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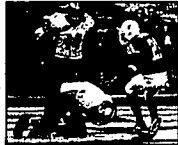
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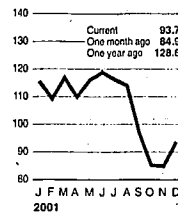
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Consumer confidence

Here is a look at the Consumer Confidence Index from a survey of 5,000 U.S. households. Seasonally adjusted, 1985=100



SOURCE: The Conference Board AP

Economy looks better

Consumer confidence, home sales show steep rise

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - A big rebound in consumer confidence and a surge in sales of homes and big-ticket items suggested Friday that the worst of the recession may be over and better days lie ahead. The Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence Index climbed in December for the first time in six months to 93.7 from 84.9 in November, the biggest monthly increase in nearly four years.

Separately, the Commerce Department reported that new

homes sales soared 6.4 percent in November, the largest increase in almost a year, helped out by mild weather and low mortgage rates.

The Commerce Department also said orders for many big-ticket items, including appliances, autos and electronic equipment, posted solid gains in November.

Economists were encouraged, saying the reports indicate a recovery could come as early as next year.

"Consumers are once again

feeling better and will become the locomotive pulling the economy out of the current recession," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo & Co. "What's amazing to me is really how resilient the American economy and consumers have been. Frankly, after the terrorist attacks, most of us had expected much worse."

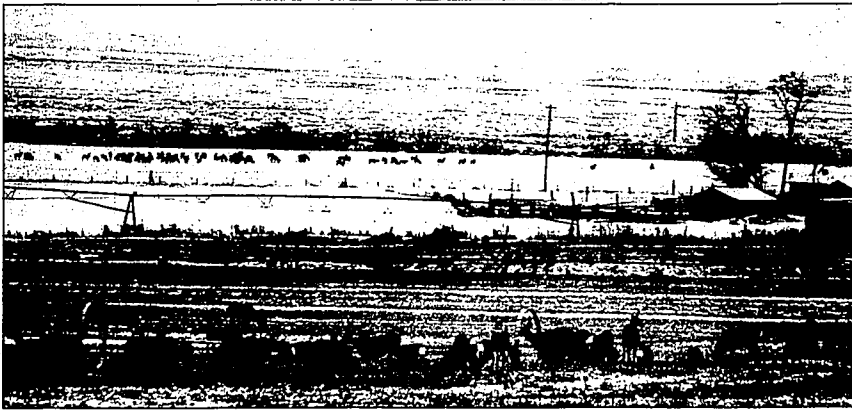
Sohn and others said that success in the war in Afghanistan, rebounding stock prices, the

steady drop in interest rates over the past year and optimism that employers have put their heaviest job cuts behind them contributed to Americans' improved sense of well-being.

"The deterioration in current economic conditions appears to be reaching a plateau, led by a stabilizing employment scenario," said Lynn Franco, director of the Conference Board's research center.

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FEEDING THE ANIMALS



USA M. COLLARD/The Times-News

A larger-than-normal herd of mule deer has gathered in the fields near the Eden exit off Interstate 84. Large herds of deer have moved into the area, pushed by snow. Idaho's Department of Fish and Game has a feeding program for elk, but not for deer.

Snow forces elk operations to start early

By Pat Murphy Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Jerome office is "flooded" with telephone calls about roaming elk looking for food, and therein lies one of the sad paradoxes of wildlife in south-central Idaho.

Many well-meaning residents who are calling about hungry elk are living in dwellings that wiped out habitat where elk once foraged, said Mike Todd, regional conservation educator for the Fish and Game Department.

"Whenever wildlife is up against development," Todd said, "wildlife always gets the short end of the stick."

This year's early, heavy snow in the Wood River Valley area has accelerated the food problem for elk, Todd said. The big game animals, which weigh around 600 pounds, had not yet put on the customary fat to last the winter.

"The bottom line is this: if an animal doesn't have a good fat reserve built up, it may not survive if we don't feed them, a lot of them will die."

So, Todd said, Fish and Game officers set up feeding sites as



Melvin Fish and Game photo

Elk move through deep snow earlier this month along the South Fork of the Boise River. Idaho's Department of Fish and Game started feeding elk early this year.

early as Dec. 8 this year, far earlier than last year's first feed site on Jan. 13. The first feed site opened in 1990 was on Jan. 23.

"In a few weeks, we'll be feeding as many as 1,000 head (of elk)," Todd said, at six main feeding sites in areas north and west

of the Wood River Valley. But that doesn't include countless feed sites set up by individuals concerned about the elk, he said.

Feeding elk is not illegal in Idaho, which has the largest elk population of any Western state,

Elk-feeding information

Citizens concerned about elk feeding can check the Department of Fish and Game's Web site - www.state.id.us/fishgame - for information.

built up over the years since large herds were imported from Yellowstone National Park. Other states prohibit private feeding.

But Todd warned that private feeding could be harmful to elk, as people may provide the equivalent of human junk food without the proper nourishment.

Fish and Game also advises against feeding deer, which have digestive systems that are less able than elk to handle anything other than their natural forage.

Todd said a lot of deer have moved into Jerome and Gooding counties to escape deep snow but are blocked from going much farther south by Interstate 84.

By winter's end, Todd said, Fish and Game officers will have provided perhaps \$400,000 in supplemental food for elk. Fish

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India, Pakistan exchange shelling amid talk of war

The Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India - As India and Pakistan shot at each other and spoke of war, weeping friends and relatives on both sides bid farewell Friday before the two nations sever their land and air links for the first time in 30 years.

Warning that an Indian troop buildup at the border was pushing the countries into confrontation, Pakistan told the United States it may need to further reinforce its side of the frontier by moving troops now helping the U.S. hunt for Osama bin Laden, Pakistani officials said.

President Bush said Friday his administration was "working actively to bring some calm in the

Pakistan may pull troops from Afghan border - A9

region, to hopefully convince both sides to stop the escalation of force." He said India should "take note" of steps by Pakistan to crack down on Islamic militants.

The South Asian rivals - both of which have nuclear weapons - have been threatening a new war since a Dec. 13 attack by gunmen on India's Parliament. New Delhi says Pakistan sponsored the attack and demands it arrest and extradite the leaders of two militant groups India says conducted

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Bush vows to persevere in search for bin Laden

The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas - President Bush said Friday the U.S. military will not quit Afghanistan or the search for the elusive Osama bin Laden until the No. 1 terrorist suspect is killed or brought to American justice.

"The world must know that this administration will not blink in the face of danger and will not fire," Bush said, bracing Americans for a long struggle.

Bush spoke as the war effort was focused on the manhunt for bin Laden, and when contradictory reports swirled about the al-Qaida leader's whereabouts - and even his possible death.

At a news conference at his

central Texas ranch, the president did not rule out the possibility that bin Laden had fled Afghanistan. He seemed untroubled by reports Friday that bin Laden had entered Pakistan.

"You don't need to worry about whether or not we're going to get him, because we are, and it's just a matter of time," he said. "Dead or alive is fine with me."

The White House billed Bush's outdoor appearance as a war update, and it came at the end of a week in which bin Laden dominated the airwaves with a newly released videotape.

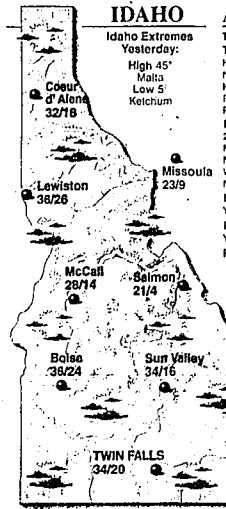
The president said key objectives of the war had already been met. Bin Laden, he said, is no

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President Bush, standing with Gen. Tommy Franks, pledged Friday to bring Osama bin Laden to justice, saying U.S. forces are determined to capture him.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature
 High/Low: 41°/14°
 Normal High/Low: 35°/18°
 High/Low last year: 25°/11°
 Record high: 58° in 1980
 Record low: -8° in 1985

Precipitation
 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yest.: 0.00"
 Month to date: 1.29"
 Normal month to date: 1.00"
 Water year to date (Oct. 1): 2.99"
 Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 2.95"

Humidity
 Yesterday at noon: 88%
 Barometric Pressure
 Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.00 in.

Pollution yesterday in Twin Falls

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shows today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Patched fog; limited sun and a flurry. ▲ 34°	Mostly cloudy with a few snow flurries. ▼ 20°	Cloudy to partly sunny. ▲ 34° ▼ 22°	Limited sun; it might shower/flurry. ▲ 38° ▼ 24°	Clouds and breaks of sunshine. ▲ 36° ▼ 28°	Chance for snow and rain. ▲ 38° ▼ 26°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Clouds and some sunshine in the north today; mostly cloudy in the south with a few flurries possible, especially this afternoon. Highs in the 20s and the 30s.

Boise: Patchy fog this morning; otherwise, clouds and occasional sunshine today. High 36. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with the chance for a snow shower. Low 24.

Northern Nevada: Mostly cloudy today with patchy fog; a low shower of rain and snow will move across the area during the midday and afternoon. Highs in the 30s and the 40s.

Northern Utah: Clouds and limited sunshine today; there will be a few showers of rain and snow in the valleys and snow in the mountains this afternoon. Highs in the 20s and the 30s.

Northern Idaho: Patchy fog this morning; otherwise, a mixture of clouds and sunshine today. Highs from the 20s in the mountains to the 30s in the low valleys. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight.

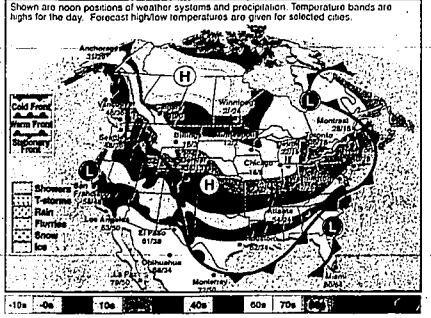
NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday for the 48 contiguous states

High 78° in Haringen, TX Low -11° in Jackson, WY

NATIONAL WEATHER

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



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CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Sun.
Calgary	10° W	11° W
Edmonton	23° E	20° E
Granby	0° F	6° F
Kelowna	10° W	12° W
Lethbridge	28° E	20° E
Regina	-8° F	4° F
Saskatoon	8° F	11° F
St. John's	29° E	19° E
Vancouver	46° E	46° E
Victoria	46° E	46° E
Winnipeg	2° E	3° E

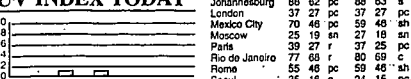
SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 8:07 a.m.
 Sunset tonight: 5:13 p.m.
 Moonrise today: 4:39 p.m.
 Moonset tonight: 7:25 a.m.

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Dec 30 Jan 5 Jan 13 Jan 21

UV INDEX TODAY



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

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sun.
Atlanta	24° C	23° C
Baltimore	44° E	35° E
Birmingham	40° E	34° E
Boston	18° C	19° C
Charlotte, NC	68° F	50° F
Chicago	19° C	20° C
Cleveland	24° F	21° F
Denver	38° F	25° F
Des Moines	14° C	18° F
Detroit	22° F	23° F
El Paso	61° F	60° F
Fargo	18° F	11° F
Houston	6° F	3° F
Indianapolis	23° F	21° F
Jacksonville	74° F	58° F
Kansas City	38° F	22° F
Las Vegas	55° F	59° F
Little Rock	42° F	38° F
Los Angeles	63° F	65° F

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sun.
Boise	27° E	18° E
Burley	35° E	31° E
Coeur d'Alene	22° E	18° E
Idaho Falls	23° E	22° E
Kaisapoint	36° E	36° E
Lewiston	23° E	11° E
Malta	9° F	5° F

Shelling

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The operation, Pakistan denies the charge.

The Indian army ordered evacuations of 20,000 people from more than 40 border villages in the Indian-held part of Kashmir, and traded shells overnight with Pakistani border forces, officials said Friday. Soldiers also laid mines along the border.

Retaliatory firing by Pakistani troops killed a 3-year-old in an Indian border village, police said. The firing ended two days of relative calm.

The two nations on Thursday ordered each other's 110-person embassy staffs out in half and banned overflights as of next Tuesday. On that day, India will also close bus-and-train links and private cars will also be barred from crossing the border - closing transport links for the first time since the 1971 war.

The halt to transportation links is a haunting reminder of past wars and a psychological blow for millions on both sides connected by blood or friendship.

Men and women wept, desperately embraced relatives and tried to hold hands through the iron window grates of the cars as the Samjhauta Express, the only train between the two nations, pulled out of the Old Delhi station, carrying people home before the deadline.

At the Lahore station in Pakistan, an Indian woman, Amna Begum, stood tightly holding the hand of her brother Tanveer Ahmad, a Pakistani. Both wept.

Separated in their childhood, they had met after 53 years. "I had come here to stay for two months, but now I'm going back just after seven years," Begum said as she boarded the train.

Economy

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The news initially sent stocks higher, but a wave of last-minute sales by investors seeking to take tax losses for 2001 reversed early gains. In afternoon trading on Wall Street, the Dow Jones average edged up 4 points to 10,135 and the Nasdaq rose 12 points to 1,588.

The Conference Board's index, based on a monthly survey of some 5,000 U.S. households, is closely watched because consumer confidence heavily influences consumer spending, which accounts for about two-thirds of the nation's economic activity.

The index compares results to its base year, 1985, when it stood at 100.

The November figure was the lowest since January 1994, when the index reached 82.6. The surge was the biggest jump since February 1998, when the index rose 9.1 points from the previous month to 137.4.

That far higher figure for consumer confidence lends some perspective to the current state of the economy.

"We're not out of the woods yet," Sohn said. "Historically the index is still low."

Furthermore, many companies have yet to release their fourth-quarter earnings, which are widely expected to be weak.

"There's a good chance we've seen the lion's share of economic problems, but we haven't turned the corner," said Gary Thayer, chief economist at A.C. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis.

Bush

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"He is not escaping us," Bush said of bin Laden. "I mean, this is a guy who, three months ago, was in control of a country. Now he's maybe in control of a cave. ... We're going to get him running and keep him running, and bring him to justice."

Bush and Army Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of the war, outlined goals that could prolong the stay for the at least 3,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan: Ensuring political stability and security; destroying the al-Qaida terrorist network; interrogating, fingerprinting and photographing as many as 16,000 prisoners, moving some into the legal process.

"There is a lot to do, and the American people just must understand, when I said that we need to be patient, that I meant it," Bush said.

Elk could winter there just fine, but condos and homes have crept up this valley and wiped out habitat of willows and natural foliage, Todd said.

In Idaho's backcountry, supplemental feeding is unheard of, he said, because the habitat with ample natural foliage is intact.

Todd also said residents should also understand that elk go into what he called "controlled starvation" during winter when they live off their own fat. They conserve energy during this time by remaining immobile.

People should therefore not disturb elk and force them to exhaust themselves.

"That reduces chances of survivability," Todd explained, adding that with colder temperatures and more snow in January and February, it's even more crucial that elk not be disturbed and forced to use energy and stored fat.

David Parrish, Magic Valley's regional Fish and Game supervisor, said that autopsies on roadkill animals in the area reveal they "appear to have good fat reserves."

The habitat issue is much on the mind of a new committee in Blaine County, the Wood River

Another report by the Labor Department predicts a decline for unemployment insurance rates last week by a seasonally adjusted 7,000 to 392,000.

"The slew of data all point a complimentary picture of at least some rebounding," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist for PNC Financial Services Group.

"The data don't say the recession ended in November and December, but there are some precursors for an end to the recession in the winter."

Bush has long been wary of open-ended U.S. military deployments overseas; but he refused to offer a timetable Friday for bringing troops home from Afghanistan.

"I imagine us being there for quite a long period of time," Bush said.

The mission will be accomplished, Bush said, when Franks says it is.

Elk Management Group, chaired by state Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, and composed of state and federal wildlife representatives as well as citizens and land planners.

"Jaguet said the group is a 'vehicle to go before county planners' and intercede when wildlife habitat is threatened by proposed real estate development. She said the group also is focusing on controlling noxious weeds that can be deadly for elk, as well as creating large stands of willows and brushy growth next summer away from housing areas.

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blocks. In March, the FCC will begin to allow number pools that break down those blocks into 1,000-number blocks in 21 calling areas each three months. That process over a period of many years will use up the 6 million numbers going unassigned under area code 208.

However, the Boise metropolitan area isn't scheduled for number pooling until March 2003, two months after mandatory dialing for a new area code would likely begin. On Nov. 6, the Idaho commission filed a petition with the FCC to move the Boise area ahead in the pooling roll-out schedule, which would likely extend the life of the 208 area code if granted.

However, in the event the federal commission does not implement number pooling before an additional area code is needed,

the Idaho board recommended the state be split into three geographic regions with an area code for each.

The order retains the existing 208 area code in southwestern Idaho, recommends a new one from Grangeville north to the Canadian border and another from Hagerman east to the Wyoming border.

Under that proposal, the first area that would require a split would be the Boise area in 13 years. The Twin Falls, Pocatello and Idaho Falls area code would expire in about 17 years and the north Idaho area code would not expire for 40 years.

NeuStar said Idaho's order does not meet the guideline that area codes within a state expire within 10 years of each other.

The FCC recognizes that its proposal is not in keeping with industry guidelines that say pro-

Codes

jected exhaust dates should be within 10 years of each other. However, the commission believes Idaho's unique geography and population balance merits exception.

"While attempting to balance several public interest goals and after receiving extensive input from the FCC local governments and affected consumers, we find that this plan best suits Idaho's individual needs and is in the state's best interest," the commission said in its previous order.

The FCC further noted that the FCC approved deviations from numbering guidelines, most recently in Missouri and Florida.

Before the PUC considers appealing NeuStar's decision, it must first address petitions filed by five telecommunications companies, asking the commission to reconsider its Dec. 5 order.

The companies have stated a variety of reasons for number pooling and instead recommended a 10-digit local dialing plan for all new numbers.

"The vast majority of public comment opposed 10-digit local dialing.

The commission has 28 days to report to the companies on petitions for reconsideration, or on or near Jan. 23.

CORRECTION

A calendar item Friday listed the wrong ticket prices for the Kentucky Headhunters performances at Casadepus Resort Casino in Jackpot this weekend. Tickets are \$15.99 for the 11 p.m. cocktail show, and prices for the 8 p.m. dinner show start at \$18. The Times-News regrets the error.

Kidnapped tot comes home to family

CHICAGO (AP) - A 16-month-old girl who was snatched from a bus station on Christmas Eve was reunited with her mother in West Virginia on Friday before the two flew back to Chicago and into the arms of anxious family members.

Marcella Anderson, smiling and teary-eyed, arrived at Midway Airport with her daughter Jasmine aboard an FBI jet. They were met by Anderson's mother and brother.

"I'm just overwhelmed with joy that I got my baby back," Marcella said after the harrowing, four-day ordeal.

Anderson, carrying a teddy bear, was flown to West Virginia earlier Friday for a private reunion with her daughter.

Anderson said Jasmine was asleep when she arrived for the reunion and described her daughter as "heaven-sent." She said they plan to return home to Milwaukee to celebrate the Christmas the family missed.

The little girl was found unharmed on Thursday in West Virginia. A woman has been accused of kidnapping the toddler and pretending Jasmine was her own.

Sheila Matthews, who gave her age as 35, appeared in federal court in Charleston earlier Friday on kidnapping charges. She faces a preliminary hearing next week.

Jasmine arrived at the airport wearing a blue FBI hat and was accompanied by state troopers and a social worker. Gov. Bob Wise gave her a purple teddy bear with a big green bow.

While she waited for her mother to arrive, Jasmine napped in an airport conference room, said Wise spokesman Amy Shuler Goodwin. FBI agent Joe



Marcella Anderson carries her 16-month-old daughter, Jasmine, from the terminal at the Charleston, W.Va. airport to an awaiting FBI jet after being reunited Friday. Jasmine was kidnapped from a Chicago bus station by a stranger on Christmas Eve.

Ciccarelli said, "She's in great spirits." She had a bag full of toys, he said.

Police said Matthews had falsely told her boyfriend that she had given birth while he was in prison. When the boyfriend was released from prison, she told him her mother was caring for the baby in Chicago, police said.

Matthews went to the Chicago bus station on Monday night, looking to abduct a child, police said.

Anderson said she and her two daughters were waiting there for a bus home to Milwaukee when a woman with a tattoo on her neck

offered to give them a ride. The woman offered to hold Jasmine while Anderson took her other daughter, 3-year-old Alicia, to refund her bus tickets. Anderson said she was waiting in line when the woman disappeared with the toddler.

According to police, Matthews and her boyfriend took the toddler to the house of one of his relatives in a Chicago suburb on Christmas Day. On Wednesday, the couple traveled with Jasmine to West Virginia.

But their hosts spotted a photograph of Jasmine on television and called police.

Airline: Shoe-bomb suspect was considered a security risk in July

JERUSALEM (AP) - Shoe-bombing suspect Richard C. Reid underwent a rigorous body check and had to remove his shoes for special screening before boarding an El Al plane this past summer, Israel's national carrier said Friday.

Even after no explosives were found, the airline considered Reid a top security risk and seated him next to an armed sky marshal in the second to last row, far from the cockpit, said an Israeli source.

A senior El Al security official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Reid apparently flew to Israel last July to try to find weaknesses in the airline's vaunted security system, in preparation for a possible attack on an El Al flight.

On Dec. 22, the British-born Reid, 28, allegedly tried to detonate explosives on an American Airlines flight from Paris to Miami. He was overpowered by flight attendants and passengers, and the plane was diverted to Boston.

A Boston judge on Friday ordered Reid held without bail. An FBI agent testifying at the hearing said Reid was carrying a homemade bomb on the Paris-Miami flight.

FBI agent Margaret C. Cronin, a specialist in crime aboard aircraft, testified that Reid was carrying "functioning improvised" explosives, or, in layman's terms, a homemade bomb.

She said that an explosives expert concluded that if the sneakers had been placed against an outside

wall and blown up, they "would have blown a hole in the fuselage." Reid was in a window seat.

Authorities have been retracing Reid's travels across Europe and the Middle East and tracking his recent purchases in search of possible ties to terrorists. They said they haven't drawn any conclusions about whether Reid had accomplices. Reid's court-appointed lawyer said she knew of no evidence connecting him to terrorism.

In Sri Lanka, officials said that the substance found in Reid's shoes - PETN, a material used to make the explosive Semtex - has also been used by Tamil militants fighting to divide the island nation along ethnic lines. Tamil separatists have set off 10 shoe bombs in 1999 and 2000, mainly targeting passenger buses.

In The Netherlands, authorities said Friday they were investigating whether Reid bought explosives and sneakers in Amsterdam.

From Amsterdam, Reid boarded an El Al flight to Tel Aviv on July 7. He spent five days in Israel, before traveling to Egypt via the Rafah border crossing at the southern end of the Gaza Strip. From Egypt, Reid apparently returned to Europe on a commercial flight, the Israeli Maariv daily said Friday.

During the pre-boarding security check, Reid aroused the suspicion of El Al ground personnel, said the airline's spokesman, Nachman Klieman, but would not

elaborate on what Reid did to set off warning bells.

The El Al security official said Reid was considered suspicious because of his appearance and because he was traveling only with a hand bag.

El Al profiles passengers, and Arabs and some foreigners routinely come under closer scrutiny. Arabs, including those with Israeli citizenship, usually have their suitcases searched, and some belongings are screened individually for explosives.

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Pentagon official: Stream of prisoners will arrive in Kandahar

WASHINGTON (AP) - American forces in Afghanistan Friday were expecting to receive a growing stream of prisoners in the coming days from among the thousands captured by Afghan fighters. Some could face U.S. military tribunals.

