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Drought payments ease burden

Magic Valley livestock producers benefit from federal aid program

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The word got around pretty fast among county folks that there's government money for the grabbing through the Twin Falls Farm Service Agency office. In just the past three weeks,

some 450 applicants have filed requests for federal drought disaster relief payments under a one-time livestock compensation program, said Jim McLaughlin, director of FSA's Jerome and Twin Falls offices.

Assistance is awarded in the form of dollars per head for livestock producers who grossed no more than \$2.5 million in 2001. The payments are to compensate producers for drought and insect infestation during 2000 and 2001. They are capped at \$40,000 per individual or corporation. A qualifying dairyman can have

a herd of up to about 900 animals, said Milton Carey, a University of Idaho economist. If the dairyman's wife is a partner, she can own another 900 cows and get \$40,000, McLaughlin acknowledged. There can be up to three partners.

But owners of feeder cattle only get about half of what dairy cow owners get because dairy cows take more feed.

Even people who have just a few animals qualify. "Half of these people we have never met before," McLaughlin said. "These are the kind of people we hardly ever see."

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Jacques Boute, team leader for the nuclear experts, left, and other U.N. inspectors walk inside the Milad factory in Yafsoofah, 9 miles south-east of Baghdad, Iraq, on Saturday.

Inspectors visit Iraqi site labeled 'sensitive'

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — In the 1990s, the Iraqi government classified an army post north of Baghdad housing the Badr Chemical Defense Battalion as a "sensitive" site, a designation that required advance notice and other formalities from U.N. arms inspectors if they wanted to pay a visit, effectively preventing them from conducting a surprise search.

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EASY RIDERS



School buses line the drive at Vera O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls. The number of students who ride school buses has dropped in recent years, in part because more parents are dropping off and picking up their children.

More parents drive their kids to school every day

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They arrive early to stake out prime spots. Parents by the dozens line up in their vehicles, like taxis at an airport, in front of L.B. Perrine Elementary School.

At Twin Falls' older elementary schools, Lincoln and Bickel, parents double- and triple-park. It's the ring of the school bell they're waiting for — the moment their children emerge from the school building, making bee-lines toward their parked cars.

Once a child is in the car, it's time weave through the obstacle course, escaping from the tangle of cars.

More parents than ever are shunning traditional modes of student transportation — school buses, bicycling or walking — preferring instead to ferry their children to and from school.

The reasons are varied. Some do so out of safety concerns, others to have more time with their kids. Some do it "just because." While a personalized transportation system makes for a

Fewer students still ride the bus in Magic Valley

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Although Twin Falls School District enrollment has increased, bus ridership has decreased.

In September 2002, 1,352 students rode this bus in the morning and 1,546 in the afternoon, down from September 2001 figures showing 1,463 morning riders and 1,585 afternoon riders.

Even then, those numbers just represent students eligible to ride the bus. Figures of students actually riding the bus would probably be much lower, Superintendent Terrell Donich said.

That's something bus driver

Chris Leazer has certainly seen. Her 60-passenger bus is never more than half full. In fact, at O'Leary Junior High School, she said she picks up only 12 students.

For the 2002-03 school year, the district spent around \$900,000 on busing; 85 percent of that will be reimbursed by the state the following year.

The district gets paid the same, regardless of the capacity at which buses operate.

But there's little room to cut corners. Essentially, if a student lives beyond the mile-and-a-half radius, he is eligible to ride the bus.

Forget about paring down

bus service to save money, Donich said.

"The political price you would pay would be pretty high," he said. "If the state board decided to reduce transportation, there would be such a rush of parents at the state board meetings that they would be shocked and amazed."

Donich learned that more than a decade ago, when he was superintendent at the Challis School District. A proposal to trim transportation caused an enormous uproar, he said.

Despite a downward trend in ridership, a significant number of people depend on the bus, he said.

comfortable ride for students, the ever-growing crush of vehicles has become a nuisance in the Twin Falls School District. "It's a madhouse," said Kent Anderson, principal at Perrine. The district provides buses to

students who live greater than a mile and a half from school. In a few cases, the district provides "safety" bus routes that travel even closer.

But generally, any distance under a mile and a half is consid-

ered safe and reasonable for students to walk or ride bicycles to school.

Bus ridership has stayed relatively level over the years — more

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Hunger rates are highest in rural Western towns

The Associated Press

MATLOCK, Wash. — An old pickup truck turns off a lonely, two-lane country road into a crowded gravel parking lot, and 62-year-old Jerry lumbers out to join the line of people waiting for the Matlock Food Bank to open.

A real estate agent before a string of heart attacks forced him into retirement and medical debt, Jerry asks that his full name not be used. He doesn't want his chil-

dren to know he relies on the food bank for staples every week. The pills that keep his heart beating cost him \$200 a month, the rural property he invested in for retirement isn't worth enough to sell, and he just can't afford it all.

He stands up straight in crisp blue jeans and a faded blue flannel shirt as he waits in line, the low, gray sky casting a pall over the parking lot. Jerry doesn't get food stamps — his wife can vegetables from their garden, he

never far away. The problem has spread throughout the West, where researchers identify a "hunger belt" stretching from New Mexico to Washington state.

The phenomenon baffled researchers when it was first documented in the 1990s — poverty rates are higher in the South, so why do people suffer from hunger more often in the West?

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hunts and fishes and they raise chickens to keep food on the table. But he's not too proud to accept help when he needs it.

"We're in a depression, not a recession," Jerry said, gazing through thick, round glasses at the woods surrounding his hard-scrabble, timber-dependent town.

"Most of the people that come here, they're my neighbors." In Matlock, as in so many rural Western communities, everyone knows the threat of hunger is

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Dry with mid and high level clouds increasing in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 40s.

Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy skies and dry. Lows in the upper 20s.

Tomorrow: Partly sunny skies and light winds. Highs in the lower 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy skies and cool temperatures. Highs in the lower 40s.

Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy skies and dry. Lows in the middle 20s.

Tomorrow: Partly sunny skies and light winds. Highs in the lower to middle 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Conditions continue to be mostly dry for the next several days.

Monday and Tuesday: Cool weather will continue to be found for today and most of this week.

Wednesday: A little bit in the way of mid and high level clouds will be possible today and Monday, but otherwise skies will be mostly clear.

Thursday: A snow shower is possible through the day with scattered rain and snow, although possible late today and tomorrow.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday weather icons and brief descriptions.

High 42 Low 29 41/27 39/21 33/14 35/18

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Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset.

MOON PHASES

Dec. 1 New Moon, Dec. 11 First Qtr, Dec. 19 Full Moon, Dec. 27 Last Qtr.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, Tuesday, High, Low, Wind, etc.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, High, Low, Wind, etc.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with columns for City, HI, LO, Pcp, and weather icons.

U.V. INDEX

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SNOWPACK

Table with columns for Snowpack, Snowfall, and Snowmelt.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with columns for Moonrise, Moonset, and Moon phase.

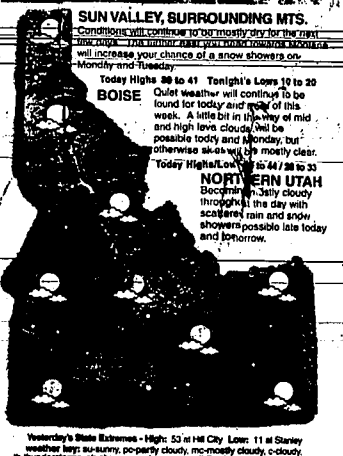
NATIONAL FORECAST

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WORLD FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Weather patterns and forecast areas for Idaho.

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Bus driver's 'Taliban' remark draws police response, charges

MARLBORO, N.J. (AP) - Passengers on a Greyhound bus said the driver told them he was taking them 'to the Taliban' after they criticized his meandering route Saturday night, prompting a massive police response.

The New York-bound bus hit heavy traffic soon after leaving Philadelphia, and the driver took several alternate routes to find less congested roads, said passenger Sally Weisbrod, 30.

"People were angry and making fun of the driver, yelling 'Do you know what you're doing up there? Do you know where you're going?' He clearly was annoyed," she said.

Weisbrod said the driver then shot back: "I'm taking you to the Taliban."

She said the driver was only joking because he was upset, but some people panicked and called 911 on their cell phones. Within minutes, 18 police cars surrounded the bus and pulled it over, she said.

Dara Salzman, a passenger from New York, said passengers were ordered to get off the bus with their hands in the air. Officers had their guns pointed at the bus, she said.

The bus driver was charged with creating a false public alarm, Marlboro Police Capt. Brian Hall said. He was expected to be released Saturday night on a summons.

"Needless to say, the comment that was made by the bus driver was inappropriate, especially in today's world," Hall said. "He said he didn't mean it; he was just frustrated."

Jamille Bradford, a spokeswoman for Dallas-based Greyhound, said the company was cooperating with authorities. The 30 passengers re-boarded the bus and continued on to New York with a different driver.

Site

Continued from A1. Karim Mohsen Alwan, a senior member of a group of Iraqi military officials who accompanied the U.N. team, said the inspectors "found nothing." Alwan would not comment on the inspectors' findings at the site.

The inspectors have said they will not publicly discuss their conclusions before reporting to their superiors in New York and Vienna, who in turn must report to the Security Council. The U.N. commission and the IAEA are required to provide an update of their work to the Security Council in late January.

In the 1990s, Iraq declared some facilities as "sensitive sites," requiring the United Nations to provide the government with advance notice of inspections and to limit the number of inspectors who could enter. The new resolution, passed unanimously in November, demands inspectors be given "immediate, unimpeded, unconditional and unrestricted access" to all sites.

Inspectors from the IAEA visited two industrial plants south of Baghdad connected with the military. The first was the Umm al-Maarik Co., known in English as the Public Company of the Mother of All Battles. The company, named for the Iraq term for the 1991 Persian Gulf War, is part of the government's Military Industrialization Commission.

Plant officials say it produces light machinery, including spare parts for vehicles. The second was the al-Milad Co., a facility previously known as al-Furat, which played a key role in Iraq's nuclear-weapons program and was intensively investigated by U.N. inspectors in the 1990s. Iraqi officials contend the complex now is used only for civilian purposes.

Before the Gulf War, researchers at al-Furat worked on developing centrifuges that could be used in the production of weapons-grade uranium. Recent satellite images indicate a building planned years ago to house the centrifuges was completed after the inspectors left in 1998.

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Drive

Continued from A1. popular, naturally, in the warm weather than in the cold. What has decreased dramatically over the last decade or two, say educators, is students hoofing it to school.

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However, the whole family prefers to travel to and from school while waiting in a car to pick up.

Taking them to school in the morning just gets me going," she said. "It's convenient, and I don't mind doing it."

Shawn Arrington said the driver's eighth-grade son, Travis, four miles to O'Leary both for convenience and for extra time to spend with him, they live near the airport, Travis generally is the first one to be picked up by the bus and the last to be dropped off.

"So it's two more hours of the day that I don't see him," she said. "I'd shorten his day, and I see him more."

Study: Medicinal marijuana users are mostly older, male

WASHINGTON (AP) - The typical medicinal marijuana user is likely to resemble someone from the Baby Boom generation - or older - rather than a 20-something poster child, according to a congressional study.

