what are called video CDs that can be burned in an ordinary PC's CD-R drive but played by a DVD player on any television set.

The reality is that only a portion of the DVD players in people's homes can see video CDs even if you succeed in burning one. The burning process is a devil of an experience because first you must convert whatever audio or video or photographs you have into the highly compressed MPEG-1 standard of files.

Then the stuff has to be burned by software that can create the proper boot blocks so that video CD-capable home DVD players will see it. Some CD-R drives do this, but some don't work so well using identical software, so this is pioneering stuff, and it's maybe a tad early to the party.

If you do want to give it a try on a Windows machine, I recommend MGI's VideoWave 5, the newly released version of the most popular Windows moviemaker.

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Candidates

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 Senate, he potentially would go up against incumbent Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, in proposed District 25, which is to include all of Blaine, Camas, Gooding and Lincoln counties. Both are serving their third terms.

While the Idaho Supreme Court last month rejected a redistricting plan approved by a state citizens committee, Magic Valley districts envisioned in that plan have not changed in two new proposals being considered by the panel.

As to whether the political jockeying is premature in that the legislative districts have not been officially approved yet, Republican Party officials have no statement about announcements—official or not.

As far as redistricting and new legislators, we really have no comment," said Jason Lehosi, executive director of the Idaho Republican Party. "We're fortunate that we always have an abundance of quality candidates who come to fruition in their bids for office."

Gannon described himself as a conservative Republican. He is the administrator of Buhl's planning and zoning commission and also executive director of the city's urban renewal agency.

He said he had expressed interest in the office, and when Owyhee County Republican Party chairwoman Rep. Frances Field, R-Grand View, saw his resume, she said, "You'll do."

Field is serving her eighth term

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However, legislators could present problems, he said.

"I've talked with some legislators, and they're in favor of it," he said, "and I've talked with others, and they're not, so I don't know."

Just in case early retirement doesn't pan out, CSI administrators have recently given close attention to developing a smoothing reduction-in-force policy.

The board adopted the policy that the human resources dean, Barbara Knudsen, recommended Monday.

The policy addresses numerous issues, such as employee seniority, elimination of jobs, reduction in efforts toward certain programs and reduction in salary.

"This reduction in force procedure for employees provides equitable treatment for the layoff of staff employees when reduction in force becomes necessary," the policy reads.

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EDITORIAL

Legislature, do what's right: Ditch term limits

So. When you voted for term limits, did you really intend to fire your county clerk?

How about your assessor, your coroner and your local school board members? Nah. You probably didn't mean to fire those local people at all. It was 1994, and you probably were torqued at the Democrats in Congress.

But low-profile local officials are who's going to get the ax. As a result, they may not be around to provide experienced help the next time you need it.

The 1994 term limits initiative, upheld last week by the Idaho Supreme Court, is likely to create a crisis of competence in local government. If you voted for it, blame yourself. But that doesn't mean the law has to stick around. The Legislature can repeal it - and should.

Idaho's courts have wrangled with this issue for the past several years, but it was really the Legislature's job. Even the justices of the state high court hinted as much, throughout the term-limit case arguments.

Now the charade needs to end, and lawmakers need to raise their collective voice. The Legislature should send a repeal to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne for his signature. If he vetoes it, as he has threatened, the House and Senate should override the veto. They'll be saving Idaho from a bad law that takes away the voters' ability to choose the leaders they want.

Would such an override be an unpopular move for lawmakers? Maybe. Is it necessary? Absolutely.

Ever since the U.S. Supreme Court rejected term limits in congressmen

and U.S. senators, Idaho's term limits law has completely missed its initial goal - to eliminate career politicians in Washington.

Instead, term limits threaten to erode the strength of local government. Though it doesn't apply to members of Congress, it still applies to state legislators and almost every local official - even the ones who don't get paid.

Kempthorne doesn't want to go against the voters' stated wishes, and that's commendable. But in this instance, he should acknowledge this law's defect. He should join legislators in asserting that ordinary elections provide all the term limits we need. (If voters want to dump an elected official, they can do so easily. They do it all the time.)

If the governor insists on wielding his veto power to protect this ill-advised law, state legislators should override his veto.

Basically, our state leaders have two choices:

One, they can repeal term limits, and risk being thrown out by angry voters. Or two, they can do nothing, and certainly be thrown out by term limits.

Given those choices, legislators might as well act on principle and correct a bad law. They have nothing to lose.

In reality, a majority of Idahoans probably wouldn't punish them for overturning term limits. Seven years after the law's passage, support for term limits seems to be waning.

The time has come for the Legislature to repeal an unnecessary and potentially destructive law.

If the governor insists on wielding his veto power to protect this bad law, state legislators should override his veto.

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LETTERS

Protect kids from dangerous groups

I have before me a copy of *The Times-News*, Sept. 7, 1987 "Moonies and the right wing" - wish you could publish it again. He owns the Washington Times; a quote from this article:

"There are many ways to reach Washington, D.C. There are highways, minor roads in the city, small towns to go through, avenues and lanes - many ways, roads through which you can reach the destination. If anyone discovers a shortcut to Washington, D.C., many people will seek it." (The Rev. Sun Myung Moon) At the time, some editors had quit after making charges of editorial interference. One man, first editor James Whelan resigned in 1984 declaring he had "blood on his hands" for conferring respectability on the Moonies for running their p-per for them. Are the Moonies pouring \$30 million a year into *The Times*? (W) Did Mr. Forbes sell land to him in Montana or Wyoming? They say the church still connotes the bizarre, mind-controlling, kidnapping cult it was taken to be in the '70s.

My own experience with the young people from all over the world visited my shop at least two times a year. I remember one little girl, maybe 16 or 17, was from Czechoslovakia. She left to join the group because she had no home life. They were selling pictures on foil; they traveled all in one car and walked the country, part selling magazine subscriptions. I visited with them. One from Peru; you could tell they were hungry and needed a bath. Now they still come around, only a

bit more sophisticated. A friend of mine lost a nephew. He finally escaped. It took 6 months of help before he could hold a job half a day. I know you can be a teenager and be brainwashed. I still see the sadness in this one little gal's eyes.

I hope *The Times-News* of Twin Falls would print this article. Because of this horrible war, we tend to forget about other problems. Treat your kids with love. Keep them under your wing as long as possible. Always. Always, let them know you love them 'cause the Moonies prey on the young out on the streets looking for something!

P.S. May the editor either reprint Sept. 7, 1987, article or maybe some new information.

BETTY GALVIN Wendell

Intermountain Gas gets kudos

I would like to thank Intermountain Gas for the best service I've had from any public service company.

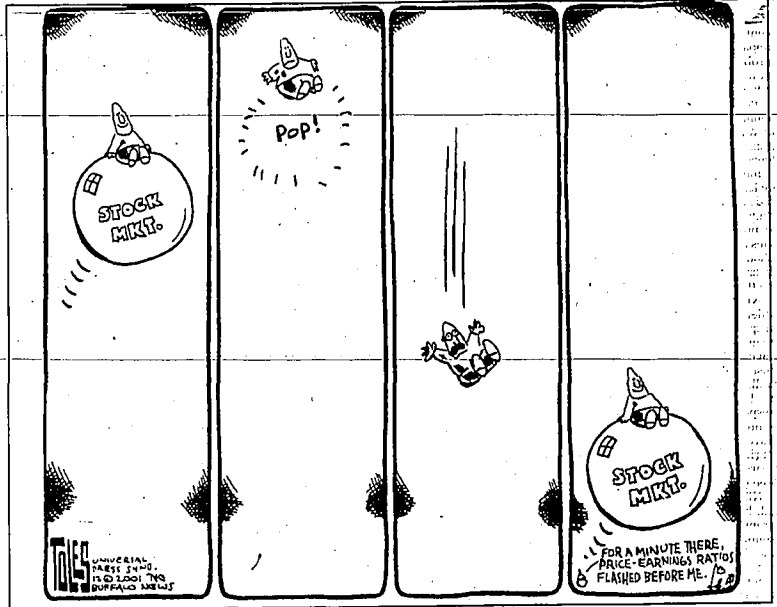
First, when I called, I got to talk to a real person after the second ring. That almost made me faint. Then I told her my problem and she said someone would be over sometime in the a.m. I said OK, and 10 minutes later, the tech showed up, looking very professional, that took care of the problem that was not there and left. That is what it's all about. Thanks again for a job well done by all. I wish the power and phone companies would learn by this example.

FRANK R. MASCARI Jerome

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The toughest thing to take is his smile

SUSAN CAMPBELL

I would take, by the end of the day, all of our powers of restraint not to give in to anger at the sight of the dark man in the white turban laughing over the successful completion of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Jesus loves you, Osama, but I'm not too crazy about you. And the same goes for that hairy little scyphoptan seated to your left throughout the video, the one who bubbled over with praise for bin Laden and Allah, and often in that order.

After much ballyhoo, discussion from "Should we release it?" to "How do we release it?" On Thursday the Pentagon made available to the news media a grainy videotape of Osama bin Laden and others discussing their foreknowledge of the attacks that shook us to our core.

You can question everything about the tape, starting with the translation from Arabic by four nongovernment workers. Even an interpreter brought in separately by CNN said the audio part of the tape was hard to understand, that too many people were talking at once, that a definitive translation would be difficult to give. You can wonder at the timing of

the taping. It was supposed to have been shot on Nov. 9 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, but we never knew. And who shot the tape, which shows a smiling bin Laden laughing and sometimes eating with cohorts seated on a pillowed floor as they discussed who knew what and when they knew it?

What you can't avoid is this: Wading through the discussions of infidels (that's us), parts of the taped conversation echoed millions of other post-Sept. 11 conversations, the where-where-you-whens. In hiding, they all had access to television and radio, and in the case of bin Laden, they had extensive prior knowledge of a terrorist operation so secret, even the terrorists themselves didn't know the scope of the acts they were about to commit. And yet they wanted to share what they were feeling at the time of the hits, and that was mostly joy.

There was, chillingly, the ever-present "we" in bin Laden's discussion. He said

he had expected casualties at the World Trade Center, but only from the floors where the planes hit and above. "This is all that we had hoped for," he said. "I was the most optimistic of them all," he said, in a voice that is strangely flat.

But he's smiling when he says it, and maybe that's the toughest thing to take, that smile. Someone reassures him on tape that there were no innocents in the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Was he smiling then?

So now the guy whose static picture for months has been superimposed with a target in major news magazines has a body, and a voice. And we have a more clearly defined purpose. Osama bin Laden and his advisers must be captured and brought to justice. No, that won't take care of all the terrorist cells worldwide, but it's a pretty good start. He cannot continue in hiding, in terrorism. We can be angry, but not for long. Let that anger burn off into a steely resolve. We have an objective. We have our target.

Susan Campbell is a columnist for *The Hartford Courant*.

LETTERS

Foundation finds homes for animals

The Sheena Foundation Ltd. is a newly founded, limited-admissions animal facility located in the Magic Valley. Our mission is dedicated to the general welfare, sheltering and placement of animals. We believe in the prevention of animal overpopulation through early intervention and the education concerning humane treatment of all living creatures. The Sheena Foundation Ltd. is a non-profit shelter. We rely on funding and donations from members within our community. Dogs and cats that have been made available for adoption have been spayed or neutered and have received vaccinations. We will provide a recommended schedule for follow-up vaccinations at your veterinarian.

In the first six months of operation, we have found homes for more than 400 cats and dogs. Hopefully, this has helped to relieve the strain of animals on our local animal shelter. We hope the community will continue to support our efforts in controlling the overpopulation of pets.

CAROLYN WOLTER Buhl (Editor's note: Carolyn Wolter is a member of the Sheena Foundation Ltd.)

Bush, bin Laden have lots in common

Consider: Both the evil terrorist and the heroic leader of the free world are the spoiled sons of a powerful politician from a wealthy oil family. Neither was elected by a majority in a free and fair democratic election: Both have declared a holy war (Jihad and Crusade) against his enemies. Both believe God is on his side, that any nation or person not with him is against him and that any means are justified.

Both are supported by extremist religious fundamentalists who preach hatred, intolerance, subjugation of women and persecution and murder of unbelievers. Both kill thousands of innocent civilians in cold-blooded bombings. Both use secret police agents (Al Qaeda and CIA) to subvert through terrorist acts. The one difference - the terrorist murders with a \$3 box cutter, the free world killers fly a sanitized billion-dollar B1 bomber.

