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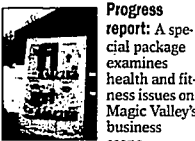
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Tragedy that time forgot



Jerry DeWaal peers into the untouched room of his best friend Tim Williams, who was killed during a shootout with police last January in Eden. Williams and two Jerome County sheriff's deputies lost their lives during a drug raid on Williams' home.

Much is still the same at the scene of Eden shootings

By Mark Holzn Times-News writer

EDEN - Three men died horribly here. James Moulson was a big man. Over six feet and 200 pounds. So it is difficult for a visitor standing in the tiny entryway of the living quarters at 255 Atherton Ave. in Eden to imagine how Moulson alone could have found enough room here to even turn around.

But experts' reports have concluded that Moulson, Phillip Anderson - both corporate with the Jerome County Sheriff's Department - and Tim Williams, 47, found room enough to fight to the death.

In the space of about 20 seconds that must have been filled with unfathomable terror and unimaginable noise, four firearms sprayed nearly 40 bullets. And then Williams - who

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owned the house - Anderson, 23, and Moulson, 30, were all dead or dying.

Why? Nearly a year after the Jan. 3 gunfight, the Magic Valley might not be any closer to finding answers than on the day after. Clutched by a chill that had crept in from a frigid afternoon Thursday, the scene inside Williams' home was almost unchanged from its appearance the week after his death.

A bloody partial handprint is still visible near a bullet hole in one wall. The carpet where Williams died still bears a dense, red splotch. Even tiny pieces of debris were still in virtually the same spots.

Williams' next-door neighbor and good friend, Jerry DeWaal, said Williams' family and friends have opted to leave the scene mostly untouched in the hope that a jury considering one of three

lawsuits pending against Jerome County might someday survey it.

"I don't come in here much. I've only been here a couple of times since," DeWaal said in a barely audible voice.

Survivors of Williams, Anderson and Moulson all filed multimillion-dollar tort claims against Jerome County and the sheriff's office in the months following the deaths. The deadline for the county to answer those claims has long since passed, so any or all of them could blossom into full-blown lawsuits. Attorneys representing all three parties said recently there are no immediate plans to file suit, but none of them had ruled out the possibility.

The claims are all aimed at finding some reason and blame for the deaths. Those probably won't be easy issues to iron out.

The raid

One thing almost everybody can agree on is that the testimony of Mary Ann Taylor put things in motion. Taylor had for years

worked as a confidential informant for law enforcement agencies around the valley. But records have shown that some agencies had opted to quit using her because she was considered unreliable.

While working as a drug informant for the Jerome County Sheriff's Office, Taylor shortly before the Jan. 3 raid had moved in with Williams. Friends and family of Williams have said she and Williams were romantically involved.

But Williams was said to be afraid of and known to have had confrontations with Doug Norgard, Taylor's ex-boyfriend. Acting on a tip from Taylor that Williams had a significant stash of marijuana in his house, Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver got a search warrant and organized a raid on the house. Taylor was present while the raid was planned, according to reports.

Reports from Idaho State Police investigators also say: Please see EDEN, Page A7

F.S. chief seeks end of 'analysis paralysis'

The Associated Press



Dale Bosworth

WASHINGTON - Environmentalists and the timber industry tend to be two bookends on a long shelf. Rarely do they meet, particularly now, as the Forest Service changes three key policies put in place by the Clinton administration.

While environmentalists believe President Bush's team is chipping

away at hard-won forest safeguards, timber industry representatives welcome relief from what they saw as an overzealous bureaucracy. Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth finds himself caught between the two, each with a passionate interest in the 192 million acres of federal forest and grasslands, used for everything from fishing to producing timber to sheltering wildlife.

There are so many confusing regulations, the national forests are in a state of "analysis paralysis" - lots of planning and evaluating, but little action, Bosworth said in an interview after eight months on the job.

He wants to make policies clear and regulations easier to understand. "I don't want them to add so much

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Optimism prevails among college students despite attacks, economy

The Associated Press

DEKALB, Ill. - This is supposed to be their test - the first real adversity for a generation of college students who grew up in a golden age of prosperity. The nation is fighting terrorism. The economy is sputtering. And yet, at the end of the tumultuous year of 2001, many feel optimistic about the future.

Take Norman Winkfield. He's 21 and a junior at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, where he's studying hospital administration and nursing. "I know I will get a job. I know it," he says, emphasizing the word "know." "I'm

'Maybe it's just 17-year-old naiveite that we're all going to be fine. But that's how I feel.'

- Elizabeth Ontaneda, college student

determined." The University of Southern California in Los Angeles, freshman Elizabeth Ontaneda sees things much the same. "Maybe it's just 17-year-old naiveite that we're all going to be fine," she says. "But that's how I feel."

Others do, too. A month after Sept. 11, Harris Interactive and Northwestern Mutual life insurance company followed up on a survey of college students they did last spring. They wanted to see if the attacks had dimmed college students' generally rosy view of the future.

When asked if they felt the country is headed in the right direction, 78 percent of the young respondents said "yes," compared with just over half who said that last spring.

"They have lived through so many years of prosperity. I

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Bush pushes Pakistan

President wants leader to eliminate extremists

The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas - President Bush urged Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf on Saturday to take new steps to rein in "extremists" who led a deadly attack on India's Parliament this month, edging those two nations toward war. Bush said he feared the conflict could unravel the U.S.-led coalition against terrorism.

Bush's demand contrasted with the tone of his remarks Saturday to Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He assured Vajpayee the United States would cooperate with India in its fight against terrorism. In a sign of the growing sense of urgency within the administration about the military buildup in the region, Bush called both leaders Saturday morning during his vacation here.

Bush expressed appreciation for Pakistan's "continued support" during the U.S.-led military campaign in neighboring Afghanistan, and urged both men to exercise restraint, said White House spokesman Scott McClellan.

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Gooding considers ordinance

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

GOODING - Twin Falls County isn't the only county to come out with a draft ordinance on animal feeding operations before the new year rings in.

Gooding County planners have also finished a draft of their new ordinance. That's a very big deal in a county that has more dairy cows than any other county in Idaho. It's currently home to more than 85,000 dairy cows, according to the Idaho Dairywomen's Association.

Local dairywomen would like to see Gooding County's current 120-day moratorium on expansions of existing CAFOs and construction of new operations lifted as soon as a new ordinance is approved. Lewis Eilers, executive director of the Idaho Dairywomen's Association, questions the need for moratoriums in the first place.

"Why have a moratorium?" Eilers asked. "Why not work off the old ordinance until a new one's in place?"

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Erin Henke, 23, a graduate student at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill., says that following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks everyday life in America has been forever changed. "It's going to be a less friendly country," she said.



James McLaren of Glasgow, Scotland, looks Saturday at the hundred of memorials outside St. Paul's Chapel in lower Manhattan for the victims of the World Trade Center attacks.

Sept. 11, economy dampen New Year's festivities

The Associated Press

It wouldn't be New Year's Eve without a little revelry, but a more subdued tone set, in part, by the events of Sept. 11 and a squeamish economy is prompting some Americans to stay home or celebrate at small gatherings with friends this year.

Among them are New Yorkers Michael and Colleen Frichinello, who decided last-minute to make filet mignon and stuffed mushrooms for a dozen friends at their apartment just two blocks from Ground Zero.

"A lot of them have been cautious about coming to our place in fear of what they might see,"

Michael says. "But I think that being there on the last day of 2001 with friends will give it a bit of meaning."

Christine Sobolak of Chicago plans to cook dinner with her boyfriend instead of attending her usual parties.

"Spending \$150-plus on one night feels somehow inappropriate this year," the 23-year-old says.

Some larger celebrations — like Denver's citywide party — have been canceled because of concerns over safety and security costs.

For some, celebrating at home is nothing new.

Each year, Brian Bierley of Bloomfield-Township, Mich.,

toasts the New Year with sparkling grape juice and the same person — his grandmother Clara, now 90.

They play cards, watch a little football, eat good food and make

confetti with paper punches, the 30-year-old Bierley says. Then they watch Dick Clark's annual New Year's Eve show, which is expected to be even popular this year.

FBI watches suspects with possible terrorist ties

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The FBI is conducting more than 150 separate investigations into groups and individuals in the United States with possible ties to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization, according to senior U.S. officials.

The domestic targets include dozens of people who are under electronic surveillance through national-security warrants, and others who are being watched by undercover agents attempting to learn more about their activities and associates, officials said.

Until now, law enforcement authorities had not disclosed the number of active al-Qaida investigations in the United States. The large number of cases suggests the FBI's efforts against the terrorist network have gone well beyond the widely publicized dragnet that has ensnared hundreds of people in the United States and overseas.

U.S. counterterrorism investigators are unsure exactly how many al-Qaida operatives and sympathizers are in the United States, although in the days after Sept. 11 they identified four or five active cells that they put under intensive surveillance. Many of the active investigations involve people with marginal or unclear ties to al-Qaida, and are unlikely to result in criminal charges, officials said.

But the sheer number of active FBI investigations suggests the al-Qaida presence is far broader than previously known, several terrorism experts and law enforcement officials said.

"It is a good indicator of the depth of al-Qaida presence here," said Robert Blitzer, a former FBI counterterrorism official.

Firefighters face reprimands for using truck

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — Five on-duty firefighters who used a ladder truck to help an off-duty colleague propose to his sweetheart on Christmas Eve have been reprimanded.

Fire Chief Richard Lazarus said the crew did not have permission to use the rig.

"The equipment belongs to the citizens," Lazarus said. "They shouldn't use city property for their own use."

Adam Deary's friends helped him climb to the top of a fire truck ladder and reach the balcony of his girlfriend's apartment to propose. Andrea Jones accepted.

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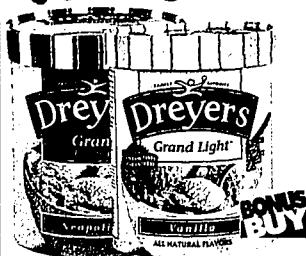
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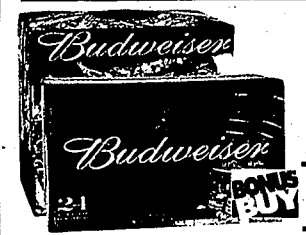
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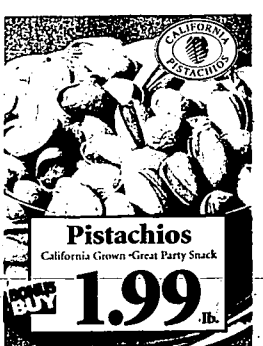
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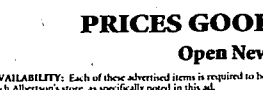
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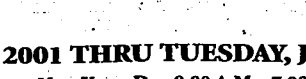
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Optimism

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think it's going to take a while for things to truly hit them," says Deanna Tillich, who oversaw the surveys for Northwestern Mutual. "Their feathers are not going to get ruffled easily."

Those who deal with students on a daily basis say they're not all that surprised by the findings. "Imagine what it would mean if 18-, 19-, 20-year-olds weren't optimistic," says Steven Nock, a sociologist at the University of Virginia, noting that young people often feel invincible.

"I mean, we're talking about a generation that doesn't wear condoms or seat belts."
Still, he has noted the attacks have had a sobering effect on some of his students. For example, they're expressing more interest in careers in public service - from the CIA to the Peace Corps, he says.

Kim Sayles, a senior and basketball standout at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, will graduate this spring and has applied to be a Secret Service agent, a job she feels is "even more important" since the attacks.

And Chris McLemore, a senior studying political science at Kansas State University, says he's worrying a whole lot less about finding a high-paying job.

"I'm not averse to a large salary, but I'm terrified of working my life away and not spending time with my family and friends," he says. "The pursuit of money seems empty now."
The shift toward altruism has

caught the eye of David Myers, a social psychologist at Hope College in Holland, Mich., who's been comparing the value college students place on money vs. spirituality over the years.

In recent years, he says a growing number of college freshmen (nearly three-quarters in 2000) have said it is "very important" to be well off. Only about 40 percent placed that value on a "meaningful philosophy of life."

Myers wonders if recent events will cause a shift in those numbers and whether they'll stick.

But some students say they haven't noticed much altruism on campus and wonder if their peers are really paying much attention.

Even before she arrived at USC this fall, Ontaneda planned to get her doctorate in economics. She wants to work in economic development in the public sector but says most students she meets still aren't interested in a public-service career.

"I hear a lot of people who say, 'Oh I want to be a corporate lawyer,' and they don't really even know what that means," she says.

At Northern Illinois University, a public school surrounded by acres of now-dormant, yellowed corn fields, American flags still hang in many dorm windows. But at a cafeteria in the middle of campus, hardly anyone pays attention to news from Afghanistan that plays on a TV overhead.

"I'm not all too hip on what's going on over there," admits Anthony Merlo, a junior studying to be a teacher.

Students also have mixed emotions about joining the fight.
The Harris/Northwestern Mutual survey found that - even though most liked the direction the country is headed - about half of those surveyed after Sept. 11 said they'd be willing to fight for America. Before Sept. 11, the percentage was much higher, at 75 percent.

Nikkita Gardner says she thinks the reality of war probably scared off some people. But she says she wonders why her fellow young, black Americans would offer to fight in the first place.

"I think a lot of minorities feel like 'Why should we fight? What has our country done for us?'" Gardner, another Northern Illinois junior, said as she sold tickets to a banquet for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

More than the possibility of anyone being drafted, 23-year-old Erin Henke believes everyday life will be forever changed. "It's going to be a less friendly country," says Henke, a graduate student studying speech pathology. "I think people are going to be looking over their shoulders more."
That may be true. But Sayles, the student from Texas who wants to join the Secret Service, also says she doesn't want to live life in fear.

"I hope that I'll continue to take risks and go surfing, hopefully sky jump, continue to ride roller coasters," she says, "and drive in cars with the windows down."

Anthrax fumigation might conclude today

WASHINGTON (AP) - The latest effort to remove residual anthrax spores from the heating and ventilation system of a Senate office building was heading into a third day late Saturday.

Capitol Police Lt. Dan Nichols said at midday that fumigation of the Hart Senate Office Building should be completed Saturday evening, but officials later decided to give the process an additional 12 hours.

Environmental Protection Agency spokeswoman Bonnie Piper said a couple of hours after nightfall Saturday that techni-

cians hoped to finish by mid-morning today.

The building has been closed since Oct. 17, two days after an anthrax-laced letter was opened in the office of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle.

On Friday, technicians began pumping steam into the ventilation system to raise humidity. At first, as in a past attempt, the humidity remained below optimum levels.

Anthrax-killing chlorine dioxide was added at 5:30 p.m., EPA spokeswoman Jennifer Browne said. "They've got the humidity

where they need it," she said. "Everything is going as expected."
"To test the effectiveness of the gas, technicians have placed strips in the building that contain a bacteria more resistant to the chlorine dioxide than this strain of anthrax, Browne said. If the gas kills those bacteria, it is a good indicator that the anthrax is dead as well.

Nichols said the fumigation work, initially expected to be finished Saturday morning, was not being rushed. "We've decided to continue the fumigation to make sure we have a good kill of the anthrax spores," he said.

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January 2002

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Fee: \$25.00
Monday, January 7, 4:00 - 8:00 pm
Doctors Meeting Room
To Register Call 737-2007

Saturday, January 12, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon
Doctor's Meeting Room
To Register Call 737-2007

Tuesday, January 22, 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Doctor's Meeting Room
To Register Call 737-2007

Back School * Learn proper body mechanics and exercises to help prevent and/or treat common back injuries. **Pre-registration is required. Contact MVRMC Physical Therapy Services at 737-2126 for more information.**

Fee: \$25.00
Wednesday, January 9, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
MVRMC Rehabilitation Services, 560 Shoup Ave W - Twin Falls

Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, January 14, 6:00 p.m.
Education Center - Sage Room

Volunteering is an energizing experience, providing many rewarding opportunities. Volunteer opportunities include: patient visitor, refreshment cart hostess/host, information desk attendant, gift shop associate, clerical support, emergency room assistant, outpatient surgery hostess, and hospice patient companion. Bilingual volunteers also needed. **To volunteer, please call Volunteer Services at 737-2006.**

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Nutrition Through Life's Stages: Part I
Tuesday, January 15, 7 p.m.
Women's Health and Imaging Services (224 Martin Street)

Exercise Through Life's Stages: Part II
Tuesday, January 22, 7 p.m.
Curves for Women (778 Falls Avenue)

Weight Management Through Life's Stages: Part III
Tuesday, January 29, 7 p.m.
Women's Health & Imaging Services (224 Martin Street)

Breast Cancer Support Group * This is an on-going group open to breast cancer survivors or patients (male or female) and their families and friends. Special programs and guest speakers are offered periodically. The goal is to offer support, information, hope and humor to those dealing with cancer.

Monday, January 21, 7:00 pm
Cancer Center Reception area
For more information contact Lydia Gilman at 737-2979 or Mary Howard at 734-1766.

Free Breast Screening Education Program. The Facts About Breast Care. Learn the facts about early detection of breast cancer, self breast exam, examination by clinical specialist, and information about mammography. This program is offered free to all women (no age limit) through MVRMC Women's Health and Imaging Services, 224 Martin St. For more information or to make an appointment call 737-2192.

Birth to Parenthood

Childbirth Refresher Course * This class is designed for persons who have previously taken any prepared childbirth classes.

Childbirth preparation and procedures are reviewed, along with a tour of the Women's and Infant Center. **Pre-registration is required.**

Fee: \$15.00
Wednesday, January 2, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
Education Center Sage Room

Tuesday, January 15, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
Education Center Sage Room

Thursday, January 24, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
Education Center Sage Room

Big Kids Klub * A class designed to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby.
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\$10/family with two or more children
Saturday, January 5, 10:00 - 11:30 am
Doctors Meeting Room
To Register Call 737-2900

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

Fee: \$40.00
Tuesday, January 8 - February 5, 7:00 - 9:30 pm
Education Center Sage Room
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Healthy Kids

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

Cesarean Childbirth Class * This class is available to anyone wishing to learn more about cesarean deliveries, post-partum care instructions, medications, hospital procedures, non-conforming labors. **Pre-registration is not required.**

Fee: \$15.00
Wednesday, January 9, 7:00 - 9:30 pm
Education Center Sage Room
Tuesday, January 22, 7:00 - 9:30 pm
Education Center Sage Room

Thursday, January 31, 7:00 - 9:30 pm
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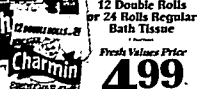
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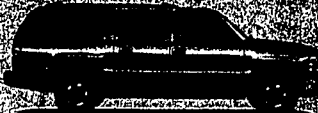
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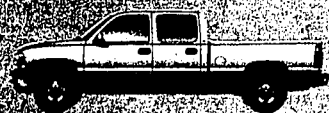
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Snow squalls cause deadly pile-ups

LOGANTON, Pa. (AP) — At first, Pattianne Gibson couldn't see anything when a sudden snowstorm shrouded her minivan. Then she saw cars slamming together, and people leaping to help each other in the fiery pile-up.

Survivors told of rescues amid tragedy after snow squalls and slick roads caused chain-reaction accidents on three Pennsylvania interstates, killing at least eight people and injuring dozens.

After starting the season with little or no snow, fierce winter storms have spread from Lake Superior to eastern Pennsylvania this week, causing whiteouts in Pennsylvania and burying much of northern Michigan and Buffalo, N.Y., under more than 6 feet of snow.

National Guard troops were at work Saturday helping Buffalo dig out after a record-breaking, five-day storm, and crews from nearby Rochester, N.Y., and Toronto also helped out. The 83.5 inches of snow this month — 82.3 inches since Monday — made it by far the snowiest month in Buffalo history. The old record was 68.4



Smoke billows from the wreckage of vehicle after a multi-car pile-up Friday on Interstate 80 near Lock Haven, Pa.

inches in 1985. A 75-mile stretch of the New York State Thruway, a major east-west highway, was opened Saturday for the first time since Thursday. Buffalo Niagara International Airport had reopened Friday evening. U.S. Rep. Jack Quinn and Sen.

Charles Schumer asked President Bush to provide federal help for Buffalo. Schumer estimated snow removal costs at \$5 million. "The president has nicknames for everyone and he calls me the big man from Buffalo," Quinn said. "I'm 6-foot-5 and I'm going to tell him the snow is over

the big man's head." Heavy snow, wind and cold turned highways to ice and blinded drivers in central Pennsylvania, causing several crashes Friday, including a fiery 51-vehicle pileup on Interstate 80 near Loganton. Six people were killed.

Police seek man whose wife, children turned up dead

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The mystery began less than a week before Christmas, when residents of a trailer park spotted a child's body, small and pale, floating about two feet from shore in a coastal inlet near Waldport.

No one claimed the child, a 5-year-old with blond hair and hazel eyes, so the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department released a retouched photograph and a plea for the public's help.

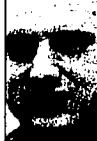
Within a week, divers would find three more bodies — the boy's sisters and mother. By Christmas, police had launched a nationwide search for the children's father, a longtime Michigan resident with a history of financial trouble and a record of petty crime.

On Friday, police issued a warrant for the man's arrest on four counts of aggravated murder. Autopsy reports showed the children were victims of violence, and Lincoln County District Attorney Bernice Barnett said their father had been seen Dec.

26 in the San Francisco area. The discovery of the children's bodies shocked Waldport, a town of about 2,000 that relies on logging, fishing, crabbing and tourism to get by. Residents set up an impromptu memorial on a bridge spanning Alsea Bay, where the first two children were found.

On Christmas Eve, a tip led investigators to Michigan, where family members identified the children as Zachary Michael Longo, 5, and 3-year-old Sadie Ann Longo. Their parents, Mary Jane and Christian Longo, had moved to the coastal city of Newport from Ypsilanti, Mich., about three months earlier, police said. They also had another child, Madison, age 2.

That same day, police in a Portland suburb found the family's empty van outside a car dealership. Then, on Dec. 27, divers found the bodies of Mary Jane Longo, 35, and Madison in a bay about 14 miles north of Waldport. Christian Longo, 27, was still missing Friday.



Christian Longo

Park closings reflect state's continuing monetary problems

NORRIS, Tenn. (AP) — Longtime clerk Connie Lawson spent the last week in November leaving through a thick stack of pink reservation forms at Norris Dam State Park so she could return \$9,000 in deposits.

Wedding receptions, family reunions and other gatherings — all canceled because the state was closing 14 parks including Norris Dam, and cutting hours of the remaining 37 parks to save money. "I don't see how this is really going to help," she said. "Especially after the Sept. 11 attacks, people are going to want to come to places like this."

But the options are growing fewer for Tennessee, where financial troubles began long before the terrorist attacks pushed the national economy into a recession.

A three-year stalemate in the General Assembly over tax reform and the proposed creation of a state income tax has led to a tightening of budget cuts in Tennessee, which depends heavily on its 6 percent sales tax, is one of nine states without a personal income tax.

Forty-three states are now reporting revenues aren't keeping pace with budget expectations, and 22 already have begun cutbacks or hiring freezes, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

"Tennessee may serve as a model in a sense in that most other states are just now encountering for the first time a budget situation that Tennessee has sort of had a couple of years experience with," NCSL senior policy specialist Arturo Perez said.

"Somebody from Tennessee described the situation to me as: 'We cut the fat in the first year. We cut to the bone last year. And what we are going to do this year is kind of unanswered,'" he said.



Fred Talley, park manager at Norris Dam State Park, stands at the entrance to the park in November. The park is scheduled to be closed Friday.

The state has drained reserve funds for various departments and used one-time monies to pay for continuing obligations while watching its credit rating fall.

Over Gov. Don Sundquist's veto, the Legislature enacted a budget this year balanced with four years' worth of tobacco settlement money (some \$560 million) along with about \$100 million in cuts to education and corrections.

Still, state Finance Commissioner Warren Neel estimates the state's \$19.6 billion budget could end up more than \$300 million in the red, and be short as much as \$800 million next year.

Some now are talking about tapping the state's \$178 million rainy day fund or raiding the state highway fund that's supported by a dedicated gasoline and diesel tax.

Road-builders are up in arms. So are college students, who saw tuition jump 15 percent this fall. But the park closings are stir-

ring up the most public ire.

Amy Byrge, 30, said she can't imagine not being able to take her four young children to Norris Dam to fish, walk the trails or use the playground. "It has been here forever, as long as I can remember, and I have lived here all my life," she said. Closing it "is crazy. It is a shame."

The Department of Environment and Conservation understands. "State parks aren't just a government service, they are an emotional experience," spokeswoman Kim Olson said.

Some 15,000 people signed a petition to keep Norris Dam open. It wasn't immediately successful, but Sundquist already is talking about asking the Legislature early next year to find the money to reopen parks.

"As long as we can put a teacher in front of 25 kids and the football team shows up on Saturday night at the university they seem to think it is OK," said Bill Fox, a University of Tennessee economist who advises state government. "What nobody seems to get is that quality diminishes."

House Finance Chairman Matt Kisher, D-Jackson, said he can't predict how a divided Legislature will respond to tax reform when it returns to session Jan. 8.

But, he said, there was no question the closing of the state parks has helped to crystallize the budget problem.

It demonstrates that we don't have the resources to do the discretionary things that we would like to do," Kisher said.

Falwell tops brain-dead awards list

The Washington Post

The editors of Mad magazine, who describe themselves as "America's foremost experts in stupidity," have given their top award in "The Dumbest People, Events and Things of 2001" to Jerry Falwell, former head of the now-defunct Moral Majority. John Ficarra, co-editor, said: "We thought Falwell had reached his personal pinnacle of dumbness a few years ago when he accused the Teletubbies of promoting homosexuality... We underestimated him."

Falwell won the award for charging that "abortionists, feminists, gays and lesbians" were responsible for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Falwell made the charge during an appearance shortly after the attacks on Pat Robertson's show on the Christian Broadcasting Network.

Other political events and persons awarded spots on Mad's top 20 dumbest list were:

- "Bill Clinton Gets a Sweet \$10 Million Book Deal."
- "The Supreme Court Snuffs Out Medical Marijuana."
- "Fuzzy Math: The Bush Tax Rebate."
- "Weird Beard: Al Gore Grows Facial Hair."
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Pakistan will crack down on schools

Knight Ridder News Service

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan's military regime appears poised to clamp down on the militant Islamic religious schools that preach holy war against the United States and that sent thousands of students to fight in Afghanistan for the Taliban.

The U.S. government, which views the schools as recruiting grounds for terrorists, has been pressing Islamabad for such a crackdown for several years.

Now, in the wake of the terrorist attacks on the United States, the government of Gen. Pervez Musharraf has drafted a law that would boost its authority to regulate the institutions.

The law would give the state power over what the schools teach, their funding, enrollments and teachers.

Musharraf, who seized power in a 1999 coup, is expected to approve the law at a meeting of top aides on Monday unless tensions with India interfere, officials said.

The law could be the first step in a broader campaign by Musharraf to crush Islamic militants who advocate a Taliban-style regime for Pakistan and are blamed for killings and other violence.

Musharraf and other senior officials have been speaking in more aggressive terms about dealing with the threat from religious extremists since the collapse of the Taliban. Yet other promises by leaders to deal with Pakistan's problems have gone unfulfilled because of resistance, corruption or bureaucratic inertia.

Some 5,000 religious schools, or madrassas, are known to be operating across the country, providing free food, board and instruction to hundreds of thousands of boys and young men. The state-run education system, meanwhile, has virtually broken down.

Only some of the religious schools are believed to be of grave concern to Pakistani and U.S. officials.

Knight Ridder obtained a copy of the draft law, which would establish a Religious Institutions Board to license madrassas, review their financing, teaching materials and staff qualifications and set minimum standards for curricula, examinations, degrees and teachers.

Any madrassa failing to meet those standards could be shut down immediately.

The board would also be empowered to ensure that a madrassa does "not encourage an atmosphere of religious confrontation, sectarianism, polarization or hatred" and does "not indulge in military or paramilitary training or use of equipment for such purpose."

Islamic political parties and militant groups are likely to resist any attempt by the government to regulate madrassas, possibly with violence.

"If forced, we will take the law into our own hands and the responsibility goes to the government," said Asadullah Abasi, a top official of Jamiat-e-Ulema Islam (JUI), an organization that runs hundreds of madrassas, had close ties to the Taliban and educated some of its top leaders.

BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE ...



A woman covers her face as she holds a child in a shelter dug into the side of a hill in the Kandak refugee camp outside Shulgara, in the Balkh province of northern Afghanistan, Thursday. The Red Cross estimates that as many as 6 million Afghan residents will need aid during the winter months.

Reid illustrates diversity of terrorists

Los Angeles Times

PARIS - At first glance, Richard Reid doesn't fit the image of the stealthy, disciplined, highly trained terrorist that was burned into the public imagination by the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Reid, accused of trying to ignite explosives-packed shoes on an American Airlines flight bound for Miami, showed up at Charles de Gaulle airport Dec. 21 with no luggage other than a knapsack containing a Koran.

Passengers thought the shaggy, 6-foot-4 Briton looked like a vagrant. Suspicious airline security guards referred him to police for questioning.

But Reid, 28, withstood lengthy interrogation and made it onto American Airlines Flight 63 the next day, which indicates he was better trained and more effective



Richard Reid

than he seems, according to law-enforcement officials.

As his case shows, there is no pat, ready-made profile for terrorism suspects. Despite a tendency to see successful attackers as icy professionals and failed ones as bumbling, the reality is more nuanced and contradictory.

"Just because the Sept. 11 group were cold, well-prepared, neatly dressed, does not mean they are all like that," a French anti-terrorism official said. "Reid was very much in control of himself. They cultivate this psychological strength in the (terrorist) training camps."

If Reid was a member of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, as investigators on both sides of the Atlantic suspect, his handlers may have chosen him because he was cool under pressure. In unseemly ways, he did match the familiar profile of a jailhouse convert to Islam who plunges into the baleful world of extremism and journeys to Afghan terrorist training camps. And he had a rare cover: an Anglo name and a British passport.

Even his distinctive, down-and-out appearance may have been a kind of reverse undercover strategy, based on a calculation that he looked too obvious to be a real threat, experts said.

"He had one most important trait - he was very calm in an extremely stressful situation," said Magnus Ranstorp, a terrorism expert at St. Andrews University in Scotland.

Yemen detains 80 at Islamic institute

ADEN, Yemen (AP) - Yemen has detained 80 foreign students and teachers from a fundamentalist Islamic institute during a crackdown on illegal residents, a security official said Saturday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said authorities were investigating whether the foreigners - all men - were in the country legally. The deten-

tions came near the end of a 30-day grace period provided to foreigners to legalize their presence in the country.

The foreigners, mostly from Arab and South Asian countries, were studying and teaching at the private Dar Al-Hadith institute in the Abida tribal region - the same area where Yemeni special forces have been searching for members

of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network in recent weeks. Heavy fighting Dec. 18 killed at least 24 soldiers and six tribesmen.

Afghan government endures tough week

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - The women's affairs minister spent her first three days on the job in tears, overwhelmed by a litany of tales about the suffering that Afghan women endured during five years of repressive Taliban rule.

"They were really traumatized so much that we just started crying," Sima Samar said. "We didn't know what else to do."

For some of the ministers in Afghanistan's interim government, the first week in office - which ended Saturday - was spent coming to face to face with the enormity of the task of shedding the country's dark, war-torn past.

With hopes for rebuilding high, but expectations realistic after decades of chaos, the ministers also began counting up what few resources they have.

"We are starting with almost nothing," Finance Minister Amin Arsalna said, pointing out that the central bank has been looted. "It will take time to generate our own revenue and develop some sort of reserves. Initially we hope to receive some budgetary support from the international community."

Rebuilding the economy and the country will cost billions of dollars, he said. And some divisive issues have emerged, particularly the presence of foreign peacekeepers and the terms of an agreement that defines their role and numbers.

Defense Minister Mohammed Fahim, whose soldiers still patrol the city, wants only 1,000 peacekeepers, saying another 1,000 can perform humanitarian work and 1,000 can stay at Bagram Air Force base, 36 miles north of Kabul, as a reserve force. He also wants the peacekeepers here for only six months.

But Prime Minister Hamid Karzai says they should stay as long as they are needed - six months minimum - and should number as many as 200.

Arsalna insists that ordinary Afghans are united in wanting an international force to ensure

peace and stability. Many predict that without peacekeepers, their new government will collapse into feuding groups.

Arsalna said people don't expect much because they are scarred by the bitter feuding that marked the 1992-96 rule of Kabul by some of the same people now in power. Today, most people are putting their faith in the international community, he said.

"Most importantly, the world is paying attention to Afghanistan. A lot of expectations are on the shoulders of the international community, and if they don't play the right role, they will have done an injustice to the Afghan people," he said.

Samar has a daunting task: There never has been a women's affairs ministry, so for the time being she has no budget and no staff and no budget. For now, women - all still wearing the all-enveloping burqa mandated by the Taliban - find her at her newly acquired home, sitting on a carpeted floor.

But proudly, she says with a laugh: "I am the only minister who doesn't have a gunman standing outside."

Wearing a thin white scarf that barely covered her short-cropped brown hair, Samar is a blunt talker. She bemoaned her countrymen's bad luck with leaders.


Rabbani's regime was not much better than the rigidly Islamic Taliban movement that ousted it in 1996 and is now reviled by most of the world as allies of terrorist suspect Osama bin Laden, she said.

She has been horrified by the stories from scores of women. One woman recalled seeing a Taliban beat a woman with a glass bottle because she lifted her burqa to quiet her crying child.

"First of all I think security is the main issue," Samar said. "I think as soon as the men with the Kalashnikovs (rifles) are out of the city, the women will be sure no harm will come to them and they will take off their burgas. Right now they don't feel safe."



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Leader urges tough stand by military

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — President Megawati Sukarnoputri called on her country's military not to worry about violating human rights and to act "without any doubts" to protect the sprawling nation from separatist campaigns.