Data collected in Hawaii and Oregon - two of the eight states allowing medicinal use for medical treatment - show the majority of users are males, 40 years old or older, who take the drug for severe pain or persistent muscle spasms, said the report.

The study by the General Accounting Office, which covered Alaska and California as well, also said the relaxed drug laws in those states have had a minimal impact on crime fighting, although they at times complicate prosecution of drug cases.

The GAO found that a total of about 2,450 people in Oregon, Hawaii and Alaska use marijuana for medical purposes - accounting for no more than .05 percent of the population in any of the states.

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Daniel Walock, circulation director

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NATION

Experts: U.S. could hit Iraq quickly

The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON — If President Bush decides to wage war on Iraq, he won't have to wait for the long military buildup in the Persian Gulf that was necessary when his father made a similar decision.

Mobilization for the Gulf War of 1991, waged under former President George Bush, took five months. The buildup to a possible Gulf war today could be much faster, say U.S. military officials.

Under way: The military could be ready for a new conflict as early as late December, some experts estimate.

Clearly we are slowly and carefully building up troops in the Mideast in anticipation of having to use them," observed retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Don Shepperd. "We're slowly moving supplies, men and equipment into the area."

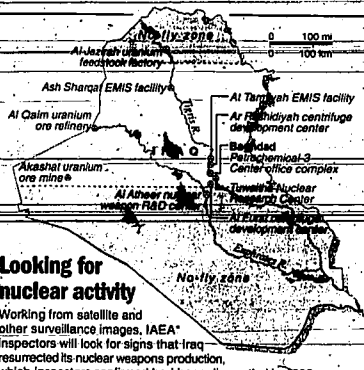
With U.N. inspectors back on Iraqi soil for the first time since 1998, Bush is holding off on any decision to use the military to scour Iraq for biological, chemical and nuclear weapons. But the U.S. armed forces have been ordered to prepare for war and are doing so methodically.

"Planning and preparations continue," said retired Rear Adm. Stephen H. Baker, operations officer for the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier battle group in the 1991 Gulf War. "They haven't slowed down one bit."

Estimates of how many troops would be needed to defeat Saddam Hussein's military and overthrow the Iraqi dictator range from as few as 50,000 up to 250,000, depending on how optimistic the scenario is.

By informed estimates, the U.S. armed services already have 30,000 to 40,000 soldiers, sailors, Air Force members and Marines in or near the gulf, plus a wide range of weapons and equipment in countries near Iraq.

Unlike the Gulf War of 1991, many experts think a new conflict could begin with a "rolling start" in which Air Force and Navy aircraft begin bombing Iraqi air defenses, suspected weapons of mass destruction sites and other key targets while ground troops



Looking for nuclear activity

Working from satellite and other surveillance images, IAEA inspectors will look for signs that Iraq resumed its nuclear weapons production, which inspectors confirmed had been dismantled in 1998.

are flown to the region from Germany and the United States. By launching airstrikes at an early stage, said retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Shepperd, "Not only do

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Tools help donors find charities

NEW YORK (AP) — Donors trying to distinguish between worthy and dubious charities have ever-expanding sources of advice, ranging from a watchdog group with a Top 10 list to a company that charges \$1,000 to scrutinize details of a charity's operations.

On the Net

BBB Wise Giving Alliance Charity Navigator

Charity Navigator of Malvern, N.J., founded in April, lists financial information for 1,750 charities and nonprofits on its Internet site.

Charity Navigator's Top 100 list, based on its rankings of 280 to four stars to each charity.

In the latest rankings, 67 percent of the charities earned three or four stars; about 11 percent earned one or no stars.

GuidoStar, based in Williamsburg, Va., offers an even bigger data base, with information about 850,000 nonprofit organizations.

GuidoStar — which does not rate the charities — provides its basic financial data for free. It also offers in-depth reports at \$59 apiece that show how a given charity performs compared to other charities with similar missions.

Suzanne Coffman, GuidoStar's communications director, says donors have become more interested in charity accountability since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which produced an outpouring of generosity followed by questions about how funds were being used.

Gifts of charity

Religious organizations received the largest share of charity contributions last year. Three-fourths of all charity donations came from individuals.

Other (24.0%) Religion (28.2%) Education (15.0%) Human services (9.3%)

Gifts to foundations and unallocated giving (12.1%) \$25.55

Source: AAFCU Trust of Philanthropy/Giving USA 2002

Request (7.7%) Foundations (12.2%) \$25.80

Corporations (4.3%) Individuals (75.8%) \$8.05 \$160.72

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Hunger

Continued from A1 Now researchers point to a combination of unemployment, seasonal work, rural isolation, population growth and high cost of living that conspires to send people to bed on an empty stomach.

"As the economy continues to struggle, the hunger belt gets tighter every day."

"There's no good job around here. They've got to work at McDonald's and those places don't pay enough for people to live on," says Marge Brown, who works at a food bank.

"Food banks are good — but they which serves about 60 families a week. "It doesn't look like it's going to get better."

New statistics released earlier this month by the U.S. Department of Agriculture confirm the picture of hunger in the West.

Oregon has the highest hunger rate, with 5.8 percent of households experiencing hunger each year, followed by Washington, Utah, Idaho, Alaska, New Mexico and Montana.

Until recently, Washington and Oregon have enjoyed an image of growth and prosperity fueled by the economic boom of the late 1990s.

But the good times were largely confined to Seattle and Portland. Rural areas are still struggling to crawl out of the hole created by downturns in natural resources-based industries: fishing, farming, mining and timber.