Bush's plan to reward his corporate profit-seeking pimps with another obscene tax break at taxpayers' expense is a traitorous act in war time. Ashcroft in the Senate proposed seven constitutional amendments to destroy our liberties, including one to make it easy for fundamentalists like him to amend (read destroy) our rights. The Constitution according to Ashcroft, a civil rights terrorist who claims criticizing him or Bush is aiding the enemy! The big lie. I'll stick with the Constitution penned by Washington, Madison, Jefferson because this precious document was crafted to shine forth now to protect us from Bush's authoritarian secret police who are nibbling at it like rodents.

A wise man once said: "Patriotism is the first and last refuge for scoundrels." Look around you! If these neo-con thugs frighten us into silence, just what did you fight and bleed and die for? Bin Laden will never destroy us, but this commander-in-chief who was a deserter, who won his "mandate" from the majority of us by massive voter fraud, is on his way to do just that.

I don't know about the rest of you, but he is not stealing my rights without a fight. RUSSELL L. FOREN Twin Falls

Man lives homeless animals

To Mr. Lively, board of directors, People for Pets and Mrs. Waag: We would like to take this opportunity to answer some of the questions you asked in your letter to the editor.

1. Mr. Powers is a member of the Sheena Foundation Ltd. He has been instrumental in the adoption of 400 animals in the past six months.

2. No, we don't want to run the shelter. We do want to see some accountability to the public for whom ever runs the shelter. Mr. Powers did start the building fund as a community effort with the help of KLIX Radio and has helped on committees to get a drawing of the proposed new shelter.

3. Mr. Powers has been a part of the fund-raising for the new shelter. He felt that it should be a community-sponsored event and not connected to any one group of people. Mr. Powers still continues to support the New Shelter Fund. He also devotes time, money and energy to the Sheena Foundation Ltd. because he sees a growing need to support all homeless animals in the Magic Valley.

Now as to the question of a "bigger" shelter. If you are crying poverty now, how in the world are you going to pay for more people to run this "bigger" shelter. You will, of course, be open full days and at least one weekend day, won't you?

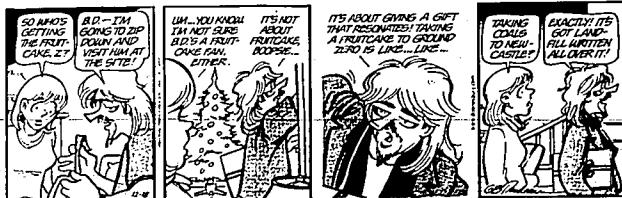
Mr. Lively, please state the facts about Mr. Powers and the Sheena Foundation Ltd. Shame on you for dragging Mr. Power's name through the mud! JUSTIN ASH Filer

Doonesbury

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Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



OPINION

NBC heads down the wrong path with ads

Some estimates peg the number of alcoholics in the United States between 15 million and 30 million (7 to 15 percent of the population). NBC apparently views them and other problem drinkers—and potential new drinkers—as a lucrative advertising demographic.

Perhaps because it needs money to pay for Katie Couric's new multimillion-dollar contract, this once great network has decided to start accepting hard-liquor commercials.

The rationale for this shilling for swilling decision is that the "advertising environment" is depressed. Maybe the ad agencies and network executives should drown their sorrows in booze instead of pouring the stuff on the rest of us.

NBC will require that the distillers run four months of "social responsibility" commercials prior to uncorking the high-proof stuff. That's like running a condom ad just before "Friends." Liquor dulls one's sense of responsibility. The more one drinks, the less responsible one feels. When presented with an opportunity to have sex, the target audience of "Friends" is not likely to stop and search for a condom, much less flee temptation.

NBC says it won't run liquor ads before 9 p.m. ET, but programming in the East is carried simultaneously an hour earlier in the CT zone. The later advertising hours are supposed to shield children, but it's drinking adults who need the shielding.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, more than 30 percent of all traffic fatalities are alcohol-



CAL THOMAS

related. Surely this figure is bound to increase when liquor is advertised on television. Does not NBC care about social responsibility to the country, especially when so many of the those killed are the innocent victims of drunk drivers?

What else would NBC advertise if it felt it needed the money? How about prostitution, since that apparently is what NBC is engaged in as it sells airtime to the liquor industry. "Sex workers" are going to ply their trade no matter what, so why shouldn't NBC get a piece of that action, so to speak? NBC might as well let gamblers advertise, too. Many local TV stations already carry ads for casinos, portraying them as "family-friendly." It's a short step to allowing viewers to wager through interactive TV. One can already gamble on the Internet. Why should television be prohibited from cashing in with at-home gambling?

Television gives permission for people to do things they might not otherwise do. People learn to respect authority, become disrespectful to parents and teachers, shoot-up schools, have sex outside of marriage and engage in other personally and socially corrupting behavior, at least in part, because of what they see others do on TV. This "entertainment" is made to look glamorous and empowering, especially to sick minds looking to justify their

existence through violence. NBC currently has a show about a police sex unit. Under the guise of a crime program, it presents thinly-veiled (as in see-through) voyeurism. If NBC went from R to X-rated, more money would pour in.

Joseph Califano Jr., who directs the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, believes that the only way to keep the broadcast networks from advertising hard liquor is to prohibit it. He would like to see legislation banning liquor ads, as we already have for tobacco advertising. Kimberly Miller, a program manager for the Center for Science in

the Public Interest, told The Wall Street Journal that liquor ads on TV will only "increase the pressure on kids to drink."

Califano notes that attempts to shield children from drugs, including tobacco and alcohol, have failed. "It's illegal for children to purchase cigarettes and alcohol and yet 3 million adolescents smoke, constituting a \$1 billion-a-year market, and 12 million underage Americans drink, a \$10 billion-a-year market," he commented. Advertising liquor on TV will encourage more youths to break the law.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

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Shame on the sneaking thief

To the sneak thief who stole the wreath off the door at Woodstone Heritage:

Did you steal it to show your buddies how manly you are? If the 90-year-old lady has opened the door, you would have run like a scared rabbit. Is that being macho?

After having stolen the wreath, what did you do with it? Did you throw it out in the weeds? Were you able to swap it for a shot of meth? Did you keep it to hang on your own door?

Next time you pass a mirror, stop and take a close look at the one looking back at you. Can you see anything but a sneaking, sniveling, gutless punk? I doubt it.

While I despise you, in a way I am sorry for you. The reason is that all you will ever see in that mirror is a ball of scum.

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Congressional negotiators near deal on anti-terror package

WASHINGTON - House and Senate bargainers neared agreement Monday on a compromise \$20 billion anti-terror package...

The overall size of the emerging final deal would represent a victory for Bush, who had threatened veto if the measure's price tag exceeded \$20 billion.

The mix of dollars in the measure, however, would be a win for Democrats. The tentative pact would cut Bush's defense package in half and give Democrats close to what they wanted for New York and other communities where the hijacked planes hit...

Powell assures Arafat of Israeli concessions

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Colin Powell said Monday Yasser Arafat can expect a positive Israeli response if his call to end violence is carried out.

Powell also assured the Palestinian leader that the Bush administration still backs the establishment of a Palestinian state, wants Israel to give up territory for peace and wants a halt to construction of homes for Israeli Jews on the West Bank and in Gaza.

But Powell said at a news conference, "we have to see action" on the Palestinian side to halt attacks on Israeli civilians.

The White House spokesman, meanwhile, called Arafat's words constructive.

"Now what's important is that Chairman Arafat demonstrate that he has, the day after tomorrow, the authority to turn his words into deeds," said White House press secretary Ari Fleischer.

CDC opens smallpox training for health officials

ATLANTA - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention began training state and local health officials Monday on how to recognize smallpox and quickly contain an outbreak spread by terrorists.

"It is sad day that we feel this meeting is necessary," said Dr. Walter Orenstein, chief of the CDC's National Immunization Program.

The CDC stressed it has no evidence that intentionally released smallpox is any more of a threat than it was before Sept. 11. But about 200 public health workers began three days of classes on how the highly contagious and deadly virus might be spread.

The virus, which could be much more dangerous than anthrax, causes a pox-like rash all over the body, and can be spread through the air.

Lesions removed from Bush's face don't pose threat

WASHINGTON - President Bush had four lesions removed from his face last week, including two that are pre-cancerous but not a threat to the president's health, the White House said Monday.

Press secretary Ari Fleischer said the lesions were removed with liquid nitrogen during a brief procedure Friday at the White House. The president had one lesion on each cheek, his forehead and temple.

The two lesions on his cheek are actinic keratoses, a common ailment in people Bush's age that can develop into cancer. In

Nation in brief

August, during his first physical as president, doctors at Bethesda Naval Hospital removed three small actinic lesions from Bush. The lesions were removed from Bush's cheek as a precaution, and are no threat to the president's health, Fleischer said.

Sailors get training as Navy looks to better ship security

ABOARD THE USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT -

Once or twice a month, sailors aboard this carrier take a break from launching fighter jets toward Afghanistan to fire shotguns, assault rifles and automatic pistols off the ship's fantail.

From young sailors experiencing their first taste of life at sea to tattooed veterans who have spent more than 10 years in the Navy, the USS Theodore Roosevelt's crew are being taught to handle weapons to shield themselves against intruders.

2000 attack on the USS Cole while it was refueling in the Yemeni port of Aden. Seventeen U.S. sailors were killed and 37 injured in the attack blamed on Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network, also the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Banks plan to compensate Holocaust survivors

NEW YORK - Nearly 100 Holocaust survivors who were turned away at the Swiss border or abused after being admitted into the country will soon receive

up to \$2,500 from Swiss banks.

Payments were sent out Monday to 95 survivors from the \$1.25 billion Swiss bank settlement approved last year by U.S. District Judge Edward Korman.

Gideon Taylor, executive vice president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, said 15 survivors who were denied entry to or expelled from Switzerland will receive \$2,500 each, while 80 who were admitted to Switzerland but mistreated there will receive \$500 each.

"The small sums of money that

are being paid today will not compensate them in any meaningful way," Taylor said. "What it will do is recognize - recognize their suffering, recognize what happened to them, recognize what injustice was."

Bush shares poem, cookies with Muslim children

WASHINGTON - President Bush celebrated Eid al-Fitr on Monday, inviting two dozen Muslim children to the White House for holiday cookies and a poem.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Police probe death of Jerome woman

JEROME - Investigators Monday were looking into the circumstances surrounding the death of a 65-year-old woman whose body was found Sunday in her home, a police sergeant said.

Phillis Jones had apparently been dead for quite some time when a she was found in her bed that afternoon by a concerned neighbor, said Jerome police Sgt. Dan Chatterton.

Jones lived alone and required regular home health care for chronic illness, Chatterton said. Allegations that Jones had been poorly treated by a certain person or people had prompted earlier investigations by the police and adult protection services, Chatterton said.

But as of late Monday, no charges had been filed in connection with Jones' death, he said. Investigators had not determined whether her death could be ruled accidental or the result of negligence or foul play, he said.

An autopsy had been performed on Jones' body, but investigators were still waiting on toxicology reports to determine the precise cause of her death, Chatterton said.

Blaze destroys house south of Hansen

HANSEN - A 7 a.m. fire Monday south of Hansen destroyed a home converted into apartments for farm employees, the Rock Creek Fire Department reported.

Firefighters are looking at electrical wiring that ran through the ceiling as the potential source of the fire, Fire Chief Burl Duncan said. The fire burned the ceiling and attic, collapsing the roof, he said. It caused an estimated \$100,000 in damage. No one was injured.

The house belonged to Cummins Farms, said firefighter Dee Hunsaker, who is investigating the fire. One farm employee was living in the house for the winter and had just gotten up when he smelled smoke, Hunsaker said.

The house was south of Hansen off of U.S. Highway 30.

Hospital Board will sign agreements

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Hospital Board will hold a special meeting today to sign agreements on the purchase of the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.

The meeting begins at noon at the Creekside Restaurant, 233 Fifth Ave. S.

Magic Valley Regional's Hospital Board recently approved the completion of documents to finish the purchase of the clinic. The price tag for the clinic's inpatient and outpatient services, along with the building, equipment, supplies and inventory, is \$16.1 million.

To finance the purchase, the Hospital Board approved the formation of a separate not-for-profit company called Magic Valley Healthcare Systems Inc. that will issue bonds in the amount of \$12,295,000. The remaining \$3,815,000 will be transferred from Magic Valley Regional's reserve accounts to Magic Valley Healthcare Systems Inc. The bonds are not general obligation bonds, meaning they may only be paid from hospital revenues. Twin Falls County assumes no liability or additional debt because of the purchase, said Hospital Board Chairwoman Vesta Maughan.

Compiled from staff reports

Group gives away gun locks

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Kerry McDonnell hoped that by the time he left Twin Falls Monday, at least some of the Magic Valley's firearms would be safer.

