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WEATHER

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Clout holder: A list of Idaho's 100 most influential people was released Friday, and a handful of Magic Valley names made the cut.
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Area bucks U.S. jobless trend

Valley finds itself largely immune to woes elsewhere

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The same old story on unemployment is one that Greg Rogers is mighty happy to tell.

The Idaho Department of Labor on Friday forecast Twin Falls County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December at 4.6 percent, unchanged from November. That also matches the year-ago December rate.

The rest of Magic Valley was split, with roughly half of the counties posting jobless rates higher than a year ago, and half with lower rates.

"We pretty much stayed status quo, but the

rest of the state didn't. So we're in pretty good shape," said Rogers, the Labor Department's regional labor economist for Magic Valley.

Like other areas of the state, Magic Valley last month saw construction layoffs due to cold

and snow, he said. But here, retailers' holiday hiring largely offset those layoffs.

"We had a very good holiday hiring time. I was pleased by it," Rogers said.

The reason? Shoppers willing to spend. "Our consumers are feeling pretty stable in their jobs," Rogers said.

The valley hasn't had the announcements of large layoffs that hit elsewhere in the state.

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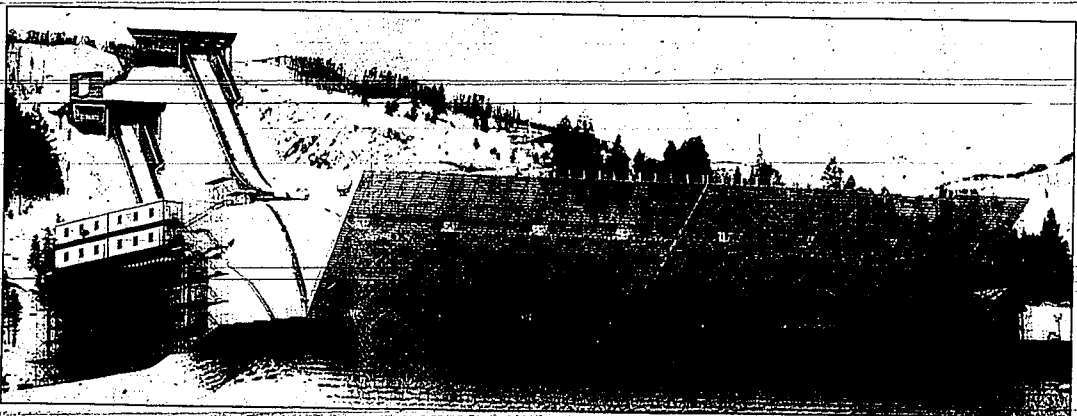
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King's employee Mary Blasius checks out a customer Friday afternoon in Twin Falls. Blasius said she has to work two jobs to make ends meet and is happy to be employed in light of problems with the national economy.

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ONE MONTH TO GO



Ski-jumping spectator stands are nearly completed Friday at the Utah Olympic Park in Park City. The undersides of the bleachers will be wrapped in festive banners by next month.

SLC Olympics head into the home stretch

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Eight-foot fences surround the Olympic Village, while commuters on nearby Wasatch Boulevard speed past utility poles festooned with bright decorative banners.

For every flag flapping in the breeze outside an Olympic site, there's likely to be a National Guard soldier dressed in camouflage.

The contrast likely will define the 2002 Winter Olympics.

With one month remaining until the Feb. 8 opening ceremony, Utah is putting the final touches on both facets of the games.

LT. Col. Craig Morgan, spokesman for the Utah National Guard, said 3,100 guardsmen will be on duty by mid-



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January. Most will be assigned as sentries or to security details.

"Our intent is to get them in, get them trained and get them out to the venues," Morgan said. "Our assignment is mostly personnel and vehicle security. Exactly where and how, that's up to law enforcement."

Who will make the U.S. male luge team?

This woman luger thinks of her ill dad.

Alaskans lead in biathlon trials.

A U.S. speedskater says a race was fixed.

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Olympic decorations are going up quickly in Salt Lake City now that holiday adornments have come down.

Along with thousands of roadside banners of bright red, yellow, orange and teal, organizers have installed four of the planned 14 building wraps — massive images of athletes — on selected structures around downtown and the University of Utah. The Olympic flame's cauldron at Rice-Eccles stadium is expected to go up any day.

"We're just splashing color around everywhere," said Scott Givens, the Salt Lake Organizing Committee's creative group managing director.

Banners also are going up in Park City, Ogden, Provo and at venues, which also

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Hostile fire claims special forces soldier

Report: Bin Laden, Omar may be trying to buy their safety

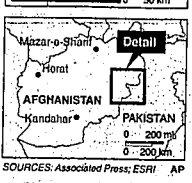
Knight Ridder News Service

MUSA QAL'EH, Afghanistan — A U.S. Army Special Forces soldier was killed Friday by hostile fire in eastern Afghanistan, underscoring the dangers that American forces face from pockets of Taliban and al-Qaida resistance.

Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Ross Chapman, 31, from San Antonio, Texas, was the first member of U.S. military forces to die in enemy gunfire in 90 days of conflict. His death came amid signs that Mullah Mohammed Omar and Osama bin Laden may be trying to bribe their way out of Afghanistan.

Pakistani law enforcement officials told Knight Ridder on Friday that two Afghans carrying large sums of money and traveling toward the Afghan border were arrested Tuesday. The pair told investigators they were taking the money to an Arab national in Afghanistan.

Officials from the force that



patrols tribal areas in Pakistan near the border found the men carrying \$300,000 in U.S. currency, plus 36,300 Pakistani rupees (\$614), 85,000 Iranian rials (\$49), and a small amount of Afghanis, the officials said, speaking on the condition their names not be used.

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Kempthorne postpones decision on deadline for INEEL cleanup

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne plans to meet with top federal officials about the U.S. Department of Energy's request for an extension on a test program for cleanup of plutonium-contaminated waste buried above the regional aquifer.

The state, DOE and Environmental Protection Agency agreed just before Christmas to decide on a meeting date by Jan. 15, said Tim Jackson, a DOE spokesman. No date has yet been set, he said.

Friday was the original deadline for the governor to decide on the DOE's extension request.



Gov. Kempthorne

Kempthorne will have 21 days from the date of the meeting to decide, but the parties could agree to extend that deadline, Jackson said.

Kempthorne's press secretary, Mark Snider, said in December that the governor would meet with Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christine Todd Whitman to review the

matter. Kempthorne will meet with them before he makes his decision, Snider said this week.

The governor's "state of the state" address at 8 p.m. Monday will include the issue, Snider said.

The dispute between the state and DOE boils down to when and how hazardous waste buried above the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory will be handled. The aquifer is the sole source of drinking water for more than 200,000 people in southern Idaho, including the city of Twin Falls.

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Redistricting panel seeks to break impasse

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — Democrats on the Idaho Commission on Redistricting rejected a lawyer's plan Friday that protection of county lines and communities of interest deserves equal weight in redrawing legislative boundaries.

Their opposition kept the six-member panel from setting on

either of the plans reviewed by Idaho Falls attorney Tim Hopkins. And it prolonged an impasse on re-drawing Idaho's political map as the Legislature prepares to convene Monday.

Legislators, some still unsure in which district they will be running this year, are eager to see

redistricting settled quickly. The candidate filing period runs March 25 through April 5. The secretary of state's office and county clerks face a more immediate deadline of Jan. 15 for establishing voting precincts.

"I'm seven months into a 90-day process, and nobody likes

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COMING SUNDAY

It's time: The 2002 Idaho Legislature convenes Monday, and Magic Valley lawmakers are gearing up for a tough session.

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Daschle blames Bush's tax cut for vanishing surplus

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., on Friday kicked off a Democratic effort to the President Bush's economic policies to the return of budget deficits.

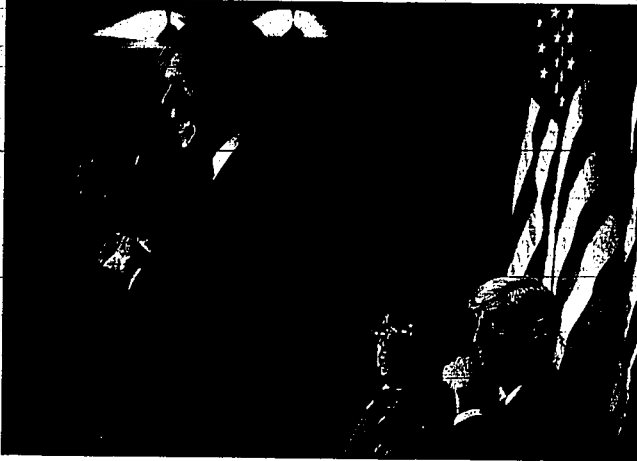
Daschle, the highest-ranking elected Democrat and a potential presidential candidate, outlined a seven-point economic plan with several new spending initiatives and challenged the president to "restore long-term fiscal integrity to our budget."

While praising Bush for his administration's work "in the battle on terrorism," Daschle said "when it comes to our second battle, our economic battle, I think most Americans would probably agree that the news hasn't been so good lately.... If we can root out a network of terrorists half a world away, we can solve the problems in our own economy, too."

Daschle's plan drew quick response but not praise from Republicans.

"Perhaps the most important thing the Congress did last year to promote economic security was to pass the president's tax cut proposal," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "Senator Daschle voted against that proposal and now he seems to indicate that he wants to repeal it." Hastert added, saying that would be "exactly the wrong way to achieve long-term economic security."

Daschle's speech at the Center for National Policy headquarters in Washington comes a day before Bush goes to California for a town meeting on the economy. After Saturday's gathering, Bush will meet with business leaders in Portland, Ore., before returning to the White House on his vacation in Crawford, Texas. In the



Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle outlines his seven-point program to 'restore fiscal responsibility' during a speech before the Center for National Policy in Washington Friday.

coming month, Bush will focus intently on the economy as he prepares to give his first State of the Union address and unveil his first wartime budget.

Daschle signaled that Democrats plan to link many of the current economic troubles to the administration's policies. Many Democrats opposed the president's \$1.35 trillion tax cut, and they argue that it was especially irresponsible in light of the spending demands triggered by the war on terrorism.

"The tax cut failed to prevent a recession; it probably made the

recession worse," Daschle said, adding that the tax cut has put the government in the position of making unpalatable choices. "We can shortchange critical needs such as homeland defense or raise the Social Security surplus. We should not be in that position," the senator said.

Daschle did not openly call for repealing parts of the tax cut. Instead, he resurrected former president Bill Clinton's argument that budget surpluses help keep long-term interest rates low, reducing the cost of home mortgages and credit-card debt.

"Low interest rates are the best possible tax cut," Daschle said, arguing that the Federal Reserve's cuts in short-term rates alone will not do the job if "our long-term budget outlook remains so precarious. The federal government needs to show the markets that it has not abandoned fiscal discipline but is still committed to it."

Administration officials maintain that the tax cut sets the stage for greater economic growth. They have been openly skeptical of the idea that budget surpluses or deficits have much impact on

interest rate fluctuations.

Daschle also announced a series of initiatives, including a retooled Democratic stimulus plan. One major proposal would temporarily allow companies to reduce the burden of payroll taxes that result from hiring new employees. The plan would also allow companies to write off 40 percent of new investments for six months and then 20 percent for the next six months, compared with the administration's plan to allow write-offs of 30 percent a year for three years.

"If you want to know whether this will work, just look at what's happened with car sales these last three months. When consumers were told that they'd be able to purchase a car with zero percent interest rates, they shopped their financial uncertainty and purchased cars in record numbers. We want businesses to do the same thing when it comes to purchasing new equipment and new technology," he said.

Daschle called his stimulus plan a "short-term recovery package." He contends that the president's plan contains too many long-term provisions that will undermine budget discipline. White House aides said the president will rename his package an "economic security" plan as part of a renewed effort to build public support for the package that failed to pass Congress last year.

Daschle also pushed for "freedom-linking" to expanded assistance for workers affected by trade deals. For example, he proposed wage insurance to restore part of the income lost by workers over age 50. He also rejected the recommendations of the Bush Social Security Commission as instead supported private accounts only as a supplement, not a replacement, for the current retirement system.



President George W. Bush

Texas honors president with portrait

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - A tearful two-spilled down President Bush's cheek Friday as he saw his portrait unveiled in the Texas state Capitol and reflected on his "joyous six years" as governor.

"I'm going to take that can-do Texas spirit to Washington, for however long I'm there, and remind people that results are what matters," the president said. His gubernatorial portrait took its prominent place on the first floor of the Capitol rotunda, beside that of Democrat Ann Richards, the incumbent Bush unseated in 1994 after a bitterly fought race.

"It is amazing for me to think when I step back and think that this will be hanging here forever," Bush said. "I just hope Governor Richards doesn't mind being my neighbor for eternity."

First lady Laura Bush helped Fort Worth artist Scott Gentling lift the black velvet shroud from his \$10,000 work.

Bush, who served as governor until the Election 2000 recount that made him president, shrugged sheepishly as the painting-way applause. He then joked his way past the emotion that showed in his wet eyes.

He thanked the small crowd of Texas polo, old pals, and longtime advisers for coming to "witness my hanging."

U.S. envoy holds truce talks; Israel intercepts Palestinian shipment

JERUSALEM (AP) - Conditions are right for making progress in U.S.-brokered truce talks, an optimistic U.S. envoy said after separate meetings with the Israeli and Palestinian leaders.

Israel's army chief, meanwhile, announced the interception of a ship in the Red Sea smuggling 50 tons of Iranian-made weapons he said were intended for the Palestinian Authority. Palestinian officials denied any ties to the shipment and said the Israeli announcement was intended to sabotage the mission by U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni.

Zinni held talks Friday with Ariel Sharon at the Israeli prime minister's farm in Israel and with Yasser Arafat at the Palestinian leader's West Bank headquarters in the town of Ramallah.

Zinni, whose last mission in December was aborted by a surge of violence, said the task remained difficult, but that he was confident he could succeed.

"I am optimistic, I am hopeful and I feel that we have the conditions that are right to make progress this time," Zinni said in Ramallah, adding that he would make frequent trips to the region after returning to Washington early next week.

Arafat said he remained committed to a truce with Israel. Since a Dec. 16 speech in which Arafat called on all Palestinian factions to honor a cease-fire, violence has dropped sharply.

However, Israel on Friday accused

Arafat of playing a double-game. The interception of the vessel proved that Arafat's government was "infected by terrorism from head to toe," said the Israeli army chief, Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofiz.

The vessel, Karpe A., was seized Thursday in the Red Sea, 310 miles from the Israeli Red-Sea port of Eilat. The 4,000-ton ship is owned by the Palestinian Authority and carried mines, mortars and missiles intended for the Palestinian territories, Mofiz said.

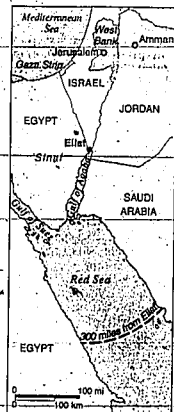
The army chief said the captain and several officers were members of the Palestinian naval police. Arafat's advisers vehemently denied any links to the shipment and asked the Americans to join an investigation into the matter.

Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo dismissed the Israeli allegations as a "theatrical game" aimed at torpedoing Zinni's truce efforts.

"We insist that the Palestinian Authority has nothing to do with this ship, these allegations are false," Abed Rabbo said.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Zinni had raised the issue during his meeting with Arafat and the Palestinian leader denied any involvement and offered his full cooperation in an investigation.

Zinni "expressed our strong condemnation of any attempt to escalate the conflict in the region by militant groups or others," Boucher said.



SOURCES: Associated Press, ESHI AP

Mideast violence drops after Arafat speaks

JERUSALEM (AP) - Since Yasser Arafat called for an end to bombing and shooting attacks against Israelis more than two weeks ago, Mideast violence has dropped to its lowest levels in the 15-month-old conflict.

"There are still daily shooting incidents. But no Israelis have been killed by Palestinian gunfire in three weeks, officials said this week. Twenty Palestinians have died, including seven killed during clashes that erupted as Palestinian police began a crackdown on militant Palestinian groups.

Before his speech, Palestinian

militants in the Gaza Strip were firing mortars at Jewish settlements in Gaza almost daily. The mortars prompted retaliatory raids by Israeli forces.

Since the speech, mortar attacks have ceased. Israel says its security actions have been crucial to the decline, citing four major planned attacks that were foiled in the past two weeks.

Israel's military has entered Palestinian controlled areas nine times since Arafat's speech and arrested 45 suspected militants.

Israeli officials said Wednesday that the average number of daily attacks by Palestinians has dropped from about 30 before Arafat's speech to about 10. Most of the incidents are relatively minor.

The only Israeli killed in violence in the past three weeks was an Israeli reserve soldier shot along the border with Jordan. It was not clear who carried out the attack, though it appeared the attackers came from Jordan.

Judge sentences Cuban spy couple to federal prison

MIAMI (AP) - A couple who pleaded guilty to spying for Cuba during the 1950s were sentenced Friday to federal prison terms - seven years for him and 3.5 years for her.

George and Marisol Gari were members of the Wasp Network, a Cuban spy ring whose mission was to infiltrate and collect information on Cuban exile

groups and U.S. military installations. Five other members of the spy ring were sentenced last month to prison terms ranging from 15 years to life.

Prosecutors said the Garis engaged in espionage from 1991 to 1998 under the code names Luis and Margot. Marisol Gari used a former job at the Postal

Service's Miami International Airport distribution center to get mail going to and from targeted Cuban-Americans.

George Gari, a former Lockheed Martin equipment tester, was ordered to apply for work at the U.S. Southern Command headquarters in Miami in an unsuccessful infiltration attempt.

Powell may appoint envoy for India, Pakistan conflict

WASHINGTON (AP) - Secretary of State Colin Powell said Friday he may appoint a special envoy to try to pull India and Pakistan away from confrontation.

Powell told BBC that he will make a decision next week, after a South Asia summit meeting in Nepal in which he hopes Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf will meet.

"We are anxious to see the situation stabilize," Powell said. "We hope the mobilizations halt quickly."

In fact, "there are some positive signs," Powell said. But "this is still a dangerous situation."

India and Pakistan have sent troops to their border in a dispute over the contested territory of Kashmir and an attack on India's parliament December 13.

India accused Pakistan of being behind the attack. Pakistan has denied it and arrested members

of two Pakistan-based groups the State Department has branded as terrorist organizations.

Powell praised Musharraf in the radio and television interview as acting to counter terrorism. "Every day or so he has taken a step in that direction," said Powell, noting that Musharraf has made a number of "bold" statements.

However, "I expect him to do more," Powell added. At the outset of the Bush administration last January, Powell said he intended to reduce the number of special envoys.

About 20 were eliminated, but there has been a gradual buildup, with two State Department and another White House special envoy dealing with Afghanistan.

While the appointment of a special envoy to India and Pakistan would enlarge the U.S. role in their dispute, Powell gave no indication he had a formula for a settlement over Kashmir.

Cop killed by son who picked up gun

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - A rookie police officer was shot to death by his 3-year-old son, who had grabbed the man's service weapon from a kitchen table when the officer turned to talk to his pregnant wife.

Joshua Haffner, 22, was pronounced dead early Friday after several hours of surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.

The shooting occurred late Thursday, shortly after Haffner had gotten home from his shift at Nashville's South Sector Precinct, said Sgt. Ken Hampton of the Smith Police Department.

"He was taking off his duty equipment and laid his gun on the kitchen table. Apparently while he had his back turned and was talking to his wife, their 3-year-old picked up the gun and shot him," Hampton said.

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NATION



Snow covers the windscreens of a Lufthansa jet at the gate Thursday at Atlanta Atlanta International Airport as snow continued to fall in Atlanta. The airport was operating with two of the four runways and 20-30 flights an hour instead of the over 100 flights an hour it runs during normal circumstances.

Travelers spend eight hours in parked plane

ATLANTA (AP) — The eight hours John Pickett's family spent aboard a snowbound jet were an agony: bored children, no food, a caged puppy, a stinky toilet and a handheld video game with dead batteries.