"Suddenly we are aware ... of the need of a force to protect our beloved nation and motherland from breaking up," Megawati, a nationalist who rose to power in July with the backing of the military, said Saturday.

She told top commanders and thousands of troops at a military parade in Jakarta to respect the law in the course of their duties.

"With that as your guide, you can do your duty without worrying about being involved in human rights abuses," she said. "Do everything without any doubts."

Despite accusations that the army has staged political killings and run death squads, military chiefs say fear of violating human rights has prevented soldiers from coming down on troublemakers in Indonesia's many conflict zones.

Bloodshed in 1999 in East Timor — blamed on the Indonesian army — prompted the United States to sever its relationship with Indonesia's armed forces. Congress outlawed the resumption of ties until those responsible for the violence that followed East Timor's vote for independence were brought to justice.

Megawati, however, has backed the United States' war against terrorism and was one of the first foreign leaders to visit Washington following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Last week, Washington partially stepped its ban by allowing Indonesia on a list of Southeast Asian countries to take part in U.S.-sponsored counterterrorism training programs.

Indonesia's army was one of the pillars of former dictator Suharto's 32-year reign, and he used it to crush any opposition to his rule. Since Suharto was forced from office in 1998, commanders have acknowledged on numerous occasions that members of the army have committed human rights abuses.

Rights activists say little has changed in the past three years. The army is accused of committing widespread abuses in the provinces of Irian Jaya and Aceh, where separatists are fighting to break away from Indonesia.

On Thursday, army commander Gen. Endriartono Sutarto said his men's morale was low because of media attention on their alleged abuses.

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Marine Lance Cpl. Fernando 'Junior' Ibarra from San Antonio, Texas, plays a game of 'push-up poker' Saturday next to his foxhole as Cpl. Stephen Fox of Cherry Point, N.C., looks on inside the American military compound at the Kandahar airport, Afghanistan. Both are with the 28th Marine Expeditionary Unit. On Saturday, the Marines received a batch of war prisoners from northern Afghanistan to a detention facility where suspected al-Qaida and Taliban fighters face interrogation — and possible imprisonment in Cuba afterward. Military officials gave few details about the operation, which began Friday and involved dozens of American troops in bulletproof vests and armed with assault rifles. The number of inmates at Kandahar — which has room for at least 250 — has risen steadily the past week, and the Pentagon expected dozens more in coming days.

FBI puts hopes on al-Qaida prisoners for bin Laden info

Chicago Tribune

KOHAT, Pakistan—From midnight to dawn last week six FBI agents grilled 139 captured fighters of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network behind the concrete walls of a jail here in search of clues that might lead U.S. forces to the world's most wanted terrorist. Some of the prisoners questioned have insisted they saw bin Laden alive two weeks ago. However, all adamantly refused to reveal where they saw him. The prisoners also say Taliban leader Mullah Omar escaped America's devastating bomb attacks.

With the fate of the bearded master terrorist still a mystery after two months of airstrikes in Afghanistan the U.S. appears to pin its main hope for a breakthrough in the manhunt on the results of the interrogations.

In this part of the world Washington is facing growing criticism that its massive anti-terrorist campaign has been a futile exercise since it left at least two-thirds of the estimated 6,000-member al-Qaida forces still at large, its leader vanished into thin air and large parts of impoverished Afghanistan in ruins.

In the desperate hunt to find new traces of bin Laden the FBI team has been supplemented by round-the-clock help. Interrogations are also being conducted by separate teams from Pakistan's mili-

tary intelligence and a squad of intelligence agents from the home countries of the captured men.

Fiducious passage sources close to the interrogations said all teams carry out separate questioning and then pool the results. According to the same sources a few of the captured al-Qaida members boasted they saw bin Laden at a location in Afghanistan only four days before they were arrested Dec. 18 while attempting to cross the border into Pakistan disguised as refugees.

One of the chilling disclosures of the weeklong interrogation marathon, according to the source, was the realization that many of the al-Qaida prisoners believe there will be another major terrorist attack somewhere in the world.

From what they have gleaned, the interrogators estimate 2,000 Saudis alone passed through al-Qaida training camps over the past few years.

The questioning began on Christmas Eve when six Americans who described themselves as FBI agents arrived in this dusty town ringed by mountains. For the next five days the six agents, working in teams of three, flew every night from Islamabad to the Kohat airbase in a Pakistani Air Force plane to interrogate an average of 25 prisoners until dawn. Then they returned by air to Islamabad.

New Ebola case in Gabon increases fear

MAKOKOU, Gabon (AP) — Doctors confirmed Saturday that a 16-year-old boy has the Ebola virus and another patient has similar symptoms, prompting fears the deadly disease is continuing to spread in Central Africa.

The boy was admitted last week at Makokou's hospital and tested for Ebola, which already has killed 21 people in Gabon and neighboring Republic of Congo, regional health director Prosper Abessolo Mengue said Saturday.

Another patient was admitted Friday with symptoms of the disease, including fever, diarrhea and vomiting. Medical officials have identified 18 Ebola cases in this remote part of Gabon since the outbreak began in late October, according to government figures. Fifteen of those patients died.

Twelve more suspected cases have been identified in neighboring Republic of Congo, with six deaths.



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Mysterious Japanese boat's crew may have drowned

TOKYO (AP) — The results of autopsies on two bodies recovered from a mysterious boat sunk in a gunbattle last week showed they may have drowned, Japan's Coast Guard said Saturday.

Nakatoshi Naruse, a Coast Guard official, said the analysis performed by doctors at Kagoshima University in southwestern Japan was preliminary, and that a team of experts would issue a full report later.

The two dead men were among the boat's estimated 15 crew, who are presumed dead after a Dec. 22 clash with Japanese patrol vessels in the East China Sea. Three Japanese sailors were wounded in the battle.

Japanese authorities have gathered evidence suggesting that the ship came from North Korea.

But Tokyo has yet to prove who sent the ship or what it was doing off the Japanese coast when it ignored a Coast Guard order to stop for an inspection.

The autopsy report did little to clear up the questions. Japanese media, meanwhile, continued to speculate that the crew may have sabotaged their own ship to conceal their identities.

Coast Guard director general, Katsuhiko Nawano, told reporters Saturday that the best way to find out more about the sunken vessel would be to raise it from the ocean floor, 100 yards deep. Tokyo would need to consult with Beijing before moving ahead with such a plan, he said.

Japanese media have reported that the vessel, rigged as a trawler, was left behind by two other boats after engine trouble prevented it from fleeing the area at full speed.

That information, along with pictures indicating that the vessels had left the North Korean port of Nampo, were collected by a U.S. spy satellite and intelligence reports from allies, according to Japanese newspaper reports. The Defense Agency, acting on a U.S. tip, also had tapped a radio exchange with the ship that was carried on a Pyongyang frequency, the reports said.

Japan and North Korea have disparaged each other for the incident, and South Korea has expressed worries that a diplomatic dispute could set back peace efforts in the region. Japan has no diplomatic ties with North Korea.

Weather eases bush fire crisis

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Stars were twinkling over Sydney on Saturday for the first time in a week after a cool sea breeze cleared smoke from 100 bush fires charring Australia's most populous state.

But even as the haze cleared, officials warned that the fire-shedding rain could set back Outback winds are forecast to push southern hemisphere sum-

mer temperatures toward 104. "Tomorrow is going to be one of the most potentially dangerous days we've ever faced as a community," New South Wales Premier Bob Carr told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio on Saturday.

New South Wales fire chief Phil Koperberg urged communities along the 370-mile fire front to remain calm.

A few of the gaffes that went with 2001

The past year got off to a flying start in terms of supplying items for the annual "goofs" column, that exercise in self-humiliation that has become a tradition here.

In the very first column of 2001, about notable retirees, I mentioned that Marc Racicot of Bloomina was "possibly the only governor whose home number was listed in the phone book and who answered calls from constituents himself." The next mail brought word from Mike Johanns, the governor of Nebraska, saying his is and he does. Any other claimants?

On Inauguration Day, contrasting the new President Bush with his father, I wrote that the "son inherits a peaceful world in which communism exists only in such threadbare places as Cuba and North Korea." Barry Mackintosh of Potomac, Md., wondered how I could have overlooked a rather large and decidedly communist country called China. A senior moment, perhaps?

The past year had few elections — a lucky thing, since I managed to be wrong on many of those that did occur. I virtually elected Antonio Williams as mayor of Los Angeles before the voters decided they preferred Jim Hahn. I did elect Mark Green in New York City — "almost a cinch to win in that Democratic city," said I, especially since opponent Michael Bloomberg "has committed so many gaffes." Amazingly, Bloomberg turned out to be put-down and is the new mayor.

I also screwed up a column about the new Democratic primary calendar two different ways. First, I failed to make it explicitly clear that Democrats were moving onto the accelerated schedule Republicans already had adopted. And second, I completely belittled the Democrats' rule on winner-take-all vs. proportional allocation of delegates. As old friend and rules maven Donald Fowler of South Carolina (along with Rob Richie of the Center for Voting and Democracy) gently reminded me, Democrats have required since 1984 that delegates be apportioned among candidates who receive at least 15 percent of the primary or caucus votes. I'm obviously a slow learner.

Those were not the only misjudgments. After visits to San Diego and Salem, Ore., last spring, I exaggerated the imminence of the energy crisis — but it still worries me that we have no national energy policy to reduce our dependence on Persian Gulf oil.

These were not the columns that caused the most controversy or brought waves of criticism, however. The largest and most vituperative response was triggered by my description of retiring North Carolina Sen. Jesse Helms as "the last prominent



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unabashed white racist politician in this country." The reaction was no surprise; I knew I would hear from the Helms fans. But the judgment stands.

More surprising was the response to one phrase in a column written the morning after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. I wrote: "As in the past, in times of national tragedy, it fell to the president to express the public's sense of loss and to affirm the nation's determination to respond. After a shaky start, when Bush seemed to be seeking a hideaway from both unknown enemies and his own nerves, he gathered the strength to do just that in his brief Oval Office address Tuesday night and again on Wednesday morning."

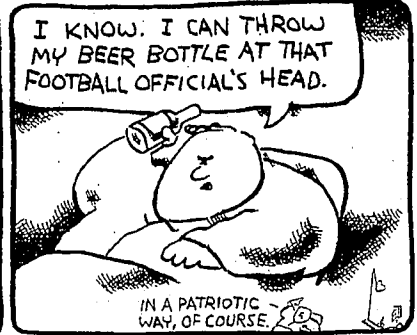
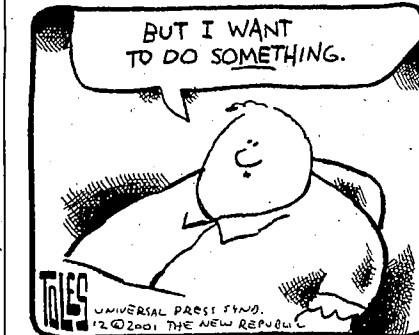
I thought I was describing a leader who had been momentarily shaken — as all of us were — but recovered quickly. Many readers, seeing the column days later, thought it a "cheap shot." Many referred to reports that Air Force One itself had been targeted — a claim the White House quickly withdrew.

In subsequent days, like many others, I lavished praise on the president, drawing fire from Democratic partisans for comparing his rhetoric in simplicity and force to Lincoln's. Unfortunately, the Lincoln "quote" which John F. Kennedy used repeatedly in the 1960 campaign, and which I ascribed to both Lincoln and Kennedy, turns out to have been spurious, according to William Lee Miller, the University of Virginia's Lincoln scholar. That means I have been complicit in that fraud for 41 years now.

How to atone? One thing for which I need not apologize. From Jan. 31 onward, when the deficit was suggested to me by two former Republican congressional staffers, Steve Hofman and Ed Kutler, and entered public debate through this column, I argued repeatedly that it would be far more prudent to rebate a portion of the existing budget surplus to taxpayers than to legislate large, permanent tax-rate reductions on the basis of a theoretical future budget surplus.

Congress enacted a rebate, but made it an add-on, not an alternative, to the Bush 10-year, \$1.3-trillion tax cut. Now, the surplus is gone, and next year we will start paying the price for that folly in a return to deficit spending. I'll take my goofs over theirs.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.



Turmoil has evolved into American optimism

In 2001, my brother-in-law Stanley died of a rare cancer. He was 56. There was no justice in his death.

Stanley had led a healthy life. He ate a balanced diet, had periodic checkups and exercised regularly — indeed, ran marathons for many years. His death was no less shattering to his wife, three young children (aged 11 to 13) and his sister (my wife) than the losses suffered by the families of Sept. 11's victims. There was, of course, one critical difference: Stanley's loved ones had a chance to say goodbye.

I do not mention this to minimize the impact of Sept. 11. Quite the opposite. There are parallels. What we learned in 2001 is that there's a lot we don't know — and much that we can never know. As a society and as individuals, we are creatures of habit. We trust certain beliefs and assumptions, follow certain routines and rely on certain people and institutions — all this to fend off the chaos and mystery that would otherwise make our lives unbearable. But sometimes, our defenses don't suffice. We are assaulted by forces that seem incomprehensible, unjust or evil. These are times of testing and discovery. So it was in 2001.

As I watched Stanley die, what impressed me most was his refusal to grow bitter. Oh, he detested his disease and fought it long after his doctors had obviously abandoned hope. He suffered the treatments and disappointments. He was angry, sad and, in the end, exhausted. But he never seemed to turn his fears and frus-



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trations on those around him.

Fate peeled away all his protective layers and showed him to be who he seemed: sometimes demanding and self-centered but fundamentally good-natured, warm, engaging and interested in almost everyone around him. He smiled and schmoozed through it all. His true character was revealed — and it was strong.

As a nation, we are (I think) undergoing a similar character test. In 2001, we suffered losses not just of people, but of some of the ideas that reassure and protect us in everyday life. Our faith in our safety has been shaken and, in a less identifiable way, our faith in progress. To these spiritual setbacks must also be added economic disillusion. People should have known that the economy could not perform almost flawlessly forever. But many Americans acted as if it could, and some of the loudest economic authorities talked as if it could.

One consequence of Sept. 11 — which until now has overshadowed the economy — is a paradox. By almost every objective measure, the country was in worse shape after Sept. 11 than before. But people said they felt better. Something happened to the national spirit that went beyond

the celebrity concerts, charitable donations and individual acts of courage and generosity. On poll after poll, people recorded more positive feelings about their country, leaders and institutions. This transcended President Bush's stratospheric approval ratings and suggested that those ratings reflected more than the president's calm performance.

In a Sept. 7 to Sept. 10 Gallup poll, 55 percent of the respondents said they were "dissatisfied with the way things are going in the United States," while only 43 percent were satisfied. By early December, 70 percent were satisfied and only 28 percent dissatisfied. In a July poll by Fox News, a mere 33 percent thought the country's "moral climate" was headed in the "right direction"; 56 percent thought it was on "the wrong track." In December, the ratings had reversed — 59 percent to 29 percent.

Possible explanations for the paradox abound: After any national tragedy, there's an outpouring of patriotism and collective concern; people were impressed by the many spontaneous acts of heroism, sacrifice and compassion; in times of crisis, we take refuge in the familiar — we need to trust our leaders, our institutions and each other; and in war, dissent and criticism become less respectable and acceptable. Maybe all of the above.

Life is often about handling adversity. Stanley and his wife, Raquel, did not have to suffer dignity from their depths because it was already at the sur-

face. She became expert in his complicated medical regime, ferried him between home, clinics and hospitals and compensated for his growing physical incapacity. She did it all with the love that, more than anything, he needed. In their coping with death, she and he gave their children — and anyone else who was watching — a powerful lesson in living.

As a society, we face new adversities. The struggle doesn't stop once the acute crisis has passed. We've all lost two of the great psychological props that create peace of mind — the trust in our physical and economic security. Because these will not quickly be restored, the testing of our true character continues.

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The parallels are real

In response to Mr. Goller's letter of Dec. 27 in which he states, "There is no parallel between abortion and what happened Sept. 11," I can only ask: Aren't the children killed by abortion innocent? Weren't the people in the World Trade towers, on the airplanes and in the Pentagon

innocent? Aren't they all victims of violence? Aren't they all equally dead?

Murder is murder — whether in the air, on the ground or in the womb. Let's at least recognize the true victims in these crimes and not minimize the acts simply because they are "legal."

KATY TOUCHETTE
Twin Falls

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Section B

Shed a tear for New Year's Eve

"And there's a hand, my trusty fiere,
And gie's a hand o' thine,
And we'll tak a right guid willie-waught
For auld lang syne.

"And surely ye'll be your pint-stoup,
And surely I'll be mine;
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne."

—From "Auld Lang Syne,"
by Robert Burns, circa 1700

If you want to know whatever happened to New Year's Eve, let me commend to you the holiday's theme song and its rarely sung third and fourth verses (see above).

Robert Burns was a literary genius and Scotland's national poet, but when he penned the aforementioned, he was clearly blotto. And that wretched excess set a sour tone for Dec. 31, of which Burns was fated to become pannon saint.

What a pathetic spectacle New Year's Eve is nowadays. Nobody revels in it any more; everybody stays home and watches "New Year's Rockin' Eve," nursing lukewarm Cold Duck and falling asleep on the sectional by 11:30. By the time the ball drops on Times Square, nobody else of Honolulu is awake to see it.

It was not even the, of course. Folks used to party, juke, live, Lindy-hop, boogie, cut a rug and generally get down with their own bad selves on New Year's Eve. But they also threw up, ran their Packards into stationary objects, and wore white lampshades on their heads after Labor Day.

So New Year's Eve was recalled, and now all that is left to us is to watch Dick Clark. Anybody who takes a cup o' kindness anywhere besides his or her own living room on Dec. 31 risks seeing in 2002 wearing an orange jumpsuit.

And it's not just the law that's the killjoy anymore: Our culture's tolerance for public tipping these days ranks just above public streaking.

Well and good, up to a point. But the collateral damage has been the repeal of Prohibition.

That's happened before, of course, when the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution — Prohibition — went into effect in 1920. Although it's certainly true that you don't need alcohol to have fun, the national mood then — as now — turned against Dumb Foolishness in general.

"The objection to the Puritans is not that they try to make us think as they do," H.L. Mencken wrote in 1928, "but that they try to make us do as they think."

And there is some value in howling at the moon, as 16th-century philosopher Erasmus pointed out.

"It is folly alone that stays the fugue of youth and beats off louring old age," he wrote.

New Year's Eve — at least in the party sense of the term — was patented so busy trying to be dull days before the beginning of Lent.

The genius of Carnival and its high unholy day on the eve of Ash Wednesday — Mardi Gras — is to take an ordinary Tuesday in February or March and use it to transform hell-raising into a civic duty.

The theory is that the more steam you let off on Fat Tuesday, the more faithfully you're apt to hevy to your Lenten vows.

That's an insightful interpretation of human nature, in my judgment. If we exert so busy trying to be dull on New Year's Eve, we'd spend less time making jackasses of ourselves the rest of the year.

For the greatest sin of New Year's Eve and the manner in which we keep it is that we take it all so seriously. It will, after all, be a Monday night party which will resolve to do the ennobling, the healthy and the physically impossible in the sure and certain knowledge that we will fail, and probably by Tuesday morning.

"Holidays and significant anniversaries are the stormy passages between experience and expectation," Gertrude Stein wrote. "It's best to take an umbrella."

It's amusing to think of the thundering hangover that Robert Burns must have endured the morning after he wrote the lines above. And exhibiting to think that he published them anyway.

Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor.

To our readers

The snowpacks as of December 29 is unavailable because of Internet problems.

HISTORY AT OUR FINGERTIPS



James Varley looks over his computer index of newspaper stories that he enters off of microfilm for the Twin Falls Public Library. Varley used a portable microfilm reading machine for two years to index two years' worth of historic newspapers.

Volunteers provide access to TF's past

By Loretta Burkhart
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — A world of information is being placed at the fingertips of anyone interested in the earliest accounts of Twin Falls history — in book form.

Through the volunteer efforts of James Varley and Marge Fluegel, four reference indexes of the chronological story of the city's existence are now available to the public, with a fifth volume nearing completion.

The project for easy access into the area's past began more than six years ago by sorting through names and dates and special events recorded on

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The following is among the detail available through the Twin Falls Public Library's newspaper reference indexes from 1904 through 1909:

- Twin Falls, founded by J.B. Perrine, came into existence on Oct. 28, 1904.
- The city's first official news publication was the Twin Falls Weekly News. It carried the first continuous coverage of the earliest days of Twin Falls.
- By 1906, the population was over 3,000.
- That same year was the first time that all 220,000 acres of the Twin

Nuggets of history

Falls tract was capable of being watered by the canal.

- The town sites of Buhl, Filer, Kimberly and Hansen were opened in 1906.
- The winter of 1906-07 was notable for a severe shortage of coal — It was so cold that "people at Nyssa had to use a westbound train and helped themselves to fuel," the newspaper reported. Also, some of the area's homesteaders used sagebrush to heat their "rude shanties."
- Most amusements were centered around the home, church and the community.
- A band was formed, and its first

performance was on Independence Day 1906.

- In 1907, the town was officially changed from village to city.
- In February 1907, Twin Falls County was formed from the western end of Cassia County.
- In August 1907, electricity from the Shoshone Falls power plant was turned on.
- The hospital was completed in 1907.
- The first theater, the "Majestic," opened in 1907.
- As canal construction continued, so did land sales.

Pedestrian dies from injuries after accident

GOODING — A pedestrian was killed Saturday morning from injuries he sustained in an accident with a semi.

Dirk Eugene Hayes, 34, of Graham, Wash., was killed when he attempted to cross between two trailers being pulled by a semi truck that had momentarily stopped, an Idaho State Police news release said.

Hayes was leaving the parking lot of the Maverik Country Store in Gooding by foot. A Kenworth tractor pulling a semi trailer and a pup trailer was stopped at the blinking light on U.S. Highway 26 when Hayes attempted to cross between the two trailers, the ISP said.

Hayes slipped and fell as he was climbing over the trailer hitch and was run over by the truck, the ISP said. Hayes died at the scene.

The accident occurred around 11 a.m., the ISP said. The driver of the semi truck, Gordon T. Miller, 37, of Hansen, was not injured.

The accident is still under investigation, the ISP said.

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — In Kosovo, it was called "ethnic cleansing," which enraged the world and led to the arrest and jailing of Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic to face an international war crimes trial for human rights abuses.

But no such action has been taken against such leaders of the mainland Chinese Communist government for its 1950 invasion and seizure of the tiny Himalayan kingdom of Tibet and of

Valley in brief

MV hospital releases snowmobiler who hit tree

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls snowmobiler was released Saturday from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after an accident near Magic Mountain.

Stacey Thompson, 21, of Twin Falls had no major injuries after hitting a tree while riding a snowmobile, said Johnny Johnson, range deputy with the Twin Falls Sheriff's Department. Thompson may have broken her shoulder or collarbone.

Johnson said speed was not a factor in the accident. No citations were issued.

"She just went off the trail and hit a tree," Johnson said.

Thompson was flown to Magic Valley Regional after the accident, which occurred around noon about five miles west of Magic Mountain.

— compiled from staff reports

Rupert waits for ruling on recount

By Sheri Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The city of Rupert waits on a judge to determine how to proceed in the City Council race between Layne Rutschke and John Garro.

Four recounts held Thursday resulted in a tie between the two candidates. City Attorney Rick Bollar will take the results to 5th District Judge John Melanson as early as Wednesday. Melanson ordered the recount earlier after a request to have a recount through the state attorney general's office was denied.

State statute calls for a coin toss in the case of a tie, Bollar said, and he will enter an order of determination calling for that coin toss.

However, the judge could potentially come up with an alternate way to resolve the matter, Bollar said.

Either of the two candidates could appeal the result of the coin toss, if it takes place, or the process of the recount that took them to the coin toss, Bollar said.

If the winner is to be declared by a coin toss, the toss should be held on Wednesday, Bollar said, which is within six days after the

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tie was declared. The statute says the coin toss should take place within six days of the tie and be performed by the city clerk.

The first City Council meeting of the year is scheduled for Wednesday night.

City Administrator Roger Bagley said if a winner is not declared by Wednesday night's meeting, Rutschke could deal with old business, but when new business began, he would not be a sworn-in council member and could not participate in the meeting as a council member.

In the event of a prolonged process to determine a winner,

MV police beef up patrols

By Robert Moyer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — New Year's Eve is certainly cause for celebration, as long as it's done responsibly, say south-central Idaho law enforcement officers.

Agencies across the Magic Valley are gearing up for the evening, beefing up patrols to make sure that the revelers don't endanger the public by driving after drinking. Unanimously, all officers emphasized the use of designated drivers — those who agree to not drink during the evening to ferry about those who are drinking — or taxi cabs.

No roadblocks are planned. Here's a round up of some of the region's jurisdictions:

Twin Falls

"The only thing I'm going to say about drinking and driving is: Don't do it," said Mike Covington, staff sergeant for the Twin Falls Police Department.

Covington said there's been a decrease in the number of drinking and driving-related arrests over the past few years. That last year's New Year's Eve fell on a Sunday and dampened some parties' plans may have helped reduce arrests, he added. He emphasized using a designated driver or taxi service regardless if a person is over the limit or not. "It's just a good policy," he said.

Buhl

Mike Couts, lieutenant with the Buhl Police Department, said that thanks to an extensive community education campaign over the years that emphasizes the designated driver program, he doesn't expect any alcohol-related incidents.

"We try to be proactive to prevent things rather than react to them."

If anything, this is the one night of the year that most parties will actually use a designated driver, he said.

Still, his office is going to have an extra officer. "I'm quite happy that our alcohol-related accidents have decreased over the years," he said.

The Buhl Police Department

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Dalai Lama's sister speaks in SV about Tibetans' plight

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

Beijing's attempts to erase Tibetan culture and religion.

Although she avoided dwelling on politics, Jetsun Pema, the 60-year-old sister of Tibet's 14th Dalai Lama, his holiness Tenzin Gyatso, hinted during an appearance hearing Saturday night that China's status as a major trading partner with the United States has colored Washington's unwillingness to act more forcefully on the plight of Tibet.

A soft-voiced but emphatic speaker, Pema told an overflow audience of 500 at the community school's gym that the

hope of Tibetans lies largely in a system of 86 schools-in-exile — called Tibetan Children's Villages — that now educate 27,000 Tibetan refugee children in Nepal and India and which she has supervised for the last 37 years.

Her appearance here, arranged by Kiril Sokoloff, a Ketchum resident and supporter of the Tibetan exile school system, was designed to stir contributions to operate existing schools as well as build new ones.

Pema said that since the Chinese occupation of Tibet, Chinese have systemati-

cally deprived children who have remained in the country of traditional Tibetan cultural tradition and education.

Tibetan children "are more Chinese than Tibetan" when educated in the new occupation's schools. In exiled schools run by Pema, not only are religious and cultural studies retained, but also three languages — Tibetan, English and Hindi.

Attempting to cleanse a Tibetan generation of its heritage is but one of the goals of China, Pema said. The Chinese have stripped mountainsides of trees for

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House explodes in Idaho Falls

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - A residential explosion obliterated one home, damaged others and blew debris across an entire neighborhood. But a chance decision by Shauna Taylor likely saved her family. Homeowner Todd Johnston was vacationing in Hawaii with his wife and six children. His sister, Taylor, came up from Utah to look after the home. On Thursday evening, she checked the house but decided to take her children and spend

the evening at her parent's home instead. The home exploded about 2 a.m. Friday. "I was supposed to be staying here," Taylor said. "I can't believe this happened. Somebody was watching over us." State investigators have been called in from Boise. But little remained of the new, two-story house, which Johnston, a carpenter, built himself. "The way things are looking, we're suspecting a natural gas

explosion," said Ammon Fire Chief Clarence Nelson. Food from the Johnston's refrigerator was scattered across neighbors' yards. Pieces of wood were embedded in a nearby garage along with a string of popcorn that had adorned the Johnston's Christmas tree. "Take a box of toothpicks and throw it on the ground so they scatter, and that's what the house looks like," Nelson said. "It caused a lot of damage to surrounding houses."

DEATH NOTICES

Thelma S. Widmier
PAUL - Thelma Sanford Widmier, 80, of Paul, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Emerson First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 127 S. 950 W., Paul, with Bishop Scott Stevenson officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

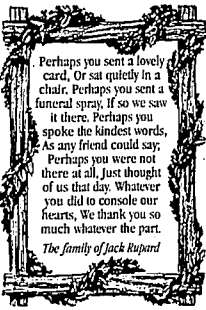
Retirement Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Katie Netz
TWIN FALLS - Katie Netz, 105, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001, in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Paul Holdeman
BUHL - Paul Holdeman, of Buhl, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Evan Jensen
WENDELL - Evan Jensen, 66, of Wendell, died Friday, Dec. 28,

2001, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.



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TWIN FALLS



Ron L. Alger
Ron L. Alger, 64, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, December 27, 2001, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after a short illness. Ron was born May 19, 1937, in Twin Falls, the son of Dallas B. and Myrtle Kendall Alger. Ron spent his entire life in this area and attended schools in Eden and Twin Falls. He was previously married to Juanita Richardson and they had four children. They were later divorced. On February 14, 1986, he married Barbara Cameron. They have shared many wonderful years together. He was an avid gardener who went out of his way to be a helpful companion. There will always be a tender spot in her heart for his thoughtfulness, his sweet sense of humor and special smile.

His primary profession for over 40 years was as a self-employed truck driver. He also enjoyed slide rule learning and restoring classic trucks, cars and tractors. For relaxation, he enjoyed boating, fishing, camping and spending time with his family, grandchildren, and wintering in the South. Ron will be truly missed by all his family and many lifelong friends. Ron is survived by his loving wife of 15 years, Barbara, three children, Cory (Chattii) Alger of Twin Falls, ID, Jennifer (Rod) Linja of Boise, ID, and Tiffany (Gregg) Thompson of Eiko, NV, four stepchildren, Steve Cameron of Phoenix, AZ, Mike (Lisa) Cameron of Twin Falls, ID, Lynette (Tom) Sievers of Kimberly, ID, and Kevin (Marlene) Cameron of Pocatello, ID, one sister, Luella (Notan) Schorzman of Twin Falls, ID, sister-in-law, Lillie Alger of Buhl, ID, 12 grandchildren who were all the apple of his eyes; and also three nieces and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Helen Corey and Emma Osborne, a brother, Ray, and one daughter, Julie.

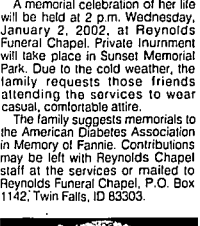
Funeral services for Ron will be held Thursday, January 3, 2002, 2 p.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Officiating will be Stan Sullivan. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho. Visitation will be held Wednesday, January 2, 2002, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.



Fannie May Branche
Fannie May Branche, 81, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died early Friday morning, December 28, 2001, at her residence, Birchwood Retirement Estates in Twin Falls. Fannie was born April 12, 1920, in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, to Harry and Elizabeth Gill Penhallow. She grew up and attended schools

in Massachusetts, graduating from Blackstone High School in 1937. She married Charles Keach in October 1938 in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. In 1953, they moved to California following the death of Charles in 1957. Fannie started a restaurant business called Pick Burger. She later met George Broome and they were married on January 30, 1975. They moved to Twin Falls in 1976, where Fannie worked several years for Idaho Frozen Foods before retiring in 1981. Fannie loved to crochet and could make just about anything, she also never forgot a family member on a special occasion such as birthdays, anniversaries and holidays. Fannie is survived by her husband, George of Twin Falls; one daughter, Judy (Gerald Sr.) Slocum of Twin Falls; six grandchildren, Cheryl (Roger) Gruenewald of Filer, Cyndi (Jeff) Horton of California, Chuck (Bonnie) Slocum of Salt Lake City, UT, Margie (R.D.) Adema of Twin Falls, Gerald Slocum of Seattle, WA, and Aloca (Willie) Dalton of Twin Falls; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Russell Keach; a sister, Marion; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 2, 2002, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Private Inurnment will take place in Sunset Memorial Park. Due to the cold weather, the family requests those friends attending the services to wear coats, comfortable attire. The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association or Memory Care Center. Contributions may be left with Reynolds Chapel staff at the services or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.



Nina Moselle Watkins
Nina Moselle Watkins, 84, of Twin Falls, died peacefully in her sleep on December 27, 2001. She was born May 29, 1917, in St. Charles, Idaho, the daughter of Lisle Charles and Maxine Wilhelmsen Christensen. On September 21, 1936, she married Elzo Thomas (Zeke) Watkins and the marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on April 11, 1961. They moved to Twin Falls in 1947 from Conda, Idaho, where they raised their family. In 1961, they moved to Ketchum, Idaho, and built and operated the Lift Haven Lodge at the bottom of Baldy Mountain. They retired in 1976 and moved back to Twin Falls in Twin Falls. She served in the 6th Ward as a Primary Teacher and counselor in the Relief Society Presidency. In the 11th Ward, she volunteered at the D.I. Center, did Genealogical Extraction work and sang in the ward choir. Nina had many dear friends who cared for her and visited her frequently, including the "Wild Bunch" boys. The Wild Bunch concern was greatly appreciated by her and her family. In her later years, she was a loyal fan of the Utah Jazz Basketball Team. She also enjoyed crocheting, making quilts and corresponding through cards and letters with friends and family. Survivors include her three daughters and their spouses: Lynn (1st Wife) Thom, who concern was greatly appreciated by her and her family. In her later years, she was a loyal fan of the Utah Jazz Basketball Team. She also enjoyed crocheting, making quilts and corresponding through cards and letters with friends and family. Survivors include her three daughters and their spouses: Lynn (1st Wife) Thom, who concern was greatly appreciated by her and her family. In her later years, she was a loyal fan of the Utah Jazz Basketball Team. She also enjoyed crocheting, making quilts and corresponding through cards and letters with friends and family.