The Magic Valley Mall was one of his stops during his part of the nationwide "Project Homesafe" tour, aimed at distributing 3 million cable-style gun locks in the United States - including about 25,000 in Idaho.

The project is the biggest gun lock giveaway yet, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation, to which McDonnell belongs and is the main booster of the tour. The project is also endorsed by Idaho Lt. Gov. Jack Riggs and several Idaho law enforcement agencies, according to the NSSF.

As of late Monday, McDonnell said he'd given away about 120 locks to people who

Using a cable-style gun lock:

Autoloading pistols: With the slide locked back and the magazine removed, insert the cable through the ejection port and out the magazine well. Reverse: With the cylinder open, insert the cable through the barrel, through an empty cylinder chamber or through the frame.

Autoloading or pump-action shotguns: With the bolt in the locked open position, put the cable through the ejection port and out the loading port.

Bolt-action rifles and shotguns: Open the action - set the bolt lock if the weapon has one - and remove the magazine. Insert the cable through

the ejection port and out the magazine well. Cable locks can also be placed around break-action or lever-action weapons to help keep the actions from being closed completely.

Project Homesafe's next stops in Idaho are today at the Pine Ridge Mall at 4155 Yellowstone Ave. in Pocatello; Wednesday at the Grand Teton Mall at 2300 E. 17th Street in Idaho Falls; and Thursday in Albertson's at 4290 N. Second E. in Rexburg.

Source: National Shooting Sports Foundation
To find out more about the NSSF, visit the group's Web site at www.nssf.org

are one of the best tools for preventing children from being accidentally wounded or killed by firearms, McDonnell said. The NSSF is pushing the gun locks along with comprehensive firearms safety training in an effort to cut down on accidents involving privately owned guns, he said.

It's also imperative for parents to keep guns locked up in safes, or in storage rooms and to keep ammunition inaccessible to children, he said.

There's no substitute for vigilant parents, he said.

"A lot of the older people who are stopping by are saying, 'We never had this sort of thing when we were kids, because we were taught about guns and gun safety,'" he said. "And they are right - education is something that is lacking these days."

MAKING THE MOST OF WINTER



Diane Walker of Halley puts some of the 60-plus inches of snow Halley has gotten over the past few weeks to good use Monday, building a sun, a moon and Old Man Winter out of slush. "It's therapy for me," said Walker, who has participated twice in the ice sculpture contest at the McCall Winter Carnival.

Simplot reconsiders food bonus elimination

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - Complaints about workers not receiving a holiday turkey or ham led to a Monday meeting of Simplot managers, employees and union representatives.

News reporter last week, expressing their unhappiness with Hauber's announcement that the turkey and ham giveaway would not occur.

A request from Simplot headquarters that plant personnel find ways to control spending.

Some employees drafted an anonymous letter to Simplot officials questioning the change in practice of the food distribution, the bonuses for salaried employees and the donations to charities, which were made on behalf of employees.

Grant funds tutoring program for M-C opportunity center

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center students will soon be serving as tutors for elementary students.

Superintendent Nick Hallett said a bomb threat in September and other emergencies have caused the district to consider revising the cell phone policy. The district has kept cell phones to a minimum for financial reasons, Hallett said, relying on radio or regular phone communications in emergencies.

Cassia prepares to implement codes

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - An independent agency has offered to pay for the training of the Cassia County building inspector if the county adopts international building and energy codes.

average additional cost for a three-bedroom home to comply with the codes is \$700, Ottens said. Most of the houses built in the county already comply with the codes, and families recoup the additional expenses in three or four years by reduced utility bills, she said.

In other business, commissioners signed their decision in the Frenchman's Island zoning appeal. The decision allows the aircraft to continue on the island.

A bill, which is virtually unopposed in the Idaho Legislature, would mandate compliance by counties with national codes. Legislators are expected to debate that bill when they convene in January, Terri Ottens, executive director of the Idaho Association of Building Officials, told Cassia County commissioners Monday.

The building officials association offers building inspector training and permit tracking software as incentives for local governments to adopt the codes. Although the codes are expected to become mandatory for all local governments next year, Ottens said there is money to implement the system in two more communities.

"The facility looks good," Commissioner Paul Christensen said. Commissioners also granted a request for \$4,909 to buy eight radios for 911 emergency response.

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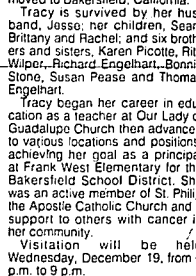
DIETRICH



Bertha Lucille Bybee Stimpson

Bertha Lucille Bybee Stimpson - born to Robert Oscar Bybee and Mary Elizabeth Goodwin in Uintah, Utah on March 8, 1908, the 3rd child and 1st daughter of 10 children, died of natural causes on December 15, 2001, at the home of her grandson (F. Lynn Stimpson) where she had been being cared for, for the past three and half years.

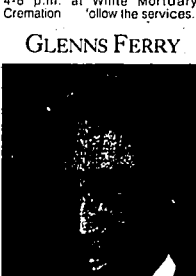
WENDELL



Nadine Tracy

Nadine Tracy, 73, of Gooding and formerly of Wendell, died Saturday, December 15, 2001, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding.

GLENN'S FERRY



George Anthony Larsen

George Anthony Larsen, 86, of Glens Ferry, passed away Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, with his family by his side.

Bert grew up in Uintah attending church and school from birth through eighth grade. High school was attended in Riverville, Utah, while living and caring for her aunt where she also met her future husband, Fred Morrison. They were later married on June 23, 1925. Their marriage was solemnized a year later in the Salt Lake City, Utah, Temple. Bertha and Francis spent the first 11 years of their married life in Riverville, Utah, where their three sons were born, (Don, Veral and Oscar).

Nadine was born on September 23, 1928, in Shoshone, Idaho, the daughter of Harmon and Lenora Thomason. She was raised and educated in Shoshone.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2001, at the VFW Hall in Glens Ferry, Burial will follow at Glenn's Ferry Cemetery.

Bert loved to cook and work in her garden and be with her family whenever time would allow them to get together. Bert loved to dance and was often seen on the dance floor in her early years. Bert was blessed and proud to be a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served in various church positions. Bert is very proud of her posterity, and has said, "I hope I live long enough to observe many more births, and hope I will have time to always be." Bert you did, and we will miss you, you cutie.

Nadine married Wesley Wayne Tracy on August 19, 1950, in Gooding. They made their home in Wendell.

He was the oldest of two sons and grew up in Twin Falls, Buhl and Glens Ferry, Idaho. He attended school in Glens Ferry most of his life.

Bert is survived by two sisters, Elmer Rollins and Verna Rollins both of Mountain View; one son, John Oscar Stimpson of Dietrich, Idaho, 20 grandchildren; 74 great-grandchildren; and 38 great-great-grandchildren.

Nadine is survived by: her sons, Gary (Jana) Tracy and Tim (Laura) Tracy, all of Gooding; her daughters, Cheryl (Bret) Bridwell of Jerome and Lorrie Huber of Gooding; her brothers, Marvin Thomason, Jasper (Nan) Thomason, Larry (Bonnie) Thomason and Tom (Jackie) Lakey; her grandchildren, Dawn Marie (Shon) Lundstrom, Brandy (Ana) Tracy, Mandi Tracy, Gena Tracy, Josh Bridwell, Kerslyn Tracy, Nathan Tracy, Mike Bridwell, Clint Tracy, Levi Bridwell, B.J. Huber, Justin Tracy, Chad Huber, Heather Oschner and Tom Oschner; and her great-grandchildren, Taylor and Storm Lundstrom, Brady Tracy, Bailey Rose Pearson and Shayla Oschner.

George raised and showed Hereford cattle for many years until he decided to raise Suffolk for his grandchild to use as 4-H projects. He eventually had 4-H and FFA boys and girls showing his sheep in Carnas, Gooding, Elmore, Canyon, Ada and Owyhee Counties, producing many champions. He will always be remembered for his quality lambs and helping others when there was a need.

TWIN FALLS

Merle L. Kiser, 58, of Twin Falls, passed away Saturday, December 15, 2001, at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise.

Merle was born January 23, 1943, in Kansas, the son of Fred and Ethel Strickland Kiser. Merle served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed camp, hunting, fishing, traveling and Cowboy poetry. Merle was a gifted handyman and carpenter.

George was also active in the community by serving on the Elmore County Selective Service Board, King Hill Irrigation, Glens Ferry City Council and the Elmore County Fair Board for many years.

George is survived by his wife of 66 years, Maxine; his two daughters, Georgia Lee (Dick) Anderson and Elvena (Ron) Minic, all of Glens Ferry; eleven grandchildren, Mark, Rusty, Amy, Angie and Kerri Anderson, Tony, Gena, Julie, Julie, Jill and Tim Willis; 28 great-grandchildren; his brother Glen (Irene) Larson of Glens Ferry; his sister Selzer Ann (Ed) Clements of Boise; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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MADGE Snelson

TIGARD, Ore. - Madge Snelson, 100, of Wilsonville, Ore., died Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, in Tigard, Ore.

TRACY LOUISE PONCA

Tracy Louise Ponca - Recitation of the rosary will be held at Greenlawn Southwest Memorial Chapel, Wednesday, December 19, at 2 p.m., and a Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Philip the Apostle Church, 7100 Stockdale Hwy., Thursday, December 20, at 10 a.m. for Tracy Louise Ponca.

Funeral services for Merle will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 20, 2001, at White Mortuary. Military rites will be conducted by area veterans' and auxiliary. Viewing will be held on

the memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001, at 2 p.m. at Demary's Wendell Chapel with the Rev. Michael Hollomon officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Funeral Service.

Article on mining town leaves its residents miffed

RENO, Nev. (AP) - The outcry over a national magazine article dubbing Battle Mountain the "armip of America" cost a local newspaper editor her job and stunned the article's author, who insists he's fond of the rural Nevada mining town.

Lorrie Baumann, former editor of the Battle Mountain Bugle, said she was fired after local merchants were outraged over her cooperation with The Washington Post Magazine threatened to pull advertising from the twice-weekly, 1,700-circulation newspaper.

newfound respect for the resourcefulness of the townspeople, their local pride and dedication to their children. "I've been going about this all wrong," Weingarten wrote toward the end. "This isn't about architecture, roads, weather, cultural opportunities... It's amazing what you can discover when you start to look in the right places."

"I lost my job because of this," Baumann told The Associated Press last week. Baumann said she wouldn't say more until she meets with a lawyer.

Residents were upset by comments attributed to Baumann in the magazine's Dec. 2 humor piece, which she generally agreed with the unflattering label of the rural northeast Nevada mining town of about 5,000.

"Why not the worst? We promised to find the armip of America. Turns out it's only about five inches from the heart." It's the path Weingarten took to get there that upset the locals, ridiculing the town's big white letters on a mountainside, "BM," and its annual man-mule race, not to mention the local brothel.

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"This is a very hurtful article," Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., told the Elko Daily Free Press. "Think how this makes the kids who are going to school there feel."

But on the course of the 6,000-word article, Weingarten appeared to undergo a transformation in which she closes with

"Sounds about right," she said in the article written by Gene Weingarten. "I think a quick five or six word response will answer any questions that might be lingering in your mind."

Bugle Publisher Lee Denmark, a desolate, backward community inhabited largely by Hicks and lacking any real history, culture or entertainment beyond drinking and gambling.

"The cover says, 'Nowheresville USA' and 'Worst Place in America' and Weingarten explains how Battle Mountain beat out places like East St. Louis, Ill., Elizabeth, N.J., Branson, Mo., Fargo, N.D., and Scranton, Pa.

Ex-justice rejects closure explanation

BOISE, Idaho (AP) - Former Supreme Court Justice Robert Hunsley on Monday rejected the local highway district's legal explanation for allowing the state to close streets north and south of the Capitol as a precaution following the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the East Coast.

to conduct a public hearing and weigh the pros and cons of the closure.

days. Six weeks of negotiation ended with the closures authorized for 13 months.

Hunsley urged the Ada County Highway District to hold the required public hearing, determine the specifics of the alleged emergency and potential threat that the Kempthorne administration has cited for seeking the street closure and then formally approve or reject the closure.

Hunsley demanded the legal justification for the street closures last week and was advised by the highway district's director that the subjects were temporarily closed under a licensing agreement, signed by the state, which is in effect until the end of 2002.

Temporary emergency closure under the Idaho Disaster Preparedness Act, Hunsley said, requires a formal disaster or emergency proclamation, which the governor has not issued, and is limited to a maximum of 60 days, not 13 months.