By 1 a.m. Thursday, after the passengers had been shown four movies, the Delta plane finally returned to the gate instead of taking off for Florida. The pilots had reached the maximum number of on-duty hours allowed under federal regulations.

"By the end, the lavatory by where we were sitting was getting pretty ripe," said Pickett, standing in line at an airport car rental agency Thursday morning to drive the 12 hours home to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The flight is normally about 90 minutes.

It was a surly, sleep-deprived, frustration-filled day for Pickett and other passengers Thursday at Hartsfield Atlanta International, where nearly 5 inches of snow paralyzed air traffic. More than 4,000 people spent Wednesday night at the nation's busiest airport — on planes or concourses. A lucky few got to airport hotels.

Hundreds of flights were canceled, and the airport had only about 20 arrivals and departures

per hour Thursday morning instead of the normal 180, Hartsfield spokeswoman Lanii Thomas said.

Delta, which handles more than 70 percent of Hartsfield traffic, apologized in a statement for "the delays and discomfort."

"An inch or 2 inches or whatever is not a problem at other airports," said Nanteep Limpeanchob, who rescheduled her flight home to Kansas City, Mo., for Saturday, by which time she hopes the snow has melted.

"Why do they let us sit there and wait when they know the airport can't handle it?"

Planes backed up quickly Wednesday evening as arriving flights got stuck behind jets that were unable to depart because they could not be de-iced fast enough, said Tad Hurcheson, a spokesman for AirTran Airways.

Pickett had taken his wife and 6- and 7-year-old children to Charlotte for New Year's Eve. The puppy was with other passengers, and Pickett said he was thankful its owners had "plenty of absorbent materials" on hand.

"I saw every movie they had on the plane," he said. "The Gameboy ran out of batteries, so that was a real emergency."

U.S. reports capture of key terrorist

Combined wire reports

WASHINGTON — U.S. military forces have taken custody of a high-ranking paramilitary trainer for al-Qaida, the most senior member of the terrorist network captured in the three-month war in Afghanistan, Pentagon and intelligence officials said Friday.

Officials identified the man as Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi and said he was apprehended and handed over to U.S. authorities by Pakistani forces within the last day or two.

In a related development, defense officials reported an agreement with Pakistan to turn over to U.S. control the Taliban's former ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, who would be one of the highest ranking Taliban officials to fall into U.S. hands. The arrangements are being made now as to where, when and how he'll be taken into custody, but the basic deal is done," a senior defense official said.

The capture of al-Libi represents a significant victory in the Bush administration's campaign to dismantle al-Qaida, since it deprives the terrorist network of one of its top activists. It also marks a potential intelligence windfall as the United States seeks information on whereabouts of other senior al-Qaida figures, including Osama bin Laden, and attempts to forestall other possible attacks by determining how the terrorist network operates.

Al-Libi, a Libyan, is known to U.S. officials as a particularly close associate of Abu Zubaydah, one of bin Laden's most senior advisers. Zubaydah, in turn, is thought to have taken over as al-Qaida's top military strategist following the death in a U.S.-bombing raid in Afghanistan last November of Muhammad Atef.

According to U.S. and Middle Eastern officials, al-Libi was responsible for paramilitary training at the Khaldan camp in Afghanistan run by al-Qaida.



This photograph from the Defense Department shows the al-Qaida base in eastern Afghanistan in 1998. The two groups of white spots at the left and right side of the photograph are light reflections not associated with the ground topography.

U.S. hits al-Qaida camp again

Combined wire reports

U.S. warplanes launched a second day of intense bombing attacks Friday on an al-Qaida training camp near the Pakistan border south of the Tora Bora region.

The Zhawar Kili Al-Badr camp has been bombed in the past by the United States. Officials said they had new information that it was being used by remnants of the terrorist network, possibly as a way station for escape into Pakistan.

A Central Command official described Friday's airstrike as even more intense than the one on Thursday, which according to Franks involved more than 105 2,000-pound bombs. "There was al-Qaida activity in and around this complex of sufficient size to warrant our need to go back in

Planes reportedly drop more than 1,000 2,000-pound bombs

there," Gen. Tommy Franks, head of the U.S. Central Command, said at a news conference at the Pentagon.

Reports Thursday suggested intelligence sources had detected an unusually large security force arriving at the camp in recent days. Osama bin Laden is known to travel with such a large force.

In a nearly hourlong news conference Friday, Franks updated Americans on the process of the war in greater detail than has been provided by other officials in recent weeks.

The four-star general said that

the public should no longer expect daily headlines on U.S. bombing strikes or other dramatic action.

"Like a baseball game, he said, the war for the foreseeable future will consist of "a very, calm atmosphere . . . interrupted by spikes of adrenaline."

U.S. Special Forces are also observing the "transfer of arms" as some Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts in northeastern Afghanistan continue to surrender to Afghan authorities. He said this was in the area off Bagram and Dohi Rawud, north of Kandahar.

Intelligence sources have identified 48 terrorist camps and other military targets that require up-close inspection by U.S. troops. So far, Franks said, 40 of these have been "looked into."

Cop: Hockey dad admitted fighting

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A police officer testified Friday that he arrived at the scene of a fatal fight between two hockey dads and found the victim motionless and surrounded by children.

Reading Police Sgt. James Cormier was the first to take the stand in the manslaughter trial of Thomas Junta, 42, who is accused of beating a man to death after their sons' hockey practice in July 2000. Junta claims he acted in self-defense.

Michael Costin, 40, died the day after the fight, which occurred at Burbank Ice Arena in Reading, a suburb 15 miles north of Boston.

Cormier said when he arrived he saw Junta outside the arena. His shirt was ripped and he had a scratch on his face. Cormier said he asked Junta if he was a participant in the fight and Junta nodded or said yes.

Judge sentences day-care molester to 40 years in jail

INDIANAPOLIS — A woman convicted of molesting children at her day care service was sentenced Friday to 40 years in prison.

LaDonna Tucker, 41, was found guilty in November of two child molesting counts and one count of promoting prostitution for offering two children to her boyfriend for sex in exchange for \$200.

Tucker was arrested in January after then-boyfriend Melvin Riding, 42, told police she had invited him to watch her molest children in her care.

Woman accused in slayings allegedly enticed lovers to kill

ROCKVILLE, Md. — A woman who allegedly enticed lovers to kill two husbands and a boyfriend and kept witnesses quiet with threats of voodoo will be charged with murder, a prosecutor said Friday.

Nation in brief

Josephine Gray enlisted the help of each successive husband and boyfriend to commit murder on her behalf, first in 1974, then in 1990, then in 1996, authorities said in court documents. The second- and third-victims were suspected of killing the husbands who came before them.

Previous charges were dropped against Gray, 55, in two of the deaths after key witnesses disappeared; authorities accuse her of incorporating voodoo and witchcraft in her threats. Voodoo dolls of her dead lovers festooned with needles were found by authorities, Montgomery County State's Attorney Douglas Gansler said.

Gunmen slay teen-ager, 3-year-old in apparent robbery

LIMA, Ohio — Two gunmen opened fire in an apartment during an apparent robbery attempt, killing a 3-year-old girl and a teen-ager and wounding six other people, police said Friday.

Police Chief Greg Garlock said the victims knew the gunmen and let them in Thursday. A few minutes later, the gunmen opened fire, killing Leneshia Williams, 17, and Jayla Grant, 3, and wounding the others.

At least two of the wounded were in critical condition. BC-Pregnant Killing, 0184

Woman pleads guilty in Nevada killing of pregnant niece, unborn baby

Plea agreement helps woman avoid death penalty

YERINGTON, Nev. — An emergency room technician pleaded guilty Friday to two counts of murder for killing her 17-year-old pregnant niece and cutting the fetus from her womb.

In exchange for Erin Kuhn's plea, prosecutors agreed not to seek the death penalty.

Authorities say Kuhn killed Kathaleena Draper in June 2000 after she changed her mind about letting Kuhn adopt the baby.

Kuhn faces a maximum sentence of life in prison without parole. A two-day sentencing hearing was set for Feb. 28 and March 1. Her lawyer, Tod Young, said the plea agreement was "in everyone's best interest."

Pancreatic cancer claims 'Miki' Dora, surfing legend

He was known as "The King of Malibu," "Da Cat," and the "angry young man of surfing."

Mikles "Miki" Dora, an expatriate Southern California surfing legend whose much-admired graceful surfing style rivaled his reputation as a rebel, has died. He was 67.

Dora, who left California in the early 1970s and spent most of the next three decades living in South Africa and France, died of pancreatic cancer Thursday at his father's home in Montecito, Calif.

Dora, who was diagnosed with terminal cancer last July, had moved into his father's house a couple of months after leaving his home in Guethere, an European surfing mecca on France's Atlantic coast.

— compiled from wire reports

Fledgling crime writer leaves jail after 168 days

HOUSTON — Weeping with joy, an aspiring author was released from jail Friday after spending more than five months behind bars for refusing to hand over her notes about a society murder.

"I'm just very grateful to be free," Vanessa Leggett said with her husband, Doak, at her side. "Downtown Houston" never looked so good. I feel good — I was able to maintain my journalistic integrity so far."

Leggett, 33, was freed after 168 days in jail because the federal grand jury that demanded her research ended its term Friday, said her attorney, Mike DeGeurin.

However, federal prosecutors have indicated they will again



Vanessa Leggett

ask Leggett for her research. Another grand jury could be convened as early as next week and she could be subpoenaed to appear.

Leggett said she would be more than willing to go back to jail.

"If that's what it takes, that's what it takes," she said. "This is not so much about me. It's about the public's right to a free and independent press."

Kesha Handy, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office,

declined to comment.

Leggett is working on a book about the murder of Doris Angleton, who was shot to death in 1997. Authorities suspect her husband, Robert Angleton, hired his brother Roger to kill his wife. Robert Angleton was acquitted in 1998 in state court, but federal agents are now investigating him.

Roger Angleton killed himself in jail 10 months after the slaying, leaving behind a note exonerating his brother. Leggett interviewed him before the suicide.

Leggett was jailed on contempt charges July 20 after refusing to answer the grand jury's questions about confidential sources and not turning over copies of her notes.

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YOUR WEEKEND

Sustained Chord

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

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

When: 1:15 p.m. today.

How much: The exhibit is free.

Last Ride

What: Last Ride will play.

Where: The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.

How much: No cover charge.

Barn dance

What: Dusty and the Nomads will play.

Where: Spanbauer's Barn on U.S. Highway 93, east of Jerome.

When: 8 p.m. to midnight today.

How much: The cover charge is \$7.

Brewpub music

What: Frame of Mind will play.

Where: Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls.

When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.

How much: The cover charge is \$3.

CSI Jazz

What: The Great Riff Jazz Society presents the Great Riff Jazz Players, in association with the CSI Jazz Studies Program. The jazz quintet will play jazz classics and standards, show tunes, modern jazz and the blues. Families and students are welcome.

Where: Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls.

When: 4-6 p.m. Sunday.

How much: No cover charge.

Bpb: Nora Band

What: Bob Nora Band will play.

Where: Sax Fifth Avenue, 213 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.

How much: The cover charge is \$3.

Steak house karaoke

What: Karaoke will be featured.

Where: The Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls.

When: 8 p.m. until midnight today.

How much: No cover charge.

Compiled from staff reports

Fire destroys house north of Rupert

The Times-News

RUPERT — A house north of Rupert was destroyed in a Wednesday fire.

Firefighters arrived at the scene around 6 a.m., too late to save the house, according to a fire department official.

"By the time we got there, the roof was just about totally involved. It was pretty well a total loss," said Gary Higley, East End Fire Department assistant fire chief.

The four occupants of the house were transported to Minidoka Memorial Hospital but were not injured, Higley said.

The house, located at 125 W. 131 N. was in the middle of a field, away from any other structures, Higley said.

Firemen hosed-down the house and put out the flames.

It was an old wooden house and burned quickly, Higley said. The fire department has not determined the cause of the fire. It could possibly have been an electrical fire starting in the attic, Higley said.

Snowpack levels

Watershed % of Average

Upper Snake River 85%

Salmon Falls Creek 140%

Oakley Basin 157%

Big and Little Wood 110%

Agency: Ex-owners will clean up

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The former owners of the Lynwood Shopping Center will clean up and monitor contamination caused by a hazardous dry cleaning solvent, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality said Friday.

The contamination occurred on mall property and was first detected in soil in 1996, a DEQ report says.

The chemical tetrachloroethene, commonly called PERC, was detected in the soil samples, the report says. PERC was detected in groundwater 300 feet north of the site.

There are no wells or drinking water sources nearby the contamination site, said Mike Gregory with the DEQ's Waste Management and Remediation Division in Boise. Soil contamination has been detected in about a 100-square-foot area behind the dry cleaning business, he said.

The DEQ doesn't know when the contamination occurred, how it occurred or who owned the dry cleaning business at the time.

It is difficult to pin down the time frame that the contamination occurred, said Mark Jeffers, a hydrogeologist with the DEQ in Boise.

The DEQ made a cleanup agreement with developer Neilsen & Co. Neilsen &

owned the shopping mall when the contamination was found, but did not own or operate the dry cleaning business at the mall.

In a statement, Neilsen & Co. said soil testing it had conducted discovered that at some point there had been a solvent spill in the area immediately adjacent to the dry cleaner tenant.

The company said it has agreed to remove a limited amount of contaminated soil in the immediate area and provide monitoring wells surrounding the area until it's confirmed that the contamination is properly contained.

The dry cleaning method used at the business converted to a system in the mid-1980s that did not allow spillage, Neilsen &

Co. said in the statement. The change was made primarily for cost-efficiency, the Neilsen statement said.

The DEQ report notes the conversion to the different dry cleaning system. It allows solvent to dry before the dry cleaning machine is opened so that no liquid solvent remains to be spilled. The solvent is reused. Excess moisture, which may contain trace levels of the solvent, is discharged into the sewer. Leftover sludge, which may contain some solvent, is taken to the landfill, the report says.

Times-News environmental writer Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 237, or jsandmann@magicalvalley.com.



Workers from Kreizenbeck Constructors, Inc., continue to work on the additions at Minico High School. When finished, the school will have a new wing on the front of the building and an additional multi-purpose building.

'FULL STEAM AHEAD'

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Construction at Minico High School continues "full steam ahead," a contractor told the Minidoka County School Board at a special meeting Friday.

Superintendent Nick Hallett said after the meeting that construction is behind schedule, but not by much. The winter weather has slowed things down, but

people "will begin to see real progress soon."

The board approved payment of three bills associated with the project. The first bill from Kloefer Inc. totaled \$78,800.57; the second, from Caribou Construction, totaled \$58,520; the third bill, from Kreizenbeck, was for \$67,783.

The total project will cost \$10.5 million, Hallett said. That includes safety and renovation work at junior high and elementary schools as well as the construction and renovation at the high school.

The recent facilities levy that voters passed for the project was for \$9 million; the additional \$1.5 million comes from school plant and interest funds, Hallett said.

District and construction officials also discussed the water project at Minico. The district is currently working to bring water to the school from the city of Rupert to provide fire protection and better drinking water.

The district approved a meeting with the Rupert City Council at 7 p.m. on Jan. 15 at Rupert City Hall.

Construction officials have been meeting with city officials to discuss the water project, said Mike Berard with Kreizenbeck Constructors, Inc. The size of pipe has been a concern for both sides.

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Magic Valley people make 'Idaho's most influential' list

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A list of Idaho's 100 most influential people was released Friday, and a handful of Magic Valley names made the cut.

The annual list compiled by Ridenbaugh Press publisher Randy Stapilus is based on nominations gathered from across the state which are then chosen in an admittedly non-scientific manner.

"This is a totally subjective evaluation of the impact certain individuals have on Idaho in many areas, such as the arts, politics and government policy," Stapilus said in a statement.

While a number of rankings stayed the same, some Magic Valley names saw their stars rise or fall dramatically.

Among those shooting up the ladder is state Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, reaching the 32nd position from 76th.

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, also received a hefty boost upward to 47 from last year's 83.

Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, a candidate for lieutenant governor, also experienced a significant rise.

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The top 100

1. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne	27. David Betnar, president, Brigham Young University Idaho	62. Ken Harward, executive director, Association of Idaho Cities	78. Linda Milam, mayor, Idaho Falls
2. U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo	28. Ben Yussara, chief deputy secretary of state	63. Jeff Malmen, Otter, chief of staff	79. Dan Fogarty, columnist, Idaho Statesman, Boise
3. U.S. Sen. Larry Craig	29. James Weatherby, director, Public Affairs Program, Boise State University	64. Jerry Brady, publisher, Idaho Falls Post Register	80. John V. Evans, executive, D. L. Evans Bank, former governor
4. U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson	30. Bill Shipp, executive, Bechtel BWX	65. Steve Smyser, attorney, lobbyist	81. Monte Driscoll, chief of shop, Boise Domee, Roman Catholic church
5. Phil Reberger, governor's chief of staff	31. Justice Daniel Elmsalm, Idaho Supreme Court	66. State Sen. Brad Little	82. Esther Simplot, arts advocate and supporter
6. Steve Appleton, CEO, Micron Technology	32. State Rep. Maxine Bell, Jerome	67. Betty Richardson, former U.S. attorney	83. Jack Ruppel, supervisor, Legislative Budget Office
7. U.S. Rep. C. L. "Butch" Otter	33. Scott Simplot, executive, J. R. Simplot Co.	68. State Rep. Wendy Jaquet, House minority leader	84. Chuck Underwood, chairman, Idaho Transportation Board
8. House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, Buhl	34. Jack Buell, Benevise County commissioner	69. State Rep. Dalores Crow	85. Charles Clark, representative of president, National Pacific Railroad
9. J.R. Simplot, retired industrialist	35. State Sen. Dean Cameron	70. Dan Chadwick, executive director, Idaho Association of Counties	86. Jim Caswell, administrator, endangered species office
10. Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout, Idaho Supreme Court	36. Karl Dreher, director, Idaho Department of Water Resources	71. Alan Harty, publisher, Boise State News, Twin Falls	87. Ken McCaure, attorney, lobbyist
11. Ray Elgueren, attorney and lobbyist, Boise	37. J. B. Williams, state controller	72. District Judge Roger Burdick, presiding judge, Snake River Basin Adjudication	88. State Rep. Chuck Gaddy
12. Marilyn Howard, superintendent of public instruction	38. Stephen Hergen, publisher, The Times-News, Twin Falls	73. State Sen. Evan Fasure	89. Patty Nance, executive director, Idaho Democratic Party
13. Brent Coles, mayor of Boise	39. Frank VanderSloot, CEO, Metaleuca, Idaho Falls	74. Doug Armstrong, general manager, KTRV, Boise	90. John Mavari, architect, environmental activist
14. Robert Hoover, president, University of Idaho	40. Richard Bowen, president, Idaho State University	75. Dan Kelly, publisher, Bonners Ferry Tappars of Idaho	91. Charles Fee, artistic director, Idaho Shakespeare Festival
15. Bob Flok, correspondent, Associated Press, Boise	41. Ernie Stensgar, chairman, tribal council, Couvid, Alente Trive	76. Gary Smith, Kemphome's chief of staff	92. Mark Ferris, administrator, Department of Energy Idaho
16. Cecil D. Andrus, former governor	42. Lynn Wrenn, U.S. district judge	77. Norman Semanko, executive director, Idaho Water Users Association	93. Mike Hoyle, state representative
17. Li Gov. Jack Riggs	43. Trent Clark, chairman, Idaho Republican Party		94. Michael Bogert, counsel to the governor
18. Blake Hall, Attorney, Idaho Falls, State Board of Education	44. Edward Lodge, U.S. district judge		95. Alice Hennessey, executive director, Idaho Community Foundation
19. Sen. Robert Geddes, State Senate president pro tem	45. Pat Hemphome, first lady		96. Nancy Vanorsdel, president, Boise Chamber of Commerce
20. Duane Hagadone, chief executive, Hagadone Corp., Coeur d'Alene	46. Rep. Frank Brunzel, House majority leader		97. Helen Chenoweth-Hago, former member, U.S. House
21. Greg Carr, businessman, philanthropist	47. State Sen. Laird Noh, Kimberly		98. Jansse Cassella, Red Cross, Idaho Falls
22. Gary Math, director, Idaho Department of Commerce	48. Scott Crow, accountant, regional LDS Church official		99. Jack Kane, adjutant general, Idaho National Guard
23. Steve Ahrens, president, Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry	49. Attorney General Al Lance		100. Bethine Church, Democratic activist
24. Phil Batt, former governor	50. State Rep. Celia Gould		
25. John Hoesha, Gapco's chief of staff	51. Charles Koch, President, Boise State University		
26. Sandy Petason, Gapco's chief of staff			

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Hospital CEO resigns

By Karen Terrell Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — The chief executive officer of Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital, Fred Hodges, has resigned after less than a year on the job. Neither Hodges nor officials at Providence Healthcare, owner of the hospital, gave a reason for the resignation, which was effective earlier this week.