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Idaho; nine grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; one brother, DeWayne Christensen of Pocatello, Idaho; and one sister, Elaine Roberts of Hacienda Heights, California. She was preceded in death by her husband, Zeke; one brother, Lisle Christensen; and one sister, Vernice Chambers. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, December 31, 2001, at the Twin Falls 11th Ward LDS Chapel, 847 Eastland Dr. N., and conducted by Bishop Paul Morgan. The Viewing will be from 10 to 11 a.m. at the LDS Church. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Idaho Home Health and Hospice, 826 Eastland Dr., Twin Falls, ID. Services and arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

BURLEY



Orval M. Searle
Orval Moffett Searle, 78-year-old Burley resident, died Thursday evening, December 27, 2001, at his home. Orval was born on November 26, 1923, in the View area, the son of Ed and Mamie Searle. He attended schools in the View area and graduated from high school in 1941. He married Geraldine Fay Larson on May 27, 1942, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. As may be expected in a marriage of nearly sixty years, Orval was very devoted to his wife and loved her dearly. During their later years, they especially enjoyed traveling together with family and friends. His family was always a source of great satisfaction and joy to him. Orval was a lifelong farmer who successfully followed the sound farming and management practices taught him by his father. He in turn passed those habits and a strong work ethic on to his children and grandchildren.

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Teen dies from shotgun blast

BOISE (AP) — A teen-age boy at a holiday party died from a shotgun blast in what witnesses said was an accident.

About a dozen teens were having a party Friday in the Boise home of an adult acquaintance, Police Lt. Dan Miller said.

One teen went out to his car, got a 12-gauge shotgun and brought it inside "to show off," Miller said.

"The subject, apparently unaware of how to use the firearm, discharged one round," he said.

The shotgun blast struck another boy, who was pronounced dead at the scene, he said.

Alcohol was evident at the party, Miller said, but it has not been determined whether the boy who pulled the trigger had

been drinking.

The resident of the duplex, a man in his early 20s, reportedly let the teens use his home as a gathering place, police said.

The boy who fired the shotgun was taken into custody, but no decision had been made about possible charges.

Miller said all the witnesses told police the shooting was accidental.

Firefighters learn to save ice fishermen

HAYDEN (AP) — Mike Duke walked about 60 feet onto the ice on the Avondale Lake, attacked the surface with an ax and chainsaw, and dropped into the freezing water.

He was ready to be rescued. "The Northern Lakes Fire District firefighter, who was wearing a waterproof, insulated dry suit, was among about 10 people who took part in an annual ice-rescue training session Friday.

They do it all the time. It just depends where we can find the ice," said John Hunt, paramedic with Kootenai County EMS.

Within a few minutes of when he went into the water, Duke was

pulled out by Sheriff's Deputy Bob DeFalco, who ventured out on a "Rescue Alive" sled.

Deputies and firefighters with the Northern Lakes Fire District, Kootenai County EMS, and the Sheriff's Department then used a rope to pull the two men to safety. For another hour or so, the men took a few turns waiting in the water and going out on the 75-pound flotation sled to practice rescue maneuvers.

"You get training out of watching, though," said Luke Pichette, Northern Lakes firefighter.

While there have been no rescues yet this year and only one last year of some dogs in Hayden

Lake, the training is necessary. Northern Idaho offers ice fishermen many choices.

"Over the years, we've had quite a few people on the ice go in the water," Hunt said.

Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Burns said if someone goes through the ice, they will be ready to respond.

"This is the time of the year when we have ice fishermen going out on the ice. The ice isn't strong enough in some places. Here, it's probably OK for fishing, but you could hit a weak spot and we're going to get the call," he said. "We're the ones who are going to have to come out and rescue them."

Agency lifts boil order for city's water

COTTONWOOD (AP) — A boil water order for the city's drinking water has been lifted. The Idaho Division of Environmental Quality posted the order last Monday after several samples from the water system showed the presence of coliform bacteria. That indicated the system could have been contaminated.

The order was lifted on Friday.

SERVICES

Toni Ann Dare of Jerome, memorial celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at Calvary Episcopal Church, 201 S. Adams, Jerome. Burial at Jerome Mortuary, Jerome.

Marie Mildred Johnson Skinner of Twin Falls, rosary at 7 p.m. today at Immaculate Conception Parish in Buhl; celebration of Mass at 10 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Conception Parish in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Arthur R. Chatburn of Filer, service at 2 p.m. Monday at

White Mortuary; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary; entombment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum.

The **LeRoy Lowman Family:**
 Bette, Annan, Cindy, Chad, Camron and Kate Olson
 wish to thank friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and assistance during his illness and death.

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Admitted Ashlie McCreary of Hansen. Released Edith Brush of Twin Falls and Kenneth Haberman of Jerome.

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

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Snow drives moose onto roads

Los Angeles Times

SALT LAKE CITY — This winter's sudden and heavy snowfall along the Wasatch front — 8 feet since Thanksgiving — is creating a dangerous road hazard: Big game animals forced by the snow to lower elevations are wandering onto the state's highways.

As many as a dozen moose have been killed on the roads this month, causing serious car accidents when motorists collide with the 1,200-pound animals, according to wildlife officials here. The heavily traveled section of Interstate 80 between Salt Lake City and the ski town of Park City, in an area known as Parley's Canyon, has been particularly dangerous.

To save the lives of both moose and man, wildlife managers last week began a program using helicopters to relocate the animals away from highways. On the program's first day Thursday, the successful relocation of four moose ended in tragedy after the helicopter clipped a steel cable and crashed into a frozen reservoir, killing three people on board. The program has been temporarily halted, but officials with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources say the public safety hazards ensure that the plan will move ahead.

Traffic fatalities involving wildlife are common in Western states, averaging about four per year per state. But Utah's tally is higher, about six, and it's once-

rural highways, increasingly surrounded by populated areas, carry a higher volume of traffic than ever before.

Compounding the problem, Utah's wildlife herds are larger than ever because of several years of mild winters and temperate summers. Both the animals and humans were caught off guard by the onslaught of snow that arrived with Thanksgiving and has kept falling.

Forecasters predict at least two more major storms in the next month.

We want to thank all our family and friends for the food, flowers, cards and telephone calls after the loss of our beloved wife, and aunt **Valma Marion Gray.**

We also want to thank the First Christian Church of Gooding, and Pastors Andy Morris and Harold Hake, Gooding Hospital, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Bridge View Estates, and all of Valma's doctors, nurses, and ambulance EMT's.

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Breakfast menu
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Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Cereal, toast
Friday: Fruit, muffin
Lunch menu
Salad bar and milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chips, fruit
Friday: Peanut butter, ketchup, mustard, French fries, fruit

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Cinnamon rolls
Friday: Muffins
Lunch menu
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Corn dogs
Friday: Chicken nuggets

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, peas and carrots, potatoes, muffin
Friday: Pizza, nachos, corn, peas

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Pizza

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice
Friday: Fruit, cereal, juice
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Fishsticks, salad, fruit
Friday: Burritos, tater tots, fruit

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Corn dogs, French fries, apple slices, punch/lemonade
Friday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, assorted dressings, garlic bread, peas

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Ham and cheese hot pocket, tater tots, pineapple, fruit, pudding, cup
Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, Campbell's chicken noodle soup, celery sticks with peanut butter, sliced peaches

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Cereal, apricots, toast, jelly
Friday: Fruit, peaches, toast, jelly
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Hamburger deluxe, potato bar or ham and cheese hot pocket, later tots, pineapple, fruit, pudding, cup
Friday: Grilled cheese wrap, salad bar or hot chicken sandwich, Campbell's chicken noodle soup, celery sticks, peanut butter, sliced peaches

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday-Friday: Menu not available

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Cereal, apricots, toast, jelly
Friday: Cereal, peaches, toast, jelly
Lunch menu
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, Campbell's chicken noodle soup, celery sticks, peanut butter, sliced peaches
Friday: Chicken nuggets, sweet and sour sauce, fruit and fruit, fruit, hot dinner roll

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: Crisp burrito, potato wedges, corn sticks, maple bar, peaches
Thursday: Nachos, crackers, turkey salad, lettuce, pickles, fruit, cookie

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, two bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies everyday.
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich, Campbell's chicken noodle soup, celery sticks, peanut butter, sliced peaches
Friday: Potato bar, deli sandwich or Little Caesar's pizza, tossed green salad, orange quarters, bread sticks, pizza sauce

BLAINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

All elementary lunch menus.
Bellevue Elementary has no self-serve bar.
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Hamburger, French fries, dessert
Friday: Pizza, salad, fruit

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday-Friday: Menu not available

GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

choice, fruit, whole wheat fruit
Friday: Nachos, oven fries, fruit, cookie
Milk served every day
Breakfast menu
Monday-Friday: No school
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day
Monday-Friday: No school

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: Cereal, Pop-Tarts
Thursday: Pancakes, egg and cheese patties
Friday: Cereal, toast
Lunch menu
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
Monday: No school
Tuesday: No school
Wednesday: No school
Thursday: Barchetta, pineapple, tossed salad, ranch dressing, Rice Krispie treats
Friday: Chicken nuggets, potato wedges, barbecue sauce, ketchup, rolls, peaches

WENDEL SCHOOLS

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Deputies see no foul play in death

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - The Bonneville County Sheriff's Department has ruled out foul play in the death of a 50-year-old woman found frozen to her porch.

Marsha McGinty was last seen by neighbors about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday getting out of her van near her mobile home.

She was discovered on her deck at 2 p.m. Wednesday, said

Sheriff's Lt. Sid Poole. There were no signs of a struggle.

Her house was still locked and her keys were frozen to her coat. Her checks and a credit card were on a table inside the house.

Deputies believe McGinty had been on the porch for more than nine hours and perhaps as many as 20.

The low temperature,

Wednesday morning was 12 degrees below zero.

Jon Walker, Bonneville County coroner, said officials decided against conducting an autopsy after the sheriff's department investigated and found no evidence of foul play.

"All the evidence points to her death resulting from natural causes," he said. "It looks like she died from exposure."

The sheriff's department has ordered a toxicology report.

"She could have slipped and fell, or she could have had a heart attack," Poole said. "We may never know what happened."

McGinty's brother, Max Bosworth of Idaho Falls, said his sister had struggled with asthma and the family had a history of heart problems.

Officials warn of cold water dangers

BOISE (AP) - Officials want to remind hunters and anglers that cold water can be a life-threatening danger.

"Overloading and not wearing lifejackets are leading reasons Idaho typically loses a couple of waterfowl hunters every year," Ann VanBuren, a boating education specialist for the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, said. "The larger reason of course, is the icy temperatures that prevail, especially the cold water. Cold water saps your energy as it wicks heat from your body 25 times faster than the air would at the same temperature."

She said if a person falls into the water they have only a few minutes before they may no longer be able to swim.

Officials said more than 70 percent of Idaho drowning victims could have been saved had they been wearing a life jacket. Hunters and anglers on the water are encouraged to wear one at all times.

Officials also caution against overloading boats. Vessels under 20 feet in length constructed after 1972 should have a capacity plate that can be used as a guide.

Paper names city Olympic chief 'Utahn of the Year'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Salt Lake Tribune named city Olympic chief Mitt Romney its "Utahn of the Year."

In a story published Sunday, the newspaper said Romney rescued the 2002 Winter Games from the Olympic bribery scandal and a financial crisis. Romney, a Massachusetts venture capitalist with Utah roots, was recruited in March 1999 by Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt to take over the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

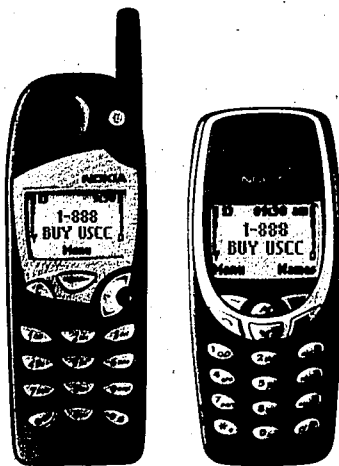
Romney made himself the face of the Salt Lake Olympics with "the wholesomeness of an Eagle Scout and the looks of a Ken Doll," the front-page Tribune story said. It also cited Romney's energy, political instincts, organizational skills and ties to the power structure.

Romney "combined charm, talent, fast talk, and impregnable optimism in herding us to the portals of the biggest event since the arrival of the Saints 154 years ago," the story said, referring to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Tribune said Romney succeeded "without kissing up" to the International Olympic Committee.

Romney is not without his drawbacks: "Cookie-cutter appointments, predictability, expediency, smiles and glad-handing often substituted for diversity, class, creativity and depth," Utah's largest newspaper said.

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Burley man asks for parity mandate

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — James Sandlian has traveled to Washington D.C. to speak with senators, written letters to local and world leaders and helped motivate the Surgeon General's 1999 report on mental health.

Sandlian is a big man, with close-cropped hair and a thick, light-brown goatee. He has a quiet, thoughtful demeanor. He is interested in mental health advocacy because he has schizophrenia.

"Because mentally ill people may have exaggerated emotional responses, because we may laugh in a different way or have slurred speech, many people perceive us as if we were deficient, not intelligent or slow," said Sandlian, a living testimony to the contrary.

Sandlian is currently asking Idaho's lawmakers to mandate insurance parity for mental health patients. Many health insurance policies do not cover treatment for mental illness.

"It's been proven through research that schizophrenia is a purely biological illness. It's no different than diabetes in that way," Sandlian said. Many people would be angry if insurance companies selectively removed coverage for diabetes, he said. He thinks people should be just as angry about lack of parity for mental illness. Other states have already required such parity, he said.

He would not be as involved if it were not for the Community Support Center, Sandlian said. Before he started coming to the center he would isolate himself, spending his days listening to the radio.

"The hardest part is when you are first diagnosed. Friends want to stay away when they find out," Sandlian said. Unable to continue college due to the side effects of his medication, he dropped out in April 1984 and moved home. The center provided an avenue for him to get out of his home and start to live again.

Many people with mental illness isolate themselves because they feel they do not fit in or others refuse their company, said Bill Aldrich, director of the Community Support Center. This social deprivation becomes an illness in itself. The center teaches members social skills and provides an accepting place for social interaction. Sandlian describes the members as a family.

"It gives you a reason to work, you feel like you have the sup-



James Sandlian makes notes for the Community Support Center's advocacy group. The group works to build rights for the mentally ill and to educate the public on mental illness.

Community Support Center

James Sandlian's story is just one example of the success the Community Support Center has experienced. There are many who, with the center's help, have turned their lives around. Many members say the center has given meaning to their lives. Some have been able to go back to work or get off their medications, said

Bill Aldrich, the Burley center's director. The center receives most of its funding from Medicaid. Activities and center members are wanted they may lose their funding as lawmakers talk about Medicaid cuts.

"It's the only place I've found. When they told they were going to take it away I about tore me apart," said

Joanie Hardy, a newer member. Those interested in learning more about mental illness or helping the center can stop in at 1200 Oakley Ave. in Burley or call 678-3913 and ask to talk to Pam or Bill. The Community Support Center has another location at 4109 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. The Twin Falls telephone number is 737-0777.

port of others, you don't feel like such a stranger," he said. When Sandlian's schizophrenia appeared in 1984, he started hearing voices and having hallucinations, which distracted him from anything he tried to do.

"It's like a war is going on inside your mind — it makes it hard to focus," he said. At the support center he has learned to anticipate these episodes and weather them out. He now accomplishes tasks that most people without chemical imbalances never achieve. As president of the center's advocacy group and an involved citizen, he has dedicated himself to making a difference.

"I like to think my writing letters has helped," he said. One of the largest problems is

the great misconception of the nature of mental illness, Sandlian said. Because most people do not have significant contact with the mentally ill, they only know what they see in movies or on television. The center has donated videos on mental illness to the Burley Public Library. Sandlian wishes more people would watch them.

Sandlian recently wrote an e-mail to an actor who was playing the role of a schizophrenic person. The actor had asked for tips and Sandlian wrote to him about his own experiences. "By telling him what it feels like to be mentally ill we make progress. We are going to have the image of mental illness displayed more realistically." People fear the unknown.

Something as inexplicable as mental illness can be frightening, but Pam Aldrich, who runs the center with her husband, says there is nothing to be worried about. "They are just people. It's only if the mentally ill don't have proper care or medication that they can be scary."

Some members of the center may be shy, others may talk differently, and most are more willing to talk honestly about their struggles in their lives than most people, but in sum they are no more and no less than "just people," Pam Aldrich said.

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Teacher sues school district, former boss

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

RUPERT — A Rupert teacher is suing the Minidoka County School District, her former supervisor and 50 unnamed, and as yet unidentified, people associated with the school district for sexual harassment.

The school district denies the allegations. Idalia Casiano, a teacher in the special-needs preschool at Memorial Elementary School, filed a complaint in 5th District Court in Minidoka County on Aug. 10. Her former supervisor, Pete Espinoza, is named as a defendant, along with the school district and the 50 "Does."

According to the complaint, Espinoza was director of the school's Even Start program at the time he allegedly harassed Casiano.

The complaint says that while Espinoza was Casiano's supervisor he repeatedly subjected her "to unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature including, but not limited to, demands for sexual favors, sexual assault and sexual comments."

The complaint says that Espinoza requested Casiano to consent to his demands and his sexual conduct "as a condition of her employment." According to the complaint, Espinoza intentionally touched or threatened to touch Casiano and those actions were "offensive and unwelcome."

Those actions on Espinoza's part have caused Casiano to "suffer emotional distress including ... embarrassment, humiliation and physical and mental anguish," the complaint says.

Casiano's complaint indicates she filed a charge of discrimination with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and received a notice of right to sue from the U.S. Department of Justice on May 14.

Following that filing, the complaint alleges, the school district retaliated against Casiano by demoting her and altering the conditions of her employment "to her disadvantage."

In addition, the complaint alleges the school district's conduct in allowing the hostile environment to exist was either intentional or reckless.

The complaint says the school district was negligent in the hiring and supervision of Espinoza, leading to damages to Casiano

including "indignation, wounded pride, shame and despair."

Casiano is seeking punitive, actual, and mental anguish damages "in amounts according to proof," attorneys' fees, court costs, prejudgment interest and post-judgment interest at the legal rate.

The complaint includes a demand for a jury trial. The court concurred with a filing by Casiano's attorney, Cynthia Woolley of The Roark Law Firm in Hailey, to serve notice of the lawsuit to Espinoza by publishing a legal notice in a local newspaper. Woolley's affidavit in support of an application for service by publication said that Espinoza's whereabouts are unknown and service is necessary for litigation.

Brian Julian of the Boise law firm Anderson, Julian and Hull filed a response on behalf of the school district on Oct. 31. That answer denied Casiano's allegations.

Julian wrote that Casiano has the ability and opportunity to mitigate the alleged damages and has failed to do so. He also wrote that employment decisions that affected Casiano were based "upon job related criteria consistent with business necessity," and that the school district had "exercised reasonable care to prevent and correct promptly any alleged sexually harassing behavior."

The school district's response alleges that Casiano "unreasonably failed to take advantage of any preventive or corrective opportunities provided by the district "to avoid harm otherwise."

The school district also claims the statute of limitations has expired in the matter and the claim is time-barred. However, no references to dates of any of the alleged actions were included in the court file.

In addition, the school district's answer to the complaint says that Casiano had "consented to the events alleged in the complaint."

Nor can the school district "be held vicariously liable for the actions of an employee which were committed outside the course and scope of his or her employment," the school district's answer says.

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Calendar includes Burley woman

The Associated Press

BOISE — A new calendar is a daily reminder of what Idaho's Hispanic community has achieved to date. The words and pictures in the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho's 2002 benefit calendar show a sometimes hidden part of Hispanic Idaho.

"They show people who have built careers, created families and a strong sense of self. And people who have made valuable contributions to the state they live in." The calendar features a Latino worker in each of its 12 months. There is a judge, an engineer, a farmworker and a school principal. Their jobs and backgrounds vary.

"We want to demonstrate that we have these people in our community and we want to highlight

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them," said Janie Aguilar of the Hispanic Cultural Center in Nampa.

November is Natalie Camacho Mendoza, a Boise attorney whose father was a truck driver.

September is Juanita Ronquillo. Born in Mexico as one of ten children of a migrant farmworker, she dropped out of high school, returned to school to get a master's degree and now teaches junior high in Burley.

October is Robert Rodriguez, a Pocatello railroad engineer who writes in the calendar, "I am very proud to be a Hispanic running

the trains on the tracks my dad helped build. When I pass farmworkers in the fields, I remember that I, too, was there, and I always blow the whistle and wave in respect to them."

December is Carlos Alarid, a school principal who came from New Mexico to the mostly Anglo Sandpoint school district.

The Hispanic Cultural Center hopes to produce a calendar every year using different themes.

"The calendar highlights the Hispanics who have been able to succeed in mainstream society, which is very important for other Hispanics to see, especially the youth," said Ana Maria Schachtel, past president of the Cultural Center's board. "It's very important for them to see adult Mexican-Americans showing them that they can be successful."

Sister

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lumber, resulting in killer floods throughout Asia where rivers run from the Tibetan mountains. For the first time in its 2,000-year history, she said, Tibet was struck by famine because of Chinese interference in Tibetan farming and changing crops.

Since Chinese have occupied the country, Pema estimated 1.2 million Tibetans have died.

On a return visit to Tibet authorized by the Chinese in 1980, Pema and other Tibetans spent 105 days visiting 50 towns and villages, and "everyday we were in tears" because of what

they saw of terrified people and the vanishing culture.

Because Tibetans understand that educating children is the key to keeping their culture alive, she said 500 to 600 children each year are sneaked out of Tibet in perilous, weeks-long treks across 16,000-foot peaks to escape Chinese indoctrination and to attend school in exile. They range in age from 6 to 17 years.

But the journey is so risky and dangerous that some children die en route; others lose fingers and toes to frostbite in the frigid temperatures of the Himalayas.

In addition to contributions

from residents of other countries, she said a network of various groups including 450 student chapters of the Free Tibet movement, are instrumental in publicizing the plight of Tibet in the media as well as with members of Congress. The new government in exile, supported by donations from some 130,000 Tibetan exiles residing in mostly India and Nepal, will eventually make a Dalai Lama unnecessary, she said. But how long will it be before the Chinese leave Tibet and return it to the Tibetans?

"Who knows?" she asked rhetorically.

Patrols

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made three drunken-driving arrests on the last two New Year's Eves. In 2001, the department made a total of 31 drunken-driving arrests.

Sun Valley
"Cam Daggett, Sun Valley chief of police, shared similar sentiments as that in Buhl: New Year's Eve isn't the biggest night for drunken driving, as most drivers are aware that it's the one where you don't get a second chance."

He said he hopes his office won't have to make a single arrest and that "everyone will be smart enough to not drink and drive."

Camas County
Keith Rast, Cassia County sheriff, said his entire staff will be patrolling the county.

"Hopefully people will be smart," he said. "We're going to be out in force."

Last year his office had a slow New Year's Eve, until the end, when the bars closed and fights broke out, he said.

Blaine County
"We know there's going to be a lot of parties out there," said Ron Taylor, lieutenant for the Blaine County Sheriff's Department. "In our area there's going to be numerous law enforcement officers on the highway just looking

county, said he's planning extra patrol out on the roadways.

"We're taking a hard line on drinking and driving," he said. "You don't get a second chance."

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"We know there's going to be a lot of parties out there," said Ron Taylor, lieutenant for the Blaine County Sheriff's Department. "In our area there's going to be numerous law enforcement officers on the highway just looking

for DUI drivers."

In addition to finding a designated driver or taking a taxi, Taylor said, there's nothing wrong with staying home to celebrate.

The number of parties on the roads will depend on the weather, as more people tend to stay home if the climate is in temperate, he said. Taylor said he'll have a full staff on throughout the day and night.

"Loved ones and families don't want to see anyone get into an accident and maybe lose their life," he said.

Idaho State Police
"We're going to have every available officer out on the street," said Kent Oliver, patrol sergeant for the Idaho State Police southern region. "Of course, wear your seatbelt."

He said he's seen more people using designated drivers and hopes the trend continues. The southern region of ISP had 143 drunken-driving arrests as of the end of November.

History

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microfilm at the Twin Falls Public Library. But the task of compiling and indexing pertinent information from 1904 to 1909 has been anything but easy.

"(Reading microfilm) is a very slow process," said Librarian Mareda Wright, "because it's by line by line — and paragraph by paragraph."

The initial indexing began years earlier when Adrian Call, the library's director, took on the personal responsibility of scanning microfilm and compiling the information "by hand, on 3 by 5 index cards."

Varley, who has written three history books, became a volunteer for the project while he was doing his own research at the library. In appreciation for the use of the library, he offered to enter the hand-written material into a computer data base that would eventually become the library's first Reference Access Index.

And though he could "speed up a slow process" by using equipment furnished by the library and doing some of the index work on his computer at home, more help was needed.

Therefore, when Fluegel retired two years ago as program manager of office technology from the College of Southern Idaho, she too volunteered.

"I knew I had the time and the skills and (entering data) was something I could do on my own pace at home with my slippers on and my cat on my lap," Fluegel said.

Most of the material for the reference books came from articles written in the *Twin Falls Weekly News*, a local paper with extensive coverage from the earliest days of Twin Falls. Other sources of information include recorded documents and a variety of written records dating from October 1904 through December 1905.

The finished work takes the

city's history up to 1910, when the first city directory was published.

That the city of Twin Falls came into existence in 1904 as a result of one man's dream is history.

Nevertheless, according to Call, the details of that story were just too difficult to access. But now, the facts surrounding Ira Burton Perrine — and his pursuit of the needed capital "to bring water to the desert," as well as the financial accounts of the city's early history — are readily available.

And most of the credit goes to the work of volunteers.

According to Call, there are more than 25 volunteers who work in different capacities and in a variety of programs at the library.

"We depend on the help of volunteers," Call said.

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BUHL JANUARY CALENDAR

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- 2: Kivwais, 12 NOON Grandstands
- 2: NO SCHOOL
- 2: Library...Story Hour 10 AM
- 3: Rotary, 12 NOON Grandstands
- 4: West End Men's Association, 6:30 AM Grandstands
- 7: Chamber Lunch, Speaker James Scott, 12 NOON Grandstands
- 9: Kivwais, 12 NOON Grandstands
- 9: Library...Story Hour 10 AM
- 10: Rotary, 12 NOON Grandstands
- 11: West End Men's Association, 6:30 AM Grandstands
- 16: Kivwais, 12 NOON Grandstands
- 16: Library...Story Hour 10 AM
- 19: Chamber Banquet, Speaker Bruce Newcomb, Speaker of the Idaho House
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- 21: Chamber Lunch, Speaker George Brown, General Manager KMYT,
12 NOON Grandstands
- 23: Kivwais, 12 NOON Grandstands
- 23: Library...Story Hour 10 AM
- 24: Rotary, 12 NOON Grandstands
- 24: Business After Five, Idaho Youth Ranch
- 25: West End Men's Association, 6:30 AM Grandstands
- 30: Library...Story Hour 10 AM
- 30: School Improvement Planning w/Teacher, (No Students)
- 31: Rotary, 12 NOON Grandstands
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“ Their coach is still a
Crum!

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A sign at the Kentucky-Louisville basketball game as Rick Pitino made his return to Rupp Arena to face Kentucky, his former team. This time he was coaching the Wildcats' archrival, Louisville.

IN BRIEF

Copus Cove holds holiday roping event

BUHL - A New Year's Eve roping event will be held at Copus Cove on Monday at 6 p.m. It will be a No. 8 roping event with a five incentive. Other roping will also be scheduled depending on the number of participants. For more information contact Dwight French at 731-6635.

Blaine County open gym switches location

The outdoor games and Open Gym offered by the Blaine County Recreation District on Dec. 28 and Jan. 4 have been switched to the Hailey Elementary School from the Wood River Middle School. Costs and times remain the same. Information: 788-2117.

Former teammates recall Harvey Martin

PLANO, Texas - Harvey Martin, the ferocious defensive end who was part of the Dallas Cowboys' famed Doomsday Defense, saved one sack for the end.

"He was always full of joy, always full of happiness," said Mel Renfro, a Cowboys teammate. "He identified with the nickname Beautiful Harvey Martin. He was always upbeat, always encouraging."

Martin, a four-time Pro Bowl selection, had 113 sacks during his 11-year career, including a single-season team record 20 in 1977 when he was named defensive player of the year by The Associated Press. That season was capped by a 27-10 win over Denver in the Super Bowl, the game in which Martin and teammate Randy White were named co-MVP.

Martin is the first Super Bowl MVP to die.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



SALT LAKE 2002

Countdown to the Salt Lake City Olympics

40 days until Opening Ceremony

The torch tour: After a leap off the Lake Placid ski jump on Saturday, the Olympic flame begins today in Lake George, New York. After stops in Saratoga Springs and Albany, the torch ends the day in Syracuse. The New York leg of the journey continues Monday, with a visit to snowy Buffalo.

March to the medals: Kayn Eby had three goals and two assists as the U.S. Olympic women's hockey team beat Russia 11-0 on Saturday in the opening game of the Holiday Tournament in Lake Placid, N.Y. Cammi Granato, Katie King and Shelley Looney each added two goals to help the United States improve to 22-0 this season as it prepares for the games.

2001: Taking care of business

Win or lose, local athletes kept us enthralled this year

The Times-News

From championship dreams fulfilled to title tilt disappointments, walking papers to buzzer beaters, the 2001 sports season had more than its share of winners, losers and surprises around the Magic Valley.

For several teams in the area it was a year of firsts; for some it was a season of happy seconds. Valley High claimed its first

2001
A look back

The year in pictures -
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boys basketball title, manhandling Malad 67-47 in the A-3 championship game in March. Paced by current College of Southern Idaho freshman Rob Black's 25 points and five

rebounds, the Vikings made amends for a loss in the semifinals a year earlier.

"I am overcome with joy," said then-senior Derek Malone. "This is the best feeling. It is something we have worked at for 18 years. I have always wanted to play a role on a championship team - this is a dream come true."

The Buhl baseball team earned Please see 2001, Page C2



The Valley boys basketball team convincingly defeated Malad 67-47 for the Class A-3 boys state basketball title in March, giving the Vikings their first championship basketball trophy in school history.

Jerome bounces Buhl

By John Derr
Times-News writer

JEROME - After a sluggish start by both teams, Jerome got a pair of big shots in late in the first half and then dominated into the third period to defeat Buhl in girls nonconference basketball game 50-36 Saturday.

In the previous meeting, it was the Tigers who jumped out to the early first-half lead only to see the Indians rally in the second half. Still, Jerome finally came away with the 40-34 victory on that day.

In the rematch Saturday night, Buhl started strong and held a two-point advantage early. But it was Jerome with a three-point lead late in the first half when point guard Whitney Clark nailed back-to-back 3-pointers to give the Tigers a 30-21 advantage at the break and some breathing room and momentum going into second half.

"I felt like I had to step up and do something to get us going," said the sophomore, who finished with nine points on three shots from beyond the arc. "We tried a lot of new things tonight that we weren't as familiar with."

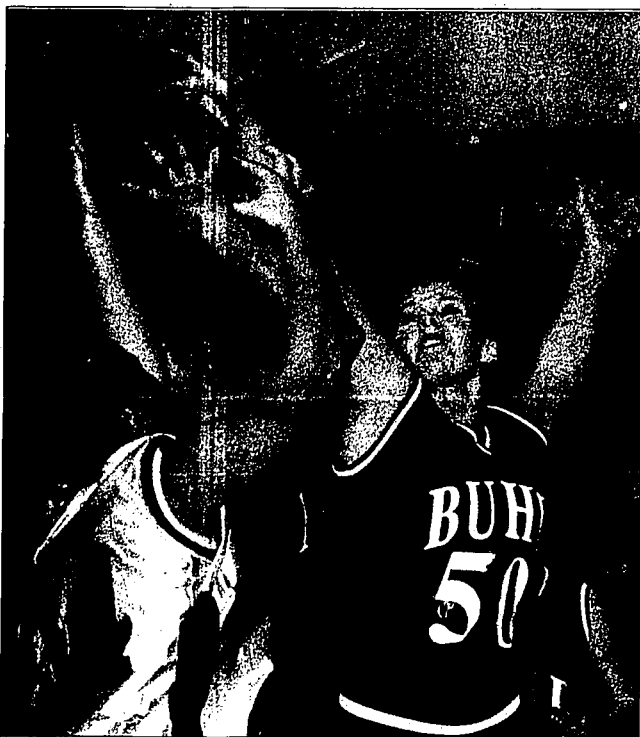
The Indians were short-handed, with two starters, Araceli Aguilar and Hailey Campbell unavailable. That put part-time varsity players, Abelea Esparza and Dani Kippes, into the starting lineup.

"We kept it close but ran out of gas," said Buhl coach Joe Shepard. "Kippes and Esparza did a good job."

Post Brandi Hosman was the offense for the Indians in the first quarter. The sophomore scored the first six points for Buhl with a pair of jumpers from the free-throw line.

Jennifer Pond and Kasie Thibault each chipped in four points for Jerome but Buhl led 10-

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Jerome's Vanessa West and Buhl's Johanna Hlatt get up for a rebound in the second quarter of their game Saturday in Jerome. Jerome won, 50-36.

Georgia Tech hires Gailey

ATLANTA (AP) - Chan Gailey brought an impeccable resume to Georgia Tech. Yes, he actually was a three-year letterman. No, he doesn't claim to have a master's degree.



Chan Gailey

Gailey was hired Saturday as football coach of the Yellow Jackets, who are looking to get past revelations that predecessor George O'Leary lied about his background.

Taking no chances, Georgia Tech did a thorough check of Gailey's resume, which includes a physical education degree from Florida in 1974. He lettered for the Gators from 1971-73.

"They asked about my degree," said Gailey, who will remain with the Miami Dolphins as offensive coordinator until the end of the season. "Everybody is asking that question these days."