President Bush defended his plan to put terrorist suspects before a military tribunal, saying Friday that they will be treated more fairly than Americans were in the deadly attacks of Sept. 11.

The number of prisoners jailed at the makeshift detention center at Afghanistan's Kandahar airport has risen steadily this week, and the Pentagon was expecting the additions of a couple dozen daily over the coming days, defense official said Friday on condition of anonymity.

As of Friday afternoon, the number of captured al-Qaida and Taliban figures in U.S. custody was 70. Eight of these prisoners, including American John Walker Lindh, were being held on the Navy's amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu in the Arabian Sea, and the other 62 were in Kandahar.

Some U.S. Marines at the Kandahar base prepared to leave Friday, with Army and possibly Air Force personnel expected to arrive soon, defense officials said.

Afghan fighters hold thousands captured as they wrested control of the country from the former radical Islamic rulers and the al-Qaida terrorist network they harbored. Pakistan also holds hundreds of prisoners.

Now that a number of them have been determined to be of interest to the United States, they are being sent to Kandahar, the official said. More of them can be accommodated in Kandahar, he said, because Marines have expanded the facility there to hold some 250.

Afghan groups and U.S. officials have been sorting through prisoners for weeks to determine which might be useful for intelligence and which might be punished.

CIA and FBI agents are among Americans who have been interrogating prisoners to learn bin Laden's whereabouts, to determine which ones should be brought to trial and try to get information about other terrorists or planned terrorist attacks.

Many of the prisoners will be sent to the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Thursday. Getting facilities at that base ready for the stream of detainees will take several weeks.

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YOUR WEEKEND

Lamphouse Theatre

What: "The Man Who Wasn't There," starring Billy Bob Thornton, will be shown.

Where: The Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

When: 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. today and Sunday. There will also be a mid-night showing today.

How much: \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and students and \$4 for matinees. The mid-night showing is \$4 for all seats.

'Vincent'

What: Leonard Nimoy's "Vincent" is making a return to the Wood River Valley. Sun Valley actor Jim Jarrett will perform the one-man play.

Where: The nextStage Theatre in Ketchum.

When: 8 p.m. today and Sunday.

How much: Tickets for the play are available at Chapter One Bookstore or by phone at 726-9124.

'Sustained Chord'

What: "Sustained Chord," an exhibition of recent work by Cheryl Shurtliff and Richard Young, will be on display.

Where: In the Jean B. King Gallery at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

When: The gallery is open 1-9 p.m. today.

How much: The exhibit is free.

Holiday show

What: "Steamrolling through the Holidays," a multi-media planetarium show set to the music of Mannheim Steamroller, will play.

Where: The Faulkner Planetarium in the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

When: 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families.

'Season of Light'

What: "Season of Light," a production about the "history and mystery" of Christmas, will be shown.

Where: The Faulkner Planetarium in the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

When: 7 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families.

'WSKY'

What: "WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars," will be shown.

Where: The Faulkner Planetarium in the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

When: 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families.

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	89 %
Salmon Falls Creek	146 %
Oakley Basin	173 %
Big and Little Wood	117 %
Honny Fork	97 %
Big and Little Lost	

TRAFFIC TANGLE



A Twin Falls firefighter and a paramedic comfort a woman trapped in her car following a four-vehicle accident at the intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Pole Line Road Friday afternoon.

Wreck causes no serious injuries

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A motorist suffering from a medical condition blacked out and caused a four-car accident at the intersection of Pole Line Road and Blue Lakes Boulevard Friday afternoon, officials said.

Although the wreck caused thousands of dollars in damage to the vehicles — and created a scene of destruction at one of the city's busiest intersections — only minor injuries were reported. Those needing hospitalization were released by Friday evening.

Jared Stubbs, 24, of Virginia was driving a 1994 Ford Explorer westbound on Pole Line Road in the lane nearest the sidewalk when he lost consciousness, said Craig Stotess, a Twin Falls police officer. Stubbs rear-ended a 1997 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Sharolynn Yastrow, 56, of Arizona, pushing the vehicle about 170 feet into the right-hand turning lane, where the Blazer ended up facing the wrong direction.

The Explorer continued westbound on Pole Line Road, running into a 1997 Mercury Trio which, in turn, was forced into a



Two of the vehicles involved in the accident were so badly damaged that firefighters had to pry them apart to remove them from the scene of the accident.

2000 Mercury Mystique driven by Nanette Mathison, 30, of Shoshone. The Explorer continued pushing the Trio out onto Blue Lakes, where the two vehicles finally came to a stop.

While the Mystique was able to back up on Pole Line Road

clear of the intersection, the Explorer and Trio remained locked together on Blue Lakes, where emergency crews had to use tools to separate the two vehicles.

Crews had to also use tools to extricate the driver of the Trio,

Lillian Romero, 63, and the passenger, John Romero, 74, both of Filer. Both airbags were deployed in the Trio.

All drivers and passengers were wearing seatbelts, which is why nobody was seriously hurt, Stotess said.

Accident leaves man in critical condition

The Times-News

HEYBURN — An unidentified pedestrian was in critical condition Friday after being hit by a truck.

A truck hit a male pedestrian on the side of Idaho Highway 24 Thursday, according to a report from the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office.

Emergency medical services rushed the person to the Minidoka Memorial Hospital. He was then taken by LifeFlight to the East Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls, where he remains in critical condition, said Minidoka County Deputy Robert Vasquez.

Dan Pruett, 46, of Declo was driving a white Chevrolet pickup south on Hwy. 24, near the Interstate 84 bridge, about one mile north of Heyburn, at 3:11 p.m.; the report said. The pickup reportedly veered onto the shoulder of the road and struck the pedestrian, the report said.

Conditions were wet and cloudy. The report cites inatten-

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tion as the primary contributing factor to the accident.

Pruett reportedly stopped, drove away from the scene, and returned 10 minutes later, the report said.

The pedestrian carried no identification, the report said. The Chevrolet pickup involved in the accident belongs to Triple C Concrete Inc., the report said.

No citations have been issued but the accident is still under investigation, said Minidoka County Sheriff Paul Fries.

Rupert will buy backup electric service

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The city of Rupert joined others in the Idaho Energy Authority who have agreed to purchase backup electric service.

The City Council voted Thursday to pay a flat fee for the first 10 hours of backup service. The cost to the city will be about \$1,500 or \$16 per megawatt hour, said Kenny Smith, from the city's electric department.

Smith said the backup service is needed if the La Grande line ever goes down. The La Grande line feeds the entire Mini-Cassia area with electric power.

The Bonneville Power Administration, from whom the

city of Rupert purchases power, has provided backup service for the city all along, Smith said. Now the BPA is requesting to be paid for that service.

Maintenance takes the line down occasionally, Smith said.

"It's not that often," he added. "If the downtime exceeds the 10 hours included in the flat fee, power is paid for at Mid-C rates, rather than the priority firm rate cities pay currently."

A second option for backup service is to pay for all backup power used at Mid-C rates. A memo from Pete Richardson at IDEA to local electric officials said current Mid-C rates are \$28 per megawatt hour. However, last December they were \$552 per

County looks at license location

The Times-News
and The Associated Press

ELKO, Nev. — A spur-of-the-moment wedding isn't just a hop, skip and jump into Jackpot.

Idaho couples who look toward Nevada as a quick and easy place to marry can't buy a wedding license in Jackpot, nor can those driving from Utah purchase one in West Wendover. Both towns are located in Elko County, and in Elko. County marriage licenses are only sold in the county seat: the city of Elko.

Whether coming from Idaho or Utah, couples face a two-hour trek down a sagebrush-rimmed highway to Elko to get a license. If the duo is still of the mind to share one name, the likelihood is they will wed in Elko.

But folks in Jackpot and West Wendover say it's time that licenses were sold in their towns, also.

Some Elko business owners maintain their city should remain the county's sole marriage license provider. After all, people spend money when they arrive.

County officials are considering a compromise by creating a second marriage license branch in Wells, roughly the halfway point between Elko and both Jackpot and West Wendover.

The \$60 licenses would be sold under the auspices of the Wells Justice Court as a satellite branch of the county clerk's office.

Under state law, the county can have two marriage license outlets.

La Nita Barahona, owner of Season's Wedding Chapel in Elko, said a satellite license office in Wells would cut city revenues.

"If someone is going to have a little chapel wedding in Elko, they're going to spend money and have fun," she said, adding that couples spend money on gas, lodging, food and gambling.

"Often, people go to the jewelry store to buy rings," Barahona said. "A lot of our chapel ceremonies are spur of the moment."

But Pat Kelly, president of the Wells Chamber of Commerce, doubts a license bureau in Wells would harm Elko business.

"It would be very marginal," Kelly said. "I send maybe five people to Elko (for a marriage license) a year."

Elko County Clerk Win Smith recently presented the idea to commissioners, who may consider it early next year.

M-C officials hear annexation concerns

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Minidoka County resident Joey Bryant has concerns about water quality and the identity of her neighborhood.

Bryant took her concerns about a recent Burley annexation to Minidoka County com-

missioners' Thursday meeting.

She contends the annexation of property owned by Mike Athley and Donald MacRae west of north Burley violates state statute. The property was annexed into Burley on March 20, with the Burley City Council's approval.

Contacted Friday, Burley City Administrator Mark Mitton told

The Times-News that as far as he knew, no state statute had been violated with the annexation.

Bryant said the property was not in Burley's impact area before it was annexed nor was it platted before annexation. The city of Burley also bypassed the planning and zoning board, and failed to notify residents within

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Man says public golf course favors insiders

NAMPA (AP) - An angry golfer is accusing the city of running its public golf course like a private club and offering free passes to city officials.

When he retired a few years ago, Ron Riggs wanted to buy a season pass at Centennial Golf Course for about \$500.

But the golf course, owned by the city but run by a private contractor, limited the number of season passes to 500, ostensibly to prevent overcrowding.

Only patrons who were "grandfathered" - those who already had season passes - are guaranteed to get renewal each year.

Others must pay the usual \$15-a-day green fee. More than 200 are on a waiting list for an opportunity to buy a season pass.

Riggs figures he plays three days a week, 35 weeks a season; so his bill adds up to about \$1,500 a year.

"It's a good-old-buddy system," Riggs said. "They've been running that golf course up there like it's a country club."

Riggs also pointed out that the five members of the Nampa Golf Course Commission, Nampa Parks and Recreation Director

Alan Caba and the City of Nampa all get free season passes each year.

Meanwhile, Riggs is going on his sixth year on the waiting list. And he wonders if he will ever get the opportunity to buy a pass.

Caba said the free passes are issued so the city can inspect the course and mix with other golfers.

"The intent and purpose was so they could be around the course and hear what people are saying," Caba said.

But Riggs points to a city ordinance passed in 1985, which says members of the golf course commission shall serve without compensation of any kind.

Caba said he was not aware of the ordinance but said he would look into it further.

Riggs says a lottery-type system would give anyone who wanted to buy a season pass an equal chance to get one.

Riggs has hired a Boise civil rights attorney to determine whether the city is violating any state or federal laws.

"The last thing I want to do is sue, but things are not right here in River City," Riggs said.

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DRILLING FOR FISH



Sam Welch drills a hole in Beaver Creek Lake in Montana Thursday so he can try out his new ice fishing gear he received from his wife as a Christmas present.

SERVICES

Walter Fred "Sparky" Bowman of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel; graveside rites and interment will follow at 2 p.m. at Bruneau Cemetery in Bruneau (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Iris C. Good of Jerome, service at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel; interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call until 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Dorothy Marie Alexander of Shoshone, service at 1 p.m. today at Christ Episcopal Church, 104 West B St., Shoshone.

Ella Anne Kudlac of Castleford, service at 1 p.m. today at the Castleford United Methodist Church; family services will follow at the Buhl Cemetery; viewing from 9:30-11:30 a.m. today at Farmers Chapel in Buhl.

Maxine Lucille Hamilton of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 East 27th St.; burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn; viewing from 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before the service today at the Burley United Methodist Church; burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Helen Joyce Chapman Meyer of Jerome, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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

Ray Anker Anderson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at First Presbyterian

DEATH NOTICES

Fannie May Branche
TWIN FALLS - Fannie May Branche, 81, of Twin Falls died Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, at Birchwood Retirement Estates in Twin Falls.
Services and arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Orval M. Searle
BURLEY - Orval Moffett Searle, 78, of Burley died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, at his home.
The service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, 2001, at the View 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 550 South 500 East, Burley, with Bishop Craig Seale officiating. Interment will follow at the View Cemetery.
Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10:10-45 a.m. Monday at the church.
A private obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

Ron L. Alger
TWIN FALLS - Ron L. Alger, 64, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after a short illness. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Zelma Warberg
SUN CITY, ARIZ. - Zelma Wenberg of Sun City, Ariz. and formerly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, in Sun City, Ariz.
Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Mary Jane Bromenschenkel
RUPERT - Mary Jane Bromenschenkel, 78, of Rupert died Thursday in a Boise hospital. A celebration of the Mass will be under the direction of Cremation Society of Idaho.

at Valley Vu Cemetery; friends may call from 10:10-45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Toni Ann Dare of Jerome, memorial celebration of life at 11 a.m. Sunday at Calvary Episcopal Church, 201 South Adams, Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome).

Arthur R. Chaburn of Filer, service at 2 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at White Mortuary; entombment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Mansion's fate remains in doubt

LEWISTON (AP) - The fate of the Hulbut mansion was unclear this week as the Idaho State Historical Society prepares to decide whether the aged home is worth saving.

The property, which was used as a children's home for more than five decades until the 1960s, is privately owned. The 2-acre site is leased to the Lewis Clark Head Start Early Childhood Program, which uses other buildings on the grounds to serve children in seven counties.

The agency received a \$47,000 federal grant to demolish the vacant, rundown home for health and safety reasons, said Director Dorlan Hergesheimer. The agency first looked for ways of preserving the building, but was

unable to come up with any economically feasible alternative that would provide the classrooms it needs.

Patrick M. Dugan, who once lived in the house, is heading up a preservation group to save the structure.

On Thursday, Historical Society compliance officer Suzi Neitzel asked for photographs of the mansion and the surrounding neighborhood.

Hergesheimer is preparing a packet of information that the state will use to issue its opinion on the building's historical significance.

Hergesheimer said the old house has been an attractive nuisance for many years. Older children have used it to smoke ciga-

rettes, creating a fire hazard. The house also posed a danger to the adjacent early childhood buildings, he said.

"The unfortunate part is the old building that was creating the uneasiness also was a mansion at one time, but it's also in poor condition for lack of maintenance. So we just sort of felt like it was time to do something."

The city issued a demolition permit Dec. 13. The work was scheduled to have been done by Dec. 31, the last day of the fiscal year for which the grant was issued. Now, an extension will have to be requested, Hergesheimer said.

The state is expected to issue an opinion within 30 days.

Court strikes down commission's rule

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Tax Commission exceeded its authority with a rule requiring that property be part of a "bona fide profit-making enterprise" to qualify for an agricultural tax exemption, the Idaho Supreme Court said.

In a unanimous opinion issued Friday, the high court upheld 4th District Judge Kathryn Stickle's ruling that Ada County was wrong to refuse an agricultural exemption to Roeder Holdings LLC on a 30-acre parcel south of Boise.

The county cited the Tax Commission rule in denying the exemption requested for the 1998 tax year. But Stickle found, and

the Supreme Court agreed, that state law requires only that property qualifying for the exemption be "actively devoted to agriculture."

Roeder Holdings argued that a crop of oat hay was grown on the land and sold as feed for horses and goats for about \$1,000. The county found that was not enough to warrant an agricultural exemption for the property that had an assessed value of \$510,000.

"The county's expert, however, was unable to contradict Roeder's testimony that he had cultivated oats on the property and made a profit," Justice Jesse Walters wrote for the high court. "The

county continues to assert on appeal that only bona fide farming operations are entitled to an exemption and that Roeder's limited oat crop in relation to the percentage of weeds does not constitute a field crop."

Such a requirement, the court found, is unenforceable because it goes beyond requirements of the law.

Those requirements are only that the property be at least five contiguous acres devoted to producing field crops, Walters wrote. "There is no room for construction of the statute whose terms, though not defined, have a plain, obvious and rational meaning."

Investigators seek tribe's missing money

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Federal and tribal officials are investigating what happened to \$100,000 in missing payments to enrolled members of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

A tribal official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said an employee of the tribe may have used fake names and the names of deceased tribal members to funnel money from the tribal payment program.

Rumors of missing money have circulated for months. Tribal leaders declined to comment publicly on Thursday, referring all inquiries to spokesman Bob Bostwick.

Bostwick said he did not know how much money is missing. He declined to comment on the details of the investigation.

"We have people on staff here that are going to know exactly where every dollar went," Bostwick said. "But a tribe can still be vulnerable. We're investigating."

FBI officials would not say

whether they are involved in the investigation. No arrests have been made.

The money comes from the tribe's biannual enrollment payments.

The payments, which are funded by profits from the tribe's casino, farm and market, have been buoyed by the success of the Coeur d'Alene Casino near Worley and are vital to many tribal families. This year's payments totaled about \$2.100 per person.

Enrolled members receive two payments each year - one in May and one in December. Eligibility for tribal enrollment requires one-quarter Indian blood and proof that a parent or grandparent was a Coeur d'Alene Indian.

The tribe's economic success has resulted in steadily increasing enrollment numbers. This year, payments were sent to more than 1,800 enrolled members.

The money is separate from the Individual Indian trust fund established in 1887, which the federal government created to compensate tribes for taking their ancestral lands.

Tribal leaders from across the country have charged that the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other Interior Department agencies have wasted more than \$10 billion in royalty funds from logging, mining and grazing on Indian lands.

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Marie Mildred Johnson Skinner
Marie Skinner, 89, died peacefully Thursday morning at the Shoshone Care Center in Twin Falls. She was

born in 1912 in Independence, Kansas to Charles and Florence Hollahan Johnson. She was the first of six children. Marie moved to Idaho in 1928 and attended Buhl High School. She married Woody Galford in 1931 and together they had four daughters. The couple later divorced. In 1958, Marie was remarried to Ralph Skinner of Buhl.

Marie was a prolific antique collector and was sought after for her knowledge on the subject. She was instrumental in organizing an antique bottle club in Buhl and was also active in an antique button club. Her membership in other social clubs included the I.A.M.I.T. Club, Northview Ladies Club, and Catholic Women's League. Marie was a member of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Buhl and attended faithfully for over 50 years. She was a self-taught seamstress and cook, played the piano by ear, and loved to work outdoors. She will be most remembered for her sprawling collection of antiques that was amassed over a period of 60 years.

Marie is survived by her four daughters, Florence (Herman) Osterkamp of Twin Falls, Judy (Ted) Mraz of Buhl, Barbara (O.D.) Sackett of Filer, and Martha (Pat) Busmann of Buhl. Also surviving are six step-children, Ivan Skinner, Merrill Skinner, Jack Skinner, Helen VanOstran, Phyllis Manning and Wilma Jones. Her two surviving siblings are Charles Johnson and Vivian Brittan.

Her husband, Ralph Skinner, three brothers, Ralph, Rusty and Kenny, and a step-daughter, Wanda Kirkpatrick, preceded her in death.

Services will include a Rosary on Sunday, December 30 at 7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish in Buhl. A celebration of the Mass will be held Monday, December 31 at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish in Buhl, with Father Dominic Nguyen. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Immaculate Conception Parish or a suitable charity.

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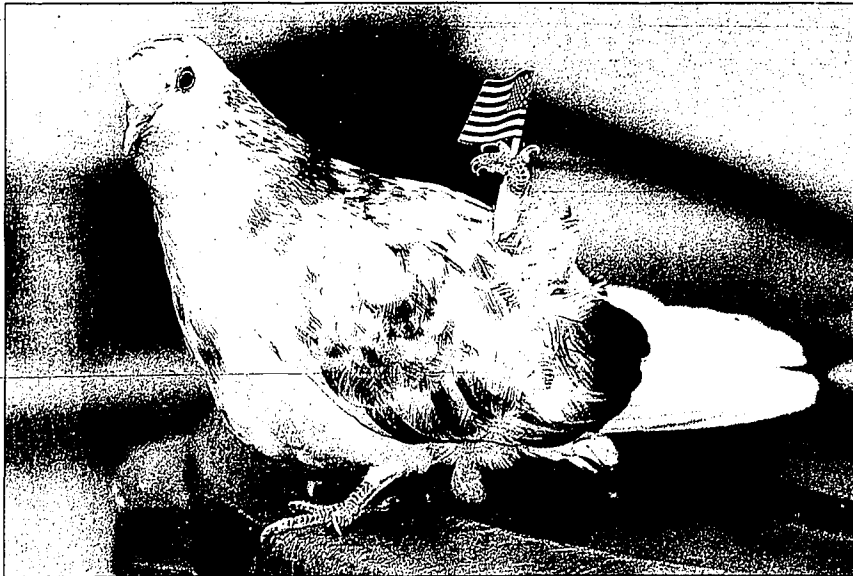
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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST



Leggy, a gray and white-flecked Birmingham roller pigeon, shown earlier this month, is fast becoming a mascot for the clinic at Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine in Pullman, Wash. Leggy, who has extra legs, was brought to the clinic in late November.

Multi-legged bird becomes school mascot

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) - Technically speaking, two of Leggy the pigeon's legs could be amputated, says Erik Stauber, tucking the bird back into its cage.

"But then he would just be another normal pigeon," Stauber, a Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine professor and veterinarian, says with a shrug and a grin.

And with an extra leg growing out of his side and one leg jutting out from the middle of his back, Leggy is certainly anything but normal.

Abnormality notwithstanding, Leggy, a gray and white-flecked Birmingham roller pigeon, is fast becoming a mascot for the clinic where Stauber works.

Leggy was brought to the clinic in late November after Pomeroy resident and pigeon breeder Elton Brown found the feathered anomaly in his pen.

"I was sure surprised when I saw that leg growing out of his back," says Brown, who has been breeding pigeons as a hobby since he was a boy.

Brown says he had not paid much attention to a group of younger birds who were roosting in his pen, but one day the peculiar pigeon caught his eye.

He caught the bird and tried giving it to his daughter, a veterinarian.

But, he says, she suggested taking it to WSU.

A pigeon enthusiast and breeder himself, Stauber extended the olive branch to Leggy.

Now Leggy keeps company with injured owls, eagles, iguanas and egrets and struts its uniqueness by clutching a tiny American flag with the claw rising out of his back.

"I put that on there," Stauber says. "It is our little symbol of peace."

Leggy is of a class of pigeons known as tumblers, Stauber says.

In mid flight they can do a sudden, rolling drop out of the air. Brown said he breeds the birds for that reason.

"They will all be flying together and then two or three of them will do a kind of backwards somersault," says Brown, who esti-

mates 80 of the birds live in and around his pen.

The reason behind this quality in the breed is unclear, Stauber says. But bird experts believe it may in part be a way to confuse predators, such as hawks.

Despite his extra appendages, the yearling bird still does not have a leg up on his peers.

He could not be released into the wild without risk.

Besides their position, the extra legs growing from Leggy's pelvis bone look normal. But they are nonfunctioning and don't work as extra landing gear.

The scaly, pinkish-orange claw feet do not move.

The joints and muscles that look as normal as the rest pair of the bird's ghostly black and white X-rays are in reality completely inert.

Leggy can fly, but he is tame and Stauber says he worries Leggy could be captured by someone who does not know how to take care of him. Or perhaps more easily taken by a hawk.

Leggy's spare pair of feather-fringed gams are a freak, said Stauber.

They are the result of the same natural mishaps that create the occasional five-legged toad, two-headed goat, or Siamese twins.