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He was the fourth administrator at the facility since Province purchased the hospital from the county in June 1998. County officials were surprised by Hodges' resignation and they praised him for his accomplishments. Commissioner Mike Nannini, who serves on the hospital board said, "I'm sorry we are losing him."

Judge expresses concern over county clerk's office

By Karen Terrell Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — A motion to open a satellite county clerk's office in Wells, Nev., for weekend sales of marriage licenses failed to gain approval this week.

Proponents of the plan, however, intend to keep the idea alive. "I don't think the issue is dead," County Clerk Win Smith said Friday.

Smith proposed the idea to the Elko County Commission last month as a means to make marriage licenses readily available to people from outlying areas who want to marry on a weekend.

Under Smith's proposal, judges from West Wendover, Jackpot and Wells would take turns being available during set hours on Saturdays and Sundays to officiate at weddings, and employees of the Wells Justice Court would issue the licenses.

During this week's commission meeting, Commissioner Nolan Lloyd made a motion to approve the proposal, but was met by quick opposition from Liz Watson, administrator of the Elko Justice Court, who was in the audience at this week's commission meeting.

Watson, who said she was appearing on behalf of judge Molly Leddy, said opening the Wells office would have a financial impact on the Elko judge by reducing her income and later said the impact could be as high as \$17,000 per year.

Lloyd disagreed and asked county comptroller Cash Minor for a clarification. Minor said municipal judges in Elko County receive a "minimum salary" and then receive further compensation by retaining a portion of fees collected by the court. The minimum salary is \$23,000 for a beginning judge, he said.

Commission chairman

Brad Roberts has been elected chairman of the Elko County Commission for 2002. Former chairman Nolan Lloyd will serve as second-in-command and Roberts will continue serving as chairman of the county highway commission.

Minor said after the meeting that Leddy, who serves as both justice of the peace and Elko municipal judge, receives a base salary of \$71,986 plus court fees. In her 11th year in the judicial system, Leddy made \$13,000 in fees for performing marriages during the last fiscal year before fees were increased Aug. 7.

This year, Leddy, or any other justice in Nevada, will receive \$45 for each marriage ceremony performed, which could garner up to \$16,000 in compensation for her.

Minor said Watson's estimate of a \$17,000 loss to Leddy was "misleading" because the loss would actually amount to only these marriages performed in Wells or elsewhere that would otherwise have been performed in the county seat.

Watson on Friday acknowledged that the loss would be determined by the number of people who were married by other judges in the county. She said, however, that it is conceivable that couples purchasing a marriage license in Wells would opt to have a local judge perform the ceremony.

While unable to provide statistics on how many couples in rural areas come to Elko to marry, she said most of the marriages involve tourists who spend money in town and boost the local economy.

Watson said her interpretation of the law is that should the commission take action, which would cause a decrease in a judge's compensation, the county would be out of compliance with its own resolution setting compensation standards.

District attorney Gary Woodbury said he would need to research the issue before offering an opinion to the commission. Commissioner Mike Nannini, who represents the rural areas of the county, said the issue of having a Wells office open on weekends is an issue of "availability." Currently, people can only be married by the Elko judge on weekends if "they have an appointment." He pointed out the Wells Justice Court would be open during scheduled hours with a judge available to perform the ceremony.

"People falling in love on a weekday want to get married on the weekend," he noted, "and they may not have an appointment." He also agreed with Lloyd the money should be "spread countywide," even if Elko (city) loses a bit.

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TWIN FALLS



Lois Joyce Rose

Lois Joyce Rose, 78, of Twin Falls, Idaho, formerly of Thousand Oaks, California, made the change and ascended on Wednesday, January 2, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Memorial Hospital.

Lois was born July 28, 1923, in Aberdeen, Washington, the daughter of Marjorie May and John Burdette Brinkley. Lois spent her childhood in Aberdeen, Washington. Following High School graduation she went to Santa Fe, New Mexico, to work for her mother Marjorie. Later moving to Chicago where she met and married Donald E. A. Rose. They were married on September 20, 1946. In their early marriage they lived in Chicago, Colorado, Michigan and Denver, Colorado.

Lois is survived by her husband Don, and her sister Doris "Dodie". Her nieces and nephews Ron (Cheryl) Crompton, of Yamhill, Oregon; Phil (Liz) Crompton of Ashland, Oregon; Marjorie (Tom) Bingham of Gooding, Idaho; Dan Kearney of Ontario, Canada; David (Deanna) Brinkley of Hillsboro, Oregon; Larry (Bev) Brinkley of Cornelius, Oregon; and Mike (Karen) Brinkley of Las Vegas, Nevada. Fifteen great-nieces and nephews, and 13 great-grandchildren and nephews. Each one was special to her.

Her mother and father, Marjorie and John Brinkley and her brother Jack preceded her in death. Lois loved to God and demonstrated that quality in her relationships with people and was a life long member of the "Saint Germain" AM religion. Lois used her heart to touch all who knew her and will be deeply missed for her spirit and love and great sense of humor.

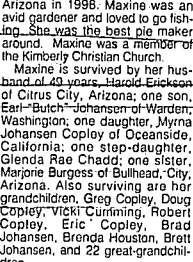
Lois would like to send special thanks in behalf of all the precious things she has cared for her during this life, especially her devoted and loving husband Don.

CITRUS CITY, ARIZ.

Maxine Jeanette Erickson

Maxine Jeanette Erickson, 83, of Citrus City, Arizona, and formerly of Kimberly, Idaho, died on December 31, 2001, in Yuma, Arizona. Maxine was born on November 23, 1918, in Jerome, Idaho, the daughter of Gabriel and Myrtle Makinen. She grew up and attended schools in Hazelton. On April 19, 1952, Maxine married Harold Erickson. Maxine worked in the office of independent Meat Company. Maxine and Harold have

JEROME



Opal Estella Gervais Carr Dethlefs

Opal Estella Gervais Carr Dethlefs was born to her father and mother on January 7, 1902, at the age of 92. She passed away at the home of her daughter, in Jerome, where she had been living for the past 8 months.

She was widowed in 1940 when her husband was killed in a trucking accident. She raised her three daughters by herself in the WWII era, working at several different jobs. She moved her family to Renton, Washington, in 1942. She worked at Boeing for a time. In 1946, she was able to purchase her own home in Burien, Washington. She worked at a bank there until she retired.

She married Otto Dethlefs in 1950 and he brought his two children to live with the family. A son, Gary Dethlefs, and a daughter, Roberta Skinner, both of Seattle, Washington. She passed away of cancer in 1976. She then moved to the Jerome area to live by her daughter, Jaqueta. She was there for 17 years and then moved to 2400 S. Washington and lived with her daughter, Andrea, for 7 years. She returned in April of 2001 to live with her daughter in Jerome and resided there until her death.

Opal is survived by her three daughters, one stepson, and one step-daughter. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter and one grandson. She has 13 surviving great-grandchildren, 16 surviving great-grandchildren and one surviving great-great-grandchild. Two step-grandsons and a step-granddaughter.

Opal and Otto greatly enjoyed rock gardening and putting and polishing agates and making many things from them. Opal used a lot of her agate slices in making the Stained Glass windows in the Jerome Church of God, in the 1980's. Opal was a devout churchgoer and had a strong faith that she lived by. God and her church were important to her. She was a wonderful example to her family. Since April of this last year, all of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and the great-great-grandchild have been to Jerome to visit her. We are of the opinion that she was just waiting for the last one to come before she finally gave in. She was a very strong lady and extremely independent. It was hard for her to accept that she could no longer be the independent person she had always been.

GOODING



Ervin A. (Rusty) Dains

Ervin A. (Rusty) Dains, 84, a Gooding resident, passed away on January 4, 2002, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Rusty was born July 11, 1917, in Dunlap, Kansas, to Ace & Dora Elford Dains. He married Beulah Mae Shoup in Ardmore, Kansas, on February 16, 1938. They moved to Idaho from Kansas in 1940, settling in the Gooding area.

Rusty is survived by his wife of 63 years, Beulah of Gooding; three sons and their spouses, Danny (Ginger) Dains and George (Marsha) Dains all of Gooding, and Richard (Carol) Dains of Jerome; one daughter, Deanna (Gary) Beeg of Wendell; two brothers, Jack (Clare) Dains of Heyburn and Gabe Dains of Emporia, Kansas; one sister, Darlene (Robert) Gaskill of Shoshone; one sister, Myrtle Dains of Council Grove, Kansas. Also 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers Don, Wylie and Jesse Dains, a daughter Darlene Klobar, a son Delbert, a grandchild, a son Dale and a great-grandson Jesse Adams.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, January 7, 2002, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Family and friends may call at Demaray's Gooding Chapel on Monday at 2 p.m. till 7 p.m. and then meet at the Cemetery for the services.

Lawmakers urge merger rejection

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of Western lawmakers is urging the Federal Communications Commission and the Justice Department to reject a proposed merger between two satellite television giants, arguing the deal would hurt their rural constituents.

By reducing the number of providers, the proposed \$26 billion merger between EchoStar and DirecTV would put rural subscribers — who can't subscribe to cable because lines haven't been laid there — at the mercy of a monopoly and drive up prices, 15 Western House members wrote in a letter Friday.

"In the EchoStar-DirecTV case, the result for rural America will be a monopoly with essentially no hope of future entrants in the marketplace," the congressmen said in their letter to Attorney General John Ashcroft and FCC Chairman Michael Powell.

Both Ashcroft and Powell have to give their blessings to the merger. A decision is expected by mid-2002. The letter was signed by Reps. J.D. Hayworth, R-Ariz.; John E. Peterson, R-Pa.; Butch Otter, R-Idaho; Joel Hefley, R-Colo.; Jim Gibbons, R-Nev.; George Nettercutt, R-Wash.; Jim Matheson, D-Utah; California Republican Richard Pombo; Wally Herger, Randy "Duke" Cunningham and Buck McKeon; and Texas Republicans Lamar Smith, Henry Bonilla and Pete Sessions.

Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah, vice chairman of the Western Caucus, said he was astonished the two companies would push such a flawed merger. "It is hard to imagine a more clear-cut example of a merger that violates our competition laws," he said. "This merger as proposed is unthinkable and it should not take the Justice Department and FCC much time to denounce it."

Judianne Atencio, spokeswoman for EchoStar, based in Littleton, Colo., said the merger would help bring rural America high-speed satellite internet, high-definition television stations and interactive distance learning programs they can't get now.

"We believe that once government officials and some of these rural special interest groups really examine some of the issues surrounding this merger they'll not only approve of it but extol it to others because of the many benefits that the combined company can offer to consumers," she said. Atencio also said the national pricing plan that is part of the merger would assure rural subscribers don't pay any more than their urban counterparts.

EchoStar, which runs the Dish Network, said in October it planned to buy Hughes Electronics. At the time the deal was valued at \$26 billion. If the deal goes through, EchoStar would control about 90 percent of the U.S. digital satellite TV market and have 17 million subscribers — more than AT&T, the nation's leading cable TV provider.

The House members said such a monopolized market would not offer any incentive to innovate or meet consumer needs.

SERVICES

Willie Lunetta Drain of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 6th St.; visitation will be held one hour before the service; interment will be in the Rupert Cemetery.

Paul William McKinnon of Hagerman, celebration of life, from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the American Legion Hall in Ketchum (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Jess L. Bideganeta of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Jan Bokovoy of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Hagerman United Methodist Church (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

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Daschle fights to draw the curtain

MARK TAPSCOTT

Warning: Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle doesn't want you to know the following information, so please do not read this article.

Basketball star Scottie Pippen played for some great Chicago Bulls teams and won multiple NBA championships. Then, as now, he also pulled down some hefty paychecks. This year, for instance, Pippen will make \$18.1 million playing pro hoops for the Portland Trail Blazers.

Believe it or not, Pippen is an accomplished farmer as well. He must be. Why else would the federal government pay him more than \$150,000 over a five-year period in "Soil Conservation Reserve" funds? Technically, Uncle Sugar paid Pippen not to grow anything on his Arkansas farms.

Uncle Sugar is paying big bucks to other famous folks, too, including Sam Donaldson of ABC News, CNN founder Ted Turner, and David Rockefeller, former chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank and grandson of oil magnate John D. Rockefeller Jr. Even former Washington Post Managing Editor Ben Bradlee received federal money under the program a couple of years ago.

tain information such as practices to be adopted by the farmer or landowner, as well as a timetable for implementing and the amount of federal cost-share dollars to implement the plan."

Among the Agriculture Department operations that would be "for limits" to public examination: Emergency Watershed Protection, Farmland Protection Program, Flood Risk Reduction Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, Grazing Lands Conservation and the Forestry Incentives Program. As much as \$4 billion annually in federal agriculture spending would disappear from public view.

Things such as the Scottie Pippen farm payments would become, literally, state secrets. Washington politicians could rest easy, knowing there would be no more embarrassing newspaper articles about the millions in taxpayer dollars being handed out to sports figures, media celebrities and corporate fat cats.

If the measure ever does become law, how long before somebody else in Congress decides other federal programs should be exempt from public examination? If farm conservation programs should be exempt, why not put all of the government's welfare programs or all of the public health programs behind closed doors? Or any other government program that somebody in Congress or the White House fears might bring scandalous or wasteful spending?

It requires breathtaking arrogance to propose such an exemption. The Daschle-Harkin proposal is nothing less than a slap in the face of the public's right to know what our government is doing with billions of taxpayer dollars or who benefits from federal programs.

Instead of drawing a curtain over parts of our government, Congress should be shining light on more of the federal dole. How can we hope to have confidence in our elected officials are doing unless the public's business is done in public?

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War, economy will dictate Bush's future

CARL P. LEUBSDORF

Last month's groundbreaking for Bill Clinton's presidential library in Little Rock, Ark., there was much talk about his role in boosting the former president's historic legacy.

And Clinton discussed the same subject with former aides at the end of a tough year for his hopes of overcoming the long-term damage from the Monica Lewinsky scandal and his resulting impeachment.

His 2001 woes began with the defeat of his chosen successor, Al Gore. That meant that, rather than launching a new Democratic era, Clinton may be consigned to a historic role as the Democrat who served between the terms of two Republicans named George Bush.

Then, Clinton made the most awkward departure from office since Richard Nixon's forced ouster 27 years earlier, marked by belated efforts to keep the spotlight and by the issuance of several questionable pardons.

Finally, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks gave President Bush an opportunity in his first year that Clinton never gained in eight, an event so dominating that it tests a president and gives him a chance to make his historic mark.

The attacks also raised questions to be explored in future investigations of whether Clinton, as some conservative critics contend, contributed to the suc-

cess of the Sept. 11 attacks by failing to take the terrorist threat seriously enough during his tenure.

Still, the news hasn't been all bad for Clinton's place in history. One of the signal accomplishments of his tenure, the end of nearly three decades of budget deficits, seems to have barely survived his presidency.

A combination of events — including the first recession in a decade, last spring's Bush tax cut, and the costs of fighting terrorism — has ended surpluses that appeared to stretch as far as the eye could see.

Indeed, the director of the Office of Management and Budget, Mitch Daniels, now predicts deficits throughout the rest of the president's first term.

That means that, when Bush likely seeks reelection in 2004, one issue may be whether the reappearance of deficit financing on his watch constitutes a negative verdict on his handling of the economy.

Democrats already are charging that the across-the-board tax cut passed by Congress last spring at Bush's behest will be responsible for more than half of the future deficit.

And the polls suggest that the public sees the economy as more significant in

determining Bush's long-term success or failure than his handling of the war on terrorism. The reason is obvious: The economy is likely to affect the lives of more Americans than the effort to rid the world of terrorism.

Still, Bush has staked so much of his presidency on the war on terrorism that its success or failure almost certainly will be a major factor in judging him.

In any case, both factors provide a contrast between the Bush years and the Clinton years that could benefit, or damage, the former president's role in history.

If the war against terrorism goes well and Bush can provide tangible evidence that the threat has been substantially reduced, he will look good politically. And any successes will stand in sharp contrast to the lack of success of past administrations against the terrorist threat.

Similarly, if the economy recovers rapidly and booms in 2003 and 2004, he won't suffer much political damage over the return of deficits. And Clinton's achievement will seem less important.

On the other hand, if the economy falters, Bush is likely to suffer politically for his handling of the economy and the budget, especially when Democrats contrast his record with Clinton's.

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None of these facts would be known were it not for the labors of the Environmental Working Group (EWG), a Washington-based nonprofit organization that recently posted a comprehensive database of Agriculture Department spending on its Web site. The Freedom of Information Act requires federal agencies to make such data public.

But that could change if Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., gets his way: He tried valiantly before the Christmas break to gain passage of a farm bill approved by the Senate Agriculture Committee that included an obscure measure originally authored by the panel's chairman, Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

Daschle failed, but the measure — which would exempt huge amounts of information from disclosure under the FOIA — is far from dead. Small wonder: It would allow government bureaucrats to keep such potentially inconvenient facts as Pippen's tax-paid bounty out of public view.

According to an EWG analysis of the committee's farm bill, the measure "would preclude the public from examining all conservation plans, plans that con-

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LETTERS

CD-rollerover angers bank customer

With so many people out of work, I feel a little guilty about complaining, but someone should. I'm sure there are many who are depending on savings and any matured investments right now.

We recently had a certificate of deposit that matured. When my husband went to the bank (which still remain nameless) to draw out the money, he found that if he had come in to get it two days sooner, we would not have been penalized (but it was the weekend and the last two days of our 30 days, which we were unaware that we had, fell on Saturday and Sunday). Monday came and they had already rolled our CD over. At that time, they gave him a draw out of the transaction. Thank a lot!

We should have been notified that they would "roll it over" if we didn't claim it. The same thing happened to a relative of ours, and the bank employee said, "We can't call everyone." Do they call anyone?

They grabbed \$1,000 out of the pay-off. Since the interest rate has been going down and down, of course, we didn't want our CD to roll over. Had they asked permission, we would have told them so. Did they think it would be easier to get forgiveness than permission? It's

hard to forgive \$1,000. The Bank Commission in Boise told my husband that it is a "federal" thing and contacted the federal office for us, but an agent in that office whom we also talked to said because of the holidays everyone has been out of their office. The Banking Commission also thought that the bank was probably not open the Friday before that weekend either.

My husband also contacted our state senator's office (they helped us with a different situation about a year ago very successfully). I'm wondering how many other of the John Q. Public has had this happen to them? If this is a common practice with all banks, something should be done.

JOYCE W. HILL
Twin Falls

Laws may not always be moral

With regard to Kenneth P. Goller's letter to the editor dated Dec. 27, 2001, I am deeply appalled by the racist overtones of his letter and surprised that both the non-white community and handicapped communities of the Magic Valley aren't up in arms at this letter.