"There are a number of Boise businesses being adversely affected by this closure," the unsuccessful 1998 Democratic challenger to GOP Gov. Dirk Kempthorne wrote the district commissioners.

"At the same time, the state removed the barriers closing off West Jefferson Street south of the Capitol, reopening it to traffic. But State Street north of the building remained closed."

He also pointed out that no state or federal authority has provided any evidence of a threat to the Statehouse, the state or anyone in the state as a result of the Sept. 11 attacks that would justify abandonment, permanently or temporarily.

SERVICES

Amy Louise Knapp Dadds of Twin Falls and formerly of Kimberly, graveside service at 10 a.m. today at the Twin Falls Sunset Memorial Park (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

ial will be at the Shoshone Cemetery; family and friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time today at the church (Demary's Funeral Chapel).

at the Filer Middle School auditorium; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Florence Boyd of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at Whit Mortuary Chapel; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Glenn Rae Grant of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church, Twin Falls; family will greet friends from 1 p.m. until service time at the church; burial will be at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Farke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Ray Anker Anderson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Dec. 29 at First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Richard McCowan of Lewiston and formerly of Boise and Dietrich, service at 11 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Dietrich; bur-

Eric Leigh Hesselholt Parks of Filer, service at 1 p.m. Friday

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DEATH NOTICES

Myrna E. Loken HAGERMAN - Myrna E. Loken, 90, of Hagerman died Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, at the Sunbridge Care and Rehab of Twin Falls.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, 2001, at Demary's Gooding Chapel. A private graveside service will be held at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. No public viewing is scheduled.

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Madge Snelson TIGARD, Ore. - Madge Snelson, 100, of Wilsonville, Ore., died Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, in Tigard, Ore.

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Rebecca A. Adams GOODING - Rebecca A. Adams, 96, of Gooding died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2001, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and

Memorial contributions may be made to the Twin Falls County Humane Society. Cornwall Colonial Chapel in Wilsonville, Ore., is in charge of the arrangements.

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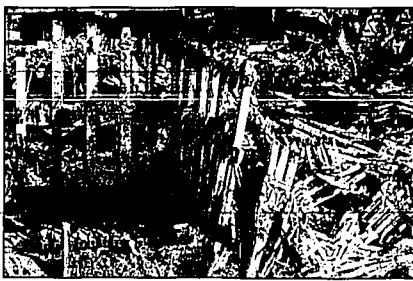
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NATION



Ironworkers cut through the base of the last prominent remaining piece of the World Trade Center in New York Saturday. The 50-foot tall piece of the facade will be saved for possible use in a memorial to the dead at the World Trade Center site.

Process of planning a memorial begins

NEW YORK (AP) — With the last standing piece of the twin towers taken down for possible use in a memorial, city officials and families are beginning the difficult process of deciding what sort of monument to the dead should be built at the World Trade Center site.

"The discussion is going to be contentious — and it should be," said Edward Lintelhal, a University of Wisconsin professor and author of "The Unfinished Bombing: Oklahoma City in American Memory." Lintelhal is offering early advice to New York planners.

Complex and volatile issues await.

Who would be the focus of a memorial? Would the rescue workers who raced into the trade center be given special recognition, or would that diminish the lives of the civilians who died?

Later, President Bush said the familiar pieces of facade, which have become iconic images to people nationwide, be

part of the design, or has too much emphasis been placed too soon on a specific concept?

Will a memorial share the 16-acre trade center site with newly erected commercial buildings? And who will be in charge of making these decisions?

Jennie Farrell, founder of Give Your Voice, which represents the families of civilian victims, said she and other relatives expect to meet with city officials this week to discuss the planning process.

"A lot of people have very strong feelings as to how and what should be done. I think that the people in charge need to listen to those who lost someone they loved very much," said Farrell, whose 26-year-old brother died in the attack.

In Oklahoma City, it took several months for memorial committees to be formed (there were 10 of them), two years for a design to be completed and five years for the memorial to be finished.

Army says lab isn't necessarily source of Capitol Hill anthrax

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anthrax spores that contaminated U.S. mail in October were apparently produced in the United States, the White House said Monday.

Press secretary Ari Fleischer said the evidence is not conclusive but it is increasingly "looking like it was a domestic source."

He said officials still did not know who delivered the anthrax.

Later, President Bush said the government is mystified by the case.

"We're still looking on that. We've all got different feelings about it. We're gathering as much information. As soon as we make definitive conclusions we'll share it with the American people," he said.

Army officials are doubtful that potentially deadly anthrax in letters mailed to Congress originated at a military medical research center, even though spores in both places were a genetic match.

The U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases obtained its supply from the Agriculture Department and shared it with five labs in the United States, Canada and Britain, spokesman Chuck Dasey said Sunday.


He was reacting to a report in The Washington Post that the genetic makeup of the anthrax used in the letters mailed to

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., matched the anthrax in the Army's stockpile.

"You can't say it all came from USAMRIID. We got it from another lab in the first place and so presumably USAMRIID is not the only lab that got it from the Department of Agriculture."

On Capitol Hill, meanwhile, technicians worked Monday to pump chlorine dioxide gas into portions of the ventilation system of the Hart Senate Office Building to kill anthrax spores still lingering there.

Happy 40th Birthday Ron Wales



Remember the days when I was in beauty school and you still had hair!!!!

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Walker might meet standards of treason

WASHINGTON (AP) — Could a case for treason be made against John Walker, the American Taliban? The legal record suggests "maybe."

Would U.S. authorities want to make such a case? The historical record — barely 30 cases in 225 years — pronounces a firm "no."

The last person convicted of treason was Tomoya Kawakita, a Japanese-American sentenced to death in 1952 for tormenting American prisoners of war during World War II. Even such a clear-cut case created qualms; President Eisenhower commuted Kawakita's sentence to life imprisonment.

Walker could argue that Congress has not formally declared war, although that would likely fail, said Sean Murphy, a law professor at George Washington University.

U.S. authorities, who say Walker is now being helpful, have not announced their plans for the 29-year-old former Fairfax, Calif., resident. On Friday, he was bearing his AK-47 rifle on the side of the Taliban.

Proving whether that constituted "levying war" is another story. Walker joined the Taliban in March, before anyone had any idea the sides would be at war. He could argue that to desert after Sept. 11 would have guaranteed his death.

base in southern Afghanistan to a Navy ship in the Arabian Sea. He's not about to walk away, though.

"History has not looked kindly upon those who have forsaken their countries to go and fight against their countries," Attorney General John Ashcroft told senators last week.

Robert Turner, a law professor at the University of Virginia, said a likelier charge would be to link Walker to the killing of a federal official. Walker was being interrogated by CIA officer Mike Spann just minutes before Spann was killed during a prison uprising in which Walker was shot in the leg.

"The government would have a case, but Walker's not a good candidate for treason," Turner said. "You use it for important players, not foot soldiers."

There is no shortage of Americans who have taken up arms for the other side, from the

Revolution through the last century's world wars and the Cold War. But the reluctance to try people for their political beliefs, however obnoxious, is a mainstay.

"An offense that is inherently political has always been in deep tension with our founding principles of political freedom," said Peter Spiro of New York's Hofstra Law School.

The framers of the Constitution crafted the narrowest definition of treason known until that time because they sought to protect Americans from the blunt instrument that European rulers had used against political enemies.



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LINCOLN EINSTEINS



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Lincoln Elementary students in Twin Falls earned the Einstein Award by passing grade level requirements in math, the 50 In One Minute Program. Award winners for September and October are, from left, top row: Tony Saldivar, Zelman Tomasovic, Victoria Pamparau, Justin Schoer, Jason Godina, Nichole Montano, Cody Ottersberg, Halley Heck, Taylor Spaulding, Gabriel Lopez Perez and Julian Guzman; middle row: Dylan Nielsen, Madeline Young, Tony Cuellar, Noah Boggess, Kevin Brown, Kennedy Bell, Ashleigh Michaud, Crista Aburto, Elizabeth Laldig, Megan Marovich and Terecitta Estrada; bottom row: Juan Trevino, Chase Smith, Caleb Faulkner, Brook Petterson, Karley Wilkins, Zehilda Somic, Harley Trout, Hannah Bledenbach and Abby Bledenbach.

SENDING HELP TO NEW YORK



Photo courtesy of Twin Falls School District

Twin Falls O'Leary Junior High students in Tami Mathke and Julie Davis' prime time class collected money to purchase gloves, masks and goggles to send to New York City to help with the disaster cleanup. Student proudly display their gratitude to D&B Supply for its support in this project.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Buttons 'N Bows gather for Saturday dance

EDEN - The Buttons 'N Bows is having a dance on Saturday at Anderson Camp. The club will furnish the meat and rolls and the members are ask to bring a side dish to compliment. The dinner will start at 7 p.m. and the dance will start after the meal. The dance will be an all-singing club dance. For more information call 324-3080

Times-News invites greetings to armed forces

TWIN FALLS - This holiday season, The Times-News is helping Magic Valley residents send cheer to members of the U.S. military. As a free public service, The Times-News offers "Holiday Home Front Greetings." Area residents can send season's greetings to members of the armed forces, and military personnel can send greetings back home. The greetings will appear on the newspaper's Web site, www.magicvalley.com. A greeting can be sent to a specific person or unit, or to the armed forces in general. Just call up the Web site, scroll down and click on the "Holiday Home Front Greetings" icon. Then click on "Greetings to Armed Forces Personnel."

If you don't have Internet access, you can mail your greeting to "Holiday Home Front Greetings," The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, and we'll post it online for you. Military personnel can send greetings home via the same Web site. Greetings will be accepted until New Year's Day. For more information on Holiday Home Front Greetings, call Community Editor Pat Marcantonio at 735-3288.

Defense Dept. offers e-mail messages to service people

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Idaho Congressman C.L. "Butch" Otter and Mike Simpson, authors of H. Res. 284, "Operation Enduring Support," are encouraging Idahoans to support American servicemen and women overseas by sending them e-mail messages during the holiday season through the U.S. Department of Defense "Any Service Member" program. The program was originally designed for regular mail but has been updated for electronic capabilities due to security concerns. Otter and Simpson encourage Idahoans to log-on to the program

at the Navy LIFELines Services Network at <http://www.LIFELines2000.org> or <http://AnyServiceMember.Navy.mil>. The programs can also be accessed through links at both the Otter and Simpson Web sites. Those who want to send a message of support or holiday greeting to military service members will find a simple process for delivering messages at these sites. The "Any Service Member" program allows participants to select from one of all branches of the military.

To receive a message of support, service members will log onto the Web site and choose messages for their branch of Service and home state. Those sending a message who wish to receive a response may include a return e-mail address. Since all messages are viewed on the Web, the military's regular e-mail service is not affected.

"Operation Enduring Support" was initiated by Otter and Simpson on Nov. 16 and encourages governors, county organizations, American Legion members, Veterans of Foreign Wars, other local entities and citizens to support "Operation Enduring Freedom," the war against terrorism, through various activities in all 50 states, their offices say.

CSI schedules astronomy course for science majors

TWIN FALLS - Physical science and engineering students with an interest in astronomy are invited to register for Astronomy for Science Majors at the College of Southern Idaho. The class will be held at 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning Jan. 23.

Faulkner Planetarium Production Specialist Chris Anderson will teach the class, which is offered for the first time at CSI. The first part will be a math review to ensure students have the necessary skills to complete the class. Anderson recommends students be proficient in all the high school math elements including algebra, plane geometry, exponents, logarithms and exponential notation. The lab session and fewer topics covered in more depth distinguish this class from the general astronomy course. Topics covered will include sky aspects and motions, history of astronomy, solar system constituents and origins and practical astronomy. A proposed second semester of the class would include stars, stellar evolution, galaxies, cosmology and search for life in the universe. For information, call Chris Anderson at 733-9554, Ext. 2663

or by e-mail at canderson@csi.edu.

DAV Auxiliary welcomes people to kick up heels

TWIN FALLS - The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a dance at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls. Archie Turner will provide the music.

Harambee Club, MVRs hold Christmas open house

TWIN FALLS - The Harambee Club Inc. and Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services will hold a Christmas open house from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the Harambee Club, 420 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls. The public is invited.

Harambee operates a program for mental health consumers in south central Idaho where people with severe and persistent psychiatric disorders can give and receive emotional and social acceptance regardless of the degree of impairment or level of functioning, the club reports.

Magic Valley Rehabilitation has been providing evaluation, training, employment and personal development services to people with disabilities in the region since 1973.