It could have been an off-kilter division of the cells a conception, an ill-formed sperm or any number of mitosis mishaps that caused the mutation, Stauber says.

In some species, such as amphibians, chemical pollutants are thought to be one cause of the mutations.

But in Leggy's case, Stauber believes it was simply a one-time random mutation.

In most cases such mutations would never be seen. Mutants generally do not make it much past birth as the mutation hinders their survival, Stauber said.

That Leggy has made it to around five or six months old makes him even more unusual.

Leggy will probably become a permanent resident of the college and a teaching tool, as well as a mascot and friend, Stauber says.

"We will keep him for educational purposes," Stauber says with a smile.

Six face charges in grocery thefts

SANDPOINT (AP) - Six former grocery store employees face six charges after being accused of stealing thousands of dollars' worth of groceries and merchandise over several years.

The arrests came after Yoke's Pac'n Save grocery store hired a private security firm to install surveillance cameras on Dec. 16. The cameras reportedly caught some of the thefts on video.

When confronted, five of the workers admitted taking up to \$28,500 worth of food, alcohol, cigarettes and other merchandise over an extended period, Ponderay Police Cpl. Jimmy Cornelius said in his investigation report.

Investigators say much of the merchandise was stolen through a scheme called "sally scanning." A friend, family member or co-worker would enter a checkout line with \$120 worth of groceries, but the clerk would only ring up \$20 in sales.

Police reports say Brian Keith Murray, 29, of Bonner County, expressed remorse about his role in the alleged thefts and notified management about his

co-workers' actions.

"I was told and taught within one week of employment that if you worked nights, you didn't get paid enough to live so tobacco and sandwiches and pop were on the store," Murray said in a signed statement to investigators.

"I wanted to get away from it but was afraid of what would happen to myself and co-workers," Murray told investigators. Five others were arraigned on Dec. 24. They are: Dwight Austin Brewer, 28, of Sandpoint; Matthew Allen Hunt, 27, of Sandpoint; Christopher Lee Jones, 31, of Kootenai; Larry W. Mathews, Jr., 31, of Sandpoint; and Chad A. Whiting, 21 of Priest River. Each is charged with grand theft and burglary. Brewer also faces an aggravated assault charge and a drug possession charge.

Judge Don Swanstrom set Brewer's bail at \$55,000. Bail for the other co-defendants was set at \$20,000 apiece. Jones, Murray and Whiting have posted bond, while the others remain jailed on Thursday.

Regulators will consider need for a power plant

NAMPA (AP) - State regulators will look at a previously unchecked aspect of the proposed power plant near Middleton when they discuss it in coming months.

Until now, the proposed natural-gas-fired plant has been considered with regard to its effects on air and water quality, property values and whether it is consistent with surrounding land uses in Canyon County.

But when the Idaho Public Utilities Commission discusses the plant next month, it will study whether the 273 megawatts of electricity the plant would produce is necessary.

So far, only the residents who do not want the plant in their neighborhoods have addressed that issue.

"From everything that I've looked at, the situation has changed," said John Weber, vice president of the opposition group Citizens for Responsible Land Use.

When Boise-based Ida-West Energy Co. announced plans to build the plant nearly a year ago, it came in response to a request

from Idaho Power, which projected a power shortfall beginning in 2004.

At the time of the request, power demands in California and the West exceeded supply. But since then, the shortage seems to have subsided.

The power situation in Idaho is different as well. The snowpack that sends water through Idaho Power Co.'s hydroelectric dams is at 150 percent of normal, compared to the next best winter. The enormous Asaris phosphorous plant in Pocatello - the state's largest single electricity consumer - is closed.

But Idaho Power officials say last summer's electricity shortage was not the end of the road for the Middleton plant. Spokesman Russ Jones said nothing has changed with the company's request for more generating capacity.

He said the request that prompted the Ida-West plan came from a long-term study, and recent improvements in the power supply have not changed that need.

Commission urges delay in plan adoption

ST. ANTHONY (AP) - The Fremont County Commission and Republican Central Committee are urging a citizen panel redrawing Idaho's political boundaries to postpone a decision on which of two redistricting proposals to adopt.

They want the six-member bipartisan redistricting commission to consider a proposal to keep Fremont County in one legislative district rather than dividing it in two as it has been for the past 10 years.

The commission, after seeing a plan it adopted last August ruled unconstitutional by the Idaho Supreme Court, is expected to meet on a new plan when it meets in Idaho Falls on Jan. 4.

Lawmakers are anxious for a quick solution to clear up who will be running for which seat in the spring.

One of the proposals being reviewed for the commission by a private attorney places 828 Fremont County residents in a district stretching from Yellowstone National Park to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The plan Fremont County favors is one proposed by Madison County residents as part of their court challenge that voided the commission's original redistricting map.

It had divided Madison County between two districts, Fremont County's favored alternative

would combine it with Madison County in a single district.

Fremont County Commission Chairman Glenn Davis said that makes more sense than trying the county's north end to a sprawling district including Lemhi, Custer, Butte, Clark and Jefferson counties.

But it is unlikely Fremont County would have the same basis for appeal that Madison County used successfully.

The Supreme Court court agreed with the Madison County group that the redistricting commission's plan violated the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause by creating districts with significantly less or more population than others.

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300 feet of the property in question of a public hearing in front of the board.

The annexation did bypass planning and zoning, Mitton said. He said he did not think that step was required because the annexation had been requested by Atchley and MacRae.

"We're not annexing anyone against their will," he said.

Forty people near the annexed property have signed a petition requesting they be annexed into Heyburn's area of impact, Bryant said.

Bryant said she and neighbors who live in the area have an identity with Minidoka County rather than the city of Burley.

"We drive '2M' plates; our kids go to Heyburn schools," she said at Thursday's meeting. She added later, "It's an identity issue. We don't want to be a part of the city of Burley."

County Attorney Rick Bollar said objectives to how the annexation occurred, such as failing to notify those within 300 feet of the annexed property

and bypassing Burley's planning and zoning board, are best addressed through the state Attorney General's office.

Before the annexation, Atchley had requested from county commissioners that he be allowed to develop a subdivision, but he had no access to utilities, Bollar said.

The county suggested he seek annexation into the city of Burley.

Burley was the best option for providing utilities to the area, Bollar said.

After the annexation, the Burley City Council, not the Minidoka County Commission, would be responsible for addressing a subdivision.

Bollar said the petition of people who want to be in the county's impact area could be addressed by the commissioners. However, Burley and Heyburn are still considering where each city's area of impact lies.

In other business Thursday, commissioners also approved subdividing lines in the Minidoka County Fire Protection District.

Fire Chief Mike Brown has been working with census data to create subdistricts equal in population.

Equally sized districts give fire district commissioners a similar amount of people to take care of, Brown said.

The lines were redrawn to include the 429 people in the Jackson area, which was recently annexed into the fire district.

The line between Subdistrict One and Two now runs along 100 North from 350 West to Meridian Road, then drops to Baseline until 400 East and finally follows the Snake River to 1100 East. Subdistrict One has 3,527 people; Subdistrict Two has 3,645 people and Subdistrict Three has 3,476 people.

"That's about as close as I can get it," Brown said.

"I don't know how else you'd do it," Handy said.

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Research program benefits universities

POCATELLO (AP) - A \$4 million cooperative education and research program will be created at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory to benefit doctoral students and help protect groundwater.

Eight schools in the Inland Northwest Research Alliance will take part, including Idaho's three universities.

The INEEL Subsurface Science Research Institute and the alliance's Subsurface Science Graduate Program are funded by an Energy and Water Appropriations Bill that pays for a variety of INEEL projects. U.S. Sen.

Larry Craig, R-Idaho, was a member of the Senate subcommittee that wrote the bill.

Subsurface science is a new focus for a number of traditional academic disciplines.

"There's greater interest in subsurface science, especially looking at how contaminants can move beneath the earth. This is of great interest to the Department of Energy and the federal government," alliance executive director Gautam Pillay said.

The research will help solve subsurface environmental problems on a worldwide basis, he said.

Pecan growers have challenging season

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) - This season has been a challenging one for the pecan market. The harvest is surpassing demand and a warmer-than-normal fall has affected the quality of some of the crop.

Current in-shell prices are down almost two-thirds of that they were last year at this time. Buyers have been paying from 55 cents to 65 and 68 cents a pound for the larger commercial loads a pound. Prices for the smaller loads have ranged from 30 to 50 cents.

Last year, pecans were bringing in \$1.40 a pound and slightly less than a \$1, said Philip Arnold, San Saba Pecans broker in Dona Ana County, the leading pecan-producing county in New Mexico with 733 orchards.

Arnold said that heavy bearing years such as this one stress pecan trees, and the quality and kernel meat percent can be reduced. And this year, pecan orchard operators are seeing "embryo rot," nuts that sprout

from too much moisture and later dry out, spoiling the quality. The culprit is a lack of penetrating freezes to dry and shed the pecan husks, Arnold said.

"The shellers have to be

extremely careful not to buy nuts that show sprouting," Arnold said. "Because if they have to pull out the nuts with embryo rot, it costs more to process the entire load."

Arnold said embryo rot has become a problem the last few years. It is more common in the warmer areas of Arizona and south Texas and lower altitudes of northern Mexico.

"Before 1995, I hardly saw any embryo rot," Arnold said. "But since then I've seen it every year. It's become a major problem. It's been showing up in samples up and down the valley, although it varies in different areas."

This year's heavy production of pecans also will stress the trees, he said.

"Any year you have a heavy nut yield the quality becomes an issue," Arnold said. "The more the trees have to do to fill out that crop the less quality for that crop."

The problem is compounded by the peculiarities of the pecan market. Nuts, pecans, almonds, walnuts, are popular during the holidays, and most buyers start stocking up in September, Arnold said. He fears that many pecans being bought now will end up in cold storage, which could create

another surplus next year.

"There is more uncertainty in the pecan business this year than during all the more than 20 years that I've been in it as a grower and buyer," Arnold said.

Unlike cotton and chile growers, who can reduce planted acres if they have a bad crop, pecan growers are not as flexible, Arnold said. He said they have to grow pecans trees for about a dozen years before they received a return on their investment. And they have an investment in mature trees that they have been watering and supplying nutrients for 20, 30 or 40 years.

The New Mexico pecan industry has been on a growth track the last couple of decades. The production figures in the New Mexico Agriculture Statistics are 9.2 million in 1980, 14.5 million in 1980, 34 million in 1990 and 52 million in 1999.

But the prices per pound have been very erratic. The statistics show 45 cents in 1970 for a production value of \$4.1 million; 85 cents in 1980, value \$12.3 million; \$1.33 in 1990, value \$62 million; 74 cents in 1996, value \$16.3 million; 94 cents in 1997, value \$42.3 million; and \$1.20 in 1999, value \$62.4 million.

Afghan national sport makes comeback

'Goat grabbing' returns to Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Horses' hooves thundered, the crowd roared with excitement and the carcass of a headless goat hit the playing field with a sodden thump. In a spectacle not seen since pre-Taliban times, the ancient Afghan sport of buzkashi returned to Kabul on Friday.

Thousands of avid spectators perched atop mud-brick walls, clambered onto truckbeds and stood balanced on bicycle seats to watch two teams of whip-wielding horsemen fight a running duel up, down and across a dusty field surrounded by rain-soaked buildings in the center of the Afghan capital.

"We haven't seen this game played in more than five years," said a grizzled fan, Ulam Siddiq, who was rooting for the Kabul home team. "It's part of our culture, and we're very happy to have it back again."

Buzkashi — which means "goat-grabbing" in the Dari language widely spoken in Afghanistan — is not a pastime for the faint-hearted.

Leaving aside any squeamishness about the "ball" — that would be the decapitated goat — the game involves no-holds-barred combat, waged at full gallop, to wrest control of the carcass from the rival team. Gashes and broken bones are common; spills commonly send riders and horses alike tumbling.

Being a spectator at a buzkashi match isn't all that much safer. Every few minutes, the watching crowds scattered and fled as groups of horsemen plowed wildly into the sidelines, whips clenched in their teeth.

The object of the game is to try to snatch the 150-pound (nearly 70-kilogram) carcass from the center of the field and carry it to the scoring area. Only the most skilled players — known as "chapandaz" — manage to get the goat. And keeping it can be even harder.

Traditionally, the game is played at festive times like the start of a new year, or at Afghan wedding parties, when matches lasting days would sometimes be staged. Organizers said this match was meant to celebrate the inauguration of Afghanistan's new interim government six days earlier.

Like so much else in Afghanistan, the sport has particular ethnic associations. Buzkashi is most popular in the north, where it is thought to have originated among Turkic-Mongol peoples, and is primarily played today by Uzbeks, Turkmen and Tajiks.



Above, Afghan players carry a headless goat toward a goal zone during the first game of buzkashi played in the Afghan capital of Kabul Friday. The sport, which means "goat grabbing" in Afghanistan's Dari language, was banned under the Taliban.

Left, Afghan men watch a game of buzkashi in Mazar-e-Sharif, northern Afghanistan Friday.

Horses and players alike undergo years of training before they are allowed to take to the field.

During Taliban rule, the best-known players fled into exile in Pakistan or were bottled up in the small slice of territory held by the opposition northern alliance.

"Our best horses and our best players are not back yet," player Sayeed Ashi said just before the match began, seated astride a chestnut horse with a brightly patterned saddle blanket. "But we're proud to resume this tradition — it's our national game, and we love it."

Milling among the spectators Friday were dozens of Kalashnikov-toting northern alliance soldiers, some in camouflage uniforms. They hooted and

applauded along with the rest of the crowd — and quickly dodged, along with the others, when a knot of thundering horseflesh headed their way.

The two teams — one from Kabul, the other from the rugged Panjshir Valley — battled to a 9-9 draw, but the crowd enthusiastically applauded the goal-scoring of both. Organizers said matches would be held regularly in the capital from now on.

While the mood at the buzkashi field was festive and no serious injuries were reported, recent days have seen renewed interest in blood sports long popular in Afghanistan and long criticized by international groups. Cock-fighting and dog-fighting, both banned by the Taliban, are once again taking

hold in around Kabul. "It's part of the long story of our country, fighting," said Siddiq, the buzkashi fan. "For now, it's fine to have it only on the playing field."

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Ambassador: U.S. helped cut off aid to Chechnya

MOSCOW (AP) — The U.S. ambassador to Russia said Friday that the United States has taken steps to help cut financial and military support to foreign fighters operating in Chechnya's breakaway region of Chechnya.

But Ambassador Alexander Vershbow added that the United States remains concerned about the human rights situation and urged Russia to negotiate a peace deal with Chechen separatists, who have resisted Moscow's attempt to crush their independence bid.

With U.S.-Russian relations bolstered by Moscow's support for the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan, Washington has tempered its criticism of the Russian war in Chechnya and endorsed Moscow's assertion that followers of Osama bin Laden, the chief suspect for the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the United States, had links with Chechen rebels.

"We have since Sept. 11 tried to do more to help in stopping the international terrorist dimension of the conflict from growing," Vershbow said in an interview Friday on the Echo of Moscow radio. "We have made some progress in cutting off financial support, military support for the foreign terrorists like Khattab, who are operating there."

Russian officials have long claimed that Khattab, a Jordanian who uses only one name, is closely linked with bin Laden. Vershbow said it was important to distinguish between

foreign terrorists like him and rebels who have championed Chechnya's independence bid.

"Clearly those who have chosen to take up arms against Russia in Chechnya can't simply be destroyed by military means, that's proving to be a blind alley," Vershbow said.

"We do continue to have concerns about the human rights situation inside Chechnya and abuses that have sometimes been carried out by Russian forces," he added.

On other issues, Vershbow called on the Russian government to help protect media freedom and voiced concern about a bankruptcy case against the independent TV6 television station.

TV6 is led by a group of journalists who left NTV television after it was taken over earlier this year by the state-connected Gazprom natural gas company. NTV's former owner, tycoon Vladimir Gusinsky, accused the Kremlin of ordering the takeover to silence a critical voice — an allegation the government has denied. Gazprom said it was acting to protect its business interests.

TV6 journalists and their supporters say a court order to liquidate the station — still pending an appeals decision — was also part of an alleged Kremlin crackdown.

Vershbow said Secretary of State Colin Powell conveyed American concern about the fate of TV6 to Russian officials during his visit to Russia earlier this month.

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Airline says agent's removal wasn't based on his ethnicity

BALTIMORE (AP) — President Bush said Friday he will be "madder than heck" if investigators find that American Airlines removed an Arab-American Secret Service agent from a flight because of his ethnicity.

The armed agent was asked to leave the flight on Tuesday at the Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

The airline has denied the agent's ethnicity played a part in the decision. Instead, it cited difficulties in confirming his identity.

"There's an inquiry going on as to specifically what took place," the president said at his Crawford, Texas, ranch. "If he was treated that way because of his ethnicity, that will make me madder than heck."

Bush said he had spoken with the agent, who was a member of the president's security detail. "I told him how proud I was that he was my son," Bush said.

The Secret Service is conducting an inquiry.

American Airlines spokesman Todd Burke said Thursday that

inconsistencies in paperwork filled out by the agent prompted the removal.

"This has absolutely nothing to do with ethnicity of the agent," Burke said.

"What this has to do with is was confirming that an armed individual was indeed who he said he was."

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, no exceptions can be made when it comes to security, Burke said.

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America doesn't need as much Mideast oil

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Congress will have a full plate when it gets back from the holidays. Reform of Social Security, Medicare and America's health-care system are among the important issues with which Congress must grapple. However, the first issue that Congress should tackle after the holiday break is the need to secure greater energy independence for the United States.

No other action is more necessary to ensure long-term economic growth while also decreasing America's vulnerability to foreign powers.

During the next 20 years, the best estimates indicate that U.S. oil consumption will grow by one-third and electricity demand could increase by more than 45 percent. Yet the U.S. imports more than 50 percent of the oil that we consume, much of this from hostile and politically unstable nations.

Let's be clear. Concerning oil, I'm not talking about complete energy independence. Relying only on domestic oil supplies when less expensive foreign alternatives are available would be as foolish as our current policy of dependence. Nor am I talking about a huge new government program.

Rather, the U.S. needs an energy policy that would allow us access to cheap, abundant foreign energy when political winds are favorable, while removing political obstacles to domestic production so that oil-rich tin-pot dictators and terrorists can no longer hold America's prosperity and foreign policy hostage.

America has large deposits of oil under its public lands and offshore. For example, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge likely contains between 6 billion and 16 billion barrels of oil and as much as 28 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. However, oil and gas production are forbidden due to environmental concerns.

Six billion barrels of oil, the minimum amount expected to be recovered from ANWR alone, would replace all of the oil imported from Iraq for the next 50 years or from Saudi Arabia for 20 years. And,

the natural gas estimated in ANWR exceeds current U.S. annual natural gas consumption.

Critics of opening ANWR to exploration have argued that it would take 10 years to recover any oil found there. These same arguments were made 11 years ago during the Gulf War. Drilling then would have resulted in less insecurity now.

Even so, decreasing America's oil dependence would fix only one part of the looming energy crisis. Accordingly, early in 2001, the Bush administration laid out an energy plan that would reduce redundant regulations in order to bring between 1,300 and 1,900 new power plants online during the next 20 years.

Since power plants require both a source of power and a way of getting the power to consumers, the plan diversifies and increases domestic energy production while upgrading the delivery system. The plan includes improved efficiency standards for home appliances, tax credits for improving the energy efficiency of homes and offices, \$4.2 billion dollars in tax credits for purchaser's of hybrid or fuel cell vehicles, and tax credits for the development of wind power and cleaner burning coal technologies.

The Bush administration produced an energy plan that is far-sighted and comprehensive, addressing the United States' need to develop new energy conservation technologies, increase domestic oil and gas production, and improve and expand our energy infrastructure.

The bill stalled in the Senate. If members don't like parts of the president's bill - and clearly they don't - then it is their job to craft a compromise that is as comprehensive as the administration's plan. Get to work!

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Low evil accentuates high virtue

In the best of times, the biblical injunction "love thy neighbor" is hard to live by. But in the worst of times, some people die by these scriptural words. That's what happened on Sept. 11, when so many gave everything for the sake of neighbors and strangers.

In some sad ways, America is a better place today. A blood sacrifice has left us the living with a renewed commitment to faith, religious or civic - often both. That wasn't what Osama bin Laden had in mind, but then the devil doesn't always get victory, or even sympathy.

For months, the somber gravity of funerals and memorial services has pulled Americans together. And so this Christmas season will be more sober and profound, as people recall the wailing of bagpipers at gravesides amid the caroling, wassailing and egg-nogging of holiday parties.

But will that special spirit slip away, as Americans slide back to "normal"? Not if we take time to accept instruction from the recently released videotape of bin Laden, chortling over his terrorist plotting. The image of the cheery terror-chief remembering aloud how "overjoyed" he was at the 9-11 news should remain etched in our memory.

And to see these al-Qaida home movies in their entirety is to be reminded of bin Laden satanism. "We calculated in advance the number of casualties from the enemy, who would be killed based on the position of the tower," he tells visitors, adding, "I was the most optimistic of them all." Smiling smugly, he relates that some of the 19 terrorists did not know that they had signed on to a suicide mission, not a mere hijacking. "We did



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not reveal the operation to them until they are there and just before they boarded the planes."

If we ponder the tape - and news reports suggest that more such tapes could become available - in the way that we ponder old newsreels of Hitler or Stalin, we will come away better, because the highest virtues are accentuated by proximity to the lowest evils.

That was the point made by C.S. Lewis (1898-1963) in his classic of Christian apologies, "The Screwtape Letters." Collected into a book, they are a sly exercise in reverse theology: Lewis imagined Screwtape, a veteran demon, writing instructions on the stealing of souls to his nephew, Wormwood, a rookie in devilry.

Although Lewis wrote the letters against the backdrop of World War II, he emphasized humdrum sins, such as envy, resentment and hypocrisy. The goal of "Our Father Below," Screwtape coaches, is to "muddy the waters" of honest thought and belief, not by radical wrongdoing, but by accumulating banalities of evil.

So Wormwood goes to work on his "patient," a civilian Englishman, who feels the lure of relativism and materialism. But then disaster strikes; the patient converts to Christianity. Indeed, he clings to his faith, even as the devils conspire to cloud his mind, attempting, for

example, to blur the distinction between love and lust.

At the end, the wartime backdrop comes crashing down; the patient is killed during a Nazi air raid. Screwtape describes "the scream of bombs, the fall of houses, the stink and taste of high explosive on the lips and lungs." But as the patient is dying, "There was a sudden clearing of the eyes," as he saw the hell that he had avoided and the heaven to which he was headed.

From his down-under perspective, Screwtape laments that in times of tragedy "courage becomes so obviously lovely and important that all our work is undone."

In a ferocious conclusion, he turns on his protégé, Wormwood, and cannibalizes him. And so a stronger monster feasts on a lesser monster, just as bin Laden was happy to send others to their deaths as he himself stayed hidden.

"The Screwtape Letters" have been continuously in print since the 1940s, thanks to Lewis' transcendent insight into the human condition, including temptation. And now we have a video "quel of sorts, what might be called simply the Screwtapes."

Bin Laden might lack Lewis' style, and he certainly lacks his grace, but to look upon him is to look upon a wickedness, a bentness that begs for another C.S. Lewis to describe adequately.

But in the meantime, there are lessons there - for believers, for unbelievers, for those who are determined to make sure that Sept. 11 is remembered, and yet not repeated.

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Real heroes require no fame

KATHLEEN PARKER

You've heard the names of the firemen and police officers who died on Sept. 11, read the bios of men and women

who died at their desks or aboard hijacked planes and the eulogies of the famous among them.