Gailey was quick to point out he didn't have an advanced degree, though he did begin his coaching career as a graduate assistant for the Gators. "I basically took enough classes so I could coach," he said.

Gailey received a five-year contract that will pay him \$900,000 this season, with bonuses that could raise his salary to more than \$1.2 million annually.

Tampa Bay's 'D' does in Ravens

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - The Baltimore Ravens' formula for success also works for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Bucs beat the defending Super Bowl champions at their own game Saturday night, playing stifling defense and mustered just enough offense to edge the Ravens 22-10.

The victory moved Tampa Bay (9-6) to the brink of its fourth playoff berth in five years. The Bucs, who have won five of six after a 4-5 start, will clinch the final NFC wild-card spot if Atlanta wins or ties at Miami today.

For the Ravens (9-6), it was a disappointing return to the site of their dominating Super Bowl victory last January.

Elvis Grbac threw two interceptions and was sacked five times, while Tampa Bay set up one of Doug Brien's three first-half field goals with a blocked punt.

Baltimore (9-6) could have grabbed one of the AFC wild-card berths with a victory, but will still clinch this weekend if Seattle loses or ties at San Diego.

Brad Johnson's 1-yard sneak for Tampa Bay's first touchdown put the Bucs up 16-7 late in the second quarter. It proved to be



Tampa Bay receiver Keyshawn Johnson (19) is tackled by Baltimore defenders Ray Lewis (52) and Chris McAlister (21) after a first-quarter pass from quarterback Brad Johnson, Saturday, in Tampa, Fla.

the difference on the scoreboard until Mike Alstrott put the game out of reach in the final two minutes. Johnson only completed 13 of 29 passes for 90 yards, however Tampa Bay didn't allow a sack or commit a turnover for the second straight week and controlled when the postseason was limited to one playoff round instead of

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Hall candidates lived by pitching, defense

Hal Bock
AP Sportswriter

On the final weekend of balloting for the baseball Hall of Fame, voters could very well elect a 262 hitter to the shrine in Cooperstown.

The question is which one. With just 28 home runs and 793 runs batted in over a 19-year career, Ozzie Smith averaged about 1.5 home runs and a shade under 41 RBIs a season. But, oh, what he could do with his glove.

Before the annual celebration of offense and home runs, the Wizard of Oz defined defense. He was an acrobat at shortstop, the glue of every St. Louis Cardinals infield during the '80s.

Too often, we are wowed by the long ball and ignore the basics of baseball. Home runs sell tickets. Pitching and defense win games. Ozzie Smith won games, usually with his glove, occasionally with a home run.

In the 1985 National League playoffs, the Cardinals and Los Angeles Dodgers had split the first four games and were tied at 2-2 in the bottom of the ninth inning of a gripping Game 5. This was a simpler time in baseball, when the postseason was limited to one playoff round instead of

two. The winner would advance to the World Series so this was serious stuff.

It was in this setting that Smith, a spindly 150 pounds, muscled up against Dodgers reliever Tom Niedenfuer and hit a game-winning home run, the first left-handed home run of his career. The Cards also won Game 6 to clinch the NL pennant.

That was Smith's power year when he hit six of his career home runs, double the number he managed in any other season. Perhaps shocked by that output, he didn't hit another homer for the next two seasons.

The best shortstop of his time won 13 straight NL Gold Glove awards and holds five major league fielding records, including 8,375 assists and 1,590 double plays. He led the NL in fielding percentage by a shortstop a record seven times and was on 15 All-Star teams, including 12 in a row from 1981-92.

And he celebrated the start of big games with a mean backflip that stamped those events as something special, just like him. For all that, Smith gets the first check on the Hall of Fame ballot. No team wins without a closer, and the ballot has two of the best

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SPORTS

Late kick lifts Iowa in Alamo Bowl

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Nate Kaeding kicked a 47-yard field goal with 44 seconds left to give Iowa a 19-16 victory over Texas Tech in the Alamo Bowl on Saturday.

Texas Tech had tied the game on Robert Trece's 37-yard field goal with 2:05 left to play.

Iowa (7-5) threw from its own 17 on six plays to set up Kaeding's winning kick, his fourth field goal of the game after making only eight during the regular season.

The winner also tied his season long. His others were from 36, 31 and 46.

Texas Tech (7-5) started one last drive at its own 10 with no timeouts and made it to midfield before Kliff Kingsbury's desperation throw to the end zone was intercepted by Bob Sanders.

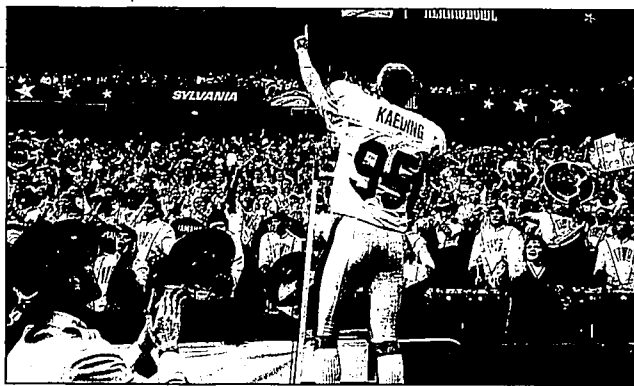
Tailback Aaron Greving, substiting for injured starter Ladell Betts, ran for 115 yards and a touchdown on 25 carries in Iowa's first bowl appearance since 1997.

Kingsbury led Texas Tech with 309 yards on 29-of-49 passing and a 20-yard touchdown pass to Wes Welker, but also threw three interceptions.

Motor City Bowl

No. 25 Toledo 23, Cincinnati 16

PONTIAC, Mich. - Chester Taylor ran for a Motor City Bowl-record 190 yards and scored the go-ahead touchdown with 3:23 left as Toledo beat Cincinnati.



Iowa kicker Nate Kaeding celebrates with the school band and fans after Iowa defeated Texas Tech in the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Saturday. Iowa won 19-16 as Kaeding kicked four field goals.

Insight.com Bowl

No. 18 Syracuse 26, Kansas St. 3

PHOENIX - James Mungro's running and Kansas State's mistakes gave Syracuse its first 10-win season since 1992 as the 8 Orangenem beat the Wildcats in the Insight.com Bowl.

Mungro, playing his final collegiate game, gained 112 yards and scored three touchdowns, one of them a disputed 65-yarder. Mungro moved past Larry Csonka for second place on Syracuse's career rushing list with 2,981 yards.

Syracuse's career rushing list

R.J. Anderson completed just five of 13 passes, but one of them was a 52-yarder to Johnnie Morant for a TD with 3:22 to play.

The Orangenem (10-3), double-digit winners for the sixth time in the school's history, turned two Kansas State turnovers into touchdowns in a 52-second span in the second quarter.

The Wildcats (6-6), fifth in

NCAA Division I this season in rushing at 257 yards per game, ran for a season-low 33 yards in 34 attempts.

Jordan bounces back in a big way

WASHINGTON (AP) - Two nights after the lowest-scoring game of his career, Michael Jordan had one of the best games in Washington Wizards history.

Jordan scored 51 points and set franchise records with 24 first-quarter points and 34 points in a half Saturday night as the Wizards snapped a two-game losing streak with a 107-90 victory over the Charlotte Hornets.

Jordan made 21 of 38 shots from the field, 9 of 10 free throws and had seven rebounds and four assists in 38 minutes. He had a shot at Earl Monroe's franchise game record of 56 until the Wizards blew the game open in the third quarter, allowing coach Doug Collins to sit his star for good with 3:08 remaining in the game.

lied from an 18-point deficit to beat Los Angeles.

Bulls 103, Cavaliers 80

CHICAGO - Bill Cartwright had a successful debut as Chicago's head coach, as Ron Mercer scored 15 points and the Bulls matched their highest scoring output of the season in a win over Cleveland.

Mavericks 113, Hawks 97

DALLAS - Don Nelson became the third coach in NBA history to win 1,000 games, getting a season-high 35 points from Dirk Nowitzki in Dallas' win over Atlanta.

Bucks 102, Spurs 99, OT

MILWAUKEE - Tim Thomas scored 24 points, including two key baskets in overtime, to lead Milwaukee to its sixth straight win over San Antonio.

Suns 109, Nuggets 92

PHOENIX - John Wallace scored 15 of his season-high 23 points in the second quarter and Penny Hardaway finished with a triple-double to lead Phoenix over Denver.

Jazz 89, 76ers 81

SALT LAKE CITY - Karl Malone had 20 points and 17 rebounds as Utah beat Philadelphia for coach Jerry Sloan's 800th career victory.

Blue Devils look rusty after layoff

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) - No. 1 Duke (11-0) looked rusty after an 11-day layoff but got a career-high 25 points from Mike Dunleavy and 21 from Jason Williams to beat San Diego State (7-4) 92-79 Saturday.

Anthony Reason and Dan Dickau combined for the first 14 points of Gonzaga's opening 21-3 run as the Zags (11-2) blasted Monmouth.

No. 5 Oklahoma St. 82,

Ball St. 70

OKLAHOMA CITY - Maurice Baker scored 16 of his 22 points in the second half and keyed two late runs for Oklahoma State.

No. 23 Butler 66,

Indiana 64

INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana's 39-game winning streak in the Hoosier Classic is history as Butler forward Joel Cornette leaped over a crowded middle and slammed home the game-winner.

Womens' Top 25

No. 1 Connecticut 84,

No. 23 Old Dominion 70

NORFOLK, Va. - Swin Cash scored 19 of her career-high 29 points in the first half, and Sue Bird had 22 points and a handful of great plays to lift Connecticut past Old Dominion.

No. 6 Kentucky 82,

Louisville 62

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Tayshaun Prince scored 18 points and Keith Bogans added 17 as the Wildcats easily beat Louisville former coach Rick Pitino in the coach's return to Rupp Arena.

No. 7 Illinois 87,

Loyola of Chicago 72

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Frank Williams made 4-of-9 3-pointers and scored 25 points as short-handed Illinois (11-2) beat Loyola of Chicago (5-5) 87-72 on Saturday night.

DePaul 63,

No. 10 Missouri 62

CHICAGO - Andre Brown scored 18 points, and DePaul (7-4) beat Missouri (9-3) in their third straight loss when star Kareem Rush went 5-of-18 for 15 points.

No. 15 UCLA 98,

No. 20 Georgetown 91

LOS ANGELES - Billy Knight led five players in double figures with 20 points and the UCLA Bruins withstood a big rally in the final 1.5 minutes for their seventh consecutive victory.

No. 17 Cincinnati 73,

Akron 57

CLEVELAND - Freshman Jason Maxiell scored 16 points and Steve Logan 15 as the Bearcats (12-1) won their 12th straight game, downing Akron (3-8) 73-57.

No. 25 Wake Forest 64,

No. 19 Marquette 59

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - Broderick Hicks scored 14 points and Craig Dawson made two late free throws for the Demon Deacons (9-3) in their 64-59 victory over Marquette (10-2).

No. 22 Gonzaga 79,

Monmouth 54

WEST LONG BRANCH, N.J. -

Bruins win fifth straight with OT goal

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Glen Murray scored the game-winner with 2:26 left in overtime as the Boston Bruins won their fifth straight game Saturday night, 5-4 over the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Alexei Yashin's second goal of the game at 1:10 of overtime lifted New York over Montreal.

The win redeemed the Islanders, who blew a 5-1 second-period lead.

Richard Zednik's second goal of the game with 4:13 left in regulation earned the Canadiens a 5-5 tie and the eventual point.

Mark Parrish scored twice and added an assist for the Islanders, while Michel Peca and Jason Blake also had New York goals.

Murray, who had two goals and three assists in Boston's 7-1 win at Florida Friday, added two assists.

Boston's Rob Zamuner scored a short-handed goal with 5:01 left in the third period to tie the game at 4.

Bill Guerin, Nick Boynton and P.J. Axelsson also scored for the Bruins.

Martin St. Louis, Jassen Cullimore, Brad Richards and Vachl Prospal scored for Tampa Bay.

Islanders 6,

Canadiens 5, OT

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) - Radek Bonk also scored for

Ottawa.

Tom Kostopoulos and Dan Lacouture scored for Pittsburgh.

Sabres 2, Blue Jackets 2

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Stu Barnes scored with 6:02 remaining and Buffalo rallied from a pair of deficits to tie Columbus.

J.P. Dumont had a goal and an assist for the Sabres.

Columbus, which had lost its last four games and nine of its last 11, received power-play goals from Jay Whitney and Mike Silfverberg.

Brett Barkins, called up earlier in the day from Syracuse, assisted on both Columbus goals.

Panthers 4, Maple Leafs 2

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) - Bret Hedican had two goals and two assists and Pavel Bure added a goal and two assists to lead Florida past the Maple Leafs.

Roberto Luongo finished with 30 saves. The Maple Leafs lost their third straight game won just once in its last six games.

Marcus Nilsson also scored for the Panthers.

Bryan McCabe and Mats Sundin scored for Toronto.

Predators 3,

Red Wings 2, OT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Bubba Berenzweig scored at 2:20 of overtime and also had two assists as Nashville came from behind to beat Detroit.

Detroit goaltender Dominik Hasek was working on his fourth shutout of the season with less than five minutes left in regulation before the Predators mounted their comeback.

Vitali Yachmenev scored at 15:40 of the third and Vladimir Orszagh tied the game at 2 at 18:55.

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field position with a solid kicking game.

Grbac threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Travis Taylor to give Baltimore a 7-3 lead in the second quarter. Matt Stover's 24-yard field goal trimmed a nine-point halftime deficit to 16-10 with 13:26 remaining in the game.

Baltimore has come from behind in the fourth quarter to win four games this season, however Grbac's hopes of leading another comeback ended when the Ravens were stopped on downs at their own 32 with just under two minutes to go.

Two plays later, Alstott scored on a 32-yard run to finish with 80 yards on 14 carries.

Warrick Dunn gained 47 on 123 attempts as the Bucs ran for 124 yards on the proud Baltimore defense.

With Tony Siragusa missing from the middle of the defensive line last week, Cincinnati's Corey Dillon ran for 127 yards to snap the Ravens' streak of not allowing

ing a 100-yard rushing performance at 50 yards.

Despite being listed on the injury report as questionable, Siragusa started and Tampa Bay, next-to-last in the league in rushing, had little success on the ground until late in the game.

The Bucs led 16-7 at the half, but watched numerous opportunities to push the Ravens into a deeper hole.

Tampa Bay began five possessions in Baltimore territory, yet was only able to convert the field position into two field goals and the touchdown that Brooks set up with his interception and 53-yard return to the Ravens 1.

Brien, meanwhile, was a reliable stand-in for Martin Gramatica, who strained his right hamstring last week. Brien made field goals of 42, 38 and 24 yards in the first half, the latter putting the Bucs ahead for good after Todd Yoder blocked Kyle Richardson's punt and Rabih Abdullah scooped up the loose ball and stumbled ahead to the Baltimore 23.

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who ever handled that task - Rich Gossage and Bruce Sutter.

Equipped with a fastball that sizzled past hitters and a Fu Manchu mustache that intimidated them, Gossage had 310 saves and a 3.01 earned run average in 1,602 games. There were 1,502 strikeouts in 1,809 innings, including a NL record 151 strikeouts by a relief pitcher in 1977.

Sutter merely revolutionized his craft, introducing the split-fingered fastball, a pitch that bordered on the unhitatable and one he threw with uncanny skill. He had 300 saves and a 2.84 earned run average in 661 games, all out of the bullpen.

Mark down Goose and Bruce Gossage and Sutter never pitched on any teams with Jack Morris. It's just as well. He wouldn't have needed them.

Morris had 175 complete games, none better than Game 7 of the 1991 World Series when, pitching for Minnesota, he beat the Atlanta Braves with a 10-inning shutout. There is the suspicion that if the Twins hadn't

scored in the Series-winning run in the bottom of the 10th, Morris would have kept on hanging up zeros until they finally got around to it.

He won 254 games, 162 of them during the '80s when he was the winningest pitcher of the decade. There were 63 complete games during that decade, which would have meant little work for Sutter and Gossage. That's worth a vote.

The ballot offers some pop, too. Andre Dawson is available for the first time, equipped with a .273 batting average, 438 home runs and 1,591 RBIs in 21 seasons. Jim Rice is up for the eighth time with a .298 average, 382 home runs and 1,451 RBIs in 16 seasons.

Both are worth a check. Finish the ballot off with Gary Carter, who was baseball's best catcher in the '80s and missed election a year ago by 53 votes. Carter hit 324 home runs and drove in 1,225 runs.

And he batted .262, just like Ozzie Smith.

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its first baseball title, topping Teton 12-2 at the A-2 championships in Ontario, Ore., in May and then added to the trophy case when the Tribe took state again at the A American Legion state tournament in August.

The College of Southern Idaho added to its rich athletic history when the men's rodeo team won its second national title at the College National Finals Rodeo in June.

The Twin Falls girls golf team also took its second consecutive state title, while the Valley boys golf team won its first.

The season was a blur of success for several Magic Valley track teams, with four area girls teams coming away with championships. The Filer High School boys team also made history, winning its first track title.

Tears of disappointment fell when the Jerome girls basketball team's title quest was stopped short in February, losing in the A-1 Div. II championship to Caldwell.

One point was the difference for the Golden Eagle men's basketball team, as CSI's season ended with a 76-75 loss to Dixie State College in the championship game of the Region 18 Tournament in March. Five months later, CSI and then-coach Derek Zeck decided to part ways

under a shroud of secrecy.

In volleyball, CSI's bid at its eighth national title ended with a thud when the Golden Eagles fell to Southwest Missouri State University-West Plains at the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament.

Several area athletes took their talents to the next level led by Minico's Clare Bodensteiner, who signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at Stanford University, and Shoshone's Monica Uhrig, who will be on the court for Gonzaga University next spring.

The dark cloud cast by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 also had its effects on the Magic Valley.

Twin Falls High School canceled a boys soccer game and a volleyball game while its students grieved and Magic Valley Speedway ended its season without the annual running of the NAPA 150 after NASCAR officials suspended all racing the week of the attacks.

And while the new year will likely bring its share of joy and heartbreak, it will be hard to find a greater moment than the approaching days in late January when the Olympic torch makes it way through the Magic Valley on its way to the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

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Pitino dodges media in long-awaited return to Rupp Jerome

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Rick Pitino looked right at home as he entered a hostile Rupp Arena for the first time as coach of archival Louisville.



AP photo

His surprise entrance through the home team tunnel — instead of the one leading to the visitors' dressing room — didn't diminish the jeers from the Kentucky crowd Saturday.

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"Their coach is still a Crum!" Calipatti signed over the arena's pulsating sea of Kentucky blue. "Celtics Better off since you

Louisville coach Rick Pitino, left, is greeted by Kentucky coach Toby Smith as they come onto the floor prior to their game Saturday in Lexington, Ky. The game marked Pitino's first trip back to Rupp Arena since taking over at Louisville. He left as Kentucky coach in 1997.

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Hosman scored to start the second period but it would be the Tigers who would eventually get the offense going, finishing with 22 points in the quarter.
Clark nailed a 3-pointer, Thibault followed with a long jumper and Vanessa West hit from the outside as Jerome scored six points in less than a minute.
Buhl would regain the lead briefly with buckets by Annie McCauley and Ellen Vandewater. However, another spurt by the Tigers put the Tigers up for good. Bond scored four points as Clark hit the two treys in the stretch.
The Tigers picked up the intensity in the third quarter, limiting Buhl to just three points en route to building a 16-point advantage at the end of the third quarter.
West chipped in seven points, including an old-fashioned three-point play.
"At halftime, we decided we needed to step it up and pick up the pressure," said West, who added nine points, 10 rebounds and three steals. "We weren't as prepared as we would have liked to be."
With the Tigers rotating players, they pushed the lead to 22 points in the final period before a late surge by the Indians cut the deficit to 14 points.
Jerome senior guard Trae Lee went down with an injury early in the final period and the extent of her injury wasn't immediately known.
Buhl was cold from the field, connecting on just 26 percent of his shots. Free throws didn't help

either as the Indians hit just four of 18 (22 percent).
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Kentucky fan Judy Tierney, of Winchester, Ky., shows her feelings for Louisville coach Rick Pitino before the start of their game.

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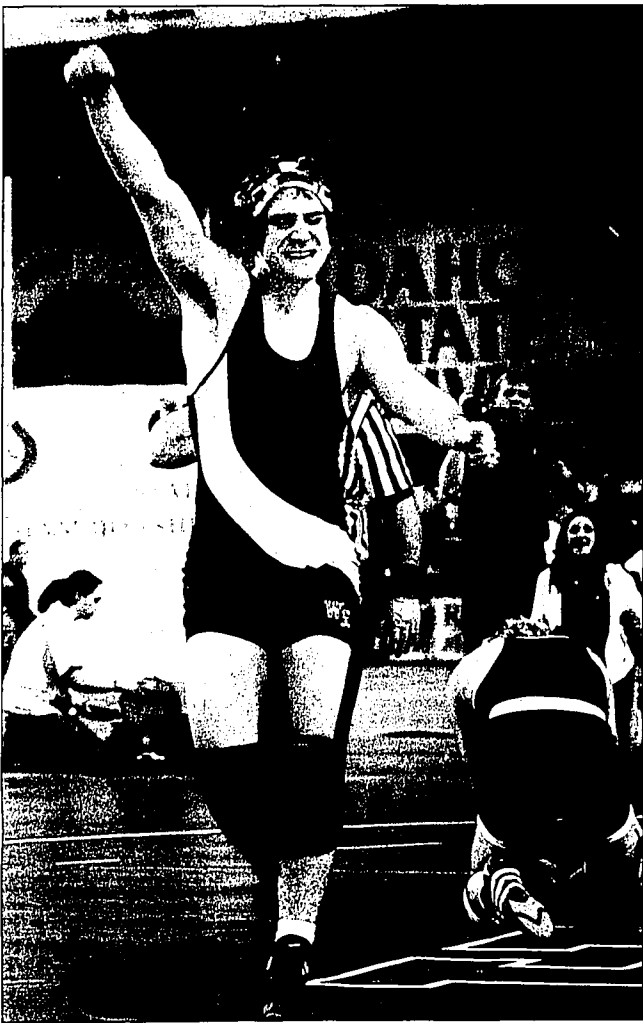
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YEAR IN SPORTS

sweat and tears



The Times-News remembers 2001

January

Twin Falls High School senior volleyball standout Keri Coats signs a letter of intent to attend the College of Southern Idaho.

Ben Brown's putback at the buzzer lifted visiting Pocatello to a 63-62 come-from-behind victory over a stunned Twin Falls at Baun Gymnasium. The win secured the top seed in Region III for the two-time defending state champion Indians and handed the Bruins their third straight loss.

Filer High School honors its 1957-58 state semifinal boys basketball team, which beat Twin Falls and Minico at the district and regional levels under Idaho High School Hall of Fame coach Paul Ostyn.

CSI's annual boxing smoker hosts 16 bouts in front of a capacity crowd at the CSI Expo Center.

February

Minico's girls basketball team earns its first trip to the state tournament since 1983, when the Spartans take a last-second 45-42 defeat of Pocatello.

Gooding resident and former

Idaho State football player Eric Johnson joins the LA Xtreme for the team's primetime NBC debut for the NFL. Johnson and the Xtreme later go on to win the short-lived league's championship.

The Jerome girls basketball team falls short in the A-1, Div. II state championship game to Caldwell 53-23. Dietrich and Buhl come home with consolation trophies.

2001 A look back

Three Magic Valley wrestlers earn state wrestling titles with Cory Goicoechea of Wood River, Troy Egbert of Jerome and Doug Hall of Wendell all winning their respective weight classes.

March

Valley claims the Class A-3 boys state basketball title with a convincing 67-47 victory over the Malad Dragons. The win gives the Vikings their first championship basketball trophy in school history.

Minico wins its third consecutive state bowling title in Burley.

The College of Southern Idaho

women's basketball team ousts No. 2 Ricks College 71-67 from the Region 18 Tournament in St. George, Utah.

The College of Southern Idaho, men's basketball team falls to host and No. 1 Dixie State College 76-75 in the Region 18 Tournament championship game.

Sun Valley's Picabo Street, wins her first major ski race, since shattering her left femur and tearing ligaments in her knee during a horrific crash in 1998.

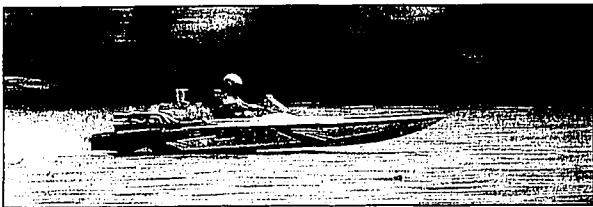
April

Twin Falls High graduate and ISU senior Josh Durrant fights at the Golden Gloves National Tournament in Nevada.

College of Southern Idaho judo club member Barbara Porter is crowned a U.S. champion after winning her weight class at the U.S. National Judo Tournament in Georgia.

CSI loses its bid to host the National Junior College Athletic Association Volleyball Tournament.

CSI sweeps Dixie State College in baseball to keep its postseason hopes alive.



The Times-News file photos

Top, Wood River's Cory Goicoechea won his second state state wrestling crown in February. Jerome's Troy Egbert and Wendell's Doug Hall were the other Magic Valley grapplers winning their respective weight classifications.

Top right, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team fell to top-ranked Dixie State College 76-75 in the Region 18 Tournament championship game. Head coach Derek Zeck left the program in August just before what would have been his third year at CSI.

Above, the Idaho Regatta, one of the West's premier boating events, once again found its way to Burley. The 2001 event marked the 26th year the event came to the Mini-Cassia area.

Right, the Twin Falls Bruins came up just short in the Class 5A boys soccer championship, falling to Timberline 5-2 at Highland High School in Pocatello. The Wood River boys also finished second in the Class 3A championships played in Buhl.



THE YEAR IN SPORTS

A legend dies, a legend is made, a legend returns

The year in sports had its share of sorrows, surprises and comebacks. Some of the stories that made headlines in 2001:

Jan. 27 Jennifer Capriati wins the Australian Open; she wins the French Open on June 5.

Jan. 28 The Baltimore Ravens defeat the New York Giants 34-7 in Super Bowl XXXV.

Feb. 18 Seventime Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt is killed when his car slammed into the wall on the final lap of the Daytona 500.

April 2 Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski wins his third national basketball championship in 10 years.

April 8 Tiger Woods captures the Masters to claim his fourth consecutive golf major.

May 10 The NFL football league founded by the World Wrestling Federation and jointly owned by NBC folds after one season.

June 9 Colorado Avalanche defeats the New Jersey Devils to win the Stanley Cup.

June 15 The Los Angeles Lakers notch their second straight NBA championship over the Philadelphia 76ers.

June 19 Cal Ripken becomes the first of three future Hall of Famers to announce his retirement from baseball. Tony Gwynn and Mark McGwire also call the 2001 season their last.

July 13 The International Olympic committee awards the 2008 Summer Games to China.

July 24 Cancer survivor Lance Armstrong wins the Tour de France for the third year in a row.

Aug. 1 Minnesota Vikings tackle Corey Stringer dies of heatstroke during training camp practice.

Sept. 1 The Bronx Bombers are stripped of the team's third-place trophy by Little League officials when star pitcher Danny Almonte is discovered to be 14, not 12. The team would also forfeit all its 2001 tournament victories, and Almonte's perfect game - the first in 44 years at the tournament.

Oct. 7 Barry Bonds sets a major-league record clobbering his 73rd homer in the season finale. Bonds broke Mark McGwire's record of 70 homers in 1998.

Oct. 30 In his first regular-season game since coming out of retirement, Michael Jordan scores 19 points as the Washington Wizards lose to the New York Knicks 93-91 at Madison Square Garden.

Nov. 4 The upstart Arizona Diamondbacks defeat the New York Yankees in dramatic fashion in Game 7 of the World Series.

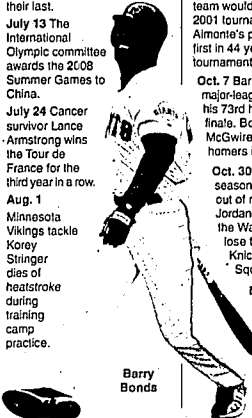
Nov. 6 Commissioner Bud Selig emerges from the baseball owners' meeting threatening to eliminate two franchises of the major league map.

Nov. 16 After a messy divorce from Indiana, Bob Knight watches his Red Raiders beat William & Mary 75-55 in his debut with Texas Tech.

Dec. 14 George O'Leary was forced to resign five days after becoming head football coach at Notre Dame for lying about his education and athletic accomplishments.



Dale Earnhardt



Barry Bonds



Bud Selig



Michael Jordan

SOURCE: Associated Press

Ed O'Gastor/AP



May

The Buhl Indians cap a 26-4-1 baseball season by beating Teton 12-2 for their first-ever Class A-2 state baseball championship in Ontario, Ore.

Magic Valley girls track teams dominated across every classification at the Idaho State Track and Field Championships. Minico, Jerome, Declo and Raft River all came away with state championships.

The Filer boys track team won its first-ever state championship.

The Twin Falls girls golf team successfully defended its state championship with a whopping 37-stroke win.

The Valley boys golf team captured its first-ever state team title, whipping second-place McCall-Donnelley by 22 strokes.

State tennis titles went to several individuals, the No. 1 boys' doubles team from Twin Falls, and The Community School, which won the Class A-2 team title. The brother-sister tandem of Ryan and Lauren Drew led the Cutthroats. For Lauren, it was her third straight girls singles' title.

June

The College of Southern Idaho rodeo team won its second national championship at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo. The Golden Eagles also won their respective region for the 25th time in school history.

The 18th annual Hewlett-Packard Women's Challenge bicycle race wound its way through southern Idaho for nearly a week of its 12-day run through the Gem State.

The 2001 Idaho Regatta, one of the West's top boating events, converged on the Snake River at Burley for the 26th year.

July

Roger Harris and Nicole Deacon win the men's and women's titles at the 13th annual Latham Match Play Championships.

Twin Falls High School senior Brett Kleinkopf represents Idaho in the Junior World Golf Championships at Torrey Pines

in San Diego. He finished with 235 over three rounds, missing the final cut by 12 strokes.

The Twin Falls Nationals, a group of 13 area baseball players in the 11- to 12-year-old Cal Ripken league, defeat Caldwell to win the Cal Ripken state title in Rexburg. The Nationals' run at a berth in the Cal Ripken World Series ended at the Pacific Northwest Regional Tournament.

Twin Falls High School softball catcher Debbie Dodds is selected a 2001 high school second-team All-American and West Region first team All-American by Louisville Slugger and the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

Jason Crompton, of Evanston, Wyo., wins the 15th annual Lions Spudman Triathlon for the third straight time. Cheri Weimer of Idaho Falls takes the women's competition.

August

Citing philosophical difference, College of Southern Idaho men's basketball coach Derek Zeck leaves the program just before beginning his third season at CSI. Zeck finished with a 58-11 (.840) mark in his two years with the college.

Guy Beach is hired as the new men's basketball coach at the College of Southern Idaho.

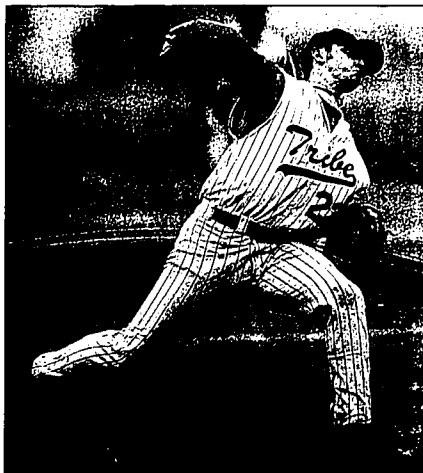
College of Southern Idaho volleyball coach Ben Stroud takes a "professional leave of absence," from the program only to return three days later.

The Buhl A American Legion baseball team wins its second state championship, defeating Mountain Home 11-1 at the state tournament Sunday at R. Dayley Field in Burley.

Homedale golfer Jason Bidegana successfully defends his Idaho Junior Golf Association overall title at the IJGA State Championships at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

September

Kleinkopf successfully defends his McDonald InsurServ Magic Valley Amateur title by taking the second playoff hole from fellow teen-age phenom Nate Stinson of Filer.



The Minico High football team beats Twin Falls 15-0 to snap a 15-year losing streak against the Bruins. The win is Minico's first over Twin Falls since 1986.

Twin Falls High School officials cancel a scheduled boys' soccer game with Minico and a volleyball match with Jerome following terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

Magic Valley Speedway cancels its final race of the season, the Raybestos Brakes Northwest Series NAPA 150, after NASCAR's decision to shelve all classes of racing that weekend because of the terrorist attacks.

The Twin Falls Olympic Torch Relay Committee holds 'Off the rim' golfing contest along the Snake River Canyon rim. Golfers attempt to hit a golf ball into an 18-inch diameter innershoe 415 feet down and 265 yards away on Canyon Springs Golf Course.

October

The Twin Falls High football team beats Pocatello 57-7 to earn its first and only victory of the season to avoid a winless season.

The Bruins finished the year 1-8.

The Burley High volleyball earns its first berth to the state playoffs since 1993 with a 15-12, 14-16, 15-7 win over Skyview in their interdistrict state play-in match.

Shoshone standout Monica Uhrig verbally commits to Gonzaga University to play basketball.

The Community School boys soccer team's chances at a state title fall by the wayside when Payette stuns the Cutthroats 3-2 in the opening round of the 3A state championships in Buhl. The loss spoils a spectacular season by Josh Stank, who finished the regular season 49 goals. The Wood River boys team finishes second.

Defending 3A state girls soccer champion Wood River is eliminated from title contention by Weiser with a 2-1 opening round loss at the state tournament in Buhl.