When the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare advised the Harambee Club that financial and personnel support of the organization would be discontinued, Magic Valley Rehabilitation consulted with Harambee to assist the members to determine if they wanted to continue and how to secure the revenues necessary to fund club activities, the organizations say. Since November, Magic Valley Rehabilitation has been providing psychosocial rehabilitation services for club members as well as management, financial, fund raising and board of director support.

Red Cross sets instructor class in first aid, CPR

TWIN FALLS - The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho will offer an instructor class in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillation from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 1139 Falls Ave. E., Suite B, Twin Falls.

The class trains instructor candidates to teach standard first aid, adult CPR, infant CPR, child CPR and automated external defibrillation. The American Red Cross first aid and CPR training courses meet OSHA-identified first-aid guidelines. For more information, call 733-6464.

Magic Valley Bridge names winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced weekly winners.

Winners for Nov. 26 were: first, Mike Mitchell and Sam Smutny; second, Steve Hale and Veeta Roberts; third, Ilse Hylton and Doris Watts; and fourth, Doris Finney and Sidonia DiCostanzo.

Winners for Nov. 27 for north/south were: first, Joyce Astorquia and Betty Frantz; second, Veeta Roberts and Matt Smith; and tied for third, Betty Grant with Polly Mulliner and Al and Frances Anglin. Winners for east/west were: first, Madeline Sawaya and Mary Ann Siegle; second, Ilse Hylton and Bud Povey; and third, Doris Finney and Joyce Johnston.

Winners for Nov. 28 for north/south were: first, Linda Fix and Ruby Grimes; second, Riley Burton and Mary Kienlen; and third, Renee Bulcher and Ada Burgess. Winners for east/west were: first, Herb Burgess and Jan Fitzhugh; second, Jessie Lingnaw and Sam Smutny; and third, Patti Cooper and Polly Mulliner.

Winners for Dec. 1 were: first, Joyce Astorquia and Jessie

Lingnaw; second, Renee Bulcher and Emma Lou Ross; third, Riley Burton and Harold Bulcher; and fourth, Herb Burgess and Tom Schmidt.

Winners for Dec. 3 were: first, Sidonia DiCostanzo and Doris Finney; second, Carole Burgess and Susan Morris; and third, Steve Hale and Mike Mitchell.

Winners for Dec. 4 for north/south were: first, Joye Astorquia and Betty Frantz; and tied for second, Betty Grant with Polly Mulliner, Dotie Miller with Mary Lee Pfeifferle and Doris Finney and Joyce Johnston. Winners for east/west were: first, Madeline Sawaya and Sam Smutny; second, Enid Cook and Doris Watts; third, Mary Ann Siegel and Lee Woods; and flight B, Noreen Cregan and Ruby Grimes.

Winners for the club championship on Dec. 5 for north/south were: first, Ada Burgess and Mary Kienlen; second, Joyce Astorquia and Jessie Lingnaw; and third, Herb Burgess and Riley Burton. Flight B winners were: first, Al and Frances Anglin; and second, Linda Fix and Edna Pierson. Winners for east/west

were: first, Evelyn Meyer and Polly Mulliner; second, Patti Cooper and Sue Skinner; third, Harold Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll; and flight B, Elaine Bowen and Ruth Skeem.

Winners for the club championship on Dec. 6 were: first, Renee Bulcher and Max Thompson; second, Evelyn Meyer and Sam Smutny; and third, Don and Ruth Rahn. Flight B winners were: first, Steve Hale and Marjorie Rainbolt; and second, Enid Cook and Doris Watts.

Winners for the club championship on Dec. 8 for north/south were: tied for first, Howard and Mary Tucker with Joyce Astorquia and Betty Frantz; and third, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey. Winners for east/west were: first, Fran Maughan and Max Thompson; second, Nathan and Kay Higer; and third, Doris Finney and Sam Smutny.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls.

Refreshments are served. For a partner, call 324-2000.

IT'S THE EVE before New Year's and all over the place parents are smiling, with a grin on their face.

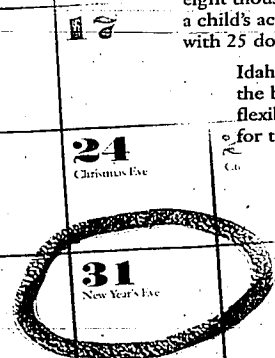
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Kimberly High School junior class officers are, from left, front: Jenny Reese; middle: Krista Vawser, treasurer; and Codi Barber, secretary; back: Erin Kincald, tribuna; Brad Butler, vice president; and Kara Soderquist, class representative.

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MORNING BREAK

Puppy grows up to get dumped

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter concerning the cruelty of abandoning pets. The following is a true story of what can happen:

My sister-in-law's family acquired a darling black-and-white fuzzy puppy who grew into a big, shaggy mess. I'm sorry to say the poor-dog-was-taken-to-the-country-and-dumped-by-the-side-of-the-road. Our little niece loved that dog and mourned for her "Bootsie" for some time. Several months later, my sister-in-law overheard her daughter on the front porch asking excitedly, "Bootsie! Where have you been all this time?" Yes, it took a few months, but Bootsie found his way back home. I like to think my sister-in-law and her husband learned their lesson.

The kindest thing you can do for a pet you can no longer keep is to take it to your local humane society or animal shelter. In this case, Bootsie beat the odds — many pets don't. Dumping an animal at the side of the road is almost always a sure and painful death.

-AUNT IN SONOMA, CALIF.
DEAR AUNT: Dumping animals is also against the law in the state of California. Please inform your sister-in-law. It could mean the difference between life and death for Bootsie, should the parents repeat their "solution" for getting rid of Bootsie. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for the letter from "Pet Lover in



DEAR ABBY
 Abigail VanBuren

shelter. In the meantime, the owner goes merrily on, without remorse or regret.

Your readers may be pleased to know about S.B. 237, which became law in California in September 2001 and provides for road signs to be placed at the state line on all major highways entering California, warning of the misdemeanor and penalty of up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine for abandoning any animal — including reptiles and exotic animals.

S.B. 237 also provides that this information will be printed in the California Department of Motor Vehicles "Handbook for Drivers" in five languages (English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese and Tagalog) and will be included as a question in at least 20 percent of California drivers' tests.

We hope that S.B. 237 will serve as model legislation for other states; and, as sponsor of the bill, I would be pleased to work with anyone who wants to pass similar legislation.

PHYLLIS M. DAUGHTERY, DIRECTOR, ANIMAL ISSUES MOVEMENT, LOS ANGELES
DEAR PHYLLIS: My heartfelt congratulations for a job well done, one that's just beginning. Thank you very much for your letter and for offering to help animal activists nationwide to draft similar legislation in the other 49 states. Although it may be difficult to enforce, I hope it serves as a deterrent.

Readers interested in more information should write the Animal Issues Movement, 420 N. Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, CA 90025, or write via e-mail to animalssu@aol.com.

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Cancer: Take a chance on romance

IF DECEMBER 18TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are passionate in beliefs and in love. You don't do things halfway; for you it is all or nothing. Aries, Libra individuals play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: I, R. Much introspection next year; meditation will provide answers from within. In early and October of 2002 will be your most romantic, profitable months.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): What begins as setback will boomerang in your favor. Eleventh House Moon equates to winning friends and influencing people. You will be lucky by sticking with number 7.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): What was lost 24 hours ago will be retrieved. You will have more responsibility. Relationship is more serious than anticipated. don't break hearts! Capricorn involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be capable of "forecasting your future." Don't be held back by those who lack talent, faith. Message from foreign country will figure prominently. Aries represented.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make fresh start; emphasis on original thinking. Love spark reignites, take chance on romance. Project begun at this time will succeed. Leo plays dramatic role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Share limelight with family member. Make decision concerning direction, motivation. Avoid going over budget if possible. Capricorn plays dominating role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Find ways of entertaining co-workers who promote your cause. Accent project that could bring joy to

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Sydney Omarr

many; in process, you could invent a game. Sagittarian figures prominently.

SARAA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): What had been rejected could now be accepted; rewriting and rebuilding will be necessary. Be conscious of safety measures; working tools should be tested. Scorpio is in picture.

SABRINO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check Libra message for additional information. Keep options open. Scenario will feature change, travel and variety of experiences. Exciting events will occur at home.

SACTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make intelligent concessions to family without abandoning principles. You will be living in comfortable quarters. Marital status will be highlighted. Taurus involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Money you lost will be returned; thank your lucky stars! Define terms, perceive relationships in realistic light. Someone wants to fool you; don't give him or her the satisfaction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Lunar cycle high. You will be at right place at crucial moment. Take initiative, make appointments so see people important in your life. Avoid heavy lifting. Speak from the heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You gain added recognition by finishing long-standing project. Dramatic reunion with loved one featured. Find representative for product in foreign nation. Aries plays role.

An alligator's tongue slides back to act as throat valve

Q. How come you never see an alligator's tongue?

A. Because the tongue slides back to act as a throat valve anytime an alligator opens its mouth. Q. Any truth to the old notion that long fingers denote artistic talent?

A. Evidently not: Researchers checked out the hands of numerous famous artists to find most had fairly short fingers that tapered toward the tips.

Dependable percentages aren't too plentiful in thoroughbred horse racing, but this one is dependable: Thirty-three percent of all thoroughbred races in the United States are won year after year by the favorites.

You may not be surprised to learn that "porcupine" comes from two Latin words meaning "big" and "thorn."
 All a cow has to do is inhale the odor of garlic for a few minutes to get a garlic flavor for milk.
 A woman, pound for pound, is about 1,000 times stronger than a man.
 According to some specialists,



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 L.M. Boyd

that new baby is typical, if it cries for one hour and fifty-three minutes a day. Maybe. Isn't that a bit long?

Q. What is the most common ground that men cite when they divorce their wives in Russia?
 A. "Loss of affection."

Q. Take people bitten by poisonous snakes — what proportion actually die?
 A. In the United States, three out of 100, about.

The locals in China customarily ask a stranger two questions to show their concern and good will: "Are you hungry?" And 2. "How old are you?" Great respecters of age, the Chinese. The older you are, the more deference you get.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Seattle company will build passenger ship

LEWISTON - Seattle-based American West Steamboat Co. will build a new sternwheeler next year that will begin passenger cruises between Portland and Idaho's only seaport in 2003.

The announcement of plans to build the \$50 million, 236-passenger Empress of the North comes just two months after rival cruise line, American Classic Voyages, suspended the Portland-Lewiston runs of its 160-passenger Columbia Queen sternwheeler because of a high level of cancellations following the East Coast terrorist attacks.

The company has filed for protection from creditors under federal bankruptcy laws pending reorganization and continued operating a boat on the Mississippi and Ohio rivers.

Cruise boats bring more than \$2 million a year in business to the Lewiston area.

The Empress of the North will join American West's 163-passenger Queen of the West sternwheeler, which has been operating between Portland and Lewiston since 2000.

The Empress will make about two dozen trips in spring, fall and winter, spending the summer cruising the Inside Passage of Canada and Alaska.

American West Vice President Joel Perry said the expansion had been under consideration for years and was not affected by the attacks on New York and Washington.

Cantor Fitzgerald CEO will chronicle firm's struggle

NEW YORK - Howard Lutnick, chairman of the bond firm Cantor Fitzgerald will write a book about his firm's struggle after the deaths of more than 600 employees in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

Lutnick said he will contribute all of his royalties to the Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund, established on Sept. 14 to provide financial assistance to the families of Cantor Fitzgerald victims.

"This book will stand as a testament to my friends and partners who were lost on Sept. 11, and it will help provide financial support for their families," he said in a statement Monday issued by HarperCollins, which will publish his book in the second half of 2002.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

The book, currently untitled, will be a collaboration between Lutnick and Thomas Barbash, a friend of Lutnick's who teaches creative writing at Stanford and San Francisco State University.

Lutnick, who lost a brother, Gary, in the attacks, was initially criticized for cutting off paychecks for the dead and missing. The firm has since paid \$45 million in bonuses to missing employees and has pledged to provide families with health benefits for the next 10 years.

Cantor Fitzgerald, which had offices on the 101st, 103rd, 104th and 105th floors of the north tower, suffered the devastating loss of 657 of its nearly 1,000 employees in the attacks.

Securities arm of bank agrees to pay restitution

NEW YORK - The securities arm of a New York bank agreed to pay a record \$606 million in restitution as it admitted in federal court Monday that it had conspired with an investment adviser to cover up huge losses that cost Japanese investors millions of dollars.

Lawyers for Republic New York Corp.'s securities subsidiary entered guilty pleas to two securities charges, including conspiracy, before Judge Richard Conway Casey.