The specter of hunger in agricultural areas is "a weird, immoral irony," said Doug O'Brien, vice president of public policy and research at Chicago-based America's Second Harvest, the country's largest private hunger-relief charity.

The numbers on hunger

The government measures hunger rates through yearly national surveys conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. The Current Population Surveys ask a series of questions about how much people spend on food, where they buy food, and if they ever go hungry because they can't afford food.

The survey also includes other questions: Based on the answers, households may be classified as "food insecure" or "food insecure with hunger."

Being food insecure means you don't know where your next meal is coming from. It could mean you rely on food banks or soup kitchens to provide meals for you and your family.

Hunger is the more serious category, meaning you actually went without food for significant periods of time because you couldn't afford to eat.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture analyzes the survey data for its report on hunger in the U.S. Last year, according to the report:

• 11.5 million U.S. households, or 10.7 percent of the household population, was food insecure.

• In 3.5 million households, 3.3 percent, people actually went hungry.

• In 211,000 households, 6 percent of households with kids, children went hungry in 2001.

roads testifies to the main industry in the county, one that's been declining since the 1980s.

Area like Matlock haven't yet found a substitute for the family-wage jobs that logging once provided.

"Migrant workers flock to the area each fall, joining locals for the mushroom harvest, but the work is temporary and the pay low. Several mushroom pickers, their jeans and hands wet with mud stains, stop by the food bank

Harvard 'court' sought to root out gays on campus

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — What began in 1920 as an inquiry into a student's suicide ended in Harvard University convening a secret tribunal that labeled 14 men "guilty" of being homosexual, and forcing the students among them to leave not only the school, but the city of Cambridge.

The history of the body known only as "The Court" remained hidden for more than eight decades.

Then, this year, a student reporter searching the school's archive came across a file labeled "secret court."

The pages that file contained, first reprinted in a recent edition of the Harvard Crimson's magazine, describe Harvard's desperate attempts 80 years ago to hide from public view a secret gay subculture on campus.

"These reports of events long ago are extremely disturbing. They are part of our past that we have rightly left behind," Harvard President Lawrence Summers wrote in response to the Harvard Crimson's magazine.

"I want to express our deep regret for the way this situation was handled, as well as the anguish the students and their families must have experienced eight decades ago."

Drought

Continued from A1 Charlie Lenker learned about the federal payments.

"My neighbor who plays golf at the Jerome Golf Course heard about it from a cattle feeder from over there who doesn't get any of the money," Lenker said. "So I called 'em up (ESA), and they said it was true."

FSA personnel were friendly and professional when he applied for the payments, Lenker said.

"I went down there and his [the lady] knew just what she was doing and worked me right through the program," Lenker said. "They never made me feel ashamed or anything."

Lenker is a small-time producer, though he doesn't want to say how many head he has.

"Cow people don't like to talk about numbers. It's an impertinent question. But I am more than cattle," he said.

He admitted to losing a small amount of pasture and hay production this past summer because "we didn't get as much water as we wanted. Sure, we suffered some ill effects, but it wasn't as if we were up against the wall or anything."

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, is a sheep producer who is looking into the program. He said the nature of such federal programs is that some people might need the assistance while others are getting payments without really needing them.

"Different people undergo different degrees of economic fortune," Noh said.

As for his own circumstances, Noh explained that some of his grazing areas along the southern edge of Twin Falls County were

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• These things are often a function of election-year politics.

McLaughlin said the overall program was probably designed more for Midwestern drought relief. And cattle feed prices in Idaho at certain times are affected by what goes on in the

Midwest, Gray said.

But that doesn't explain why some Magic Valley counties get the money while others don't, said local gardener Jack McCall.

"I'm headquartered in Twin Falls County, so I qualify for the payments in Twin Falls County, but I summer my cows in Jerome County," he said. "If you're looking to find any logic with these federal programs, you're talking to the wrong guy."

He also pointed out that though hay prices aren't particularly high right now, they were last year after the 2001 Idaho drought. McCall said he's paying \$65 a ton today, but a year ago he was paying \$90 to \$100 a ton.

"Eighteen dollars (per-head for each feeder cow over 500 pounds) doesn't even come close to paying the additional cost of feed — and it will go away because this is a one-time deal. But what the hell — it's better than a poke in the eye," McCall said.

Lenker said it is certainly a nice little stipend. Just determined that if they're looking for some excuse to give money away, I might just as well have some of it as the big boys. It's so weird. They write taxes out of people and then jerk it away in the knee-jerk program."

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A coal miner's tragedy

In Waller Resources No. 5, the nation's deepest vertical shaft coal mine located in Brockwood, Ala., is also one of the most dangerous because of its gaseous conditions. On Sept. 23, 2001, 13 men died when a section of the roof

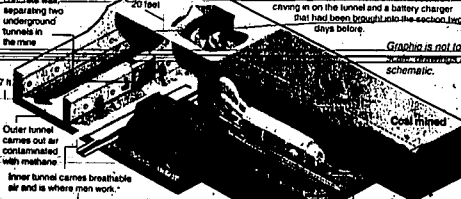
collapsed on a battery charging station, triggering two explosions — 30 minutes apart. (Many of that mild underground. The mine, open since 1978, had a history of safety problems, and at the time of the accident had 31 outstanding violations.

Cracks in safety

On the day of the accident, the casing height caused a five-foot hole to open up in a 20-foot

The men tried to bolster the cracking ceiling with steel bolts and wood timbers. Their efforts could not stop a section of the roof, the size of a small house, from coming on the tunnel and a battery charger that had been hoisted into the section two days before.

Graphs is not to scale. This is an schematic.