The Twin Falls boys soccer team falls to Timberline 5-2 at the 5A Boys State Soccer

Top left, College of Southern Idaho student Barbara Porter failed to place in the top 5 at the Pacific Rim Judo Championships in Los Angeles. It was Porter's first international tournament as an official team member representing USA Judo.

Above left, Minico standout guard Clare Bodenstener signed a letter of intent to play basketball for national powerhouse Stanford and Olympic gold medal-winning coach Tara VanDerveer.

Above middle, Bob Lutz fell to long-time friend Roger Harris 2 and 1 in the 13th annual Latham Match Play Championships. Nicole Deacon won the women's division.

Above right, College of Southern Idaho coach Derek Zeck left the school just before beginning his third year with the Golden Eagles, leaving under a shroud of secrecy. Guy Beach was named coach of the program shortly after Zeck's departure.

Left, the Buhl Indians won the Class A-2 state baseball championship by beating Teton 12-2 in May and then showed that the victory was no fluke with an 11-1 dubbing of Mountain Home for their second straight Class A American League state title.

Tournament at Highland High School in Pocatello.

November

Minico senior point guard Clare Bodenstener signs a national letter-of-intent to play basketball at Stanford University.

The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team wraps up its first undefeated Scenic West Athletic Conference season in two years and earns its ninth straight berth to the National Junior College Athletic Association volleyball tournament. CSI finishes fifth at the tournament, its lowest showing ever at the tourney.

The Glens Ferry football team loses to Kamiah 127 in the 2A state championship game. Raft River falls to Mackey in the 1A 11-man title game. It's Mackey's sixth straight championship.

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Schoolcraft College of Michigan stuns the 13th-ranked College of Southern Idaho men's basketball in the opening round of the K&T Steel Invitational. The loss ends CSI's 29-game home winning streak.

December

Sun Valley native Picabo Street finishes fifth in a women's World Cup downhill ski race as she continues to prepare for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games on Salt Lake City. It is her highest finish in a race since 1998.

Chad Ryan replaces longtime Twin Falls High wrestling coach Dave Stotten. Ryan was a junior national wrestling coach in Iowa.

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American Football Conference

		East									
	W	L	T	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div	
x-New England	10	5	0	667	333	266	62-0	43-0	8-40	21-0	62-0
Miami	9	5	0	643	289	269	51-0	44-0	8-30	12-0	43-0
N.Y. Jets	9	5	0	643	279	259	34-0	61-0	7-30	22-0	52-0
Indianapolis	5	9	0	337	307	434	23-0	34-0	4-7-0	12-0	33-0
Buffalo	2	12	0	143	244	277	17-0	13-0	1-9-0	13-0	0-6-0

		Central									
	W	L	T	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div	
x-Pittsburgh	12	2	0	357	301	179	61-0	61-0	9-20	30-0	61-0
Baltimore	9	6	0	600	284	262	52-0	44-0	8-40	12-0	64-0
Tennessee	7	7	0	500	277	324	33-0	44-0	4-6-0	31-0	35-0
Cleveland	6	8	0	429	293	253	44-0	24-0	5-6-0	12-0	44-0
Kansas City	6	8	0	429	293	223	34-0	34-0	5-7-0	11-0	55-0
Chicago	4	10	0	286	177	265	34-0	14-0	3-8-0	12-0	24-0

		West									
	W	L	T	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div	
x-Oakland	10	4	0	714	360	280	52-0	52-0	7-30	31-0	61-0
Denver	7	7	0	500	307	293	52-0	25-0	4-6-0	31-0	34-0
Seattle	7	7	0	500	255	284	52-0	25-0	4-6-0	13-0	33-0
Kansas City	5	9	0	337	272	265	34-0	24-0	4-6-0	12-0	43-0
San Diego	5	10	0	333	310	296	43-0	1-7-0	3-8-0	22-0	14-0

National Football Conference

		East									
	W	L	T	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div	
Philadelphia	11	5	0	643	322	194	61-0	64-0	9-20	31-0	52-0
N.Y. Giants	7	7	0	500	248	263	52-0	25-0	5-5-0	23-0	43-0
Arizona	6	6	0	429	293	253	44-0	24-0	3-7-0	31-0	23-0
Washington	6	6	0	429	293	253	44-0	24-0	3-7-0	22-0	34-0
Dallas	4	13	0	286	177	265	34-0	14-0	3-8-0	12-0	44-0

		Central									
	W	L	T	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div	
x-Chicago	11	4	0	600	284	262	52-0	44-0	8-40	12-0	52-0
x-Green Bay	10	4	0	600	284	262	52-0	44-0	8-40	12-0	52-0
Tampa Bay	9	6	0	500	277	324	33-0	44-0	4-6-0	22-0	44-0
Minnesota	5	9	0	337	272	265	34-0	14-0	3-8-0	12-0	34-0
Detroit	1	13	0	286	177	265	34-0	14-0	3-8-0	12-0	44-0

		West									
	W	L	T	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div	
x-St. Louis	12	2	0	600	284	262	52-0	44-0	8-40	12-0	61-0
x-San Francisco	11	5	0	643	289	269	51-0	44-0	8-30	12-0	52-0
Atlanta	7	7	0	500	264	325	33-0	42-0	6-5-0	12-0	34-0
New Orleans	7	7	0	500	323	331	33-0	44-0	5-5-0	22-0	43-0
Carolina	1	13	0	286	177	265	34-0	14-0	3-8-0	12-0	0-6-0

Power rankings
Steelers, Rams rule the NFL

1. Pittsburgh (12-2)
 2. St. Louis (12-2)
 3. Chicago (11-3)
 4. San Francisco (11-4)
 5. Green Bay (10-4)
 6. New England (10-5)
 7. Oakland (10-4)
 8. Baltimore (9-6)
 9. Tampa Bay (9-6)
 10. Philadelphia (9-5)
 11. N.Y. Jets (9-5)
 12. Miami (9-5)
 13. Tennessee (7-7)
 14. New Orleans (7-7)
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 18. Atlanta (7-7)
 19. Jacksonville (6-8)
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 21. Cleveland (6-8)
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 23. Kansas City (5-9)
 24. Indianapolis (5-9)
 25. San Diego (5-10)
 26. Dallas (4-10)
 27. Cincinnati (4-10)
 28. Minnesota (4-10)
 29. Detroit (1-13)
 30. Buffalo (2-12)
 31. Carolina (1-13)
- Sam Farber, Los Angeles Times

Cowboys, at 4-10, still draw crowds

By Richard Alm
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - The Dallas Cowboys' sellout streak will extend to 96 in a row at today's home finale against the San Francisco 49ers.

The franchise once known as America's Team has defied conventional wisdom that says fans flock to winners and flee losers.

The streak, which includes regular- and post-season games, began in 1991, and the team added to it this year despite a losing record and finishing in last place for the second year in a row.

"It tells me they were able to respond quickly to changing market conditions," said David Carter, principal in the Los Angeles-based Sports Business Group. "A lot of teams wouldn't be as nimble."

Back in the heat of summer, with football prognosticators scoffing at the Dallas Cowboys' prospects for winning, Stephen Jones refused to concede that the streak would come to an end this season.

Jones, the team's chief operating officer, said the Cowboys' strong brand and marketing prowess gave the team a good chance to keep the turntables spinning. Looking back on it now, he said the team had to work harder this season and often reached the end of the week before selling out home games.

"Even in good times, we felt it

was in our best interest to have a ticket department that can sell tickets," said Jones, son of Cowboy owner Jerry Jones. "That has come in handy when the team is struggling."

Under NFL rules, unsold tickets mean home games aren't shown on local television, so the team also escaped that embarrassment.

Losing teams often find fans aren't eager to buy tickets.

It's happened to the Cowboys in the past: The team suffered a 16.2 percent drop in attendance after the 1987 season, the team's first losing campaign since 1964. From 1987 to 1989, the Cowboys won 11 of 48 games and attendance averaged 50,211 a game, 75 percent of capacity at 65,000-seat Texas Stadium.

Selling out this season wasn't a lock. The Cowboys, who won three Super Bowls in the 1990s, were coming off a 5-11 season. They also lost the drawing power of longtime star quarterback Troy Aikman.

It didn't help that the economy was turning sour as they headed to training camp last summer.

Starting in the preseason, the Cowboys advertised more than they did in previous years. They logged ticket sales as the season went on, too, including during game-day broadcasts.

The Cowboys introduced a dis-

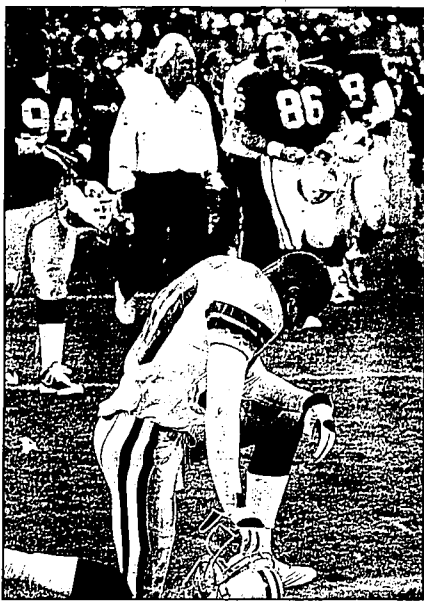
counted Family Fun Pack - four tickets, four hot dogs, and four soft drinks for \$99. The team lured fans by giving out Emmitt Smith bobblehead dolls, hats, and 2002 cheerleader calendars.

Fans responded, but aggressive marketing isn't a panacea.

"The Cowboys are fortunate they've got a top brand," Carter said. "It's easier to be agile and astute when you have one of the top global brands in the market."

The advertising and promotional strategy, Jones said, was to catch the attention of Cowboys fans who thought tickets weren't available. "This is a year when

our sales staff was focused on selling single-game tickets," Jones said. "We were really going after new fans. We had a lot of turnover in our fan base this year."



Dallas' Reggie Swinton, front, reacts after being unable to haul in a pass that would have tied the game as the Arizona Cardinals leave the field Dec. 23. The Cardinals defeated the Cowboys 17-10. Despite the Cowboys' struggles on the field, they've still managed to sell out all their home games this season.

Reports: Chargers will fire Riley after Sunday

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Mike Riley will coach the San Diego Chargers' season finale Sunday amid reports he will be fired in a matter of days.

ESPN.com and CNN.com, citing unidentified NFL sources, reported that Riley will be fired, perhaps as early as Monday.

Chargers general manager John Butler, who has never given Riley a vote of confidence, refused to confirm or deny the reports Saturday.

"Like I've told everybody, I'll evaluate everything at the end of the season," Butler said. "I have no comment about that. There are many, many things that are being speculated about."

When asked if he's made up

his mind about Riley, Butler said: "That I won't even talk about."

The Chargers end their season today at home against Seattle. The Chargers had their bye Sept. 16, the weekend when all games were postponed because of the terrorist attacks, so all the other teams have one game left after this weekend.

It will hardly be a surprise if Riley, 14-33 in three seasons, is fired. He barely survived last year's 1-15 disaster, and speculation about his dismissal this year has grown along with the Chargers' eight-game losing streak. At 5-10, the Chargers are out of the playoffs for the sixth straight season.

New Orleans receiver Connell surrenders on charges of theft

GRETNNA, La. (AP) - Suspended New Orleans Saints wide receiver Albert Connell surrendered after arrest warrants were issued accusing him of stealing more than \$4,000 from teammate Deuce McAllister.

The first warrant alleges \$863 was taken from McAllister's locker Dec. 5, and the second alleges \$3,500 was taken from the running back's car Dec. 9, the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office said.

Connell surrendered a few hours after the warrants were issued Friday. Sheriff's Lt. Ed Still said.

Connell, who signed a \$14 million contract last spring, was suspended Dec. 19 for the rest of the season, although the team refused to say why.

If convicted, Connell faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$3,000 fine.

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Joe Somebody (R)
Today 12:15 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 7:00 - 9:00

Jimmy Neutron (G)
Today 12:45 - 2:55 - 5:05 - 7:15 - 9:15

Lord of the Rings (PG)
Today 12:30 - 4:00 - 7:30

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1000 Main, Twin Falls, 724-2400

Black Knight (PG)
Today 12:30-2:40-4:50-7:10-9:20

Queen Bees (PG)
Today 1:00-3:10-5:20-7:30-9:30

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Today 12:45-3:00-5:10-7:20-9:40

How High (PG)
Today 12:30-2:40-4:50-7:10-9:20

Not Another Teen Movie (PG)
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Behind Enemy Lines (PG)
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Twin Cinema 12
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Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius (G)
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Sex Games (R) Robert Redford
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Today 12:30 - 3:30 - 6:45 - 9:00 - 9:45

Lead the Band (PG)
Today 12:00 - 1:00 - 2:00 - 4:00 - 7:15 - 7:30 - 9:00

Vanilla Sky (R) Tom Cruise
Today 12:30 - 3:30 - 6:45 - 9:45

Majestic (PG) Jim Carrey
Today 12:30 - 3:30 - 6:45 - 9:45

Shallow Blue (PG) 4:45 - 7:30 - 9:55

Joe Somebody (PG) Tom Allen
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Monstrous (PG) Web Duany
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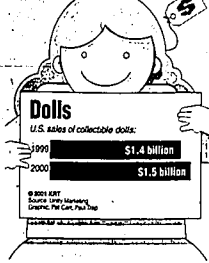
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Board issues request for program proposals

TWIN FALLS - The South Central Idaho Works! Board is issuing a Youth Program request for proposals and an Adult Program request for proposals, pursuant to the Workforce Investment Act and the Job Training Partnership Act.

The Youth Program targets economically disadvantaged youth ages 14 to 21 who also fall into one or more of these categories: deficient in basic literacy skills, school dropout, homeless, runaway, foster child, pregnant or parenting, offender, with disabilities and one or more grade levels behind age-appropriate level. About \$278,000 is available.

The Adult Program targets economically disadvantaged adults 18 and older who also fall into one or more of these categories: substantial language or cultural barriers, deficient in basic literacy skills, school dropout, homeless, with disabilities and homeless. About \$243,000 is available.

Successful bidders for both programs will operate from July 1 through June 30, 2003.

Bidder's conferences will be held Jan. 9 in the University of Idaho conference room in the Evergreen Building at the College of Southern Idaho. The Youth Program conference is at 10 a.m., the Adult Program conference starts at 11 a.m.

For information and request-for-proposal packets for both programs, contact Candy McElfresh by phone at 732-5727 or by e-mail at candy@rvida.org. Packets also are available at the Region IV Development Association office in CSI's Evergreen Building.

Proposals for both programs are due Feb. 15.

Medical assistant group plans Jan. 8 meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Medical Assistants will meet at 6 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Trinity Ear Nose & Throat facility, 1330 Filer Ave. E. Dr. H. Peter Doble II will speak on "Advances in Sinus Surgery."

Continuing-education units are available to those who attend. The meeting is open to anyone who works as an assistant in a medical office. For information, call Sue Eckert at 733-6022 or Shanda Hughes at 734-4555.

401(k) deductions serve to stabilize stock market

With the markets vacillating these days like the moods of a manic depressive, Americans may take some comfort in knowing their 401(k) deductions are nonetheless having a stabilizing effect.

More than \$13 billion worth of salary deferrals move automatically into 401(k) and other retirement plans each month, says investment advisory firm Diversified Investment Advisors. That figure is expected to grow threefold over the next 10 years, as more employees start saving for their golden years.

That's good news for the long-term health of securities markets, says Tom Schlossberg, president of the Purchase, N.Y.-based company.

"One of the ancillary benefits of this source of constant cash flow will be the buoying of the stock market in the long run," he says. "And as deferrals for retirement savings grow, so will the dampening impact of this pool of money on market fluctuations. It's turning out to be a force for good in the market."

Compiled from staff and wire reports

H Health and productivity

Fitness plays key role in keeping employees on job

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Prevention is the best medicine when it comes to keeping employees on the job and productive. But it's not the easiest pill for individuals to swallow.

Over the past three years, Idahoans have self-reported that they are getting fatter and less fit to the Health Status Review Board. That's a disturbing trend for Cheryl Juntunen, director of South Central District Health, whose business is preventive care for the community.

"The trends are going in the wrong direction," Juntunen said. "Obesity and lack of fitness are big occupational-health problems."

The trend is even more alarming because, on self-reports, people tend to lie to make themselves look better, she said.

Seeing those trends made South Central District Health re-evaluate its approach to its own 100 employees. A year ago, willing employees were assigned to fitness teams and encouraged to work fitness into their lifestyles by gardening or walking or housecleaning for 30 minutes, five times a week. Participants can also do 20 minutes of aerobic exercise five times a week to meet their goals. Movie tickets or coupons to local businesses are awarded monthly to both individuals and teams that achieve fitness goals.

Juntunen hasn't surveyed employees to see how much weight they've lost or how many sizes they've dropped. The primary goal, she said, is to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Past national studies evaluating health insurance use have shown that the more fit a person is, the less sick leave or health benefits they use, Juntunen added.

People who are depressed also tend to use more sick leave, and studies have shown that the more fit a person is, the less likely he or she is to be depressed.

Fit people are also better able to ward off illnesses during flu season, but many employers chose to get their employees an option of getting flu shots as



Although employers haven't documented a direct correlation between flu shots and a reduction in employee illness, the fact that employees continue to take advantage of flu vaccination programs tells employers the programs are valuable.

extra protection. South Central District Health encourages its employees to get flu shots but does not subsidize the cost.

For at least the past five years, the city of Twin Falls has paid for any employee or employee's spouse to get a flu

shot in the fall. The program is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged for employees who work in emergency services or

Progress Report

About these stories

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come into contact with the public.

Susan Harris, human resources director for the city, said the cost of the shots is minimal-compared with the cost of paying another police officer or firefighter at time-and-a-half rate to cover for a sick co-worker.

Although Harris has not documented a correlation between employees who get flu shots and the number of sick days used, she said the flu shots are part of an overall preventive health program that includes offering regular health screenings, making a weight room available for all city employees to use and including health information in the employee newsletter.

The end result is an agency that uses relatively few sick days overall, she said.

Other employers also measure success by the number of employees who choose to get flu shots, rather than by the number of sick days taken. At Seastrom Manufacturing Co. Inc., employees receive personal days - not sick - days. Healthy employees use their personal days to attend school functions with their children or go hunting - not staying home with the flu.

Seastrom shares the cost of the flu vaccination with employees.

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Magic Valley employers stress worker safety

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The No. 1 occupational injury in America doesn't come from maneuvering a fork lift or clicking away at a computer keyboard. It comes from a machine most of us take for granted - our vehicles.

Motor vehicle accidents account for the majority of days

missed from work due to injury, said Cheryl Juntunen, director of South Central District Health in Twin Falls. Those figures are particularly bad in Idaho, where seat belt usage is among the lowest in the nation.

Although most companies do require seat belt use when

employees drive company-owned vehicles, many employees fail to buckle up when driving personal vehicles.

To see just how low seat belt use was in personal vehicles, the health district entered into a friendly competition with the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and

the Twin Falls Police Department. Representatives from each agency were posted at each's parking lots to count how many employees were buckled up.

Juntunen said the results were bad, especially for the health district, which was at the bottom after the first day. The district embarked on an aggressive campaign that brought

usage up to over 90 percent in September and saved Juntunen from having to kiss a pig at the end of competition.

"Seat belt usage is a habit," she said. "It takes a lot of nagging to develop it."

At Seastrom Manufacturing Co. Inc., the nagging takes the form of periodic reminders.

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Progress Report

By Carol Stephens
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Hospital administrators say the benefits of occupational health services they offer to employers easily outweigh the up-front costs.

"Basically, occupational health is a full-service program designed to help businesses keep their employees healthy, safe and productive," said Shawn Bariga, communications manager for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Occupational health is a growing business for hospitals with many programs offered, including pre- and post-employment drug and alcohol screening.

"We have an all-encompassing program offered in a variety of ways," said Dennis Maughan, occupational health director for Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. "The program works for businesses whether they have three employees or 300."

Brent McMillan, manager of occupational and physical therapy at Cassia Regional Medical Center, combines writing job descriptions

with pre-job physicals and agility testing.

"If we've written a good job description including how many pounds are lifted, how many times a person bends and turns and other physical movements, we can test for that before a person is hired. We're always aware of the Americans with Disabilities Act," he said. "Sometimes the movements for a job can be modified."

"We respond to the needs in the community," said Joye Simpson, manager of Minidoka Memorial Hospital's Occupational Health Department.

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Physical and agility tests are geared to the job. Here Sanela Kapetanovic, therapy technician at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Occupational Health Clinic, has added weights to the barrel to equal the liquid weight it would contain on the job. Potential employees would be tested to see whether they could lift the weight the times the job would require. Potential employees would also learn the best way to lift it to avoid injury.



CHERYL STEPHENS/The Times-News

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

JEROME - University of Idaho Extension educator Jo Ann Robbins will transfer to Jerome County from Blaine County effective Wednesday.

Robbins, who joined the UI Extension faculty in 1991, will be Jerome County's crops and horticulture educator. She will lead county, multicounty and districtwide programs in row crop management, especially corn and potato production.

In addition, she will lead the university's educational efforts in the areas of horticulture and small farms throughout south-central Idaho and will conduct 4-H programs in cooperation with fellow Extension staff and faculty.

During her decade in Blaine County, Robbins helped organize the Southern Idaho Farm Conference, Blaine and Camas county cereal schools, and Blaine, Camas and Lincoln county alfalfa workshops.

She has also conducted numerous research and demonstration projects in small fruits and specialty potatoes and has coordinated Master Gardener training in the university's 11-county District III.

"I'm looking forward to working with a larger commercial agriculture community," said Robbins, a native of Bull. "I'm also very interested in working with small farmers and with small-acreage owners who have property they need to manage."

Jerome County's longer growing season will also expand Robbins' opportunities to conduct field trials in corn, potatoes and specialty crops.

BURLEY - Calvin H. Pearson, professor of soil and crop sciences at Colorado State University, is the new editor of Agronomy Journal starting Tuesday.

Pearson is responsible for the quality of the journal's content and oversees procedures for manuscript submission, acceptance, release and publication, and criteria for review and referee of scientific papers. He was associate editor for five years (1990-94) and technical editor for another five years (1995-99).

Agronomy Journal, published by the American Society of Agronomy, is an international scientific journal of agricultural and natural resource sciences dedicated to the development of agriculture through science while maintaining sensitivity for the environment and human values. Agronomy Journal has a circulation of nearly 6,000.

Pearson, an employee of the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station, has been stationed at the Western Colorado Research Center at Fruita for 17 years. He has conducted extensive agronomic research on a broad range of crops and topics.

Pearson will continue to live in Grand Junction, Colo., and pursue research. He is a former Burley resident, son of Carmen and Beth Pearson and brother to Steven Pearson and Ryan Pearson, who live in the Burley area.

TWIN FALLS - Servpro of Magic Valley completed an intensive training course on mold remediation techniques put on by restoration consultants from Sacramento, Calif.

At the completion of the workshop, Clements completed a three-hour certification exam and is now an Indoor Air Quality Association-certified



Clasey Clements

mold remediator in Bull just completed its 2002 United Way workplace campaign. Clear Springs employees came in as the No. 1 employee campaign with \$22,606.

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ELKO, Nev. - A specially designed toilet paper and dispenser will attract children to the potty chair, says a local inventor. Inventor Laura Neilson of Elko began developing her idea for the Toddler Toilet Tissue & Dispenser in May. She was inspired to create this product while trying to potty train her daughters.

The idea is being made available for licensing to manufacturers interested in new product development, especially in the baby products industry. Neilson is hoping to have the Toddler Toilet Tissue & Dispenser in full production and available to the public soon, said Invention Technologies Inc., a Coral Gables, Fla.-based firm that is handling publicity and public relations for the invention.

MURTAUGH - Luisa Munoz, a cattle feeder from Murtaugh, was elected vice chairman of the Idaho Beef Council's board of directors.

Other local members of the board are cattle women representative Jean Harrison of Heyburn and cattle feeder Vern France of Gooding.

Munoz and France also currently represent the Idaho Beef Council on the Federation Division of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Cattlemen created the Idaho Beef Council in 1967 as a marketing organization for the Idaho beef industry and to support a national beef-marketing effort. The council, funded through the Beef Checkoff Program, seeks to identify opportunities and implement programs that enhance the attributes of beef and the beef industry as viewed by consumers. Members of the eight-member board of directors are nominated by industry organizations and appointed by the governor for three-year terms.

The next meeting of the Idaho Beef Council is Jan. 22-23 in Boise. For information or a meeting agenda, call 376-6004.

TWIN FALLS - Dr. Paul Workman of Twin Falls recently received a three-year appointment as cancer liaison physician for the cancer program at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The Cancer Liaison Program is part of the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons.

Workman is among a national network of more than 1,800 volunteer cancer liaison physicians who provide leadership and support to the Approvals Program and other Commission on Cancer activities.

Workman, who has interest in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with malignant diseases, previously led the cancer committee at Magic Valley Regional in order to maintain its commission-approved cancer program. He also provides community leadership by volunteering at the division or unit level of the American Cancer Society to develop cancer-control initiatives.

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Southern Idaho residents helped wireless company Nextel Partners collect more than 1,000 pounds of canned food for families in need during the past month as part of the company's holiday food drive.

Nextel Partners surpassed its one-month goal to collect 500 pounds of canned food in each of its markets nationwide, collecting over 17,000 pounds across the United States.

"Through Nextel Partners' program, we are able to help provide 1,408 meals to local families this season," said Roger Simon, executive director of The Idaho Foodbank, a Nextel Partners press release.

Residents joined Nextel Partners employees and their families as well as its customers and wireless dealers in the food drive.

MILESTONES

Glacier Bancorp Inc. announces dividend of 15¢

HAILEY - Montana-based Glacier Bancorp Inc. - whose subsidiary Mountain West Bank has branches in Ketchum and Hailey -

declared a quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share.

The dividend is payable Jan. 17 to owners of record on Jan. 8.

Boise Cascade takes out permit for new roof

BURLEY - Boise Cascade's Corrugated Container operation at 1544 W. 27th St. is getting a new roof.

According to Burley building inspection records, Boise Cascade took out a \$900,000 permit.

Doug Pasley, general manager of the Burley Boise Cascade facility,

said the permit is for a roof repair project. The building was constructed in 1958 and has never had a new roof since then, he said. The \$900,000 will be used entirely for the roof.

"We have a big roof," Pasley said.

Longview Fibre Co. will hold shareholders meeting

TWIN FALLS - Longview Fibre Co., the Longview, Wash.-based operator of a Twin Falls container plant that's a major Magic Valley employer, will hold its annual shareholders meeting next month.

The meeting is set for 10 a.m. (in the Longview time zone) Jan. 22 at The Monticello Hotel, 1405 17th Ave. in Longview.

The agenda includes election of four Class III directors. Shareholders who were of record Nov. 26 may vote at the meeting.

Farm prices shine through few dark spots in 2001

By David Burgess
Ag Weekly writer

TWIN FALLS - The year 2001 turned out surprisingly sunny for the bulk of Gem State commodities. A few markets wobbled but prices were mostly up, and the most dramatic turnaround this year had to be in potatoes.

Potatoes

After two diversion programs and historic lows, potato prices have rebounded.

"The market was very receptive to the 2001 crop. Acreage is down. It's almost the opposite from last year," said Paul Patterson, agricultural economist at the University of Idaho.

According to Bruce Huffacker, publisher of North American Potato Market News in Idaho Falls, fresh-pack potatoes showed the greatest upswing.

Huffacker calculates Idaho fresh-pack growers got about \$1.96 per hundredweight for the 2000 crop (September 2000 to July 2001).

The average from September to December this year was \$5.96 cwt. In late December, growers were getting as much as \$6.93. A year ago at the same time growers' return was only \$1.15.

Alfalfa

"It's a good year for hay if you're on the selling end, not so good if you're on the buying end," Patterson said.

Neil Rimby, U of I range economist, figures the water picture played a big role.

"Last spring when people figured out that we were going to be tight on water and hay, it went about as high \$140 a ton, and a lot of it was contracted. Then when we found out that water wasn't so tight, it dropped to about \$90 to \$110 for dairy quality hay," he said.

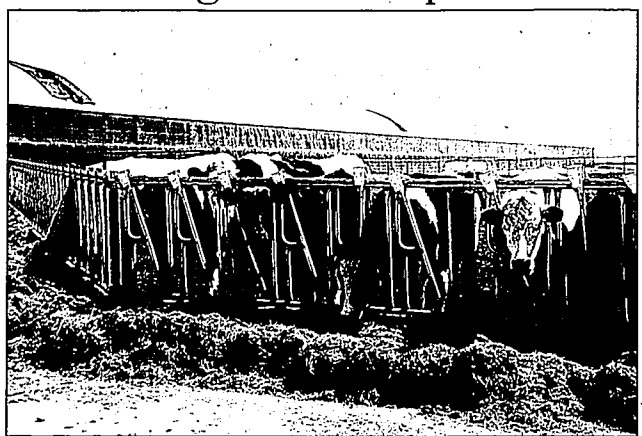
Alfalfa hay has inched back up to about \$120 to \$130 per ton now partly due to heavy snows, he said.

Milk

2001 was above average for milk - a big change from last year's low prices, according to C. Wilson Gray, U of I agricultural economist.

Prices started off at \$9.99 per hundredweight in January and peaked at \$15.50 in September. Through November, prices averaged \$13.41.

He attributed the decline in



Dairy and hay growers didn't have much to complain about price-wise this year. Milk and alfalfa were definite bright spots in the ag economy in 2001.

cheese this fall to the economy: "A lot of cheese is consumed away from home. People are eating out less with the recession."

Beef cattle

The year started out pretty well in both fed cattle and feeder cows, according to Gray. Prices tend to decline in late summer, but after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, prices just stayed low, he said.

Prices were in the low-60s per hundredweight, he said. "We are now in the mid-60s. And we should see a little increase after the first of the year."

Sheep

"Sheep and lambs started out strong, then crashed in the middle of the summer," according to Gray.

Spring prices were in the \$70 to \$80 range, then fell way down to \$40, he said.

Part of the situation is that there have been quite a few over-finished animals," Gray said.

Hogs

Patrick Florence, CEO at Independent Meat in Twin Falls, said 2001 followed a pretty nor-

mal pattern. The high was in early summer, and prices tapered off toward winter.

Nationally, live hogs averaged around \$50 per hundredweight for the year - \$4 to \$5 higher than the 10-year average, he said. "Per capita consumption has continued to rise. We are seeing more versatility in uses of pork," he said.

Wheat

"What we're seeing is grain prices in general up just a bit," said U of I agricultural economist Larry Makus.

Portland white wheat started out around \$3.50 a bushel in the marketing year beginning July 2001, he said. Prices have since risen to their current level between \$3.70 and \$3.80. The previous crop year averaged \$3.03 at Portland.

Barley

Prices on feed barley rose only slightly during 2001, even though the harvest was the smallest in decades, according to Makus.

Early in 2001, barley brought only \$80 to \$85 per ton. Currently, it trades around \$90, with malt barley paying a bit more generally. Makus thought barley was held

down by abundant corn - a competing feed crop. The farm-level corn price published by USDA is at \$1.85 per bushel, but Makus expects that to rise to \$2 this year.

Dry beans

The market for beans was up in 2001, but Idaho plantings were down.

Patterson forecasts Idaho's composite dry bean price for the 2001-02 marketing year at \$22 cwt., compared with \$17.35 last year and a five-year average of \$18.80.

Pintos were at \$21cwt. in mid-December. Patterson's projection is for \$22 over the year. Last year's crop averaged \$16.70. The five-year average is \$18.25.

Pinks are currently the strongest of the classes grown in southern Idaho and great northern are probably the weakest, Patterson said.

Sugar beets

John Schorr, Paul district manager for Amalgamated Sugar Co., said sugar beet growers are receiving more per ton this year.

Growers were paid around \$31 per ton in 2000. Prices range from \$36 to \$38 this year, Schorr said.

Morningstar index and other products will emerge in 2002

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Coming soon to a portfolio near you: Morningstar-branded equity indexes, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds.

Starting in 2002, the financial research firm known for its ratings of mutual funds and stocks plans to launch a line of indexes compiled according to company size and investment style.

Morningstar-branded mutual funds and exchange-traded funds are expected to follow, although not directly from Morningstar. For a fee, the firm will license investment companies to use its indexes as a branded tie-in for their own products.

"We've had negotiations with a number of different companies and we think there will be some interest," said Don Phillips, managing director at Morningstar. "We hope to have an announcement in early 2002."

The move is part of a larger

strategy by Morningstar to leverage its reputation. In January, subsidiary Morningstar Investment Services Inc. will begin creating and managing fund portfolios for firms including Commonwealth Financial, SIGMA Financial and KMS Financial.

Morningstar believes its approach to fund and equity analysis - specifically, its Style Boxes that assess levels of risk - will give it an edge.

But the competition is stiff. Many other financial research firms already market and brand their expertise.

Standard & Poor's, Lipper and Dow Jones, among others, have their own indexes. S&P licenses its indexes to investment companies, including Vanguard and Barclay's, for use respectively in mutual funds and exchange-traded funds, or ETFs.

The Nasdaq Stock Market is

expected in 2002 to unveil its own ETF that tracks its Nasdaq composite index. The American Stock Exchange already has an ETF, called the QQQ, that tracks the Nasdaq 100.

There is some debate about whether Morningstar's move is a good one, from a business or ethical perspective. "If Morningstar is going to be in the business of licensing these products, it potentially compromises

their objectivity in the evaluation of mutual funds," said Eric Tyson, author of "Mutual Funds for Dummies." "Imagine Merrill Lynch or some big fund family comes to them and says we want to develop a fund and we're going to pay you big money. Then Morningstar has to turn around and objectively evaluate their product."

"Also, do we really need more indexes? What are they going to

add that isn't already out there?" But Consumer Reports' finance editor Marlys Harris sees value in Morningstar's proposition.