The plea capped a deal discussed late Tuesday in a sealed proceeding, the judge said.

In its plea, the firm admitted that some of its employees overstated the value of assets in the accounts of Martin Armstrong, a New Jersey investment adviser awaiting trial on charges that he cheated Japanese investors out of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Compiled from wire reports

Agency rejects loan requests

Los Angeles Times

A federal program to provide emergency loans to small businesses whose revenues have been hurt by the terrorist attacks has come under fire from business owners who say it is too restrictive to offer widespread help.

In mid-October, the Small Business Administration took the unprecedented step of expanding its Sept. 11 loan program to include businesses around the country that can prove their economic woes stem from the attacks.

But since the expansion, the agency has rejected more applicants than it's approved - 443, or 58 percent, have been declined and 323 approved. Aid most businesses were turned down because they failed the direct-connection test.

"If you strictly limit it to businesses with

a very clear, direct impact, you just knock a whole lot of people out of the running,"

said Roberto Barragan, president of the Valley Economic Development Center, a small business-assistance group in Los Angeles that has helped several business owners apply for loans - none of whom has been approved.

Damon Dozier, director of government and public affairs for National Small Business United, said he thinks the SBA is doing a "wonderful job" but believes the loan program doesn't go far enough.

His organization and other business

groups are backing the American Small Business Emergency Relief and Recovery Act of 2001, introduced in

early October by Sens. John F. Kerry, D-Mass., and Christopher S. Bond, R-Mo.

Now stalled in the Senate, the measure would offer low-interest or no-cost recovery loans, venture capital incentives, the waiver of some loan fees and deferment of principal payments.

It also would apply to small businesses affected indirectly by the terrorist attacks. That would include suppliers and service providers in an industry complementary to any affect-

ed industry, especially finance, hospitality, travel and tourism.

"The SBA disaster-loan program is one of the government's biggest success stories," said Rep. Nydia M. Velazquez, D-N.Y., who has been pushing for passage of a small-business assistance package in the House.

"But the program was not designed to cope with this scale of demand. It has done everything it can do. It is time to confront a new reality and develop tools for a new era."

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., complained that the Kerry measure would relax lending rules, which could increase small-business loan defaults.

While the bill languishes in Washington, business owners who don't qualify for an SBA loan are wondering what to do.

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GOD AND GOLD



Randolph Nugent, the general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, stands in his office in New York Monday.

Market woes force churches to scale back

The Associated Press

When the stock market soared, the worldwide network of United Methodist missionaries thought big.

About \$3 million was to go for a hospital in Kazakhstan. Another \$2 million was budgeted for land mine removal, and money was also earmarked for helping U.S. convicts rebuild their lives. Then the market tumbled, and with it went the bounty from the missionary division's investments. The group has lost about \$21 million in 2001, forcing administrators to lay off 45 employees.

"Next year will be one of the worst," said Randolph Nugent, who manages the agency, called the Board of Global Ministries.

Other denominations also are

feeling squeezed by the recession these days. Money for good works, once plentiful in the 1990s, has been drying up.

Adding to the churches' woes is a steep increase in health insurance costs and a post-Sept. 11 drop in contributions, as the faithful have redirected their giving to victims of the terrorist attacks.

In Boston, that means the Roman Catholic archdiocese is scaling back some programs, though it won't say which ones. Beth Boston and the Erie, Pa., diocese have imposed hiring freezes.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) expects a deficit of about \$2.5 million in its \$136 million budget next year.

Beyond the recession, that

denomination is losing money because of a fierce debate over whether to repeal a ban on gay clergy. Some conservative congregations are withholding payment to headquarters while the issue remains unresolved, though no numbers have been released.

Brad Hewitt, chief administrative officer of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, among the few faiths not facing losses, met last week with financial administrators from other large, Christian denominations.

"I would describe the mood as concerned, not alarmed - more of a wait-and-see attitude," Hewitt said. "Although, I would say that a few of them, if their numbers were as bad as they sounded, would have to take some layoffs."

The Presbyterians, to address

their shortfall, plan to cut up to 15 jobs and reduce administrative expenses, said Joey Bailey, the denomination's chief financial officer. A Presbyterian foundation that manages denominational assets has already eliminated 20 positions due to losses in the stock market.

In Erie, the troubles for Catholic Bishop Donald Troutman began more than a year ago, when factories started shutting down in his blue-collar city. About 3,000 jobs will be gone by next year.

Some of the unemployed have moved away, leaving collection plates a little lighter on Sundays. At the same time, health insurance costs for the diocese's 109 employees rose by 14 percent.

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Media giant will buy USA Networks' assets

The Associated Press

PARIS - Vivendi Universal is buying the entertainment assets of USA Networks Inc. in a \$10.3 billion deal to improve distribution of the French media giant's music and movies in the United States.

The deal announced Monday is the latest chapter in Vivendi's remarkable transformation in just a few years from a water utility into a global media and entertainment powerhouse.

Under the deal, Vivendi will combine USA Networks' assets such as the USA and Sci-Fi cable channels and the TV production operation responsible for "Law and Order" and "Jerry Springer," with its own Hollywood-based USA Networks.

Universal has a huge film catalogue and its Universal Studios last year produced hits like "How the Grinch Stole

Christmas" and "Erin Brockovich."

For \$10.3 billion in cash and stock Vivendi will get a 92 percent stake in a new company that will be called Vivendi Universal Entertainment.

USA Networks' Barry Diller, the entertainment industry veteran who ran the Paramount movie studio in the 1970s and oversaw the launch of the Fox television network in the 1980s, will be chairman and chief executive of Vivendi Universal Entertainment.

Vivendi, which acquired Universal from Canada's Seagram a year ago, hopes that Diller can expand its presence in the United States to compete with the likes of AOL Time Warner, Walt Disney Co. and Viacom.

The deal follows Vivendi's agreement Friday to invest \$1.5 billion in EchoStar

Communications Corp., the second biggest U.S. satellite television service with about 6 million subscribers.

Vivendi Universal chief executive Jean-Marie Messier, speaking at a news conference in New York, said the deal "addresses our relative weakness of integration and distribution in the U.S."

Investors seemed to like the fit, sending Vivendi shares up 6.6 percent, or \$3.24, to \$52.19 in afternoon trading Monday on the New York Stock Exchange. Shares of USA Networks rose 95 cents to \$24.77 on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Universal Studios was previously paired-up with Canal Plus Group, the European pay-TV group, within the Vivendi Universal organization. The new deal raises the question of Canal Plus' future status, within the group.

"This is the time in the U.S. of

integration and consolidation," Messier said. "This move is creating a tier one player. We thought it was the right place to compete and the right time."

After the deal closes, Diller will retain control of the interactive businesses currently grouped under USA Networks, which include Ticketmaster, HSN, and Citysearch. A deal to acquire the online travel service Expedia is pending. The new company, over which Diller will have full control, will be renamed USA Interactive Inc.

Vivendi will finance the deal by selling 314 million USA Network shares it already owns, as well as selling 32 million of its shares in exchange for part of Liberty Media Corp.'s stake in USA Networks.

Vivendi will pay another \$1.6 billion in cash and \$750 million in various deferred payments, the statement said.

Burger King aids distressed franchises

The Miami Herald

Burdened by a deadly combination of rapid growth and falling sales, an unprecedented number of Burger King franchisees are struggling financially.

Four of the fast-food chain's five largest franchisees have faced difficulties. More than a dozen franchisees, predominantly small operators, have filed for bankruptcy protection in the past two years.

Burger King estimates that about 20 percent of its U.S. franchise system representing about 1,500 restaurants are "financially challenged" - meaning they are in default on loans, behind in royalty payments, trying to restrict debt or in bankruptcy court.

The extent of the Burger King system's financial struggles is worse than anything the chain has faced in decades. It's also more severe than any other fast-food operator except Taco Bell, which has about 25 percent of U.S. franchisees in difficulty. To fix the problem Burger King is helping in ways it has never done before, ranging from multimillion-dollar loans to negotiating with the franchisee's lenders.

"It's a critical problem for us," said Ben Hirst, Burger King's executive vice president and general counsel. "If we don't deal with the problem, it presents a risk that the system could decrease substantially."

At a time when Burger King is trying to strengthen the brand and prepare for a spinoff from parent company Diageo PLC, the last thing the company can afford to do is shrink.

A healthy franchise system should typically have no more than about 5 percent of its franchisees under financial stress, said Mark Kalinowski, a restaurant industry analyst with Salomon Smith Barney.

"Ultimately, if your franchisees don't have flexibility it drags down the system," Kalinowski said. "You have to spend time helping your franchisees get back on their feet rather than doing other things that need to be done."

The root of the problem: simple economics and five years of declining sales. Stretching franchisees even more is Burger King's requirement that they invest money to upgrade restaurant kitchens, drive-through lines and add new signage.

"It's essentially a crisis of cash flow compounded by excessive leverage," Hirst said. "The average franchisee's restaurant doesn't produce enough cash to service the debt and meet our capital investment schedule."

But Hirst insists Burger King has the situation under control. Since the company's new management team arrived in April, Hirst's top priority has been finding ways to help these franchisees emerge as viable operators. While the problems aren't fixed, Hirst believes they have hit bottom.

The biggest reason for optimism: Comparable store sales started to show positive gains during the past four months, something that hasn't happened in three years.

Big deals pull stocks higher Amgen buys rival Immunex

NEW YORK (AP) - Viewing acquisitions by Amgen and Vivendi as signs that the tough business environment may be turning around, investors bid stocks higher Monday.

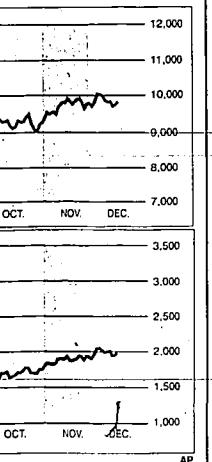
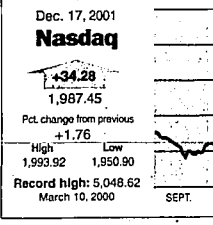
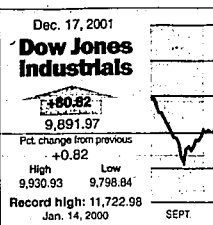
Wall Street especially welcomed the positive prospects following last week's selling spree. The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index rose 34.28, or 1.8 percent, to 1,997.45.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished up 80.82, or 0.8 percent, at 9,991.97, after ending last week down 238, or 2.4 percent.

The market's broader stock indices also advanced. The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index rose 34.28, or 1.8 percent, to 1,997.45.

The deals we've seen announced on the tape today are probably one of the reasons that optimism is prevailing,

French media company Vivendi's U.S. shares advanced \$3.15 to \$52.10 a share. It announced it would acquire USA Networks' entertainment assets



The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Biotechnology market leader Amgen Inc. is buying rival Immunex Corp. for \$16 billion in stock and cash in a deal that will add a blockbuster arthritis drug to its roster of medicines.

The deal announced Monday would give Amgen of Thousand Oaks control of Seattle-based Immunex's rheumatoid arthritis drug, Enbrel.

Immunex's two other big drugs are Leukine, which stimulates infection-fighting white blood cells, and Novantrone, which kills cancer cells and reduces inflammation that contributes to worsening forms of multiple sclerosis.

also rose, gaining \$1.66 to \$57.69.

American Home Products Corp. of Madison, N.J., owns 41 percent of Immunex's publicly traded stock and has agreed to the Amgen takeover.

The combined market capitalization of both companies is about \$7.5 billion. South San Francisco-based Genentech Inc. is the second largest biotechnology company, has a market capitalization of \$28 billion.

"This is a compelling strategic transaction and an excellent opportunity for the shareholders, employees and partners of both companies, and we expect it will generate significant benefits for hundreds of thousands of patients around the world," said Kevin Sharer, Amgen's chairman and CEO.

The deal is the latest in a flurry of announced biotechnology mergers.

Two weeks ago, Millennium Pharmaceuticals Inc. announced it would buy COR Therapeutics for \$2 billion, and MedImmune Inc. said it planned to buy

Aviron for \$1.3 billion.

Immunex's Enbrel is expected to account for \$750 million in sales this year and could reach \$3 billion annually by 2005, Sharer said.

Since gaining Food and Drug Administration approval in 1998, Enbrel sales have been hampered by production capacity, a problem analysts say Amgen might be able to alleviate with its 12 years of manufacturing experience, analysts said.

On the other hand, the analysts said the deal will hurt Amgen's ambitious growth goals in the near term. Amgen had expected to grow earnings by 20 percent annually.