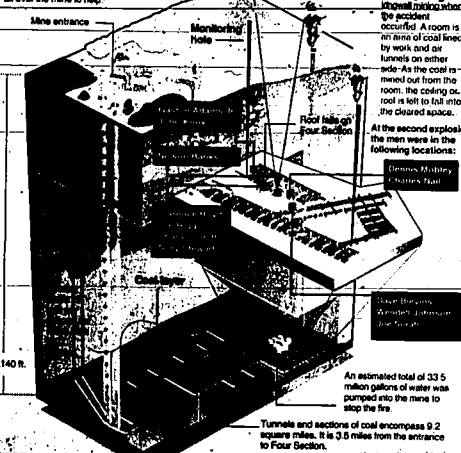
A powerful explosion

The charger's electrical arc ignited a pocket of methane. An initial explosion injured four miners. A second, larger explosion killed 13 miners at the site who came from all over the mine to help.

Mining deep underground. At the time, the miners were preparing a rogn for small making when the accident occurred. A room is an mine of coal lined by work and air tunnels on either side. As the coal is mined out from the room, the ceiling or roof is left to fall into the cleared space.

All the second explosion, the men were in the following locations:

James Hillery, Thomas Hall



Tunnels and sections of coal encompass 0.2 square miles. It is 3.5 miles from the entrance to Four Section.

SOURCE: Associated Press; Jim Waller Resources

Catherine New, Nicholas Rapp/AP

A powerful explosion ignites a lethal fireball in the tunnels

Blaze consumes section's oxygen, suffocating eight members of rescue team

By Michael Luo
Associated Press writer

PROXYWOOD, Ala. — Gas was slowly gathering in the mine's Four Section. A half-hour after the first explosion, it was once again a powder keg.

By now, three miners from a neighboring work area had made their way to Four Section and reached Gaston Adams Jr., the lone man who had been too badly injured to walk.

Bit Boyd and four men who joined him along the way were in two manbuses, approaching the entrance to Four Section. Just behind them, about a quarter of a mile from the section entrance, 11 more miners gathered to decide what to do.

Ricky Rose was there with seven others from his "best crew." Dave Blevins was there with two men he had found spraying tunnels with flame-retarding rock dust. Many miners felt the company had been scrambling lately on fireproofing material, a charge the company denied.

Blevins, one of the No. 5 mine's most respected foremen, took charge.

He sent Rose and three others off to find a telephone and alert the control room that three injured men were on their way out. And he asked for volunteers to go with him to fight the fire they believed was burning in Four Section.

Immediately, three men from the belt crew jumped on the bus. Jerry Short was about to join them, but a friend stopped him. The self-rescue apparatus, which was worn on their belts and converts carbon monoxide into oxygen, wasn't designed for firefighting, the friend said. It was meant for escape.

Leaving three miners, including Short, behind to await Rose's return, Blevins and his three volunteers drove toward danger. Boyd's group already on the move ahead of him. Now, a dozen men were inside Four Section or approaching the entrance.

Rose had ridden about two minutes, searching for a telephone, when he bumped into a crew coming from the mine's main production area. They began to go help light the fire, Rose told them. The longwall crew 'couldn't



Ricky Rose, pictured at his house near Brockwood, Ala., in August, was working at the Jim Waller Resources No. 5 mine the day 13 miners died in an explosion Sept. 23, 2001. Rose narrowly escaped death and still suffers nightmares from the disaster.

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The story so far

Miners know what underground fires and gas explosions can do; the annals of mining abound with tragic examples. But when a gas explosion ripped through an underground tunnel, injuring three men, other miners working that day in America's deepest vertical shaft coal mine did not flee. The New York City police and firefighters on Sept. 11, the miners raced not from danger but toward it.

believe what they were hearing. The control room, they said, had just ordered them to evacuate.

Rose didn't know what to make of that. Seconds later, out of the corner of his eye, he saw dust swirling straight

toward him down the tunnel. Four Section had exploded again, 50 minutes after the first explosion, this time much more powerfully.

Superheated, 2,500-degree flames barreled through the section at 900 feet per second. The blast tossed a 12-ton scoop, 80 feet against a coal rib, bent 3/4-inch steel, leveled concrete ventilation walls.

At the spot of ignition, it tore out a crater 50 feet long and 30 feet deep.

Eight men — the three who had first reached Adams and Boyd's group of five — were hurled through the air. A 1,500-pound rock landed on Adams.

A ball of fire rushed over the eight men so quickly that it barely burned them, but it consumed all the oxygen in the section.

Lying there in the darkness, in a fierce rain of debris and coal dust, all eight suffocated.

At the entrance to the section, a manbus carrying Blevins and two of his volunteers was blown off its tracks. A wall

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of compressed air, moving in front of the fireball, hurled the vehicle against a wall of coal. The manibus slammed back down with two men still inside it and Blevins became its chest crusher.

A tractor of a second later, the fireball rushed past, sucking the oxygen from the air.

The fireball rolled on through the tunnel, eating equipment, tires and looking for an outlet. It found an airshaft, rocketed 2,100 straight up, blasted from the surface of the earth and momentarily lit up the evening sky.

By diverting the fireball, the shaft saved Rose's life. The swirling whirlwind he had seen coming through the tunnel knocked him and the seven men around him off their feet, enveloping them in a choking cloud of soot. With the dust came a sound — the loudest thunder Rose had ever heard. It sounded, he said later, like the whole mine was falling in on him.

Around him, Rose heard men yelling to get out. He felt his way back to the manibus and tipped on the headlight switch. The soot was so thick that he couldn't tell if it was working. As others piled on, he grabbed the gas lever and raced toward the mine entrance.