One name you've probably never heard, however, is Eileen Stanley. She wasn't known to a nation, was neither famous nor infamous. She made no one's list. Yet she was as much a victim of 9/11 as anyone and was at least as brave, if not a saint.

For Stanley, a psychiatric nurse who lived on Staten Island, died as a result of the terrorist attacks by literally working herself to death at Ground Zero.

I didn't know Stanley but learned her story a few days before Christmas while standing in the checkout line at Best Buy in Columbia, S.C.

The stranger behind me was a tall fellow wearing a U.S. Postal Service uniform and a New York Fire Department baseball cap. I looked him up and down and said, "Well, which is it? Postal or fire department?" He said he was a postal worker but was wearing the cap to honor his wife's cousin, Eileen, who had died as a result of the terrorist attacks. Then he told me a story that haunted me. This is Eileen Stanley's story.

On the morning of Sept. 11, Eileen was driving on the Brooklyn Bridge en route to work when she was hit by a car. Commuters, saw the first plane crash into the first World Trade Center tower. She stopped her car, got out and became part of a crowd of strangers who held each other and sobbed as the second plane hit and then as the two towers collapsed.

Each day thereafter, Eileen went first to her hospital job, working with drug addicts and alcoholics, then afterward to a triage unit at Ground Zero. She worked each day, getting by on three hours

of sleep, until four days later she dropped dead of a heart attack at age 43.

Her intense dedication following the terrorist attacks surprised no one who knew Eileen. She was a recovering alcoholic and a former drug addict who had grown up in a New York City housing project with a schizophrenic mother and an alcoholic father. Eighteen years ago, she got sober, went straight, returned to school and has worked tirelessly ever since to help others.

On Sept. 16, Eileen was headed back to Ground Zero for one more day before leaving for vacation with her extended Irish-Catholic family, many of them New York City cops and firemen, when her husband insisted she get some rest. Eileen protested but finally relented and climbed back into bed. When her husband came home from work, he found her dead.

Eileen's life was full of ironies. She had barely escaped death as an addict, yet died when she was still young, sober and most fulfilled. Three other members of her family were in the World Trade Center towers when they were hit and survived, while Eileen, far from the attacks, perished because she couldn't leave Ground Zero.

If ever there was a metaphor for these difficult times, Eileen Stanley is it. She rose from the ashes of a miserable life, recovered through an indomitable will, and made life better for the less fortunate. Of such we should all be made.

Kathleen Parker, an Orlando Sentinel columnist, welcomes comments via e-mail at kpark@kpark.com, although she cannot respond to and mail individually.

LETTERS

Ad won't decrease abortion rate

Regarding the television commercial now being used by David Ripley and Idaho Chooses Life:

I confess it was kind of hard to make the leap from the loss of life that occurred in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 to the loss of not-yet-born life that occurs in abortion. There were, no doubt, unborn "Americans" (and those from other countries) on the aircraft in the World Trade Center and in the Pentagon that day whose "lives" were lost as well. The majority of "already born" who died that day were breadwinners for their families, which included the unborn. Sorry, but despite your denial printed in *The Times-News* on Dec. 22, the real intent of Idaho Chooses Life is as transparent as glass.

Mr. Ripley, this ad and the oft-used practice of showing graphic photos of human beings in their embryo stage losing their lives via abortion will not, by themselves, decrease the abortion rate in Idaho? They do not even begin to address the myriad reasons women seek abortion. Read some research on poverty, unplanned pregnancy, domestic and child abuse in Idaho if you are so concerned about the "inherent value of human life." Read some research on the effectiveness of using scare tactics as a method to

change behavior. How many "already-born" children in Idaho who are abused because they were unwanted do you advocate for, Mr. Ripley? Think twice about pointing your finger at others as being "perpetrators" of the loss of innocent lives.

If Idaho Chooses Life can afford to pay the cost for those TV ads, then the amount of money the organization spends to help disadvantaged pregnant women that have been deterred from having an abortion and choosing life is - how much? If Idaho Chooses Life is so against the growth of Planned Parenthood, then the number of clinics they fund that provide free or low-cost prenatal and reproductive health care and support must be - how many?

If Idaho Chooses Life would put its money and some non-judgmental support where its mouth is, maybe it can be forgiven for the shameful hypocrisy of using the loss of life in the terrorist attacks on America for its own ends.

LINDA FRAZIER
Twin Falls

Don't forget whose birthday is

Well, the big day is past. I'm sure that we all gave the shopping malls and Wal-Mart a good Christmas, not to mention all

our loved ones. So what did you get Jesus for his birthday?

I'll bet you got him a nice nativity so you could explain the truth about Christmas to your children. Or maybe if you have it, your job like so many other Americans, you just gave him a few hours of your time in prayer with your family. Or you could have gone to Barnes & Noble and for about \$8 got that little book called "More Than a Carpenter" and gave it to your neighbor. I know that he would have loved that.

Please don't tell me that you forgot whose birthday you were celebrating. Well, it's still not too late. We probably don't celebrate the right date anyway, so don't be embarrassed, just rush out and do it now.

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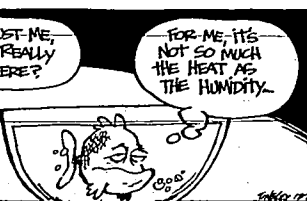
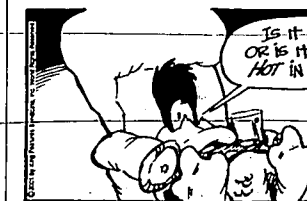
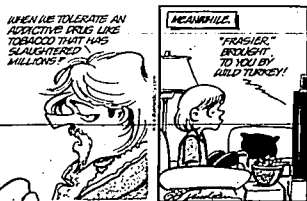
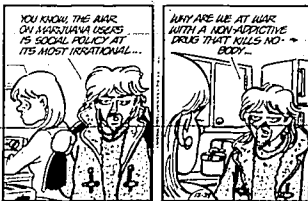
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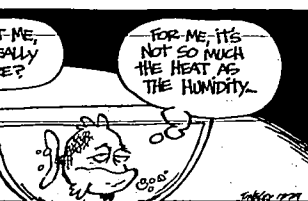
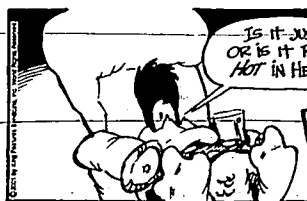
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Confrontation with India distracts Pakistan from fight against terrorism

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan told the United States on Friday it may need to pull away troops patrolling its border with Afghanistan to deal with a possible conflict with India, according to Pakistani officials. The move likely would seriously hamper the hunt for Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida fighters.

Soon after the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States, Pakistan won praise from Washington for joining the U.S.-led war against terrorism, deploying more troops to the Afghan border to watch for Taliban or al-Qaida incursions.

Now the escalation of tensions with India appears to have undercut Pakistan's ability and willingness to devote so many resources to a campaign that is far from over even though the Taliban have been ousted and only pockets of Osama bin Laden followers remain in neighboring Afghanistan.

On Friday, a senior Pakistani army official and a Pakistani diplomatic source said Islamabad might not be able to provide crucial logistical support to U.S. and British troops in Afghanistan in the event of a military conflict with India. Speaking on condition of anonymity, they said Pakistan might need to shift the bulk of its forces on the Afghan border — about 30,000 to 40,000 soldiers — to the Indian border.

In Washington, State Department officials said they were unaware of any such com-

Afghan minister: Bin Laden is in Pakistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The interim defense minister said Friday that Osama bin Laden has left the mountains of eastern Afghanistan and entered Pakistan, contradicting statements by others in the Afghan government.

Muhammad Fahim, in an interview with Japan's Fuji Television, refused to say how he knew where bin Laden had gone. But he said the fugitive leader of the al-Qaida terror network left the Tora Bora cave complex in Afghanistan's White Mountains.

"After Osama bin Laden left Tora Bora, he went to Pakistan. He is under Pakistan's control," Fahim said. "He is out of our control."

Attempts to reach the Defense Ministry for further details were unsuccessful Friday evening.

The head of the Afghan interim government, Hamid Karzai, on Thursday quashed a statement by a Defense Ministry spokesman that bin Laden had fled to Pakistan. Karzai said his government didn't know where bin Laden was.

Interim Foreign Minister Abdullah has said previously that bin Laden was in southern Afghanistan. Other officials have made statements similar to Abdullah's. There was no explanation for the discrepancy between their accounts and Fahim's.

munication with Pakistani officials on the subject.

A day earlier, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said it would be a "big disappointment" if Pakistani forces left the Afghan border. A redeployment would hinder Pakistan's top mission in recent weeks: the interception of Arab and Taliban fighters fleeing across the border from Afghanistan.

The Pakistani military official said Pakistan particularly needs

the Jacobabad air base in southern Sindh province, near the heaviest concentration of Indian troops. Jacobabad is the main base being used by American troops for operations in Afghanistan.

"Pakistan must give priority to its own interests," added Aitzaz Ahsan, a former Pakistani interior minister. "We would be justified in withdrawing troops and hardware from the western border. Each and every soldier and

each and every gun should be used to defeat the enemy if it dares attack."

India and Pakistan have been increasing troops on their border since a Dec. 13 attack by gunmen on India's Parliament. New Delhi accuses Islamabad of sponsoring the attack, a charge Pakistan denies.

The buildup has further stretched Pakistan's military, which like India has nuclear weapons.

Ever since the United States began bombing Taliban positions on Oct. 7, Pakistan was preoccupied with its 1,340-mile porous border to the west, with Afghanistan. At first, it struggled to keep out Afghan refugees, thousands of whom fled across remote desert and mountain pathways to escape the war at home.

With the Taliban routed, Pakistan then focused its efforts on trying to seal the border near

the Tora Bora cave complex in eastern Afghanistan, where al-Qaida fighters had holed up until Afghan foes backed by U.S. warplanes and Special Forces overran their positions.

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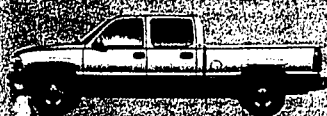
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I don't think we've felt hopeless. I think that we just haven't been as successful as we'd hoped.

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—Bill Cartwright after being named the head coach of the Bulls

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School girls basketball
Buhl at Jerome, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Georgia Tech will announce coach

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia Tech will announce its new football coach today, with Miami Dolphins assistant Chan Gailey reportedly set to succeed George O'Leary.

School officials wouldn't confirm that Gailey was their choice, though Georgia Tech said Tuesday it was negotiating with him. Several media outlets reported this week that Miami's offensive coordinator had accepted the job.

Gailey did not immediately return messages left at his Dolphins office and south Florida home. Dolphins spokesman Harvey Greene said he couldn't comment on Gailey's status.

The announcement will come two days after Georgia Tech beat No. 11 Stanford 24-14 in the inaugural Seattle Bowl. Mac McWhorter served as interim head coach for the bowl but was never considered a serious contender to keep the job.

L-C State VB coach will head to Zags

SPOKANE (AP) — Kip Yoshimura, who spent the past nine seasons at Lewis-Clark State College in Idaho, was hired Friday as volleyball coach at Gonzaga University.

He replaced Eva Windlin-Jansen, who resigned in November.

Yoshimura compiled a 251-72 record for a .777 winning percentage at Lewis-Clark State, taking the Warriors to the NAA national tournament five times.

Yoshimura was an assistant volleyball coach at Gonzaga in 1992.

"I'm excited to be back at Gonzaga," Yoshimura said. "I've continued to follow the program since I left, and I look forward to helping Gonzaga return to the upper echelons of the West Coast Conference."

—compiled from wire reports



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March to the Media: Brian McDonald and Tristan Galo won the opening races of the U.S. skeleton team's Olympic trials Friday. The selection process for the Olympic team involves four races — two this weekend and two next weekend. The final rankings, however, will be based on each racer's three best finishes.

Major comeback

Applewhite leads Texas past Huskies

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Major Applewhite saved his greatest game for last as the Texas Longhorns won one of the wildest Holiday Bowl ever.

Starting his final college game after riding the bench for almost his entire senior season, Applewhite rallied the No. 9 Longhorns to a 47-43 victory over No. 21 Washington on Friday night in a game that'll add to this bowl's legacy of thrilling finishes.

The Longhorns (11-2) trailed 36-20 entering the fourth quarter, but Applewhite — who threw three interceptions in the second

quarter — was already in the process of leading Texas to scores on six of its last seven possessions.

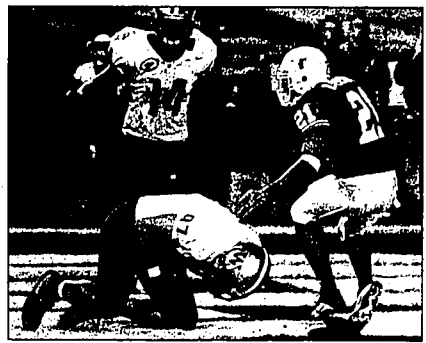
After Willie Hurst gave Washington a 43-40 lead on a 34-yard touchdown run with 1:49 left, Applewhite moved the Longhorns 80 yards in seven plays, with running back Ivan Williams scoring on a 3-yard run with 38 seconds left.

Applewhite completed 37 of 55 passes for 473 yards, all career bests and all breaking his own school records. His four touchdown passes tied his career high.

"We all refused to quit," Applewhite said. "We did a great job as a team. The defense started off rough, I started off rough, but in the second half it was another great Holiday Bowl."

Applewhite, who holds 44 school records, got the start after replacing Chris Simms in the second quarter of the Big 12 championship game on Dec. 1 and leading a desperate rally that fell just short as Texas lost to Colorado 39-37, blowing a shot at the national championship game.

Washington (8-4) fell to 0-3 in the Holiday Bowl.



Washington's Joe Collier goes to his knees to catch a 4-yard touchdown pass as Texas defender Rodney Babers arrives too late during the Holiday Bowl Friday in San Diego.

SHOSHONE SHOWDOWN



Shoshone's Jazz Harris goes up for a rebound against Rockland's Angle Permann in the championship game at the Shoshone Highschool Invitational Friday evening. For more on the game and a look at other area high school action, see page B-3.

Cartwright takes over as Bulls coach

DEERFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Bill Cartwright has a new title to go along with the five NBA championship rings he won as a player and an assistant coach with the Chicago Bulls: head coach.

"I'm really excited," Cartwright said after being introduced as the Bulls' new coach Friday. "I know this is a big challenge. I'm ready for it."

Cartwright replaces Tim Floyd, who resigned Monday after going 49-190 in three-plus seasons. In addition, the Bulls made scout Pete Myers an assistant coach.

Cartwright's first game as a head coach will be today, when the Bulls play the visiting Cleveland Cavaliers.

"This was a very easy selection for me to make," general manager Jerry Krause said. "While Tim resigned, there was only one person I spoke to about this job."

There is no interim tag attached to Cartwright and Krause said he'd like him to be the Bulls coach "for the next 10 years." But Krause said the two will sit down after the season, just to make sure Cartwright wants to continue as the head coach.

"That's good to hear," Cartwright said, drawing a laugh.

The 44-year-old Cartwright was the center on Chicago's first three championship teams in the early 1990s. He averaged 13.2 points and 6.3 rebounds in 15 years in the NBA, six with the Bulls.

After retiring in 1994, he earned his master's degree from San Francisco. Phil Jackson hired Cartwright as an assistant in 1996 and he was there for Chicago's last two championship teams.

"Guys definitely have respect for Bill Cartwright," guard Fred Hoiberg said. "He's won five championships. Guys have respect for him and know the hard work he put into his career and saw how many years he got out of it. He's going to bring that

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Stars look forward to showdown

Sapp, Lewis square off for first time

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — They're close friends, former college teammates and two of the biggest stars in the NFL.

Baltimore's Ray Lewis is the reigning NFL defensive player of the year and Tampa Bay's Warren Sapp was the league's most decorated defender two years ago.

When the defending Super Bowl champion Ravens meet the Buccaneers on Saturday night, it will be the first time the ex-Miami Hurricanes will be on opposite sidelines for a game other than the Pro Bowl.

"It'll be fun watching the old dog work again because I haven't

seen him face to face in a working situation," Sapp said. "The Pro Bowl ain't a game. The Pro Bowl is having fun. ... This kind of game is what football is all about."

Indeed, the stakes will be high for the nationally televised game.

Baltimore (9-5) can clinch a playoff berth with a victory. Tampa Bay (8-6) can assure itself a post-season spot for the fourth time in five years with a win, coupled with an Atlanta loss or tie at Miami.

"They're no more desperate than us. Everything is riding on the line for both of us," Ravens coach Brian Billicek said. "We're both taking the mindset that we

have to win this game. Emotion, energy and focus is not going to be a problem for either team."

Lewis and Sapp talk on the phone three or four times a week. The conversations have been especially feisty this week, although their trash-talking is never mean-spirited.

"We go at it day-in and day-out with each other. I'm going to get more tackles than you." All kinds of crazy stuff. Who's going to get the biggest hit, those types of things," Sapp said.

"It's fun like that, because you relish the opportunity to see who's the better defense. That's what it's about this week. That's

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Snow buries Bills, Sabres

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Buffalo's football and hockey teams already are at the bottom of the standings. Now they're struggling to get out from under more than 6 feet of snow.

The Sabres, scheduled to play in Columbus, Ohio, today scrambled to escape their paralyzed city by four-wheel-drive trucks to Niagara Falls International Airport for a hastily arranged charter flight Friday.

They arrived in Columbus an hour later, happy to have left Buffalo for a few days.

"I shoveled and re-shoveled it and re-shoveled it," Sabres center Stu Barnes said. "It's just part of the winters in Buffalo, and something you have to go with the flow."

The Bills, meanwhile, are confident they'll get to New York today enough time ahead of Sunday's game against the Jets.

With Buffalo's airport closed

indefinitely, and some travelers expected to be stranded through the weekend, the Bills' plans include flying out of Niagara Falls or Rochester, which have not been hit as hard by the weather.

With the storm subsiding Friday afternoon, Bills players and coaches managed to get home after practice — some for the first time in two days. Sabres' team coach Danny Smith and equipment manager Randy Ribbeck were among the few that were forced to spend Thursday night at the Bills' practice facility.

"Obviously with the weather and living in Buffalo, you're prepared for these kind of things," team spokesman Scott Berchiodi said. "This is a little extreme but we're prepared for it."

Conditions were too extreme for the University at Buffalo

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SPORTS

Cavaliers clip Knicks, 98-88

CLEVELAND — Jumaine Jones scored a career-high 28 points, shooting 12-for-19 and making a variety of high-arcing jumpers and power drives to the basket.

Jones and point guard Andre Miller, who had 25 points and 11 assists, helped Cleveland overcome a 15-point deficit. The duo scored the final 18 points of a 20-6 run to start the third quarter — turning a 47-42 halftime deficit into a 63-53 lead.

Bucks 105, Hornets 89
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Sam Cassell scored 29 points and Glenn Robinson added 21 to lead the Bucks to a lopsided 105-89 victory over the Hornets on Friday night.

It was the third straight win for the Bucks, who were without Ray Allen for a fourth consecutive game because of tendinitis in his left knee.

Grizzlies 91, Heat 86
MIAMI — Jason Williams had 19 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds as the Grizzlies won for the fourth time in five games.

The Heat lost their fifth in a row and their second in two nights to fall to 5-22, the second-worst record in the NBA, ahead of only the Chicago Bulls. The Heat have already surpassed the 21 losses coach Pat Riley endured in 1996-97, his best season at Miami.

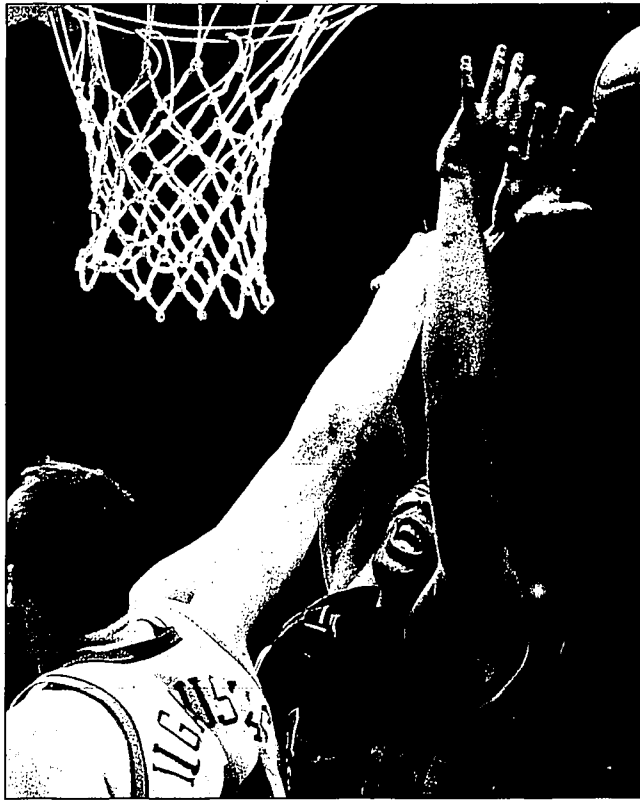
Miami lost at home for the 11th time in the past 12 games.

Magic 87, Detroit 78
ORLANDO, Fla. — Darrell Armstrong scored 21 points and the Orlando Magic used an early 25-4 run to hand the Pistons their seventh straight loss and end their own three-game losing streak.

Armstrong shot 7-of-12 and had six rebounds and six assists. His first shot with 3:52 left in the first quarter broke an 11-11 tie, and the Magic maintained the lead the rest of the game.

Tracy McGrady had 20 points, eight rebounds and six assists and Mike Miller scored 14.

Nuggets 93, 76ers 90
DENVER — Nick Van Exel



Cleveland's Zydrunas Ilgauskas fouls New York's Marcus Camby during the Cavaliers' 98-88 victory over the Knicks Friday at the Gund Arena in Cleveland.

scored 33 points and James Posey hit two free throws with 3.6 seconds left after Van Exel missed a pair as Denver ended a four-game

losing streak. Allen Iverson, the NBA's leading scorer, scored 38 points, shooting 14-for-29 and scoring

14 in the final quarter. Dikembe Mutombo added 13 points and 13 rebounds for the Sixers.

Ferraro hits milestone in Thrashers victory

ATLANTA (AP) — Ray Ferraro scored his 400th career goal and rookies Ilya Kovalchuk and Dany Heatley added two goals each as the Atlanta Thrashers beat the Eastern Conference-

NHL leading Toronto Maple Leafs 5-4 on Friday.

Ferraro scored at 16:10 of the second period, 11 seconds after Kovalchuk had scored, to become the 66th NHL player to reach 400 goals.

Brian McCabe scored two goals for the Maple Leafs, who lost their second straight game, and Mats Sundin scored his 20th goal, giving him eight straight seasons of 20 or more, third-best in club history.

Mikael Renberg also scored for Toronto.

Bruins 7, Panthers 1

SUNRISE, Fla. — Mike Knuble, Glen Murray and Bill Guerin each scored two goals and Joe Thornton had five assists as Boston defeated Florida.

Boston, facing former coach Mike Keenan for the first time since he joined the Panthers, extended its winning streak to four games.

NFL

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exactly what it's about. Who's got a better defense. We laid the blueprint, they perfected it. Now let's see who's the better team."

Sapp was a third-year sophomore at Miami when Lewis was an incoming freshman. He took the newcomer under his wing and made the young linebacker feel at home on and off the field.

"When I came in I had that Miami image, that bad boy image, the flamboyant side to me. Not that I wanted that much, but when I was there I did so many things when I wasn't starting," Lewis said.