Mr. Goller, in his defense of abortion, implies that a healthy, white child is easily

adopted; whereas there is a need for adoption for minority babies, babies of mixed heritage and the handicapped. Rather than work for minority babies, Mr. Goller, like Planned Parenthood, seems to enjoy the "out-of-sight, out-of-mind" mentality which abortion provides. Yes, the right to abortion is the law of the land as Mr. Goller states, but so was slavery. Just because it is a law of the land, it does not make it a moral law.

The law of the land in China is one baby per family. The result of this law is the abortion of millions of female offspring, because of gender. Mr. Goller, if you lived in China, would you blindly accept this law?

The majority of Americans oppose abortion in some form. Many Americans are standing up for the civil rights of the unborn. Some, such as David Ripley and Hilary Chenoweth-Hage, are working politically; others pray, adopt, give time and money to the Crisis Pregnancy Center; and many accept unwanted pregnancies lovingly.

Planned Parenthood supporters seem to desire a perfect society — not unlike Hitler's ambition to be rid of those he deemed undesirable. Do we as a society want to go down this path?

Do we want to take away opportunities for people to care for the unwanted and the helpless? These children are a gift to those who care for them. I know this because I had a handicapped daughter who I knew was going to be handicapped before birth. I did not want her to be handicapped, but I loved her and accepted her for who she was. Maybe Planned Parenthood should change its motto to "every child should be a wanted child" to "every child should be a loved child."

JOE KEHEDEK
Twin Falls

Overturn ill-conceived term limits

Term limits was a nice-sounding phrase designed to end the terms of radical politicians such as Ed Kennedy and his buddies in the national Congress. But no sooner had the law been adopted than opponents began efforts to nullify it. The result was a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court that the law was unconstitutional. Thus, the very people targeted became exempt from the intent of the law.

Idaho voters went right along with the national trend and passed a term limits law many, no doubt, not stopping to realize they were limiting the terms of such

public servants as county commissioners, county clerks, law enforcement officials, even school boards.

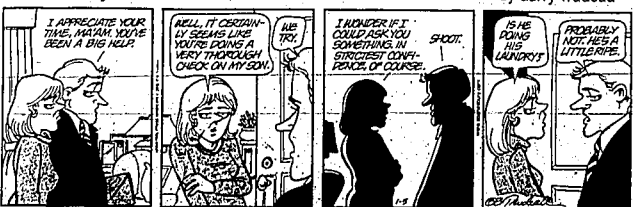
Many of these men and women serve, not so much for the money (some get none) as for filling a need in the community. Yet these public servants are forced out of office after a few years of service by the term-limit law.

It's time for the people of Idaho to step forward and demand a repeal or, at the very least, modification of this ill-conceived law. Otherwise many experienced and well-qualified individuals will be replaced by newcomers who must spend months, even years, learning what they have to know in order to fill the positions intelligently.

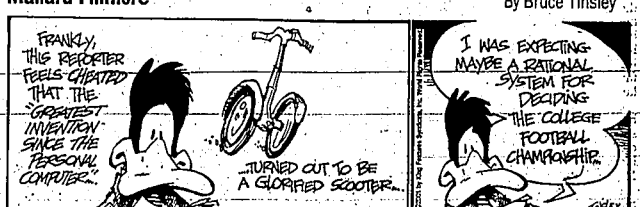
As many have said, we already have term limits on elected officials. It's called the ballot box. If someone is not doing the job expected of him or her, that individual can be sent home at the next election. To otherwise limit the term of local officials is redundant and unwise. As *The Times-News* said in a recent editorial, this "bad law takes away the voters' ability to choose the leaders they want."

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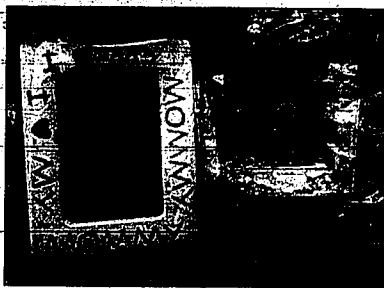


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Oregon town mourns slain family



This memorial sits on a dock Friday in Newport, Ore.

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) — Not many in this quiet town knew Mary Jane Longo and her three children. But Newport embraced their memory Friday in a service not far from an inlet where two of the four slain family members were found.

"We are touched, we are numb, we hope you have peace," Pat Lewis, a domestic violence counselor, said at the service.

Police say Christian Longo — the husband of Mary Jane and the father of the three children — is believed to have killed his family and dumped their bodies into two Pacific Coast inlets. He is the sub-



Christian Longo

ject of a nationwide manhunt. During Friday's service, about 150 grieving area residents filled the Fisher-man's Memorial, a structure built to honor fisher-

men lost at sea — a fitting place since the bodies of Mary Jane Longo and her children were all found in the waters of the Pacific.

"Mary Jane, most of us did not know you. The community did not get to embrace you," Lewis told the mourners.

The Longos had lived in the area only a few months after moving from Michigan, and were still strangers to most people.

But their deaths have traumatized the two quiet towns where the bodies were found: Newport and Waldport, about 14 miles south of here.

Towns on the Oregon coast have seen better days. Logging and fishing — industries that once brought prosperity — are on the decline, and towns are trying to fill the vacuum

with tourism. Still, the small towns along the coast are easygoing places whose residents are not accustomed to violent crimes.

"We have no crime in Waldport," said Blanche Mevis, the owner of Waldport's only bookstore. "Some kids knock over a mailbox or maybe paint the bridge on graduation night. That's our crime."

Area residents who encountered the Longos said they seemed like a normal family.

Some have recalled seeing the children and their mother at a local library.

Anti-burn movement gains steam

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Medical Association and the American Lung Association of Idaho/Nevada are joining Safe Air For Everyone's effort to end the annual burning of stubble off Panhandle bluegrass fields.

"We have teamed with SAFE because particulate matter emitted by grass seed field burning poses an unacceptable threat to public health," Bob Seehusen, chief executive officer of the Idaho Medical Association, said Friday.

Safe Air for Everyone, a coalition of residents led by northern Idaho and eastern Washington physicians concerned about the health affects of smoke from grass field fires, plans to lobby state lawmakers to immediately ban the practice and find viable alternatives for growers.

The late-summer fires, which burn off field waste and prepare the ground for the next crop, produce large plumes of smoke loaded with microscopic particles that can lodge deep within people's lungs. Opponents cite three deaths associated with asthma attacks that started during or immediately after heavy burning.

Boise lawyer Tony Park — former Idaho attorney general, former chairman of the Idaho Democratic Party and president-elect of the American Lung Association of Idaho/Nevada — said smoke increases the risk of asthma and allergies, chronic bronchitis, lung cancer and other respiratory diseases.

"We have a duty to the people living within reach of the smoke to be silent on this issue no longer," Park said. "The research has shown lives may be shortened by months or even years, rather than days. To knowingly allow that to continue is unacceptable."

Patti Cora, executive director of Sandpoint-based Safe Air For Everyone, said the new support "lends significant credibility to our efforts" in the Legislature, which convenes Monday.

Idaho Department of Agriculture spokeswoman Julie Pipal said Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, in his second year in office, will offer specific proposals for balancing health concerns against the economic needs of farmers.

Agriculture Director Pat Takasugi said on Thursday that Kempthorne's recommendations would reflect the governor's directive for the agency to "vigorously pursue solutions to the smoke management issue in Idaho."

Robbers kill missionary in Africa

LEWISTON (AP) — A well known missionary who went to Africa to spread the message of Christianity was gunned down by intruders last weekend at his home in Uganda.

Michael Stachofsky, a former Lewiston resident, was a big-hearted person who loved to stay up late into the night, talking with friends, recalled David Tucker of Lewiston.

"He cared so much for people that he would do anything for them, and I think that's what took him to Africa," Tucker said. "He loved the people of Uganda and he wanted to help them by purifying the water, teaching them to farm, or fixing whatever was broken."

Stachofsky, 53, and his wife had been in Uganda since 1996. He soon became well known in the cities of Lira and Mbale, where local residents called him "The Nazungu on the three-wheeler."

But his life ended in the early morning hours last Saturday in Mbale.

PARKS PILEUP



Winter tourists in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming take photos of a passing bison herd from a snow coach last winter. The public still can't get federal Internet information on national parks, endangered species or government land a month after a judge pulled the plug on the Interior Department's connections.

Judge's ruling kills Interior's website

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interior Department is running the old-fashioned way, a month after a federal judge pulled the plug on the department's Internet connections.

Files of paper have taken the place of e-mails, and phone call queries have replaced clicks on a Website.

The situation is causing headaches for the public and agency employees, most of whom have lost their Web access.

"I think we're all working very hard to try to deal with these problems," said Interior spokesman Hugh Vickery. "We're in the 21st century now and when your e-mail and Web get taken away, it's a real challenge."

Department returns to pieces of paper, phone calls to conduct business

Computer users no longer can look for information on endangered species from the Fish and Wildlife Service Web site or get campground information for the Grand Canyon from the National Park Service site.

Information on leasing land or adopting a wild horse from the Bureau of Land Management no longer is available via the Internet. Even the recruitment of BLM's summer firefighters has been hindered, said bureau spokeswoman Celia Waddington.

The Fish and Wildlife Service

can't distribute wetlands conservation grants because it can't receive online applications, spokesman Mitch Snow said. And state planners and developers can't get the service's endangered species list or wetlands maps.

The disruption also has affected 40,000 Indians who normally get royalty checks from the Interior Department for leases on their land, but haven't seen the computer blackout.

It's a strange twist, since U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth shut down the agency's computer

system on Dec. 5 so the department could fix security problems that he said threatened the Indians' money.

Lamberth is presiding in a 5-year-old lawsuit brought by Indians over the Interior Department's acknowledged century-long mismanagement of a trust fund for royalties from their land.

"This is clearly a problem of Interior's creation," said Keith Harper, an attorney with the Native American Rights Fund. He said Interior's extraordinary efforts to make sure its employees get paid while 40,000 Indians go without — despite Lamberth's instructions to pay the Indians — "is just appalling."

Parks' reservation center expects a flood of calls this month

CUMBERLAND, Md. (AP) — The Web site that allows campers to reserve campsites at national parks has been shut down, caught in an unrelated lawsuit, so the Cumberland, Md., center that handles telephone reservations is bracing for a flood of calls.

The call center hasn't seen a big impact yet from the month-old shutdown of the National Park Service Web site, but that could change Jan. 15, when Memorial Day and early June camping dates at California's

Yosemite National Park are opened, a Park Service official said Thursday.

"It's extremely busy then," said Joe McGown, who helps manage the telephone reservations contract. "There will be an impact, if this continues."

Unless the Web site is restored, contractor Spherix Inc. can expect a flood of calls. Even in a normal year, such calls can overload the system, McGown said.

"Some parks have a tremendous following," McGown said.

"A lot of visitors want to come, they have a campsite they want to come to. They already have it pinned to their refrigerator."

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth issued an emergency order shutting down Interior Department Web sites Dec. 5

after a report showed a computer system that handles \$500 million annually in royalties from Indian land had little security and was an easy target for potential hackers. Each of the department's agencies must prove to Lamberth

it has no online connection with non-Indian trust funds.

Visitors to the Park Service Web site now find a message advising that the site has been suspended "due to conditions outside our department."

Spherix, based in Beltsville, Md., won a five-year, \$12 million contract to run the Park Service's toll-free telephone reservation system out of Cumberland in 1998. It allows callers to reserve campsites up to five months in advance.

BYU works on policy for R-rated materials

PROVO, Utah (AP) — After three years of discussion Brigham Young University is closer to formally discouraging the use of R-rated movies in classrooms.

The policy will govern how professors and instructors use visual materials including paintings, sculptures and photographs.

The proposal, which BYU will not make public until a final draft is approved, doesn't issue outright bans, BYU spokeswoman Carri P. Jenkins says.

The latest recommendation was circulated to the deans of the

colleges of humanities, fine arts and communications and home and social relations — those that would use the materials in question the most.

The school is owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which encourages its members to avoid films with excessive gore, violence, profanity or nudity.

BYU started discussing the legal and moral issues of using films that had been edited for content after BYU's Varsity Theater in 1998 stopped showing edited versions of R-rated

movies.

Jenkins says a draft of the final recommendation may be given to BYU President Merrill Bateman by the end of the month.

How to Avoid Costly Housing Mistakes During and After a Divorce

SOUTHERN IDAHO — Divorce is rarely easy and often means a lot of difficult decisions. One of the most important decisions is what to do about the house.

In the midst of the heavy emotional and financial turmoil, what you need most is some non-emotional, straightforward, specific information and answers. One you know how a divorce affects your home, your mortgage and taxes, critical decisions are easier. Neutral, third party information can help you make logical, rather than emotional decisions.

Probably, the first decision is whether you want to continue living in the house. Will the familiar surroundings bring you comfort and emotional security, or unpleasant memories? Do you want to minimize change by staying where you are, or sell your home and move to a new place that offers a new start?

Only you can answer those ques-

tions, but there will almost certainly be some financial repercussions to the right answer for your specific situation. Can you manage the old house on your new budget? Is refinancing possible? Is it better to sell and buy? How much house can you buy on your new budget?

To help you know what questions you should ask and how to arrive at the right answer for your situation, a FREE special report has been prepared by industry experts entitled "Divorce: What You Need to Know About Your House, Your Home Loan and Taxes."

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SPORTSQUOTE

“I simply believe that 12 years as head coach at a major university in the SEC is long enough.”

—Football coach Steve Spurrier announcing his retirement from Florida

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball
Robert Stuart JHS at Kimberly, 4:15 p.m.
Ketchum at Bliss, 6 p.m.
Castelfum at Raft River, 7:30 p.m.
Hagerman at Camas County, 7:30 p.m.
Oakley at Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m.
Aberdeen at Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Middleton at Filer, 6 p.m.
Shoshone at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
Wood River at Gooding, 6 p.m.
Burley at Bonneville, 7:30 p.m.
Jerome at Minico, 6:15 p.m.
Twin Falls at Pocatello, 6 p.m.

High school girls basketball
Ketchum at Bliss, 4:30 p.m.
Mackay at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.
Glenns Ferry at Wendell, 6 p.m.
Valley at Wood River, 6 p.m.
Buhl at Declo, 6 p.m.

High school wrestling
Buhl Invitational, 10 a.m.
Idaho Falls at Minico, 11 a.m.

IN BRIEF

Tigers reschedule meeting with TF

JEROME — Due to inclement weather, Friday's girls basketball game between Jerome and Twin Falls was canceled. The teams will meet today at Jerome High School instead. Tip-off for the junior varsity is at 6 p.m. with the varsity game to follow.

Nielsen takes fourth at Boise event

Boise — Former College of Southern Idaho distance runner Mike Nielsen finished fourth overall at the Bandanna New Year's Race held in Boise on Jan. 2. Nielsen's time of 17 minutes 25 seconds was also good enough to place first in the 30-39 age group. Art Brown, also of Twin Falls, finished 11th in the 5k walk with a time 38:03.45. Nielsen competed against 205 participants in the 5k run and Brown against 100 in the walk.

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SALT LAKE 2002



Countdown to the Salt Lake Olympics

34 days until Opening Ceremony

The Torch Tour: The Olympic flame starts today in Oak Brook, Ill., and visits Evanson and Highland Park before heading north to Wisconsin. It stops in Kenosha and Mount Pleasant before ending the day in West Allis. March to the Medals: Brady Canfield and Tristan Gale won qualifying races Friday for the U.S. Olympic skeleton team. Canfield won the men's race with a combined two-hour time of 1 minute, 38.65 seconds. Gale won the women's race in 1:41.63. Both the men and women have one more qualifying race to determine the third and final Olympic spot for the men and the sole guaranteed spot for a woman.

CSI men pull out victory in Salt Lake

Bobbitt hits eight 3-pointers in Eagles' win

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

SALT LAKE CITY - A little luck will go a long way in the Scenic West Athletic Conference.

And the 17th-ranked College of Southern Idaho men got the little bit of luck they needed Friday night, staving off up-seized Salt Lake Community College 84-81 in Salt Lake City.

Sharpshooter Tony Bobbitt scored 26 points and tied his school-record eight 3-pointers for the second time in his career to lead CSI (20-5 WAC, 12-2) to the victory.

But it was Bobbitt's size 15 Adidas that might've cost the Eagles the game.

After Salt Lake forward Jeff Blackett scored the last of his game-high 29 points on a baseline drive to get the Bruins within three with 2.0 seconds left in the game, CSI guard Ricky Clemons fired a low inbounds pass to Bobbitt, who watched as the ball



Tony Bobbitt

bounced off his foot and out-of-bounds to give SLCC the chance it needed for a tie.

One inbounds attempt bounced off of CSI forward Guillaume Yang and back off the court, leaving just 1.3 ticks left for the Bruins. Another pass found Scott Henry, whose desperation 3-point heave at the horn

found only air.

"We were lucky," Bobbitt said afterward. "When it went off my shoe all I could think of was, 'Oh no.' But we played well enough. It was a good team win."

It was also the team's seventh consecutive victory.

"We've just got to play better," CSI assistant coach Jay Cyrinc said. "We can't go in

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Biggers shines as Lady Eagles fall to Bruins

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

SALT LAKE CITY - A month between games showed in a 75-64 loss for the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team Friday at Salt Lake Community College.

It was CSI's sixth straight loss to the Lady Bruins (3-0 Scenic West Athletic Conference, 13-2), and second defeat in a row.

Two-sport athlete Tresha Biggers led the Golden Eagles (12-95) with 11 points and sophomore Melanie Croser chipped in nine points in her first game back since being ruled ineligible in late November.

Brooke Hansen led all scorers with 13 points for Salt Lake, which also got 12 points from Crystal Carpenter. Marcie Mickelsen and Candace Eichmeier each scored 10 points for the Bruins.

The Golden Eagles were plagued by foul

trouble all game and starting post Belinda Stubbs missed the last 11:45 of the game with an apparent strained groin.

There were 59 fouls whistled, and 46 combined turnovers in the sloppy game.

"We were never in sync in our offense, that coach Kendall Grant was obvious," said CSI.

Part of that was due to the 35 personal fouls that were called against CSI, all of which added up to 37 made free throws for Salt Lake. By contrast, CSI shot just 25 of 29 from the free-throw line.

But Grant didn't blame the officials for the loss.

"(The fouls) didn't help us to get into

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Jordan hits milestone

Guard reaches career scoring plateau against former team

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Unable to hit a shot and worn out by a sinus infection, Michael Jordan somehow summoned the energy to put an exclamation point on a victory against his old team.

It wasn't a layup or dunk, but it was truly spectacular.

Jordan grabbed Ron Mercer's layup out of the air with both hands and pinned it against the backboard in the final seconds of the Washington Wizards 89-83 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Friday night.

"I can jump when I have to," Jordan said, especially when I'm angry.

Jordan scored 29 points, but 19 of them came in the second quarter. He was 1-for-9 with just four points in the second half as the Wizards nearly blew a 26-point lead, so a lot of frustration was unleashed in what coach Doug Collins called Jordan's most spectacular play of the season.

"I don't know where he came from," Collins said. "He was really dead on his feet. He was tired. That was an angry play. He was flying. John Thompson said he is floor Jordan now, but he was flying on that one."

Jordan, who scored 51 and 45 in his two previous games, made 9 of 24 shots, 11 of 13 free throws and had seven rebounds and three assists in 38 minutes. He also became the fourth player in NBA history to score 30,000 points.