A few hundred yards closer to the blast, Short and the other two men who had been waiting for Rose to return scrambled to their feet. Holding onto one another, they felt their way along the tracks in pitch darkness for 15 minutes before finding clean air.

There, they encountered a miner just arriving from another part of the mine. The control room operator had told him a ventilation wall had fallen and sent him to help, he said. The others ordered him to go back the way he came.

It took Rose and his group 20 minutes to reach the elevator shaft, located 3.5 miles from Four Section. It was 6:30 p.m., and the elevator cage was still up top. Rose grabbed the telephone: "You got people on the bottom that's scared to death and want to come out."

He called three times before the cage came.

The mine's trained rescue team interviewed the 19 miners who escaped to learn what they were dealing with. Of the 32 men who had been working the shift, 13 were still inside.

About 8 p.m., rescuers entered the mine and moved cautiously through the tunnels toward Four Section. They found Raymond Ashworth, Blevins' third volunteer, near the section entrance. Her next section entrance was a conscious man buried from the top of his head to the soles of his feet.

At 11:30 p.m., he was evacuated from the mine and then airlifted to the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham. By the time his wife, Cathy, got there, he had slipped into a coma.

All she could do was ask the nurses to clean the coal dirt from his swollen tongue. The next day, he died.

At the entrance to Four Section, the searchers found the bodies of Blevins and his two other men. They topped the 1,000-ft. workings. The methane concentration was high. So was carbon monoxide, indicating that the section was still burning.

The searchers were in the barrel of a gun that was primed to go off again. About 6:30 a.m., with no hope of finding more survivors, the rescue team pulled out. That morning, the mine was flooded to put out fires now raging in the tunnels. Once the fires were out, the water was pumped out.



Betty Riggs, left, and Wanda Blevins, both widowed after the explosion, discuss the disaster at the Blevins' home in Tuscaloosa, Ala., in August.



Wanda Blevins reaches out to touch the headstone at her husband's grave in Brookwood, Ala., last August.

Over the next few months, searchers explored the mine piece by piece. Working in short shifts to avoid heat exhaustion, they would creep along a few hundred feet half- and build temporary seal so they could ventilate the section. Then they would explore another few hundred feet, stop and do the same thing.

On Nov. 2, more than five weeks after the explosion, searchers recovered three bodies at the entrance to Four Section. Six days later, the last nine bodies were found.

The mine reopened in mid-December, an early Christmas present for workers who'd been sitting home for nearly three months.

Today, there are still more questions than answers: Should more have been done to fix the roof of Four Section before the accident? Had the company been dealing adequately with the mine's gas problems? Why were so many men directed to a section of the mine that had already exploded once? The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration has conducted an investigation but has not released its report.

However, the agency has admonished the mine owner, Jim Walter Resources, for having "no responsible person who took control of the situation" during the

Deaths at Mine 5

- Jason Adams, 50, Bessemer, Ala.
- Jason Banks, 52, Bessemer, Ala.
- David Mckley, 55, Brant, Ala.
- Charles Noy, 59, Birmingham, Ala.
- Joe Riggs, 51, Cottondale, Ala.
- Charles Smith, 44, Brookwood, Ala.
- Skip Soran, 46, Dobbinsville, Ala.
- Mark Stewart, 47, Scottdale, Ala.

Died in hospital

Raymond Ashworth, 53, Cottondale, Ala.

Rescued from injuries

Yory Key, 49, Tuscaloosa, Ala., lacerations, bruises and contusions; returned to work underground.
Michael Mole, 42, Brookwood, Ala., broken ribs, lacerations, second-degree burns; not working.
Skip Palmer, 48, Brookwood, Ala., lacerations, bruises and contusions; not working.

erecting a memorial.

Among those who perished, Dave Blevins has been singled out perhaps more than any other as the embodiment of courage. His tombstone in a Tuscaloosa cemetery is inscribed: "Son, Husband, Father, Grandfather and Hero of JWR 5 Mine Explosion."

His son, Dave Jr., who worked at neighboring No. 7 mine, has led the drive to make the mine owner pay. He's a natural leader, just like his dad. Ten of the 13 families that lost breadwinners have filed wrongful death lawsuits against the company, alleging negligence.

Jim Walter Resources denies it was negligent and characterizes the accident as unforeseeable. The company says the miners who were killed and injured understood the risks but chose to follow their creed and go to the aid of their brothers.

Of the three men injured in the first explosion, only Key has returned to work underground, over his wife's objections. He wanted to prove to himself that he could do it.

Mole, the man who led Key to safety, spends his days tramping through the woods, under doctor's orders to do something that gives him peace. Troubled by nightmares, he is on anti-anxiety medication.

Rose, the miner who prayed as he headed toward Four Section after the first explosion, is back underground. It's the only work he knows. But he asked to be taken off the belt crew, which lost three men.

After the mine reopened, he went to the spot where their bodies were found, knelt in the coal dust and wept.

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Astronauts don spacesuits to nudge free stuck railcar

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A railcar crucial to the construction of the international space station stalled on its tracks Saturday, and two spacewalking astronauts went out to try to get it moving again.

Within minutes, John Herrington had found an obstruction: The railcar's cable-control assembly was hung up on a radio antenna on the space station's newest girder.

"Houston, I found the problem," Herrington called out. Mission Control instructed him to deploy the stowed antenna in hopes of clearing the snag, but he said it would not budge.

Flight controllers initially suspected the railcar problem may have been caused by a momentary loss of computer data. But later, they said the railcar probably snagged on something while

traveling down the tracks.

The \$190-million railcar was empty when it abruptly stopped, after traveling about 45 feet, 10 feet short of its destination. It had just crossed onto the new girder, which was delivered by space shuttle Endeavour last week.

The space station's 58-foot arm was supposed to be maneuvered onto the railcar to serve as a crane during Saturday's spacewalk. But Mission Control warned Herrington and Michael Lopez-Alegria, visiting from Endeavour, that they might have to perform some of their work on the new girder without the use of the arm.

The railcar will be necessary next year as a moving base for the robot arm so NASA can add more girders to the three already in place.

Crews begin scrubbing down Disney ship

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A Disney cruise liner marred by a second outbreak of a flu-like virus returned to port Saturday, and workers once again began disinfecting the ship after 218 people became ill during its latest voyage.

In the past few months, about 1,000 passengers and crew on two voyages of the Magic and four voyages of Holland America's Amsterdam have contracted a Norwalk-like virus, one of a number of common illnesses that can

cause diarrhea, stomach pain and vomiting.

Wanda Russ, 60, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., became so sick during the Magic's latest cruise she had to be taken to the ship's infirmary. "It hit me really quick," she said.



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ER workers face smallpox vaccinations

LAS VEGAS (AP) — In a town known for high-stakes gambling, Suzanne Lau is ready to risk a small chance of injury and even death to be vaccinated against smallpox.

A nurse at one of the city's busiest emergency rooms, she probably will be among the first Americans in three decades to be offered the vaccine. She does not betray any of the angst that has consumed federal officials now completing vaccination plans for the nation.

"It's what you do. It's part of the risk of the job," said Lau, whose hospital ID hangs on a red, white and blue cord stamped USA, around her neck. "We're here to take care of the patients. That's the bottom line."

The government is preparing to offer the inoculation first to those most likely to come in contact with a contagious smallpox patient; that would be people assigned to special smallpox response teams in each state, and those who work in hospital emergency rooms. In total, they expect about a half-million vaccinations during this first stage.

It will put emergency rooms such as University Medical Center's at the forefront of that readiness effort. If there were to be an attack, doctors at the Las Vegas facility also would be



Dr. Wes Kaplan, a working resident at the University Medical Center in Las Vegas, takes a phone call before leaving UMC's emergency room for the day earlier this month.

responsible for spotting smallpox, a particular challenge given that the disease has not been seen in this country for half a century.

For now, the issue is vaccination. The government soon will undertake an education cam-

aign to ensure that people understand the risks of the vaccine, which is more dangerous than any other.

In the 1960s, 15 out of every million people being vaccinated for the first time faced life-threatening complications, and one or two died. Side effects included horrible rashes and brain-debilitating diseases.

Some people who came into close contact with those vaccinated also got sick when the live virus used in the shot escaped and touched them.

But most workers at the University Medical Center emergency room voice little concern and say smallpox is much more to be feared than the vaccine.

"The odds are with you," nurse Tom Erichsen said. Added nurse Beth Leoni: "I've seen pictures of smallpox, and it scared the hell out of me."

Lau says she would send her 6-year-old son to live with his grandparents during the days after her inoculation, just to be sure he is not exposed.

Hearing the statistics about side effects, Dr. Tom Higgins is nonchalant. "That's probably safer than most drugs we use on a daily basis," he said.

Boy walks barefoot in snow to save family after wreck

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — Authorities say a 7-year-old boy may have saved his mother's life after the family's pickup truck crashed as they drove home from Thanksgiving dinner.

Titus Adams and his sisters, Tiffany, 4, and Tieri, 1, were in their pajamas when the truck veered off the road and rolled five times. Their mother was thrown from the vehicle and was unconscious.

When the truck came to a rest, Titus checked on his sisters, who were still buckled into their child safety seats and had escaped serious injury. Then he went for help.

"He was in his pajamas with no shoes," said his father, Glenn Adams, who wasn't with them at the time. "He walked through a muddy field, squeezed under an electric fence and then had to break the gate on another fence to get through."

Titus walked about a half mile in the 23-degree weather to the Galeton Dairy.

"He kept walking and finally he saw three boys and just yelled out, 'Hey, there's been an accident,'" Adams said. The dairy workers called for emergency help.

Titus' mother, Tammy Hill, suffered a broken back, broken neck and 10 broken ribs and was in critical condition Saturday at North Colorado Medical Center.

U.S. fears al-Qaida will recruit prisoners

The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — Federal law enforcement officials are concerned that al-Qaida is targeting what authorities fear is an increasingly fertile breeding ground for Islamic extremism: U.S. prisons.

Over the past year, officials have suspected that al-Qaida and other extremists have been reaching out to U.S. prisoners through reading material and personal contacts to try to form a base from which to gather information, fund-raising and recruits.

Although al-Qaida's efforts seem only loosely organized, one former top FBI official said prisoners are one of the three groups that most trouble the bureau as it monitors terrorists' efforts to recruit followers and instigate anti-American fervor.

The two other groups are those who have trained at al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan and those who have joined radical mosques here and abroad.

Prisons are "a captive audience of people already willing to use violence," the official said. "It's fertile ground."

There is no evidence that al-Qaida has yet succeeded in recruiting many prisoners in the United States or overseas. But authorities point to the case of Jose Padilla, a former Chicago gang member who is accused of plotting to set off a radioactive "dirty" bomb in the United States. Padilla had converted to Islam while in a Florida jail.

In addition, Richard-C. Reid, who pleaded guilty to trying to blow up a jetliner with a bomb in

his shoe, converted to an extreme form of Islam while in prison in London.

Officials say that while the cases of Padilla and Reid are rare, they can't afford to ignore the extremism that seems to be brewing in the prison system.

Charles E. Mandigo, special agent in charge of the FBI's Seattle field office and an authority on terrorists, said al-Qaida is not likely trying to assemble the next band of hijackers or suicide bombers out of groups of incarcerated U.S. convicts.