"Their approach seems to be a more refined way to looking at indexes," said Harris, whose magazine is also a Morningstar customer. "They plan to be very transparent about how it's calculated right from the beginning, which is a good thing. Not all indexes do that."

She's not worried about bias, noting that many other research firms already provide similar services.

"Morningstar is pretty well respected and I think in, large part, that respect is deserved," she said.

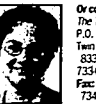
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Many online travel firms get back on track

CHICAGO (AP) — Directly led by Sept. 11 attacks, online travel agency Orbitz evacuated its headquarters near the Sears Tower that morning and watched its business plummet for weeks.

Orbitz and its competitors have now regained their lost altitude — and then some.

Thanks to bargain-hunting leisure travelers and the growing use of Internet sites for more than just airplane tickets, the Web travel business is strong, and the outlook is brighter than that of the industry as a whole.

"All of a sudden consumers are realizing this isn't just something for the most technologically advanced. It's for everybody," said Henry Hartevelt, a travel analyst at Forrester Research.

While overall industry revenues are expected to finish the year down 20 percent from last year, online leisure travel sales will wind up at a healthy \$14.2 billion, according to Forrester.

That estimate is scaled back from the \$16.7 billion forecast before the weakened economy and the terrorist attacks took their toll, but still 16 percent higher than a year ago.

The primary reason: Nearly 3 million more U.S. households, or 17.8 million in all, bought travel online this year.

While experts say the long-term prosperity of the Web business depends on the quality of service, consumers have been flocking to sites of late largely because the price is right.

That's certainly the case at 6-month-old Orbitz, the newcomer on the list of five busiest travel sites — behind fellow full-service sites Travelocity and Expedia and ahead of deep discounters Hotwire and Priceline.

Backed by five top U.S. airlines, Orbitz suffered through several hiccup with customer service and post-Sept. 11 fallout in travel before recovering by early November to a new sales high of 30,000 to 60,000 tickets a day.

Antitrust complaints made during its launch faded as the other travel portals logged increases as well.

For a few days or weeks in September, Orbitz' debut seemed ill-timed. Now it seems the opposite.

"Since Sept. 11, people have been really hungry for a deal. And they come to the Internet to get it," said Jeffrey Katz, who was chief executive at Swissair and an executive with American Airlines before becoming Orbitz's president and CEO.

"In my 20 years in the airline business, I've never seen as many deals for travel as there are now," he said.

More than prices have

changed since Sept. 11. Sites are meeting customer demand by providing more information about travel conditions, weather, security requirements and potential snags.

The airlines' own sites, where bookings have risen dramatically lately, are doing the same thing — a development that travel analysts suggest may ultimately put the agencies at a disadvantage.

"The airlines are really pushing people to check their sites now for flight status, the latest sales, etc., because market conditions have changed so quickly since 9/11," said Jared Blank, an analyst with Jupiter Media Matrix. "This is going to give them a bit of an advantage over the agencies like Orbitz, because they're providing all of this information in one place."

Orbitz and its heavyweight forerunners — American, United, Delta, Continental and Northwest airlines, who put up \$145 million to establish the showpiece for their Web-only deals — were ready for the trend before

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—Travel analyst Henry Hartevelt, on Internet travel sites

Sept. 11.

From its Travelers Care Center, an electronic command center located in a downtown Chicago high-rise, a former air traffic controller and other specialists have been pumping out thousands of daily flight alerts and other information for customers.

To help reach its goal of turning a profit by mid-2002, Orbitz took the risky step in early December of imposing a service fee of \$5 per ticket, a move its chief competitors may be tempted to follow.

The extra charge hasn't scared off customers so far. Industry-watchers say they've seen no evidence of a drop-off in ticket sales. Some of that strength may be attributable to intensive advertising. According to Jupiter Media Matrix, Orbitz accounted for 44 percent of all online travel advertising the week after Thanksgiving, a trend well evident to Internet surfers familiar with Orbitz' ubiquitous pop-up windows.

Other travel sites have been having equally happy holidays, and not just for heavy traffic in cheap air fares. Analysts say consumers have increasingly been going to Web agencies to look for good hotel rates, reserve vacation homes or book ski packages. Forrester's Hartevelt suggests the Web may be the travel industry's saving grace at a time it's under heavy pressure from economic woes and fears of terrorism.

"Without it, we might be seeing even worse results than we already are," he said.

Bankruptcy bonuses chagrine rank and file

BOSTON (AP) — In 1996, when chief executive officer Gary DiCamillo joined Polaroid Corp., the company had 10,000 employees and its stock was trading at more than \$40 a share. Five years later, Polaroid is bankrupt, thousands have been laid off, and its shares trade for pennies each.

But while former workers scrounge for medical coverage, DiCamillo, who was paid nearly \$850,000 last year, stands to earn up to twice that in bonus pay under a plan Polaroid has asked a U.S. Bankruptcy Court to approve.

The justification? Polaroid said it must pay millions to 45 top executives to make sure they don't jump the sinking ship before they can use their expertise to disassemble the company and pay off creditors. Some of the payments would be tied to how well the sales go, but others would be guaranteed.

The plan has angered some former Polaroid workers, many of whom never got severance pay and lost thousands in an employee stock plan.

"(DiCamillo's) looking after his cronies at the top and he forgot about the people that have been there for years," said Noel Barry of Bellingham, a former employee who is on long-term disability and recently received word that Polaroid will no longer contribute to his insurance.

These payments to executives, known as retention bonuses, are common in bankruptcy cases, and often creditors say it's money well spent — smart employees are essential in bad times as in good.

"It's not a crazy idea," said Alan Johnson, managing director of the executive compensation firm Johnson & Associates, who has testified for companies seeking approval for retention bonuses. "It's almost a necessity. The question is, to whom and how much."

Others say the ensuing bad publicity can outweigh the benefits.

"From just a perceptual point of view, it certainly seems not to pass the ethical sink test," said W. Michael Hoffman, executive director for the Center for Business Ethics at Bentley College in Waltham.



Noel Barry, 45, of Bellingham, Mass., sits at home with his dog, Rebel, earlier in December. Barry, a former Polaroid employee who has been on disability since 1998, just learned that his medical benefits will be terminated as of Jan. 1. Polaroid claims it can no longer afford to pay for the insurance, while it pays executives with bonuses to dismantle the bankrupt company.

Generally, such arrangements mix guaranteed payments with incentives based on how long employees stay and how successful they are in selling assets.

Top executives usually fare the best. When New Bedford-based electronics manufacturer Aerovox Inc. filed for bankruptcy earlier this year, a court approved payments for 17 midlevel managers. The company, which had 400 employees, was forced to cut in half its plan to keep four top executives after creditors objected, but under a final plan, they were cleared to receive payments estimated at \$625,000.

When discount retailer

Bradlee's Inc. went under last December, 10,000 workers lost their jobs. According to court papers, the company received permission to pay 155 key employees retention and incentive bonuses. The biggest winners were two senior executives, chief financial officer Greg Ambro and vice president of real estate Dan Defelice, who could each earn more than \$1 million.

Bradlee's attorney Adam Rogoff said the plan is conservative, entirely incentive-based, and the result of a consensus developed with creditors.

And at Houston-based Enron Corp., nearly 600 employees received more than \$100 million

in bonuses last month as the company faced a merger that unraveled, and then bankruptcy.

Boston bankruptcy lawyer Paul Daley said such proposals are increasingly popular.

"When I started 30 years ago, when someone filed a Chapter 11, one of the things you recommended was they take a cut in salary," Daley said. "Now the fear is always that executives without the bonuses would leave and would spend their time looking for their next job rather than concentrating on the needs of the company."

Polaroid retirees call the argument that executives would leave for other jobs ridiculous. With a weak economy and Polaroid's reputation in tatters, they doubt recruiters are actively wooing the company's top executives.

"Maybe they're right, these 45 people are essential to the reconstruction of the company, and if so, obviously shareholders ought to applaud such a move because perhaps their investment would be salvaged," Hoffman said. "I guess it's possible, but it does raise not only factual eyebrows but ethical eyebrows."

Company spokesman Skip Colcord said: "This is an incentive to get key people with key skill sets to remain with the company through the Chapter 11 process."

In considering retention bonuses, bankruptcy judges must determine whether the plans show proper business judgment. Among the factors considered are whether the employees are to blame for the bankruptcy and how likely they are to leave.

Bill Coleman, vice president of compensation at Salary.com, a Wellesley-based executive compensation firm, said the bonus plans are feeding on each other: each time a plan is approved, it serves as justification for others.

But so is scrutiny, because so many more Americans are now invested in the markets than during the last recession.

"When you have employees losing their pensions or locked out of selling stock when executives weren't, or kept out of their severance while the CEO is getting one, those kinds of patterns create huge negative feelings towards the company," he said.

Las Vegas megaresort construction should begin in March 2002

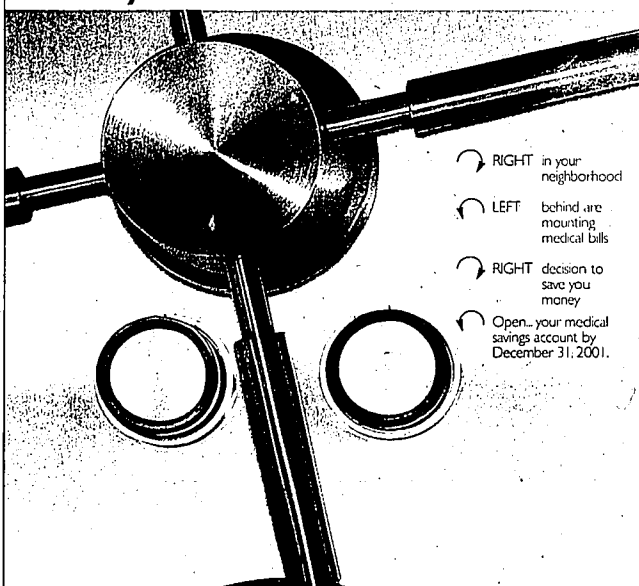
Knight Ridder News Service

Construction of Steve Wynn's Le Reve megaresort is now expected to get under way by March, with a planned December start delayed by excavations on the Desert Inn site, Wynn's brother said.

Steve Wynn said in October that he anticipated beginning construction on his water-themed Le Reve project by the end of December.

Kenny Wynn, director of Wynn Development & Design, said recently that construction was held up by delays excavating the basement levels of the Desert Inn's 14-story Augusta Tower, which was imploded Oct. 23 to make way for the new resort complex.

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Over 60 percent of employees opt to get a flu vaccination at the Glanbia Foods locations in Twin Falls and Coaling. Glanbia pays the entire \$99-shot cost, but human resources director Doug Larsen said the cost is insignificant compared with lost time and lost productivity from ill employees.

Two years ago, Glanbia also switched from a program of offering three sick days per year to four personal days per year. Employees can accumulate their personal days indefinitely and be paid for them when they leave the company.

"It's a much fairer program," Larsen said.

"Whether it's a fitness program or offering flu shots, whenever an employer can do to improve the health of its workers is worthwhile, said the health district's Juntunen. "Employers make a huge difference in employee health."

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Assisted-living centers see growth

Aging population sparks formation of waiting lists

By Carol Stephens
Times-News correspondent

BUIH - More nursing homes are adding assisted-living services to meet a growing need. A change in the way Medicaid is paid and the aging of the baby-boom generation have increased the demand for assisted living.

Many of the current assisted-living centers in southern Idaho have waiting lists, so people considering that option need to plan ahead.

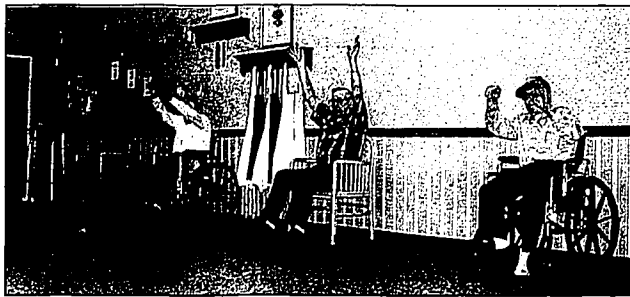
"It's a combination of the way Medicaid now pays and the increase in the number of people over 65. The age demographics affected assisted living, as well as skilled nursing facilities," said Roger King, administrator of Snake River Rehabilitation in Buhl.

Ellen Dean, manager of Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Gooding, said: "We've got a waiting list that won't quit. I've been here six years. We've been full the last four years and have had a waiting list for the last year and a half."

BridgeView Estates in Twin Falls offers assisted living and independent living. Administrator Kim Macfarlane said it's full and has a waiting list.

"Assisted living is a nice alternative. The cost is relatively low, and the family is secure in the well-being of the parent or parents," Macfarlane said.

She added that several of the benefits for people opting for assisted living are to have the onus of housework lifted from



Members of the BridgeView assisted living center exercise their arms in a morning exercise class led by activity director Kris Anderson. This is one of the many activities available to members. From left to right: Alina Kesterson, Ralph Andree - who just turned 97 Dec. 3 - Halbert Hatch and John Cazler.

their shoulders, to have someone to help keep track of any medication and to participate in activities and excursions.

"There has been a demand for assisted living. People need more assistance than the family can often provide," said Connie McDonald, administrator of Magic Valley Manor Assisted Living in Wendell.

Magic Valley Manor is part of Aspen Grove Corp.

"With assisted living, they have privacy, but also someone to help with things like cooking, cleaning, laundry and medication," said the community relations director for Aspen Grove, Jeanne Wilson.

"It's a better quality of life, because they're not isolated as often happens if they stay in their home."

"Here, they can stay active. They can go to community events, fishing, the senior center, bowling, bowling is pretty big, and a number of other activ-



Exercise class for 92-year-old Halbert Hatch is a breeze. Exercise classes are one of the benefits offered by BridgeView Estates and most other assisted living centers in the area.

Wilson added: "While the

manor has a few openings at this time, others in the corporation, such as Burley, Buhl and Gooding, have waiting lists."

Most assisted-living centers are corporations - regional, statewide or interstate. BridgeView, according to Macfarlane, is owned by Life Care Centers of America based in Tennessee. She said it is the third largest in the nation with 243 buildings.

Although part of corporations, those assisted-living centers contacted said they bought locally when possible.

Macfarlane said BridgeView uses a local medical supply company and buys things such as food and hardware locally. She said the pharmacy chosen in assisted-living depends on the individual's preference.

"We buy locally. Aspen Grove is an Idaho corporation, but not so big that we go out of area for employees," Wilson said.

Snake River Rehabilitation is owned by Northwest Bec-Corp. King said it uses local vendors as much as possible.

Services

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Programs offered by most hospitals include work injury management, pre-employment physical, hearing, and agility testing; case management; worker's compensation; job-site analysis; job-site health fairs; and a variety of screening, prevention and educational services.

"I'm willing to give educational talks for most topics in the field. Just give me lead time and I'll provide what's needed," Simpson said.

She said she has done in-service talks on violence in the workplace, slips/trips/falls, back safety, hazardous waste and other topics.

Mike Cooper, administrator of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome, said that hospital's occupational health services are mostly limited to handling worker's compensation cases and doing pre- and post-employment drug and alcohol screening for companies.

MVRMC, as part of its Work Injury Management program, has a stand-alone occupational health clinic with a designated physician, Barigar said.

"We work with the employer and employee to develop the best program to get the employee back on the job as soon as possible," Barigar said.

"We have two clients," he said, "the employer and the employee."

Some hospitals charge a negotiated fee which often depends on the service. For example, some hospitals will do job-site analysis in which workers' movements on the job are studied and suggestions made to change ways of moving or lifting to avoid employee injury. The number of jobs studied could make a difference in the price. Others may have a flat rate.

"I charge a set price for flu shots," Simpson said. "Whatever the county is charging is what I usually charge."

Barigar said he is sure MVRMC's occupational health service is operating in the black or he doubts the service would still be offered. But he said how much money is made is hard to track.

"For example," he said, "a person with a work-related injury may go to X-ray, then on to surgery," another department. "Mainly," he said, "we just look at the bottom line."

Maughan with TFC&H agreed. He said the source of income is not an exact science since they don't know where the injured person will be sent when he sees the physician.

"It's possible a back injury could be sent to Boise," he said. "We don't want to see just the injured worker. Once the worker develops a relationship with the physician, we hope to see the family members too."

"We do have set fees for different occupational health services," Maughan said. Maughan said occupational

Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace Project

The 20 members of the drug-free workplace program with the most employees, in descending order of size:

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- Lamb Weston Inc.
- Twin Falls School District
- Cactus Petes
- Glanbia Foods Inc.
- Oasis Stop & Go (Travelers' Oasis)
- St. Benedict's Family Medical Center
- City of Twin Falls
- Wal-Mart

In all, 78 local businesses and organizations have taken a stand against drugs in the workplace by signing onto the project, an ongoing statewide effort to publicly recognize companies that have drug-free workplaces meeting criteria established by the U.S. Department of Labor's "Employer's Guide to Dealing with Substance Abuse."

Businesses can apply for membership online at www.mdrg.org. For information, call Lisa Buddecke at 733-1300. To be eligible for membership, a business must have a clear, comprehensive policy and provide training for supervisors; educate employees about the program and provide employee assistance; and use a policy that includes pre-employment, post-accident and reasonable-cause testing. In addition, the business must be willing to be recognized publicly, talk to media about its program and submit its drug-free workplace policy for review.

health services help to reduce other costs to the employer.

"Smaller companies don't usually have the time or resources to pull files and keep track of injured employees. We do case management which cuts down on business administrative time," he said.

He added: "Drug screening, physicals and medical histories done before hiring gives the employer an idea of what the potential employee is bringing to the position. The \$35 for drug screening is not much when matched against the cost of an injury and loss of an employee on the job."

Maughan added that other programs also help reduce on-the-job injuries.

"An employee injured is money lost to the company while the injured employee is treated," he said.

Minidoka Memorial and Cassia Regional also have set or negotiated fees for occupational health services. Although both serve smaller communities, their ranges of services are similar to those offered in Twin Falls by MVRMC and TFC&H.

Progress Report

By David Burgess
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Penny Bowles, owner of Sneaker World & Uniform Station in Twin Falls, knows there are national companies and catalogs out there. But she says, "You have to patronize local businesses. All your money comes from local people."

Her approach has been successful. She has been self-employed since she was 20 years old, she said. For 14 years she ran a motorcycle business with her husband, Larry. Eleven years ago she started in her own venture with shoes, then added uniforms six years ago.

Uniform sales now comprise about 70 percent of her business, and many of these uniforms are for workers in the medical and health occupations.

Bowles sells to hospital workers regularly, working with the auxiliaries. She has put on a show with live models wearing the most popular designs of work clothing at Cassia Regional Medical Center that "went real good, got a lot of



feedback." She said she is "a firm believer" that a small business owner must be out selling and making new contacts to make it.

Eight months ago she decided to try another new line of business: disposables such as masks and gloves for dental and medical offices. She was already selling kits for emergency medical technicians. The new venture already

accounts for about 8-9 percent of her revenue, she said.

Bowles has handled another recent change: the move from the corner of Washington Street North and Addison Avenue West. She had leased about 1,100 square feet there until the building was demolished to make way for the Twin Stop Chevron station now under construction. She said

her customers followed her to her new space - 3,000 square feet in the Campus Commons retail center on Filer Avenue West.

She said employees have been the most challenging part of running a small business over the years. But she is "fortunate to have three really, really good employees" now working with her, she said.

Uniform supplier takes local approach

By David Burgess
Times-News writer

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Safety

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About once every two years, human resources director Carl Johnson brings in a state police officer to talk about seat belt use and statistics. This time of year, the company also stresses safe driving and walking techniques for getting around in inclement weather, he added.

Monthly safety meetings for both departments and the company as a whole address plant safety issues. Johnson said being safety-minded at work leads to employees being more safety conscious at home and at play.

"Employees appreciate the company's heartfelt concern for

their health and safety," he said.

Plant safety has been the primary emphasis at Glanbia Foods in recent years, and that focus has paid off in the company's improved safety record. The processor's Twin Falls facility had not had a reportable injury this year, and the wheat plant in Gooding had gone over a year without an accident, Doug Larsen, director of human resources, said recently.

That has translated into significantly lower worker's compensation rates for the company, and more days on the job for employees.

Larsen said it takes every-

body working together to make safety a culture within a company.

The Glanbia safety director's motto is: "We want to send you home safe every night."

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Medical suppliers upgrade

Corporations place hopes on S. Idaho market

By David Burgess
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The home medical supply business in Magic Valley is modernizing. Two businesses have recently sold to large corporations, and another is about to expand into a new building. The changes promise to bring greater services to physicians and their patients across the valley.

The biggest change in the business is the acquisition of Medical Mart by Apria Healthcare, a major supplier of home health care products in the United States. Medical Mart's eight former locations —

Salmon, Arco, Rexburg, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Burley, Twin Falls and Afton, Wyo. — all sold in August.

As a home medical equipment provider, Apria's largest focus is respiratory care products. Branches also sell durable medical equipment, or DME, including hospital beds and wheelchairs.

Employees were enthusiastic about the changes. "The resources are so much greater with Apria," said Becky Hancock, supervisor for the Twin Falls, Burley and Pocatello offices. "We are looking to try to get Idaho up to date with the rest of the U.S."

The business is also looking to expand into the Boise area.

Sean Martin, sales associate at the Twin Falls office at 1563 Fillmore, No. 2B, drew a stark comparison between the former Medical Mart and Apria.

"It's much better — like going from the stone age to the digital age," he said.

He said Medical Mart's founder, Seth Jenkins, started 55 years ago and grew the business, but it remained "a mom-and-pop operation." Jenkins is no longer associated with the business, Martin said.

Martin cited improvements in equipment, new programs, respiratory medications and home infusion.

"We can set people up to travel so much better now," Martin said.

"We can coordinate traveling with oxygen on airlines, Amtrack or Greyhound."



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Chris Lundgren sold Norco Home Medical stocks supplies dressings and medical rental equipment at the store at 588 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls, but the vast majority of products are delivered.

He said the Twin Falls office currently operates two delivery trucks, with a van on the way.

Most customers are medical patients with a prescription, and most products and services are billed to insurance plans — largely to Medicare.

"Apria has 3,000 different insurers on its list for direct billing," Martin said.

A second medical supplier in Magic Valley has been sold to a larger company. Interwest Home Medical Inc., based in Salt Lake City, with a location in Twin Falls at 261 Addison Ave. W., was sold to Praxair, an international corporation working mostly with industrial gases. The Praxair facility on Kimberly Road in Twin Falls no longer provides home medical service.

The sale was reported to be about \$42 million plus debt. Interwest, which had branches in Utah, Arizona, Idaho,

Nevada, Colorado, Alaska and California and employed more than 400, reported revenue of \$43.3 million in fiscal 2000. Praxair said the health-care market accounts for about 8 percent of its sales.

The new company might not keep the Interwest name, said Will Teater, Twin Falls branch manager. But there are no other planned changes to the business, he said.

"We are all happy with the buyout. I am impressed with Praxair," Teater said.

Interwest was a publicly held company based in Salt Lake City and had 28 branches before it sold earlier this year, Teater said.

"No one lost their job, which is nice in this time of consolidation in the industry," he said.

Interwest currently employs seven full-time workers and operates one delivery truck. Another local player is con-

About Apria

Annual sales: about \$1.1 billion
Headquarters: Costa Mesa, Calif.
Size: Nationwide — employs over 7,500 in the United States
Stocks: AHG, trading on the New York Stock Exchange

About Praxair

Annual sales: \$5 billion
Size: Global — a Fortune 500 company
Headquarters: Danbury, Conn.
Stocks: PK, trading on the New York Stock Exchange

templating change. Norco Home Medical is considering plans for a new building in Twin Falls. Curt Bywater, manager of the Twin Falls branch at 588 Addison Ave. W., expects the new building will be twice as large and hopes to break ground in about a month at property across the street, between FedEx and Caffe Mocha.

Bywater said the company "has seen steady growth over the past several years," and currently employs 15 full-timers and two part-timers. He said the long-term prospects for the business are good as "more baby boomers need the service."

Norco is owned by Jim Kissler in Boise and has 39 stores in five states, Bywater said.

"Most Norco stores are combined industrial and medical suppliers," Bywater added. In Twin Falls, the industrial gas business is separate, at Norco Welding & Supply at 203 S. Park Ave. W.

The two work together quite a bit, said Chris Lundgren, a Norco customer service representative. "That's where we fill our tanks."

Norco Home Medical's main focus is respiratory health, with 95 percent of the business billed to insurance plans, while 5 percent is self-pay.

Presently, the Twin Falls branch runs three route trucks and three clinical service vans. Norco also operates a branch in Burley at 138 N. Overland, which is a combined store selling medical supplies as well as industrial gases.

Another medical supplier is locally owned and has no planned changes to announce.

Home IV Service & Medical Supplies, at 526-L Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls, sells medical supplies but does not deal in respiratory products or provide deliveries. Dick's Pharmacy is the parent company of this business specializing in home intravenous services.

Local professionals meet at state level

By David Burgess
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley physicians, nurses, dentists and other health professionals band together with their counterparts around Idaho for lobbying, education, cost cutting, charity fund raising and advocacy.

Their professional associations, however, conduct most of their activity on a statewide rather than local level.

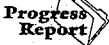
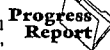
Chiropractor Dr. Craig Manning, of Canyon Springs Chiropractic Health Center in Twin Falls, drives a function of the Idaho Association of Chiropractic Physicians in Boise or Pocatello, and he said there is little interest among his colleagues to meet locally. However, at least one business-

man in Twin Falls is making use of a professional association's Web site.

Trilogy Network Systems advertises on the Web site of the Idaho Medical Group Management Association. Kent King, president of Trilogy, said the ad "is working for us." King said that medical office networks constitute one of three main parts of Trilogy's business — a part that is growing rapidly.

In the Magic Valley, members of the Idaho Medical Association get together for educational and charitable purposes in a group called South Central Medical Alliance.

They were to hold a Christmas luncheon Dec. 4 at Creekside restaurant in Twin Falls to raise money for Safe House, according to a representative of the group.



Professional associations

The Idaho Medical Association

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The premier medical association in the state is the Idaho Medical Association. The group provides extensive offerings of professional education, and it is heavily involved with lobbying at the state level. An issue of current interest for the group is the prospective operational agreement between the Regence Group and Health Care Service Corp. The group has posted on its Web site a letter to Idaho's Attorney General Al Lance and to the director of the Idaho Department of Insurance, Mary Harung, presenting IMA's concerns over competition in the health insurance marketplace and operational considerations.

The association's Web site also provides links to information for consumers looking for help with medical questions. The Idaho Medical Association has over 1,800 members. Predominant membership is comprised of about 1,500 actively practicing physicians, including residents, with the balance of membership comprised of retired physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and medical students. Call the IMA at (208) 344-7888 or e-mail membership@idmed.org for specific qualifications for categories of membership.

Idaho Nurses Association

www.ana.org/snas/id

The group offers two separate journals of nursing; continuing education conferences; advocacy; reduced rates for professional and personal liability insurance; and disability, dental and other group insurance plans.

Idaho Health Care Association

www.ihca-net.org

The group represents over 82 facilities and 6,000 beds in nursing homes. The group's Web site describes its mission: "Founded in 1966, IHCA is a leader in the development and protection of the ability of long term care providers to deliver responsive health care and other services to their clients in safe and secure environments."

The group holds a convention and trade show in the summer, and provides advocacy for the industry. The Web site also provides consumers with direction and answers to common questions.

American Dental Association

www.ada.org

The American Dental Association's Web site lists Dr. Wayne Wright, who has a practice in Burley, as president of the South Central Idaho Dental Society. The national group appears to offer a full range of services to members and consumers.

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proposed agreement at either the Minidoka County Highway District office or at the Three Creek Highway District during regular business hours. The property to be sold may be viewed at the office of the Minidoka County Highway District office at 225 West 50 South, Rupert, Idaho.

DATED the 19th day of December, 2001
Tara Brackett, Secretary
Minidoka County Highway District
Sylvia Tracy, Secretary

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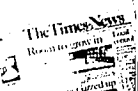
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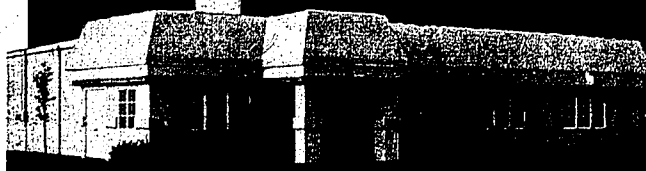


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\$92,000. Built - Country Living - on 2.02 acres this 3 bedroom 2 bath home with 1757 sq. ft. of living space, has a wood stove, forced air oil heat, shed in a quiet country setting. For more details visit TheHessTeam.com or call **WALT HESS** 737-3939 or **TAMI GOODING** 737-3940. #1157910



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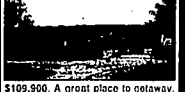
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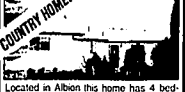
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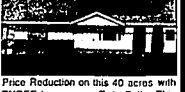
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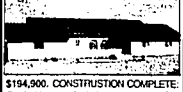
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Dear Mr. Wolff: At teams, we were vulnerable vs. nonvulnerable. RHO opens one spade and I double with ♠ Q-9-6 ♠ A-K-Q-6, ♠ J-6-5-4, ♠ A-Q. LHO jumps to three spades (pre-emptive), followed by two passes. Should I double again, or should I go quietly?

Eighteen-Poiner, Oshlasing, N.Y.

ANSWER: This is a tough one. With a relatively strong spade holding, you have a good shot at defeating three spades. If you double again, you risk getting your side overboard. (Partner is most likely to bid clubs.) Partner also has the pre-emptive spade raise, and if he had something of value, might have bid over three spades. Eighteen high-card points may not be as good as better distribution.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At rubber bridge, partner opens one diamond and RHO overcalls one spade. I bid two clubs with ♠ A-8-3, ♠ 5-3-2, ♠ 10, ♠ A-Q-9-8-7-5 and partner rebids two no-trump after my LHO passes. Should I pass, or should I bid game? We were vulnerable.

Chicken, Hemel, Calif.

ANSWER: Bid the game. With a six-card suit and help in spades, you are in no position to decide that exactly eight tricks is the maximum yield for this hand. It might go down at two or make an overtrick at three. Weighing gain vs. loss puts the odds heavily in favor of bidding game.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At teams, I open one spade with ♠ A-Q-9-7-6, ♥ J-7-6, ♠ A-2, ♠ J-8-7. Partner responds two hearts. With the opponents passing, what is my best call? We were vulnerable.

Fast Arrival, Albuquerque, N.M.

ANSWER: Traditional bidders would raise to three hearts. However, some modern partnerships force to game when they make a two-over-one response. Using that approach, they jump to four

hearts to describe a minimum opening with normal heart support. The raise to three hearts, in that case, would promise a sound opening, willing to entertain a move toward slam.

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Unleaded or Overlead? Nyack, N.Y.

ANSWER: The excellent diamond suit, the spade fit and the void in clubs make a reverse to two hearts very tempting. It is more appealing than the alternatives of two spades, two diamonds, three diamonds, etc. Though an overbid, I rate two hearts 100 percent, three diamonds 50 percent, two spades 20 percent and two diamonds 10 percent.

Dear Mr. Wolff: At team, partner opens one spade and RHO overcalls two hearts. Would you offer a negative double with this holding? I held ♠ —, ♥ K-7-6, ♠ 9-7-5-4-3, ♠ K-9-8-6-3. Only our side was vulnerable.

Loaves, Competition, Houston, Texas

ANSWER: Most would consider this a classic example of a negative double. You have length in both unbid suits, and the double asks partner to bid his better minor. However, there is a downside. Your spade void is a warning sign that partner may have a long suit and will bid spades aggressively if you double. My consensus guess? Most would double. The cautious would pass and await developments.

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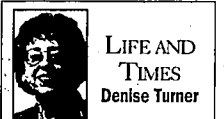
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My mom served black-eyed peas on New Year's Day. Always. Our Southern roots demanded it. "Black-eyed peas on New Year's for coins," they say in the South, "and collard greens for folding money." It's a good-luck thing.

Even now, my mother calls me long distance on Dec. 31 to make sure I'm "lentilly prepared." When I was little, I remember my uncle's annual Christmas visit, and my mom tucking a can of black-eyed peas into his suitcase before he went home. The tradition continued through the years. My uncle is 80 years old now, and he's never had to buy his own black-eyed peas.

Lucky for me, I always liked black-eyed peas because, at my house, everyone had to eat "at least one bite." One year, my youngest cousin rebelled. Thirty years later, it's a stigma he's never lived down. I think he broke his arm or something later that year.



When I left home, I swore I'd never eat another black-eyed pea on New Year's Day. Sort of the same way I swore I'd never think balding men were sexy. Or begin a sentence with, "When I was your age..." Or sleep through New Year's Eve.

But by the time the New Year's dinner had been passed to my generation, I was a black-eyed pea convert. Ritual has a strange way of doing that.

The pea tradition, I once read, has been traced back to England, and some settlers who brought the idea to Virginia during a time when black-eyed peas were considered a delicacy. The Pennsylvania Dutch serve sauerkraut for New Year's luck instead, while the French favor pancakes and the Swedes (surprise!) choose lutefisk.

There are other New Year's traditions, too. Making noise to cast out evil spirits, for example. And gunfire, to frighten off demons.

I have heard that people in ancient times went "calling" after midnight, believing that back luck would come to a home where the first guest was a criminal, a person with a squint, someone with red hair - or a woman!

Suddenly, black-eyed peas are starting to sound extremely sensible.

When I was a kid, we were also told you would have bad luck if you didn't take the Christmas decorations down by New Year's Day - and that what you do on Jan. 1 is what you will be doing for the rest of the year.

I know the last one's true. My husband watches football on TV. The kids complain about having to go back to school. And I do laundry.

Then there are those New Year's resolutions. They're traditions, too.

It's so nice to think about starting fresh and setting noble goals. The problem, of course, is that the rigid exercise program is discarded the first day that it snows. And the diet is forgotten by Jan. 2, when everyone around you decides it's time to share all those chocolates from Christmas.

I just received a news release about a new book titled "Breaking the Pattern," by Charles S. Platin. It addresses the problem of effecting real and lasting change in life through sheer willpower, the release says, and Platin offers behavioral principles to follow that help people stick to their New Year's resolutions.

I just may spring for a copy of the book.

And I still think about taking the risk and tossing out the peas. Every year. After all, I reason, life is an echo - and happiness is more an attitude than an accident of nature.

The reasoning usually lasts about five minutes. Not because I am superstitious. No way. It's just that black-eyed peas go so well with ham.

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Idaho's most (in)famous graves

• **Anna Shaw**, aka Lyda Southard, purportedly America's first serial killer. Died in 1958 and buried in Twin Falls' Sunset Memorial Park. Lyda Trueblood-Dooley-McHaffie-Lewis-Meyer-Southard-Whitlock-Shaw, poisoned four of her husbands and a brother-in-law in Twin Falls in the years during and after World War I, by boiling the arsenic off flypaper and lacing the men's food with it.

Southard killed, in "Double Indemnity" fashion, for the insurance money, but she never got rich in the process. She even tried to pay the premium on the policy of one of her deceased husbands after he died. Pardoned in 1943, Southard was released to a community that shunned her and to a family that wanted nothing to do with her. After she died in 1958, Southard was buried in Twin Falls' Sunset Memorial Park at 2 in the morning. Her body was reportedly completely hairless at the time, from arsenic exposure.

• **Ernest Hemingway**, Nobel Prize-winning novelist, committed suicide in Ketchum on July 2, 1961, and is buried in the Ketchum Cemetery.

• **William "Big Bill" Haywood**, Industrial Workers of the World organizer and radical activist who was acquitted of conspiracy in the 1905 murder of former Idaho Gov. Frank Steunenberg. After Haywood's death in 1928, his ashes were buried in The Kremlin in Moscow. Steunenberg's confessed killer, Harry Orchard, accused Haywood of ordering the former governor's assassination. After he was acquitted, Haywood became the formal head of the IWW and led textile strikes in Massachusetts and New Jersey and helped recruit the over 3 million

mine, mill and factory workers that at one time or another were Workers.

In 1918, Haywood was convicted of violating a federal espionage and sedition act by calling a strike during wartime. He served a year in Leavenworth, then jumped bond in 1921 while out on appeal. Haywood fled to Moscow where he became a trusted advisor to the new Bolshevik government.

• **"Diamondfield" Jack Davis**, gunslinger and convicted murder of two shepherders in what are now the South Hills in 1896. He was run over by a car in Las Vegas in 1949 and is buried in the Las Vegas Cemetery.

In the late 1890s, Davis went to work for cattle interests, including rancher John Sparks, who would later become governor of Nevada, intimidating sheep ranchers in southern Idaho and northeastern Nevada. After others confessed to killing the shepherders, Davis was reprieved in 1899 and pardoned in 1902 and moved to the central Nevada mining towns of Tonopah and Goldfield before drifting into obscurity.

• **Ezra Pound**, Harley-bom poet and expatriate, died in exile in Venice in 1972 and is buried at the Cimitero di San Michele there. Pound, born in 1895, was one of the great iconoclasts of the 20th century, expanding the frontiers of poetry and expression and encouraging the work of T.S. Eliot and Hemingway, among others. But a lifetime anti-Semite, he began making propagandist broadcasts for the Italian government during World War II. Arrested by American forces after war and charged with treason, he ended up in a Washington, D.C., mental hospital until exiled to Italy, where he died.

Tipton, 28, appreciates having a few missing celebs.

"Part of what we do is the thrill of the hunt," he said.

"That may sound weird, but I think it's

fun to spend hours walking along grave-stones and tracking down a person."

He relies on a global network of volunteers and scan newspaper obituaries and prowls shady graveyards looking for illus-

trious names, missing persons - or just about anyone.

Findagrave volunteers do not go gentle into that good night, but, rather, armed with cameras and high-tech gadgets that link with global positioning satellites to pinpoint the exact location of a grave.

For example, Marilyn Monroe can be found in the Corridor of Memories, Crypt 24, GPS coordinates: 34.05847, -118.43979. That works out to Westwood Memorial Park in Los Angeles.

Inch for inch, tombstone for tombstone, Westwood Memorial is probably home to more entertainers than any other final resting place in the country. Other notable interred there include Eva Gabor, Brian Keith, Burt Lancaster, Dean Martin, Marilyn Monroe, Roy Orbison, Buddy Rich, Mel Torme, Natalie Wood, Darryl F. Zanuck and Frank Zappa.

"That's good company for eternity," said Tipton.

"I've visited hundreds of cemeteries around the world, and you get more bang for your buck at Westwood Memorial Park than anywhere. I'd be happy to end up there if they'd have me."

He might because Tipton's avowed purpose is to remove the taboos surrounding death and celebrate the personal lives of people great and small.

The popularity of Findagrave has surprised Tipton, who graduated as a music major from Grinnell College in Iowa. He got hooked on graves a decade ago when he visited Al Capone's tombstone in Chicago.

"I was into 'The Godfather' and 'The Untouchables,' so I made a fun weekend trip with my girlfriend - now my wife, Tanya - to see Capone's grave," he said.

"Standing by his grave was a neat feeling, being so close to someone historically significant. The next year I went to London and saw the grave of Karl Marx. By then, I was hooked."

Rec district offers ice skating

Upcoming

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Parks and Recreation District will offer an ice skating package set for Saturdays in February.

The package includes transportation, ice skate rental, lessons and admission for ice skating at the Sun Valley Resort.

Participants will leave at 8:30 a.m. each Saturday from the Barnes and Noble Booksellers parking lot and return around 3:30 p.m.

The program is open to children ages 6-8 with parents and 9-

To do for families

year-olds and up without parent participation. The cost of the package is \$60 per person.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation District at 736-2265.

Every week, To Do for Families list family oriented events in south-central Idaho. Send it item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 948, Twin Falls 83403. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

Getting started in scrapbooking

Advice from Lisa Beamson, founding editor of Creative Keepsakes magazine:

1. Organize your photos. Sort by date, theme or events, such as specific holidays or birthdays. Then label them.

2. Gather supplies. You'll need acid-free paper, straight-edge scissors, photo-safe adhesive, an acid-free pen and a photo-safe album. Scrapbook enthusiasts say the acid in

Etc...

many pens and older photo albums can yellow and deteriorate photos and papers. Unessential (but fun) products include stickers, rubber stamps and die-cut shapes.

3. Work backward. It's easier

to start with your most recent photos and memories and move back into the past.

4. Think about one page at a time. It's easy to get overwhelmed if you try to plan a lot of pages at once.

Many arts and crafts stores now stock scrapbook supplies and hold classes. Useful Web sites include: www.myscrapbookstore.com, www.creativekeepsakes.com, www.creative-memories.com, www.scrapbookaddict.com, www.memorymavens.com.

FAMILY LIFE

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Wife has no cause to rejoice for this good Christian man

DEAR ABBY: My first husband died of cancer in 1997. In 1998 I met a man on the Internet - I'll call him Roland. Roland and I have been married for 23 months. He is a division chaplain (colonel) in the Army Reserves, a part-time pastor in a small church and also a marriage therapist.

Roland has suddenly decided he doesn't want to be married anymore. Last summer he bought a red Corvette, and recently he purchased a bottle of Grecian Formula. A couple of weeks ago, I discovered e-mails he had written to other women saying he wants a "special lady" in his life. (Abby, that's what I thought I was!)

Please warn women about being on the Internet, even the Christian sites. At 55, I'm facing being single again, and it's no fun. Roland is sweet, charming, and even says grace in restaurants before a meal. I'm not the kind of woman who "has" to have a man, thank goodness, but I just thought I had met the right one. Where did I go wrong?

-DISILLUSIONED IN CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

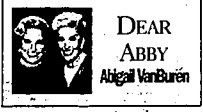
DEAR DISILLUSIONED: You must believe I'm kidding. You met a Christian web site automatically a "good" Christian. I don't know what problems he brought to the relationship, but it

This year, one of my Christmas blessings was a letter from an Iowa mom about a column I wrote in 1988, based on a letter from her then. That column told how, after reading in one of my books that any and all television (that includes videos) is bad for pre-adolescent children, she and her husband decided to banish the idiot box from their 2-year-old daughter's life. Completely.

Any doubts that they had done the right thing were dispelled by the results. In one month, the little girl went from two-word sentences to singing "Angels Watching Over Me." Three months later, at 28 months, she was retelling and acting out her favorite children's books and talking in nine-word sentences.

Mom wrote (in 1988): "I'm thoroughly convinced of the merits of pulling the plug on TV. As a mother and professional, I don't believe my child would have developed her present skills if we had continued to allow her to watch television."

I used the letter to try and persuade others to unhook their children from the "plug-in drug" (from a highly recommended book of the same title by journalist Marie Winn). Since then, numerous parents have told of children who, after TV detox, began acting like real children.



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

appears he started having one heck of a midlife crisis last summer. Either that, or you married a wolf in pastor's clothing.

Although you're not the kind of woman who "has" to have a man, please don't lose faith in all men. There are some terrific men out there, but none of them comes with a money-back guarantee.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 55 years used to be verbally abusive when things didn't go right for him.

Some years ago, you suggested that if someone was angry with his or her spouse, a list of 10 admirable qualities be written down before expressing anger.

My husband took your advice. He composed a list of 13 things he admired about me and gave it to me. Abby, he has been a new person since then, and reading his list has made me a better person, too.

Other people should try it. I have enclosed his list in case you would like to share it with your readers.

-BERTHA IN PIQUA, OHIO

Write to Abby
Send letters to Dear Abby,
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Mo. 64112, or via her web site
at <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby>

DEAR BERTHA: I'm almost hesitant to do so, for fear that you'll be stolen away by someone who wants to place you on an even higher pedestal.

- Bertha's Good Points
1. Good mother to the kids
 2. Good worker
 3. Helped me get a house
 4. Helped me leave the farm
 5. Is respected by others
 6. Is dependable and faithful
 7. Good cook and housekeeper
 8. Good with business
 9. Good shopper and money manager
 10. Good seamstress and canner
 11. Good education; very smart
 12. Good lover
 13. Good-looking, neat, and good dresser

F.S. Bertha, now it's time for you to list your husband's finer qualities. First on the list should be his willingness to change.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Joanne.

No-TV policy pays off for mom



PARENTING
John Rosemond

I heard tales of siblings who stopped fighting with one another, children miraculously cured of what professionals had diagnosed as learning disabilities, behavior disorders, and even childhood depression, children who stopped throwing tantrums and began obeying their parents and on and on these stories go to this day. Unfortunately, few parents will go so far as to turn off the tube. Sad to say, most American children are being unwittingly deprived of a real childhood.

Back to the Iowa mom's recent letter. Her daughter is now 15. She still watches no television but whereas in 1988, the choice was her parents', today it's her own. Over the years, she has consistently scored in the 99th percentile in reading. She is a "voracious reader," mom reports, and her teachers rave about what a joy she is to have in class. She and mom swap books and then talk about what they've read, but mom is finding it increasingly difficult to

keep pace with her daughter's reading speed and comprehension.

Has not watching television caused any social difficulties for this youngster? No. In her own words (as quoted by her mother, "Other kids look at me like I'm crazy when I tell them my parents don't allow TV, but I think I matured more quickly than my peers, and I have different values." I think it's safe to substitute the word "better" for "different." Mom attributes her daughter's reading abilities and school performance to "pulling the plug on the boob tube when she was 2 and filling her life with books." Her daughter agrees. Mom recently asked her if she had any comment for me.

"I would like to meet Mr. Rosemond," the girl replied. "I would tell him 'thanks' because I love reading him. I'm a straight A student, so maybe I'm an endorsement."

That Christmas blessing was so big it wouldn't even fit under the tree, and besides, it will last the rest of my life.

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Turn those holiday leftovers into dreamy dishes for your pet canine

Want to make it happy holidays for a dog that's been merry, not so naughty in 2001? Why not share some of those tasty, healthy, holiday leftovers with your four-legged family members.

The right people food in the right amounts can benefit you, and your dog. And, by serving up an occasional tasty substitute for commercial dog food, you can strengthen the friendship bond with your dog, and motivate him to learn new tricks for treats.

THE BOND
Marty Becker

As a veterinarian, I've seen far too many plump pooches. Being a clownhound can lead your dog waddling down the path toward obesity and to a slew of health conditions, including diabetes, heart problems, arthritis, muscular injuries and respiratory problems.

Resist serving your dog fatty table scraps and go easy on the sauces and oils. And definitely steer clear of these doggie no-no's: milk, chocolate and onions.

More than 10 percent of your dog's daily food calories. Dish up these healthier alternatives: air-popped popcorn, apple slices, broccoli, sliced baby carrots and frozen green beans. Each is low in

Leftovers for Flido

Two recipes from Arden Moore's book "Fido Feast"

Fido Feast

1 teaspoon olive oil
1/2 cup mashed potatoes
1/2 cup chicken broth
1 egg
1/2 cup diced cooked turkey meat
1/2 cup chopped broccoli
One-third cup grated cheddar cheese

- Cooking instructions:
1. Warm the olive oil in a medium-sized pan over medium heat.
 2. In a small bowl, whisk together the potatoes and egg.
 3. Pour the potato and egg mix into the pan. Add the turkey and broccoli.
 4. Cover the pan, reduce heat to low, and simmer until the egg is cooked.
 5. Top with grated cheese and let it cook for a few minutes longer to allow the cheese to melt.
 6. Let cool before serving to your dog.

Tail-wagging turkey pizza

1/4 cup turkey broth
Pre-made pizza dough
1 cup sliced cooked turkey
1/2 cup finely chopped spinach
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1 cup grated mozzarella cheese
1/4 cup sesame seeds

- Cooking instructions:
1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.
 2. Pour the turkey broth over the pizza dough.
 3. Sprinkle the turkey, spinach, garlic powder, cheese, and sesame seeds on top.
 4. Place on a greased pizza sheet and bake for 12 to 15 minutes.
 5. Enjoy your slice while it is warm, but let the slice for your dog cool before serving.

WOW ways to usher in the New Year. Her latest book takes a unique approach to canine cuisine. All 50 recipes were analyzed and approved by top veterinary nutritionists and are sure to get your dog drooling with delight.

You don't need Emeril-skills to make these meals and the best news: most of these recipes are edible for you, too!

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is a contributor to ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" and the author of the upcoming book, "The Healing Power of Pets" (Hyperion, February 2002). Write to him in care of Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service, 790 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

Medicare Part B will help pay for wheelchair

Q. Are there special rules for federal, state and local government workers and their spouses?

A. Yes. There are two fact-sheets available from the Social Security which explain the different rules. Log onto our Web site <http://www.ssa.gov/> or call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and request the fact-sheets, "Government Pension Offset" and "Windfall

Elimination Provision."

Q. I have difficulty walking and my doctor has told me I must use a wheelchair. Will Medicare pay for the cost of a wheelchair?

A. Medicare Part B medical insurance helps pay for durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers and other equipment prescribed by a doctor for home use. Contact your Medicare carrier for more information.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

Romance flourishes for Pisces

IF DECEMBER 30TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are charming and witty, and possess intellectual curiosity. You tend to scatter forces by becoming involved in too many activities at one time. Learn to channel energies; also, pay special attention to weight diet to ensure continued health. Gemini, Sagittarius individuals play special roles in your life, could have these letters in your name: C, L, U. You have unloading burdens this past year; in 2002 you make a fresh start in new direction. July most memorable.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Full Moon in Cancer is your Fourth House; you discover individual who is harmonious to your "vibrations." Leo, Aquarius individuals will play outstanding roles.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Accent on the negative of love, marriage and partnerships. Move slowly but surely. Temperamental outburst from relative should not be taken seriously. Cancer native involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Utilize intelligence, wit and humor to locate what has been lost, missing or stolen. Money comes from surprise source; don't ask too many questions. Sagittarius involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Lunar cycle high. Your personality is "overwhelming." Ride with tides you will do right thing at right time almost effortlessly. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio figure in scenario.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Provide

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

enlightenment for family member who is frightened by the unknown. You learn many things, perhaps more than you care to know. Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius play key roles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Many of your fondest hopes and wishes can be fulfilled. You receive gift - a luxury item that helps beautify home. You are number one in popularity pool. Libra involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Accent on business, career and standing in community. You may be puzzled by actions of one in authority. Deception involved, deliberate or otherwise. Head inner feelings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): News from a distance may upset or change your plans for New Year's Eve celebration. Take greater control of your destiny.

Do not give up something of value for mere thrill.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be afraid to ask pertinent questions. By delving deep, you uncover the true state of financial affairs, assets; that includes your own as well as partner's.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Check legal affairs, bring records up to date. Avoid bookkeeping errors; partner or mate could have much to say about budget. Leo, Aquarius will figure prominently.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Legitimate help received in resolving dilemma. Scenario highlights food, family and marriage. Questions relating to partnership and marriage will dominate. Seafood dinner tonight!

FISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Romance flourishes; high attraction very much in evidence. Be careful; don't give up something of value for temporary satisfaction. Gemini will play fascinating role.

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HOW TO WIDOW

Bereaved partners wonder, 'Who am I now?'

"You think that their dying is the worst thing that could happen. Then they stay dead."

"Distressed Haiku," written by Donald Hall shortly after the death of his wife, poet Jane Kenyon

Knight Ridder News Service

No one who knew Bonnie and Bud Story was surprised when, after Bud was diagnosed with esophageal cancer in 1992, Bonnie quit teaching and dropped everything to devote all of her energy to her husband's care. After all, she had taken care of Bud most of his life.

Their grandfathers had gone to business school together and had been friendly competitors in the small town of Charleston, Mo. Their mothers had been pregnant at the same time and had joked about which of them would be born first. Bonnie won, by four days.

They napped in the same crib. Growing up, they played together and were in the same classes. They dated off and on in high school and married before they finished college, settling in Charleston and raising crops and four children.

For the 18 months that Bud fought for his life, Bonnie did what everyone knew she would. Whether at home, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., or at an alternative cancer treatment clinic in Mexico, she knew exactly how to be Mrs. Albert Loebe Story Jr. She learned quickly how to be a caregiver and an advocate for her husband.

After Bud died, she didn't take to her next role quite so quickly.

"For a whole year all I wanted to do was sleep and stare at the television," Bonnie said. "I don't even like television. I was numb. I just didn't know what to do."

"I was so busy searching for something — what to do, where to go. For the first time in my life I felt completely alone and without direction — rudderless."

Members of the close-knit community were stunned when Bonnie not only didn't go back to teaching after Bud died, but picked up and moved from Charleston. First she moved to Cape Girardeau, Mo., 40 miles away, and then to Martha's Vineyard to work in a seaside gift shop. "It was an attempt to leave my hurt behind," she said.

It turned out that when she lost Bud, Bonnie had lost many of her friends, too. Couples they had been friends with for years started calling, she said, and she thought people wanted to avoid her.

"It was like my pain was too much for them," she said, "or that maybe it was contagious." In her new surroundings, Bonnie found new friends — "divorcees and widows who would never have been friends with before." Bonnie's experience isn't out of the ordinary for the 1 million Americans who are widowed each year — and those numbers are growing fast, fueled by the skyrocketing Baby Boomer. The Social Security Administration projects that by 2010, nearly 1,050,000 Americans will lose spouses each year, and by 2030 that number is expected to grow to more than 1.5 million. And these figures don't factor in deaths of partners in committed



'Young Widow,' an oil painting by 19th century Russian artist Pavel Fedotov.

non-traditional relationships. Those left behind face redefining their lives to deal in new ways with family and friends, as well as unresolved feelings and regrets left over from marriage, according to Dr. Morton Lieberman, director of the Aging and Mental Health Program at the University of California at San Francisco, in his book, "Doors Close, Doors Open: Widows, Grieving and Growing."

A brochure provided by AARP's Grief and Loss Program advises, "As time progresses, you will feel less intense pain, but you will not forget. You will never be your old self again (you have had a major life change), but you can be a different self who is 'okay.'"

Statistically, the job of rebuilding is left to wives. Sixty-nine percent of people left behind when a spouse dies are women. And the numbers play havoc with the image of the frail, elderly widow. According to the National Vital Statistics Report, there are currently 500,000 widows under the age of 45 in the United States, many with children, leading to more complex issues.

Shellie Gill is one of them. "Joe was only 36 when her husband, Joe, died suddenly of a rare strep infection in February, leaving behind the daughter, Madeline, 7, and 3-year-old son, Stephen. A few weeks after Joe's death, Shellie described their children as "the only bright spot in the morning; the reason I make myself eat and dress and bathe. It's good that I have them."

"We balanced each other," Shellie said. "Joe brought something to the kids that I don't think I can. I am the serious one — 'brush your teeth, drink your milk'; he brought them laughter and fun. He made us a family. "I know how to turn off the water and light the pilot light, but I don't know how to comfort Maddie when she says, 'My

Daddy will never see me in his arms.' Or what to say to Stephen when he cries at night and says, 'But Daddy wants to come home.'"

At night when the children go to sleep, Shellie faces her own grief. She desperately misses the way "Joe felt — his eyebrows and his hands." A few weeks after Joe's death, Shellie found a tape recording of Joe and Stephen singing "Tomorrow" from the musical "Annie." "I just lost it," she said.

Because Joe's death is so recent, Shellie is just beginning to reach out for help. "I realize I need help and want all of it I can get," she said, so she is seeing a professional counselor and takes the kids to Solace House, a grief and bereavement program for children and their families in Kansas City, Mo.

Older widows with little education or financial means sometimes surprise themselves and everyone around them by bucking the odds and starting over. Six years ago, when Teresa Serda lost her husband of 42 years, their 16 children were grown and she was a long way from Mexico, where she had grown up "very, very poor." When they married, he was widowed and had six children. She was only 21.

Teresa knew that she would have to support herself when her husband died and that it would not be easy. She had no formal education and couldn't drive or read. So her dying husband was surprised when she told him she planned to get a job, and didn't want "to cook or clean." It was a bold idea for a woman who had never been to a grocery store without her husband. But within a year she was true to her word. Teresa now works at a community center that provides social services to Spanish-speaking people. She lives alone with

her dog, Maggie, and her parakeet, Charlie.

"I started working and working every day. And my son can't believe it that I work. He said, 'Oh, Mom, why do you work?' I use him for my ride and sometimes I don't have a ride and I pay a cab. If I am not sick, I'm here every day and, you know, my life gets better and better and better."

One of her daughters recently gave her the highest praise: "I think Dad is proud of you."

Men who are widowed face a different set of stresses, proven by their death rate, which is three times higher than that for women in the same circumstances, according to the AARP. "Typically, men have two things working against healing: They don't expect to live longer than their wives, and their socialization and training tell them that they should be strong and silent. Often they have lost the only person in the world to whom they are comfortable confiding their feelings at a time when it is critically important to have someone to talk to."

When Michael Goshorn's wife was diagnosed with cancer in late 1992, the couple found plenty of information online about her disease and support groups. So, when she died in January 1993, he turned to the Web again, but this time he didn't find what he needed — information that addressed specific issues about widowhood for men.

When he couldn't find the resources he needed, he created them in the form of www.WidowNet.org, a comprehensive site that provides practical information and self-help. The site includes a message board and sections with titles like "Dumb Remarks and Stupid Questions" and "Getting through the Holidays," as well as links to help men grapple with their new identities.

Building a new life or finding new meaning sometimes requires just taking another approach to your "old" life.

After Bonnie Story moved from Charleston, she got help from a professional counselor who helped her deal with intense feelings of anger, a feeling many widows say takes control of their lives.

"I wasn't angry at God, and I certainly wasn't angry at Bud," she said. "I was just angry — angry at everyone and about everything."

The counselor helped her to realize that her feelings "weren't weird. I wasn't crazy."

Counseling and reading gave Bonnie some ideas about how to find her new self. Bonnie without Bud.

Bonnie began to realize that "you have to find some major reason you are still here." She found it in her new life. She had lived before Bud died.

Two years ago, Bonnie moved back to Charleston and started teaching again. "To impact the lives of thirteen or fourteen kids each year — that's important enough." Recently, she and a friend from whom she had felt estranged since Bud died. She now believes they will build a new friendship.

"I know that I will never get over my loss," Bonnie said. "But I've found ease in my heart and freedom in my life."

Work on getting the most from your new telescope

If you found a telescope under the tree Christmas morning, you might be experiencing a mixture of excitement and bewilderment as you start learning how to use your instrument.

One of the problems many backyard stargazers encounter is just finding targets. Even with a properly aligned finder scope, getting the target in the eyepiece can be difficult since the telescope's field of view is so small. Hint No. 1: Use your lowest-power eyepiece when hunting for targets. Eyepieces are labeled with a focal length, so pick the one with the largest number. It seems backwards, but higher focal lengths equal lower magnification and wider fields of view. Then, once you're on target, you can switch eyepieces for a closer view, if necessary.

Some small scopes come with a Barlow lens, boasting outrageous magnifications. Hint No. 2: Leave the Barlow off. For the most part, Barlow lenses are only useful on a few targets. A good rule of thumb is "don't magnify more than 60-power per inch of aperture." Measure the diameter of the telescope tube at its widest and multiply by 60. If the Barlow exceeds the maximum, don't use it — the views will be blurry and faint on most targets.

Unfortunately, many inexpensive telescopes suffer from a rickety tripod that the slightest breeze will set shimmying. Hint No. 3: Set the tripod legs as low as they're go, and be willing to kneel down when observing. If the tripod has an accessory shelf, stash your eyepieces somewhere else, and put something heavy on the shelf to anchor the telescope. You'll be amazed what a differ-



SKYWATCHER Chris Anderson

Sky calendar
(through Saturday)

Planets
One hour before sunrise:
Jupiter: WNW, very low
One hour after sunset:
Mars: SSW
Saturn: E
Jupiter: ENE, very low

Moon
Third quarter, Saturday, 9:13 a.m.
Other data: Earth closest to sun (perihelion) for 2002 on Wednesday (91,402,600 miles). Quadrant meteor shower Wednesday night after midnight, up to 90 meteors per hour.

ence it can make, especially as you follow your target's motion in the sky. Finally, don't be afraid to ask for help. Hint No. 4: The Magic Valley has two astronomy clubs, a world-class planetarium, and a community college that offers astronomy courses. Ask an expert and get the most out of your new telescope.

Next week: Mars is rising ... in the south?

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Babies are eating less prepared baby food these days, in part because of a U.S. Public Health Service campaign encouraging mothers to nurse their babies.

Controversy continues over what to feed baby

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Like so many working mothers, Julie Hyland treasures the moments she can spend with her 14-month-old daughter, Hanna, after day care and before bedtime.

Hyland, deputy executive director of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Philadelphia, says she spends few of those moments making baby food from scratch unless she can whirl it in a blender from foods already cooked for the family meal.

Hanna, who was breast-fed, started eating cooked cereal and strained vegetables when she was about 6 months old. By her first birthday, she was making the transition to table foods, cut fruits, and toddler foods such as Gerber's Pasta Picky.

"I buy what I have coupons for," said Hyland, but she found a much difference between Gerber and Beech-Nut, the two leading brands.

Foodies Leigh and John Donadieu have kept John's resolution to prepare foods for their son Mitchell, 15 months, in their home. Donadieu is bus baker at Baker Street Bread Co.

"When we were expecting, John was all gung ho about making baby food, and he did make some purees," said Leigh Donadieu, publisher of Cuisine magazine.

During his first year, Mitchell lived mostly on breast milk and then formula. He made a fairly quick transition to table foods, Leigh said.

"I just made strained purees of squash, lima beans, whatever we were eating," John said. "Now he's eating solids and we just cut things in small pieces, even steak."

The question of how best to feed baby has plagued new parents since commercial baby food

was invented nearly a century ago. Store-bought brands were a blessing for busy mothers. But in the 1960s, consumer groups and leaders of the natural-foods movement began to criticize the amounts of sugar, salt, pesticides and other additives in the major brands.

In 1997, the baby-food industry recruited a U.S. Public Health Service to review the nutritional profile and removing the added sugar and salt.

Yet some parents zealously commit time and energy to making baby food at home. It's nurturing, and makes them feel better, they say.

At the same time, breast-feeding, which provides optimum nutrition for babies and boosts their immune system, is becoming increasingly popular.

With so many choices, it's no wonder that among parents, but not their babies eat and how soon they move from breast milk to formula and then to solid foods is a heated topic of conversation.

Infants are eating less prepared baby food these days, in part because of a U.S. Public Health Service campaign encouraging mothers to nurse their babies.

The number of women who breast-feed has nearly doubled in the last 25 years, the agency says. Its 1998 survey found that 64 percent of American mothers were breast-feeding their newborns exclusively or in combination with formula.

About 29 percent of the infants were still nursing at 6 months of age. And 16 percent continued through their first year and sometimes beyond.

The national health objective for the first decade of the new millennium is to increase the initiation and duration of breast-feeding to 75 percent at birth, 50 percent at 6 months, and 25 percent at 1 year.

Within families, communication is a tricky business

Knight Ridder News Service

"I care, therefore I criticize."

That is how we explain the comments we sometimes make to family members, according to Deborah Tannen, a Georgetown University linguistics professor and author of numerous books on the language of personal relationships.

Her latest book is "I Only Say This Because I Love You" (Random House, \$24.95) in which she explores conversation and communication within family. "We tend to talk more powerful or more troublesome than among members of our family," she said in a recent interview.

The paradox of family is that caring is intertwined with criticism. We need love and appreciation from one another, and yet those who are closest to us are the most likely to witness our worst behaviors and become our most frequent critics, Tannen said.

Tannen draws on personal experiences and conversations of others to reveal how talk within the

family context frequently results in miscommunication and misunderstanding. Test yourself. Was it caring or criticism when:

• Your mother asked, "Are you wearing that?"

• Your spouse reminded you to mail a letter, adding, "Honey, I'm counting on you."

• Your son or daughter responded to praise, announcing, "I don't need to hear that from you."

• Your sister warned, "Nobody else cares enough to tell you this —"

One example Tannen cites is the conversation between a husband and wife as they choose meals from a restaurant menu. "When the husband picks steak, the wife asks, 'Did you notice they also have salmon?'" "Will you stop criticizing what I

eat," he responds. "I don't even open my mouth," she says.

In this situation, the wife is likely to take the view that her husband is overreacting to an innocent, even helpful remark. But if the conversation occurs against a background of concern about the husband's health, the wife's remark is likely to be interpreted as criticism.

Tannen devotes a long chapter to apologies. She was surprised to discover how many family feuds pivoted on the demand for or refusal of apologies.

Part of the problem, she said, is that men and women tend to view the act of apologizing differently. "Sometimes, men who are resistant to apologizing find out it really works, it's not a big deal. The woman appreciates it and does not go on to humiliate him."

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Serving the Magic Valley

Gooding man donates 73 years of service to Scouts

By Amie Thompson
Times-News correspondent

Fred Locke will probably not be able to run the entire two-tenths of a mile with the Olympic torch, but he will carry it with pride. "I'm honored," he said. "Everyone gives me a hard time for not practicing, and I just put my hand up in the air (as if carrying the torch)."

Locke, 87, of Gooding was chosen to carry the torch because of his community service, primarily, his 73-year involvement with Boy Scouts. A job with Farmer's Insurance in Twin Falls, where he worked for 61 years before retiring, brought him from Illinois where he grew up.

He recalled how he first got involved in Scouts in Idaho: He could always fix things around the office and when people asked him how he knew so much, he told them it was because he was a Boy Scout. Eventually, the information got back to the organization and someone approached him about being a Scout Master in 1943.

After moving to Gooding, he became a Scout Master in 1943.

He now serves on the executive board



Fred Locke

of the Snake River Council, chairman of the Troop 33 committee and merit badge counselor. "I had 57 boys in my troop at one time - the baby boomers," he said.

Locke also is a member and trustee of the First Christian Church of Gooding, serving many years as a Sunday school teacher and an elder.

He has been a member of the Gooding Grange for 60 years and Gooding Lions Club for 60 years and was past president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Perry Byam Post 30 of the American Legion, and was past president of the Gooding Chamber of Commerce and charter member of the Veteran Motor Car Club of Magic Valley.

Locke served in the U.S. Navy in 1944 and 1945. He was recognized for always being on task and following her teacher's directions.

Second-grader Taylor Perkins went the extra mile by lending his coat to a classmate to go outside. He also helped his teacher tidy up the classroom. This is not Taylor's first time earning the Principal Award.

Fifth-grader Ishmael Anguiano excelled in his reading, as well as helping his teacher clean up the classroom without being asked, and sixth-grader Devon Morrison was recognized twice for assisting his band teacher with cleaning up the band room on his own time and without being asked.

Morrison, Richie Hansen and Leslie Molyneux. These students have qualified for 50-in-a-Minute trophies that will be presented at the semester awards assembly and will have their names engraved on the school plaque, teacher Katie Boian said. Prior to passing the "mixed all" test, these students passed each individual test for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division during their previous years at Shoshone Elementary.

These students can then go on to the "Marathon Test." This test is "above and beyond" the call of duty because the test has 100 mixed facts to do in one minute and serves as an unusual challenge, Boian said.

TORCH SCRAPBOOK

The 2002 Olympic torch will be carried through Twin Falls between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Jan. 26, followed by a city-wide celebration. An area selection committee chose 42 people to be among the 11,500 inspiring Americans who will carry the torch along a path that begins Dec. 4 in Atlanta and ends Feb. 8 on Salt Lake City, with the opening of the games. Leading up to the games, the Times-News will profile local Olympic torch runners.



Boni Villanueva, Paula Gomez, Andrea Gonzales and Nora Medina attend the Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent Volunteer Programs 'Christmas in November' appreciation luncheon Nov. 19, at the Turf Club.