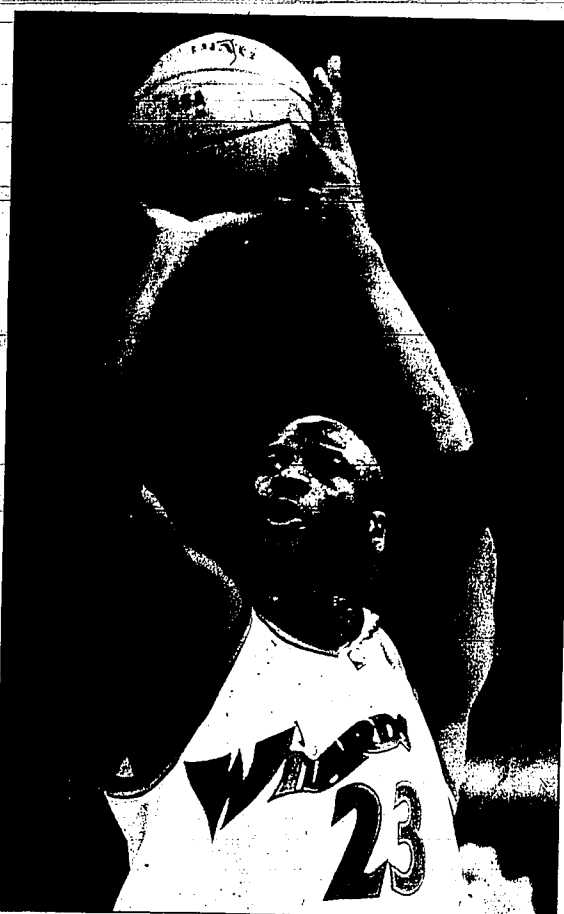
The victory achieved a personal goal for Jordan, who spoke of how he'd like to get the long-struggling Wizards above the level of the Bulls, the league's worst team since Jordan departed in 1998.

The mission seems already achieved. The Wizards (17-14) are three games above .500 and have won three straight and five in a row at home. The Bulls (6-25) are again at the bottom of the standings and are 0-17 on the road, the only NBA team yet to win away from home.

"This is special in a sense that we're trying to claw our way out of the basement of losing teams," Jordan said. "If we have to step on other people to move up, then that's what we do."

"That's the importance of it more than anything. I like to think that we're moving in the right direction and Chicago may not be moving in the right direction, and I don't want to be compared with them. I want to show some separation."

Jordan, who did not practice Thursday and



Washington's Michael Jordan hits a free throw Friday against the Bulls in Chicago, reaching the 30,000-point plateau.

Vikings' Green steps down before final game

By Bill Williamson
Knight Ridder News Service

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. - Dennis Green confirmed at a news conference just before noon Friday that he is out as the Vikings coach.

Green said he and the Vikings had agreed on terms for ending the 10-year relationship.

"Faith, family and football, that's what it's all about for me," said Green, who praised his family, fans, Vikings owner Red McCombs and the players he has coached. He wished the team well in its final game of the season on Monday in Baltimore. Offensive line coach and assistant head coach Mike Tice will coach that game.

Green said he plans to do several things after leaving the Vikings, though he wasn't specific.

"I'm still just beginning my life," he said, adding that today is the first day in 30 years in which he has not been associated with a football team.

"Look on the high road," he said. "That's where I'll be."

Green refused to take questions after his appearance, telling the assembled reporters to question McCombs for details.

McCombs did speak to the media later in the afternoon. He said Green's leaving was an issue that developed quickly, saying it "moved into play, and steam rolled." He said Green's record as coach was "not a factor" in his leaving the team.

"I admire Dennis a lot, and I appreciate what he's done," said McCombs, and he added that he feels he failed personally in not finding a way for Green to

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Spurrier leaves Florida

By Andrew Bagnato
Chicago Tribune

The morning after the last bowl game is always a letdown for college football fans.

But Friday was awful. Steve Spurrier yanked away from Florida after 12 seasons.

It's the worst thing to happen to the sport since the Bowl Championship Series, which just served up four dreadful mismatches.

Spurrier is brash, bright, obnoxious, arrogant, mean, inventive, unfailingly loyal. And oh, so quotable.

But don't take our word. Take his.

"Call me **redux** - B5

angry, cocky, cry-baby, whiner or what whatever names you like." Spurrier said in a recent Miami Herald interview. "At least they're not calling us losers any more. If people like you too much, it's probably because they're beating you."

Once, when Spurrier still was coaching at Duke, a local writer referred to him in print as an "offensive genius." Spurrier called the scribe and said he would rather not be called that. The writer said fine, and asked what Spurrier would prefer.

"I don't know," Spurrier said. "How about 'mastermind'?"

Hey, if the shoe fits. . . . Despite being located in the heart of rich recruiting territory, the University of Florida never had won 10 games in a season until Spurrier arrived.

The Gators averaged 10 victories in Spurrier's 12 seasons.

"And when they didn't win, no visitor was safe. Losing was a personal affront to the 1966 Heisman Trophy winner-on the field or the golf course; where he excels.

Spurrier was born with the gift of gab-and he always would rather give than receive.

Walking off the field after trouncing Tennessee in The Swamp one year, Spurrier turned his gaze heavenward and said, "God smiled on the Gators today."

Other coaches snicker behind their opponents' backs.

Spurrier did it in front of live microphones.

He needed Tennessee for its repeated appearances in the annual Citrus Bowl. "You can't spell Citrus without U-T!"

Another time Spurrier showed reporters a scrap of paper he insisted had been found at the Volunteers' postseason awards banquet. On the paper was a list of goals with slashes through them-national champs. SEC champs (Florida won it that year). State champs (Tennessee,

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Vikings coach Dennis Green walks the sidelines Dec. 2, 2001, in Pittsburgh.

SPORTS



Magic guard Tracy McGrady is restrained by assistant coaches Johnny Davis, Dave Wohl, right, and guard Darrell Armstrong after McGrady and New Jersey's Kenyon Martin had an altercation in the fourth quarter Friday night in East Rutherford, N.J. Both Martin and McGrady were ejected from the game.

Magic win rough matchup with Nets

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Kenyon Martin is developing a reputation as a 'dirty player,' and his latest transgression — a flagrant foul against Tracy McGrady — might lead to his second suspension in less than three weeks.

Martin caused a fracas at the end of Orlando's 109-96 win over New Jersey by knocking McGrady to the floor with a forearm on a layup attempt with 2:57 to play.

McGrady, who scored 35 points, got up quickly and bumped and shoved Martin. The Nets power forward, who picked up his sixth foul on the play, threw a jab before officials and teammates separated the two.

"Kenyon is not a dirty player

but that was a dirty play," Magic coach Doc Rivers said. "We can't have that in our league."

McGrady was so livid, assistant coach Johnny Davis wrapped his arms around him until the two reached the other end of the floor.

After the officials conferred, Martin was assessed a flagrant foul (category 2) and ejected. McGrady got a technical foul and also was tossed. Orlando outscored the Nets 11-4 the rest of the way.

McGrady, who hit 11 of 25 shots and 12 of 16 free throws, left the building immediately after the game and was not available for comment.

"It was a hard foul," said Martin, who guarded McGrady

most of the night. "That's all it was, a hard foul. It's over."

Martin refused to comment on a possible suspension. He was suspended last month for one game for a flagrant foul against Karl Malone of Utah on Dec. 22.

"We've been through this once before," but we understand what we have to do," said Jason Kidd, who led the Nets with 24 points. "Yes, we'll miss him, but when one of your stars goes down you have to keep playing."

After order was restored, Kidd missed the free throw and Darrell Armstrong made one of two to push the Orlando lead to 99-92. Fat Garry hit a jumper off the ensuing inbounds play and Troy Hudson added a 3-pointer to push the lead to 104-

92.

"I don't know if he wanted to make a statement, that he was tired of getting scored on," Garry said of Martin. "Now we'll have to move on and see what happens when they come to our building."

The teams play again a week from today.

Mike Miller added 18 points for Orlando, which hit 42 of 80 shots from the field. Hudson and Garry, who combined with McGrady on a 17-2 run at the end of the third quarter that gave Orlando the lead for good, added 14 apiece.

Kidd led the Nets with 24 points. Todd MacCulloch added 16 and Kerry Kittles and Lucius Harris had 14 apiece.

Oregon upsets No. 15 Arizona, 90-80

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Thirteen days after handing Arizona-its-most-one-sided-loss of coach Luke Olson's 19 seasons at the school, Oregon beat the 15th-ranked Wildcats again 90-80 Friday night.

Only a 3-pointer by Will Bynum with 23.9 seconds to play prevented it from being Arizona's worst home loss of the Olson era.

Luke Ridnour set career highs with six 3-pointers and 23 points in the unranked Ducks' (10-3, 3-0 Pac-10) won at McKale Center for the first time since 1985, a span of 16 consecutive losses.

Oregon, which made 13 of 22 3-pointers in its 105-75 rout of Arizona in Eugene on Dec. 22, hit 10 of 17 3s this time.

Luke Jackson added 21 points, 14 in the first half, and Freddie Jones scored 12 for the Ducks, who led by as many as 17 in the first half and 22 in the second. James Davis scored all 10 of his points in the second half for Oregon.

Jason Gardner scored 22 but was just 7-for-19 from the field, 3-for-11 on 3-pointers, for the Wildcats (8-4, 1-2), who were without Luke Walton, their best passer and defender. Walton, one of only three non-freshmen in Arizona's rotation, strained his right Achilles' tendon in Arizona's victory over Pepperdine Dec. 29.

Salim Souadimere added 16 points, Bynum 15 and Rick Anderson 11 for Arizona.

Women's Top 25

Louisville 71,

No. 25 Cincinnati 65

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Amanda Wolke scored a career-high 25 points to lead Louisville to a 71-65 victory over No. 25 Cincinnati in the Conference USA opener for both teams on Friday night.

LaKisha Hoffman added 13 points and Kim Graham had 12 for the Cardinals (9-5, 1-0), who earned their first win over a ranked team since January 2000.

Tamara Douglass scored 14 points and K.B. Sharp added 12 for Cincinnati (11-1, 0-1), which was trying to match a school-record 12-game win streak.

No. 24 Old Dominion 108, Va. Commonwealth 46

NORFOLK, Va. — Shareese Grant scored 22 points, and No. 24 Old Dominion shot 61 percent in a 108-46 victory Friday night over Virginia Commonwealth.

Sharron Francis and Tiffany Thompson made two 3-pointers apiece as Old Dominion (7-4, 4-0 Colonial Athletic Association) opened the game with a 20-4 run. The Rams (3-9, 0-3) never got closer than 13 points thereafter as the Lady Monarchs built a 60-20 halftime lead.

No. 20 Colorado State 71, Loyola Marymount 57

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Angie Gordon scored 16 of her 20 points in the second half and Jackie Campbell added 15 as No. 20 Colorado State defeated Loyola Marymount 71-57 Friday



night. Ashley Augsburger had 11 points for Colorado State (11-3). Kate Murray scored 18 points

Arizona's Rick Anderson shoots for two over Oregon's Robert Johnson Friday in their game at McKale Center in Tucson, Ariz.

Wizards hung on. "They forced it to be a game," Jordan said. "And we limped ourselves right into a victory."

Chris Whitney had 18 points and eight assists for the Wizards, and Popeye Jones had 10 points and 12 rebounds.

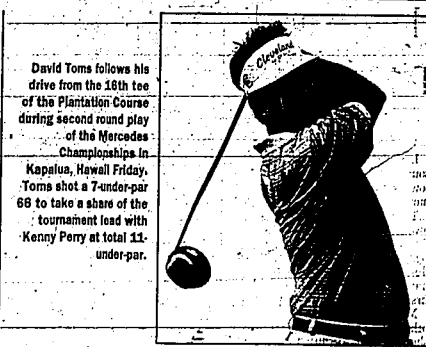
Mercer scored 25 to lead the Bulls, and Charles Oakley had 12

points and a season-high 13 rebounds.

The second quarter was all Jordan. He scored 19 of the Wizards' 25 points, mostly on jumpers over his friend Ron Artest, who nearly derailed Jordan's comeback when he accidentally broke Jordan's ribs during a summer pickup game in

Chicago.

Teams have not double-teamed Jordan lately, contributing to his recent hot streak. The Bulls double-teamed occasionally, forcing Jordan to pass, but it was mostly Artest's very physical one-on-one defense that sometimes left Jordan enough space to shoot the fadeaway.



Birthday boy Toms shares lead at Mercedes Championships

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) — David Toms could not have asked for a better day at the Mercedes Championships. He celebrated his 35th birthday, shot a 7-under 66 for a share of the lead, and Steve Spurrier resigned as football coach at Florida.

"That's the best news I've heard in a long, long time," said Toms, the PGA champion and die-hard LSU fan.

Despite the strong Kona winds that knocked down Tiger Woods in a hurry, Toms had a bogey-free round on the Plantation Course at Kapalua and was at 11-under 135, tied with Kenny Perry (67).

Scott Verplank had a 69 and was another stroke back, while first-round leader Mike Weir had five bogeys to go along with four birdies in a round of 74, putting him at 137.

Mark Calcavecchia hit a 3-iron to 2 feet on the 18th for his second eagle of the round, giving him a 66. He was at 138, along with '99 Mercedes winner David Duval (71).

There wasn't much time to enjoy the spectacular views of Maui. Every ounce of attention was required on club selection because of strong gusts that led to swift changes on the leaderboard at some big numbers.

A birdie on the 10 on the par-5 fifth hole on his way to posting the first 80 of the new season. Woods started his second round of the year with a triple-bogey, hitting into the bunker, the tall weeds and never quite recovering.

Woods a 1-over 74, leaving him seven strokes off the lead and in no mood to discuss his day.

He made birdies on the easier holes, egged the par-5 ninth and stayed clear of the trouble to set

himself up nicely for the weekend.

"I was able to sneak in a few birdies when I got it close," he said.

Winning the Mercedes would be the perfect way for Toms to start his season. He quietly has become one of the top players in golf, winning six times over the past three seasons. Last year was a big breakthrough, with three victories and his gutsy win at the PGA Championship for his first major title.

He is in no mood to rest of his success.

"It's not much fun to play bad golf, and I've done that before," Toms said. "Once you taste the success I've had, you want to experience that as long as you can."

Perry, the Buick Open champion, offset a couple of early bogeys with three straight birdies and thrust him into a tie for the lead, and he joined Toms with a birdie on the par-5 18th hole by reaching it in two with a 3-iron.

Verplank, one of six players who had a share of the lead at one point Friday, had a birdie putt of about 10 feet on the par-3 eighth. Three putts later, he walked off with a bogey and was falling behind until recovering with three straight birdies.

The grain is more severe in Maui than anywhere else the world to the mix, and all of a sudden Hawaii's hardly a walk on the beach.

"Putting is very difficult when the wind is blowing like that," Toms said. "You have that grain factor and the wind factor, plus it blows your body around a little bit. I hit a lot of shots pin-high, which I was proud of when the wind is like this. You can three-putt your way around this course pretty easily."

Knight time at Texas Tech: Raiders start season strong

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — So far, only the sweaters are different for Bob Knight.

Two months into his first season at Texas Tech, Knight has the Red Raiders playing his style. And, for the most part, he is getting the kind of success he demands.

At 11-1, Texas Tech already has two more wins than it did last season and is off to the second-best start in school history.

Knight's presence has made men's basketball nearly as popular a draw as the women's games, and at Tech that's quite an accomplishment. The men are averaging 12,895 fans through nine games, more than 3,000 ahead of last season.

Knight has done plenty of yelling from the sideline, but has not received a technical. He also had an off-court run-in in which he was accused of trying to pick a fight, and he's shut off the beat writer from the local paper after apparently reading something he didn't like.

Knight was fired from Indiana after winning three national championships in 29 years for what the university called a "pattern of unacceptable behavior" and then came back after a year off.

The 61-year-old coach, who has gone from the signature red sweater he wore at IU to a black one with a red shirt underneath, said his red shirt needs to make better adjustments during games.

The Red Raiders are off to their best start since the 1995-96 team won 30 games and reached the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament. Tech went 6-5 in nonconference play last season, then sank to 9-19 and was last in the Big 12. Tech opens conference play at home Sunday against Kansas State.

"We've come through a whole wide variety of games against different kinds of teams to this point," Knight said. "So I think that we've had the kind of experience we need to play in a conference season."

The Red Raiders, who have played a somewhat mediocre schedule, have led or been tied at halftime all but once. Tech led a 16-point lead over Sam Houston, turn into a 69-65 loss. On Tuesday, the Red Raiders won 90-84 but their 18-point halftime lead over Wyoming dwindled to four.

"We have a problem with leads," Knight said. "We're not tough-minded enough at this point."

Knight said this team is more talented than the last five he had, at Indiana.

"I wouldn't trade the ability that we have with any of those teams," he said. "But what we have to do is just develop a better approach to play. And that involves a lot of things. It involves concentration. It involves recognition, it involves execution."

Jordan

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was late for Friday's shootaround because of his sinus problems, was way off the mark several times as the Bulls rallied to 85-78 with 3:45 left.

Jordan stopped the run by getting fouled on a move to the basket and making both free throws with 1:54 to play. Both teams were cold the rest of the way as the

Jordan needed 15 points to reach 30,000, and he got it with the second of two free throws with 5:28 to go in the half, giving the Wizards a 45-37 lead. The game was halted for about 30 seconds during the next stoppage in play as the sellout crowd gave him a standing ovation, with several fans holding up large banners that

read "Congratulations, Michael Jordan, 30,000 points."

"I don't think they (people in Chicago) are going to like that (because they wanted us to win) because they already feel like we betrayed us — some people," Artest said. "But we'll see them again on the 19th and we'll be able to get a victory there."

OLYMPICS



USA's Shani Davis, of Chicago, takes control of the lead to win the men's 1000m Short-Track Trials Saturday, Dec. 22, 2001, in Kearns, Utah. The top skaters will compete in the 2002 Winter Olympics representing the United States.

Speedskater requests inquiry into qualifying trial

DENVER (AP)—Speedskater Tommy O'Hare wants the U.S. Olympic Committee to investigate claims that an Olympic qualifying race was fixed. O'Hare sent a letter to USOC chief executive Lloyd Ward demanding an investigation of the 1,000-meter short-track final Dec. 22 in Kearns, Utah. "We believe that the result of the race was predetermined by the conduct of one or more participants in the race, and we've expressed to the USOC that we believe that this is a violation both of the U.S. Speedskating and U.S. Olympic Committee code of conduct," O'Hare attorney Kevin Duff said Friday. USOC spokesman Mike Moran said the agency has asked U.S. Speedskating for results of its internal investigation and other information no later than Tuesday. "At that point, we will make a decision as to the next steps by the USOC," he said. U.S. Speedskating has asked attorney Steve Smith to investigate the allegations. Smith plans to conduct interviews with participants and potential witnesses. "My goal is just to get to the truth of what happened," he said. Shani Davis won the race, holding off his close friend and World Cup champion Apolo Anton Ohno. Davis jumped from eighth to sixth in the standings to grab the last berth for the Salt Lake Games. O'Hare, a 1998 Olympian, was knocked off the team. After the race, a 1998 short-track coach Susan Ellis questioned whether Ohno tried to win and immediately asked him about his tactics. "He says he was playing it safe. That's what he says," she explained after the race. "The talk-and-suspicion-is-kind-of-troubling. But Shani skated a great race. That's the bottom line." Ohno denied that he was more concerned about Davis getting on the team than winning. And Davis agreed that nothing shady went on between the friends.

Final spot on men's luge team comes down to six races

Knight Ridder News Service
Sluder Nick Sullivan has one more chance to join fellow Minnesota Tony Benshoof at the Olympics. Sullivan, of Oakdale, Minn., and teammate Jon Myles of Ramsey, N.H. will race each other six times beginning today day in Park City, Utah, to determine who will join Benshoof and Adam Heidt on the U.S. men's luge team. The slider with the lowest two-run combined time at the end of competition Sunday will be awarded 100 points; second place is worth 80 points. Whoever has the highest point total at the end of the run will be nominated for the final singles spot. If Sullivan and Myles finish with the same point total, the final spot will be awarded to the slider with the lowest single-run time from both days of racing. If that is a deadlock, a committee of three coaches will make the final selection. Benshoof, of White Bear Lake, Minn., and Heidt earned their Olympic berths with two, top-11 finishes during this fall's World Cup competition. Coaches were expected to select the final slider, but USA Luge decided to have Sullivan and Myles settle the issue on the ice. "Because the Olympics are on our home track, USA Luge has a unique opportunity to find out which athlete is faster on the Olympic track," said executive director Ron Rossi. "Meanwhile, Benshoof and the rest of the team are in Park City preparing for the second half of the 2001-02 World Cup season. The men and women's singles and doubles Olympic competitions are scheduled Feb. 10-15.