The Food and Drug Administration last month approved Amgen's own rheumatoid arthritis drug, Humira. However, clinical studies showed Kinert to be less effective than Enbrel and it wasn't expected to outsell Enbrel.

Maipractice insurer announces premium hike

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The largest malpractice insurer in Utah has announced a 35 percent increase in next year's premiums for its 2,300 members in Utah and Montana.

The membership includes 80 percent of Utah's practicing physicians.

Utah Malpractice Insurance Association officials wrote a letter to the doctors saying the industry may be entering a crisis similar to the malpractice crisis of the 1970s.

The letter said that in the mid-1990s, the number of claims being made and the cost to settle those claims began to gradually increase.

"However, in 1998 these costs increased dramatically and have increased at the same pace each successive year until the year 2000 when our losses totaled \$28 million," the letter said.

"Look at the kinds of things people go to court over, like the Waymeyer lawsuit," said Dr. Brent Clyde, an Ogden neurosurgeon, referring to relatives of Gage and Paul Waymeyer, who are suing

search and rescue teams who failed to find the younger Gage before he died, leading to his father's lawsuit.

"It's always somebody's fault," he said. "It drives doctors crazy."

Minnesota-based The St. Paul Cos. announced Wednesday that it will stop writing medical malpractice insurance. The St. Paul writes just under 10 percent of U.S. medical malpractice insurance coverage. It said it will get out of the medical malpractice insurance business gradually by not renewing policies that they expire.

for \$10.3 billion to improve its U.S. distribution. USA advanced \$1.20 to \$2.02.

The buying spread for other stocks, particularly in the technology sector, which many investors expect will eventually lead the market higher.

Microsoft rose \$1.54 to \$68.98, Juniper Networks gained 84 cents to \$21.09 and Ciena climbed 65 cents to \$14.91.

Still, some analysts caution investors against putting too much of their hopes or their dollars in tech, saying the sector is still struggling with slumping demand and excessive inventories.

"Tech is still in a cleansing

process. There are still too many companies doing the same thing, too many competitors," said Brian Belski, fundamental market strategist for US Bancorp Piper Jaffray.

Among non-technology issues, Wal-Mart rose \$1.79 to \$55.85, while American Express advanced 89 cents to \$33.15.

The market's gains came after a recent retreat from key benchmarks reached earlier this month: 10,000 on the Dow, and above 2,000 on the Nasdaq.

Although stocks have rebounded from the precipitous losses that followed the Sept. 11 attacks, moving much higher has proven to be a challenge.

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

This is the S&P 500's active stock on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NYSE, the 100 most active on the NASDAQ Stock Exchange. Active funds are \$1.15 largest. Stocks in boldface show a 5 percent or more increase.

Names of stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each listing.

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LEGAL NOTICE
USDA FOREST SERVICE SAWSOOTH NATIONAL FOREST BLAINE COUNTY KETCHUM & FALOON Ranger Districts Sawtooth National Recreation Area Sun Valley Permits Application
On December 18, 2001 Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor B. Lovari is releasing a pre-decisional environmental assessment (EA) regarding the application of a first-year permit to Sun Valley Helicopter Ski Center. The assessment includes the National Recreation Area and the Ketchum and Fairchild Ranger Districts and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. These areas are currently open to this permit use, included in this proposal is the use of yurt near Hyndman Peak.
The proposed action involves a potential amendment to the 1987 Sawtooth National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The subject involves the option of locating a base staging area in Baker Creek for the purpose of overnight parking and fueling of the helicopter as well as the arrival and departure point for heli-ski guests.
Additional information and copies of the pre-decisional environmental assessment are available by contacting Kurt Nelson, District Ranger, Ketchum Ranger District, 208 Sun Valley Road (PO Box 2358), Ketchum, ID 83340 (208) 622-5371. The EA is also available on the internet, sawtooth National Forest web page: www.fs.fed.us/sawtooth. The Responsible Official and the individual to whom

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USDA - Forest Service - Sawtooth National Forest Sawtooth National Recreation Area Blaine and Custar Counties, Idaho Special Use Permit Issuance

The Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA) is proposing to issue four special use authorizations that are expiring, have expired or are in need of authorization to meet current special use policy. These four special uses are: on-ice logging, on-ice logging, on-ice logging, on-ice logging. The Forest Service cannot reauthorize the on-ice logging of special use authorizations in the public interest when the holder has complied with the terms of the authorization or other applicable policy requirements.
A general description of the four special uses follows. One permit (currently expired) is for a sheep herder's cabin near Smiley Creek and is used by the Faulkner Land and Livestock Company as part of their operations. The second permit (expires on 12/31/01) is held by the City of Stanley for part of the city cemetery. The third permit (currently expired) is for an access road approximately 2,000 feet in length that goes to private property owned by William and Linda Bein in the Park Creek area. The fourth permit is for three property owners with irrigated dist. improvements that have been in place for some time on National Forest System land near Gold Creek. Complete project descriptions and location maps are available for review at the Stanley Ranger Station.
The SNRA is soliciting comments on a re-evaluation of the on-ice logging of special use authorizations. Please submit written comments by January 18, 2002, to: Glenn Cooper, Area Ranger,

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Look at Mike Tyson with a couple of chicken heads!

—former boxer Mitchell Rose to Mike Tyson, before Tyson allegedly chastised and assaulted Rose early Sunday morning

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball
ISDB at Dietrich, 6 p.m.
Bliss at Carey, 6 p.m.
TFC at Sho-Bar, 7 p.m.
MVC at Hansen, 7:30 p.m.
Richfield at Camas County, 7:30 p.m.

Kimberly at Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Filer at Glens Ferry, 7:30 p.m.
Burley at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
High school girls basketball
Bliss at Carey, 4:30 p.m.
TFC at Sho-Bar, 6 p.m.
MVC at Hansen, 6 p.m.
Richfield at Camas County, 6 p.m.
Buhl at Gooding, 6 p.m.
Jerome at Minico, 6 p.m.
Declo at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
Wendell at Filer, 6 p.m.
Burley at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.
Glens Ferry at Castleford, 6 p.m.
Hagerman at Raft River, 6 p.m.

High school wrestling
Twin Falls at Elko, Nev., 5 p.m.
Duch, Min. Home at Burley, 5 p.m.
Buhl, Glens Ferry at Wendell, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI holds baseball camp Dec. 27-29

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho baseball team is holding its annual baseball camp Dec. 27-29 at the Expo Center. Baseball fundamentals such as hitting, fielding and pitching will be taught by instructors who include major- and minor-league players Brandon Duckworth of the Philadelphia Phillies, infielder Nate Tebbes of the Atlanta Braves, Tacoma Rainiers catcher Tim Horner and outfielder Shawn Whalen of the Cleveland Indians. Other professional scouts and college coaches will also be in attendance. The cost is \$200 with group rates for six or more at \$175. For more information, call Boomer Walker at 733-2834 or e-mail at bwalker@CSI.edu.

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SALT LAKE 2002



Countdown to Salt Lake

52 days until

Opening Ceremony

The Torch Tour: The Olympic flame travels through Appalachia today, beginning the day in Covington, Ky., then heading east to Seale, County, Ohio, and Huntington, W.Va. before finishing the day in Charleston, W.Va.

March to the Medals: Becky Wiczak and Tony Benschhof, bronze medalists at the 2001 World Championships, are among nine athletes who have qualified for the U.S. Olympic team. Wiczak, Ashley Hayden and Courtney Zabolcki met Olympic team standards in women's singles, as did the men's doubles team of Mark Gimmettie and Brian Martin, and Chris Thorpe and Clay Ives. Men's singles competitors Benschhof and Adam Heit also qualified.

Indians triumph in battle of unbeaten

By John Derr
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — It took an extra quarter to see who would remain perfect. And a quick start in overtime kept the Shoshone Lady Indians undefeated on the season with a 39-34 win over Valley in non-conference girls basketball Monday night. Shoshone senior Monica Uhrig posted a rare triple double with 15 rebounds, 14 points and 10 blocks to lead the Indians (10-0). Uhrig said it was an all-around effort that paid off with the big victory. "We played pretty good," she said. "I'm happy with my defense, it doesn't have to

Uhrig posts triple-double to lead Shoshone

be the offense every game." Katie Brock scored 12 points to pace Valley (11-1), which was hurt by a three-point third quarter. Over the final four minutes of regulation both teams managed a single bucket, finishing regulation tied at 28-28. But Shoshone came out a new team in overtime, scoring six points early before holding off Valley with free throws down the stretch. Neither team was able to get into an offensive flow and struggled with shots and taking care of the ball.

"They (Valley) came out and showed us some different defenses, but our girls stepped up," said Shoshone coach Tim Chapman. That included senior Steph Dalrymple, who played the final 12 minutes with four fouls and scored five points in overtime. "I tried to play smart defense," said Dalrymple, who finished with nine points. "We like to play well against a good team. It gives us confidence for state." Shoshone's Jazz Harris scored the first points of the game, but it was the Vikings who controlled the first period.

Katie McCaslin nailed a 3-pointer and Brock chipped in four points as Valley led 9-4 after one. After the first bucket by Harris, it would be 11 minutes before the Indians hit another bucket, but they stayed close hitting 5-of-8 free throws. Alex Kelso pushed the lead to eight with a 3-pointer as the Vikings stayed hot to start the second period. Shoshone finally got another basket as Uhrig scored inside. Sarah Hubsmith converted the fast break lay-up off the assist from Dalrymple, but the deficit stayed at four as the teams went into halftime. Brock nailed the Vikings' third 3-point

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Rams spike Saints



St. Louis Rams wide receiver Isaac Bruce spikes the ball after catching a touchdown pass against the New Orleans Saints Monday in New Orleans.

AP Photo

Warner's golden arm leads St. Louis past New Orleans

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Who cares about penalties, turnovers and wasted timeouts? Kurt Warner's arm makes up for all of them. The St. Louis Rams clinched a playoff spot by beating New Orleans 31-21 Monday night. Warner threw for 338 yards and four touchdowns, three of them to Isaac Bruce and the other to Marshall Faulk. Grant Wistrom led the defense with three sacks and an interception. The win by St. Louis (11-2) also kept the Rams a game ahead of Chicago in the race for home-field advantage in the NFC playoffs and clinched a postseason berth for San Francisco. The 49ers, a game behind, still have an outside chance of catching the Rams in the NFC West, but St. Louis' two wins over San Francisco gives the Rams the tiebreaker. The Saints (7-6) remain in contention for a wild card spot, with

Monday Night Football

a key game coming up in Tampa next week against the Bucs, who have the same record.

A day after a game in Cleveland had to be stopped because of cowardly fans, this one was interrupted briefly by fans throwing objects on the field after a pass interference call against the Saints with 9:39 left in the game.

At least 13 were arrested, but the disturbance was quickly quelled by security personnel as the public address announcer said: "This is New Orleans. We are sportsmen."

St. Louis won despite a myriad of mistakes. The Rams lost two fumbles, increasing their league-leading giveaway total to 37. One set up a Saints touchdown and the other prevented a score by the Rams. St. Louis also squandered all its

timeouts in the first and third quarters, two of them on replay challenges that failed. But the Saints also hurt themselves — they had 16 penalties for 132 yards. And they failed on an outside kick in the first quarter and a fake field goal in the second.

The Rams led 21-14 at the half, taking the lead on a 4-yard pass from Warner to Faulk with 28 seconds left.

New Orleans, which won three of its previous four games with St. Louis, opened the scoring with a 4-yard TD pass from Aaron Brooks to fullback Terrelle Smith.

But the Saints' attempt at an outside kick was touched before it went 10 yards. The Rams took advantage, taking eight plays to score on Warner's 6-yard pass to Bruce.

That pair combined again in the six minutes into the second quarter on an 11-yard TD, giving the Rams a 14-7 lead.

Az-Zahir Hakim, whose fumbled punt against the Saints last season clinched New Orleans' first playoff win ever, fumbled another punt late in the period, and Fred McAfee recovered at the St. Louis 38. Three plays later, Brooks found Joe Horn from 6 yards to tie it.

But the Rams went 79 yards in just 1:28 for the TD that closed the half.

The Saints' first possession in the third quarter started in good field position — their own 39. On the first play, however, Wistrom intercepted an attempted screen, and two plays later, Warner, who completed 23 of 32 passes, found Bruce all alone down the sideline for a 40-yard score that made it 28-14.

New Orleans closed to 28-21 on a 28-yard TD pass from Brooks to Willie Jackson. It came after the Saints had first-and-goal at the 4, but they were moved back by four consecutive penalties — delay of game, illegal motion, holding and a personal foul.