"He just embraced me as a brother and every time I would go somewhere, I was always trying to find out where he would be. I would always go where he went. He showed me so many different things, all positive things, and I

The game included 118 minutes in penalties, more than 100 in the third period and 52 after Rob Zamuner scored the Bruins' seventh goal with 6:40 left in the third.

Thornton's five assists were a career high, and the line of Knuble, Thornton and Murray, who also had three assists, accounted for 13 points.

Olli Jokinen scored for Florida.

Blues 3, Canadiens 0

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Fred Brathwaite stopped 24 shots to lead St. Louis past Montreal.

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really learned the rules from him." The two have remained close in the pros, even though they play in different cities and see less of one another.

Lewis grew up in Lakeland, about 30 minutes east of Raymond James Stadium, where the Ravens beat the New York Giants in last year's Super Bowl.

As excited as Sapp was to see his friend win a championship, it was difficult for the defensive tackle to watch Baltimore win on Tampa Bay's home turf with the same formula — good tough defense and opportunistic offense — the Bucs had hoped to use to get to the title game.

"I was overjoyed for Ray, but I was still like 'That's our recipe,'" Sapp said. "You put it in the oven and baked a nice cake, but that's our recipe."

Haslem paces Florida to easy win

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Udonis Haslem had 23 points and 10 rebounds to lead third-ranked Florida to a past

Men's Top 25 Friday, the Gators' ninth straight victory.

Brett Nelson scored 17 points for Florida, which has won 10 of its first 11 games for the second time in three years.

The Gators had five players in double figures as they matched the second-longest winning streak in school history. Florida won 10 consecutive games during the 1951-52 season.

Josh Reaser had 11 points for Stetson (4-5), which was coming off a 101-47 loss Dec. 22 at Texas Tech.

No. 9 Iowa 77, Mercer 43

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Ryan Hogan scored 18 points and Reggie Evans added 12 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Hawkeyes (11-3).

Luke Rocker, who leads Iowa in scoring with a 20.0 average, was held to a season-low five points. He had nine rebounds and four assists.

No. 14 Arizona 94, Pepperdine 71

TUCSON, Ariz. — Freshman Salim Stoudamire had a season-high 25 points as Arizona rebounded from the worst loss in coach Lute Olson's 19 seasons with the Wildcats.

The win came six days after Oregon beat the Wildcats 105-75 and sent Arizona to Sunday's

championship game of the Bank One Fiesta Bowl Classic. The Wildcats (7-3) will play Valparaiso, a 76-57 winner over West Virginia in the first game.

Terrance Johnson had 24 points and eight rebounds for the Waves (5-6).

No. 23 Butler 45, Samford 37

INDIANAPOLIS — Rylan Hainje scored 20 points and Butler relied on a strong defensive effort to win in the first round of the Hoosier Classic.

The victory set up a showdown between the Bulldogs (12-0) and Indiana in Saturday night's championship game. Indiana, which beat Eastern Washington 87-60 in the opening round, is 39-0 in the 20 years of the tournament it serves as host.

Illinois upsets Michigan in Big Ten opener

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Iveta Marcuskaite scored 24 points and Cindy Dallas added 20 to lead Illinois past No. 12 Michigan 85-81 in the teams' Big Ten opener Friday night.

Women's Top 25 The Fighting Illini (8-3, 1-0) have won three straight games and snapped the Wolverines' school-record 10-game winning streak.

Jennifer Smith led Michigan (10-2, 0-1) with 18 points.

points and Marion Crandall added 11 for the Eagles (7-4).

No. 16 Florida 80, Duquesne 71

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Vanessa Hayden had 18 points and nine rebounds as Florida beat Duquesne in the first round of the State Farm Classic.

Brandi McCain also scored 18 for the Gators (9-3), while Courtney Cooper added 13 points and five rebounds.

No. 17 South Carolina 72, Charlotte 53

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Shauminski Gorman scored 15 points and Teresa Geter had 13 points and nine rebounds as South Carolina beat Charlotte.

South Carolina went on a 26-3 run in the first half on the way to a 40-13 lead at the break. Charlotte

(6-5) had 15 turnovers in the half and shot just 4-of-23 (17.4 percent).

No. 24 Penn State 88, Minnesota 83

MINNEAPOLIS — Kelly Mazzante scored a school-record 49 points to lead No. 24 Penn State past Minnesota in the Big Ten opener for both teams.

Mazzante, who entered the game averaging a conference-leading 25.5 points, finished 16-of-25 from the field, including 8-of-13 on 3-pointers. She eclipsed the previous Penn State (8-4) record of 42 points, scored by Jan Bednarek in 1979.

No. 25 Tulane 76, Buffalo 29

NEW ORLEANS — Britt Themann scored 17 points as Tulane's reserves scored 38 points to lead the Green Wave to the win in the opener of the Tulane/Doubletree Classic.

Likely Rupp Arena reaction doesn't concern Pitino

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Rick Pitino almost turned down the Louisville job because he knew he was worried about the backlash from Kentucky fans.

Now that the long-awaited matchup between his current and former teams has finally arrived, Pitino is dismissing the hostile reception he's expecting when he leads his Cardinals into Rupp

Arena on Saturday.

"Does it matter? That's what you really have to ask yourself," Pitino said Friday. "The way I look at it, Kentucky was great to me for eight years every time I walked onto that floor. As a Louisville coach, it really shouldn't matter how you're received. I'm not the Kentucky coach anymore, I'm the Louisville coach.

"What's going to take place on the floor in terms of offensive and defensive execution is going to determine who wins and loses. Everything else does not pertain to the game."

Pitino took over the Kentucky program in June 1989, less than a month after it was hit with NCAA probation. Four years later, the Wildcats reached the first of three Final Fours under Pitino.

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 Colorado State 45, North Texas 20

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 GMAC Bowl
 Mobile, Ala.
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 Marshall 64, East Carolina 61, 20T

Thursday, Dec. 20
 Tangerine Bowl
 At Orlando, Fla.
 \$750,000
 Pittsburgh 34, N.C. State 19

Tuesday, Dec. 25
 Blues-Gray Classic
 At Montgomery, Ala.
 Blue 28, Gray 10
 Las Vegas Bowl
 At Las Vegas
 \$800,000
 Utah 10, Southern California 6

Thursday, Dec. 27
 Scattle Bowl
 \$750,000
 Georgia Tech 24, Stanford 14
 Independence Bowl
 At Shreveport, La.
 \$1 million
 Alabama 14, Iowa State 13

Friday
 Galleryfurniture.com Bowl
 At Houston
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 Texas A&M 28, TCU 9
 Music City Bowl
 At Nashville, Tenn.
 \$750,000
 Boston College 20, Georgia 16
 Holiday Bowl
 At San Diego
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 Texas 47, Washington 43

Today
 Motor City Bowl
 At Pontiac, Mich.
 \$750,000
 Toledo (9-2) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
 Alamo Bowl
 At San Antonio
 \$1.2 million
 Texas Tech (7-4) vs. Iowa (6-5), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
 Insight.com Bowl
 At Phoenix
 \$750,000
 Kansas State (6-5) vs. Syracuse (9-3), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Monday
 Sun Bowl
 At El Paso, Texas
 \$1 million
 Washington State (9-2) vs. Purdue (6-5), 10 a.m. (CBS)
 Humanitarian Bowl
 At Boise, Idaho
 \$750,000
 Louisiana Tech (7-4) vs. Clemson (6-5), 10:30 a.m. (ESPN)
 Silicon Valley Classic
 At San Jose, Calif.
 \$750,000
 Fresno State (11-2) vs. Michigan State (6-5), 1 p.m. (FOXSN)

Liberty Bowl
 At Memphis, Tenn.
 \$1.3 million
 Brigham Young (12-0) vs. Louisville (10-2), 2 p.m. (ESPN)
 Peach Bowl
 At Atlanta
 \$1.8 million
 North Carolina (7-5) vs. Auburn (7-4), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 1
 Outback Bowl
 At Tampa, Fla.
 \$2.2 million
 Ohio State (7-4) vs. South Carolina (8-3), 9 a.m. (ESPN)
 Cotton Bowl
 At Dallas
 \$2 million
 Arkansas (7-4) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 9 a.m. (FOX)

Gator Bowl
 At Jacksonville, Fla.
 \$1.4 million
 Virginia Tech (8-3) vs. Florida State (7-4), 10:30 a.m. (NBC)

Citrus Bowl
 At Orlando, Fla.
 \$4.25 million
 Michigan (8-3) vs. Tennessee (10-2), 11 a.m. (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl
 At Tempe, Ariz.
 \$11.13 million
 Colorado (10-2) vs. Oregon (10-1), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)
 Sugar Bowl
 At New Orleans
 \$11.13 million
 Illinois (10-1) vs. LSU (9-3), 6:30 p.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Jan. 2
 Orange Bowl
 At Miami
 \$11.13 million
 Maryland (10-1) vs. Florida (9-2), 6 p.m. (ABC)

Thursday, Jan. 3
 Rose Bowl
 At Pasadena, Calif.
 \$11.13 million
 Miami (11-0) vs. Nebraska (11-1), 6 p.m. (ABC)



Texas Christian's Casey Printers tries to pitch the ball as he is hit by Texas A&M's Christian Rodriguez during the galleryfurniture.com Bowl Friday in Houston. The ball was fumbled, but TCU recovered.

A&M defense dominates

HOUSTON (AP) — Byron Jones intercepted three passes in his first start and Joe Weber scored two touchdowns, helping Texas A&M end a four-game bowl losing streak with a 28-9 victory over TCU in the Galleryfurniture.com Bowl on Friday.

The Aggies beat their former Southwest Conference rivals for the 24th straight time and won a bowl game for the first time since a 22-0 victory over Michigan in the 1995 Alamo Bowl.

The Aggies ended the season 8-4 after losing their final three regular-season games. The Horned Frogs (6-6) haven't beaten the Aggies since 1972 and trail the series 56-27.

Weber, scored offensive player

of the game, broke a 7-7 second-quarter tie with a 2-yard touchdown run and added a 14-yard run that put the Aggies in control with 1:14 left in the third quarter.

TCU's Casey Printers was intercepted four times, including the first three of Jones' career.

The Aggie safety Wes Bautovich got A&M's fourth interception and on the first play after that, Mark Farris hit Mickey Jones with an 82-yard touchdown pass for a 28-7 lead with 14:40 left in the game.

Weber broke straight up the middle on his second touchdown, knocking aside two tacklers and running into the end zone. He finished with 59 yards

on nine carries.

Jones earned MVP honors and also was the defensive player of the game with three tackles. His interceptions went for 77 return yards.

Jones, wide receiver Terrence Thomas and tight end Thomas Carriger — all freshmen — helped the Aggies to a 14-7 halftime lead.

Starting in place of injured Sean Weston, Jones had only two broken-up passes on his defensive chart in 11 games before he returned his first interception 62 yards in the first quarter to the Frog 35.

The Aggies couldn't score on that chance but Jones had a 15-

yard interception to the TCU 1-yard line in the second quarter, setting up Mark Farris' quarterback keeper for the score.

Charlie Owens scooped up a fumble by A&M running back Derek Farmer and returned it 89 yards for a TCU touchdown with four minutes left in the half for a 7-7 tie. It was the second longest fumble return in school history.

Farris had the last shot at Owens running down the sidelines and missed the tackle.

Thomas then returned the kickoff 43 yards and Carriger, a converted defensive lineman, lumbered 19 yards with his second reception of the season to set up Weber's 2-yard touchdown with 1:06 left in the half.

Miami coach says Huskers deserve shot at national title

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Miami coach Larry Coker knows first-hand how it feels to be snubbed for the BCS title game.

So he realizes one loss might be enough to eliminate a team from contention.

Or not.

And he's not about to say Nebraska shouldn't be playing in the Rose Bowl, or that a team such as Oregon or Colorado should.

If others think the once-beaten Cornhuskers don't deserve to be playing the unbeaten Hurricanes in Pasadena next Thursday, Coker said that's "a little bit ridiculous."

"It's the system," he said Friday. "They're very deserving to be here."

"Last year, we weren't bitter about not playing Oklahoma for the national championship after beating Florida State on the field. The computer doesn't know the difference between an early loss and a late loss."

Sometimes, one wonders what the computer knows.

Early-season losses are believed to be less damaging than late-season setbacks, but Miami found out that wasn't the case last year — as did Nebraska this year.

Oregon (10-1), ranked second at season's end, lost to Stanford 49-42 in its seventh game this year, while Nebraska (11-1), ranked fourth, lost to Colorado 62-36 in its last game.

Miami's only loss in the 2000 season, when Coker worked as an assistant under Butch Davis, was a 34-29 setback at Washington in the second game.

Several weeks later, Miami beat Florida State 27-24, but it was the once-beaten Seminoles, not the Hurricanes, who faced unbeaten Oklahoma in the BCS title game.

Meanwhile, Miami and Washington, with one loss each, kept quiet and rolled to victories in the Sugar and Rose Bowls, respectively.

"Coach Davis told us it was probably easier to win a Super Bowl than the national championship," Coker said with a smile.

Husker coach Frank Solich, who spent 19 years as an assistant at Nebraska before becoming the head coach, admitted it's been "a little tiring" being asked over and over again about his team's selection to the Rose Bowl.

But again Friday, he was patient and understanding when the subject was broached.

"The system is designed to have the teams with the two best seasons being in the game," Solich said. "These teams with one loss certainly have a reason why they should be in the game, it's not all that clear."

"If you don't have two teams go through the season unbeaten, you're going to have controversy. I think that's OK in college football."



Larry Coker

BC comeback does in Dawgs

Green's late score lifts Eagles

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — William Green's 7-yard scoring run capped Boston College's comeback, and perhaps his college career, as the Eagles beat No. 16 Georgia 20-16 in the Music City Bowl on Friday.

Green's touchdown with 4:43 left ended BC's 21-game losing streak against ranked teams and followed the last of Georgia's four turnovers, which led to all of BC's points. The Bulldogs also were hurt by penalties, including offensive pass interference against Terrence Edwards inside the Eagles 10 with 2:09 remaining.

Green, the game's MVP, ran for 149 yards on 35 carries after entering the game with an average of 155.9, second best in the nation.

The junior might have been playing his last game in a BC uniform. He plans to decide next month whether to enter the NFL draft.

The game ended in a curious manner, with Bulldogs coach Mark Richt deciding to punt on fourth-and-17 at Georgia's 43 with 1:32 left. The Bulldogs did get the ball back on a punt but had only 14 seconds and 52 yards to go.

David Greene threw an incomplete, then was sacked by Doug Goodwin on the last play.

BC players rushed onto the field, flinging their helmets in the air after their fourth win in their last five bowls. And Green raised his MVP trophy above his head.

He had missed two of BC's biggest games the last two sea-



Boston College running back William Green scores the game-winning touchdown as Georgia defender Bruce Thornton arrives too late in the fourth quarter of the Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn.

sons — last year's Aloha Bowl and this year's 18-7 loss to top-ranked Miami — because of suspensions for unsportsmanlike conduct violations of team rules.

The winning drive followed Sean Guthrie's recovery of a fumbled exchange between Greene and Miss Smith.

With a fourth-and-1 at the BC 34, Green rushed for 2 yards. Brian St. Pierre hit Dedrick Dewalt for a 22-yard gain to the 10. Then St. Pierre scrambled for a 3-yard run and Green powered up the middle for the winning touchdown.

Georgia (8-4) used the nation's 15th-rated run defense to control

most of the game. He did break free for a 75-yard gain that set up St. Pierre's 10-yard scoring pass to Dewalt, giving the Eagles (8-4) a 10-7 lead early in the second quarter.

Sandro Sciortino's second field goal, a 26-yarder, and Billy Bennett's 24-yarder for Georgia left BC ahead 13-10 at halftime. The Bulldogs took their last lead with 5:26 left in the third quarter on a 1-yard run by Verron Haynes, who rushed 27 times for 132 yards.

The victory gave the Big East a clean sweep of its four-year Music City Bowl series against Southeastern Conference oppo-

nents. A Big Ten school takes the Big East spot next season.

Georgia lost a game it was originally disappointed to be in, because it hoped its record would be good enough for a better bowl. But LSU's late-season upset of Tennessee dropped the Bulldogs into the fifth SEC bowl spot.

Georgia had its streak of four bowl wins in the last four seasons stopped under first-year coach Richt, Florida State's former offensive coordinator.

The game started well for Georgia as Fred Gibson took the opening kickoff, then handed the ball to Deccry Bryant on a reverse for an 86-yard return. Two plays later, Greene and Gibson connected for a 15-yard touchdown pass.

Snow

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men's basketball team, which couldn't get out of town, forcing postponement of its game at No. 18 Syracuse today. The game was tentatively rescheduled for Sunday at 7 p.m., though it might be put off again depending on the weather.

Since Monday, a five-day storm has dumped snow on Buffalo and its suburbs. A state of emergency, which has been declared Friday.

Although the storm was due to shift south over the weekend, it could take days for the city to dig itself out from chest-high drifts and snow-clogged streets.

While some Bills players grumbled about the snow, rookie Brent Spoon felt like a kid again.

"This is another world for me right now and I'm enjoying it," said Spoon, who grew up and went to college in North Carolina. "I've always equated snow with a snow day — you get out of school. You go play in the snow, go sledding. It's something you're not used to. And when you get it, you're excited about it."

He admitted his outlook change after a few more winters in Buffalo.

"I'm sure next year at this time, if it dumps on us like this, I might not be singing the same tune," Spoon said.

Bulls
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 attitude to the court and he let us know that.

"The first practice was a lot of instruction, and I think we got a lot out of it."

But it's going to take more than simply a coaching switch to turn around the Bulls. Since winning

the last of their six championships last decade, they are 49-192, including an NBA-worst 4-23 this season.

Birthday parties cost too much for guests

DEAR ABBY: I am knee-deep in a quandary. I have a 30-something-year-old friend who throws herself a girls-only birthday party every year.

This soiree always takes place at a nice restaurant selected by the hostess, where guests are expected to pay for their own drinks and meals. The cost usually runs from \$60 to \$80 per person. In addition, each guest is expected to bring the "birthday girl" a gift.

In years past, I have come up with excuses in order to get out of attending. This year I learned through the grapevine that I'm not the only one who is reluctant to go.

With the economy being what it is, I cannot justify the expenditure of attending this party. How would you suggest I go about being removed from the guest list this year (and in the future)?

DEAR COUNT ME OUT: Tell the "birthday girl" you have other plans this year. They talk



to the other guests on the list for this annual tribute and suggest that all of you get together mid-year to celebrate your collective birthdays, with the understanding that your treasured friendship should be the only gift allowed.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Lenny," and I met through mutual friends back in 1988 and have been together ever since. We have a good life and two wonderful children.

My problem is that Lenny is a very jealous man. The other night, we were at a hockey game, and one of the guys I work with came over to say hello. I introduced him to Lenny and they shook hands. I could see my husband getting noticeably upset.

Now he insists I'm cheating with this co-worker.

Several times within the last year, Lenny has accused me of being unfaithful. What can I do, Abby? I love my husband with all my heart and intend to spend the rest of my life with him. But I'm sick and tired of being wrongly accused when I'm innocent.

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DEAR SAD AND MAD: Your husband appears to be deeply insecure with low self-esteem. His accusations are an attempt to control.

Counseling could offer the breakthrough you need, but unless Lenny is willing to admit HE'S the one with the problem, don't count on it.

DEAR ABBY: A 12-year-old boy wrote that he told his cousin he was going to commit suicide. The cousin broke his confidence and told an adult, who acted upon the information. All turned

out well for the boy, who later thanked his cousin for saving his life.

As a police officer, I want to remind everyone - especially kids - that there are certain situations when you must break confidences and tell a friend or relative. Too many times we learn too late that someone knew another person was going to commit suicide or harm another, and the person who knew didn't tell anyone so the tragedy could be prevented. Many times they spend the rest of their lives experiencing unbearable guilt for not telling.

We must ask ourselves: Will someone or something be seriously harmed if I don't report this information? Is this a secret I can keep because it will cause no harm to anyone?

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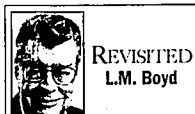
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Perhaps one-third of husbands are henpecked

What proportion of the husbands are henpecked? So inquires a client. Our Love and War man's files contain a report on that matter from the American Institute of Family Relations. About 33 percent of the husbands can be so described, it's said. These are 'brovbeaten fellows who can't rightfully claim to be the heads of their households. Many of the other 67 percent undergo occa-



sional nagging, but they can handle it.

A. Blood.
To all those other attributes you inherit, please add the power of your handgrip. True, you can build it somewhat with exercise. But researchers say you're born with your hand's basic potential power.

Casanova, the world's most renowned lover, noted in his memoirs that he was impotent before age 50.

Cooks of every civilized nation have their own versions of that

filled pastry hereabouts called the "turnover." In China, egg rolls. In the Russia, pirozhki. In Spanish America, empanadas. In France, chaussons. What are they called in the language of your ancestors?

Poets still in search of a rhyme for "purple" - it has been said repeatedly that there's no rhyme for that word - evidently have never heard a Scotsman refer to the hindquarters of his horse as its "curple."

Sense of humor pays off for Cancer; obstacle awaits Leo

IF DECEMBER 29TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you have changed your name on more than one occasion, not counting marriage. You are unorthodox, fascinated by the occult. You are romantic and creative, and have passionate beliefs. Aquarius, Cancer and Capricorn persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: B.K.T. You are due for adult recognition, travel and romance in 2002. August your most romantic profitable month of next year.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Be aware of "reward factor" in connection with project. Relative who "knows it all" provides misinformation. Perceive potential participate in humanitarian project. Libra featured.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): By taking independent approach you can transform losing proposition into profitable enterprise. Imprint style, don't wait for others. Reputation is on the rise; Leo is ally.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You obtain what you need. Focus on home, security and marital status. If you ask for more, you will get it. Avoid being too hesitant. Cancer, Capricorn play fascinating roles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A sense of humor gets you in and out of tight spots. Social activities accelerate, people want to wine and dine you. Be cooperative but know when to say, "Enough!"

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Although you win lawsuits, there is a major obstacle to overcome. Check zoning laws; don't rebuild until green light is received. Deal gingerly with Taurus, Scorpio and another Leo.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Write, advertise and publish.

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Realize that flirtation is no mere laughing matter. It is getting serious, hot and heavy. Your words are due to power; use them freely and creatively.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Music featured; your voice is melodious. You are herby given permission to sing in or out of shower! Domestic adjustment relates to where you live, marital status. Taurus represented.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Work behind scenes; accent "subtle touch." People will be agreeably surprised by your change of tactics. You will hear whispered words of love; be discreet. Pisces, Virgo figure prominently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Play cards close to chest; an industrial spy may be on loose. You have what others seek, and they want very much to get it. Capricorn, Cancer natives play dramatic roles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look beyond the immediate; give full play to your extrasensory perception. You will be invited to participate in project in distant city or foreign land. Aries represented.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take advantage of your attractiveness; people are drawn to you and want to reveal secrets. You exude aura of sensuality and sex appeal. Maintain emotional equilibrium.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Attention revolves around home, property, partnership and marriage. Cancer native will invite you to "seafood dinner." That's fine, but remember diet resolutions.

Anthrax, the band, doesn't want to be mistaken for the germ

NEW YORK - Anthrax, the band, wants to make sure that no one mistakes them for the eponymous bacteria.

So they've set up a link on their official Web site, www.anthrax.com, to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to offer people health information.

The metal band from New York, which formed in the early '80s, was thrust into the spotlight in October when anthrax began showing up in the mailrooms of government offices and news organizations as a weapon of bioterrorism.

"It was surreal," Scott Ian, the band's founding member, told The New York Times for Thursday's editions.

After the bacteria began appearing, the guys in the group joked that they were changing their name to Basket Full of Puppies.

At a sold-out metal benefit concert in New York last month, the five members of Anthrax wore shirts that spelled out the words, "We're not changing our name." Money raised at the show went to

People in brief

relatives of the police officers and firefighters who died in the Sept. 11 World Trade Center attack.

Actor discovers being a hobbit isn't easy

NEW YORK - Sean Astin learned something during his latest film project: It isn't easy being a hobbit.

Playing Frodo's sidekick, Sam, in "The Lord of the Rings" movies, the actor said he had a hard time with the big, hairy prosthetic feet that the actors playing hobbits had to wear. While filming in New Zealand, Astin said a pony stepped on his fake feet one day and ripped off three of the toes.

The first film based on the J.R.R. Tolkien trilogy, "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Rings," has grossed \$94 million since it opened Dec. 19. The other movies are due out in late 2002 and late 2003.

- compiled from wire reports

The Price of Freedom

DO REWARDS WORK AGAINST TERRORISM?

They do. In more than twenty cases, the Rewards for Justice program has paid more than 8 million dollars for information that prevented international terrorist acts or helped bring to justice those involved in prior acts.

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2. Forty-eight hours before an airport bombing was set to occur, it was stopped by a brave young man who stepped forward with information. The terrorists had already assembled automatic weapons, grenades, and explosives. The young man received a significant reward, and his family was relocated to a safe place. Hundreds of lives were saved.

3. A young woman came forward with information regarding aircraft hijackers who brutally beat passengers. She stated that she "felt strongly about justice being done." The team leader of the hijackers was returned to the U.S. and is imprisoned on air piracy charges.

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report
This chart shows the annual average 2000 employment in Carnas County for industries covered by the Idaho Employment Security Law.

Total excluding federal	235
Agriculture	15
Manufacturing	10
Construction	0
Food processing	0
Lumber	0
Other manufacturing	1
Transportation, communication and utilities	6
Wholesale trade	8
Retail trade	86
Finance, insurance and real estate	•
Service	39
State government	8
Local government	80
Federal government	24

* Information withheld to comply with the law with regard to nondisclosure of industries with less than three employees.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

City struggles in phone-book effort

BOISE - A decision by QuestDex to curtail its involvement in the city's telephone book recycling program has left the city struggling to pick up the pieces.

City officials said they were surprised and disappointed after finding out in July that QuestDex no longer would be the main partner with trash disposal contractor BFI as it has since the early 1990s.

"It came up so fast that we had to scramble to put a program together," said Symantha Zeimet, solid waste program coordinator for the Boise Public Works Department.

The city finally brought in Quest competitors McLeodUSA and Impact Directories as sponsors of the program. City officials said having the two companies helping will allow the program to pick up more than just Quest directories, keeping more books out of the landfill.

QuestDex spokeswoman Domicile Jimenez said the company has a policy of turning over the major responsibility for recycling programs to communities when they request it or are able to handle it themselves. But city officials said they did not request it.

In the past, Quest has worked with BFI and has covered the bin rental and transportation costs for recycling the phone books, while the city has had very little involvement in the program.

When Quest pulled out, the city was under no obligation to coordinate the program. But Catherine Chertudi, the city's groundwater and waste program manager, said the city chose to pick up the program and take over Quest's partnership with BFI.

Last year, the program recycled more than 200 tons of phonebooks. Chertudi said that would have taken up about 723 cubic yards of space in the landfill. The city annually pays \$4 a cubic yard for waste deposited at the landfill, so last year's recycling saved the city nearly \$3,000.

Florida company buys Century Publishing

POST FALLS - Century Publishing Co. has been purchased by a Florida concern, combining two of the nation's largest printers of real estate magazines.

The Printing House, a division of Prince Communications in Tallahassee, Fla., completed the deal last month.

Both companies' specialty is high-quality real estate magazines, trade publications and catalogs. They had discussed the possibility of combining forces for some time, said Ben Rolphe, Century Publishing's founder.

Century Publishing employs about 150 people at its printing plant. Most of its business comes from the region. Its annual sales were about \$30 million, and the Printing House is even larger in size, Rolphe said.

The sale does not include the North-Idaho HomeSeekers-Guide and several other publications owned by a separate company, Rolphe Industries.

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Drug-free coalition tackles training

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A 4-year-old coalition of Magic Valley employers is taking a new tack in its efforts to promote drug-free job sites.

The Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace Project has recognized its member businesses in public service announcements and news releases. It provided logos the employers can display in the workplace. It distributed complimentary restaurant and store certificates for members to give their workers - a thank-you gift for staying drug free.

But interest in the freebies had run its course, said Lisa Buddecke, who chairs the project as a volunteer.

"They were getting kind of old," she

MAGIC VALLEY Drug Free Workplace

said, adding that project leaders wanted something more substantive, more hard hitting, more of a service to the businesses that have committed to keep drugs out.

"We're sort of getting into a new phase. I think, with our project," Buddecke said. "The result? Plans for a Jan. 31 seminar on illegal drug use in the workplace.

"We have not done this before," she said.

The seminar, dubbed "Reasonable Suspicion: Detecting Drug Use in the Workplace & What To Do," has limited space for participants and might fill up

Reasonable Suspicion seminar

• When: 12:30 to 5 p.m. Jan. 31; optional panel discussion from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Lunch is not included.
• Where: College of Southern Idaho's Taylor Administration Building, Room 276.
• Cost: Free to members of the Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace Project - and their human

resource staff, managers and supervisors - who register by Friday. Reservations will open to the public after that date. If space remains: \$25 per person for all registrations made after Friday.
• Contact: Register online at www.mvdrugfree.org, or call 733-1300.

with project members. They get priority registration, but others in the community might get a chance, too.

The seminar is free to members if they register by Friday. Anybody else must pay to attend - and can do so only if seats are still available after Friday.

Seminar organizers aim to arm employers with useful information: For example, how long can crack and other drugs be

detected in an employee's system? And how can an employer effectively and legally confront a worker if there's reasonable suspicion?

Here's the speaker list:

• Terry Thueson, a drug recognition expert for the Twin Falls Police Department, will speak on illegal drugs the newer and popular drugs and what to

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Owning a landmark

Businessman loves his piece of history

The Associated Press

YAKIMA, Wash. - Robert Angelo finds the not-air hand dryers in the bathrooms at the A.E. Larson Building fascinating.

They're 70 years old but work like new, he points out.

He finds just about everything associated with the downtown landmark appealing - from its 322 easy-to-clean windows and marble floors to its brass firegee lobby and custom-made different colored bricks.

"You don't have to look long before you fall in love with it; it's an amazing building," said Angelo, a businessman from Washougal, Wash., who purchased the 70-year-old art deco structure in August for \$2.5 million.

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"There's no big changes here; it's a historical building, solid brick, there's not much to do but preserve it," Angelo said.

The Larson, whose tenants include Dunbar Jewelers, various Yakima County government offices and a host of private offices, is 95 percent full, he said.

Angelo owns several commercial and apartment buildings throughout Washington and Oregon, but the Larson Building was his first landmark purchase.

"Half a million dollars looking to invest in a historical site.



Robert Angelo stands in front of the A.E. Larson Building in Yakima, Washington, Dec. 16. The Washougal businessman purchased the 70-year-old art deco structure in August for \$2.5 million.

Angelo had hoped to buy some commercial real estate in Yakima last summer but no sites interested him.

But when Jerry Mellen, a Realtor with Heritage Brokers in Yakima, called in October last year to say a historical building might be for sale, Angelo drove over to peruse it.

"The building is electric," Angelo said, referring to the dynamic architecture.

The Larson then was owned by Vladimir Turksi, a Mill Valley, Calif., real estate developer who purchased it for \$1.7 million in 1986.

"Mr. Turksi was not a motivated seller," Mellen said. It took more than eight months to negotiate the deal, he added.

Before buying, Angelo spent time investigating the building's history.

He watched videos chronicling the construction and read all the letters A.E. Larson, the longtime Yakima businessman who poured \$750,000 into constructing the building, wrote on the subject.

"Did you know, Larson hired a guy for one year to inspect windows as the building was under construction?" Angelo asked. "He sent back 132 windows because the glass wasn't clear enough."

The Larson Building was designed by Central Washington architect John Maloney, who also designed the Yakima YWCA, Grandview High School and the entire Seattle University complex.

"I would consider (the Larson Building) a pre-eminent architectural building in the state of its time and style," said Michael

Houser, the architectural historian with the state Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

Its brass window mechanisms, which allow for all cleaning to be done on the inside of the building, are nearly state of the art 70 years later, Houser said.

Compared with other state historical landmarks, it ranks with the Smith Tower in Seattle and the Davenport Hotel in Spokane, he said.

It's also well-known in the historical preservation community nationwide, Houser added.

Since purchasing the Larson Building, Angelo has also bought the 1924 Washougal High School.

"It's a landmark, yes, but it's nothing like the Larson," Angelo said. "This will still be here 70 years from now, with the new owner being interviewed."

McDonald's hopes Olympics will boost morale

Knight Ridder News Service

CHICAGO - If there ever was a limit to how a company can stretch its Olympic sponsorship, Oak Brook, Ill.-based McDonald's Corp. is about to find out.

The fast-food giant and Magic Valley franchise locations has a lot riding on February's Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City - not only externally, with customers, but internally, with nearly half a million of its workers worldwide.

The multimillion-dollar sponsorship is, of course, about trying to get customers to feel good about the Golden Arches again, but McDonald's, in what may be a first, is also using the platform to make an extensive "feel-good" pitch to its employees.

While most Olympic sponsors use the sponsorship for some internal PR, perhaps no company is taking it as far as McDonald's is about to.

It comes at a time when the No. 1 fast-food company is, like most of its competitors, having problems retaining employees, and under criticism for not delivering on its hallmark promise of fast and friendly service - a cornerstone of McDonald's market-

ing since the days of founder Ray Kroc.

So McDonald's Olympic sponsorship will touch more of its stores in more countries than in any of its 26 years as an Olympic sponsor.

"This is the biggest and most penetrated Olympics movement we've ever had," said Johan

"Half a million of our crew have been touched in some way."

— Johan Jervoc, McDonald's marketing

Never before has McDonald's made such a big push regarding its crew - emphasizing how much the company is concerned about its primary point of customer contact.

Much of the Olympics domestic advertising will be focused on its workers. A glimpse of what's to come broke earlier this week on Monday Night Football, with a new spot from DDB Chicago showing crew members saying in different languages: "Only the best can say... I'm

EEOC sues Allstate Insurance

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - The federal government is suing Allstate Insurance Co., accusing it of forcing thousands of agents to give up their right to sue the company for age discrimination or other issues.

After a year of failed negotiations with the nation's second-largest insurer - which does business in the Magic Valley - the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission accused the company of illegally converting the agents to private contractors.

To continue working as independent contractors, the agents had to sign a waiver giving up their right to sue Allstate over job issues.

The EEOC, in the lawsuit filed in federal court in Philadelphia Thursday, said the waiver violates non-retaliation clauses of federal labor law, including the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

"The unlawful employment practices complained of... above were done with malice or reckless indifference to the federally protected rights of Allstate employees employed as insurance agents," the lawsuit charged.

In August, a group of former Allstate agents nationwide filed a federal lawsuit alleging that more than 6,400 agents were fired in June 2000 as part of a "mass termination program" to save money and push out older workers.

Allstate spokesman Bill Mellander said Friday the company was not planning to learn about the EEOC lawsuit.

"Allstate had certainly hoped to reach a resolution without litigation," he said.

He said the company believes the waivers will be found to be fair and legal.

"The issue here in Allstate's

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Actor makes Dell ads a big hit

Knight Ridder News Service

AUSTIN, Texas - A teenager with a knack for salesmanship has helped Dell Computer Corp. make big strides in a market where it was once almost nonexistent.

His name is Steven, and he's the star of Dell's year-old television ad campaign, making aggressive sales pitches to his friends' mothers to convince them to buy a Dell for their kids.

He's aggressive, unrelenting and maybe even irritating. And his catchphrase - "Dude, you're getting a Dell" - is helping the company take over the consumer market even though its PCs aren't sold in stores.

Dell has a new Magic Valley tie; it's preparing to open a technical support operation in Twin Falls.

"Steven has helped in bringing in new customers," said Bryant Hilton, Dell's consumer market spokesman. "Before this campaign, somebody new who was going to get a computer for the first time may have been a little

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Struggling telecom industry faces uphill struggle in 2001

By Jim Kratoch
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A year ago, analysts were touting 2001 as a big year for telecommunications. Most consumers were supposed to get high-speed home Internet access and reliable cell phones with snappy text access and e-mail.

Then the lines went dead. The Nasdaq Telecommunications Index, which tracks stocks of 317 telecom companies, plunged 40 percent in 2001.

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intimidated to go to Dell. This got us way over the hurdle."

That's because Steven played by 21-year-old Ben Curtis, a New York University acting student — is simultaneously an engaging personality and a master of the sales pitch, said Paul Tilley, who handles the account of Austin-based Dell for advertising firm DDB Chicago.

"Steven has let us go out there and do a really hard sell," Tilley said. "We had to work with it to make sure he wasn't too annoying. We didn't want him to be disrespectful. We don't want to tell people they're stupid. He does a good job of being right in the middle."

Hilton credited Steven with giving Dell a huge boost in consumer sales. Dell reported last month that its third-quarter consumer sales rose 38 percent from the third quarter of 2000.

International Data Corp. now ranks it as the No. 2 seller of home

back-to-fundamentals year, with companies cutting spending and taking refuge in core businesses.

Perhaps 2001's best metaphor is "fortel Networks," the Austin-based equipment manufacturer.

Nortel shed more than half its 95,000 workers after declaring an unheard of \$19.4 billion second-quarter loss.

The company is starting to dig itself out after landing big contracts in the second half of the year. Others weren't so resilient. Many that burned through Wall Street's cash to build networks now lie on the scrap heap.

Analysts say 2002 will be a

PCs behind Hewlett-Packard Co. Steven may have helped come, but lower prices have provided the real boost for Dell's consumer sales, said David Goldstein, president of Channel Marketing Corp., a Dallas-based research firm.

"I think they're keeping running them because they're successful, but they're keeping running the same ad and keeping changing the offer," Goldstein said. "It's free shipping one day, a free CD burner the next day, a free CD printer upgrade the next week. Finally, that's the mother must've broken down and bought the darn computer."

In any case, the campaign has reaped benefits for Curtis, originally from Chattanooga, Tenn. With his boyish face on millions of TV screens every night, he's become a mini-celebrity with plenty of roles to choose from.

"It's been incredible exposure," he said. "I got called in for lots of auditions for films, pilots,

everything like that. And theater, too. People definitely come up to me at least once a day and say, 'You're the Dell kid.'"

Before his Dell debut, Curtis had done a local commercial and a project for the A&E network that was only three in the air. He got a message for the part of Steven with little indication of what the advertising agency wanted.

"They handed me the script, and I started doing Steve on the spot," he said.

The original commercial had Steven videotaping a message for his father, instructing him on Dell's special offers. "I thought the first commercial would be the only one we did," Curtis said. "Then when we did the second one, I thought it would be the last one. Then we did a third and a fourth, and it kept going. It's been really incredible."

"And now I'm wearing long tights," he said, referring to a



Workers bore a hole to prepare for running a fiber-optic cable in Twin Falls June 21, 2001.

Micron proposes merger with Hynix

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — American chipmaker and major Idaho employer Micron Technology Inc. is seeking a partial or full fledged merger with South Korea's troubled Hynix Semiconductor Inc., Hynix said Friday.

Micron made the merger proposal in the latest round of negotiations with Hynix delegates who visited Micron's headquarters in Boise last week, Hynix said a news release.

Micron spokesman Sean Mahoney confirmed Friday that talks were continuing, but declined to provide any specifics of the negotiations.

"What this will have to be is a deal that is good for both sides," Mahoney said. "Micron is not going to do a deal that's not good for Micron. But what we are looking for is a deal that will satisfy the needs of both sides, and those are complicated needs."

He would not elaborate. Last week's negotiations followed up on a broad agreement reached earlier this month by the two global memory chipmakers to create a strategic alliance and "other options" — which industry experts speculated could mean a merger.

Returning from a weeklong visit to the United States Tuesday, Hynix President Park Chong-sup said, without elaborating, that the two sides made progress in last week's negotiations.

In Friday's news statement, a committee of experts set up by state-controlled creditors to restructure struggling Hynix said the negotiations focused on Micron's proposal that the two companies merge either partially or fully.

"If Micron wants a merger of memory chip operations only, it is expected to propose forming a

strategic alliance in the non-memory sector by swapping stocks," the committee said.

Micron is expected to make specific proposals about the two ideas before the end of January, it said. In the interim, Lee Keun-yong, the chief South Korean government financial regulator, said the two chipmakers were expected to sign a preliminary deal in January when a Micron delegation visits Seoul.

Hynix officials previously have said that they would prefer stock swaps as a means of forming a strategic alliance rather than handing management power to Micron.

Micron and Hynix are the world's second- and third-largest memory chipmakers, respectively. Their merger would create the world's largest memory chipmaker with a global market share of 38 percent. The industry leader, South Korea's Samsung Electronic Co., currently controls a 30 percent share.

Memory chips make up 64 percent of Hynix's operations. Last year Hynix has been struggling to survive in the face of tumbling global chip prices. It has been in deep financial trouble with debts of more than \$6 billion.

Hynix's trouble, caused by reckless expansion on borrowed money, worsened this year amid a slump in demand for memory chips. The company has been bailed out several times in the past two years.

The company's troubles have been a burden on President Kim Dae-jung's government, which has been trying to reform its inefficient financial system by banning bad loans — a result of big businesses' rapid expansion in the 1980s and early 1990s.

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Stock market stays positive

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

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NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Settle, Change. Lists futures contracts like Wheat, Corn, Soybean.

FOSSIL FUELS

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NEW YORK (AP) - As it approached the end of its second straight down day, Wall Street remained positive Friday

Stocks claimed some slim gains in response to positive economic news and managed to offset some typical year-end tax selling. Dow Jones industrial average reached its highest level since the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The Dow rose 5.68, or 0.06 percent, to 10,136.93. Its best close since the terror attacks came as the blue chips dropped to a yearly low of 8,235.81 on Sept. 21. The Dow also has gained 95 points in the previous two sessions.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

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Death toll from Ebola outbreak in central Africa rises to 21

MEKAMBO, Gabon - A 5-year-old boy died Friday in an improvised isolation ward as the death toll from an outbreak of the deadly Ebola disease rose to 21 in two Central African nations.

Adamou, who only had one name, was the fifth member of his family to catch the highly contagious disease in the remote town of MeKambo in northeastern Gabon, near the border with Republic of Congo. His mother, a nurse, died after treating an Ebola patient. The disease then spread to her mother, brother and another child.

Medical officials have identified 17 Ebola cases in Gabon, of whom 15 have died since the outbreak began in late October. Twelve more suspected cases have been identified in Republic of Congo, where six people have died.

A team of medical experts from the World Health Organization and Gabon's health ministry arrived in the region in December and have been working with military doctors to trace victims, treat patients and educate the local population about the disease.

OPEC oil ministers confirm 6 percent cut in production

CAIRO, Egypt - OPEC agreed Friday to carry out a planned 6 percent cut in its official oil output after crude producers outside the cartel promised to make reciprocal cuts in a display of unprecedented - but fragile - solidarity.

Oil ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided in an emergency meeting to slash the group's production target by 1.5 million barrels a day beginning Jan. 1 in a bid to bolster sagging world oil prices. The cuts are to last for at least six months.

The decision appears unlikely to have a major impact on the prices consumers pay for gasoline or heating oil. OPEC approved the cut in principle back in November, and energy markets have already factored it into current prices for crude and refined oil products.

Bush fires consume homes, threaten Australia city

SYDNEY, Australia - Bush fires, many set by arsonists, raged as close as 12 miles to Sydney on Friday after flames 20 feet high consumed more than 100 outlying homes.

Fire officials also warned that hot, dry, windy weather over the next few days could trigger a second wave of destruction along the 370-mile-wide fire front surrounding the city.

On Friday, helicopters dropped water on hot spots and more than 15,000 firefighters, including volunteers from around Australia, carved firebreaks through bush land. Emergency controllers also mapped the rapidly moving fires with satellite imaging and infrared technologies.

"With the majority of fire unconfined and very little prospect of containment in the immediate future, we are looking at four very difficult days," said Phil Koperberg, the state's top firefighter.

Malaysian court sentences Muslim extremists to death

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia - A judge sentenced three Muslim extremists to hang and 16 others to life in prison Friday for waging an armed revolt to overthrow Malaysia's government and replace it with an Islamic state.

In passing sentence, High Court Judge Zulkefli Ahmad Makinudin said that the consequences for this moderate Southeast Asian nation would have been unimaginable if the members of the Al-Ma'ulah cult had succeeded.

Zulkefli, who on Thursday had found all 19 defendants guilty of waging war against the king, sentenced the leader, Mohamed Amin Mohamed Razali and his two right-hand men, Zahit Muslim and Jamaludin Darun, to death.

Prosecutors had urged him to sentence all the men to hang, but Zulkefli chose the softer option - life without parole - for the rest.

Russia seizes three fishing boats near disputed islands

TOKYO - Russia has seized three Japanese fishing boats operating in waters near disputed islands off Japan's northern

past, but this week's seizure was the first this year, Inomata said.

Several Japanese boats have been fined this year for illegally operating near the disputed islands, which were taken from Japan by the former Soviet Union in the closing days of World War II.

The row over the islands, which Russia calls the Kurils and Japan its Northern Territories, has prevented the

two nations from signing a peace treaty.

Leader of Russian republic of Ingushetia resigns

MAGAS, Russia - The president of the tiny southern republic of Ingushetia resigned in protest Friday after the supreme court ruled he must serve out his five-year term.

President Ruslan Aushev, a

Soviet war hero in Afghanistan, has bucked moves to reduce the term to four years and hold elections next year. He said he was quitting to preserve constitutional order in the republic, which borders Chechnya.

"My decision is final," Aushev said from the presidential palace in the Ingush capital of Magas. Aushev was elected in 1998 to a five-year term, but the Ingush parliament adopted an amend-

ment last year limiting the presidential term to four years. The amendment later was made retroactive to cut short Aushev's term - a move Aushev supported.

But the republic's Supreme Court ruled that Aushev's term must be five years and elections could not be held until 2003. Aushev said the court's decision left him with no choice.

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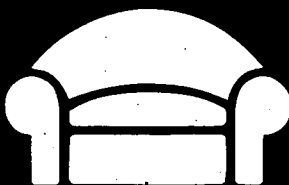
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Happy New You!

I hate New Year's Eve. I really do. I can't help it. Every New Year's Eve, my conscience thinks it has to do one of those "Year in Review" numbers on me. And for some reason, it always seems to play like a spot-checker reel.

"Here's Joe resolving to give more of himself to his children in 2001, and then, just hours later, getting after them for interrupting his enjoyment of the Rose Bowl."

Here he is on the bus, pretending to be so absorbed in the newspaper that he doesn't notice the tired young mother who could use some help wrestling three active children and a grocery bag."

"And here he is making up an excuse for not donating blood. Or buying light bulbs from the disabled. Or taking his turn serving in the soup kitchen. Or giving a couple of quarters to the scruffy-looking man on the street asking for spare change."

"You get the picture? New Year's Eve is to me what Christmas Eve was to Ebenezer Scrooge - long and jumbling, filled with memories of broken promises and unfulfilled potential."

Which is probably why I love New Year's Day so much. Maybe it's because Dec. 31 is such a downer. Or maybe it's just because Jan. 1 is what it is: a clean slate, a fresh piece of paper, a blank canvas, an empty room - pick your favorite metaphor. New Year's Day is a new beginning, a chance to make a fresh start. If Dec. 31 is Regret, Jan. 1 is Hope.

There are a number of things I'll be hoping for this New Year's Day: a peaceful 2002, for one thing, and maybe a more equitable distribution of prosperity worldwide. But let's be honest - there isn't a lot that one individual acting independently can actually do about such things. I can hope for world peace, but unless I get a little help from Osama Bin Laden, George W. Bush and about a million other world leaders and opinion-shapers, it's just not going to happen.

But there are some things that I CAN do something about in 2002. I can do less lecturing and more listening with my children. I can perform an anonymous act of service each week. I can consume a little less of the earth's natural resources each day, and do a better job of recycling what I do use. I can write encouraging letters to effective public servants, and to film and television producers who create worthwhile entertainment. I can be less self-absorbed and more understanding, less demanding and more tolerant, less judgmental and more compassionate.

None of which is going to set this planet on its ear this year. But that's OK, because the fact is, I'm not going to change the entire world all by myself. No matter how kind and gentle I am, hardness and cruelty will, unfortunately, continue to exist somewhere.

Still, I can make my little piece of the planet a better place on which to live. That's about all any of us can do. But if enough of us are out there trying to do the best we can, and if we're looking out for each other - and for our children and for our children's children - the world becomes less intimidating because we know we're not alone. We've got friends. We've got family.

And maybe we've even got some New Year's Eve memories to savor - not regret.

Joseph Walker is a freelance writer from American Fork, Utah.

Course illuminates world religions

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - It's a small world. After all.

With the economic and cultural exchange of modern times, people are feeling the need to be aware of other cultures and to relate to others who share the planet.

This, said Brenda Larsen, instructor of the world religions course at the College of Southern Idaho, is a reason why it's important to examine other people's beliefs.

"I think globalization - as much as some people protested, detested and lamented - is a fact, and we can't turn back," she said. "We need to know what's going on in the rest of the world and what they're thinking and what their perspectives are, so we can cope."

Larsen said she there's always

been a need for people to understand something as basic as the other people of the world, and some are just now realizing this.

In her class, she explores the major faiths, taking Hinduism and Buddhism as kind of a pair, because Buddhism was a protest against Hinduism. She addresses Judaism, Christianity and Islam as a group, too, because they claim the same roots. The class discusses the faiths' differences, as well as their similarities.

"They're a group, but they're kind of a warning group, and they always have been," Larsen explained. "I make the compar-

Class times

Survey of World Religions (PHIL 111), with instructor Brenda Larsen, is scheduled to begin Jan. 22. The three-credit course will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Shields 210 at the College of Southern Idaho. Register in person or on line at www.csi.edu. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2141.

son of brothers in competition for the father's favor."

Survey of World Religions is a literature-based course, and Larsen takes her class back to the primary literature. In Hinduism, that would be the Upanishads, and the Bhagavad Gita. Students read the analects of Confucius when they study Confucianism. They also read the poems of Taoisip, some of the Old and New Testament and a chapter of the Koran.

"Basically, the fundamental literature, and we try to understand and interpret it," Larsen said. "There's some discussion of faith,

but I like it to be informed by the literature and the history."

Larsen teaches her students the general terms used in religions like Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity and Judaism and explains that each of these terms represent a huge number of different sects and points of view. And new ones are always emerging, she said, with religion being very organic, very much in flux and constantly reinterpreted.

Larsen has been with the college for 20 years, as an instructor of philosophy and ethics. She began teaching the world religions curriculum about 14 years ago, after completing her master's thesis on comparative religions.

She said she thinks she has a good enrollment already for the spring semester, but more are always welcome.

"I do like to get people from the community who want to keep their intellectual interests alive,



Brenda Larson
Teaches religion at CSI

and not just students who are working toward degrees," she said. "I thought that, since Islam has been so much in the news, that there would be people out there who are really feeling the need to know more."

Terror affects church-going habits



Parishioners exit Two Rivers Baptist Church in Nashville, after a Sunday service. The church is one of many that swelled in attendance after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, but church attendance here and across the nation was reported back to near normal by early December.

Experts debate long-term religious impact of attacks

The Associated Press

To the congregation at Two Rivers Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., it must have seemed like their city had been born again. Attendance at Sunday services swelled by 600 newcomers after the terrorist attacks, a spiritual outpouring mirrored in houses of worship nationwide.

Some religious leaders predicted a spiritual revival across the country. Yet just six weeks later, attendance at Two Rivers and other congregations dropped back to near normal.

Clergy disagree over whether Americans experienced a permanent spiritual change in 2001 or just turned to religion in a moment of crisis. But as the war on terrorism continues, and the government remains on high alert for future attacks, many still see a chance to convince nonbelievers that faith should be part of their lives.

"There has been a great awareness of the whole concept of spirituality," said the Rev. Jerry Sutton, Two Rivers pastor. "People realize life is more fragile than they believed."

The year began with religion playing a key role in the United States, as a new president professed his Christianity and sought to provide more federal funding for religious groups. Yet no one could have predicted the shift in America's spiritual life brought on by Sept. 11.

Members of Congress sang "God Bless America" on the Capitol steps. President Bush quoted the Bible and Quran and led a national day of prayer. Interfaith services were held in stadiums and public squares. In some areas, children were encouraged to pray at school.

In a September Gallup poll, 47 percent said they attended

church or synagogue in the last seven days, a level rarely seen since the 1950s. But by November, Gallup found church attendance had dropped back to 42 percent, roughly the same as it was.

"It's a tall order that people would go to church and find resolution, that the church really could provide answers to something that is so complex and may take time to sort through," said Duke University professor Kathleen Joyce.

Yet, there are some signs of a sustained interest in faith.

Since Sept. 11, Alpha North America, which develops Christian classes to attract newcomers and church dropouts, has seen a 35 percent increase in sales of its books on how to run their courses; and Christian book publisher Zondervan Corp. of Grand Rapids, Mich., said its cus-

tomers are reporting weekly sales after Thanksgiving as much as 40 percent higher than last year.

The Gospel Music Association said sales of contemporary Christian and gospel music were on track to be significantly higher this year.

Politicians for decades have told pollsters faith was central to their lives, even as participation in organized religion declined. Clergy often lament that American individualism has made spiritual development a solitary, instead of communal, undertaking.

"The way that religion in America has been going in the last 20 to 30 years has not been toward increasing membership in the mainline traditions, as it has been seeking spiritual fulfillment through different kinds of private rituals - gathering with friends, lighting candles, or through books or music," Joyce said.

Troubling signs emerge for once-mighty Anglican church

Chicago Tribune

LONDON - On a rainy Sunday night early in the Advent season, the Rev. David Monteith, associate vicar at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, bid good evening and blessings to the last of some 700 people who attended the Advent carol service in the dark old church on London's West End.

It would seem as though this is a prosperous place for the Church of England, a famous old address that includes, among its many legacies, the efforts of Rev. Mariner and the classical

music project known to all dedicated public radio listeners everywhere as "The Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields."

But that would be an illusion. There is no "Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields" here, Monteith explains, and never has been. Neville and his friends had the equivalent of a pickup classical music band here years ago.

The church is a reflection of a larger problem, challenging the Church of England, born in 1534 when Henry VIII decided to sever all ties with Rome and launch a locally controlled version of

Roman Catholicism that would allow him to marry and divorce many women without interfering from meddling Catholic bishops. Sunday attendance has been declining for years.

The church remains a very conservative, state institution. Individual churches, this one among them, may open their doors to welcome to gay people, to divorcees, to the homeless, to a host of others who might find discomfort in rigid interpretations of church law, but the larger church, the church of the Archbishop of Canterbury, does

Playmate vs. rabbi: Two views on posing

By Carlin Romano
The Philadelphia Inquirer

NEW YORK - In the right corner of the Mark Taper Center lecture hall, a hip new discussion space for folks in their 20s or 30s keen on Jewish culture, sat pinstriped Orthodox Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, author of "Kosher Sex," friend of Michael Jackson and a man famous for sending press releases to the media about how famous he is.

In the left corner, modestly dressed and plainly nervous, sat ponytailed 20-year-old Lindsey Vuolo, Playboy's Miss November, and - according to Boteach's press release - its first Jewish Playmate. Just another Philadelphia-area girl made good - a Yardsley native now a sophomore at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Official debate topic? "The Effects of Pornography on Human Dignity and Relationships." Unofficial debate topic? Hey, should a nice Jewish girl have done that?

"Dennis Prager used to say that a perfect Jewish woman was a Playboy bunny who studied Talmud," Boteach started, suggesting by his citation that he planned to hit the hipness meter faster than anyone in the room. But he had to add about Lindsey - the "Rabbi and the Centerfold" duel immediately shifted into first-person familiarity - that while he'd "grown to respect her for the honesty and integrity she brings to the conversation," he couldn't approve of her decision to pose.

Boteach declared that pornography uses women as tools for "the gratification of men," while Judaism requires respect for women. Besides, Boteach added, fantasizing is just bad strategy: "If a man is making love to his wife and he is doing a guest spot on Baywatch in his mind, women know!"

Vuolo was practical on the matter of posing, as she put it, "in an apron on a kitchen table." She said, "I paid my freshman year for school. It may sound tacky, but I would really have been upset if I wasn't able to finish school." The Playmate's two brothers, 12 and 13, "haven't seen the magazine," (Yep, that's what Lindsey thinks). Vuolo considers her pictorial "classy" and "not pornography."

When moderator Judy Kurlansky (Dr. Judy, the sex therapist) started prodding men in the audience on whether they'd have the nerve to date a Playmate, Vuolo remarked, "I hope that's not the only thing they would look at. There's more to me than my body."

Boteach regularly interrupted Vuolo to deliver set pieces about what men and women want, and why everything he's done in his career - from his "Dating Secrets of the Ten Commandments" book to appearances on Howard Stern - comes from his desire "to try to bring Jewish values to the world" and "to help people make wise decisions."

RELIGION

Kit simplifies support for field troops

The Associated Press

NATICK, Mass. — In 17 years as a military chaplain, Lt. Col. Ben Richardson has turned truck hoods into altars and Iraqi hotel balconies into pulpits. Now he has all a chaplain could need in one plastic box.

Looking something like a footlocker, the 30-by-28 1/2-inch case is meant to be an all-in-one portable kit for chaplains. Those who've tested it say it makes work easier for chaplains and worship services a better experience for soldiers of all faiths.

The box, developed at the U.S. Army labs in Natick and expected to go into service next year, can transform into an office or altar and is good for storing linens, books and other tools of the chaplain's trade.

Chaplains say it's important to the military to make spiritual comfort more accessible to troops.

Worship matters to troops who now face uncertainty in the tumultuous times after the Sept. 11 attacks and rely on faith to get past their fear, said Maj.



Bob Granny, project engineer with the U. S. Army Soldier System Center in Natick, Mass., disassembles a Chaplaincy Logistical Support Pack. The new system will support and carry administrative and ministerial supplies for military chaplains.

James Caraway, a Protestant chaplain in Ft. Hood, Texas: "When you're hearing your mortality and bullets are flying, people get real religious."

The durable plastic kit has handles on each side and weighs 80 pounds empty — loaded it weighs up to 150 pounds and takes two people to carry.

Part of the kit includes a chair and workstation table, complete with padded drawers that can hold files, laptop computers and small televisions. Telescoping legs turn the table into a 40-inch-high altar.

The box can also hold Muslim head coverings, communion wine and wafers and sacred books of all religions.

A pouch stored under the table carries altar linens colored red, green, purple and white for the seasons of the Christian year.

The Army plans to add woodland camouflage and desert camouflage to the package of religious linens and items to make sure the brightly colored altars don't serve as enemy targets, said Richardson, chaplain at the Natick facility, about 15 miles west of Boston.

The package was developed over two years and built to withstand harsh field conditions, according to project engineer Bob Granny.

Religion TV highlights

The Dallas Morning News

SUNDAY "Miracles of Faith": Scientists discuss religious acts and the Shroud of Turin. (4 p.m., Discovery, 1hr, 323252) "Religion & Ethics Newsweekly": Commentary anticipates faith-related headlines in the coming year. (2:30 p.m., PBS, 30 min., 146)

SUNDAY "Test: The Complete Story": Story of Jesus (6 p.m., Discovery, 3 hrs., 429295) TUESDAY "Zola Levitt Presents": Shot on location in Israel, depicting its people, prophecy, and land. (1 a.m., F.A.M., 1hr, 707509) "Who Wrote the Bible?": Origins of the Bible. (6 p.m., HIST, 3 hrs., 2116536)

Church of Jesus Christ sues New York suburb over zoning

HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has filed a federal lawsuit against the Town of Harrison over zoning rules that would restrict the size and height of a proposed temple.

The suit is the latest fight in years of wrangling between the church and residents, who fear the regional temple will cause congestion and environmental damage.

The building is meant to attract members from Hartford, Conn., to Philadelphia.

The lawsuit accuses the town of infringing on the church's free-

dom of religion and assembly. Earlier this year, the zoning appeals board refused to waive the town's 30-foot height limit for the temple, which would be 53 feet tall not counting a steeple. A state Supreme Court justice overruled the board, but the town is appealing.

In November, the town authorized a fourth traffic study after eight months of public hearings. Jim Staudt, a lawyer for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said in December that the church had made numerous changes at the town's request, to no avail.

Churches try to make people feel welcome

The Dallas Morning News

Most churches consider themselves friendly and inviting — but visitors often tell another story.

Georgia Brewton, a 50-year-old traveling nurse stationed in a new city every three months, says she has seen it all: "I've been in little bity churches where everybody knew I was a visitor, but instead of saying hello, they just stared at me and whispered."

Hospitality is integral to what it means to be Christian, says Dr. Christine Pohl, author of "Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition." "It's central to the whole gospel, but in many churches, it's seen merely as a task, and they settle for some thin version of entertaining."

Part of the problem is that today's society is so mobile that many people think of themselves as strangers, even in their churches, she said. "Everybody is waiting for somebody else to take the lead and welcome them."

Many churches are good at welcoming visitors as they navigate their first few worship services. But once the visitors join, the church is so poor at helping them become involved that the newcomers often quit before year's end. Newcomers often say it's not one thing, but a series of frustrations that prompt them to leave. The final straw may be that they sign up for choir, but the music director never calls, even after they have several messages.

Brewton said when she moves to a new town, she drives around looking for a church and gets frustrated when churches don't have worship times posted on signs.

Deciding who to welcome people to church can be tricky, because what some visitors find helpful, others find off-putting. Here are some ideas congregations have tried:

• Introductions. Some churches ask visitors to stand and identify themselves or have the congregation stand while visitors remain seated. The downside: Visitors may find the spotlight uncomfortable.

• Pew pads. Many Protestant churches pass pads asking for information. Visitors who fill them out may receive a follow-up letter, a phone call, maybe a visit. Some visitors prefer not to fill out pads for fear of being inundated with calls.

• Attention from the pulpit. Many ministers announce a welcome to visitors, but few preach about the theology of hospitality, which experts say must be taught repeatedly for congregations to understand it.

• Welcome centers. Many churches have centers with brochures. Experts say the most effective approach is to have the center staffed with people to answer questions.

• Parking lot attendants. Good

attendants know they are not just helping people park but extending the church's hospitality. Many churches have designated parking for visitors.

• Greeters. Good greeters not only welcome, but often escort visitors. In many churches, greeters wear name tags.

• Voice mail. Potential visitors often complain that when they call a church, they're greeted by voice mail. Often their calls aren't returned. They say voice mail with worship times and directions is the most helpful.

• Internet. Many churches have Web sites, but it's surprising how many forget to provide worship times, directions, even a phone number. Visitors say they also like to read about the church's mission, staff, and events.

• Discovery ministries. Many churches have newcomers fill out sheets checking ministries in which they'd like to serve. In some churches don't follow up and help newcomers become involved.

-RELIGION LETTERS-

Writer's letter exposes reason for excommunication

Mr. Walsh: Isn't it ironic that the very letter you wrote to kindle compassion for your self-inflicted excommunication actually blatantly exposes the false doctrine you apparently espouse.

KRISTI DEWSNUP Kimberly

Ex-Mormon's letter contained 'lunatic ideas'

Regarding "Ex-Mormon shares differences" by John Walsh: I was disgusted to read the article published by your paper in the religion section. I thought your editing department had more sense than to print such false information.

Why is it that LDS doctrine is often shared as truth by ex-members? I feel that your paper has more responsibility to print the facts and not such trash as you have allowed to be expressed. Those statements expressed by Mr. Walsh are not doctrines taught in the LDS Church, and it behooves you to print not just disgruntled, false, non-member views.

I would hope that your department takes more care in the future, especially in printing lunatic ideas by John Walsh. BERNIE BOEHMER Burley

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Assembly of God orator speaks on Bible prophecy

TWIN FALLS — Linfield Crowder of American Falls will speak at services set for 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and 9 p.m. Monday at the First Assembly of God, 189 N. Locust.



Linfield Crowder

Crowder, who is with the Assembly of God denomination, speaks on Bible prophecy, science and current world conditions. He has ministered in all 50 states and more than 60 countries.

His topics are "God's Roll Call of the 21st Century," "The Millennium and the Middle East." All are invited.

Writers of the Word sets meeting for Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. TWIN FALLS — Writers of the

Church news

Word will meet at 10 a.m. Jan. 5 at the Twin Falls Reformed Church. The agenda includes copyrights, an open forum and an opportunity for review of short manuscripts. To have work reviewed, bring several copies.

The meeting is open to Christians interested in writing. For more information, contact Carolyn Lewis by phone at 734-6115 or by e-mail at sclw42@yahoo.com.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Trena Tigan, The Times-News Burley Bureau, 325 1/2 E. Fifth St. N., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday.

MISSIONARIES

Several Magic Valley area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve:

• Elder Drew Buck, son of Thyane and Marilyn Buck of Raft River, will speak at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the Raft River Ward chapel.

• Sister Aubrey Shurtz will serve in the New Mexico Albuquerque Mission. He will speak at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Sprague 4th Ward chapel, 26 S. 100 W.

• Elder Steven Dillon Christensen will serve in the Brazil Joao Pessoa Mission. He will speak at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the Sprague 4th Ward chapel, 26 S. 100 W.

Christensen graduated in 2001 from Declo High School and attended Utah Valley State College. His parents are Steven and Debra Christensen of Burley.

• Elder Robert Greer will serve in the Chile Santiago East Mission. He will speak at 2:45 p.m. Sunday at the Sprague 4th Ward chapel, 424 W. Ellis. An open house is set to begin at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at

• Elder Travis Eugene Blackburn will serve in the Honduras Sula Mission. He will speak at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Filer 1st Ward chapel, 841 W. Midway. Blackburn's mission involves

two countries. He will speak Spanish in Honduras and English in Belize. He is the son of Tracy Blackburn of Filer and Cecelia Blackburn of Grand Marais, Mich.

• Elder Travis Lee Turner will serve in the Hampshire Manchester Mission. He will speak at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the Unit 1st Ward chapel.

Turner graduated in 2000 from Declo High School, attended Ricks College on an automotive scholarship and spent the summer fighting fires for the Bureau of Land Management. He is the son of Roger and LeeAnn Turner of Burley.

• Elder Clayton Stanger will serve in the England Manchester Mission. He will speak at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Hansen Ward chapel, 222 Birch S.

Stanger is a 2001 graduate of Hansen High School. His parents are Kevin and Judy Stanger of Hansen.

• Elder Heber Kirkland and Sister Rosalie Kirkland will serve in the New Mexico Albuquerque Mission with assignment in Window Rock, Ariz., as social service missionaries. They will speak at 11:20 a.m. Sunday at the Carey 1st Ward chapel on Main Street.

The Kirklands have been long-time educators in the Magic Valley.

• Elder Danton L. Bradshaw will serve in the Arizona Phoenix Spanish-speaking Mission. He will speak at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Kimberly 2nd Ward chapel, 222 Birch S.

Bradshaw is the son of Cliff and

Sylvia Ann Bradshaw of Kimberly and an Eagle Scout. He graduated as a co-viceordinator from Kimberly High School in 2001 and attended Arizona State University in a pre- dental program.

• Sister Taunalee Bradshaw served in the Canada Toronto East Spanish-speaking Mission. She will speak at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Kimberly 2nd Ward chapel, 222 Birch S.

Bradshaw will attend Idaho State University. Her parents are Cliff and Sylvia Ann Bradshaw of Kimberly.

• Elder Jason Casperon served in the Brazil Salvador Mission. He will speak at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 8th Ward chapel, 667 Harrison St.

Casperon will return to Brigham Young University to study political science. He is the son of Joe and Lori Casperon of Twin Falls.

The Times-News welcomes news of church missionaries published free of charge. Send to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Trena Tigan, The Times-News Burley Bureau, 325 1/2 E. Fifth St. N., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday.

Anglican

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Stretch the numbers out and they show that by 2039, Muslims will outnumber not just Anglicans, but all Christians in Britain who attend Sunday services.

Some Muslims and non-Christians argue that the Church of England is headed for the ropes because Christianity simply doesn't provide much of a theological magnet for young people plagued by drugs, alcohol and the temptations of a abundant and readily available sex.

"I think Christianity experienced too much freedom in the past century and especially in the past 50 years," said Dalibhindi, president of the National Council of Hindu Temples.

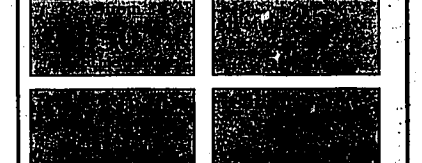
In September, Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Westminster, painted a particularly dark picture of the role of Christianity in modern England: "Christianity as a background to people's lives and moral deci-

sions and to the government and social life of Britain has almost been vanquished. We live in a totally new time for Christians, and the anguish of the western world is there for all to see."

George Carey, archbishop of Canterbury, decided to leap into the debate with some damage control. Christianity, he said after the Catholic comments, is still OK in England, although it faces some challenges. Questioned about the recent reports of decline, a church spokesman offered a detailed, impassioned and well-practiced 20-minute explanation that boiled down to this: We disagree with the numbers.

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Catholic paper raises poignant issues

By Maria Sydekum Fisher
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The National Catholic Reporter, a small, independent newsweekly more than three decades old, prides itself on being "a place where the forbidden conversations can occur."

In the 1980s, its investigative work on pedophile Roman Catholic priests drew national attention to the issue for the first time.

In March, the publication used documents compiled by senior members of religious orders to report that priests in search of safe sex in AIDS-ravaged Africa were preying on nuns.

The article prompted the Vatican to acknowledge the problem, while asserting the abuse was limited.

The newsweekly has also revealed clergy misuse of parish funds and chronicled the Vatican's refusal to investigate those and other offenses.

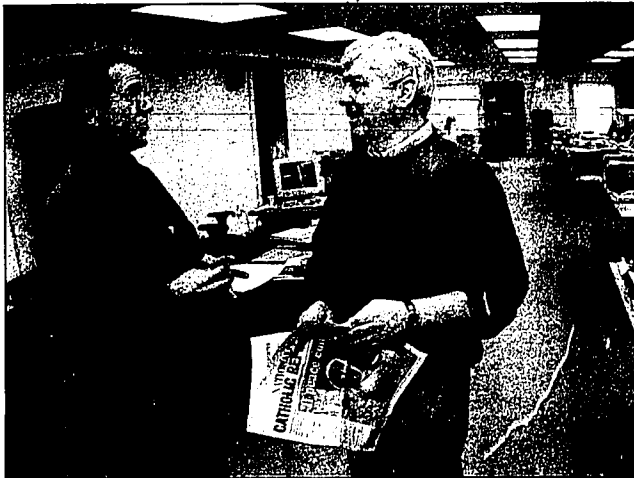
"We seek to be a haven for Catholics and to speak for the people who can't speak for themselves," publisher Tom Fox said.

In the process, the National Catholic Reporter has won both praise and condemnation within the Catholic community.

"It's a love-'em or hate-'em publication in some sense," says Karen Franz, president of the Catholic Press Association, which has awarded NCR top honors for excellence the last two years.

"It has its role. There always need to be a maverick to challenge the institution."

Asked to comment on the liberal newsweekly, Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls would say only that it was one of "hundreds of publications



National Catholic Reporter publisher Tom Fox, left, and editor Tom Roberts talk in the paper's newsroom in Kansas City, Mo. The independent weekly publication often finds itself at odds with the Roman Catholic Church by reporting stories critical of the religion.

that we receive from around the world."

The National Catholic Reporter was founded in 1964 in the excitement that followed the Second Vatican Council, which launched modernizing changes for the church that included the use of local languages instead of Latin for Mass and focused attention on religious freedom. The publication now employs more than 30 people in its Kansas City headquarters, keeps

correspondencies in Los Angeles and Rome and draws on the contributions of a half-dozen stringers.

Fox worked at Time magazine, The New York Times and other publications before joining NCR about 20 years ago. The newsweekly's investigative work is conducted under conditions more challenging than those for reporters covering government or corporations.

"There is no police blotter you

can go to, no regular press releases or Sunshine Laws," editor Tom Roberts said.

"And there are very few people who are in the position we are to hold the Vatican responsible."

NCR supports itself through advertising and subscriptions. The publication's readership, which has held steady at about 50,000 for years, consists largely of lay church professionals, nuns and priests.

Creating memorials can be very painful

By Kay Manning
Chicago Tribune

Just months after the Oklahoma City bombing killed her father, a high school student wrote a poem which that ended with:

"And I discover a dark and lonely place
Where no person should have to go

And I claw my way out as best I can."

The student's grief, like the grief of others associated with the 168 people who were killed in the 1995 attack — from family members and survivors of the blast to rescuers, as well as residents of the terrorized city — was laid bare in an agonizing five-year effort to make sense of what happened, to create something in the form of a lasting, living memorial that would finally bring serenity and hope.

The result: a solemn tableau of 168 empty chairs — large for adults and small for children — that are framed by gates marking the moment that the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building was destroyed: 9:02 a.m. on April 19, 1995. The bronze and stone chairs sit in nine rows, for representing the nine floors of the building, and are etched with the names of those killed in the bombing. A reflecting pool and an American Elm that witnessed the explosion complete the outdoor site. Nearby is a museum with artifacts from the mangled offices and from each person's life.

"We've always turned to memorials" to tell us who we are now, what we want to remember, what we want to forget, what things we're willing to deal with and

what remains indigestible," says Edward Linenthal, a University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh professor of religion and American culture who wrote "The Unfinished Bombing: Oklahoma City in American Memory."

The commemorative process is just beginning in New York City, where Linenthal spoke recently at a National Park Service conference.

His visit, he says, gave him a new appreciation "for how complex a site (for a memorial) this will be, with the incredibly diverse interests in a city of New York's size."

Memorials do many things, in Linenthal's view. They commemorate deaths, preserve sacred ground, celebrate life and provide a context in which to place traumatic events. But their form and function has changed over time.

New York is considered different and more complex than was Oklahoma City.

"This site is an open grave with cremated remains," he said. Linenthal, noting that all the bodies will never be recovered as they were in Oklahoma City.

He noted, "The event (World Trade Center) has barely begun to be assimilated into American life and already people are trying to resolve it by a memorial because it's so threatening. Do we want to try to forget by memorializing it? Are we saying, 'Oh, well, we'll put up a memorial and let it do the remembering and we'll forget about it?' Some events need to be endured, not resolved. How do you resolve mass murder? Memorialization is a form of incorporation, but it needs to take place carefully, with the courage to not make it something it isn't."

American Jews wrestle with German reconciliation

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The question still roils the Jewish community: Is reconciliation with Germany possible or even desirable after the slaughter of 6 million?

Some believe relations were poisoned forever by the Nazi's campaign to wipe out Europe's Jews. To them, "Never forget" means refusing to buy German products, travel to Germany or having anything to do with Germans.



Harriet Mandel

But more than five decades after the war, political realities are challenging unbending attitudes. Modern Germany bears no resemblance to Hitler's era, the government has made restitution to many victims and Germany has become a stalwart ally of Israel, as well as the United States.

Harriet Mandel of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York City, a coordinating body for 60 groups, favors reconciliation, but other Jews in the United States do not.

"Sentiment to continue boycotting Germany is quite deeply imbedded," Mandel said. "Second- and third-generation Americans born here are the most reluctant to move on."

An estimated 250,000 children

of Holocaust survivors live in the United States, researchers say, some banding together to discuss childhoods colored by their parents' efforts to deal psychologically with the death camps, losses of family members and guilt about their own survival. Even American Jews not directly touched by the Holocaust say they are expressing a tribal solidarity with the victims and their offspring by refusing to buy German or visit the country.

Former U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal, a German-Jewish Holocaust refugee, believes Jewish sentiment for shunning Germany has declined over the last 20 years as German democracy has strengthened.

"The German generation in power today is trying very hard to make amends," said Blumenthal. "They recognize that the worst thing that could happen is to forget."

Still, he said, survivors' views on Germany are influenced less by political developments than by whether close family members were victims of the Nazis. The Jewish population in Germany now numbers more than 100,000, the largest community in Western Europe, with most coming from Russia and elsewhere in Eastern Europe over the last 10 years. It is a remarkable rebirth, considering Germany's prewar Jewish population of 500,000 was almost wiped out.

Religious book review

The Dallas Morning News

BOOKS
"Restoring Faith: America's Religious Leaders Answer Terror With Hope," edited by Forrest Church (Walker & Company, 172 pages, \$10).

After the events of Sept. 11, many people turned to a pastor, rabbi, or other spiritual leader for words of comfort. This book compiles the sermons of 24 religious leaders from the week after the attacks. The sources include a Baptist, a Unitarian, a Muslim, and a Jew. Comments are diverse but have a common thread: Americans must unite and grow stronger, not despair and split apart. "These acts of terror have transfigured our lives, initially and poignantly for the worse, but, potentially, also for the better," says the Rev. Forrest Church, senior minister of All Souls Unitarian Church in New York City. The Rev. R. Scott Coggier of University Christian Church holds his Fort Worth, Texas congregation that "this is a time to pray

for our nation, not out of a shallow, cliched patriotism, but as people who are mourning." —Ed Housewright

"The Truth of Catholicism," by George Weigel (HarperCollins, 193 pages, \$24).

This book amounts to the Catechism of the Catholic Church condensed into nine short chapters. If you never attempt what is sometimes called "the Catechism of John Paul II" but want to know the straight stuff, read this book. Weigel, the pope's biographer ("Witness to Hope"), touches on all the important questions of contemporary seekers. Continuing his defense of the pope, he sorts out facts from fiction reported in the secular press. Such as what was meant by "the Church" when it was reported, "Vatican Claims Church Monopoly on Salvation" (Washington Post). Other controversies include belief in miracles and whether Catholicism is "safe for democracy." There's a chapter on sainthood and why it should be your goal. —Robert Plöckek

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Entertainment - Volunteers are needed to entertain the elderly in an assisted living home. Call Leigh or Brenda at 733-7511.

Young volunteers - SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation is in need of young people to "adopt a grandparent" and visit on a regular basis. Call Lauralee Smith at 734-8645.

Hospice volunteers - Idaho Home Health and Hospice is in need of volunteers for newsletter preparation, support for patient/caregiver, office help, fundraising and children's bereavement program. Orientation and training is available. Call Susan Harris at 734-4061 or 1-800-540-4061 or stop by the office, 826 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

Household items - A new transitional house for recovery of substance abuse is in need of household items, such as furniture, linens, shampoo, soap, paper towels, toilet paper and tissues. Call Marlene Yardley at 736-2177 or 734-2538.

Army tents - Charity Anywhere Foundation is in need of 10 army tents for orphanages and schools in Haiti. Call 734-8041.

Lunch buddies - Volunteers are needed to be lunch buddies at Gooding County schools. Volunteers will meet with a child twice a month. Call Julie Trader-Wolfe at 334-5507, Melody Kerner at 536-2792 or Tami Becker at 334-4941.

Respite - Volunteers are needed to give respite to elderly homebound clients so their main caregiver can take a break. Volunteers are needed in the Gooding,

Wendell, Buhl, Twin Falls and Eden areas. Call Carlene at 736-2122, Ext. 320.

Drivers - Volunteers, ages 55 and older, are needed to drive clients to doctors and do grocery shopping. Volunteers are needed in the entire Magic Valley area. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and covered by excess insurance. Call Carlene or Judy at 736-2122

Tax assistance - The American Association of Retired Persons is in need of volunteers to learn tax law and help others with income tax returns. Tax-Aide volunteers will receive free training from IRS-certified instructors, and are paid a minimum of 40 hours over the 10-week tax season. AARP membership is not required. Call Bob Wunderle at 837-9178.

Meal drivers - The Twin Falls Senior Citizen is in need of volunteer drivers for the home-delivered meals program. Volunteers are needed for one or two days a week. Call Karen at 734-5084.

Volunteers - The Fifth Judicial District CASA Program is in need of volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children. Call Jennifer Diehl at 324-6890.

Quilts, Towels - The Port of Hope is in need of quilts, towels, fresh produce, fresh fruit and homemade jams. Donations may be dropped off at 425 2nd Ave. N., Twin Falls. Call Karen Bach on 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 724-7078.

Senior companions - The Senior Companion Program is in need of 10 senior companions to work in the Magic Valley. Companions will receive a tax-free stipend of \$204 per month for 80 hours of service assisting homebound or elderly clients complete tasks. Call 736-2122 or 677-4872.

Foster grandparents - The Foster Grandparent Program is in need of 10 foster grandparents to work in the Twin Falls area. Foster

grandparents will receive a tax-free stipend of \$204 per month for 80 hours of service working with new to English refugee children. Call 736-2122 or 677-4872.

Senior volunteers - The America Reads program is in need of volunteers ages 55 and over to work with children in grades kindergarten through third grade. Call Kathy Scott at 736-2122, Ext. 325.

Tutors - The College of Southern Idaho's Adult Basic Education program is looking for volunteer tutors to help adult students learn reading, English, math and English as a second language - especially in the Mini-Cassia and Blaine county areas. Apply with English as a second language. Call Ruth Scott at 733-9554, Ext. 2536 or toll free at 1-800-680-0274, Ext. 2536.

Large print books - Hospice Visions Inc. is in need of books on cassette and large-print reading material for its lending library. Call 735-0121.

Child advocates - Guardian ad Litem is in need of volunteers to help in the safeguarding the interest of abused and neglected children. Call Jennifer Diehl at 324-6890.

Clothing, blankets - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center is in need of winter clothing and heavy blankets. Drop off items from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 1524 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call Judy Tipton, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. To have your request appear in this column, please submit it before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Please call weekly to retain request.



Photo courtesy of MARY LYNN BRITCO.

Twenty-seven Declo High School students participated in the District IV drama competition and brought home the second place Sweepstakes trophy. Eight of the students qualified to compete in the state competition. State qualifiers are, from left, front row: Tyler Dschaak, Melanie Turner, Heather Hunsaker, Lacey Kuwana, Eryn Lowe, Hollie Jo Monroe and Melissa Turner. Jason Rasmussen is not pictured. Other participants are, from left, back row: Nekkelle Knigge, Walker File, April Whitton, Adam Turner, Ryan Turnage, Kelley Yaden, Cesar Pizarro, Tiffani Jones, Trevor Dschaak, Jessa Johnson, Kyle Fairchild, Holly Bell, Curtis Richins, Meaghan Murphy, Jasmine Hutchinson, Haley Murray and Ben Searle, Abrey Adams and Almee Turnage are not pictured.

Declo drama students earn state award

DECLO - Declo High School took 22 entries to the District 4 drama competition held in Twin Falls High School, and came home with the second place Sweepstakes trophy for its number of entries.

The coach is Mary Null, drama teacher. Schools of all sizes competed in the district meet.

Eight Declo students qualified for state competition held Nov.

30-Dec. 1 in Nampa by placing in the top fourth of the category in which they participated. The state competition was held at Skyview High School where schools competed according to size.

Students qualifying for state were: Lacey Kuwana and Jason Rasmussen, first place in Ensemble Serious; Heather Hunsaker, first in Original

Serious; Eryn Lowe, second in Original Serious; Jason Rasmussen, first in Solo Pantomime; Tyler Dschaak, first in Solo Serious; Heather Hunsaker and Melanie Turner, first in the Makeup division of the Technical Theater category; and Hollie Jo Monroe and Melissa Turner, second and alternate in the Properties division of the Technical Theater category.

SHOPPING AROUND



Nonna Jones checks out the items for sale at the annual St. Jerome's Catholic Church holiday bazaar at the parish hall in Jerome.

Photo: THOMAS REALL/The Times-News

COIN COLLECTION

Dr. Jack Zarybnisky and his wife, Mary, show the foreign coin collection they donated to Declo High School where their two sons attended high school. The collection is on display in the school library in cases prepared by Patti Christensen, school librarian. The collection includes coins from China, Austria, France, England, Italy and Russia which they brought back from their travels abroad. The Zarybniskys also donated coins to Cassia School District's three other high schools.

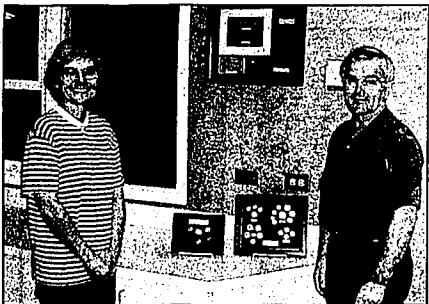


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Kimberly Library adds variety of new books

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Library, 120 W. Madison, announced the following new books:

Adult fiction: "Sister Feather" by Marie Perle, "Commitment" by Barbara Beland, "The Bone Collector" and "Praying for Sleep" by Jeffrey Deaver, "Katawa" and "Katsunari" by Karen Kijawa, "King of the Rage" by Homer Zane Grey, "A Man Betwixt" and "Water and Foot" by J. V. Jones, "Hush of Prey" by J. A. Jance, "Night Walk" by Laurie R. King, "After The Fall" by Bill Getz, "Living With Lupus: All The Knowledge

Adult fiction: "Plain Jane" by Fern Michaels, "1st in Line" by James Patterson, "The Tenth Justice" and "Dead Girls" by Brad Meltzer, "The City of The Hidden" by Robert Ludlum, "The Vendetta Defense" by Lisa Scottoline and "The Program: A Novel" by Stephen White. Adult Christian fiction: "Frederon's Belle" by Diana Crawford, "Karma's Wings" by Patricia Hickman, "Ain't No River: A Novel" by Susan Lowell Foster, "Whispers from Venezuela" by Robin Lee Hatcher, "Light of the Veil" by Fanny Meyer, "The End of an Arrow" by Gilbert Morris and "The Living Stone: A Novel" by Jane Deavel. Adult nonfiction: "Betrayal: How the Clinton Administration Undermined American Security" by Bill Getz, "Living With Lupus: All The Knowledge

You Need To Help Yourself" by Sheldon Paul Blau, M.D., "Trees in Eden" by Sherman G. Branch, "Small Business For Dummies" by Eric Rose, "The Big Book of Schell", "Boasting Back: I've Survived Everything... And I Mean Everything... And You Can Too!" by Jim Rivers, "Don't Know Much About Geography" by Kenneth C. Davis, "Ice Bound: A Doctor's Incredible Battle for Survival At The South Pole" by Dr. Jerry Nielsen and "A Sorrow In Our Hearts: The Life of Tecumseh" by Allan E. Esker. Juvenile fiction: "Franklin Says Sorry" by Norman Bradwell, "There's A Fire In My Sleeping Bag" by Susan Cline, "Silly Language" by Michael Friesch, and "The Letters Catch Fire" by Truman Howard.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jerome Senior Center sponsors weekly bingo

JEROME - Bingo will be played at the Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. East, Jerome, from 6:45-9 p.m. every Tuesday.

Snack bar opens at 6 p.m. with early bird play at 6:45 p.m. Regular bingo begins at 7 p.m. Anyone over 18 years of age is welcome.

Call 324-564 for more information.

Buttons 'n Bows holds New Year's Eve dance

EDEN - The Buttons 'n Bows will hold a New Year's Eve dance at 9 p.m. Monday at the Anderson Camp in Eden.

The event will be an all-singing call dance, and there will be finger food. For more information, call 324-3080.

St. Benedict's offers Parenting Apart courses

JEROME - St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer Parenting Apart classes from 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays, beginning Jan. 11 at the Health Education Center, across the street from the hospital.

The classes will continue for three weeks.

Parenting Apart is a workshop designed to help separated and divorced parents learn to work together for their children's well being. Participants will learn how to focus on the effects of divorce

on children and help them adjust to the changes. Participants will also learn techniques for communicating.

St. Benedict's also offers prenatal child birth preparation classes in English and Spanish and active parenting classes for parents with children ages 1-4 and 2-12.

For more information, call the hospital at 324-4301.

Scout receives Eagle award at Sunday ceremony

BURLEY - Phillip E. Heiner will receive his Eagle Scout award at a court of honor at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Star Ward LDS church, 1005 S. 200 W. in Burley.



Phillip Heiner

Heiner, 14, the son of Anthony and Angela Heiner in Burley, has completed more than 36 merit badges.

For his Eagle project, he built a bleacher for the Mini-Cassia inline hockey rink. The project took more than 120 hours to complete. He had 14 helpers. He is a member of Troop 115.

Heiner is in the eighth grade at Burley Junior High School. He plays inline hockey, basketball and golf, and enjoys swimming, mountain boarding, bike riding, fishing, camping and hiking. He is an active member of his church.

Twin Falls Library invites children to new program

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Public Library invites kindergartners through third-graders to a new program called KID (Kids, Books, Crafts) starting Tuesday.

Each week, there will be different stories and related crafts. The program will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays and 4 p.m. Fridays.

This is an expansion of the "First Friday at 4 p.m." program. For more information, call 733-2964, Ext. 110.

MV Singles Square Dance Club gathers for dance

JEROME - Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold a dance class at 7 p.m. Thursday at the American Legion Hall in Jerome.

This is in conjunction with the Buttons 'n Bows dance club. Bring finger foods.

There will be no dance class on Tuesday.

Call Vera at 734-4647 for more information.

Twin Falls area service providers meet this month

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls area service providers meet on the second Friday of the month at the Center for New Directions on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

A different presenter will speak each month about available services and programs. For more information, call

Nora Wells at 733-6333.

Sweet Adelines members car pool to Boise

TWIN FALLS - Members of the Sweet Adelines can car pool to Boise on Monday nights.

New members are welcome. For more information, call Kelly at 733-6238.

Order of Purple Heart meets at local armory

TWIN FALLS - The Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 679 meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at the National Guard Armory, 1069 Frontier Road in Twin Falls.

Call Robert Wagner at 324-4183 for more information.

Disabled American Veterans group meets

TWIN FALLS - The Disabled American Veterans will meet at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the DAV Hall at Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue.

All disabled veterans are invited. For more information, call Floyd Cooper at 733-5117.

Special Friends group gathers first Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Special Friends support group for parents of children with special needs meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Twin

Falls Reformed Church. Call Lori at 733-6128.

La Leche League holds meeting second Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - La Leche League meetings will be held at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of every month at the Southern Central Health District Nat room at 1020 Washington St. N.

Parents support group meets first Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - A support group for parents of children with developmental and learning challenges will meet for spiritual growth and mutual support on the first Tuesday of the month at the Twin Falls Reformed Church.

For more information, call 734-4909.

Jerome Art Guild meetings include workshops

JEROME - The Jerome Art Guild meets the third Friday of the month.

The meetings include art workshops. Call Elaine Barnhill at 886-7164 for more information.

Off-road association gathers second Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Southern Idaho Off-Road Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of every month at First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St.

For more information, call Jeff at 732-5306 or Mike at 736-0118.

We want your news

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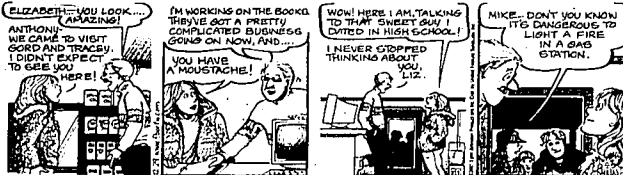
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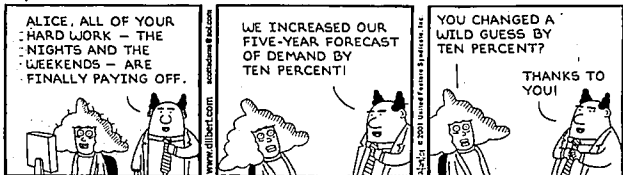
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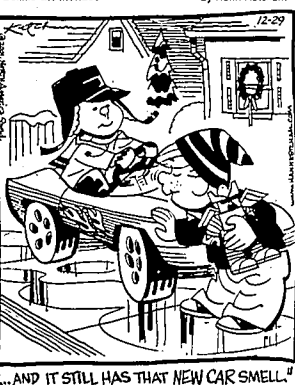
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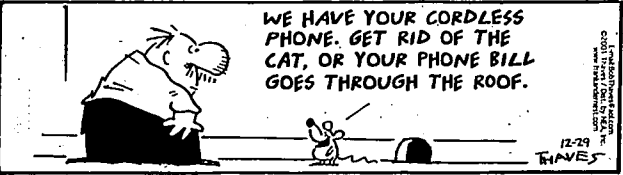
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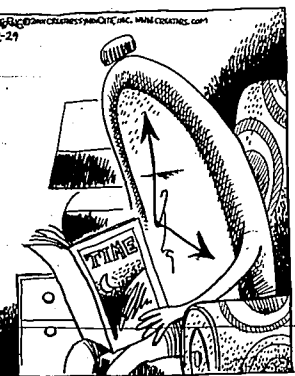
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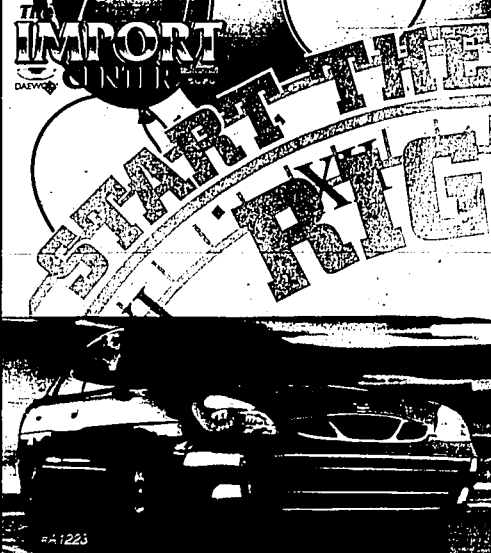
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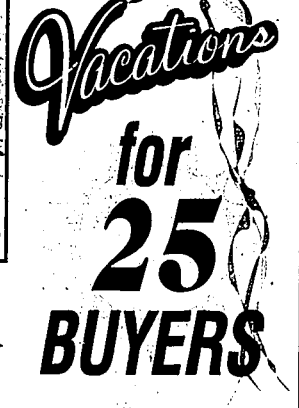
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