Three Alaskans lead biathlon qualifying trials

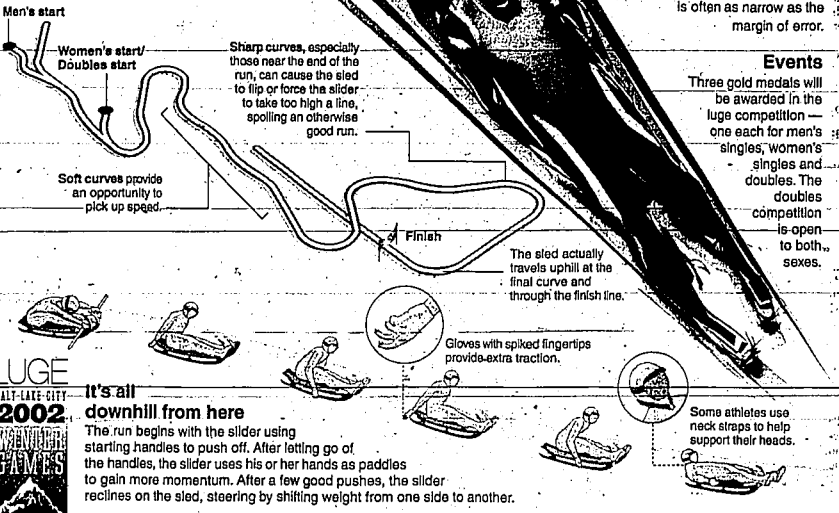
By Law Freedman
Chicago Tribune
MIDWAY, Utah — Rachel Steer, who cried after all of her races, said this is the only time she hates her sport. Before one race, Jay Backlin forgot his bib, race command and rifle and in warm-ups discovered he had an empty ammunition clip. Jeremy Teela dreamed he was in a private whiteout, missing every shot during a race. And they were among the winners, chosen Thursday night as U.S. Olympic biathletes for the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City. "It's a relief," said Teela, 25, of Anchorage, who is considered a prospect for the United States' first Olympic medal in the sport that combines 22-caliber rifle shooting and cross-country skiing. "These trials are really stressful." The trials were a trial for the 37 men and 19 women who competed in four races over six days at Soldier Hollow's mountainous venue at more than 5,500 feet above sea level. Athletes were so jittery they were lucky they could focus on the four-centimeter targets 50 meters away. "I was really nervous," said Lawton Redman, 25, of Heber City, Utah, who won the men's 10-kilometer sprint Thursday morning to clinch his Olympic spot and was the only person to win two events. "I haven't been sleeping too well the last two nights. Things worked out." Teela, Redman, Hakkinen, 24, of Kaslof, Alaska, and Dan Campbell, 23, of Hastings, Minn., made up the men's team, with

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One to watch
Germany's Georg Hackl, the favorite in the men's luge competition, could become the first winter athlete to win a gold medal in the same individual event in four consecutive Olympics.



The track
The 4,318-foot-track at Utah Olympic Park is considered one of the world's fastest, with luge speeds exceeding 90 mph. It is constructed of concrete covered in a sheet of ice.



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It's all downhill from here
The run begins with the slider using starting handles to push off. After letting go of the handles, the slider uses his or her hands as paddles to gain more momentum. After a few good pushes, the slider reclines on the sled, steering by shifting weight from one side to another.

SOURCES: International Olympic Committee; U.S. Olympic Committee; Salt Lake Organizing Committee
Janet Hamlin, Peter Santunivap

Back on track

Sharp curves at breakneck speeds, helmets hovering inches above the ice and the occasional flipped sled — luge is a sport that attracts athletes thirsting for a thrill. With time measured to thousandths of a second, the margin of victory is often as narrow as the margin of error.

Events
Three gold medals will be awarded in the luge competition — one each for men's singles, women's singles and doubles. The doubles competition is open to both sexes.

Olympics play second to father's illness

The Washington Post
As the fourth-ranked luger in the world, Becky Wilczak has big plans for the coming months. She would like to win an Olympic medal at the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City, satisfying a lifelong dream. Even more passionately, she would like to see her father win back the life that he has, in many ways, relinquished in his battle with a serious liver disease.



Becky Wilczak, of River Forrest, Ill., speeds down the track during the first run of the women's luge World Cup race in Innsbruck, Austria, Dec. 12.

At the moment, the two goals are intertwined. As she trains for the Feb. 8-24 Olympics, he waits for a desperately needed new liver. Prior to this season — the best of Wilczak's career — her father has traveled the globe to attend at least three World Cup races a year. This season, he has missed every event because of health reasons. Tom Wilczak, whose body has not responded to a wide range of medicines used to treat autoimmune hepatitis, has been elevated to the "highest priority" for transplantation, according to his Chicago-based doctor, Alfred Baker. That means his timetable for receiving a new liver is measured in months, not years. "This situation has changed me a whole lot," said Becky Wilczak, 21, of River Forest, Ill.

"and has allowed me to put everything in the proper perspective... this really has put everything in proper focus. Sliding and competing means a lot to me, and I love doing it. But I also love my father, and my family comes first to me." That means, Wilczak said, that she may consider dropping out of the Olympics if a liver should become available near the time of competition. Even though she was the first American luger to qualify for an Olympic sport and won a world championship

bronze medal last year, Wilczak said her father would come first. "I hope that situation doesn't come up (but) my gut feeling would be that I would want to be with my family," Wilczak said. For Tom Wilczak, 55, whose disease was diagnosed 14 years ago, his concerns are multiple: "He worries about his endangered health, and what effect his disease has had on his daughter's dreams. He wonders if he will be able to watch his daughter compete in the Games." "Becky going to the Olympics

is a dream that she's had for many years," Wilczak said. "Everything we can do to support her accomplishing that dream is where our emphasis will go. We're hoping that my medical condition doesn't detract from her dream." Unfortunately, I've had this condition for 14 years, and it just happened to peak at this time." Tom Wilczak also said: "I have reservations, airline tickets, I've rented a house; the family is going; the grandkids will be there. We're hoping"



Jay Hakkinen of Kaslof, Alaska, Rachel Steer and Jeremy Teela of Anchorage, Alaska, are all headed to the Olympics after successful racing at US Biathlon Olympic trials at Soldier Hollow, Utah, this past week.

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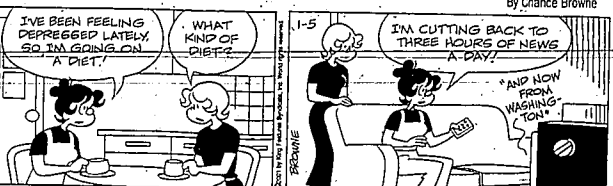
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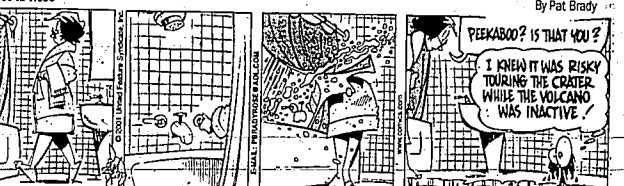
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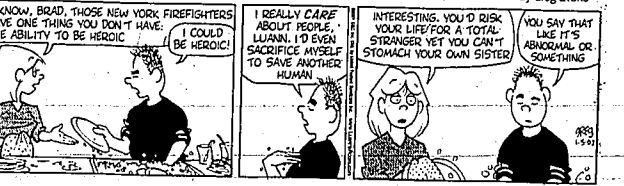
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Husbands, wives on the outs react differently



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

Husbands and wives react differently to the threat of marriage breakups. Unhappy husbands withdraw, says a marriage counselor. They tend to stop talking and go their own way. Unhappy wives, he says, are more inclined to become exceptionally active. Aggressive even.

Carrots are native to Afghanistan.

Q. How many feathers on a hummingbird?

A. Which kind of hummingbird? The ruby-throated hummingbird has 940. I haven't counted the feathers on all kinds, though.

The typical African pygmy does not live long. Tribal elders usually are in their 30s.

The wife is more than 10 years

older than the husband in about one marriage in every 100.

There is no word for "problem" in the language of the Peruvian Quechua Indians.

If you've ever left your footprints in snow-covered mountain country, then returned along your path a day or two later, you may have seen that a thaw enlarged those footprints considerably. Though still well-shaped, they look as though they'd been made by a giant. Some say this explains the recurrent "Abominable Snowman" reports.

In the United States more girls than boys play tennis.

Happiest year of the average person's life depends: An elderly bachelor and spinster name someone before age 25, usually. An elderly husband and wife say some year between age 25 and 45. So say the surveytakers.

Deadliest construction project in modern history was the 12-year engineering job to build 138 miles of railway between Callao and Oroya in Peru. About 11,000 of the 13,000 men on the project died either in accidents or from diseases. The job was finally finished in 1893.

Q. Why is the "Secretary bird" called that?

A. Because its head crest looks like a bunch of quill pens. That African bird can run faster than a horse. It eats snakes.

Which member of your family seems best at keeping secrets? The question is not hard to answer, if you know the clue. Students of the mind say those who tell you the least about themselves are the people who are best at keeping secrets about others.

To be a boulder, the rock has to be at least 10 inches in diameter. It also has to be somewhat round. If it's angular, it's not a boulder but a block. That, according to scholars who believe they can dictate definitions.

Much-married man leaves much anger in his wake



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: After being divorced for nine years, I met a man I'll call Hal and married him 35 months later. He seemed caring, had a good personality, was good with children—all the positive things you look for in a mate.

I asked all the right questions about previous relationships, also drinking and drugs, etc. Hal told me he had been married once previously.

Two days before the wedding, I discovered he had been married twice. Two years later, it turned out that Hal had been married five times before he married me, and had lived with several different women between marriages.

He charged my credit cards to the max. I helped him to pay off past-due accounts, but checks he had written and thousands of dollars he owed in child support. I went through drug rehab and counseling with him and supported him all the way. We are now divorced. He left me, saying he

no longer loved me, and now, one week after the divorce, he has a new girlfriend.

I am furious that he treated me this way. Is there a law about how many times a person can marry? I feel other women should be warned before he takes advantage of them like he did with the six of us.

— USED IN JONESBORO, TENN.

DEAR UZZY: Although there is no law limiting the number of times a man (or a woman) may marry, there ARE laws against fraud. Failing to reveal the number of times one has actually been married may qualify as

fraud. By all means discuss this serial groom with an attorney. It may set you back a few bucks, but a lawsuit could buy you a lot of satisfaction.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancé "Barry" and I are being married in the spring. We love each other very much and look forward to spending the rest of our lives together.

Ten years ago—before Barry and I met—he had a three-year affair with "Lucy," his brother-in-law's married sister. The rest of the family had no clue about their relationship. Barry ended it after he realized Lucy was never going to leave her husband.

Barry has been open with me about his indiscretion and our relationship is solid. Lucy continues to call Barry, even though he's asked her to stop. She has also called and harassed me, saying Barry will eventually leave me and return to her.

Our wedding plans are now being finalized. The invitations must be mailed in six weeks. If we do not invite Lucy, the rest of the family will wonder why. Barry believes it will raise suspicions if she is not invited. She has been very ugly to Barry and me, and I do not want her there. Please help.

— I DON'T LOVE LUCY

DEAR I DON'T: If you and your fiancé would prefer Lucy not attend, don't invite her. Don't preoccupy yourselves with what your guests might ask out of sight is usually out of mind.

If anyone is presumptuous enough to bring up Lucy's absence, just say, "We had our reasons," and change the subject.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Choose a job that you love, and you'll never have to work a day in your life. (Submitted by Carl Young, Union City, N.J.)

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- Former heavyweight champ
- Sonora
- moosier
- Bill Walter Scott
- Walter Dighton
- Combine in a team
- Each and every one
- between the Tigris and Euphrates
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- Tarbell
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- Walt Whitman
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- Unyielding
- Soak-up
- Marriage vow
- Break bread
- Informal
- vocabulary
- Appropriate
- Conveyance
- Largest of seven
- Three-hand card game
- Showery
- More mature
- Cutting edge
- Solomon vow
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Virgo: Relationships need realistic view; Leo, be happy

IF JANUARY 5TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are inquisitive, charming and talented; you are drawn to psychology and writing. You enjoy flirtation; on some occasions you have caused hurt to yourself.

GEMINI (Jan. 21-31): Desires respect concerning two areas of your life: employment and marriage. Emphasis on direction and whether or not to "leave home." Cancer native involved.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Highlight diversity, versatility and intellectual curiosity. Be up to date on fashion trends; you could be interested in that subject. Sagittarius plays role.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): What appears to be an obstacle will actually be for your own protection. Know it and respond accordingly. Legal dilemma will be resolved in your favor. Scorpio figures prominently.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Popularity on the rise. Scenario features change, travel and variety of "sensations." Read and write, learn by teaching. Flirtation lends spice - relationship more serious than expected.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Financial burden will be removed. Domestic adjustment could involve change of residence, marital status. Permit yourself to be happy! Music plays; dance or march to your own tune.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Aura of deception exists, deliberate or otherwise. Another Virgo

Horoscope Sydney Omarr

wants to entice you into nefarious scheme. Resist with all your might. See relationships in realistic light.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Events will transpire in surprising manner, bringing you closer to goal. Within 24 hours circumstances will favor your efforts. In matters of speculation, stick with number 8.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take charge of your destiny; you are due not only for added recognition but perhaps fame and fortune. Separation from loved one is temporary. Aries, Libra play dramatic roles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take initiative in making dreams come true. Chance meeting could lead to something big; love-life could show remarkable improvement. Leo, Aquarius figure prominently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emphasis on living partners, civic activities and marital status. Family member returns from long journey; don't hold back on display of affection. Cancer native involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You gain admirers, and some envious people accuse you of having "cult following." Artistic tendencies surface; you could paint and write poetry. Gemini plays outstanding role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Delve deep into arcane literature; you could learn more than you care to know. One who once tried to trap you will become staunch ally. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio figure in scenario.

World's oldest man dies in Sardinia just shy of 113

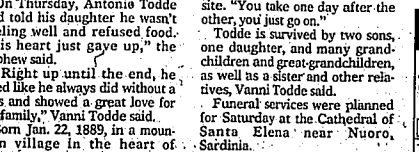
TIANNA, Sardinia (AP) — Antonio Todde, an Italian shepherd listed by Guinness Book of Records as the world's oldest man, was found dead Friday morning.

Todde, who attributed his longevity to a glass of red wine every day, died in his sleep overnight in Tianna, Sardinia, according to his nephew, Vanni Todde.

"On Thursday, Antonio Todde told his daughter he wasn't feeling well and refused food. 'His heart just gave up,' the nephew said.

"Right up until the end, he lived like he always did without a fuss and showed a great love for his family," Vanni Todde said.

Born Jan. 22, 1889, in a mountain village in the heart of



Antonio Todde

Grammy nominees include U2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Veteran Irish rockers U2 and pianist Stevie Nicks were among the favorites to claim Grammy nominations in a competition shaping up as far less inflammatory than last year's event.

U2's "Beautiful Day" won record and song of the year honors as a single at last year's Grammy awards. This year's song is part of the album "All That You Can't Leave Behind," making the latter a contender for album of the year.

"All That You Can't Leave Behind" was released too late to qualify last year, but the single did debut before the Sept. 30 cutoff date.

Two following singles from the album, "Stuck in a Moment You Can't Get Out Of" and "Walk On," are also potential contenders for best song and record honors this time around.

Keys' R&B debut disc "Songs in A Minor" has been among the year's top releases, selling nearly 4.1 million units, fueled by the success of her No. 1 song "Soldier."

She led the American Music Award nominees with five honors last month and is a favorite at the Grammys.

Other potential best-album nominees include Bob Dylan's "Love and Theft," Linkin Park's "Hybrid Theory," Nelly Furtado's "Whoa, Nelly!" and the bluesy soundtrack to "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

Last year, the usually mainstream-minded National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences ranked family values proponents and gay activists by handing Eminem four nominations.

Adding to the controversy was the rapper's performance at the awards show with gay superstar Elton John.

He lost to Steely Dan for album of the year, but took home three other awards. Steely Dan had never won a Grammy prior to last year's event, but ended up with three by the end of the night.

Presenters for the 44th annual Grammy Awards nominations at the Beverly Hilton include Destiny's Child, singer Stevie Nicks, Furtado and OutKast.

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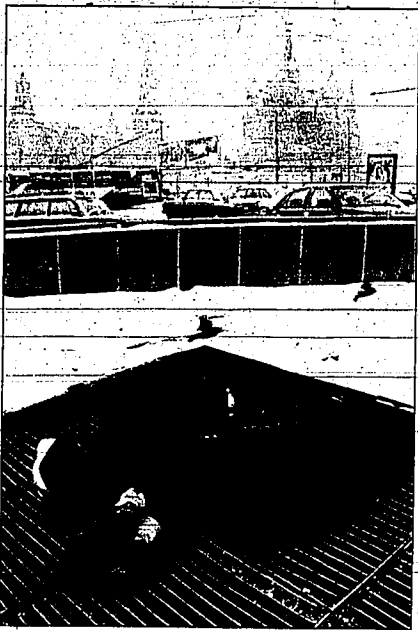
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WORLD



Homeless children sleep, warming themselves with hot air from a subway's ventilation system in Moscow in December. The Kremlin and St. Basil Cathedral are visible in the background.

Hypothermia kills hundreds of Russians

MOSCOW (AP) — "Don't sleep, you'll freeze," Russians often say in a metaphorical admonishment against complacency. For people living on the street during the long, icy winter, the warning should be taken literally. Every winter in major Russian cities, the cold lulls hundreds of people into a slumber from which they never awake. Though killed by the sheer force of nature, few would succumb were it not for two human factors: affinity for alcohol and indifference.

The majority of Russia's hypothermia victims are drunk, doctors say. The alcohol provides a deceptive warmth, making a pile of snow seem like a down quilt or an unheated attic a cozy spot for a nap. Then there's the apathy of passers-by, most of whom walk by bodies on the street without calling an ambulance.

In a sign of official indifference toward the problem, the Health Ministry says it has no national statistics on cold deaths, despite alarming numbers reported by individual cities.

The Moscow Ambulance Service picked up the corpses of 190 hypothermia victims from Jan. 9 to Dec. 23, 2001. Some 1,895 people, including two children, were hospitalized with hypothermia.

Yekaterinburg, an industrial city in the foothills of the Ural Mountains, 269 people had died of hypothermia as of Dec. 21, according to the city morgue.

"Possible factors in the varying cold deaths: Yekaterinburg's generally tougher winters and comparatively poorer social services for its 1.3 million residents. Moscow's population is 8.7 million."

"Dealing with hypothermia victims is left to the ambulance service and the police," said Leon Akopov, chief of Moscow's Cen-

tral ambulance station. "But this is a social problem."

The root of the problem is the government's unwillingness to confront homelessness, critics say. Though not all those who freeze to death are homeless, most people assume they are.

Anybody lying on the ground — whether drunk or otherwise incapacitated — is likely to fall victim to society's prejudice toward bombis — the Soviet acronym for people without a definite residence.

One October night, a reporter for the daily Moskowsky Komsomlets lay down on a piece of cardboard in front of his apartment building. The temperature was 28 degrees — mild by Moscow standards but cold enough to cause hypothermia. Over the next 90 minutes, many people walked by but no one stopped to see if he needed help, the newspaper reported.

Homelessness is no longer a punishable offense as it was in Soviet times, but in many ways, the official approach has changed little. "We don't have homelessness," said homeless advocate Alexei Nikiforov, mocking the official attitude. "We have 'vagrancy and begging.'"

Homeless people are sometimes rounded up by police and sent to holding centers on the edge of the city. They are held for 10 days in dark, foul-smelling cells while police determine whether they are wanted for any crimes. If not, they are sent back to the streets.