Program celebrates senior volunteers

TWIN FALLS - Senior volunteers were celebrated for their many years of service to the community.

The Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent Volunteer programs recognized the volunteers at their annual "Christmas in November" appreciation luncheon Nov. 19, at the Turf Club.

Senior Companions are adults over age 60 who have a limited income. They volunteer 20 hours per week and assist with grocery shopping and other daily tasks necessary to help the homebound senior maintain independence. Senior Companions receive a stipend of \$2.55 per hour or \$204 for 80 hours of service per month.

The real rewards are the smiles and companionship they share with the homebound seniors, resulting in relationships that can last a lifetime, program representatives say.

Foster Grandparents are volunteers who help children develop skills, confidence and strength to succeed in life. The volunteers are over age 60 years who have a limited income. Foster Grandparents can volunteer in public schools and Head Start centers.

Benefits include a pre-service orientation and monthly training, annual physical examination, monthly check and reimbursement for transportation costs. The great

Want to be a volunteer?

If interested in the Senior Companion or a Foster Grandparent, call Pam or Maggi at the Office on Aging at 736-2122 or 1-800-574-8656.

reward is making a difference in the lives of children, program representatives say.

- The following is a list of people who have volunteered for five years or more:
- Foster Grandparents: Lela Bruchner, Twin Falls, five years; Mary F. Eaton, Twin Falls, five years; Audrey Hawkins, Buhl, five years; Patricia Smith, Twin Falls, five years; Jayleen Cohn, Eden, six years; Altha Freeman, Wendell, six years; Irene Hays, Buhl, six years; Bonnie Schrock, Heyburn, seven years; Giselle Miller, Buhl, eight years; Margaret Olson, Heyburn, eight years; Margene Masters, Twin Falls, nine years; Lillian Whitehawk, Burley, nine years; Betty Caudill, Burley, nine years

- Evelyn Jenkins, Burley, nine years; Ruth King, Burley, 11 years; Hazel Shirley, Wendell, 11 years; Lucy Harmon, Twin Falls, 12 years; Maria Ramon, Heyburn, 12 years; Imogene Oakes, Twin Falls, 13 years; June Emberton, Twin Falls, 14 years; Josephine Coates, Twin Falls, 20 years; Helen Peters, Twin Falls, 20 years; Senior Companions: LaVina Sanderson, Heyburn, five years; Amanda Frayer, Burley, six years; Lucinda Wright, Jerome, six years; Inez Reams, Twin Falls, seven years; Rose Thornton, Declo, seven years; Lorraine Hatch, Burley, eight years; Luther Horn, Rupert, eight years; Fern Morris, Heyburn, eight years; Beulah Stoddard, Twin Falls, eight years; Fern Taylor, Jerome, nine years; Mary L. Eaton, Twin Falls, 11 years; Edith Kaster, Buhl, 12 years

Shoshone students caught 'being good'

SHOSHONE - Shoshone Elementary School recognized students who were caught being good between Nov. 14 and Dec. 6.

They are: Juan Hernandez, Brayden Roberts, Jakob Trujillo, Gus Lowe, Logan Dollar, Bryan Murray, Zachary Zach, Brittany Lee, Justin Connell, Carlos Cervantes, David Zavalla, Cable Seavert, Omar Avalos, Anton Pearson, Rylee Turner, Cole Roberts, Sonia Rodriguez, Ruby Reynolds, Brenner Gill, Joshua Hubbs, Garrett Sant, DJ Stanhope, Caleb Paul, Hannah Belloli, Keegan Cenarrusa, Mikaila Mastrofina,

Dianna Vaughn, Steven McClure, Josh Armstrong, Jesus Gutierrez, Lupe Ruiz, Alex Cardoso, Julia Garcia, Gage Roberts, Cody Tollard, Jasmine Branch, Dakota Brown, Chanise Trujillo, Matthew Walsh, Stacey Robertson, Taylor Perkins, Ishmael Anguiano, Devon Morrison, Lynn Ann Gould and Andrew Montgomery.

Four students earned the Principal's Award: Fifth-grader Bonnie Richards

Shoshone students show math smarts

SHOSHONE - Forty-five students passed a 50 in a Minute test during the month of November at the Shoshone Elementary School. They include:

Addition to five: Cicara Swainston, Tyral Ferguson, Alex Cordova, Chalayne Henning and Carlos Valencia. Subtraction to five: Lupe Ruiz and Cody Mathison. Addition to ten: Julie Morton, Taylor Perkins, Maira Torres, Candice Peterson, Jasmine Branch and Erica Eddy. Subtraction to ten: Amanda Olsen. All addition facts: Bobbi Ward, Shelby Bozzuto, Krystle Gould,

Joshua Morton, Jesse Anguiano, Jova Shaw and Justin Santana. All subtraction facts: Ian Ingram, Victoria Vaughn, Joshua Olsen, Lacey Kniep, Bonnie Richards, Ashley Montgomery, Samantha Alegria and Grayson Cole.

Mixed addition and subtraction: Joshua Morton, Kayla Kenyon, Devon Morrison, Richie Hansen and Leslie Molyneux. These students have qualified for 50-in-a-Minute trophies that will be presented at the semester awards assembly and will have their names engraved on the school plaque, teacher Katie Boian said. Prior to passing the "mixed all" test, these students passed each individual test for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division during their previous years at Shoshone Elementary.

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VOLUNTEER FUND-RAISER



Cassia Regional Medical Center Volunteers recently held a uniform sale for employees and the public. Patty Murdock and Daralyn Moss model and display the selection of uniforms brought by Snooker World, a Twin Falls business. The sale is a fund-raiser for the volunteers, who receive a percentage of the proceeds. Another sale will be held in the spring and fall. If any business would like to be notified of the sale, call the hospital volunteer office at 677-6526.

Wendell Elementary honors students for improvement, achievement

WENDELL - Wendell Elementary announced several recognitions of students.

Honor roll for B and above average, first trimester: First grade: Alan Gonzalez, Ashley Brown, Amanda English, Amy Olsen, Bryan Mendoza, Eliza Aguilar, Jessica Smith, Jessica Butterfield, Jose Velasco, Karolyi Bernas, Kaye Taylor, Jan Bertolo, Joyce Sandoval, Michelle Calderon, Neve McCammon, Robert Jensen, Sherry Gonzalez, Stephanie Garcia, Tanner DeWitt, Tasha Morrison, Kelly Cordero, Abigail Madsen, Luke Burn, Sean Campbell, Holden Condit, Ventura Cortez, Maritza Cortez, Laim Gonzalez, David Hernandez, Brown Jose, Joshua Lund, Kevin Olsen, Machi Poy, Jacob Buelo, Helen Rodriguez, Riley Sauer, Mayra Soto, Carlos Soto, Sadiq Smith. Morgan Swainston, Bunnie Vietnam, Lucas Villanueva, Adelin Castano, Abigail Madsen, Anthony Arias, Amber Bates, Dalien Pearson, Bethi Amp, Emily Lopez, Jared Lopez, Jessica Hurdak, Justin Suter, Jorge Diaz, Taylor Brown, Megan Sosa, Nola Jansen, Norma Ortiz, Pedro Hernandez, Jose Gomez, Monica Medina, Megan Hernandez, Mary Hays, Taylor Cuder, T.J. Christensen, Trevor Short, Tyler Lockwood,

Veronica Montoya, Jasmine Aguilar, Christian Allen, Fred Arroyo, Megan Brown, Sara Beasley, Jose Cano. Fourth grade: Justin Carmichael, Shawna Harzal, Jessica Kelle, Hannah Lancaster, Marissa Lara, Ricki Liza, Randi Miramonte, Kaye Ochs, Luis Lopez, Joyce Rolland, Precious Romo, Leslie Hubbard, Alex Taylor, Kayla Thacker, Taylor VanBelle, Roberto Vega, Garza. Second grade: Victoria Allen, Beatriz Borda, Martin Diaz, Michelle Fiedel Arroyo, Megan Brown, Sara Beasley, Deborah Lara, Jose Lopez, Martha Madero, Holly Walker, Tony Alvarado, Chayenne Archibald, Welby, Dallas Dierksen, Anthony Allen, Kelly Abrahao, Stephanie Garcia, Felicia Acenilla, Gabriela Huerta, Leanne James, Caitlin Johnson, Anthony Lopez, Tyler Martin, Adriana Martinez, Megan Smith, Tyler McLeod, L.J. Romo, Zack Owens, Austin Pore, Sandra Flores, Michaela Revels, Rajan Smith, Karen Terzolo, Antonio Aguilar, Cody Burn, Alexis Camargo, Austin Johnson, Sarah Cox, Taylor Brown, Austin Diaz, Justice Evans, Dawn Harvey, Emily Kuka, Katherine, Madalyn M. Camargo, Sarah Michelle Schindler, Nebelke Raymond, Dierka Schuyler, Chebea Thompson, Joy Villagomez, Brooke Schartz, Maria Berzosa, Dakota Greber,

Natasha Dudley, Thaddeus Eudare, Rachel Frisch, Juan Carlos Hernandez, Andrew Jimenez, Shara Johnson, Spencer Johnson, Fernando Lopez, Desiree Alvarez, Tracey King, Teagan Kealey, Nicholas Mendez, Tairin Mendosa, Roberto Munoz, Shelby Nelson, Ricardo Perez, Margaree Riekerk, Maryann Rollins, Nabila Smith, Kayla Turpin, Luis Valdez, and Davy Vargas. Fourth grade: Roger Anderson, Alan Benson, Edgar Carrillo, Sara Cheryn, Chris Connelly, Leonard Terra, Charlie Hansen, Jose Huerta, Arturo Mendez, Alan Olmos, Nathan Orms, Caleb Rejano, Brittany Sam, Halli Sorell, Ethan Todd, Shelli Walker, Tony Alvarado, Chayenne Archibald, Michelle Armenta, Ryan Barnes, Matthew Bricecortini, Cassidy Roberts, Tyler Brown, Maritza Eudare, Beth Goodhart, John Kelly, Gay Knapp. Corey Kinyon, Kroyal Miller, Jon Myers, Trevor Ollinger, Heather Owens, Devan Roeschbaum, Rachel Taylor, Martin Pielasov, Russell Terra, Tracie Ferriter, Graciela Romo, Greyli Taylor, Elizabeth Miramonte, Billy Finn, Ashley Taylor and Kevin VanDusen. Fifth grade: Beth Alvarez, Levi Brown, Jessica Camargo, Willie Casperen, Jordan Lancaster, Maria Lopez,

Carissa Nelson, Rodrigo Perez, Kim Rivera, Derek Robins, Amber Taylor, Ty Wells, Kermy Weimertree, Amber Bowers, Karla Diaz, Juli Fleming, Jodi Lancaster, Alexandra Murray, Erin O'Brien, Luke Peterson, Kayleigh Retama, Ayia Struphinos, Courtney Williams, Zack Gill, Amber Barzani, Tami Cano, Kayla Knopfer, Edgar Lopez, Arnold Mendosa, Keith Rowland, Joseph Ramirez, Andrew Ringling and Eliza Solorzano. Perfect attendance: Erin Timmerer. Freshman: Joshua Bridwell. Miranda Torz. Kindergarten: Cynthia Allen, Jason Evans, Jorge Ferriter, Kaleigh Kelley, Ashleigh Ellen, Shyella Peer, Gage Sipes, Lacey Slade, Devon Rodriguez, Irene (Danielle) Auld, Nikki Callerton, Jordan Chapman, Khrystyna Cortez, Dylan McCoy, Alexis McGary, Alex Nebecker, Chae Nebecker. Megan Rollins, Ebbie Velasco, Torm Shalizi, Derek Hilda, Lenore Pava, Taylor Goertzen, Dylan Scheer, Michelle Paves, Darinda Nuno, Jorge Lopez, Isabella Gallardo and Eric Mendola. First grade: Katie Taylor, Luis Barrios, Jose Sandoval, Neel

McCormick, Kirsten White, Selma Asala, Hoyana Biceman, Tamara Olsen, Hilcy Sauer, Jovanna Lockwood, Samantha McBurnall, Pedro Moreno, Jorge Diaz, C.J. Arillo, Abiel Arreola, Jessica Kelley, Mariana Lara and Roberto Vega. Second grade: Cheily Hawes, Deegan Latta, Martha Marilla, Oscar Villagomez, Hadas Dierksen, Monica Alvarez, Gabi Huante, Leoni Jimenez, Nicolae Revett, Karen Terzolo, Nikki Bailey, Alexis Camargo, Taylor Dawson, Sam McCammon, Schuyler Nebecker, Devika Ringling, Brooke Schartz, Marissa Rollins, Margaret Reizler and Karel Kelley. Third grade: Cheily Hawes, Alice Kelley, Jaret Lund, Martin Sandoval, Nicole Mae Steiner, Nolan Sowler, Katie Frutter, Justin Flores, Kelly Garza-Ortiz, Hillos Benson, Chaelee Joseph, Tamara Leswicki, Della Ramirez, Josh Strickland, Jasmine Vega, Danny Vietnam, Michael Diaz and Fodine Todd. Fourth grade: Chris Connelly, Andrew Kelly, Tyrel Olive, Mike Terzolo, Cam Thompson, Michelle Armenta, Candy Camargo, Rebecca Cox, Maritza Eudare, Corey Kinyon, Gary Knappman, Rachel Taylor, Marisa Villanueva, Orya Cano, Elizabeth Miller, Billy Finn, Ashley Taylor and Kevin VanDusen.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jerome Recreation District offers slate of activities

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District, 2032 South Lincoln St., announced the following upcoming classes: Youth basketball will begin Jan. 10. A few spots are still available. Activities will be offered at 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. three days a week starting Jan. 7 at the Jerome Recreation District gym. "Over 60 and Getting Fit" will begin Jan. 22. Participants may sign up at the office or during the first class. "Women and Investing" will be held Jan. 15. Gretchen Clelland of Edward Jones Investments will hold the one evening seminar tailored to women who are either close to retirement age or just looking for sound investment

advice. For more information, call Edward Jones at 324-0174. "Introduction to Computers and Windows" will start Jan. 7. The introductory class is designed for people with little or no computer experience. "Rifle and Shotgun Reloading" will be held Jan. 16. Avid hunters and reloaders, Darrell Sparks and Kevin Hendrix will teach the beginner the proper equipment and techniques needed to reload. For more information, call the Jerome District at 324-3389.

Shoshone Elementary honors good students

SHOSHONE - Shoshone Elementary School announced the students who were "Caught Being Good." Tyler Cenarrusa, Julia Garcia,

Cody Tollard, Chanise Trujillo, Josh Armstrong, Carlos Valencia, Maria Grissom, Matt Walsh, Brittnie Eberhart, Justin Jay, Wendy Holland, Kayla Kenyon, Chalayne Hennings, Lupe Ruiz, Sandra Enriquez, Alex Cardoso, Lupe Ruiz, Gage Roberts, Stacey Robertson, Matt Torres, Jasmine Branch, Jake Keener, Devon Morrison, Karina Garcia and Andrew Montgomery.

Lupe Ruiz, a second-grader, and Tyler Cenarrusa, a fifth-grader, carried the principal award.

Cenarrusa's mom, Sue, joined the students at the Manhattan Cafe for a treat.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced the winners for Dec. 21. Winners for north/south were: first place, Max Thompson and Riley Burton; tied for second place, Carol France with Mary Steele and Susan Faulkner with Lucy Gustafson; and third place, Beverly Burns and Mary Klein. Winners for east/west were: first place, Sam Smutney and Mitchell; second place, Henry and Dolores Robinson; third place, Beverly Kox and Bill Smutney; and fourth place, Cecil and Carma Davidson. The teams of Bev Burns, Mary Klein, Doris Watts and Bev Clark won \$10 each for bidding and making grand slams. Refreshments were served. The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at the Gooding City Hall. For more information or for a partner, call 934-8371.

HEALTH SHORTS

Guard Against Pneumonia

"Shots" are not just for children. We are getting more and more useful vaccines for other infections and many of these are for older age groups. One of the most important vaccines is the pneumonia shot. Pneumococcus is a bacteria which frequently causes pneumonia as well as a number of other serious infections, such as meningitis. This shot will protect a person against 90% of the important strains of this bacteria and help prevent a serious illness.

Who should get the vaccine? Like with flu shots, those who are at the highest risk are persons over 50 and anyone with chronic illnesses such as diabetes, heart, lung, or kidney disease. The vaccine is extremely important for anyone who has had his spleen removed. Your doctor can advise you about the many other indications that might exist for you. Brought to you by: ST. BENEDICTS Family Medical Center 709 North Lincoln Avenue • Jerome, Idaho 83308 (208)324-4301 • Fax: (208)324-3878

ENGAGEMENTS

HOOTS-BLACK

BUHL - Marty Hoots of Deeth, Nev., and Don Sims of Oklahoma announce the engagement of their daughter, Georgia Hoots, to Jay Black, son of Jerry and Kay Black of Buhl.

Hoots is a 2001 graduate of Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, Calif., with a degree in marketing and farm-ranch management.

Black attended the College of Southern Idaho and graduated from Miller Silverstreaming.

The wedding is planned for Feb. 23, 2002, in Lamolle, Nev.



Georgia Hoots and Jay Black

BENGOECHEA-HIATT

EDEN - Ernie and Kay Bengoechea of Eden announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Page Bengoechea, to Casey Hiatt, son of Rex and Julie Hiatt of Buhl.

Bengoechea is a graduate of Prescott High School in Prescott, Ariz., and is a senior at the University of Arizona. She will graduate in May 2002. She is employed at Citadel Broadcasting in Tucson, Ariz.

Hiatt is a graduate of Buhl High School and the University of Idaho. He is employed by



Ashley Bengoechea and Casey Hiatt

Merrill Lynch in Tucson. The wedding is planned for Aug. 3, 2002.

YOUNG-COOK

RAFT RIVER - Kirk and Raene Young and Terry and Beth Sanderson of Soda Springs announce the engagement of their daughter, Cassidy Young, to Aaron Vaughn Cook, son of Vaughn and Lorna Cook of Raft River.

Young is a 1999 graduate of Soda Springs High School and is currently a sophomore at Idaho State University.

Cook is a 1995 graduate of Declo High School and attended Utah State University. He is employed in farming in Raft River, where the couple will reside.

The wedding is planned for 4 p.m. Friday at the Hooper LDS Church in Soda Springs. A recep-



Cassidy Young and Aaron Cook

tion to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. at the same location.

Brides and grooms wed celebration to charity

Knigh Ridder News Service

When Carol Primavera of Bloomfield, Pa., and Massimo Paris were married in May, they didn't need another blender. So they invited guests to donate toward the construction of solar panels at a medical center in Zambia.

"Waterford crystal is great," the bride said, "but to know there is something tangible as a celebration of your marriage is better. That's our love in bricks and stones."

Combining charity and celebration is not a new idea - it has been used by professional fund-raisers for ages, and births, deaths and milestone birthdays have long been occasions for a contribution to a favorite nonprofit.

Now, the field is expanding. More and more weddings are incorporating charitable giving - in imaginative ways. And instead of waiting for 50th birthdays, even grade schoolers are eschewing gifts in favor of donations.

Joya Ahmed celebrated her ninth birthday on Dec. 8 with a dance party at her Mount Airy, Pa., home - but told her friends not to bring gifts.

"Be ready to boogie," the party invitation said. And instead of more Barbies or doll furniture, Joya asked for donations to the American Friends Service Committee's Afghan Relief program.

"This was totally my idea," said Joya, a third grader. "I'm perfectly happy getting no presents. I think birthdays shouldn't be all get-things-should-be-some-give."

Her friends were hardly stunned. Just last year at another classmate's party, they were asked for donations to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Joya gave her allowance, \$4.50.

Weddings, too, have become occasions to pitch in.

In recent years, an increasing number of brides and grooms are discovering the pleasures of remembering the needy, according to wedding officiants and event planners. It's become so popular that couples can actually now "register" online for cash gifts to the charities of their choice.

"With weddings, it has been happening more in the last two years," said Melissa Paul, a wedding and events planner. "It's a nice thing to see. There is more generosity of heart."

Too often the significance of the moment gets lost in the

extravaganza, said Marguerite Sexton, a local nondenominational minister who specializes in creating custom ceremonies for weddings, births, even funerals.

Fretting about the color of the tablecloths, the cut of the bridesmaids' dresses, or the calligraphy on the invitations easily become distractions, she said.

Sexton said she didn't have to suggest a focus on philanthropy because couples come up with the ideas on their own.

She presided at the Dec. 1 wedding of Jackie Grant and Rick Scorzetti of Havertown, Pa., who made a donation to a fund for New York City police and firefighters instead of giving favors to their guests.

On each guest's plate was a scroll tied with gold ribbon, and a message was a message. "As we celebrate our special day, our love for each other, and all of you, we have not forgotten those who are less fortunate. Therefore, we have made a gift in your honor... to aid those who perished in the rescue efforts..."

At the Nov. 30 wedding of Maggie Baenninger, a Doylestown, Pa., native, to Karl Nass; the table centerpieces were not flowers, but wicker baskets of fresh fruits and vegetables - which were later donated to Philadelphia, one of several local nonprofits that distribute food to the needy.

THE MIKESELLS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mikesell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 6.

Mikesell and Carrie Keiko Naemura were married Dec. 10, 1951, in Kobe, Japan. Their marriage was solemnized June 27, 1963, in the Idaho Falls Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

They are the parents of four children, Jo Ann (Shayne) Jackson of Libby, Mont., Richard (Susan) Mikesell of Park City, Utah, Pamela (Don) Williams of Eagle and Kelle (Douglas) Bennett of Whitmore Lake, Mich. The couple has 16 grandchildren



Carol and Jim Mikesell and two great-grandchildren. They were honored by their children at a gathering of family and friends.

THE HIGGINSES

HEYBURN - Chuck and Margaret Higgins of Heyburn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 11.

Their children are Lisa Hobson of Burley, Heidi Porter of Palm Dale, Calif., and Kathie Haight of Washington, Utah. They have 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Cards can be sent to their winter address, 2047 N. Stoneridge Lane, Washington, UT 84780.



Chuck and Margaret Higgins

Surveys says secrets abound in marriages

The Dallas Morning News

There's probably not a married person that doesn't already know this, but Reader's Digest confirms it: Husbands and wives keep secrets from each other.

The magazine's August issue reveals the results of a telephone survey of 1,000 married people, and the numbers went like this: 42 percent of men and 36 percent of women have kept something secret from their spouses.

The most secretive were baby boomers and those in the highest income brackets.

And the most common secret? The price that was paid for a purchase.

Perhaps wisely, married folk who had a crush on someone else kept that a secret, too - specifically, 19 percent of men and 10 percent of women kept that little nugget to themselves.

The magazine wants to do some kind of survey on marriage every year, says managing editor Katherine Walker.

"Nine out of 10 Americans will marry, and yet divorce rates are hovering at around 42 percent," she says. "We're said, 'Why don't we do a snapshot of American marriage each year?' We decided to make honesty our first theme."

She was most surprised by the statistic that 38 percent of men hide their desire for affection, while 40 percent of women hide their desire for affection. "Why don't we do a snapshot of American marriage each year?" We decided to make honesty our first theme."

The magazine's typical reader is a 45-year-old married woman with children, although 40 percent of its readers are men.

In the category of sharing too much, the three topics that provoked the most nagging were being messy, being too fat and being too critical.

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ANNIVERSARIES

THE VAUGHTS

SHOSHONE - Mr. and Mrs. Levi Vaught of Shoshone will observe their 60th wedding anniversary today.

Vaught and Kathleen Crewey were married Dec. 30, 1941, at the United Methodist Church in Abingdon, Va.

They lived in Virginia until May 1988 when they moved to Shoshone to be near their son and his family.

He worked for the Virginia Department of Transportation as highway design engineer administrator for 35 years and retired in January 1983. She retired after teaching in Virginia.

They are active members of the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge and involved in other community projects. He is past master of York Rite in Idaho and has received many honors for his accomplishments in Masonic work over the years. He is a life member of the Knights York



Kathleen and Levi Vaught

Cross of Honor and is also a member of El Korah Shrine Temple in Boise and the Wood River Shrine Club. They are members of Eastern Star and the Order of the Amaranth.

They have one son, Phillip (Gloria) Vaught of Shoshone, four grandsons and five great-granddaughters.

The couple will not have an open house due to illness.

THE CALLENS

JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Callen of Jerome will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary today.

Callen and Patricia Boyd were married Dec. 30, 1951, in Jerome.

He served in the U.S. Navy four years, two of which were at Long Beach, Calif., Naval Station and two years on the staff of Vice Adm. A. M. Pride, U.S. Seventh Fleet, as a yeoman.

After returning to Idaho, they farmed southeast of Wendell until 1959 when they moved to southwest Jerome, where they have since farmed and fed fat cattle.

He served on the Jerome School Board for several years and served in the state Legislature four years. She is a homemaker who has served in numerous positions in the community and her church.

They have five children, Jerry (Marlene) Callen Jr., Sandra (Dennis) Capps, Tim (Gaylynn) Callen, Greg (Lissa) Callen and



Jerry and Patricia Callen

Melonie (Mark) Swenson, all of Jerome County.

The couple has 32 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A family celebration was held Dec. 29 at the Blue Lakes Country Club, hosted by their children and spouses. A reunion of extended family and friends will be held in July 2002.

Anniversary or wedding planned?
Let us know soon
The Times-News welcomes wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements.
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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Monday-Friday: Menu not available
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Foot clinic, make appointment
Tuesday
Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Exercise, 10 a.m.
Wednesday
Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Elks Card Club, 7 p.m.
Thursday
Pinochle at 1 p.m.
Friday
Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Lunch bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
Breakfast meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3 and evening meals will be \$2. Sunday dinners are \$3.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, every one is welcome.
Sunday: Ham dinner
Monday: Elam chowder salad
Tuesday: Center closed
Wednesday: Lasagna
Thursday: Meat loaf
Friday: Potato soup, grilled ham and cheese sandwich
Activities
Thrift shop open every day. Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$3.
Sunday
All-you-can-eat ham dinner; \$3.50
Monday
Exercise from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Tuesday
Center closed
Wednesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Thursday
Exercises from 7-8 p.m.
Bingo from 1-3 p.m.
Friday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each month.
Tuesday: Center closed
Thursday: Roast beef sandwich

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
Monday-Friday: Menu not available
Activities
Tuesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Dominos at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.
Monday: Menu not available
Tuesday: Center closed
Wednesday: Meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, marinated cabbage and carrots, roll, cherry chesecake
Thursday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, winter mix vegetables, peaches, roll, oatmeal raisin cake
Activities
Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinochle at 12:30 p.m.
Hand and foot at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Center closed
Wednesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Trip to Jackpot at 2:45 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Blood pressure check at 11 a.m.
Hospice at 11:55 a.m.
TOPS at 5 p.m.
Pinochle at 7 p.m.
Friday
Bridge at 1 p.m.
Hand and foot check at 1 p.m.
Bowling at 1:30 p.m.
Bingo at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday
Breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.

Monday: Menu not available
Tuesday: Center closed
Wednesday: Chicken chow mein over rice, oriental vegetables, cole slaw, butterscotch pudding
Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, carrots, Jell-O with fruit, chocolate cake
Friday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, broccoli salad, peach cobbler
Activities
Monday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Tuesday
Center closed
Wednesday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinochle at 7 p.m.
Friday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinochle at 1 p.m.
Old Time Fiddlers

Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Menu not available
Thursday: Egg salad sandwich, chicken rice soup, carrot raisin salad, pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
Shoshone Senior Center
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Tuesday: Center closed
Wednesday: Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, coconut cream pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
Friday: Potato bar, Jell-O, orange juice, milk, coffee
Activities
Monday
Exercise from 9:30-10 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Quilting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday
Center closed
Wednesday
Lunch at noon
Rotary Club
Pinochle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 6 p.m.
Early bird at 6 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 9:30-10 a.m.
Richfield lunch
Friday
Pinochle at 1 p.m.
Saturday
Pancake breakfast from 7:30-10 a.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden
Open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookies and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.
Tuesday: Center closed
Wednesday: Bake day
Thursday: Lasagna, green beans, salad, applesauce, cookie, bread

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.75. Milk, juice, coffee, tea, rolls, sourdough or cornbread served with all meals.
Monday: Tacos, cabbage, salad, chocolate pie

Wednesday: Menu not available
Friday: Menu not available
Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals.
Monday: Center closed
Tuesday: Center closed
Wednesday: Swiss steak, baked potato, peas with mushrooms, pear halves with cottage cheese, biscuits, lemon pudding cake
Friday: Baked chicken in butter sauce, mashed potatoes, mixed grilled squash with onions and peppers, rolls, blackberry pie
Activities
Monday
New Year's Eve party at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Center closed
Thursday
Exercise at 9 a.m.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.
Monday: Spaghetti, carrots, tapioca pudding, garlic bread, assorted salads, juice, beverages
Tuesday-Friday: Menu not available
Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Quilting and pool table only during center hours. Crafts every day. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Ridelley at 436-1200
Activities
Monday
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
Songfest from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Bridge
Wednesday
Pinochle 1-4 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
SHIBA Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwinderman at 436-9107.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley
All dinners are served at noon.
Monday: Center closed
Tuesday: Center closed
Wednesday: Tuna casserole, biscuits, green beans, mixed fruit, date pudding
Thursday: Malibu chicken, scalloped potatoes, broccoli mix, french bread, waldorf salad, rainbow cake
Friday: Meat loaf, grilled onions, potatoes, cream peas, bread sticks, lemon mango Jell-O, sour cream raisin cake
Activities
Monday
Center closed
Tuesday
Center closed
Wednesday
Men's pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Pinochle at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Ladies pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Friday
Men's pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Bingo at 1 p.m.
Pinochle at 1 p.m.

Nursing home must improve security to stop wandering father



NEXT STEPS
Jan Collins and Jan Warner

Q. After my father was diagnosed with dementia two years ago, my mother took care of him at home until she was unable to do so due to the general stress and his wandering. When she reluctantly agreed to admit him to a nursing home, we told the facility that if they did not watch him all of the time, he would scoot out of the front door, no matter what he was wearing - or not wearing. On occasion, it took us hours to find him, sometimes near a busy highway. The police picked him up several times. The nursing home assured us that they had security systems that would prevent this.

However, Dad has left the facility six times in the past month. The last time, he was gone for nearly six hours. The facility tells us they are reviewing their systems and that they have not had this problem before. Should we leave him there or move to another facility?

A. Because of cognitive deficiencies, wanderers misperceive their environment and place themselves in dangerous situations. According to a recent study by the University of Florida, 60 percent of all Alzheimer's patients will stray at least once. And, of those who are gone for more than 24 hours, up to 46 percent may die. Many more may be injured from exposure to the elements or being struck by a motor vehicle. With the number of dementia and Alzheimer's patients increasing,

wandering is fast becoming a law enforcement nightmare. Nursing homes have an obligation to not only identify wanderers, but also to develop and implement prevention programs. According to federal law, Medicare and Medicaid certified facilities must develop and then review and revise each resident's plan of care every 90 days unless there are significant changes in the resident's needs. Here, it appears that the facility's systems are lacking and unacceptable.

• What to look for: Does the facility have a specialty unit for Alzheimer's and dementia residents where the environment is specifically designed for the care of residents who wander or are aggressive? Has the facility made environmental modifications to discourage wandering such as 1)

putting full-length mirrors on doors and exits, 2) camouflaging doors with wall covering or window treatment, 3) putting stop signs on doors, 4) installing an alarm system on all exits, 5) placing sensors on resident's wrists or ankles which activate alarms when the resident approaches the exit, and/or 6) using chair and bed alarm systems which activate when moved?

• What to do: In dealing with situations like this, we believe that the research should be done, if at all possible, before admission. Since families generally do not know what to look for and are under tremendous stress, we cannot over estimate the value of hiring an experienced geriatric care manager to assist in choosing a facility that meets the needs of the family. To find a care manager in your area, you can go to <http://www.caremanager.org/>. In the meanwhile, since your father is at risk, we suggest that you obtain the facility's records to determine whether there have been other complaints about patient wandering and, if security is not resolved quickly, move your father to another facility.

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Some things to be thankful for



AFTER CLASS
Gay Petersen

The New Year is just around the corner. It's still hard for me to believe that it will be 2002 and that I am privileged to live in the 21st century. I am grateful for so many things, not the least of which has been being able to share my concerns and thoughts with all of you.

It is logical as we look forward to another year to also look back at what we accomplished in 2001. Hopefully, as we do that, we will think about the daily triumphs of our lives, the little things that brought us happiness, the times of joy. The events of Sept. 11, though a terrible tragedy, have had some positive repercussions. Most of us have come to realize what is really important in life and have been more conscious of how fragile that life can be. We should cherish the time we have spent with loved ones and show them how much we care.

And we should vow, as we look toward 2002, that we will have a positive attitude even in the

worst of times, and that we will make the most of whatever the future might bring.

Our New Year's resolutions should include items that will help us become healthier for our own well being and because others depend on us. They should include trying to live better lives; being more kind, caring, loving and helpful to others. They should include being good patriots and caring about our country, and they should include an anonymous kindness each and every day, from something as small as opening a door for someone as capable as we are, to as large as helping, through goods or money, someone less fortunate than ourselves.

If we can carry out even some of these resolutions we will be better people for what we have done, and we will help, not hinder, the future of our great country.

As I look back over the years of my life I realize how much I have to be thankful for. Of course at the top of my list are my family and friends, but being a teacher in Wendell for 33 years certainly brought me great pleasure and satisfaction, and writing this column for the past 3 1/2 years has been one of the highlights in my life.

I appreciate all of you, dear readers. Thank you for all the e-mails, letters and nice comments you have been so kind as to share with me.

May the New Year be the best yet for you, for our nation and for our world.

Gay Petersen is a retired teacher who lives in Wendell. Write to her at petersen@gmagiclink.com

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