League reviews Cleveland bottle debacle

Broken ankle ends season for Watters.

By Dave Goldberg
The Associated Press

From instant replay to beer sales, the NFL will review all aspects of the bottle-throwing melee by Cleveland fans after a replay decision led to the Browns' loss to Jacksonville.

It will not, however, take action against the Browns' owner and president for statements that failed to criticize the fans' actions.

By Monday morning, the NFL had reached two conclusions:

Correct procedures were followed and the correct decision made when replay overturned what had been ruled a fourth-down catch by Cleveland's Quincy Morgan.

Referee Terry McAulay was wrong to declare the game over when the deluge of plastic bottles and other objects from the stands



Stadium security and grounds crew personnel try to clear debris from the field in Cleveland during the Browns' game with the Jacksonville Jaguars Sunday. Cleveland fans threw thousands of bottles on the field, hitting the Jaguars and Browns and forcing them to run for cover after the officials overturned a last-minute call that helped Jacksonville win 25-10.

forced him to clear the field. Only commissioner Paul Tagliabue or his designated representative can do that. Tagliabue later ordered the last 48 seconds played a half-

hour after McAulay declared the game over. When the players returned to the field and the final seconds were run off, Jacksonville quar-

terback Mark Brunell took a knee and the game officially was over, with the Jaguars winning 15-10.

The trouble started on fourth down, when Cleveland quarterback Tim Couch threw to Morgan, who appeared to catch the ball at the 9-yard-line. The Browns, who had no timeouts left, quickly lined up and Couch spiked the ball with 48 seconds left, presumably giving Cleveland three plays to score the go-ahead TD.

But McAulay stopped play and said he had been buzzed by the replay official in the press box, who told him the Couch-to-Morgan pass had to be reviewed. It was, and the catch was overturned, with officials ruling Morgan did not have possession.

At issue, however, was whether the spike came before the summons from the replay official, who under NFL rules makes challenges in the last two minutes of each half. At other times, coaches can challenge plays. Under the

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Carey boys avenge loss to Oakley

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

OAKLEY — Ugly was the winning coach's assessment of the game; rat ball was the losing coach's description.

But anyway you look at it, the visiting Carey Panthers downed Oakley 62-45 Monday in boys basketball and exacted a measure of revenge for an early season loss to the Hornets.

"It got kind of ugly out there," Carey coach Lee Cook said. "The fact that we had a few more guys on the bench than they do was probably the difference. They got hurt by foul trouble."

The Hornets (1-0 Magic Valley Conference, 3-0 overall) committed 25 fouls compared to 13 by the Panthers (1-0 Northside Conference, 2-3) and went to the free-throw line eight times compared to 35 trips by Carey. The Panthers sank 22-of-35 attempts and Oakley made 6 of 8.

Destry Simpson led three Panthers in double-figure scoring with 14 points and went 6 of 6 from the free throw line.

Even greater than the point differential at the line for the Panthers was that they were able to keep Oakley star Junior Armstrong off the court for a good deal of the game with foul trouble.

Despite very limited minutes, McBride's 10-point effort made him one of two Hornets in double-figure scoring. Senior guard John Gay had a game-high 18 points.

The Hornets jumped out to a 25-17 lead midway through the second quarter after Gay hit a half-court buzzer-beater to end the first quarter and opened the second stanza with another tray followed by three buckets from McBride. A pair of free throws by Dane Woodhouse in a 13-4 run that seemed to put Oakley in control of the game.

Instead, McBride and fellow

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Records don't tell story for bowl game

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The exceptional records of North Texas and Colorado State don't do justice to the story lines leading into tonight's inaugural New Orleans Bowl.

Colorado State (6-5) won four of its last five games to become bowl eligible, while North Texas (5-6) made an even more dramatic turnaround.

After beginning the season 0-5, the Mean Green has come to see itself as a symbol of perseverance.

"I've been at places where if you start 0-5, you can barely get 'em to practice and have it be a positive experience," said North Texas head coach Darrell Dickey. "These guys came out and practiced harder, and without us even asking, started coming by the office and looking at film on their own."

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New Orleans Bowl

Who: North Texas (5-6) vs. Colorado State (6-5)
When: 6 p.m.
TV: ESPN2

Backhawks blank Red Wings No. 5 Cavs roll over Charleston Southern

DETROIT (AP) — Jocelyin Thibault stopped 28 shots, and Alexei Zhornitskiy and Mark Bell had goals as the Chicago Blackhawks defeated the Detroit Red Wings 2-0 Monday night.

Thibault's second NHL shutout this season and 23rd career — helped Chicago extend its unbeaten streak at Joe Louis Arena to seven games (5-0-2).

The lost ended Detroit goalie Manny Legace's unbeaten streak at 19 games (17-0-2) and 355 days.

Lightning 4, Canadiens 3

MONTREAL — Martin St. Louis scored twice, including the go-ahead goal 52 seconds into the third period, to lead Tampa Bay past Montreal.

Vincent Lecavalier and Juhani Jonen also scored for Tampa Bay, which won for the second time in three games to finish a five-game Canadian road trip 2-2-1.

Rangers 4, Panthers 2

NEW YORK — Petr Nedved

scored two goals, leading the New York Rangers over Florida's Nedved's 11th goal at 15:33 of the third period came from point-blank range, 1:36 after Mark Messier broke a 2-2 tie with his seventh.

Lance Ward and Denis Shvidki scored to give Florida a 2-0 lead in the first period.

Andreas Johansson also scored for New York.

Sharks 4, Stars 1

DALLAS — Teemu Selanne scored twice as San Jose stretched its unbeaten streak to nine games.

Mike Ricci and Selanne gave the Sharks a 2-0 lead in the opening 9:37, and Selanne and Stephane Matteau added goals over a 51-second span of the third period.

Jamie Langenbrunner scored the only goal for the Stars, 7-2 in their previous nine games.

Coyotes 4, Blue Jackets 1

PHOENIX — Sergei Berezin's



Dallas Stars left wing Krik Muller, right, tries to get around San Jose Sharks center Mike Ricci to tie the puck in Dallas Monday.

winner, and Sean Burke stopped 24 shots as Phoenix snapped its six-game winless streak. Teppo Numminen, Ladislav Nagy and Deymond Langkow also scored for the Coyotes, who ended a three-game losing streak. David Vyborny scored for Columbus.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Travis Watson scored 16 points and Chris Williams added 12 as No. 5 Virginia routed Charleston Southern 74-54 Monday night.

The Cavaliers (5-0) scored their first nine points of the game and went up 28-11 on consecutive 3-pointers by Williams and Roger Mason Jr., with 11 minutes left in the half.

No. 16 Georgetown 99, Howard 80

WASHINGTON — Mike Sweetney had 25 points and 10 rebounds to lead Georgetown over its crosstown rival.

Wesley Wilson added 22 points on 8-of-10 shooting and guard Kevin Braswell added points and five assists as the Hoyas (9-1) won their eighth in a row.

No. 17 Michigan St. 76, N.C.-Asheville 56

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Adam

Ballinger scored 17 points to lead the Spartans to their 51st consecutive home victory, a Big Ten record.

The Spartans (7-3) beat then-No. 6 Arizona to tie the home wins streak. College of Ohio State from 1959-63 and Indiana Top 25 from 1991-95.

Robby Joynor, Joseph Barber and Brandon Carter each had 11 points for the Bulldogs (1-9), who lost their fourth consecutive game.

No. 25 Cincinnati 77, Richmond 46

CINCINNATI — Steve Logan scored 17 of his 25 points in the second half as the Bearcats (8-1) won in the opening round of the Las Vegas Classic.

The eight-team tournament opens on campus sites, then switches to Las Vegas later this week for more round-robin games.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

Table with columns for Team, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Pct. Includes games like Detroit vs Chicago, Washington vs Phoenix, etc.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Other Games

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National Basketball Development League

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Monday's Women's Basketball

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Continental Basketball Association

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Other Games

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The Men's Top 25

Table with columns for Rank, Team, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Pct. Lists top 25 teams like Duke, Maryland, etc.

USA Today ESPN Top 25 Poll

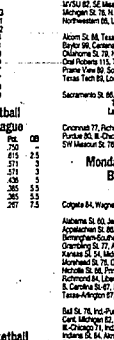
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Monday's College Basketball

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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



Hockey in hell.

NEW YORK — The NHL's season is in a state of flux. The league is trying to figure out how to deal with the lockout.

2002-03 NHL Schedule

Table with columns for Team, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Pct. Lists NHL teams and their records.

Monday's Late NBA Box Score

Table with columns for Team, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Pct. Lists NBA games like Sacramento vs Memphis, etc.

Sunday's Late NBA Summary

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Monday's College Basketball

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FOOTBALL

Table with columns for Team, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Pct. Lists football games like Duke vs Wake Forest, etc.

ON THE AIR

TELEVISION

Table with columns for Game, Network, Time, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Pct. Lists TV games like College basketball, etc.

LPQA Top Schedule-Winners

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SHARKS 4, STARS 1

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West Coast College League

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SKI REPORT

Table with columns for Location, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Pct. Lists ski resorts like Sugarloaf, etc.

TRANSACTIONS

Table with columns for Team, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Pct. Lists player transactions.

GOLF

Table with columns for Player, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Pct. Lists golf tournaments like PGA Tour.

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Table with columns for Team, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Pct. Lists Coyotes vs Blue Jackets game.

West Coast College League

Table with columns for Team, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Pct. Lists West Coast College League games.

SKI REPORT

Table with columns for Location, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Pct. Lists ski resorts like Sugarloaf, etc.

TRANSACTIONS

Table with columns for Team, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Pct. Lists player transactions.

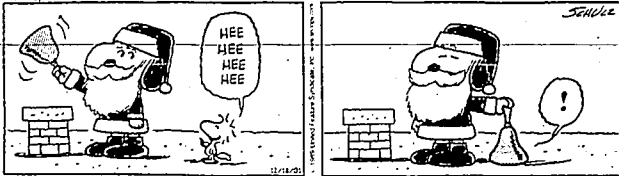
GOLF

Table with columns for Player, Pts, Reb, Ast, Stl, Blk, Pct. Lists golf tournaments like PGA Tour.

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Garfield

By Jim Davis

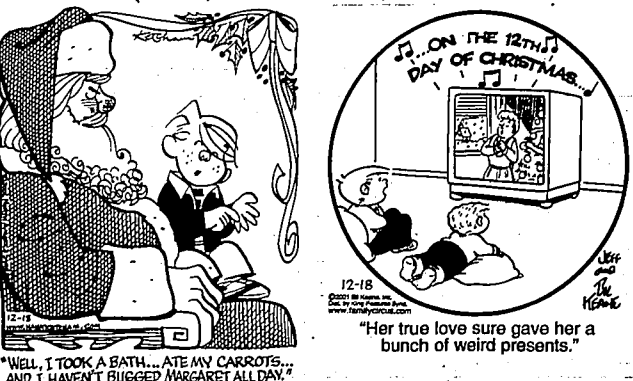


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



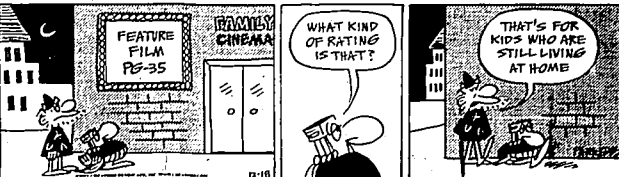
Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



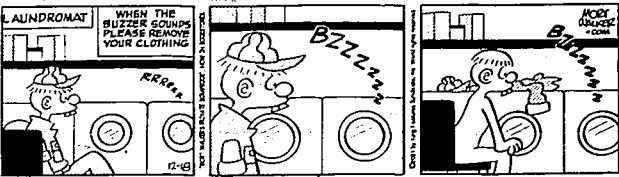
Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



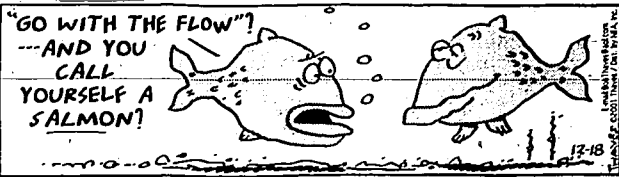
Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



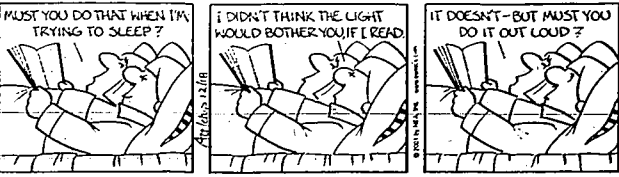
Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley

