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Olympic countdown flame burns in Twin Falls

By Denise Turner
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Let the celebration begin. As a prelude to the Twin Falls Olympic Torch Relay Committee's city-wide party, a super-sized torch is now burning at the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Pole Line Road.

The "Twin Falls Countdown Flame" was lit at noon Wednesday and is meant to burn continuously for a month.

Then, on Jan. 26, 42 area residents will carry the Olympic torch through Twin Falls. They are among 11,500 inspirational Americans who are hoisting the torch.

13,500 miles across the United States to Salt Lake City for the Feb. 8 opening of the Olympic Winter Games.

The butane-fueled torch at Blue Lakes and Pole Line sits nearly 10 feet tall and was built and donated by Acme Manufacturing Company. It has a steel frame with plywood decking, said Dave Moore, an Acme representative in attendance at Wednesday's ceremony.

The real thing is 33 inches long and made of glass and metal.

Some 50 people braved the chill to stand outside and watch the noon event. Others watched from their cars. A dozen local torchbearers approached the platform as Twin Falls Mayor Elaine Steele and torchbearer Mick Hodges ignited the flame. Hodges is a Twin Falls lawyer who recently recovered from a brain aneurysm.

Randy Hansen, owner of the Chevrolet dealership that spearheaded the symbolic lighting, introduced the participants, including Boy Scouts from Troop 59, who led a flag ceremony, "God Bless America" and "They're Coming to America" played on a speaker system.

The city's torch committee has teamed up with area businesses to plan a number of festivities for the Jan. 26 relay day. Some estimate the relay may bring as many as 100,000 visitors to Twin Falls.

The Olympic torch will be carried through city streets along a route that will not be revealed until later for security reasons.

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Mick Hodges, left, and Elaine Steele light the 'Twin Falls Countdown Flame' on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls on Wednesday. In less than one month, the Olympic torch will be run through town.

Legislators 'weigh in' on new security measures

Idaho Capitol asks lawmakers to include weight on badge

By Julie Pence
 Times-News writer

BOISE - As if strange men rifling through women's purses at courthouse doors wasn't humbling enough.

Now, legislators and State Capitol employees get to prove their identity by listing height, weight and age on a newly adopted identification badge in order to wander the revered halls of the stachouse.

"I get to wear my weight on my chest," joked Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl. "It's sort of like a

being a side of beef hanging on the rail, weighed and graded."

The badges are part of stepped-up efforts to increase security around and inside the state Capitol in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Some of the things we're doing we had been talking about before," said Tim Mason, who heads up security in state facilities for the Department of Administration. Some other steps in addition to the highly publicized barricades around the stachouse include restricting access to all except two of the building's entrances and hiring extra security personnel.

Gould wasn't thrilled about the prospect of advertising her weight, and evidently she wasn't the only one. There was enough



Rep. Celia Gould

flap over the requirement that it is now optional.

Mason said people needing the identification badge wouldn't be put on a list of suspected terrorists if they weren't forthcoming with the information.

"We've had some people who refused to put it on their application forms," he said. "We don't really worry about it too much."

Besides, the personal information is printed on the back of the badge, he said.

But what about those who are

less than honest about stating their weight?

Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, wondered if the number people wrote down would be somewhat like what many put on their driver's licenses.

"As long as you're within 20 pounds, you're probably safe?" he asked, laughing.

Mason said no one will be pulled aside and forced onto scales to prove they're telling the truth.

And, at least the population at large is not subject to purse and backpack searches.

"This will be nothing like the courthouses," Mason said. "We have no magnetometers."

However, someone who shows

Please see SECURITY, Page A2.

Report ties bomb suspect to terrorists

Change came at Britain mosque, Islamic leader says

Combined wire reports

LONDON - The man who allegedly tried to set off a bomb in a shoe on an American Airlines flight Saturday was a small-time London thief who converted to Islam in prison and was persuaded by extremists to take up violent jihad, or holy war, the head of his mosque said Wednesday.

And captured al-Qaida fighters Richard Colvin Reid, 28, as having attended a training camp in Afghanistan, adding to the suspicions of U.S. and European investigators that he is an Islamic terrorist, authorities said Wednesday.

Although Reid remains an enigmatic and unlikely candidate for a suicide bomber, clues pointing to an al-Qaida connection are mounting.

Authorities are pursuing several theories, including that Reid was acting by his own. But the emerging portrait raises questions about whether a long-feared second wave of al-Qaida terrorist strikes is close at hand.

Al-Qaida soldiers being held as battlefield detainees by U.S. military forces recognized Reid from photos and said they had seen him at an Afghan terrorist training camp, according to Justice Department officials, who said the Pentagon informed them of the identifications.

Those leads require further investigation, which may take

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Richard Reid

Red Cross: Blood supplies drop in U.S.

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - Just months after a post-Sept. 11 surge of blood donations, the American Red Cross is warning that supplies are running low.

Blood supplies are running low in Idaho, while the need for blood is still there, said Jon Berni, manager of donor recruitment for the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho.

"After the outpouring of emotion in September, I think we're becoming a little more complacent now," Berni said. "There's

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Dead? Hiding? On the move? Bin Laden rumors multiply

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Maybe he's dead, either from U.S. bombing, gunfire from his own men - or even, as one newspaper reported Wednesday, from cancer. Maybe he's holed up deep in a mountain cave or hiding in a fortified Pakistani border village. Or perhaps he's in Chechnya, Somalia or back home in Saudi Arabia.

Rumors have multiplied over the fate of the world's most-wanted fugitive, Osama bin Laden, who seems to have vanished into the mountain mists.

"I don't know where he is," Afghanistan's new prime minister, Hamid Karzai said on Wednesday. "We receive reports now and then

New bin Laden tape appears

A Qatar-based television station aired excerpts of a videotape Wednesday of Osama bin Laden, adding a new twist to rumors about the terrorist leader's whereabouts and whether he even is still alive. His words indicated he could have been speaking in the first half of December.

Dressed in green military fatigues, a pale and gaunt looking bin Laden referred to the Sept. 11 terrorist strikes, saying he was speaking "three months after the blessed

attack against the international infidels and its leaders, the United States, and two months after the beginning of the vicious aggression against Islam."

The chief editor of al-Jazeera, Ibrahim Hial, told The Associated Press that his station received the tape "a couple days ago" by an air courier service from Pakistan. The sender was anonymous, he said.

The Associated Press For more on the new tape, please see page A2.

that he may be here or there." These days, that's about the most restrained answer you'll get. Rare is the person or organization unwilling to speculate.

Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf said in China a few

days ago that he was "reasonably sure" bin Laden was dead, killed by American bombardments in one of the network of caves at Tort Bora.

"There is a great possibility that Please see BIN LADEN, Page A4.



A Pakistani soldier checks documents of Afghans entering Pakistan Wednesday at the Chaman crossing. Troops are looking for Taliban and al-Qaida members.

Recovery efforts go on in New York

'Gentle Giant' had a warm, loving heart

Newsday

Firefighter Andrew Jordan's helmet told the story of his career. It was gnarled, curled, twisted, smoked out and fire damaged, said Lt. John Graziano, who worked with Jordan at Division 15, Battalion 38 in Brooklyn.

Even in his first year with Ladder Co. 132, Jordan was involved with some of the most intense blazes that the firefighters of 132 had seen.

About five years ago, they were deployed to Pacific Street in Brooklyn to extinguish what Graziano called "an unbelievable fire."

"There was a baby that died," Graziano said. "The guys were trying to get in to make the rescue." But, Graziano said, with the fire blazing out of every window, "firemen had to bail out with the fire chasing them." Jordan was among those who made it out. "If you get through a fire like that, it's something that we all respect you for. The more difficult the job, the more respect," Graziano said.

He was a pleasurable man. Always laughing, always smiling," Graziano said. Firefighter Randy Foss of Ladder 132 described Jordan as "a real fun-loving guy. A big fellow but a gentle giant."

Jordan, 36, of Remsenburg, N.Y., is presumed dead in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. He was dispatched along with the other men of Ladder 132 to the World Trade Center.

His wife, Lisa Jordan, said her husband was a dedicated family man. He had taken their son, Andrew Jr., 9, to Mets and Yankees games this past summer and had built a small baseball park in their back yard to encourage his son's love of the game. Jordan often wrestled with their son Matthew, 6, and his daughter, Kelsey, shared a love for Tootsie Rolls, his wife said. The couple's youngest son, Sean, was born Sept. 26.

Graziano said Jordan was defined by his dedication, physical strength and amicable demeanor. "He was a super, super strong guy," Graziano said. "But as strong as he was, that's how nice he was."

Jordan's dedication was not just for fighting fires, Graziano said. "He was dedicated to helping people in a time of crisis: whether it be a fire, or car accident or whatever. He would give you 110 percent. He was top-notch in his field."



New York City firefighters carry a flag-draped body on a stretcher toward other firefighters who also recovered a victim Wednesday at the World Trade Center site in New York.

Cool Army vet helped evacuate others

Newsday

With the demands of his job as vice president of tax operations at Fiduciary Trust combined with 2 1/2-hour commutes to and from his Danbury, Conn., home, Michael Jacobs chalked up 15-hour days most weeks, said his son Michael Brady.

Jacobs, who worked from offices on the 90th floor of Tower Two and had been with Fiduciary Trust for almost 20 years, was a true professional, Brady said. "He enjoyed what he did."

A veteran from the Vietnam

War era, Jacobs, 54, was the type of person who kept a cool head when most folks would tend to lose theirs, his son said. According to acquaintances who managed to escape from the towers on Sept. 11, his father helped others evacuate the building and herded them onto elevators ahead of himself, Brady said. "It was like the captain on a sinking ship. He wouldn't have been the one to panic. He was just a take-charge type."

Jacobs had a generous side, too, his son said.

During a winter Salvation Army coat drive inside Grand

Central Terminal, Jacobs decided that he would purchase a new coat and donate the one he was wearing as he headed home that night. But in a rare moment of absent-mindedness, Brady said, his father gave up his brand new coat instead. He never retrieved it because he felt someone needed it more than he did.

Despite leaving home at about 5 a.m. each day and not returning home until 8 or later, Jacobs made the most of what little spare time he had, his son said. He was restoring a 1969 Volkswagen Beetle and teaching himself to play the bagpipes.

U.S. attempts to ease India, Pakistan tension

The Washington Post

NEW DELHI, India - India deployed ballistic missile batteries and increased fighter-jet patrols along its border with Pakistan Wednesday, Indian officials said, as tensions deepened between the two nuclear-armed neighbors.

The buildup of troops and weapons on both sides of the border is part of a tit-for-tat escalation in the wake of a terrorist attack on India's parliament earlier this month that authorities here blame on Muslim militant groups based in Pakistan.

In Washington, Secretary of State Colin Powell formally designated two militant Pakistani groups as terrorist organizations Wednesday as the United States continued to pressure Pakistan President Gen. Pervez Musharraf to dismantle the militant groups. Powell spoke twice with Musharraf and twice with Indian Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh, urging the two sides to stand down from the military buildup.

India's defense minister, George Fernandes, confirmed Wednesday that the country's missile systems, which include Russian medium-range missiles as well as truck-launched rockets made in India, are "in position." Fernandes did not elaborate, but Indian defense officials said the missile batteries were deployed close to the border in response to similar moves by Pakistan over the past few days.

Both nations possess nuclear weapons and two years ago carried out a series of nuclear tests, but precise details of the new deployments are not known, nor is it clear that missiles dispatched to the border are nuclear-armed. "It is a very dangerous gray area," said Uday Bhaskar, the deputy director of the Institute



SOURCE: ESRI AP for Defense and Strategic Analysis in New Delhi.

Indian officials said they are strongly considering military strikes against Pakistan if it does not stamp out the militant groups, which are fighting to end Indian rule in Kashmir, a Himalayan region claimed by both countries. Pakistan's president, Musharraf, has condemned the parliament attack, but said he will not move against the militants, whom he calls "freedom fighters," without evidence of their involvement, which India has thus far refused to share with Pakistan.

U.S. officials have voiced concern that the escalating tensions could hinder efforts to capture members of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network attempting to flee from Afghanistan into Pakistan.

An outbreak of fighting between Pakistan and India could result in a redeployment of the more than 60,000 Pakistani soldiers stationed along the Afghan border and could affect the U.S. military's ability to use Pakistani military bases, which have been an important staging ground for operations inside Afghanistan.

Enron donates to Dems just before bankruptcy

WASHINGTON (AP) - A week before filing for bankruptcy protection, energy giant Enron Corp. donated \$100,000 to the Democratic Party committee that helps Senate candidates, campaign finance reports show.

The company, which had given 90 percent of its money to Democratic donations, also has hired high-profile Washington lawyer Robert Bennett, whose past clients include President Clinton.

"Donations of this type reflect certain political realities which are followed by all major corporations," Bennett said Wednesday in explaining Enron's \$50,000 checks on Nov. 25 and Nov. 26 to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Enron filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Dec. 2.

Before the contributions to the Democrats, Enron this year had contributed \$173,000 to candidates and parties, with almost 90 percent going to Republicans.

Since the 1989-90 election cycle, Enron has made nearly \$5.8 million in campaign contributions, 73

percent to Republicans.

Tovah Ravitz-Meehan, a spokeswoman for the Democratic Senate fund-raising committee, said the head of the organization, Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., has asked that Enron's money be given to a charitable organization helping laid-off Enron workers. She said the charity hasn't been chosen.

"It wasn't right to keep it and it wasn't right to give it back to Enron so we're looking for charitable options," Ravitz-Meehan said. Congressional Republicans and Democrats alike have heaped criticism on Enron, accusing the company of burning stockholders who were unaware of the company's falling condition, throwing thousands of people out of work and decimating retirement accounts.

Earlier this week, Democrats on the Senate Commerce Committee demanded the Federal Trade Commission investigate why company executives were allowed to cash out their stock while other employees were prevented from selling the company's sinking shares in their retirement accounts.

Afghan war's \$3 billion cost is a bargain - so far

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - The cost to U.S. taxpayers of the war in Afghanistan could reach \$3 billion, a burst of unexpected spending far less expensive than major conflicts of the past but still a burden to the precarious federal budget.

Each Tomahawk missile that swooshes into the caves of Afghanistan costs about a million dollars. Each B2 bomber costs \$13,700 an hour to fly. Each "bunker-buster" bomb costs \$145,000 - about the same as the median price of an American home.

These war costs are just the tip of the iceberg when measuring the price of terrorism and its consequences.

The military operations overseas have cost \$22 billion in the

first two months, according to The Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, a nonpartisan research group. Ongoing costs during a mopping-up phase could add another \$200 million a month. That's all relatively cheap compared to history's massive ground wars.

But this cost does not count homeland defense, government bailouts of airlines, new security expenses at home, anthrax testing, postal inspections, insurance and countless economic spinoffs that have been loosely estimated at a billion dollars a day.

The war abroad is the most obvious expense, but the mounting costs have not aroused controversy. The nation will simply have to bear these burdens, members of Congress have said.

"We were attacked at home.

About 3,200 innocent citizens died. When you have to defend yourself in war, it's going to be a costly venture," said Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., a member of the Armed Services Committee. "Our entire country and way of life is being threatened, and we will spend whatever it takes to defend ourselves."

The military costs, though relatively efficient, further strain a federal budget already depleted by a big tax cut and a recession. Those costs will keep mounting as the war continues, in Afghanistan or elsewhere, forcing the federal government to run deficits, make deep cuts in domestic spending, or both.

This new kind of war has employed new kinds of firepower, some with daunting price tags. A Black Hawk helicopter that

crashed in Pakistan cost \$11 million. A Pavle Low helicopter lost in Afghanistan was worth about \$40 million.

Yet the expensive technology has kept total costs down, partly by effectively striking key targets, military analysts say.

"In the narrow sense, some of these weapons are very expensive, but in the broader sense they are more cost-effective than old gravity bombs," said Steven M. Kosiak, budget analyst for the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.

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NATION

Bush arrives at ranch with weighty issues to consider

By Scott Lindlaw
The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas - The last time President Bush vacationed at his ranch, he wrestled with the thorny issue of embryonic stem cell research. He arrived at his Texas home Wednesday faced with decisions that make last summer seem like a simpler time.

The president must consider the next target in the war on ter-

rorism, the fate of American Taliban fighter John Walker Lindh and how to jump-start the economy.

And he's starting work on framing his first State of the Union address to Congress next month. Beyond that, he will have to propose a budget for government spending squeezed by the recession and demands of fighting terrorism.

He also must decide whether to

circumvent the Democrat-controlled Senate and install polarizing nominees at the Labor and State departments. The Senate refused to vote on Otto Reich and Eugene Scalia before leaving for recess last week. So-called recess appointments by Bush would inflame tensions between the White House and the Senate.

The president plans to keep a low profile on the ranch for the remainder of the holidays, when

many Americans are absorbed in family gatherings.

He will receive daily briefings by videoconference each day, but plans few public appearances except of a trip to Austin, Texas, next week, adviser Karen Hughes said. He is likely to make an out-of-state trip in early January.

At the ranch, Bush must decide whether and how to widen military, diplomatic and financial efforts against terrorists. Aides

say Somalia is a prime target because some of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida forces are believed to be in the country and because there is no central government to control their activities. Terror target No. 1, Osama bin Laden, remains at large, and Bush is trying to deliver on his promise to bring him to justice.

Other international conflicts loom: Anger is running high between Pakistan, a key U.S. ally

in the war in Afghanistan, and India, following a suicide attack on India's parliament Dec. 13.

Though there are signs that peace talks may resume soon in the Middle East, the violence continues. Israeli troops fired from tanks and helicopter gunships at Palestinian gunmen holed up in a West Bank house Wednesday, killing one man and wounding two in an incursion into a Palestinian-controlled town.



Customers buy earthenware, glassware and shampoo at a bargain sale in central Kabul on Wednesday.

\$9 billion Afghan aid package sets up six-month interim government

The Washington Post

Ministers in Afghanistan's new government went to work for the first time this week as technicians were still rushing to install donated furniture, computers and telephones shipped from Denmark last week.

The \$20,000 office "kits," one for each of 30 new ministries, include everything from paper clips to generators. Financed by the Afghan Interim Authority Fund, set up by international donors to get the government running, they're the first installment on assistance that will include \$150-a-month salaries for up to 10 employees in each ministry and the cost of setting up schools and rudimentary judicial and human rights structures.

As the interim government's six-month life span draws to a close next spring, the fund will also cover the cost of convening an emergency loya jirga, or national council, that will choose Afghanistan's government, which is to last two years until elections can be held.

And, then, the real spending will begin.

Donor nations will meet Jan.

Bin Laden

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he may have lost his life there," Musharraf said. He didn't elaborate.

And from others come myriad theories, few substantiated by anything but repetition:

- That bin Laden had his own men shoot him - and martyr him - as American forces closed in. An Islamabad newspaper, Al-Akbar, among others, offered that account last week, quoting Afghans recently arrived from Kandahar.

- That he managed to make it to Chechnya, Somalia or even his native Saudi Arabia, where sympathetic forces are safeguarding him. Some of those rumors, circulating for weeks, put him on the run with his close ally, deposed Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar.

- That he died of natural causes. The Daily Doodar, a small Islamabad newspaper, offered that astonishing theory Wednesday. "Osama has died," it said, attributing the demise to "kidney and stomach cancer." Citing no sources, it said he died in the mountains of Tora Bora and was buried there by 30 trusted advisers and bodyguards.

In Jalalabad, Afghanistan, regional anti-Taliban commanders are convinced bin Laden fled the Tora Bora cave complex near the border with Pakistan. But they

21 and 22 in Tokyo to receive the final details of a five-year reconstruction program and make firm pledges. At a preparatory meeting last week in Brussels, United Nations Development Program Administrator Mark Malloch Brown said an initial assessment drawn up by UNDP, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, with input from interim government officials and nongovernmental aid organizations, put the five-year cost at a "relatively solid" \$9 billion. The estimate excludes security costs.

"We have to prepare ourselves for a long-term commitment," Chris Patton, who heads external relations for the European Commission, said at the opening of the Brussels meeting of the Afghan Steering Committee. The committee is chaired by the European Union, the United States, Japan and Saudi Arabia.

Afghanistan's needs range from rebuilding at least 1,000 miles of roads - up to half the nation's total - to reestablishing the irrigation system that once made it a country of flowering orchards and grain crops.

Other projects are less urgent but important to Afghanistan's national identity. Interim gov-

ernment officials have said they'd like to reconstruct two massive, fifth-century Buddhas carved into a cliff about 65 miles west of Kabul. Taliban leaders ordered the statues, considered international treasures, blown up this year on the grounds that they were offensive to Islam.

In addition to the interim fund, which has collected about \$17 million in short-term contributions so far, the Brussels conference set up a dual financing structure allowing for bilateral reconstruction programs as well as a general fund for non-earmarked contributions.

One clear priority for major donors is to ensure that economic and political reconstruction go hand in hand. The United States and Europe have said they'll prefer financing projects in regions where local warlords have committed themselves to the national government.

"Our message must be clear," said European Commissioner for Development Poul Nielson. "Reconstruction efforts by the international community will only take place in those parts of Afghanistan where there is an active support of local leaders to provide security and stability."

Red Cross has access to captives

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States and its allies are allowing full access to captives in Afghanistan, the Red Cross said Wednesday, although the Bush administration is keeping its options open by declining to declare them prisoners of war.

"We have visited over 2,400 detainees throughout Afghanistan in over 30 places of detention," Red Cross spokeswoman Antonella Notari said a day after the first such visit to a Marines-held base near Kandahar where 16 Taliban and al-Qaida fighters are being held. "We have no complaints about access."

Human rights watchdogs have expressed concerns that describing the captives as "detainees" instead of "prisoners of war" could impinge on rights guaranteed by international law, including the right to meet with Red Cross officials, and due process should any of them face trial.

Notari said any concerns about the captives' right to regular meetings with Red Cross officials were unfounded.

Duplex fire kills three children

DETROIT (AP) - Overloaded electrical wires and a space heater too near a Christmas tree were suspected in a fire Wednesday that killed three children and injured three other family members, including their mother, authorities said.

Burglar bars on the front door of their brick duplex may have prevented the three children killed - Frank Richardson, 17, Kiona Richardson, 11, and 7-month-old Kyra Richardson - from escaping the early morning blaze, Fire Department Lt. Kwaku Atara said.

Laverne Leggett, 37, broke an ankle jumping from a second-floor window. Leggett, the mother of seven children, signed out of a hospital Wednesday against medical advice to be with her surviving children.

Carlotta Richardson, 15, and Kikawan Richardson, 4, were hospitalized in serious condition and were expected to recover. James Richardson, 14, and Emmanuel Richardson, 10, escaped without injury.

Neighbor Jermaine Elliott said Leggett was on the collapsing roof when he told her to throw down Kikawan and jump. She let the child go, but at first hesitated to follow.

"She wanted to go back in the house. I guess she heard her kids screaming. She yelled, 'Oh God, please forgive me,' and jumped," Elliott said.

Elliott said he heard the 17-year-old screaming from the upper floor for help.

"She was saying, 'Help me, I'm on fire.' He wouldn't jump. He asked us to keep talking to him. We did, but after a while, we didn't hear anything anymore," said Elliott.

The teen was found behind the front door.

Officials are still investigating the cause of the fire.

Atara said the family had been using space heaters because their furnace had been shut off, and they may have overloaded the heaters' wires or ignited the tree or other combustibles.

Searchers find missing boy's body in lake

CADDO, Texas (AP) - A dive team searching a lake Wednesday found the body of a 6-year-old boy who disappeared during a weekend hike with his family.

Hundreds of rescue workers had been searching for Ira Clutter, who wandered off from his family Saturday in Possum Kingdom State Park, about 130 miles west of Dallas. The lake was about a half mile from where he was last seen by his parents and four siblings. Ira's family said the boy didn't know how to swim.

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Kentucky's disdain for gun control hinders security

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - Kentucky legislators' disdain for gun control is complicating efforts to increase security at the state Capitol.

Security measures initiated since the Sept. 11 attacks include metal detectors, which are expected to be installed by the time the 2002 General Assembly begins Jan. 8.

However, security personnel do not know if they will allowed to do anything about any guns detected by the machines.

State Police and the Finance Cabinet, the agency responsible for state property, are still trying to determine if people with guns can be kept out of the Capitol or if they merely can be identified and watched.

The problem is that lawmakers

in 1998 rejected an executive order by Gov. Paul Patton that would have banned concealed weapons from state buildings.

A 1996 measure legalized the carrying of concealed weapons for people who have a permit and Kentucky does not ban the carrying of weapons in plain sight.

The sponsor of the concealed-car law believes the new metal detectors are "a massive waste of taxpayers' money." Rep. Bob Damon said he will introduce a resolution demanding the removal of the devices. He suggested giving them to schools or courthouses.

Guns are banned from schools in Kentucky, and judges have authority to bar them from courthouses.

Man dressed as Santa Claus faces charge of trying to run over police chief

CHESTER, Pa. (AP) - A man dressed as Santa Claus is accused of trying to run over a police chief with his car.

Police said William Hatzell, 57, was wearing a full Santa suit when he was stopped and questioned by Bethel Township Police Chief David Houser on Saturday. Houser said Hatzell was wear-

ing the suit at a farmers market and appeared to have been drinking.

When he was asked for identification, Hatzell refused to hand it over, and instead backed his car into Houser, police said. The car drove off with Houser clinging to its side mirror. He fell off and was not seriously injured.

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EDITORIAL

Parental consent is sound abortion law

Idaho's legislative power was reinforced last week, when a federal judge upheld the core of Idaho's abortion consent law. Amended by the Legislature earlier this year after its passage in 2000, the law mostly met with approval from U.S. Magistrate Mikel Williams, proving that local regulation can legally exist with constitutionally protected rights.

The Idaho law aims to keep parents involved in the abortion decisions of minors. It requires parents' consent for an abortion for any girl younger than 18. But if a girl's faces insurmountable domestic circumstances, such as abuse or incest, she can bypass her parents by obtaining a judge's consent.

Williams made his decision based on balance and careful analysis. He threw out two provisions of the law as unconstitutional.

Because the challenged government regulation may have the effect of causing a number of women to personally and thoughtfully reconsider their decision to terminate a pregnancy," Williams wrote.

For the past decade, the U.S. Supreme Court has cooled the abortion debate by letting states write their own abortion statutes - within the bounds of constitutionality. Every state "has its own approach."

Thankfully, courts are holding that state lawmakers - acting on behalf of the voters who elect them - have the right to make laws such as the consent statute.

Idaho, for one, has chosen not to make abortion a customary norm. Thankfully, courts are holding that state lawmakers - acting on behalf of the voters who elect them - have the right to make laws such as the consent statute.

The decision whether to pursue an abortion can be overwhelming for any woman, but more so for a minor. The consent law is rooted in a desire to ensure that a young woman makes that decision with the advice and support of her own family.

In most cases, parents can provide perspective, insight and judgment that will help a girl make a better decision than if she goes it alone. Parents also may have knowledge that can help a physician give the best medical attention.

By and large, Williams' ruling upholds the Legislature's intent. The ruling establishes that the Legislature has the legal right to regulate abortion with reasonable and flexible conditions.



America knows how to meet challenges

S. MARK KOPTA

It is important for Americans to recognize the truth that lies behind the tragedy of the terrorist attacks, the anthrax scare and the recession that has devastated our financial resources as well as put people out of work. Many people are asking, "What's next?" But as history has shown, Americans can and will meet these challenges.

There is a little-known but compelling story about Miobi, a boy adventurer who saw a lovely village during his travels. Approaching the village, he noticed that it was in a state of neglect and that the people looked troubled.

"An elder he met explained that a monster was out of a nearby mountain was expected to come down soon and destroy the village."

Miobi decided to hike up to the monster's cave and try to reason with it. The elder warned against it, describing the monster as having the body of a bear, the head of a dragon and breathing fire.

As Miobi ascended the mountain, he noticed a remarkable thing: The monster got bigger as he moved away from it and smaller as he approached it. When he reached the mouth of the cave, the monster was only a small furry creature that purred. Placing the monster in his pocket, Miobi returned to the village and showed the monster to the villagers.

Resting in Miobi's hands, the monster was asked its name. It replied that it has

directions for peace within their borders and are opening themselves for peace outside their borders.

Despite several recent setbacks, Ireland's rival groups are in the process of disarming. Who would have believed that China would be hosting the Olympics? Even the most pessimistic economists are expecting an economic turnaround in the United States some time next year.

Interestingly, the United States' worst fears in crises have never realized. Franklin Roosevelt was right in stating that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Is there a Southern and Northern United States today? Is Nazi Germany or the Soviet Union ruling the world? Is the world succumbing to the menacing grip of China? These fears were our response to the Civil War, World War II, the Cold War and the Vietnam War, and they were never realized.

After each major setback, the nation has come back. Why? Because when we fear the worst, we take the necessary action to prevent it; then we move on. We succeed because we have an enormous faith in God and in ourselves.

History tells us that the United States will emerge from this latest challenge stronger and better than ever.

S. Mark Kopta is chairman of the psychology department at the University of Evansville in Indiana.

been called many things - plague, war, famine. Yawning, it then said, "The most pitiful people simply call me, 'What Might Happen.'"

In these times of uncertainty, it's easy to imagine our own monsters. Unfortunately, these illusory beasts hide positive signs, such as those indicating the emergence of a new dawn for the United States and peace and prosperity for our world. Several unprecedented, positive forces are now in play. Our challenge is to see past the darkness to recognize tomorrow's light.

First, few times in history have so many nations been united against a common enemy: terrorism. The United States, Russia and China, once mortal enemies, are now allies in a righteous cause. For the first time, there is one dominant world superpower and it has a humanitarian spirit. The only "evil empires" are the terrorist groups associated with nations such as Afghanistan and Iraq.

More than ever, Americans and our global neighbors are working toward better understanding with regard to race, culture and religion.

The Sept. 11 tragedy has brought unprecedented communication between Christians and Muslims. Many countries are moving in new

The retiring, but not shy, Anthony Lewis



CAL THOMAS

When Ronald Reagan delivered his "evil empire" speech about the Soviet Union nearly two decades ago, New York Times columnist Anthony Lewis debunked the speech by saying that the notion of evil was not a proper metaphor in our modern, sophisticated world.

In a recent interview on the occasion of his retirement from 50 years of column writing, Lewis was asked by a Times editor about the lessons of Sept. 11. "It's not so much to allow evil to fester some where else," he said.

One of the truths about column writing is that your words can sometimes come back to haunt you. That's what happens when you can have opinions on everything but are not required to take responsibility for anything.

Anthony Lewis represents an old liberal school that fervently believes Man is perfectible. Lewis, and others of like mind, think it's only a matter of getting the combination right and humanity can unlock peace on earth and good will toward men. But reality got in his way.

"Have you changed your views on anything significant?" Lewis was asked in the Dec. 16 interview.

There is no parallel between abortion and what happened Sept. 11. The shooting of doctors who perform abortions is still murder.

Come on, Mr. R and Mrs. C.H. surely you can find better things to do to get attention.

Not exactly. It wasn't looks alone that lead to such hate; it was conflicting ideologies. That's why the United States needed

noted in the interview: "It is a corrupt, lawless, authoritarian system that doesn't give anybody much hope." Lewis had hope for the PA for many years as he regularly criticized Israel for not going the "extra mile" in its efforts to make peace with Arabat.

Liberalism is a pessimistic faith because it never sees the potential in Man, just his flaws. Rather than focusing on ways to free people so they can elevate themselves, liberalism instead concentrates on ways to subsidize people in their current misery. Liberalism is embarrassed by success and prosperity because independent and free people do not need liberals - and above all, liberals need to be needed. Otherwise, they'd have to find real work instead of careers in politics, entertainment, class warfare (the only kind of war in which they believe) and, yes (and here I might be guilty of self-inflamation), columnist writing.

Lewis noted in his exit interview that he was "not willing to give up on rationality." I really believe it. Look, why have I been writing columns rather than jumping off the George Washington Bridge? "It's an intriguing question."

Anthony Lewis may be retiring from writing columns but he's going to teach at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, where he will impart to mushy young minds the liberal doctrines that even he now questions. Students would do well to read the Times interview and to take his views with the proverbial grain of salt.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

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LETTERS

Celebrate author of liberty

At this very troubled Christmas season, it is time to reflect upon the divine birth, perfect life, atoning sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Our founding fathers were inspired to write the greatest documents which mankind has produced to provide for individual freedom and liberty. These are the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments to the Constitution.

The limitations on the power and size of government have been greatly eroded until many of our constitutional God-given rights have been compromised or lost in the name of security and so-called equality. Private property rights are becoming almost non-existent.

Our independence as a free nation will be lost if we allow the United Nations to complete its quest and goal of becoming a one-world government. We must get out now!

Jesus Christ and God the Father are still in control of history and nations and are more powerful than all the evil in the world today. They work through mankind to promote love, compassion, liberty and freedom for all their children. Leviticus in the Old Testament says, "proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof;" (also inscribed on the Liberty Bell).

May we be vigilant to keep our constitution from public free and celebrate the author of liberty, Jesus Christ's birthday with joy and happiness.

ADRIAN L. ARP
Twin Falls

'Choose Life' ads prove distasteful

I've seen some of the "Idaho Chooses

Life' ads on TV and I think they are disgusting. I think Helen Chenoweth-Hage is trying to breathe life into a dead political career and the only way she knows how is to align herself with a group radical enough to get her name in the newspaper. Give it up, Helen, your career is dead.

Now, Mr. David Ripley, Mrs. Chenoweth-Hage and all of your followers: What are you doing for the children that are already here? How many have you adopted or taken into your home, fed, clothed, provided with love, security and a sense of belonging?

I don't mean the healthy white babies born to some high school or college girls - these are easy to place in adoption. I'm talking about the drug-addicted babies, the fetal-alcohol babies that come into this world in the midst of withdrawals and the nightmares of addiction. I'm talking about the babies who have no idea who their fathers are, who have no idea about the mixed-race children and those born to minorities. I'm also talking about older children who have been in and out of dozens of foster homes and how about the families of two or more that would like to stay together as a family. What have you done for them?

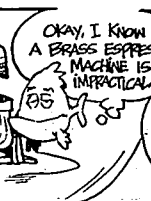
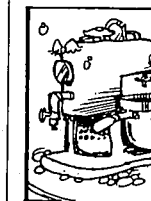
It doesn't matter if you agree or not, abortion is legal. "It's the law of the land."

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Come on, Mr. R and Mrs. C.H. surely you can find better things to do to get attention.

KENNETH P. GOLLER
Twin Falls

Doodlesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley

National identities won't fade with the Euro - LETTER-

The other day I visited my local bank and bought \$30 each of French francs, German marks and Italian lire. I have no immediate need for them or the Spanish pesetas, Greek drachmas or Dutch guilders that I might also have purchased. I just wanted some historic mementos because after Jan. 1, the national currencies of 12 European countries with 305 million people are scheduled to disappear in favor of the euro. Although I have long doubted the euro's benefits, the moment is undeniably historic.

Never before have so many people in so many countries simultaneously adopted a new money. Since 1999 stores and banks have priced in both euros and national currency; now people get the real stuff. The conversion is a massive operation. The European Central Bank has minted 52 billion new coins (170 for each person in the "euro area") and printed 14.9 billion bank notes (49 per person). The total value is 649 billion euros, which, at present exchange rates (1 euro equals 90 cents), is about \$584 billion.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

Throughout history, money — its creation or destruction — has always been a political act. The euro has been controversial precisely because it engages vast political ambitions. To critics, it represents a step toward "a European super-state that will submerge the individuality of the European nations in an unwieldy federation, hobbled by bureaucracy (that imposes) a crippling burden of regulatory and other costs on Europe's economies," wrote one British commentator. Having reservations, three of the European Union's 15 members — Britain, Denmark and Sweden — have so far rejected the euro.

To its enthusiasts, the euro means economic vitality and political unity. Companies won't have to convert all those different currencies. Easier cross-border price comparisons will compel firms to become more effi-

cient. As cross-border investment rises, money will increasingly go to the most deserving companies. Economic success will strengthen a European consciousness.

Let's hope so. But I'm skeptical, because I fear that (a) the euro won't create major economic gains and that (b) it will trigger a political backlash. So much economic power is being centralized in Frankfurt and Brussels — the homes of the ECB and the European Commission — that local and global economic discontent may focus increasingly on "Europe" as the villain.

The euro doesn't address Europe's two main economic problems: high unemployment and expensive welfare states, threatened by aging populations. Even after several good economic years, the EU's unemployment rate averaged 7.6 percent in 2001. Governments cling to social protections (restrictions on firing, high jobless benefits, steep payroll taxes) that, perversely, discourage companies from hiring and the unemployed from seeking work.

It's likewise unpopular to trim benefits for retirees, even though

government budgets (as a share of gross domestic product) are 50 percent higher than in the United States. And pressures will intensify. By 2050 there will be only two members of the working-age population (15-64) for each retiree, estimates the European Commission. The ratio now is 4 to 1.

Of course, you can't expect the euro to solve all of Europe's problems. The trouble is that it may solve hardly any. A single currency tends to work best if labor is mobile and wages are flexible. People move from places with few jobs to places with many jobs. Unfortunately, this doesn't describe Europe, which remains compartmentalized by language and culture. A monetary policy — the ECB's regulation of interest rates — that suits countries with high unemployment may spawn inflation in countries with low unemployment.

These conflicts may unleash more bad feelings than good. The problems will multiply if — as expected — the EU admits many of the 13 other countries that want to join, from Poland to Estonia to Turkey. It will be hard for them to qualify for the euro

and, if they do, harder to manage the currency. And a badly managed euro would be bad for the world. Already it may have aggravated the global recession. The ECB has kept interest rates fairly high to dampen inflation and demonstrate that the euro is as sound as the old German mark and the dollar.

Unfortunately his has curbed Europe's ability to offset the U.S. slump.

The euro seems a triumph of common sense — one currency for one market. But it may be a case of overreaching. The controlling illusion is that destroying a standard symbol of a country's sovereignty (its money) can create a European consciousness. Opinion surveys by the European Commission periodically ask whether people feel more national or European. The results consistently affirm the stubbornness of national identity. In one poll, 89 percent said they felt attached to their country, only 56 percent to Europe. Sooned or fail, the euro won't soon change that.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

Taxpayers get the bills

If I must die an untimely death, please let me be hit with a terrorist airplane. If I ever go into business, I hope I start an airline so if I'm about to go broke, the taxpayers will bail me out regardless of how much I have milked my company through stock options and bloated salaries at the top. Or if I should start an insurance company, the same generous, charitable taxpayers will bail me out if I should face major losses under the policy contracts I have collected profits on for years.

Yes, everybody should get reimbursed by the taxpayers, even though the U.S. government had nothing to do with the catastrophic loss. And oh, by the way, did Uncle Sam and England forget to reimburse the Palestinian Arabs when they carved the New Nation of Israel out of Palestine on May 14, 1948? Harry Truman said reportedly said, "They are just ignorant goat-herders; they'll soon forget."

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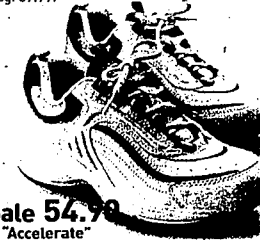
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Section B

MORNING LINE SPORTSQUOTE

“ We were wondering how his umbilical cord stretches all the way from the stands to the field. ”

—Miami offensive lineman *Brent Rumberg, jokingly referring to teammate Joaquin Gonzalez, who's mother cooks his meals and does his laundry*

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball
DeClo, Kimberly at New Plymouth Tournament

High school girls basketball
Shoshone Holiday Tournament
Rockland vs. Murrough, 6 p.m.
Shoshone vs. Wendell, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

BYU's Staley will head to NFL early

PROVO, Utah — Brigham Young running back Luke Staley will skip his senior year and enter the 2002 NFL draft. “I feel it is time for me to take my skills to the next level and achieve some additional goals I have established for myself,” Staley said Wednesday.

The 6-foot-2, 225-pound Staley ran for a school-record 1,582 yards despite missing two games this season. His 28 touchdowns set another BYU record and led the nation.

Staley, from Tualatin, Ore., was a first-team All-America selection and won the Doak Walker Award, given annually to the nation's top running back.

The Cougars were 12-0 and ranked in the top 10 after Staley broke a leg and tore ankle ligaments near the end of a 41-38 win at Mississippi State on Dec. 1. Staley didn't play in a 72-45 loss at Hawaii the following week, and BYU plummeted to No. 19.

Because of ankle surgery, Staley won't be ready to play in the Dec. 31 Liberty Bowl against Louisville. He also won't be able to work out for scouts at the NFL combine in Indianapolis in late February. The draft is in April.

Mariners sign outfielder Ruben Sierra

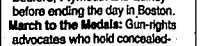
SEATTLE — Free-agent outfielder Ruben Sierra signed a one-year, \$1.9 million contract with the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday.

The deal has \$150,000 in performance bonuses.

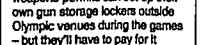
Sierra is a switch-hitter, hit .291 with 23 home runs and 67 RBIs in 94 games with the Texas Rangers last season.

He is a career .270 hitter with 263 homers and 1,121 RBIs.

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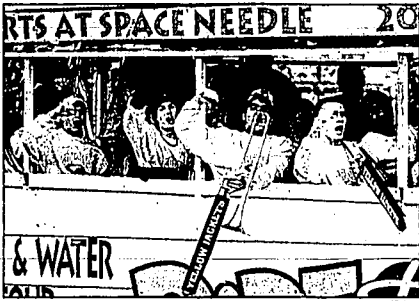


Countdown to Salt Lake

43 days until
Opening Ceremony

The Torch Tour: Beginning the day in Providence, R.I., the torch will make its way through the Massachusetts towns of New Bedford, Plymouth and Quincy before ending the day in Boston. March to the Medal: Gun-rights advocates who hold concealed-weapon permits can set up their own gun storage lockers outside Olympic venues during the games — but they'll have to pay for it themselves and thread the city's bureaucratic maze to get permission.

Organizers of Seattle Bowl try to stay optimistic



Members of the Georgia Tech marching band chant in downtown Seattle Wednesday. Georgia Tech meets Stanford in the first Seattle Bowl today.

Financial concerns cast dark cloud over inaugural game

By Danny O'Neill
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Global politics have posed a problem, hometown economics haven't helped and there was no grassroots gift of landing a Northwest college-football team in the inaugural Seattle Bowl.


Estimates for out-of-town visitors have been reduced, the biggest sponsor was signed less than a week before the game and Safeco Field could be half to two-thirds full when Stanford plays Georgia Tech today.

Yet hope still floats for the first-year game, even in Seattle's soggiest month of the year.

“Starting a new game in this environment, this is as tough of an environment as you would ever have,” said Terry Daw, co-owner of the bowl game. “Your sponsorship market has dried up completely. You have travel issues. If you can make it in that, you can make it any year.”

The quality of teams on the field is one of the biggest selling points for the game. No. 11 Stanford (9-2) is the Pac-10's second-highest ranked team, while Georgia Tech was a preseason top-10 pick. The Yellow Jackets are 7-5, but three of those losses are by a combined seven points.

The downside is that neither team will bring enough fans to make the game a sellout.



SEATTLE BOWL

No. 11 Stanford vs. Georgia Tech
Today: 2 p.m. ESPN

Organizers were hoping for a Northwest team within driving distance. Instead, Stanford was No. 4 in the Pac-10 in attendance, and the number of Georgia Tech fans who made the trip from Atlanta is in the hundreds, not the thousands.

Combine that with national and local economic factors and it

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Bonds bags another honor

Slugger snags Male Athlete of the Year

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In a year he began 0-for-21 at the plate, Barry Bonds couldn't have done much better for himself.

The 73 homers. An unprecedented fourth MVP award. A record .863 slugging percentage. And now voted The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year.

Bonds won the honor Wednesday by edging three-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong. Tiger Woods, who won in 1999 and 2000, tied for third.

Besides smashing Mark McGwire's 3-year-old home run record, the San Francisco Giants' slugger broke a pair of Babe Ruth's records with 177 walks and the gaudy slugging percentage. Bonds hit .328 with 137 RBIs while moving from 17th place to seventh on the career list with 587 homers.

Bonds received 33 first-place votes and 136 points from sportswriters and broadcasters to edge Armstrong, who finished second in the voting for the second straight year. Armstrong had 26 first-place votes and 127 points.

American League MVP Ichiro Suzuki and Woods tied for third with 43 points, though Suzuki had seven first-place votes and Woods, who also won the AP honor in 1997, had two. Randy Johnson was fifth and Allen Iverson was sixth. Points were awarded on a 3-2-1 basis.

The 37-year-old Bonds is the 24th baseball player to win the AP award. Pepper Martin won the first award in 1931 and other baseball winners have included Bonds' godfather, Willie Mays, who won as a member of the New York Giants in 1954. McGwire won in 1998 when he hit his record-breaking 70 homers.

After briefly testing the free-agent market, Bonds accepted the Giants' offer of salary arbitration last week and will be back in San Francisco for at least one more season. Bonds said he's already preparing for the 2002 season and trying to figure out how he can become an even better player.



“My grandfather told me, ‘The day that dog doesn't learn a trick, it's the day that dog is dead,’” Bonds said. “If I get satisfied now, I might as well retire.”

At first, this seemed unlikely to be a historic year for Bonds, who was hitless in his first 21 at-bats of the season.

But then he homered in a career-high six straight games, including his 500th home run on April 17. That homer, which

splashed into McCovey Cove beyond the right-field fence at Pacific Bell Park, made him the 17th major leaguer to reach the milestone.

He had another six-game homer streak in mid-May, setting an NL record with nine home runs in that span. He also tied a record by homering in four straight official at-bats.

He connected twice on May 30, becoming the most prolific left-

handed home-run hitter in NL history with No. 522. That moved him past Hall of Famers Willie McCovey and Ted Williams.

Bonds had a major league record 17 home runs in May, and stayed just as hot in early June. He got halfway to McGwire's mark by hitting his 35th and 36th homers in a win over the neighboring Oakland Athletics in mid-June.

“I think the bottom line was, he wasn't happy, he wasn't happy coaching. That's the real reason,” said center Raef LaFrentz, who has sometimes clashed with Isell.

Assistant coach Mike Evans, who has been serving as interim coach, will remain in charge of the team.

— compiled from wire reports

San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds celebrates at home plate with his son, Nikolai, after he hit his 73rd home run of the season against the Los Angeles Dodgers Oct. 7 in San Francisco. Bonds was voted Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year for 2001.

Issel, Nuggets part ways

The Associated Press

DENVER — Dan Issel accepted a buyout and resigned as head coach and president of the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday, two weeks after he was suspended for making an insensitive ethnic remark to a spectator.

The announcement came after Issel and general manager Kiki Vandeweghe finalized the details of Issel's departure in private meetings.

“I think that he really believed that after a lot of soul searching, that perhaps coaching wasn't for him,” Vandeweghe said at a news conference.

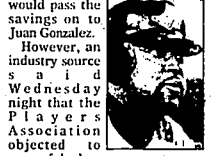
“Dan kind of came to terms with some things in his own life. And really, you know, as long as I've known Dan, he's always done, really, what's best for the organization,” he said.

Terms of the settlement were not released.

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Sluggo Mo Vaughn has agreed to a restructured contract with the Mets, with the expectation that the club would pass the savings on to Juan Gonzalez.

However, an industry source said Wednesday night that the Players Association objected to some of the language in the new contract. At least temporarily, the deal's official announcement is pending a revision.

According to the source, the Mets finalized a deal with Vaughn's agent, Jeff Moorad, early Wednesday evening. Right-hander Kevin Appier is set to go to the Anaheim Angels in exchange for the first baseman, who would provide a much-needed lefty bat behind Mike Piazza.

The Mets would only admit that “talks are ongoing.” In a short statement, Mets spokesman Jay Horwitz said talks “will continue overnight and into (today). There will be no announcement (Wednesday night) regarding Mo Vaughn.”

Mo Vaughn

— compiled from wire reports



Colorado Avalanche goalie Patrick Roy celebrates as the Avalanche beat the Dallas Stars 2-0 Wednesday in Dallas, giving Roy his 500th career win.

Colorado's Roy earns 500th career victory

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Stopping pucks with his stick and his calf, from his belly and against a 6-on-4 attack, Patrick Roy repeatedly flashed the form that has produced the most wins in NHL history — exactly 500.

Roy reached the milestone in style Wednesday night, making 31 saves for his seventh shutout this season, tying his career high, and leading the Colorado Avalanche past the Dallas Stars 2-0.

“It's certainly a special moment,” Roy said. “I just want to enjoy it.”

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— Patrick Roy, on his 500th career win

Avalanche are unbeaten in seven straight on the road and are 12-1-3 in 16 games.

Hejduk has nine goals in 14 games and has a point in five straight. Tanguay, who assisted on Hejduk's goal, has 14 points in

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SPORTS

Nash knocks Spurs out in overtime

Duncan's 53 aren't enough for San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Even a 53-point performance from Tim Duncan couldn't stop the Dallas Mavericks, the NBA's hottest team.

Steve Nash scored 27 points and made a 3-pointer with 0.6 seconds remaining in overtime as the Mavericks won their seventh straight game, defeating the San Antonio Spurs for only the 11th time in their last 50 meetings, 126-123.

"I really wanted to hit a big shot in overtime and fortunately I got that opportunity," Nash said. "We ran a pick and roll, and when I came off the pick I tried to get the defense off of me and create some space and was just able to get a good look."

Dallas won despite a career night by Duncan, who scored 28 of his points in the fourth quarter and overtime and also pulled down 11 rebounds.

"I wish I'd have missed all my shots the way this turned out," said Duncan, who was 19-of-28 from the field and connected on 15 straight free throws.

The 53 points was fourth-most ever scored by a San Antonio player and the most scored in an NBA game this season.

"They were getting the ball to me and I had to take my shots and the shots were falling. We'll learn from this. We'll get better," Duncan said.

Michael Finley led the Mavericks with 28 points. Dirk Nowitzki added 26 and Tim Hardaway had 15.

"We had no answer for Duncan down low tonight," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "Other than that I thought we played pretty well defensively. We were able to withstand many times when it looked like we were going to lose the momentum and drop this one. When your big three are all scoring in the 20's, that can offset a guy scoring fifty-something. But I'm not saying next time he can have 75."

David Robinson backed Duncan with 13 points.

"It was a great game," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said after watching his team lose its second consecutive game after 10 straight wins in the month of December.

"I was pleased with what they (Spurs) did and how they executed at both ends of the court. I thought he (Duncan) played great. It's great to see him taking charge. He's telling me what to run some of the times."

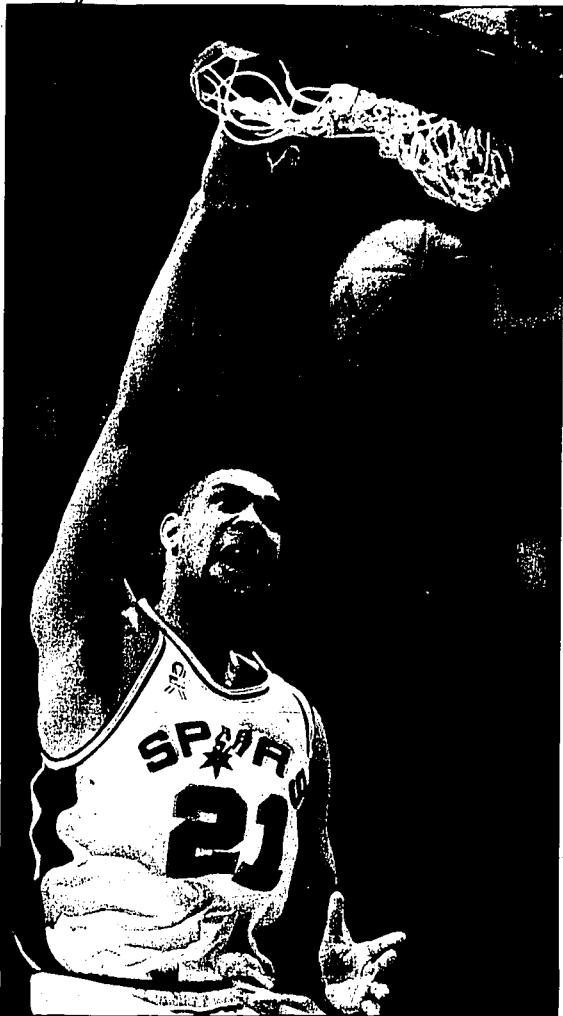
The Mavericks opened the overtime period with consecutive baskets by Nash and Hardaway to take a 120-116 lead.

San Antonio went back to Duncan, who answered with a 7-0 run of his own to give the Spurs a 123-120 lead on a three-point play with 1:14 to play.

Hardaway tied the game 123-123 with a 27-foot 3-point field goal with 26.3 seconds remaining.

"That 3 by Hardaway was huge," Nelson said. "We've seen him do that against us many times in the past. That is what he brings to this team. That is the type of thing that he is capable of doing for you."

Following a San Antonio turnover, Nash hit the game-winning jump shot. Terry Porter's desperation 3-point field goal was short at the buzzer.



San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan scores two of his 53 points against the Dallas Mavericks Wednesday as the Mavericks won 128-123 in overtime.

Russell, Jazz stop Celtics' scoring symphony

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Bryon Russell scored a season-high 19 points and Karl Malone had 12 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter as Utah beat Boston 99-86.

Russell, in his third game back from a pelvic injury, helped the Jazz take the lead and Malone controlled the final minutes with 6-of-8 shooting.

Paul Pierce, who didn't take a shot until midway through the second quarter, led the Celtics with 28 points, but had just one point in the final 6:50.

Nets 91, Cavaliers 89

CLEVELAND — Jason Kidd had 27 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists to lead New Jersey past Cleveland.

After the Cavaliers whittled a 25-point deficit to 86-84, Kidd hit a 3-pointer with 1:08 to play for an 89-84 lead.

The Nets were without forward Kenyon Martin, suspended for one game and \$7,500 by the NBA for a flagrant foul against Utah's Karl Malone on Saturday.

Chris Mihm led the Cavaliers with 19 points. Andre Miller, who entered the game leading the NBA in assists at 11.1 a game, had 14 points, 13 assists and seven rebounds.

Grizzlies 107, Bulls 85

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Pau Gasol shot 11-for-15 and scored 27 points and Jason Williams added 21 points and 14 assists as Memphis beat Chicago in Bill Berry's first game as coach of the Bulls.

Gasol also had 14 rebounds, and four of Memphis' five starters finished in double figures as the Grizzlies sent the Bulls to their 15th consecutive road loss. Shane Battier scored 21 and Stomile Swift had 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Ron Mercer led the Bulls with 22 points as Berry ran the team. Berry replaced Tim Floyd, who resigned Monday.

Pacers 89, Magic 82

ORLANDO, Fla. — Al Harrington scored 16 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter as Indiana beat Orlando.

Tracy McGrady's layup with 90 seconds left cut Indiana's lead to 81-80, but the Pacers outscored the Magic 8-2 the rest of the way to win for the fourth time in five games.

Jermaine O'Neal had 20 points and 13 rebounds for Indiana.

McGrady led Orlando with 31 points on 11-of-19 shooting after returning from a three-game absence due to a strained lower back.

Bucks 107, Hawks 97

MILWAUKEE — Glenn Robinson scored 32 points,



Utah forward Greg Ostertag fouls Boston forward Paul Pierce during the Jazz' 99-88 win over the Celtics in Salt Lake City Wednesday.

including four 3-pointers in the third quarter, as Milwaukee overcame the absence of Ray Allen to beat Atlanta.

Allen missed his third straight game because of tendinitis in his left knee. Michael Redd made his third consecutive start for Allen and had 17 points and a career-high 11 rebounds.

Shaheed Abdul-Rahim had 28 points, 11 rebounds and six assists for Atlanta.

Suns 97, Rockets 91

HOUSTON — Stephen Marbury scored 33 points, including 11 in the final 4:33, to help Phoenix hold off Houston.

Houston led 86-85 with 2:19 to play, but Marbury scored the next two baskets and Rodney Rogers hit a 3-pointer with 50 seconds left to give the Suns a 92-86 lead. Marbury then hit two free throws 14 seconds later, and two more with 28 seconds left.

Cuttino Mobley scored 33 points for the Rockets, who ended a 15-game losing streak by beating Milwaukee in their last game.

Timberwolves 94, Nuggets 91

DENVER — Kevin Garnett had 22 points and 12 rebounds to lead Minnesota past Denver a few hours after Dan Issel resigned as the Nuggets' coach and president.

Issel resigned after serving a four-game suspension and taking a leave of absence after he made insensitive ethnic remarks to a fan following a Dec. 11 loss to Charlotte.

Nick Van Exel scored 27 points for the Nuggets, who lost their fourth straight game to drop to 2-4 under interim coach Mike Evans.

Chauncey Billups added 22 points and eight assists for Minnesota.

Issel

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Issel made the remarks Dec. 11 as he walked off the court after a loss to the Charlotte Hornets. The coach responded to a taunt from the fan by yelling back, "Go drink another beer, you Mexican ...," adding an expletive at the end of the sentence.

The next day, the team suspended Issel for four games without pay, costing him more than \$112,000.

Issel apologized to the Hispanic community in public and private, and to the city of Denver and its residents.

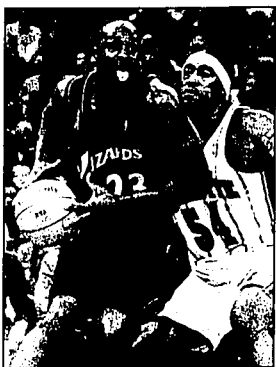
Issel was to earn \$2.5 million this year on a contract that would have expired after next season.

This is the second time Issel has resigned as the Nuggets' coach. In 1995, he resigned 34 games into his third season as coach. Issel also played for the Nuggets for 10 seasons and was their general manager.

Vandeweghe said he didn't believe Issel's suspension was the sole reason for his resignation.

"Head coaching in this league is a lot of pressure," Vandeweghe said. "I think Dec. 11 might have just been the result of some of the pressures. We had gone through a rough stretch where we had lost a few in a row, and that builds up. His decision, I don't think, had a lot to do with that incident. I think it was more an overall thing."

Washington win streak comes to a close



Washington guard Michael Jordan drives past the Charlotte's Lee Nailon Wednesday in Charlotte, N.C.

Jordan, Wizards fizzle in fourth quarter

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Michael Jordan had a bad fourth quarter and couldn't lead the Washington Wizards to the longest winning streak in franchise history.

Jordan scored 28 points, not enough offense to cover Richard Hamilton's absence, as the Wizards had their nine-game winning streak snapped in a 99-93 loss to the Charlotte Hornets on Wednesday night.

Hamilton, Washington's second-leading scorer at 19.8 points a game, was placed on the injured list before the game with a groin injury. Without him, the Wizards had to rely on Jordan and backup guard Tyrone Lue for scoring.

Jordan couldn't deliver, shooting just 11-for-28 and missing four straight shots midway through the fourth quarter when the Hornets padded their lead. After hitting a late 3-pointer to cut the deficit to four, the ball slipped out of Jordan's hands under Charlotte's basket after the Hornets double-teamed him.

As Jordan's shots were rattling off the rim, Charlotte scored five unanswered points to break open a close game and take an 89-80 lead with 4:44 to play.

The Hornets kept scoring as Jordan kept missing, but Jahidi White and Popeye Jones prevented the game from getting away. White dunked in one of Jordan's misses and Jones scored on a pair of jumpers to cut Charlotte's lead to 93-86.

Jordan finally ended his drought with a scoping layup that made it 93-88 with 1:39 left.

Baron Davis, who bruised his right knee in a first-quarter collision and limped the rest of the game, answered for Charlotte with a 13-foot jumper that made it 95-88 with 35 seconds to go.

Elden Campbell led Charlotte with 17 points and 13 rebounds. Davis scored 15 and had a career-high 15 assists. Lee Nailon scored 12 and P.J. Brown and David Wesley had 11 each.

Jones and Lue scored 15 each for Washington, but Lue only scored three points in the second half.

Jordan's return to North Carolina drew Charlotte's first sellout of the season and he didn't disappoint early, scoring the first basket of the game on an 18-foot jumper and 11 points in the first quarter.

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Heyburn makes power plan

City residents will still have electricity if line goes down

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - Heyburn residents will get to keep their lights on if the line feeding Mini-Cassia with electricity goes down.

The Heyburn City Council approved a service schedule through the Idaho Energy Authority to provide the city with backup power at a flat rate for the first 10 hours.

Ralph Williams, manager of United Electric Co-op, spoke to the council Wednesday night about the service schedule and the options for backup power. Backup power is something that "slipped through the cracks" when the Bonneville Power Administration concluded its rate case last summer, Williams said.

The BPA has a singular line running into Mini-Cassia, the line

is fed through La Grande, Ore. "We are virtually at the end of the line," Williams said.

This La Grande line goes down every now and then, Williams said. Planned activities such as maintenance take it down, as well as unplanned outages. On average, the line is down about six to 10 hours each year.

"They are demanding we purchase backup service for when that La Grande line is down," Williams said.

There are two options, Williams said. The first is a flat fee of \$16,632 for 10 hours of power provided by the BPA. It works out to about \$15 per megawatt, which is a good rate, Williams said.

The flat fee would be split among all South Idaho Exchange customers depending on usage, said Mayor Cleo Cheney. Heyburn's share is about \$2,700. That number

could change if less people go for the first option, Cheney said.

United Electric Co-op also chose option one; its share is about \$4,000, Williams said.

A second option is to pay for power used when the line is down at the Mid-C rate, which could be higher than the priority firm rate currently paid for power. A memo from IDEA said Mid-C rates are near \$28 per megawatt at the moment; however, last December the rate was \$552 per megawatt. Nobody knows what the Mid-C rates will be.

"We have to cover ourselves one way or another," Williams said. "This is exactly like an insurance policy."

Both options will last 21 months, when a new rate case is negotiated with the BPA.

Williams said having to purchase backup power is a new con-

cept. "This is a brand new ball game," he said.

Williams said he was leaning toward the second option for United Electric Co-op, but found out from IDEA the La Grande line had been down earlier in December for about 10 hours. He said he began to look at option one more closely.

This scenario is also playing out in the Puget Sound area of western Washington where there is another case of a singular line feeding into an area, Williams said.

Both Burley and Rupert city councils will be looking at the same service schedule and options today at special council meetings. Burley City Council will meet at noon at Burley City Hall; Rupert City Council will meet at 1:30 p.m. at Rupert City Hall.

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Board offers loan for sewer proposal

The Times-News
and The Associated Press

BURLEY - The Idaho Water Resource Board denied the city of Burley's request for a grant to pay some costs for a study of the city's sewer plant and system.

The board did, however, offer the city a loan for some of the study's costs.

The city had applied for a \$7,500 grant from the state board. Mayor Doug Manning said. Instead the board offered to loan the city the \$7,500 for five years with 5.5 percent interest assessed to the loan.

If we're interested in borrowing money we can borrow money for less than that from a local source," Manning said. "I'm assuming the council will decline that loan. They will have to take a look at it."

"Of course I'm gone after Jan. 2, so I don't know for sure," Manning said. The new mayor, Jon Anderson, will be installed as mayor at a special council meeting that night.

The city has three weeks to respond to the state board to say whether it wants the loan.

The city has also applied for a grant for the sewer study from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Manning said. Notice of that grant is expected in July.

The grants would be used to pay for an evaluation of Burley's sewer system, which city officials say must be upgraded and expanded or the

city faces possible sanctions from regulatory agencies.

The water resource board approved \$470,000 in grants and loans for five water projects around the state at its December meeting.

The city of Lava Hot Springs will receive almost \$350,000 in loan money to connect the city's church well to the municipal water system. Preston-Riverdale and Mink Creek Canal Co. received an additional \$100,000 in loan money for that same project, bringing the total loan for a pipeline expansion project to \$400,000.

The Weston Creek Irrigation Co. of Franklin County was granted an \$8,000 loan for design and engineering services on a pipeline project.

The city of Kooskia received a \$7,500 grant for a water-planning study.

The board denied a \$17,000 request from the Hood/Doo-Harvard Water and Sewer District. Officials said they denied the request because money for the project would soon be available from the DEQ.

Officials also moved to refund water resource development bonds to take advantage of low interest rates.

The board decided to investigate a bond issue that could replace nearly \$45 million in bonds it issued in 2000 to pay for its own Dworshuk hydropower project.

Expansion boosts small Washington railroad

WHITE SWAN, Wash. (AP) - As Yakama Forest Products prepares to triple production with a new large-log sawmill, it is also extending a nearby short line spur to move most of its lumber by train.

The new loads for the little Toppenish, Simcoe & Western Railroad could help keep it in business.

"It really invigorates this railroad," said Ray Allred, a rail engineer for the state Department of Transportation.

Through the year 2000, the rail line ran an average of 30 to 40 cars annually, well below the 800 needed to remain viable, he said.

"At those scarce business levels, it was probably doomed," Allred said.

This year, the railroad was breaking even with about 950 cars, general manager John Hood said.

Construction on the track from the mill complex in White Swan to the TS&W log yard began this month and should be finished by March.

The Yakama Nation's \$35 million large-log mill is supposed to be up and running by June. The White Swan complex also has a small-log mill that cuts lumber from logs under 11 inches in diameter.

The new mill will bring annual production at the complex to about 180 million board feet a year, and Yakama Forest Products plans to move about 70 percent of its lumber by rail.

That's the equivalent of four to five rail cars per day, compared with the current one rail car a day. Each rail car can hold about five truckloads of lumber.

"It just gets to be almost an



Engineer Dave Rogers watches for cars at a railroad crossing Nov. 9, 2000. A plan by Yakama Forest Products to triple production will keep the railroad busy.

impossibility to truck that much lumber," said Chris Ketcham, general manager for the tribal enterprise.

The Yakama Nation worked with the TS&W Railroad and Yakama County to get a grant to pay for the half-mile spur, which costs \$1.25 million, including a pair of trestles.

The county can save as much as \$250,000 in estimated road maintenance and repair costs by eliminating all those truck trips.

Ketcham said shipping by rail also opens new markets for buyers who were resisting the extra expense of truck delivery.

The state grant is paying \$754,000 of the spur construction

costs, with a Yakama Nation match.

Hood said the TS&W might even be able to afford a few more paid employees with the boost in business from Yakama Forest Products. The short line was an all-volunteer operation until about a year ago when the freight business picked up.

Idaho residents can now pay state taxes online

BOISE (AP) - State taxpayers now have the option of paying their tax bills online with a credit card.

The Idaho State Tax Commission also created a new Credit Card Payment Voucher that taxpayers can use to pay their bills by credit through the mail. The voucher forms can be found on the commission's website.

Credit cards can be used to pay business income tax, sales tax, employer income tax withholding and other business tax payments under \$100,000. Any amount of individual income tax can also be paid by credit card.

Officials said the system will be especially useful to people who want to make estimated tax payments to the state by the end of December.

Burley council slates meeting

The Times-News

BURLEY - A special meeting of the City Council is scheduled for noon today.

Council members will consider a supplemental contract with the Bonneville Power Administration. The contract would provide a type of stop-gap insurance for the city

in the event that BPA's power supply to the city was interrupted. The agreement would allow the city to pay the same price to BPA for power, even if the administration had to buy it from another supplier at a higher cost.

The meeting takes place in the council chambers at City Hall. It is open to the public.

Paul

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ness though in its spacious new building. Haag said her new office is three or four times the size of her old one.

"This is so nice and open," Haag said of the entire office.

It's hard to say exactly how much bigger the new office is because much of the space is shared with the fire district, Rau said. The large conference room will serve as council chambers as well as a place for fire officials to meet.

The room will also be available for the public to use for a small fee, Haag said.

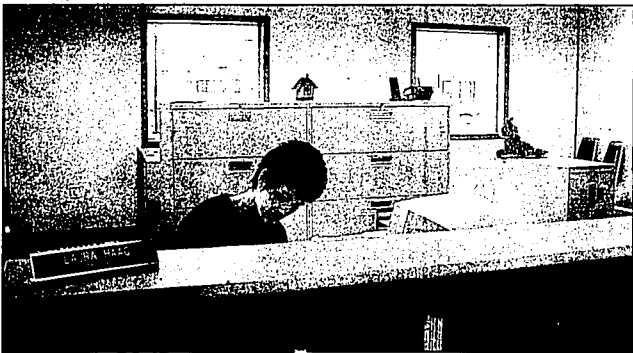
The bigger facilities will allow the city offices to be more organized, with more room for files.

"I'm excited to get new files," Haag said.

The new location, across from West Minico Junior High School on Idaho Highway 27, may be a hindrance for some people, Haag said. Many elderly people would walk to the office to pay their bills in better weather. Now they have to mail their bills.

"It's just not as convenient for them," Haag said.

An official ribbon cutting and open house will be held on



Laura Haag, Paul city clerk, works in the new city offices. The new building also houses the West End Fire Protection District station. The building is located across from West Minico Junior High School on Idaho Highway 27.

Saturday Jan. 12. Both the fire district and city office portions of the building will be open to the public that day from 2 until 6 p.m.

The West End firemen will also have a hot dog roast in conjunction with the open house, although the time hasn't been set.

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New book details Utah ditches

HOOPER, Utah (AP) - Former Weber County official Greg Haws has combined historical material with anecdotal memoirs in his book "Hooper and Its Sons of Ditches."

The first 2,000 copies hit area bookstores the day before Thanksgiving.

The title grew from Hooper's beginnings when settlers dug 17.5 miles of irrigation ditches by hand to bring water to the area for farming.

"If there hadn't been a canal dug in the 1870s, there wouldn't be a Hooper," Haws said. "So we're all sons of ditches. I have a few aunts who feel funny about that title."

Haw's mother, Marie Haws Beecher, typed up his handwritten notes and tried to get her son to delete some things.

"She wanted to edit and censor some of it so I had to put stuff back in that she took out," Haws said.

A few years ago Haws, a former county auditor clerk treasurer, began recording memories during lag times on business trips.

As his mother typed them, he assembled his life in sections in a loose-leaf binder and later transcribed the notes to his computer.

In the fall of 2000, Haws had a dream in which "These old men came to me, looking like farmers I'd seen as a boy with tanned, leatherlike faces and white foreheads where their hats had been. I don't know who they were but they stepped forward and told me to write the story of Hooper."

Court

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This offense, Baker has failed to show that the district court abused its discretion in sentencing him to a fixed period of 10 years incarceration.

Hess, 18, was riding with Baker on July 15, 1999, when he lost control of his Chevrolet Camaro at about 97 mph while drag racing on Blue Lakes

Boulevard in Twin Falls and crashed into a pickup truck. Baker had been racing the driver of a Pontiac Trans Am, who slowed down as the sports cars approached the pickup, according to police reports.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb said Baker was drinking and smoking marijuana that night.

Baker initially told police Hess was driving during the crash, even though she was pinned in the passenger seat. After being extricated from the car, she was pronounced dead at a Twin Falls hospital.

Loeb's called Baker "the kind of person who absolutely cannot live in civilized society."

After being charged in con-

nection with Hess's death, Baker waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded guilty during a district court arraignment.

Baker initially appealed his sentence to the Idaho Court of Appeals, which upheld Higer's decision. The Supreme Court then agreed to consider the appeal.

Trees

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Shoshone on Idaho Highway 75.

Gooding County

- Gooding, call 934-5669 for drop-off locations or collections.
- Wendell, call 536-5161 for drop-off locations or collections.
- All Gooding County residents can take trees to the Wendell Transfer Station, 2743 Idaho Highway 46 (north of Wendell).

Minidoka County

- All Minidoka County residents can take trees to the Minidoka Transfer Station, 325 N. 400 W.

Jerome County

- Jerome, call 324-8189 for drop-off locations or collections.
- All Jerome County residents can take trees to The Gap Transfer Station, 1178 Idaho Highway 25.

Twin Falls County

- Twin Falls city residents are encouraged to drop off trees at the city lot at Sixth Avenue West and Shoshone Street; call 735-7264 for details.
- Twin Falls County residents can take trees to the Hub Butte Landfill, 2900 N. 2800 E., or the West End Transfer Station west of Buhl.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Officials reach settlement with controversial ranger

Los Angeles Times

In an abrupt turnaround, federal officials will allow a Yellowstone National Park ranger to return to the remote back-country post where he gained national acclaim for opposing unscrupulous hunting practices.

The settlement strikes new accord between the park service and a ranger told last fall to leave his post and issued a gag order. Bob Jackson's supporters say he was being punished for speaking out against the practice by hunting outfitters of placing salt licks just outside Yellowstone's boundaries, luring elk out of the park and then shooting them. Elk hunting is forbidden within the park. At the time, park officials declined comment.

Now, the National Park Service will allow Jackson to return to the Thorofore post where he has worked for 23 years. The agency also will republish its policy on park employees' ability to speak out as private citizens on any topic, according to a draft settle-

ment agreement released Wednesday by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, the watchdog group that defended Jackson. A Park Service official confirmed the wording of the agreement.

"It's a victory for speech rights for federal employees," said Dan Meyer, the Washington-based group's general counsel. Jackson said the settlement will help protect "all the lower-level field rangers who see things and are afraid to report what they see because of pressures from above."

A Park Service official confirmed he signed an agreement Friday.

"What we have done is promised Mr. Jackson a job at the series and the same grade as a protection ranger in Yellowstone National Park, and we have agreed he will have duties in the Thorofore" and the surrounding district, said Michael Snyder, deputy regional director.

The National Park Service will remove certain critical letters

from Jackson's personnel file, according to the descriptions of the agreement.

It also has agreed to include a letter from then-acting Yellowstone parks superintendent Franklin C. Walker commending Jackson for making contributions to the park, according to the agreement.

Jackson, 54, first spoke out in 1999 about the salting, blaming the increased death rate of Yellowstone area grizzly bears on encounters with hunters near the salt licks. Hunters are leaving behind elk carcasses, which in turn attract grizzlies to the salting areas, he said. Although grizzlies are protected by the Endangered Species Act, hunters can kill them in self-defense.

Jackson said Wednesday that he credits former Yellowstone superintendent Michael Finley with supporting his criticisms of the salt licks. Finley left the park last spring to become head of the Turner Foundation. Jackson said he looks forward to working with the park's new superintendent.

SERVICES

Jay Granville LaJunesse of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Robin Marie Henderson Hale of Heyburn, service at 2 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel; burial will follow.

George Wilbur Babcock of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. today at the Gooding First Christian Church; burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

William S. Cline of Eden, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Mary Armstrong Johnson of Orem, Utah, and formerly of Buhl, service at 2 p.m. today at the Sharon 3rd Ward building, 445 S. 700 E., Orem, Utah; viewing one hour before the funeral today at the chapel; memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Buhl 1st Ward building on East Main Street; burial at the Buhl Cemetery; viewing from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at the Buhl chapel (Sundberry/Olpin Mortuary, Orem, Utah).

Lutie R. Reynolds of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; burial will follow at a later time at Sunset Memorial Park.

Elsie G. Rubery of Glens Ferry, service at 1:30 p.m. Friday

at the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Hall in Glens Ferry; burial will follow at Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glens Ferry (Summers Funeral Home, McMurrey Chapel, Mountain Home).

Glen Panko of Burley, a gathering in his memory will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Dorothy M. Alexander of Shoshone, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Episcopal Church in Shoshone.

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

DEATH NOTICES

Ruby C. Knutson
GOODING - Ruby C. Knutson, 75, of Gooding died Friday, Dec. 21, 2001, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, at the Wendell LDS Church. Interment will follow in Wendell Cemetery. Demaray's Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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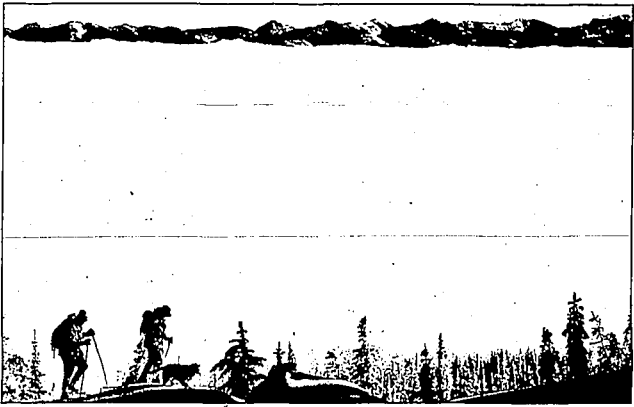
91, of Castleford died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2001.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Ruby A. Little
BOISE - Ruby A. Little, 87, of Boise died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2001, in a Caldwell care center.

A graveside service will be held at 12 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, at the Wilder Cemetery under the direction of Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel.

ABOVE THE CLOUDS



Cross-country skiers Ben Long of Kallispell, Mont., and Bill Harris of Somers, Mont., enjoy the sunshine above the socked-in Flathead Valley on Christmas Day. They were exploring a ridge below Blacktail Mountain Ski area near Kallispell.

Chinook survey shows record nest count

BOISE (AP) - Idaho Power Co. biologists report the number of spawning nests that fall chinook scoop out of the Snake River gravel to fertilize their eggs are at their highest levels since the utility's survey began in 1991.

The annual survey located 1,298 nests, or redds, in the drainage taking in the Snake, Grande Ronde, Imnaha, Salmon, Potlatch and Clearwater rivers. It is conducted by Idaho Power, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Nez Perce Tribe.

The largest number of redds - 707 - were found in the Snake. Last year, 346 were counted there.

"It may be that the single largest contributing factor to this year's record count was good water a couple of years ago," Idaho Power biologist Phil Groves said Wednesday.

Redds visible from the air are counted using a helicopter. Those in deeper water are checked with

underwater video equipment.

The Pacific Ocean's prime conditions were also a factor, he said. Weather patterns such as El Nino affect how much food upwells to feed the fish as they migrate off the coast.

Idaho Power in 1991 developed a flow program from its Hells Canyon dams to protect the redds as the young fish develop.

"While it's difficult to quantify, Idaho Power Co.'s protective flow mitigation program also has been a benefit for these fish," Groves said. "Not only have we provided stable spawning flows, thereby eliminating potential redd abandonment and associated losses, but we also have protected all of the embryos in the Snake River from desiccation,"

he said. About 5,700 fall chinook made it over Lower Granite Dam on the lower Snake River near Lewiston to spawn this year, Groves said.

A boost for chinook numbers is the Nez Perce Tribe's augmentation program, Groves said. Adults, which would have spawned naturally are gathered at Lower Granite Dam and their progeny are released into the Snake and Clearwater rivers.

Washington state fisheries biologists say next year's spring chinook salmon run will pale in comparison with the 2001 run, but there still should be enough fish for sport seasons.

If the run lives up to preliminary predictions, it will be the second-largest since 1938. Nearly 334,000 upriver spring chinook are expected to return to the mouth of Columbia River.

But Idaho officials said they are only beginning to try and forecast how that will translate to the number of salmon clearing Lower Granite into the state, said Sharon Kiefer, anadromous fish chief for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Mother of Green River victim sues murder suspect

SEATTLE (AP) - The mother of one of the Green River Killer's first victims is suing Gary Ridgway, who is charged with four deaths in the case.

Dorothy K. Mills, the mother of Opal Charmaine Mills, filed the wrongful-death lawsuit Wednesday in King County Superior Court. The lawsuit asks for damages, including funeral and burial expenses and compensation for pain and suffering.

But Mills said she does not expect to see any money from Ridgway. She said she filed the lawsuit to prevent Ridgway from profiting from his story.

"I just don't want him to make a lot of money off of these girls," she told KOMO-TV.

Mills' daughter was 16 when she was strangled and dumped beside the Green River in August 1982.

Ridgway, 52, of Auburn, was arrested late last month after investigators used DNA evidence to link him to Mills and three other victims, authorities say.

Detectives have attributed the deaths of at least 49 women between 1982 and 1984 to the Green River Killer. Dozens of other cases of killed or missing women from San Diego to Vancouver, B.C., could be related.

Mills said she was stunned by Ridgway's arrest. "Actually, what I thought was, 'Oh no,' because I didn't want to go through this again," Mills told KOMO-TV.

Mills said she saw Ridgway in court last week when he pleaded innocent to the charges.

"I thought he'd be a strong-type person but he didn't look as strong as I thought he would," she said. "It wasn't so much hate or anything, just, 'How could you do this? That's what kept coming through my mind: 'How could you do this?'"

The suit names Ridgway and his wife, Judith Ridgway, as defendants.

Mills is being represented by Seattle lawyer William Bailey.

"I just don't want him to make a lot of money off of these girls."
- Dorothy K. Mills, mother of Green River Killer victim

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Cattle on feed numbers jump

BOISE (AP) - The state's red meat production is up six percent from the same time last year while the number of cattle on feed for slaughter is up five percent.

Placements of cattle on state feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during November totaled 74,000 head, 10,000 more than last year.

National placements on feedlots in November were down 5 percent from the same time last

year. Commercial red meat production in Idaho packing plants totaled 55.5 million pounds in November. While that was higher than the same time last year, production was down 6 percent from October's 59.3 million pounds.

Red meat production nationally was also up. Beef production was up one-percent at 2.2 billion pounds, and set a new record high for November.

Students remember kind words



DEAR ABBY - Albig VanBuren

gave each student his or her list. Before long, everyone was smiling. "Really?" I heard one whisper. "I never knew that I meant for doing that," Mark's mother said. "As you can see, Mark treasured it."

The assignment was never mentioned again, but it didn't matter, because the exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students felt better about themselves and each other. Years later, I was asked to attend the funeral of one of those students, a promising young man even when I taught him in junior high school. I was deeply saddened by his untimely death in Vietnam.

The church was packed with "Mark's" friends, many of whom had been his classmates and students of mine. After the funeral, I and many of Mark's former classmates were invited to his parents' house. They approached me and said, "We want to show you something. Mark was carrying this when he was killed." His father

pulled something from a wallet. It was the list of all the good things Mark's classmates had said about him. "Thank you so much for doing that," Mark's mother said. "As you can see, Mark treasured it."

A group of Mark's classmates overheard the exchange. One smiled sheepishly and said, "I still have my list. It's in my diary." "I put mine in our wedding album," said another. "I had we all saved them," said someone else. "I carry mine with me at all times."

That's when I finally cried. The lesson my former students taught me that day became a standard in every class I taught for the rest of my career.

-SISTER H.P.M., ST. PAUL, MINN.

DEAR SISTER H.P.M.: Your students were fortunate, indeed. They learned at an early age that "Good words are worth much, and cost little." (George Herbert, 1593-1633)

DEAR ABBY: Would you please reprint the letter from Sister H.P.M. of St. Paul, Minn.? In a nation of so much unrest since Sept. 11 and the tragedies of the school shootings in the recent past, now is the time for America's teachers to take action. Sometimes one small gesture of caring is enough to let people know they are appreciated and important.

-FAITHFUL READER, MONROE, MICH.

DEAR READER: Thank you for requesting that inspirational letter. I'm pleased to run it again:

DEAR ABBY: I have been retired from teaching for many years and would like to share a lesson I learned that stands out in my memory like no other.

I was young, teaching math at the junior high school level. We had worked hard on a new concept all week and the students were very stressed. They were frowning, frustrated and carping

at each other and me. Wanting to stop the crankiness before it got out of hand, I asked the students in the room to take out two sheets of paper and list the names of the other students in the room, leaving space between each name. Then I told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates and write it down. It took the remainder of the class period to finish the assignment. When the students handed me the papers and left, they seemed more relaxed.

That weekend, I wrote the name of each student on a separate sheet of paper and listed what the students had said about that individual. On Monday, I

Best friends for decades turn out to be brothers

WILTON, Conn. (AP) - Gary Klahr and Steven Barbin met decades ago and became close friends - so close that Klahr was best man at Barbin's wedding and once signed a photograph: "You are truly my brother."

A search of adoption records three years ago revealed that Barbin, 49, and Klahr, 52, really

adopted, and he's OK with it, so I guess I will be, too," he recalled. "Then she asked me, 'What's your friend's name?' When I told her, there was a short silence on the line, then she asked me for Steven's name."

Klahr suspected what she was about to divulge.

"I said, 'Wait, if you are going to tell me that my best friend for 25 years is really my brother, you will be giving me the greatest gift on Earth,'" he recalled.

Klahr also discovered that his gym workout partner was another of his brothers. And a girl he briefly dated in the 1970s

was actually his sister. "If there was any forgiving to do, we did it pretty quickly," Klahr said Wednesday. "Thank God we didn't get married."

Their birth parents were Polish-Catholic, but Klahr, Barbin and three of their siblings were raised by Jewish families.

"They used to call me 'Jew boy' and spit on me," Klahr recalled of his childhood. "I was one of the only Jewish kids in the neighborhood and I got picked on a lot."

But he was also a star athlete in high school in Fairfield and later played football with the New Orleans Saints. These days, Klahr is an actor.

The family's tale was featured earlier this year on NBC's "Dateline," and Klahr is writing a book.

"How truly, they had no idea. A search of adoption records three years ago revealed that Barbin, 49, and Klahr, 52, really adopted, and he's OK with it, so I guess I will be, too," he recalled. "Then she asked me, 'What's your friend's name?'"

"I said, 'Wait, if you are going to tell me that my best friend for 25 years is really my brother, you will be giving me the greatest gift on Earth.'"

Gary Klahr

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved with answers for Across and Down.

DOWN clues: 1. Appraisal, 2. Cruise, 3. Bulge, 4. Rocco, 5. Roper's rope, 6. Equatorial, 7. Watterjammer, 8. Adam's mate, 9. Assignments, 10. Fill with apprehension, 11. Gibbering, 12. Leo or what, 13. Diamond plate?, 14. More, 15. Canisters, 16. Funnies, 17. Walsh or Montana, 18. Canisters, 19. Funnies, 20. Walsh or Montana, 21. Lady from, 22. Legway, 23. Surgical tool, 24. Make a second attempt, 25. Lipstick, 26. Perplexed, 27. Biopsy, 28. Lipstick, 29. Indifference, 30. Pol source, 31. Sarabouc site, 32. Highway segment, 33. Italian explorer, 34. Faction, 35. Dog's bane, 36. British of secrecy, 37. Celestial bear, 38. Nice water?, 39. interruptions.

Capricorn: Don't write off bargain as unrealistic

IF DECEMBER 27TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are dramatic, creative, impulsive and basically a romantic. During next year you will be involved in metaphysical activities; you develop a degree of extrasensory perception. Aries, Libra individuals play major roles in your life, could these letters, initials in a name, I, R. Doing next year you did right thing in making important domestic adjustment. In 2002, January and October most memorable months.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): What you have been waiting for will arrive tonight; you will receive good news concerning finances. Dig deep for information, discern motives. Virgo plays top role.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Lunar cycle high. You could put across astounding financial transaction. Events transpire to bring you closer to goal. Love relationship will involve Capricorn.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look behind scenes; someone wants to "tell you something." Accept invitation to participate in humanitarian project. Answer to question: You'll win in long run.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Dispose of preconceived notions. Accept inventiveness, original thinking. Take initiative in making new start in different direction. Imprint style, avoid heavy lifting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on where you are going and why. Emphasis on home, family and sale or purchase of property. Keep resolutions concerning basic health and diet. Cancer native avoided.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look beyond the immediate; advertise and publish. Your

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sense of humor will get you in and out of tight spots. Individual who owes you a favor will return it tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Delve deep into mystery; you could learn more than you care to know. Focus on compensation for recent creative endeavor. Rewrite and rebuild; Scorpio is in play.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Written word becomes of major importance. Filtration that starts out lightheartedly will become serious. Be careful in making promises. Gemini figures prominently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Domestic adjustment featured and could include where you live, marital status. You will hear sound of music; dance to your own tune. Taurus, Libra persons play roles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid self-deception; you do not have complete story. A bargain that appears too good to be true probably is not. Intimate relationship exciting; be sure it is on equal terms.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You get solid backing for business-career enterprise. Pressure will be on due to added responsibility. You will be up to it despite naysayers. Cancer native plays role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Recognition long overdue comes tonight. Your participation in humanitarian project could lead to invitation overseas. You will be handsomely rewarded. Aries plays major role.

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The drum predates all musical instruments

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Q: Why is the sort of tiptoe you carry in your pocket or wear on your wrist called a "watch"?

A: Because the first to use such were the men who kept the night watch, the "all's well" criers.

Q: How fast does a rocket have to go to escape earth's gravity? A: At least 18,000 mph.

Credit card interest rates can run pretty high, true, but not as high as the interest rates levied against the Pilgrims in 1620. They borrowed the equivalent of \$7,000 from a London company of 70 investors, and devoted the next 23 years to repay it at 43 percent.

Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of one practical system of wireless telegraphy, was embittered at age 63 in the year of his death. Too little fame for such a big contribution, he thought. His last words: "I know I am dying but I don't care at all."

Q: What was the first musical instrument?

A: The drum. Most agree the second was some sort of flute. But whether it was made of a reed or a hollowed human shinbone is unknown. Both the Incas and the Tibetans, much later in man's saga, made flutes out of human arm and leg bones.

How do you know when the romance is over? Our Love and War man has researched this matter at great length. He thinks the historic Marlene Dietrich observation got it about right: "When you promised to be at his place at 7 o'clock and you arrive at 9, and he still hasn't called the police, that's it. It's over."

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Doctors of Charity bring health care to poor area

By Ken Ellingwood
Los Angeles Times

CABO SAN LUCAS, Mexico - Six miles from the bay-front luxury hotels and picturesque rock outcroppings of this tourist attraction, a postcard splendor gives way to squalor.

From the heights of Colonia Lomas del Sol, a dust-brown shantytown next to a dump, the tony beach zone appears a far-off world. Here, there are dirty streets, an uncertain supply of drinking water, and miles of the sort that carry typhoid, cholera, parasites, poor nutrition, infections, bad teeth.

For nearly a decade, the community's 7,000 inhabitants - and their health troubles - have drawn a group of volunteer medical professionals from Southern California who have built a clinic to treat residents too poor to afford a doctor.

The group, Doctors of Charity, visits every two or three months, throwing open the clinic's doors for a day. Residents line up about dawn and most times stream in until dusk - often as many as 400 by day's end. Treatment and medicines are free. The pace is frenetic, the need substantial.

"It would be a terrible loss if they ever left because a lot of families depend on them," said Jose Aleman, who works for the Cabo San Lucas city government and is volunteer liaison between the doctors' group and the neighborhood.

The project is the brainchild of Michael Purcell, a former developer from Newport Beach, Calif., who was introduced to Lomas del Sol by a friend during a Cabo fishing trip nine years ago. At the

time, the "colonia" held 700 people who were relocated next to the city dump after a hurricane destroyed their homes.

Purcell, who had done humanitarian work in India and elsewhere in Mexico, was appalled by conditions in the neighborhood: hovels lining dirt tracks, no running water, no electricity. He knew doctors were needed.

Since 1993, Purcell has sponsored dozens of visits by groups of doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other volunteers. Begging donations and clipping liberally into his own pocket, he helps cover the costs of air travel. The volunteers stay in inexpensive lodgings in Cabo San Lucas and get around in a 19-year-old Chevy Suburban that needs constant repair. The clinic was built on a site donated by a Mexican government agency.

"It's a real bootstrap type of thing," said Purcell, who is 71. "But it works."

Doctors of Charity is one of numerous U.S. volunteer groups providing care - from checkups to dental work to eye exams - in impoverished spots in rural Mexico. At least two California organizations visit hard-to-reach areas by flying in private planes. It was such a group that gave Purcell the idea for the Cabo San Lucas project.

Conditions have improved in the neighborhood. There is water - though only sporadically - and electricity. The dump was closed at Purcell's repeated urging.

Still, health problems persist and alternatives for care are limited. A nearby clinic offers subsidized treatment, but residents said it often is closed or has long lines.

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Gloria Galan of Twin Falls attended a national conference on migrant health. For the past three years, she has served on the National Advisory Council on Migrant Health. At the forum, she listened to migrant workers like those here, who told stories about terrible health conditions in North Carolina and Michigan.

Photo courtesy of East Coast Migrant Street Forum

Former migrant laborer works on national council

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The subject of migrant workers is close to Gloria Galan's heart. As she grew up, she and her family migrated and worked in farm fields.

Galan, who is a member of the Twin Falls City Council, has served on the National Advisory Council on Migrant Health for the past three years. She recently returned from a national conference on migrant health in Asheville, N. C. There, she heard migrant farm workers testify their terrible working conditions in North Carolina and Michigan.

Galan says her family migrated to Idaho when her mother was pregnant with her. One of 11 children, she was born in Oregon where they were working in peach orchards.

"A lot of times, people don't realize the stress people went through picking the vegetables we're eating," Galan says. "Our conditions, as we migrated were not as bad as some now," she adds, citing Michigan and North



Gloria Galan

Carolina as examples. "In Idaho, we're lucky in a sense to where our living conditions (in the field) aren't as bad."

Still, Galan stresses the importance of improving working conditions for Idaho's migrant workers, including wages and pesticide use, among other issues.

"Even though the migrant people work for less, they still need to be respected," Galan says, "because without them, we wouldn't have our vegetables or milk for our coffee. I was one of them, so I have a passion for this."

Migrant workers struggle to survive on sparse income.

"I see them minimizing heating cost, living in smaller homes. They don't have appropriate room settings for everyone. It wouldn't be surprising if one whole family slept in the same room," Galan says. "They don't have all the furnishings. And, as for food, they just have the basics."

Galan also serves on the board of the nonprofit Family Health Services, which operates several "fully functional" clinics that will not turn anyone away, she says. Her four-year term on the national council expires next year. During her tenure, she has been active in mental health, publicity and family health committees.

"It's been so wonderful," she says. "Helping people - it's a lot of fun. I feel pretty confident

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about what I've done in the community. I think that's the best way to live. You get to enjoy the people in the community, get information, and it is an opportunity for growth. You have to be informed so you know where to connect."



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Copper Canyon in Mexico is deeper and larger than the Grand Canyon.

Walking into the Mexico's rugged Copper Canyon

By Mike Lindholm
The Seattle Times

assist on their steep plots of corn and beans.

The Copper Canyon region is as large as Western Washington.

Most visitors come by train, stopping to visit the canyon at the halfway point of the 405-mile, 17-hour run between the cities of Chihuahua and Los Mochis. It's among the world's most scenic rail routes, including some that form a 360-degree spiral.

routes, and a first-class train and economy-class train travel daily in each direction, crossing 37 bridges, including some that form a 360-degree spiral. Despite recent development in railroad towns along the canyon rim, a descent into Batopilas remains an adventure. This is still the end of the highway, a Shangri-la, a lost silver empire, a crossroads for marijuana shipments, an Old West remnant where the troopers ply the trail, and the fall line.

American film buffs know the region as the place where greed ruined Humphrey Bogart in "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre."

BATOPILAS, Mexico - Batopilas is a sub-tropical oasis in Mexico's Sierra Tarahumara - better known as the Copper Canyon because of its spectacular reddish cliffs. This rugged area, actually a network of seven river gorges, is deeper and larger than the Grand Canyon.

Only 261,000 visitors came last year, most of them arriving on the comfortable Chihuahua al Pacifico railway. With hopes of doubling the tourist trade, Mexico in 1996 launched a \$385 million, 10-year master plan to add highways, a small airport, luxury hotels and back-country cabins. Though many projects have not materialized, the transformation to a tourist economy is altering the centuries-old lifestyle of the reclusive Tarahumara Indians, who are losing their ability to sub-

Loteria is a popular traditional game in Mexico

By Teresa Puento
Coyuca Tribune

COYUCA DE BENITEZ, Mexico - The devil, the drunk, the star and the skeleton: These are a handful of cards that may bring you good or bad luck in the popular bingo-style game called loteria.

At a town fair in this small village in the southern Mexican state of Guerrero, men, women and children sit on long blue benches holding their loteria cards and hoping to win prizes ranging from a new wash tub, to a cooking pot, to a matching set of drinki'g glasses.

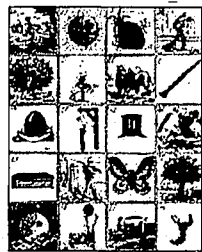
Loteria is just one of the games that unites Mexicans of all ages in public venues. In Mexico City cantinas, men play raucous games of dominoes, and soccer

fields draw players and picnicking families in towns all across Mexico. There's a spirit of fun and community that you can't find playing a video game by yourself.

In loteria, the player gets a card with 16 squares; instead of numbers it is decorated with a different figure in each square. The dealer flips a card from the top of the deck and calls out the names of the figure over a microphone. To win, the players must match four cards in a box, or diagonal, horizontal or vertical line.

Loteria has been a tradition in Mexico for generations and has even crossed the northern border. Many Mexican-American families in the U.S. play loteria around the kitchen table.

Today, the images on the cards have been turned into folk art.



An example of a loteria card

Colorful depictions of the skull and the sun have been framed or made into coasters and key chains in art shops from San

Francisco to Chicago.

There is a mysticism to loteria, which is among the most popular traditional games in Mexico. You can even play Mexican loteria on the Internet.

In Coyuca de Benitez, players paid five pesos, around 50 cents, to play three cards at once. They marked the figures on their cards with used bottle caps.

"We've got a winner with the world," shouted the announcer at the town fair, where more than 50 grandmothers, housewives and laborers played the game together.

Some players like, Jesus Ochoa, 13, have a favorite lucky card. This teen put his money on the sun in another variation of the game that is akin to roulette.

"I like the sun because it always wins," Ochoa said.

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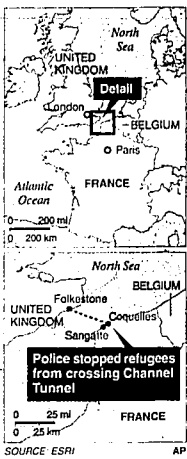
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Refugee onslaught closes tunnel

SANGATTE, France (AP) — Hundreds of refugees living in a cramped Red Cross center trampled barriers and raced past security officers at the Channel Tunnel in a desperate attempt to get to Britain by foot. The uprising ended early Wednesday with arrests and tear gas.

The drama shut down train traffic for the night and highlighted the plight of some 1,300 Iraqi Kurds, Afghans, Iranians and other refugees holed up indefinitely in this northern French village, vowing to try again and again to reach Britain. There, inspired by relatively liberal asylum laws, they dream of establishing homes, getting a job and living peaceful lives.

Every night, dozens of refugees who live in mobile homes and tents at the center attempt the dangerous crossing, trying either to jump on trains or navigate the tunnel on foot. Most are caught, but others make it through.

In all, about 550 refugees from the Red Cross center attempted the crossing in two waves beginning Tuesday night. Such a large-scale attempt is not unprecedented, but is rare. The refugees were trying to take advantage of the reduced traffic on Christmas Day.

"We decided to form two groups — A and B," Ahmed, a 25-year-old Afghan from Kabul, told The Associated Press Wednesday, speaking in a Persian dialect. "We thought we could cross all together by foot. We had almost managed, but at the very end the police stopped us." Asked if he thought the 33-mile crossing was possible on foot, he replied, "For Afghans, that is nothing, just exercise."

Another Afghan refugee, Zia, 24, said the plan was to launch the uprising just after dinner-time. "Some of us ate dinner two or three times, just to have enough energy to cross," he said.

Both Eurotunnel and the Red Cross accused the refugees of staging a media event.

"This is a well-constructed media operation," said Alain Bertrand, an executive with Eurotunnel. "They knew very well that they would never make it to England," he told France-Info radio. "This is an attack, a strike to attract public opinion."

British actor Hawthorne dies

LONDON (AP) — Sir Nigel Hawthorne, the actor known round the world as Machiavellian civil servant Sir Humphrey in the British television series "Yes, Minister," died Wednesday. He was 72.

Hawthorne died of a heart attack at his home in Hertfordshire, north of London, his agent Ken McReddie said. Hawthorne had undergone chemotherapy for cancer recently.

"He was a brilliant actor and a wonderful friend. I feel very sad and extremely cut up," McReddie said.

Born in Coventry, England in 1929 and raised in South Africa, Hawthorne forged a theater career in Britain during the 1950s and 1960s but achieved worldwide fame as Sir Humphrey Appleby in "Yes, Minister." The satirical series about a hapless government minister outsmarted by devious civil servants was reportedly then-Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's favorite program.

N. Korea denies gunbattle ties

TOKYO (AP) — North Korea denied any link to a ship that traded shots with Japanese patrol boats before being sunk last weekend, and the communist nation accused Japan on Wednesday of conducting a smear campaign against it.

The clash occurred Saturday when the unidentified ship, which was plying southern waters within Japan's exclusive economic zone, ignored orders to stop for inspection and instead sped off toward China.

It ended six hours later when the boat sank in the East China Sea following a fire fight with Japanese gunboats. Thirteen

crew members were missing and three Japanese coast guard sailors were injured.

Breaking its silence for the first time since the incident, communist North Korea slammed what it called a "smear campaign launched by the Japanese authorities linking (North Korea) for no reason" with the ship.

A statement issued through its official Korean Central News Agency said the high-seas clash was "brutal piracy and unpardonable terrorism of modern brand that could be committed only by samurais of Japan in defiance of international laws."

Iraq claims hit on allied plane

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq claimed Wednesday that one of its surface-to-air missiles hit an allied jet fighter patrolling the skies over southern Iraq, but that the plane did not go down and was seen flying toward Saudi Arabia.

A spokesman for the U.S. Central Command, Marine Maj. Brad Lowell, said "we can account for all our aircraft" in the region.

Iraq's official news agency quoted an unidentified military spokesman as saying: "Our heroic anti-aircraft missile units confronted the enemy warplanes and, with God's help, hit one of them."

The agency said the plane was spotted heading toward Saudi Arabia, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

U.S. and British warplanes were flying over southern Iraq Tuesday afternoon, the news agency said. It did not say whether the plane hit was American or British.

U.S. and British aircraft patrol southern and northern "no-fly zones" set up after the 1991 Gulf war to prevent Iraqi forces from attacking Kurds in the north and Shiite Muslims in the south. They also were meant to provide early warning of any Iraqi movements toward Kuwait.

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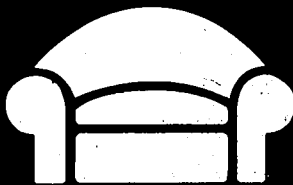
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Fifteen minutes with an Idaho mountain lion

For someone who only recently moved from Ohio to Twin Falls, it's very easy for me to appreciate the wonders of the Western wilderness. But in case my hikes through the Sawtooths, my photographs from the shores of Sawtooth Lake or my swim in the hot springs on the Salmon weren't enough to convince me, the 15 minutes I spent in my front yard last Tuesday closed the book on it.

Idaho is the best place in the world to live.

Looking out the front window of my house in the canyon, I often see wildlife go sauntering by. But I really had to do a double take when the latest creature to visit my front yard showed up at lunchtime last Tuesday.



WESTERN EXPOSURE
Mike Griffin

Creeping out of the creek that cuts through the yard, and then slinking right past the truck in the driveway, a young mountain lion decided the base of a tree fifty feet from my bedroom window was a good place to sit down and have a rest.

I was on the phone with my mother back home when the cat showed up, and I don't know yet if she believed what I told her.

"I've got to go, Mom. Call you back."
"Why?"

"Because there's a mountain lion in my front yard."

Those are not oft-uttered words in Ohio.

But on this sunny December day, one of the continent's more elusive and beautiful animals felt just the same as I do in the Snake River Canyon: Right at home.

Standing at that window, my heart raced as the cat lounged in the shadow of the tree. I stood for a few minutes, not daring to move for fear of scaring it away.

I just watched, feeling grateful for being in the graceful creature's presence. After a few minutes, I had to take the next step. I dabble in nature photography, and I had to try to capture this moment on film - if for nothing else than proof for my friends who aren't going to believe this story.

I grabbed my camera (never far from reach) and loaded a roll of film (always on hand), all the while never taking my eyes off the cat for more than a second or two. I walked quickly from the bedroom to the front door, and took a deep breath before going on. As quietly as I could, I turned the knob on the door, and slowly pulled it half-way open. The cat didn't move. It just continued to turn its head slowly in this way and that, leisurely taking in the surroundings.

I pulled the screen door half-way open, crouching low.

The cat didn't move. The wind was noisy as it whistled through the canyon, and maybe that helped keep me from the cat's notice.

Or maybe it knew I was there all along.

But I got the door open, and slowly took a crouching step outside.

The cat didn't move. I just squatted there, unable to believe it: There was nothing but fifty feet of breezy, sunny December air between me and a mountain lion. Like before in the bedroom, I dared not move, for a while. But as I raised the camera to my eyes, I knew I wasn't close enough for the little point-and-shoot to get any kind of a photo. So I started to creep forward. But before I took my second step, the cat turned, looked me in the eye, and darted off.

I ran as the cat moved with surprising speed along the fence that borders the yard. I slipped underneath the wire, and to my terror and delight, ran straight back toward me for a few steps. I stopped dead and raised my camera, snapping a shot.

It boomed not to come out, but I really didn't care. I just stood there in the sun and watched the cat disappear into the brush, and I lingered a while after it was gone.

And before turning to go back in the house, I looked into the canyon that I call my yard, and said aloud: "Thank you."

My trips to Stanley and beyond have overwhelmed me with the beauty of Idaho's wilderness, but there will be many of those trips and I'm sure the memories will all eventually run together.

But Tuesday brought me 15 minutes I'll never forget. I'll swear up and down to whoever wants to know.

Idaho is the best place in the world to live.

Mike Griffin is a copy editor for The Times-News.

Picking the right pup

Development of hunting dog begins early on

By Stu Murrell
Times-News correspondent

The time has come for a replacement for your old hunting dog or a new pup is being considered to accompany the hunter in the field. This is an important decision as the dog will be a family member as well as a hunting buddy.

What breed should you choose? Much depends on the type of bird hunting you prefer.

Pointing dogs do well in pheasant, gray partridge or chukar habitat if a lot of ground needs to be covered.

A close-working flush dog, such as a springer spaniel or Labrador retriever, is great for the nimrod who likes to work heavy cover for quail or pheasant.

It's surprising how many game birds fall in water in Idaho, considering our dry climate. A dog that is not afraid of a water retrieve is invaluable in this situation.

The duck or goose hunter should choose a retriever that likes water and is adapted to the cold conditions, such as a Labrador retriever or Chesapeake.

There are varying opinions on how young a pup should be to begin training.

Sportsmen with dogs find their success and enjoyment of the hunt increases enormously.

My best success has been with dog books that state training should begin at about 7 weeks with all the obedience training (sit, stay, come, heel, don't bite, don't jump up on a person and house breaking) completed by 12 weeks when the dog's brain has been physically formed to adult size. A vitally important reason is this is also the main period when the dog forms a bond with the owner.

People think training takes a lot of time. Actually, for a pup that has a short attention span, 15 minutes per day is adequate at the beginning, with longer periods as they grow older.

How do you pick a pup? There are numerous ads for registered dogs or mixed breeds in the newspaper. Word of mouth from other hunters also is good.

The main criteria should be if they come from good hunting stock; this is particularly true for a mixed-breed pup. The parents should be hunting dogs. My 13-year-old "Lab" is a mixture of Lab, Chesapeake and visla. She has been an excellent hunter.

Feed them good quality food and get all the necessary shots for a health dog.

My current chocolate Lab is now 13 weeks old and was bought as a "purebred" but no papers. Both parents were chocolate Labs. She is intelligent and already obeys all the training commands as well as retrieving, which should be instinctive.

There are numerous books on



Photos by Stu Murrell/Times-News

dog training but for a retriever, I have found "Game Dog" by Richard A. Walters to be excellent. He advocates the "natural" training method, not force training, as practiced by many field trial trainers.

His first statements in the book deal with old wives' tales, such as "it spoils a dog to bring it into the house to bond with the owners." Forget that, most dogs want to please and a relationship with the handler makes training easier. Our pup has been sleeping outside in a kennel since she was 8 weeks old but comes in daily for socialization with my wife and I.

Once the standard commands are learned, then begin retrieving and with light gun shots to accompany the thrown dummy or, preferably, a game bird or pigeon or good choices. Get excited when you play this game and the pup also will follow your lead. Retrieving is fun! Branch out into louder "bangs" and let them associate a gun with fun times.

The next step at 20 weeks is baseball, where you throw the dummy to different places, directing them with your arm. This leads into blind retrieves, where you send the dog out on a line to the dummy (bird).

Transporting a dog is best done in a dog carrier. Do this on a regular basis and he will figure this is his home away from home. Do not transport them in an open pickup. This is dangerous for the dog and the driver following you.

Pointing dogs will have some different training techniques, particularly after the 20-week period. Invest in a good training book.

Sportsmen with dogs find their success and enjoyment of the hunt increases enormously. They also are good conservationists as they will find more crippled birds that would be lost otherwise. The best advice most hunters agree on is "hunt the heck out of your dog." Experience is the best teacher.

Above, many game birds in Idaho fall in water, which means having a dog that treats water like Windy is even more valuable.

Right, teaching dogs like this chocolate Lab Ginger to sit, stay and retrieve at closer distance are the starting basics in dog training.

Below, Windy and Nova sport some pheasants they retrieved in a fall hunt. Once the dog equates gun shots with recreation, her enthusiasm for each hunt will grow.



Erosion carves canyon of spectacular stone spires

Bryce Canyon boasts bizarre, beautiful landscape

By John Blemer
Associated Press Writer

BRYCE, Utah - There's a subtle, but unforgettable reward for those who get up early at Bryce Canyon, a national park with decidedly unusable terrain.

A half-dozen intrepid travelers had gathered at the overlook at Bryce Point in sub-freezing temperatures, equipped with cameras and Styrofoam cups of coffee. Under the moonlight and the gray predawn glow, we could barely make out the tall, ghostly rock formations jutting up from the canyon - almost like the spires of a giant sandcastle.

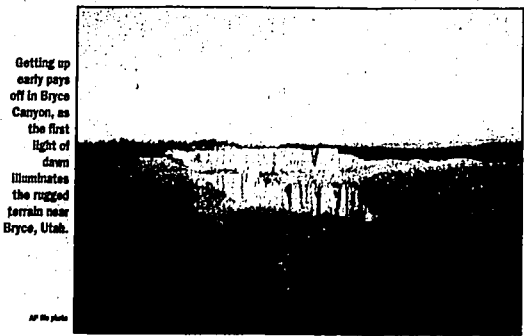
At 6:53 a.m., the sun peaked over the eastern horizon. A ray of light slowly spilled over the canyon, illuminating this bizarre and breathtakingly beautiful freak of erosion, revealing a delicious pastel dis-

play of salmon, peach, lemon and cream.

Visiting canyons and the wealth of other stark, gorgeous products of erosion in the American Southwest is a little like visiting art museums in Paris. There are dozens to choose from, and the Grand Canyon, like the Louvre, overshadows the rest with its off-the-board magnificence, depth and size.

That doesn't mean there aren't others worth stopping by and seeing while you're there. And Bryce is one smaller-scaled wonder that provides a glimpse of something unlike anywhere else.

Besides the dazzling display of colors, erosion has left an army of stone pillars known as "hoodoos" within the canyon, which is technically shaped more like a natural amphitheater. The Paiute Indians who hunted in the region for generations



Getting up early pays off in Bryce Canyon, as the first light of dawn illuminates the rugged terrain near Bryce, Utah.

AP Photo

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OUTDOORS

Hunting requirements get a little more simple

Question: I quit hunting pheasants and ducks several years ago because of all the various add-on costs to the basic hunting license...



ASK THE OFFICER Gary Hompland

no wildlife management areas currently requiring this permit in the Magic Valley region.

A state waterfowl stamp is no longer required to hunt ducks or geese. However, a federal mandate was imposed on all states to collect migratory bird harvest information...

identified in some states for listing as endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The department is opposed to the listing and is working to monitor populations and improve habitat.

Gary Hompland is a conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of Idaho Fish and Game.

Waterfowl hunters prepare for boating in January

BOISE — Idaho hunters can enjoy the winter waterfowl season through Jan. 20 in some parts of the state, but they need to remember it involves a special danger: cold water immersion.

Outdoors in brief

knocked out of boats from the underestimated recoil of heavy magnum waterfowl loads.

If someone falls in try not to panic, and think "survival." Keep movement to a minimum and if you have to tread water, do it slowly.

Take care of yourself first and never go in to the water to rescue someone else unless you are trained in rescue procedures.

Cross-Country Idaho offers free cross country lessons

HAGERMAN — The sponsors of Cross-Country Idaho are offering free cross country ski rentals and lessons at Magic Mountain Ski Resort, on Saturday, Jan. 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Everyone wanting to learn about cross-country is invited to attend. Magic Mountain Ski Resort is located south of Hansen, on the Rock Creek Road.

For additional information contact Jack Yarbrough at 837-4505.

Skiers, snowmobilers come into conflict in popular spot

By Roger Phillips The Idaho Statesman

BOISE — The first snows have recently arrived, but already the parking lot at Mores Creek Summit is full of trucks with empty snowmobile trailers and SUVs with roof racks popped open like clam shells.

There will be no additional costs to the basic hunting license to hunt wild ring-necked pheasants. However, a new program to provide hunters with pen-reared birds on certain state wildlife management areas (WMA) is paid for through a "WMA pheasant permit."

time, skiers have generally used particular areas and snowmobilers used other areas, and the conflicts were minimal.

But recently that's changed. Snowmobilers are treading in areas that could not be reached a few years ago.

Skiers, snowboarders and snowshoers take advantage of the packed snowmobile path as they slog the 2,000-foot climb to the slopes around Pilot Peak.

Stuebner said. "They just want to have fun, but the new folks are unwillingly treading into areas that have never seen a snowmobile track."

Skiers fear snowmobilers could eventually track up all the slopes that are accessible to skiers, which would make the area useless for backcountry skiing.

Stuebner said. "If we pack a trail, it helps them to use the area. They will use us as a benefit, then they will complain when they see us where they don't want us."

Both skiers and snowmobilers use the lot to access Pilot and nearby Mores Creek, and terrain has traditionally separated the two uses.

Sellers said skiers use snowmobile tracks as trails to reach prime slopes, but then they don't want snowmobilers on them.

Coyotes cause controversy for Utah park

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Of all of the options considered in Antelope Island State Park's wildlife management plan, the one that may become the most controversial deals with the relationship between pronghorn antelope and its only predator, the coyote.

Cornicelli said the DWR has taken no position on the question.

"It's been fairly well-demonstrated that coyotes are causing the fawn loss," he said.

Cornicelli said there are three ways to reduce the impact of coyote predation on antelope populations: Improved habitat would provide more shelter and hiding areas, but that will take several years, he said.

More and larger transplants of adult pronghorn to the island would mean more fawns would be born each year.

Robinson said although there's no doubt coyotes feed on antelope, they too often take the blame for every decline in herd numbers.

"If we weren't any coyotes out there, the managers would have a more difficult job," Robinson said.

Cornicelli said because only a fraction of coyotes feed on fawns, it should be possible to identify those specific animals.

Wildlife enforcement officers have interesting year

BOISE (AP) — This year's big game hunting season came with many interesting experiences for wildlife enforcement officers.

Ferguson of Boise said. "A nonsmoker will leave the room to get away from a smoker, but never vice versa. The same situation applies to winter sports: skiers leave when snowmobilers are in the area."

Ferguson is grass roots coordinator for Winter Wildlands Alliance, a Boise-based organization that represents non-motorized users.

ing to cooperate, but don't want to concede areas for the exclusive use of one group.

She said sometimes separating the two uses is necessary.

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Ray Johnson, president of Nordic Voice, a group that represents backcountry skiers, said high-elevation slopes around Pilot and Freeman peaks are very different from the Banner Ridge.

Stuebner said. "If we pack a trail, it helps them to use the area. They will use us as a benefit, then they will complain when they see us where they don't want us."

"It's world-class skiing up there," he said.

Stuebner said. "If we pack a trail, it helps them to use the area. They will use us as a benefit, then they will complain when they see us where they don't want us."

They offer steeper slopes that attract expert skiers.

Stuebner said. "If we pack a trail, it helps them to use the area. They will use us as a benefit, then they will complain when they see us where they don't want us."

"I'm quite confident it is less than 1 percent of the territory up there," Johnson said.

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This is enough terrain for everyone, Johnson said, it's just a matter of agreeing which areas are best suited for each use.

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Biologists monitor elk herds in Idaho

BOISE (AP) — Elk herds in western Idaho's Weiser River drainage are having trouble with the increase in snow depths, Idaho Fish and Game officials say.

Biologists are closely monitoring weather conditions to determine if the herds will need to be fed by the department.

A normal winter usually produces some elk mortality, especially among younger and older animals. But extended periods of deep snow and low temperatures can increase the mortality because elk have trouble moving about and reaching food sources under the snow, officials said.

Most Weiser River elk take refuge on winter ranges in the Bald Canyon and Squaw Butte country, where conditions are more moderate. But officials are concerned about scattered populations in the upper river drainage.

"The good news is, our field observations and check station information indicate that elk went into the winter in good condition," said wildlife manager Jeff Robinson.

beard tag later that evening, after the animal was already dead.

In another incident, a 92-year-old man reportedly shot a buck on a doe permit and had hidden the animal. The man had just refused the help of two officers to drag the deer down the hill when they received the report.

officials went to the man's camp where his 70-year-old daughter took the rap and demanded a citation.

There were several instances of hunters trying to use someone else's tag including one that belonged to a man in Texas.

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State management plan will focus on proven methods: BOISE (AP) — The state's pheasant management plan will emphasize efforts that have been proven over the past several years who areas of the program that are not cost effective will be dropped.

Wildlife bureau chief Steve Huffaker reported results from the 2000 pheasant program to Idaho Fish and Game Commissioners at a recent meeting.

The bureau recommended the department stop the experimental spring planting of domesticated reared hen pheasants it has not been a cost effective method of increasing the production of chicks.

In 2000, the department stocked more than 1,800 game farm fawns, 145 survived and produced 72 roosters.

Huffaker said he wants to continue the management program with an emphasis on habitat projects, predator control in riparian areas and stocking roosters at a level that permit sales will support.

About 2,000 predators were removed at a cost of more than \$50,000 this year.

The department spent \$850,000 to improve 4,400 acres of habitat on private land and more than 35,000 acres of public land.

About 113,000 pheasants were taken across the state by nearly 22,000 hunters this year.

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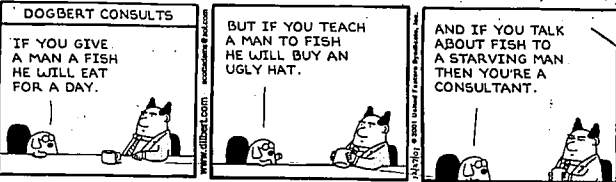
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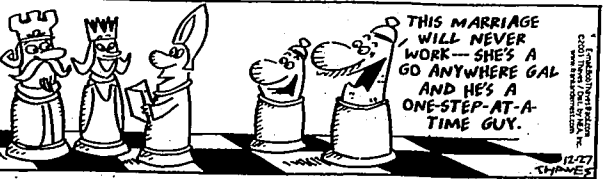
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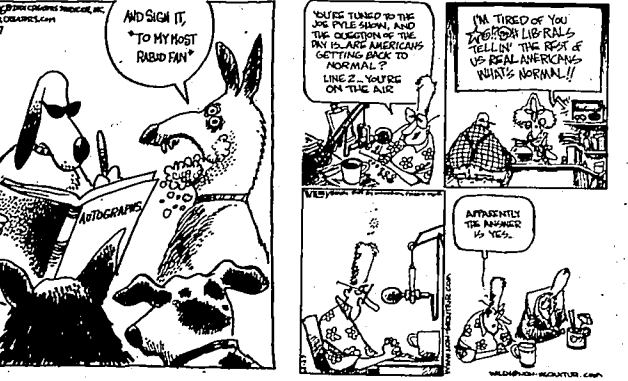


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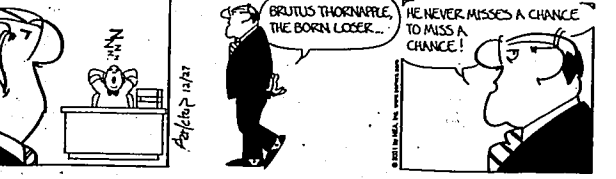
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OUTDOORS

Oregon coast comes alive with winter

Storm watching surges in popularity

By Gillian Flaccus
The Associated Press

OTTER ROCK, Ore. — From the warmth of the car, the storm looked bad enough. Blasts of wind rattled the doors every few seconds and raindrops on the windshield sounded like fistfuls of pebbles hitting the glass.

Several hundred feet below, the fitful sea smashed again and again into the Devil's Punchbowl, a roofless cave carved out over millennia by storms just like this one.

"Ready?" I said, turning to my boyfriend. On the count of three, we forced open the car doors and stepped outside, gasping as the wind snatched our breath away.

"This is awesome! This is what I call the beach," he screamed over the pounding surf.

A few minutes later, drenched and exhilarated, we were headed to the next storm-watching hot spot — the Spouting Horns at Depoe Bay — where lava tubes deep in the rocks channel crashing waves into misty, 15-foot-tall geyzers.

Rushing to the coast to watch winter storms has long been a peculiar pastime among Oregonians. Now it's catching on with tourists, who are showing up on Oregon's beaches months after summer vacationers have abandoned the coast.

"The numbers are picking up every year," said Carole Barkhurst, director of the Depoe Bay Chamber of Commerce. "I don't think people ever get tired of the ocean. It's how it changes. If you drive down Fourth Street in Portland, it looks like Fourth Street in Portland every day. But the ocean never looks the same."

Local chambers of commerce routinely meet the coast's spectacular winter storms in brochures and on Internet sites.

Hotels offer winter storm watching packages titled "Romance of the Storm" and "Stormy Weather Getaway" that include fireplaces, in-room whirlpools and seaside balconies. Others offer reduced winter rates, special deals that include a second night at half-price or a

third night free.

Barkhurst estimates that because of savvy marketing, the number of storm-watching visitors has increased 20 percent in the last two years. During a good winter, two or three storms sweep off the Pacific Ocean every week, satisfying nearly every storm-hungry visitor.

"The big waves and the surf are a powerful thing to watch," said Rebecca Morris, executive director of the Oregon Coast Visitors Association and the Central Oregon Coast Association. "It changes the color of the ocean — sometimes it'll be a blue-gray or a dark gray or a greenish color."

Morris, an avid surfer, has seen waves 30 feet high in Newport and driven through storms at Depoe Bay that tossed waves over a retaining wall and onto a major highway.

"I once watched a lightning storm over the ocean. You'd see the lightning come down and hit the water and then you'd see the light come out from there, under the water," she said. "It was awesome."

With forested cliffs that tower over the sea, the rugged Oregon coast is beautiful any time of the year, from Astoria in the north to Brookings in the south.

Eleven lighthouses — some still functional — dot the coast from Pelican Bay to Tillamook Head. Memorials to those lost at sea stand prominently at roadside rest stops.

Small towns centered on fishing, crabbing and tourism are strung like beads along the 400-mile coastline, separated by a few dozen miles of the curving U.S. 101 that faithfully traces the sea.

Each stop has its own claim to fame — the smallest natural harbor in the world, the best whale watching town on the Oregon coast, the best winter agating or home of the aquarium that once held Keiko, the killer whale star of the movie "Free Willy."

The Oregon coast takes on a moody personality during winter, when the rainy season arrives. The wind blows almost constantly, whipping up monster waves. Tourists chilled and soaked from storm

If you go...

LODGING: To find a selection of hotels and time shares, visit the Oregon Coast Visitors Association at <http://www.visitthecoast.com> or call them at (541) 574-2679 or (888) 628-2101.

On the Central Oregon Coast, The Inn at Spanish Head (<http://www.spanishhead.com>) offers a "Romance of the Storm" package that includes lodging and breakfast for two and complimentary champagne. The package costs \$329 for two nights, or \$135 per night Sunday-Thursday.

The Surf Rider Resort (<http://www.surfriideresort.com>) in Depoe Bay also offers a "Stormy Getaway" package until April 1 that includes breakfast and lodging for two beginning at \$439. Some rooms include fireplaces and a whirlpool tub.

The Inn at Otter Crest (<http://www.innattottercrest.com>) offers a fall special that includes a studio with an ocean view and fireplace for \$69 a night or a loft with ocean view for \$89 a night. The hotel's outdoor pool overlooking the ocean is heated to 88 degrees year-round.

ACTIVITIES: If a storm doesn't come, there are many other things to do along the Oregon Coast. The Oregon Coast Aquarium (<http://www.aquarium.org>) in Newport is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$10.25 for adults, \$9.25 for seniors and \$4 for children. Children under four get in free.

Coastal visitors can also go whale watching. Weather permitting, boats routinely leave for whale-watching expeditions from a number of towns. For more information, call Whale Watching Spoken Here, a volunteer organization, at (541) 563-2002 or visit their Web site at <http://www.whalespoken.org>.

There are also 11 lighthouses along the Oregon Coast — some still functional — that can all be visited. For more information, try the Web site Oregon 101 at <http://www.oregon101.com/light.html>.



Beachcombers watch as storm-tossed waves crash over rocks near Depoe Bay, Ore., last month. Long a favorite activity of local residents, storm watching has surged in popularity over the last few years, bringing tourists to the beaches long after the typical vacation season ends.

watching pack into the warmth of one of Mo's Seafood Restaurants, a clam chowder-and-bread chain particular to coastal towns. The restaurants always overlook the water, and they are always full.

Families sit around heavy wooden tables and eat steaming chowder from a communal pot, dipping thick slices of sourdough bread as they watch through fogged, ceiling-high windows, while clouds gather and the wind shrieks past.

It's not just the foul weather that's attracting tourists to the Oregon coast during the winter.

Not long ago, the season's turbulent storms would wash beautiful glass fishing floats onto Oregon's shores, softball-sized greenish-gray treasures that floated up to four years and thousands of miles from Japanese fishing nets.

Beachcombers looked forward to finding the delicate globes, but the Japanese have switched to more durable floats and the past few years have yielded only one or two finds.

During the past three years, the void has been filled by something called the Glass Float Odyssey.

Small towns centered on fishing, crabbing and tourism are strung like beads along the 400-mile coastline, separated by a few dozen miles of the curving U.S. 101 that faithfully traces the sea. Each stop has its own claim to fame — the smallest natural harbor in the world, the best whale watching town on the Oregon coast, the best winter agating or home of the aquarium that once held Keiko, the killer whale star of the movie "Free Willy."

Each winter, a secret committee of "float fairies" hides locally made hand-blown glass balls along Lincoln City's seven miles of beach. Each of the exquisitely colored globes is autographed and numbered by one of four local artists.

Six or seven of the balls are hidden along the beach each day over a six-month period and people search for them among rocks and debris.

The Glass Float Odyssey has increased winter tourism in Lincoln City as much as 35 percent, said Jennifer Sears, executive director Lincoln City Visitors and Convention Bureau.

"It's a big reason why we have so many tourists around here," said Alice Rudiger, a festival volunteer. "People are so excited when they find one. Some people come every weekend to search."

But for people like Morris, the surfing chamber of commerce executive, the lure of the Oregon coast will always be its pounding winter waves and the ever-changing color of the sea.

Even in the winter, she's on her board enjoying what the weather brings — storm or not.

"If you're know what you're doing, you can get a really good ride," she said.

Canyon

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summed up Bryce by their name Unkatiimpe-wa-Wince-Pockin, "red rocks standing like men in a bow-shaped recess."

Often part of a southwestern tour, flying into Las Vegas and including the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon receives 1.7 million visitors a year, about half of whom are from abroad. But, unlike the Grand Canyon and Zion, Bryce is relatively compact and the best of it can be experienced in half a day.

At an elevation of up to 9,000 feet, Bryce Canyon is the highest in a series of plateaus stacked tier upon tier which stretches down to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon in Arizona, aptly named the Grand Staircase by pioneer explorer John Wesley Powell.

"We're the icing on top of the cake, and when you look out you can see forever," says park ranger James Wolsey. In fact, on a clear day, you can see over 100 miles to the Grand Canyon.

To get a crash course on how this geological oddity came to be, take in the films, displays and literature at the visitor's center at the park entrance, located on a grassy plain frequented by grazing mule deer.

The canyon's origins date back to between 13 million and 40 million years ago, when the earth was undergoing cataclysmic changes, including the extinction of the dinosaurs. At this time, layers of limestone and sandstone were deposited on the bed of a vast shallow freshwater lake that then covered southwestern Utah. Different concentrations of minerals, most notably iron and manganese, carried to the lake by rivers and streams from the surrounding highlands, dyed and stained the stones with combinations of red, white, orange, blue or yellow.



Thor's Hammer, left, is perhaps the best example of an odd rock formation at Bryce Canyon known as "hoodoos," which are formed when erosion leaves harder stone on top of softer stone, which erodes faster, sometimes leaving a boulder perched atop a tall, narrow pillar.

Bryce's climate and elevation make it plump for rapid erosion, although the region receives but 18 inches of precipitation a year. The little moisture it gets makes a big difference, with ice forming and thawing in the morning more than 100 times a year. When snow and ice melt during the day, water seeps into the cracks in the rock, and expands as it freezes again the next night, pushing the cracks wider and prying the weak rock apart.

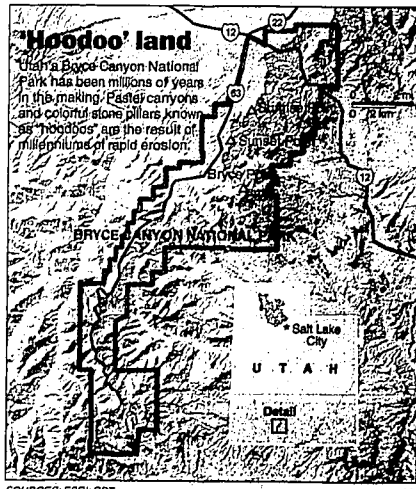
Meanwhile, naturally acidic rain is slowly dissolving away the limestone, rounding off the edges of the fractured rocks and washing away the debris. As the cliffs recede, spurs emerge that eventually thin to slender fins that further whittle away into free-standing columns of stone. When the rock at the top of the column is harder, the softer part below erodes faster, sometimes leaving a boulder perched atop a tall, narrow pillar — known as a hoodoo.

The best example is Thor's

Hammer, which can be best seen from Sunset Point, one of a series of overlooks along the park's rim road. It's worth noting that Sunset Point faces east, so you won't actually see the sunset from it, and Bryce Point provides a better vista to observe the full blast of dawn than Sunrise Point. But each successive amphitheater along the road holds hundreds of hoodoos — so the view at any one of these points is astonishing.

"The typical approach is for people to go to the overlooks, but the best way to see the park is to take a hike down into the hoodoos," Wolsey says.

There are 50 miles of hiking trails at Bryce, and visitors also can ride horses or, in the winter, cross-country ski.



SOURCES: ESRI; GDT AP
given the elevation. It's well worth it. Tall Douglas fir poke through the crumbly stone. Switchbacks take you between towering walls

of limestone in a "slot" canyon named "Wall Street." Sharing a name with the epicenter of capitalism is misleading. This one-of-a-kind experience is priceless.

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A few days are left to ease stock option woes

Failing to take action before Dec. 31 may leave big tax bills

Los Angeles Times

Workers who used employee options to buy company stock this year... and who watched their holdings subsequently drop... have just a few more days to make some crucial tax decisions, accountants and other experts say.

Failing to take action before Dec. 31 could leave such employees with big and unnecessary tax bills, said Bruce Brumberg, editor in chief of MyStockOptions.com, which

offers option-related advice.

Those are critical things you can do now to avoid some painful hits," Brumberg said. Among the alternatives for reducing the tax bite are selling shares purchased with options or selling other investments to cover option-related taxes.

Those are high-tech and other workers who used stock options granted by their employers to buy company stock in 2000 were hit hard by the unexpected tax bills after their shares of company stock plummeted. The taxes reflected the paper profits they earned when they bought the shares, not the stock's subsequent value. Some workers found they couldn't sell their holdings for enough to pay the tax bill. Lawmakers from technology-

dependent areas introduced legislation this year to change the law, but Congress adjourned without acting on a solution.

Using employee options to buy stock typically triggers a tax on the difference between the discounted price workers pay for shares and the stock's closing price in the open market on the day of the purchase, said Karen Goodfriend, a Palo Alto, Calif., certified public accountant.

An employee who uses options to buy company shares for \$1 on a day when the shares are trading for \$50, for example, would probably owe tax on the \$49 paper profit, even if the stock subsequently fell in price.

What kind of tax is owed depends on the type of option used to purchase the stock.

Employees who use incentive stock options don't owe regular income taxes on their profits. But such purchases can trigger the alternative minimum tax, a parallel tax system originally designed to prevent the wealthy from avoiding taxes altogether.

Workers who have used incentive stock options - and seen the stock price plummet - can avoid the alternative minimum tax by selling their shares before year-end, accountants said.

They would still owe regular short-term capital gains taxes on any difference between the price they paid for the stock and the price they received when they sold it. If the shares in the above example fell from \$50 to \$5, for example, the employee who sold his shares before year end would

owe short-term capital gains taxes on his \$4 profit.

MyStockOptions.com includes a calculator to determine whether other options users might be subject to the alternative minimum tax.

Workers who use the most-commonly issued type of option, called nonqualified stock options, will owe income taxes on their paper profits. Those taxes can be avoided by selling the shares.

That is why many financial advisers recommend immediately selling any shares bought with nonqualified options to lock in the gains. That way, investors can ensure they have the money to pay the tax bill.

Workers who choose to hold on to shares purchased with non-

qualified options usually are hoping for a different kind of tax advantage. If held for a year, any subsequent profit earned on the shares can qualify for favorable long-term capital gains treatment.

But if the shares have plunged in value since they were bought, investors might be better off selling now, Brumberg said. The drop in the share price can be taken as a short-term capital loss, which can be used to offset other investment gains or, if the investor didn't have enough gains, up to \$3,000 in ordinary income.

Investors who don't want to sell their option shares can always sell currently deductible shares to pay the tax bill, Brumberg said. But again, investors should choose wisely, because selling any investment can have tax repercussions.

Avoid the IRS: Last-minute tax-saving tips for 2001

Los Angeles Times

Investors who want to take a capital gain or loss on an investment this year will have three trading days to do so.

For tax purposes, the IRS considers the trade date of a transaction to be the effective date. So investors who sell a security as late as Monday - the final day of 2001 - would record any gain or loss in this tax year, even if the trade isn't settled until 2002.

Stock trades normally take several days to settle, meaning when the seller receives payment from the buyer.

U.S. stock markets will be open for a full session on New Year's Eve, unlike on the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve, when trading ended three hours



early. If you're planning to sell mutual funds and shares, however, be sure to call the fund company to find out what's required. Many funds allow telephone redemptions, in which case an investor usually can call anytime before the end of a trading day to have the sale executed at the closing value that day.

But some funds require a letter of instruction from the investor, which would have to arrive no later than Monday.

Vanguard Group, one of the nation's largest fund companies, allows investors in its popular

"index" stock funds to place sell orders by phone, but only for outright redemptions - meaning the proceeds would be mailed in check form to the seller.

Investors using Vanguard index fund and shift the money to another Vanguard fund, such as a money-market fund, requires a letter from the investor, spokesman Brian Mattes said.

Investors selling mutual funds should remember that there are four different methods that can be used to figure the "cost basis" of the shares, for purposes of figuring your net gain or loss.

Many major fund companies explain the accounting choices on their Web sites.

Whether selling individual stocks or mutual funds to take a

loss, beware the "wash sale" rule: The IRS will disallow any investment loss for tax purposes if you buy the same security, or a "substantially identical" one (that's the IRS' term), within 31 days of the sale.

As with security sales, taxpayers looking to make charitable contributions and take a deduction this year have until Monday to make the payments.

The IRS considers a contribution to be made when it is delivered to the charity, and mailing a check on Dec. 31 would constitute delivery in 2001, accountants say.

One way to make deductible contributions if you're temporarily out of cash is to charge them on a credit card. Proof of the contribution - including the date the

gift was made - is provided on your credit card statement.

If you are contemplating major charitable contributions and have appreciated stock in your portfolio, consider giving the stock instead of cash. You get a deduction for the current market value of the security, but the charity doesn't have to pay capital gains on the appreciation.

Consider someone who wants to give \$10,000 for charity, for example. He can give that gift in cash or donate shares that he originally purchased at \$1,000 but are now worth \$10,000. If he gives the shares directly to the charity, he saves capital gains tax on the \$9,000 gain - an \$800 savings at the long-term capital gains tax rate of 20 percent.

If you don't have cash but have

good-condition clothing that you no longer wear, you can donate these items to charity and take a 2001 tax deduction for their value.

The deductible value is often more than what people think, according to the makers of a software program called It's Deductible (www.itsdeductible.com). For instance, a good-condition man's sports coat is currently deductible as a \$13 and a toddler's dress coat at \$28, said company spokesman Dorothy Endacott, who says the software is updated to this year's thrift-store prices.

But be aware that if you donate a single item worth more than \$5,000, the value must be documented with an independent appraisal.

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Stock market moves higher

NEW YORK (AP) - Stronger-than-expected holiday sales at Wal-Mart and Yahoo! sent stocks climbing Wednesday as investors allowed themselves to feel a little more optimistic about consumer spending and in turn, the economy.

Wall Street's enthusiasm faded late in the session, frustrating hopes for a big post-Christmas rally.

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After the VWU club closed, Ken Tilley bought the building, opened a bar downstairs and rented out rooms upstairs in the 1960s.

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