Voluntary shelters exist only for people who can prove that they had a legitimate address in Moscow. The city runs eight homeless shelters with room for 1,500 people. But only 15 percent of the estimated 100,000 homeless seen across the city are from the Moscow area, said Nikiforov.

Cloned sheep has arthritis

LONDON (AP) — Dolly, the world's first cloned sheep, has developed arthritis at a relatively early age, renewing debate about whether cloned animals are susceptible to premature aging and health problems.

Ian Wilmut of the Edinburgh-based Roslin Institute, one of Dolly's creators, said Friday that the 5.5-year-old sheep has arthritis in her left hind leg, hip and knee.

"There is no way of knowing if

this is down to cloning or whether it is a coincidence," Wilmut told British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

Dolly was born in a Scottish research compound in 1996, the world's first mammal to be successfully cloned from an adult.

Roslin scientists announced her birth on Feb. 23, 1997.

Wilmut said that apart from the arthritis, Dolly remained a healthy animal who has given birth to six lambs.

Brewer of popular beer dies at 78

NOORDWIJK, Netherlands (AP) — Alfred Henry "Freddy" Heineken, who helped make his namesake beer one of the world's most popular brands, died Thursday. He was 78.

The former head of the world's third biggest brewer, Heineken NV, died in his home in the seaside town of Noordwijk, the company said. Survivors include his wife, a

daughter and son-in-law, and five grandchildren.

Heineken NV didn't reveal the cause of death, but said the former chief executive's funeral will be private. No date for the service was announced.

Heineken's family will retain his controlling stake in the brewer, which trails only Anheuser-Busch and Interbrew in terms of size.

Argentine president: Peso will be devalued

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — President Eduardo Duhalde signed on Friday that his government would devalue the peso, saying it was "a given" that the currency will be cut free from its one-to-one peg to the U.S. dollar.

The new economy minister, Jorge Remes Lenicov, was expected to announce a new economic plan later Friday for getting Argentina out of its worst

economic crisis in decades. Duhalde's comments in a speech to business leaders was the clearest sign yet that the plan would include a devaluation, something economists and media have been saying is inevitable.

Duhalde — sworn in this week as the fifth president in less than a month amid the economic turmoil — did not comment on how large a devaluation would be, but said: "The devaluation is a

given." Analysts have predicted the government will devalue the peso to 1.3 or 1.4 to the dollar, ending a decade-long peg with the dollar that many Argentines saw as key to economic stability.

"The final figure hasn't been decided but it could be in that range," said Cabinet Chief Jorge Capitanich. Thousands of Argentines lined up at banks Friday to withdraw

as much money as they could to spend the currency before its value fell. Some rushed to trade their pesos.

When it was enacted in 1999, the peg setting the peso equivalent to the dollar vanquished a triple-digit inflation — almost overnight and attracted foreign investment, ushering in an era of financial stability to a country rocked by economic crisis in the late 1980s.

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The best and worst of religion in 2001

At its best, religion fosters peace and love. But it also has a violent streak. And we saw the best and the worst of religion in 2001. Terror, tragedy, faith and tolerance permeated the year's top 10 religion stories.

I joined colleagues in the Religion Newswriters Association in selecting the major religion stories of the year. Few of our thoughts wandered far from what happened on a sunny day in September.

1. Our top story was America's turning to God after the terrorism of Sept. 11. The suspected suicide

attacks believed to have been perpetrated by believers in a misguided, violent strain of Islam led to thousands of prayer vigils and worship services by Christians, Jews, Muslims and other believers. Americans shocked by the attacks united around central values of faith and family as they put aside racial and religious differences, flew flags and stuck closer to loved ones.

2. The second-highest-rated story was the emergence of tolerance. Although American Muslims endured insults and vandalism against their mosques - and some who appeared Muslim were targets of violence - the backlash against Islam caused many to seek understanding. People across the nation expressed outrage when gunshots were fired into Muslim places of worship. Non-Muslims offered help and empathy to Muslim leaders who received death threats. Clergy emphasized that Islam decries the killing of the innocent. Ministers urged congregants to avoid stereotyping Muslims. Adults and school children visited mosques to learn more about the faith.

3. President Bush declares that America's war is not against Islam but against those who "blaspheme the faith." Bush appears to have Muslim leaders in his sights. Most Middle Eastern and Asian Muslims join in the war against terrorism, but some say Americans are fighting Islam.

4. Debate over the ethics and morality of using stem cells taken from human embryos prompts a decision by President Bush to cut research dollars to existing stem cell lines.

5. Suicide bombings by Muslims in Jerusalem and other locations lead to retaliation by Israelis as they fight with Palestinians reach a low point.

6. Bush's faith-based initiatives idea hits many snags. A version of the plan passes the House but has not been approved by the Senate. Bush's director of the faith-based effort, John Dillulis, resigns.

7. Americans seek to understand Islam as they show fresh interest in courses in Islam and the Quran.

8. Pope John Paul II visits Greece, Syria, Malta and the Ukraine. He becomes the first pope to visit a Muslim mosque when he enters the Great Mosque in Damascus. His visit to the Ukraine prompts criticism from Ukrainian and Orthodox Christian leaders who accuse him of trying to steal their members.

9. Prayer interests Americans: Bruce Wilkinson's "The Prayer of Jabez" (Multnomah Publishers, \$9.99) sets sales records, and other books on prayer are popular.

10. Christian aid workers, including two Baylor University graduates, win freedom after being imprisoned for three months in Afghanistan by the Taliban. The workers were accused of trying to convert Muslims to Christianity.

We voted Osama bin Laden newsmaker of the year, saying acts of terror attributed to him created renewed interest in a religion many had ignored. Bin Laden ended our Bush.

Those who vote for Bush as the top newsmaker noted how openly he expresses his faith and the inspired leadership he provided after the Sept. 11 attacks.

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Ancient traditions in the AMERICAN WEST



The Russian churches in Woodburn, Ore., reflect Oregon's community of Russian Old Believers, descendants of dissident Christians who split from the Russian Orthodox Church in the 17th century and fled to the United States.

Russian Old Believers hang on in Oregon

By Andrew Kramer
The Associated Press

WOODBURN, Ore. - An old woman wearing peasant clothes and a kerchief stands in front of a Russian church topped by gilded cupolas. The scene could be out of a distant century if it weren't for a Ford pickup parked nearby and a TV antenna sprouting from a house.

This is "the village," a row of houses and churches in the heart of Oregon's community of Russian Old Believers, descendants of dissident Christians who split from the Russian Orthodox Church in the 17th century, then fled to the United

States to escape persecution.

Struggling to preserve traditions dating back to medieval times, they cling to strict rules: No meat on Wednesdays or Fridays. Peasant-style clothing must be worn with a belt. Followers cannot eat off the same dishes as nonbelievers, so some Old Believers eat out only at fast-food restaurants where meals come in disposable containers.

On Monday, the sect will celebrate Christmas according to the Russian Orthodox religious calendar, which runs two weeks behind the Gregorian calendar used in the West. But while most Americans decorate for

Christmas, Old Believers do the opposite: All ornaments, such as religious icons, are taken down and the house is cleaned and made as bare as possible before the holiday.

The Old Believers split from the Russian Orthodox Church when the institution enacted reforms to reconcile differences between Russian religious texts and Greek originals.

On the surface, the schism concerned such seemingly trivial issues as how many fingers should be extended while making the sign of the cross: The Old Believers use two, modern Russian Orthodox three. On a deeper level, the split seemed to

reflect different visions of Russia's future. The Old Believers, whose faith developed in the forests and swamps of Russia's hinterlands, opposed the subordination of religion to the increasingly powerful secular government in Russia as the country became an empire.

Many Old Believers fled the country over the years. Those that remained stayed on the fringes of Russian society, typically living in remote villages in the far north or in Siberia. About 3 million people are of Old Believer descent in Russia today.

The 10,000 Old Believers in Oregon are the largest concen-

tration of members of their faith living in the United States. Yavhor Cam, the founder of the Old Believers' village, carved the subdivision from verdant farmland about 30 miles south of Portland in the 1960s.

Many Old Believers don't believe in education past eighth grade, and send their children to work on farms or at construction jobs with friends and relatives.

But Ulita Seleznev, a first-grade teacher at Heritage Elementary School in Woodburn, said she sees more and more Old Believers making compromises. All drive cars and most these days watch televi-

Changes come to Orthodox church in TF

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - For the time being, there is no regular parish priest at St. Ignatius of Antioch Orthodox Church. So others are filling in.

At his request, Father Philip Nixon began a one-year leave of absence on Aug. 1, 2001. He said he did so to take care of financial matters and devote his time and energy to that end. He opened a computer store called Laptops using the name Doug Nixon, the name he had before he became Orthodox.

"So in the course of doing that, I started this business," said Nixon. "I didn't know at the time when I started the leave of absence it would happen this way." He also explained that members of the Orthodox church receive new names and that's how he came to be known as Philip.

Parish Council President Greg Panatopoulos, at the Twin Falls Orthodox church, said three priests are filling the void left by Nixon. They include Father Basil

St. Ignatius
St. Ignatius of Antioch Orthodox Church is located at 1830 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Services with evening prayers are held at 7 p.m. Saturdays, and services with morning prayers are held at 9 a.m. Sundays. The Divine Liturgy is at 10 p.m. on Sundays, whenever a priest is present. For more information, call 734-3664.

Hartung and, occasionally, his assistant, from Sts. Peter and Paul in Salt Lake City. But Father Patrick O'Grady of Holy Transfiguration Church in Boise is considered the official parish priest.

Panatopoulos said there are about 45 members, including children, in the 9-year-old church.

"We have a few converts, but a lot of them are cradle-born Orthodox, so to speak," he said. "And a lot of those are Europeans who have come over here - Serbians, Romanians, Russians." The Orthodox Church traces its Please see CHURCH, Page C2

Parish priest finds own way to faith

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

BOISE - The road to Father Patrick O'Grady's vocational destination took several turns before coming almost full circle.

The New Jersey native attended Catholic schools through ninth grade, then enrolled in public high school and, later, at the University of Oregon in Eugene. For many years, he said, he was searching and struggling to find his way. Eventually, he became an independent evangelical Protestant minister.

In his 30s, O'Grady received seminary training at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and was ordained as a minister in the United Methodist Church. While O'Grady was a United Methodist, he said, he began to seriously take a look at the ancient tradition of Christianity. "And that led me to eventually reappraise my relationship to my



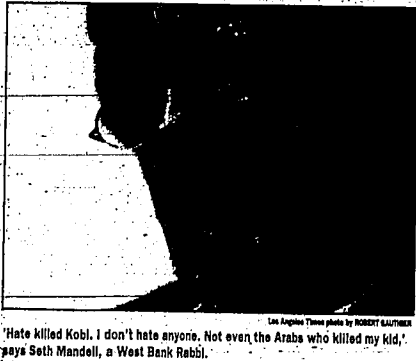
Father Patrick O'Grady took a unique route to his Orthodox Christian faith, and to his part-time work in Twin Falls. Roman Catholic roots," he said. "And after serious consideration, I decided to become an Orthodox Please see O'GRADY, Page C2

Man shares poem for lost brother

By Ken Garfield
The Charlotte Observer

Before his heart was broken, Sean O'Brien's life revolved around his wife and three young daughters, his career in financial planning and those New York sports teams he grew up loving. Now he's on a one-man mission to share a poem he wrote, about the power of God to comfort the living and lead the dying to a place free of strife.

The 30-year-old O'Brien of Charlotte, N.C., lost his brother and brother-in-law in the World Trade Center. His brother, Tim, 46, was the oldest of the seven - a former college basketball star who flourished in securities trading for Cantor Fitzgerald. He could go on and on about high finance, but the husband and Please see POEM, Page C2



'Hate killed Kobi. I don't hate anyone. Not even the Arabs who killed my kid,' says Seth Mandell, a West Bank Rabbi.

Son's murder leads rabbi on mission

By Mary Rourke
Los Angeles Times

It was early in the morning on May 9 when the police came to the door. They had searched through the night and found the missing boy, Kobi Mandell, in a ravine near his home on the Israeli-occupied West Bank. He and his friend Yosef Ishran had been stoned to death.

"My wife, Shari, collapsed on the floor," said Kobi's father, Rabbi Seth Mandell, recalling the first moments after they heard about their son. "I had a different reaction. I went to wake up our other children and tell them."

He was already asking himself what the family should do to give some meaning to Kobi's death.

A psychologist friend of the family went to identify the body, worried that the shock of seeing their son might be too much for the Mandells. Kobi was 14. His skull had been crushed, and his blood was smeared on the entrance to the cave where he died in a rugged area a few miles from Bethlehem. He and Yosef had skipped school to go hiking outside the security gates of Tekoa, their settlement.

Over the next seven nights, during the Jewish grieving period of shiva, close to 1,000 friends and neighbors came to mourn. So did local politicians, including the president of Israel, Moshe Katsav. The details of the murders had made international news, in part because the Mandells are American, but also because of the political implications of Kobi's violent death. Footprints leading from his body were tracked to a nearby Palestinian village. No one has been charged with the crime.

"It changed our lives," the rabbi said. "We have a new mission."

Wrenched into a public role he never expected, Mandell now finds himself traveling the world to tell his son's story as a way of raising awareness about the cost of the violence. Since September 2000, at least 233 Israelis and 780 Palestinians have been killed in the escalating conflict.

In Los Angeles last month, Mandell stood near Mayor James K. Hahn at City Hall and accepted his condolences. He also took part in a fund-raising march for the families of terrorism victims in Israel, as well as in New York and Washington, D.C. And Mandell made his position clear.

"Hate killed Kobi. I don't hate anyone. Not even the Arabs who killed my kid," says Seth Mandell, a West Bank Rabbi.

Many assume that only a Zionist would put down roots in the West Bank, someone convinced that Israelis belong there because God gave them the land. But the charged overtones of Mandell's choice aren't something he acknowledges. He and his wife settled on the West Bank by coincidence, he said. Argue with him that the West Bank is not safe for his children — he still has three — and he says that no place in Israel is safe anymore.

"Growing up in America you don't think this way, but there's a life-and-death struggle for survival in Israel," he said. "Jews get killed. Security issues exist that don't come up elsewhere."

Mandell was raised in Connecticut as a cultural Jew who never observed a Sabbath or ate kosher food. In the early '70s, after graduation from the University of Connecticut, he saw a television news report about a shortage of farmhands in Israel. Volunteers were needed to work the land while the local citizens served their military duty. Three weeks later, he was in Jerusalem.

He became a believer by a sheer act of will. A rabbi advised him to go through the motions for just one month and see if it made a difference.

After he was ordained, Mandell returned to the United States, married, had children and worked with Jewish college students at the Hill Center of Penn State University and later, the University of Maryland. One night in September 1992, he watched Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shake hands with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat at the White House, in a step toward a peace accord.

"I thought to myself, maybe my boys won't have to go into the army," Mandell recalled. "Maybe by the time they grow up, there will be peace."

Three years later, he and his family left Maryland for the West Bank.

Today, he thinks about creating a lasting memorial to his murdered son. One way he and his wife found to do that was to start a summer camp for the children of Jewish families struck by attacks in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Mandell wants to open similar camps in Bosnia and other war-torn countries.

Web site uses multiple-choice answers to reveal spirituality

By Craig Stoltz
The Washington Post

Thank God: Someone has finally developed a way to automate religious faith.

The Belief-O-Matic, one of many original features of the first-rate interfaith Web site Beliefnet, addresses a common if little-acknowledged dilemma: Knowing what you believe, and having a pretty clear idea about how to behave, but wondering where this places you in the context of contemporary religious doctrine.

The Belief-O-Matic (to find it, go to www.beliefnet.com and scroll down the home page to find the icon) asks 20 questions regarding your ideas about the afterlife, divorce, evil, how the universe was created and other heavy topics. It then estimates in percentages the overlap between your values and those of a long list of religions and belief systems.

What you do with this information, of course, is up to you (though the site offers plenty of opportunities to investigate your "matches").

As the site disclaims: "Belief-O-Matic assumes no legal liability for the ultimate fate of your soul."

Reviewers pick 2001's top religious music

Dallas Morning News

Here are reviewers' top picks for 2001:

1. "Psalmody," by the David Asaph Project. (David Asaph Music). Many of us have waited a long time to hear a contemporary Christian recording like this. Nothing but Psalms here. Full biblical texts are set and sung by Dallas doctor David Albrecht.
2. "Sing, ye Heavens: Hymns for All Time," by the Cambridge Singers, directed by John Rutter (Collegium Records). At a time when choruses threaten to eclipse the church's rich musical inheritance, it's good to be reminded that there is still life, not to mention breadth and

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depth, in the best hymns — Paul R. Buckley

1. "Big Blue Sky," by Bebo Norman (Essential). My top spot's typically held by the album that resonated, both in heart and head, the most. This year, songs like "Cover Me," "Tip Of My Heart," and "Break Me Through" fit that bill for me.

2. "God & Money," by Jill Phillips (Independent; see www.jillphillips.com). Ms. Phillips' songs are equally personal. "Last Time" and "Back on Track" deal with sin, "When Love Is Present" with marriage, and the title track with the pulls of

the world — all thoughtfully done. —Beau Buck

1. "Gift of God," by Marty Haugen (GIA). It's liturgical music steeped in Advent and justice themes. Rich choral singing on new hymns and fresh arrangements of familiar acclamations make this CD the year's standout.
2. "In the Company of Angels: A Call to Worship," by Caedmon's Call (Essential). Strong songwriting combined with outstanding instrumentation make this collection compelling. The group's vocaleseph produce sweet harmonies that make their folk-tinged pop memorable.

—Susan Hogan/Albach

1. "Momentum" by TobyMac (Forefront Records). TobyMac (aka Toby McKeehan) calls his sound fusion hip-hop. He blends rapcore, blues, gospel, and funk. Dallas' Kirk Franklin joins him for the CD's best track, "J Train," and Toby's preschool son has a great rapping interlude.
2. "In a Perfect World" by rod laver (BEC Recordings). The disc opens with sinister snarling guitars and Rudy Nielsen's menacing vocals. The quartet's hard rock and hip-hop mixture, often called "New Rock," is combined with aggressive lyrics addressing the world's demands for perfection, or a shallow semblance of it.

—Mircus Stewart

Year in reading reflects aftermath of terrorism

By Susan Hogan/Albach
The Dallas Morning News

At the start of 2001, the spiritual book that everyone seemed to want was "The Prayer of Jabez," a small volume that beckoned readers to ask God to expand their territory. By year's end, "Jabez" had been widely panned as a get-rich prayer scheme. In the aftermath of Sept. 11, many readers had turned more introspective with Rabbi Harold Kushner's "Living a Life that Matters."

The year's most popular spiritual books leaned toward spiritual nostalgia, religious diversity, and the search for meaning after the horrific losses caused by the terrorist attacks, religion observers say.

Kushner's new offering res-

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onated with readers across religious lines, as he had his 1981 blockbuster hit, "When Bad Things Happen to Good People."

"Clearly, after 9-11 there was a surge in sales of the Bible, the Quran, and books about Islam," said Phyllis Tickle, contributing editor in religion at Publishers Weekly.

Movies sparked readers to snatch up Harry Potter books and all things by J.R.R. Tolkien, author of "The Lord of the Rings."

Much of the talk stirred by Harry Potter had to do with whether the books were religion or fantasy.

Readers also were entertained by Jan Karon's fictional Mitford

series about a small-town Episcopal priest named Father Tim Kavanagh. Karon offered his books this year, "Patches of Light: Father Tim's Favorite Quotes" and "The Mitford Snowmen," a Christmas story.

Two academic religion books captured the public imagination: Huston Smith's "Why Religion Matters: The Fate of the Human Spirit in an Age of Disbelief" and Diana Eck's "New Religious America: How a Christian Country Has Now Become the World's Most Religiously Diverse Nation."

Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins' "Desecration: Antichrist Takes the Throne," the fifth book in the apocalyptic Left Behind series, was released in October and quickly found a large following. That's the same

month that Max Lucado's "Traveling Light: Releasing the Burdens You Were Never Intended to Bear" hit store shelves.

Dr. Bruce Forbes, a specialist in religion and popular culture, said that Bruce Wilkinson's "Jabez," the Left Behind series and Jan Karon's fiction reflect three ways that people cope with difficult times, which were exacerbated this year by the terrorist attacks.

"People trying to cope tend to be comforted by nostalgia represented by Karon, find fulfillment in abundance represented by 'Jabez,' or turn to an otherworldly focus, like the millennial preoccupation found in Left Behind," said Forbes, who teaches at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa.

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Couple sells TF Mail Boxes Etc. franchise

TWIN FALLS—Walter and Julie Wilson have sold their Mail Boxes Etc. franchise in Twin Falls to Christopher and Vickie Johanson. Vickie Johanson said they closed the purchase of the franchise Dec. 27.

Vickie Johanson will be the main partner in the business. She trained for a week in Boise, two weeks at the Mail Boxes Etc. training center in San Diego and two weeks at Joe Ball's Mail Boxes Etc. in Boise. She said her husband will work at the business in the morning before driving to Hailey, where he is an air traffic controller at Frelman Memorial Airport.

The new owners plan an open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 2. Vickie Johanson said she was born and raised in Mackay but when married moved to New Jersey where her husband was an air traffic controller. She said he retired from the Federal Aviation Administration in Boston in October 1998. They moved to Twin Falls 2 1/2 years ago, and he didn't stay retired long.

Walter and Julie Wilson, who held the franchise since 1996, are headed back to southern California. Walter Wilson said he has had enough of cold and snow.

Tribe wants to charge media to cover news

IDAHO FALLS — The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in southeastern Idaho want to charge media organizations \$150 a year for access to the reservation to report news stories. Local newspapers and broadcasters have rejected the idea.

Tribal leaders say they will enforce a 1992 tribal law requiring any organization doing business on the reservation to purchase an annual business license, tribal council member Wesley Edmo said.

"Basically, we have our own sovereign government, and we have government services that need to be taken care of. So we use this fee to take care of them," he said. "It's not like you're coming into the system with the state of Idaho, so what's so hard about paying a fee to the tribe?"

Eric LaPointe, superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, said ordinances requiring business licenses are common across the nation.

"It's a standard practice for anyone coming onto the reservation to do business to have a business license," LaPointe said. "But how the media fits into that, I don't know."

Dean Miller, managing editor of the Post Register in Idaho Falls, said the newspaper would not purchase a license, which is also available at \$25 a day.

"We are all residents of the United States and, as such, enjoy the protection of the First Amendment," Miller said. "No one gets to pick and choose which provisions of the Constitution or of federal law they must follow."

Officials at three television stations also say they would not buy licenses. Two recently had reporters kicked off the reservation because they had no licenses.

"We feel that's not the ethical thing, buying a license to cover the news," said Jay Hildebrand, broadcast news anchor for KFFV-TV Channel 8 in Idaho Falls. "What's the next step, having to buy a license to go into the courthouse or the police station?"

Qwest will all chairman's remarks at conference

TWIN FALLS — Denver-based Qwest Communications International Inc., the broadband communications company selling local phone service in much of the Magic Valley, will broadcast the remarks of its chairman and chief executive, Joseph P. Nacchio, over the Web. The broadcast begins at about 7 p.m. Tuesday, when he speaks at the Salomon Smith Barney Entertainment, Media and Telecommunications Conference in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The next step, having to buy a license to go into the courthouse or the police station?

Retail boosts valley employment

Area unemployment rates hold steady despite national increase

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—For now, Magic Valley enjoys employment stability in the nation's economic downturn — demonstrated by Friday's forecast of December jobless rates.

But January could be the telling month. January jobless rates will be reported in early February.

"I'm a little uncertain what next month's going to hold," said Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's regional labor economist for Magic Valley.

By the end of January, he said, water man-

agers should have a much better understanding of the year's water-supply outlook, which affects agriculture, tourism and other sectors of the valley's economy. Rogers should know the extent of local retailers' typical post-holiday staff reductions. And he's waiting to see how much new hiring at Dell Computer Corp.'s technical support operation will offset that retail reduction.

Another unknown, Rogers said, is whether statewide economic news — large layoffs, state budget woes and the like — will start to trouble local consumers and make them reluctant to spend.

"Our consumer spending here has been

A look at local



good" he said. Particularly in Twin Falls County, retailers' better-than-expected holiday hiring offset a rise in construction workers' unemployment claims. The county's 4.6 percent joblessness was unchanged from the month before and from December 2000.

Here's a rundown on the rest of the valley:

Blaine County

Blame construction layoffs for the up-tick in

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County	Dec. 01	Nov. 01	Dec. 00
Blaine	3.6%	3.0%	3.3%
Camas	4.1	3.9	5.7
Cassia	5.8	5.7	5.7
Elmore	5.7	5.7	6.2
Gooding	3.4	3.3	4.3
Jerome	4.2	3.6	4.3
Lincoln	4.5	3.3	4.0
Minidoka	5.4	6.6	6.0
Owyhee	4.2	4.2	4.5
Twin Falls	4.6	4.6	4.6

Source: Idaho Department of Labor forecasts

U.S. unemployment rate rises



Tommas Love, center, and Terrence Coppedge, right, line up with an unidentified woman for job interviews at a California State Employment Development Department office in Los Angeles Friday. The nation's jobless rate climbed to 5.8 percent in December, highest in more than six years.

Figure hits highest mark in more than six years

WASHINGTON — The nation's unemployment rate climbed to a six-year high of 5.8 percent in December as businesses slashed payrolls for a fifth straight month. It was the longest stretch of job losses in a decade as the economy continued to falter in recession.

The economy lost more jobs last year than in any other in the past two decades, but December's 124,000 job losses were sharply below the previous two months, the Labor Department reported Friday.

"It's as if we're sliding downhill in the dark," said Bill Cheney, economist with Hancock Financial Services. "We're on a more gentle slope now so we hope that we're at or near the bottom. But we really can't tell yet."

The employment report provided fresh fuel for political debate. The administration tried to increase pressure on Senate Democrats to take up President Bush's economic stimulus program, now called the "economic security" package — when Congress returns this month.

Democrats say the package needs to offer fewer tax cuts for the wealthy and more help for thousands of people out of work.

Republicans counter that the tax cuts are needed to spur job creation. "The most important thing that we can do for dislocated workers is to help them find a new job," said Labor Secretary Elaine Chao. "The best thing that we can do for them is not to help them remain on unemployment insurance."

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said that a year ago the nation could have made "virtual-

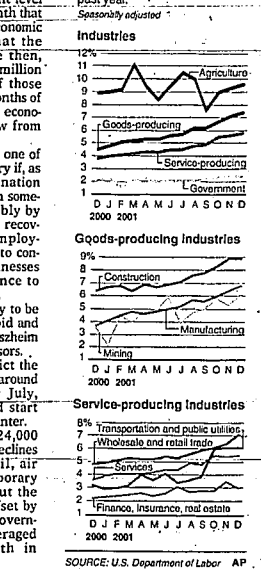
ly any urgent investment we needed. We do not have that flexibility and those resources today, because Republicans chose ideology over experience."

The unemployment report showed that businesses cut 1.08 million jobs from their payrolls in 2001 — the largest, single-year loss since 1982 when 2.16 million were cut as the country struggled through the steepest downturn since the Great Depression.

Last year's was the first annual job loss since businesses trimmed 844,000 jobs in 1991, during the last recession. The 10-year economic expansion that followed — the longest stretch in U.S. history — pushed

Unemployment

Here is a look at the unemployment rate by industry for the past year.



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor. AP

Idaho job opportunities remain scarce

The Associated Press

BOISE — Flagging economic activity held new job opportunities to a minimum in December even as thousands of additional workers joined the Idaho labor force, the Labor Department reported Friday.

It pushed the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate up a third of a point from November to 5.5 percent, the highest in five years. Nearly 38,000 workers were off the job last month, more than in any month since August 1987 when the unemployment rate was 8 percent and the state was just beginning to shake a near-depression.

The state paid \$5.5 million in unemployment insurance to more than 24,000 workers this week, 40 percent more than collected compensation a year ago.

"At this point I don't know exactly where the job growth will come from," Kelly Matthews said in assessing the economy this week.

"With job growth minimal any place but Boise and Boise is slow, it's going to be difficult to generate any kind of positive growth in the next year," Matthews said. The surge, three-quarters of a percentage point since October, reinforced the bleak economic picture being painted this week for a special legislative panel reviewing the economy. It also resulted in the average unemployment rate for 2001 hitting 4.9 percent, a tenth of a point higher than department analysts estimated just a day earlier but matching the rate for 2000.

Those analysts said payrolls contracted in all industrial sectors and seasonal hiring in retail and temporary employment agencies was off during December. Weather-related layoffs in construction and other outdoor businesses were partially offset by increased hiring in the tourism industry as snow blanketed the state through the month.

"We're not immune from national recessions," state Commerce Director Gary Mahn said. "We're going through some tough times right now. But when the tide does turn globally, nationally, Idaho will be one of the first to benefit."

While total employment remained at a near record just below 655,000, another 2,900 people entered the labor force last month, sending it over

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Farm outlook reflects struggling economy

The Associated Press

BOISE — The rebound in commodity markets in 2001 pushed gross receipts for Idaho farmers and ranchers to a record \$3.6 billion, and record government payments to producers kept farm income at the average for the last half century.

But top state agriculture officials told lawmakers Friday they cannot expect any further economic improvements in the coming 12 months.

and Revenue Assessment Committee.

"But I'm still optimistic," Branon said. "The demand for food is going to grow in the world. We have excellent people, good soil."

Agriculture Director Pat Takasugi said the seventh straight year of gross cash over \$3 billion shows that "with the diversity of agriculture in this state, we have stability. You're going to see parts having trouble. You're going to see parts enjoying high prices."

Takasugi, a seed farmer himself, also speculated that food prices in America have bottomed out and will begin rising as production becomes concentrated in

fewer and fewer hands and those big producers look for profit-propping alliances with each other and multinational food conglomerates.

"We're producing as cheap as we can, and we're going broke," he said. "The independence of farmers has been their demise. Unfortunately, there are fewer of them, and they're starting to talk to each other."

"What you have left is really the cream of the crop of farmers," Takasugi said. "And they're exploring many alternatives to survive. No one wants to lose money."

Today 6 percent of the farms generate 68 percent of the

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New prepaid card helps boost December sales for Starbucks

Knight Ridder News Service

SEATTLE — Enthusiastic customer response to a new prepaid card unveiled over the holidays helped Starbucks post its strongest monthly sales growth since summer.

The company — which has a Ketchum store — said sales were up 3 percent in December at stores open longer than a year. Same-store sales,

which exclude new and closed stores, are a telling gauge of retail performance.

The 3-percent gain follows four straight months of 1-percent increases and came during a month in which many retailers saw a dip in same-store sales. Total sales, including new stores, jumped 22 percent to \$343 million.

"All in all, it has not been a happy time for retail, so we feel really good about this."

— Orin Smith, Starbucks president
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MONEY

Stocks rise for third straight session

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks rose Friday for a third straight session, posting solid gains despite the worst monthly unemployment report in more than six years.

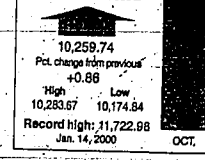
Investors focused on data that showed fewer jobs were cut in December than in previous months; those numbers seemed to strengthen Wall Street's conviction that there will indeed be an economic turnaround this spring. Technology stocks, which have led the market this week, continued their advance, and the momentum again spread to the broader market.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 87.60, or 0.9 percent, at 10,259.74, its best close since late August.

Boats-in-indicator-also-rose. The technology-focused Nasdaq composite index advanced 15.11, or 0.7 percent, to 2,059.58. The Standard & Poor's 500 index

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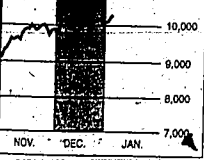
climbed 7.24, or 0.6 percent, to 11,722.98.

For the week, the Dow rose 1.2 percent, the Nasdaq gained 3.6 percent and the S&P advanced nearly 1.0 percent.

"Investors are looking beyond the valley of that tragic event (the Sept. 11 attacks), to the peaks ahead," said Alfred E.

Goldman, chief market strategist for A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis.

The market moved higher Friday, even as the Labor Department reported the national unemployment rate rose to 5.8 percent in December as businesses cut 124,000 jobs. Still, the losses were less severe than in recent



months. Job losses had averaged about 400,000 a month in October and November.

Investors took that decrease as an indication the economy had bottomed out and that a recovery was now more likely to kick across the market rallied, with particularly strong noticeable gains in technology.

Intel advanced 27 cents to \$35.79, benefitting for a second straight session from a J.P. Morgan analyst's bullish comments that the company's business might soon improve. Intel competitor Advanced Micro Devices, which soared 18 percent Thursday in reaction to that assessment, rose another 63 cents to \$20.

Wall Street also bid DaimlerChrysler higher as the automaker said its 2001 operating profit had met the lower end of its expectations. The shares gained \$1.22 to \$45.62.

Farms

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receipts in Idaho. Twenty years ago, those same kinds of big farms generated just a third of all receipts.

Farm income came in just above the 30-year average of about \$800 million, adjusted for inflation. But Brannen said that was only because nearly \$293 million in federal payments and the late commodity market surge that boosted gross receipts 6 percent.

In posting that 6 percent increase over 2000 receipts, revenue from the state's livestock sector exceeded that from crops for the first time in history. Dairy receipts rose 35 percent to just over \$1 billion, and cattle receipts hit \$800 million. The total receipts were also boosted by sheep and lambs, which dropped 2 percent.

By contrast, the only bright spot on the ledger's crop side was hay, which was up 6 percent to

\$250 million, and onions, which jumped 29 percent to \$40 million.

Potatoes, which were drawing just a dollar a hundred pounds last winter, generated \$500 million in cash receipts last year. That was down 16 percent as growers responded to depressed prices and the power crisis by slashing production 16 percent.

It was much the same for wheat, 4 percent lower, barley down 3 percent, dried beans off 10 percent, and sugar beets fractionally lower.

Potato prices have improved dramatically since last winter, offering some hope for profitability from the 2001 crop, and Brannen said the average price for most Idaho wheat should rise over 60 cents a bushel to \$3.65.

Barley prices should rise but remain below break-even levels while cattle prices will stay in the \$5 range and milk prices will drop, possibly as much as \$2 a hundred pounds.

Valley

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joblessness - three-tenths of a percent higher than a year ago and up six-tenths of a percent from November.

"Because their weather has been really severe up there. It's been excellent for the resorts... but it's caused some layoffs or suspensions of some jobs," Rogers said. "It bodes well water-wise, but it's slowed construction down, there's no doubt about that."

Camas County

Construction, again, gets the blame for December unemployment two-tenths of a percent higher than in November. But there's another side to the weather story. The significant

year-over-year drop in joblessness is resort-related; Soldier Mountain had sufficient snow to open relatively early, also boosting resort-related industries, Rogers said.

Cassia County

Unemployment rose a tiny one-tenth of a percent from November and from a year ago. "Again, it's pretty much the construction mix, but offset by the pretty good retail hiring there," Rogers said.

Elmore County

Joblessness was unchanged from November and lower than a

year ago. Mountain Home is a corridor for Sun Valley-bound travelers, and Sun Valley's snowy weather has preserved Elmore County's service and retail jobs.

Gooding County

Gooding County, too, saw a construction slowdown and a slight rise from November's unemployment rate. "But the trend is significantly downward from last year," Rogers said.

Jerome County

Rogers characterized the unemployment rate rise between November and December - of six-tenths of a percent - as a normal seasonal fluctuation.

A year ago, weather altered construction projects to continue

involved in dairy and agriculture," he said.

And it's not a bad time to be dependent on agricultural jobs. The state's other major resource industries - timber and mining - have been devastated.

"Agriculture, on the other hand, has shown some signs of optimism over the past year," Rogers said, citing higher commodity prices and the promising snowfall.

into December. This time around, retail hiring offset slowdowns in construction and in hotel and restaurant jobs, Rogers said.

Lincoln County

Lincoln County has many construction workers who work in other counties - thus the month-to-month and year-to-year increases in joblessness. But December's 4.6 percent is still a healthy rate, Rogers said.

Mindoka County

"We have seen pretty good holiday hiring," Rogers said, accounting for a slight drop in the county's unemployment rate since November. But the county suffered a drop

off in tourism-related industries - related to drought, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and perhaps curbed bad weather - that has cut jobs at hotels and restaurants and helped raise the county's unemployment rate to 6.1 percent from a year ago, he said.

Also, the attention Salt Lake City is getting may be stealing some tourism away from south-central Idaho.

"Hopefully that could improve a little bit as the Olympics get closer as people move through the area and stay in motels," he said.

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MARKETS

AT&T plans to cut 5,000 more jobs

NEW YORK (AP) - AT&T Corp. said Friday it will eliminate 5,000 more jobs and take \$1 billion for the quarter charge to cover the cost of those cuts as well as 5,100 earlier ones. The jobs affected are mainly in the company's business, consumer and corporate units, and more than half are management positions, AT&T said. About 90 percent of the cuts will take place in and around New York Stock Exchange.

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POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau International

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau International announced a livestock auction for January 10, 2002, at the Pocatello Fairgrounds. The auction will feature a variety of livestock including cattle, hogs, and sheep.

FOSSIL FUELS

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Friday showed a slight rise in oil prices. The price of oil rose to \$20.40 a barrel, up from \$20.20 on Thursday.

BEANS

Valley Beans: Prices are not too far from 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1. The market is quiet, with prices for various grades of beans ranging from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per bushel.

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices in the Chicago Mercantile Market: 1/2% Cheddar, 1/2% Cheddar, 1/2% Cheddar. Prices are generally stable, with some fluctuations in specific grades.

METALS/CURRENCY

Selected world gold prices: Friday, Jan. 4, 2002. Gold prices are showing a slight decline, with the price of gold falling to \$278.00 per ounce.

POTATOES

IDMHO (AP) - Idaho's potato prices for Idaho's 2001-02 season are generally stable. The price of Idaho potatoes is around \$1.50 per bushel.

WHEAT

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Friday showed a slight rise in wheat prices. The price of wheat rose to \$1.50 a bushel.

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NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade Friday showed a slight rise in sugar prices. The price of sugar rose to \$18.00 a cwt.

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Continued from C5. 630,000 for the first time ever. And most could not find jobs. There were fewer job opportunities as the impact of the national recession became more pronounced, analysts said. The December rate also seventeenth of a point higher than a year ago, but it was the third straight month that the state rate has been below the national rate. Unemployment across the country climbed to 5.8 percent.

Starbucks

Continued from C5. happy time for retail, so we feel really good about this," said Orin Smith, Starbucks president and chief executive. Smith attributed the climb in December sales to the company's holiday season offerings and the introduction of the Starbucks Card, which customers use much like a debit card after prepaying for it in amounts from \$5 to \$500. The cards have replaced paper gift certificates and are billed as a quicker, more convenient form of currency for frequent shoppers. Starbucks has sold more than 2.3 million cards since rolling them out in late November, a number Smith described as a "whopping big increase" over what he believed the company had expected. "We've been shocked by how popular this has become," Smith said. While customers must pay up front for the full value of the card, purchases aren't recorded as revenue until customers actually use the card. That could give figures a boost in future months, as people redeem cards they received as holiday gifts. As for December, Smith said the cards seemed to draw more customers - both gift-givers and regulars - into the stores. "It's obviously going better than the company thought and I think anybody would have thought," said Dan Grims, retail analyst for McAdam's Wright Ragan in Seattle. Starbucks also passed another milestone in December, topping 5,000 stores. As of Dec. 31, the company ran 5,104 stores worldwide.

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