What's more probable, he said, is that terrorists are looking to establish a support structure in the United States. Such connections could help al-Qaida gather details about targets and build a network of contacts.

Terrorists, Mandigo said, regard U.S. prisons as an ideal place to find groups hostile to the federal government and for radical propaganda to flourish.

Mahdi Bray, who runs the National Islamic Prison Foundation, a Washington-based outreach group, said the foundation receives thousands of books and pamphlets from Arabic nations to distribute to prisoners. Each year, it sends more than 20,000 Qurans and other books to those incarcerated.

But, he says, the group has also received extremist literature, sometimes from Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, filled with anti-American vitriol. "When we looked at some of them, we said, 'Hell no,'" Bray said. "I just won't distribute those."

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NATION

Many of Iraq's Kurds still feel at risk

IRBIL, Iraq (AP) — Despite carving out a relatively prosperous, liberal enclave in Iraq's far north, many Kurds believe their self-rule experiment will die if America does not oust Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

While President Bush has persisted in threats to attack Iraq unless it fully cooperates with U.N. arms inspectors, some Kurds worry that the international, and American, stance has subtly shifted from eliminating Saddam's regime to simply eliminating its lethal arms.

"Some say if he disarms, he will still be in power," said Fozvi Hariri, a top official of the Kurdish Democratic Party. "What happens to us? Are we expected to continue to revolt? Or are we expected to live together with him?"

In the years since the 1991 Gulf War and creation of the U.S.-British no-fly zone that helped establish an autonomous Kurdish enclave, the region's 3.7 million Kurds have achieved much.

Kurdish schools have been built, roads fixed and cultural institutions established in a bid to develop a Kurdish identity in the region.

With help from the United Nations and the Iraqi oil-for-food program, Kurdish authorities have rebuilt from scratch many villages wiped out by Saddam's forces during his three decades of rule.

They have also laid aside political differences and achieved peace between the Kurdistan Democratic Party and its one-time rival, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan.

But a range of pressures — including Saddam's continuing rule and economic problems — have many Kurds fearful of the



Two Turkish Kurds walk in Cukurca, Turkey, Friday. They say they remember the last time there was a war in Iraq, when hundreds of thousands of starving, freezing Kurds fled on foot over snowbound mountains for the safety of Turkey.

future. They are also worried about the role of neighboring Iran, Syria and Turkey, which oppose autonomy for Iraqi Kurds since it could feed the nationalist desires of their own Kurdish minorities.

Without a change in the Iraqi government, officials privately acknowledge that "Kurdistan" — which encompasses three of Iraq's 18 provinces and 3.7 million of its 22 million people — will remain an isolated backwater surrounded by distrustful neighbors.

One Kurdistan Democratic Party official said Kurdish forces would be crushed if they tried to attack Saddam outside a U.S.-led

war. He said the situation was at a political dead end as well, since the Kurds were in no position to negotiate their future with Baghdad.

Kurdish-controlled Iraq has no internationally recognized status. It cannot issue passports to its citizens nor grant visas to visitors. It has no airport and visitors come and go by motor vehicle.

The transportation issue is particularly vexing as many guests invited to the Kurds' Oct. 4 parliament recovering were unable to attend because they could not gain permission to enter northern Iraq across the Turkish, Iranian

or Syrian borders.

The isolation and lack of opportunities in Iraq's Kurdish region are convincing many of its brightest young people to emigrate. Its leaders avoid nationalistic or civic gestures, wary of how Turkey, Iran or Syria would react if they were to make moves such as issuing Kurdistan license plates.

The region remains financially dependent on the U.N.'s oil-for-food program, under which Iraqi petroleum is sold and its revenues spent on humanitarian projects. But expenditures under the program must be approved by Baghdad.

South Koreans protest acquittals of U.S. soldiers

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — At least 3,000 students and activists marched with candles and burned an American flag Saturday to protest the acquittals of two U.S. soldiers in a traffic accident that killed two Korean girls.

"Punish American GIs! Go away American GIs!" they chanted, occupying four lanes of an eight-lane boulevard a block away from the U.S. Embassy in central Seoul.

The demonstrators held lit candles in paper cups, illuminating the evening street.

Scuffles occurred when protesters insisted on marching on the embassy, which was blocked by thousands of riot police armed with helmets and plastic shields.

Several protesters were bleeding from their faces and several policemen were sprawled on the pavement or rushed to the hospital after being beaten and stomped on.

The protesters burned an effigy of President Bush and an American flag placed on a scaffold. A brief scuffle erupted

between the protesters and the riot police, but no serious injuries or arrests were reported.

In separate military trials this month, Sgt. Fernando Nino and Sgt. Mark Walker were acquitted of negligent homicide charges in the deaths of two 13-year-old girls. Their removal — while waiting for a training mission when it struck and killed the girls June 13. The soldiers are in the 2nd Infantry Division.

South Korean activists called the trials a sham. Newspaper editorials also criticized the acquittals.

Bush later apologized for the girls' deaths.

Smaller rallies and marches also took place on Saturday in at least five provincial cities, according to the national news agency Yonhap.

At the U.S. Navy base in Chinhae on the south coast, demonstrators wrote slogans in their own blood calling for U.S. troops to withdraw from South Korea. They also tore open part of the U.S. military installation's wire fence before police repelled them.

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British mother calls for due process at Guantanamo

The Washington Post

LONDON — Zumarat Juma had not heard from her 22-year-old son, Feroc Abbasi, for more than a year. She had checked with the police, the missing persons bureau, the mosque where he had worshipped — all in vain, she recounted in an interview. By now she assumed he was dead, a careless young soul murdered for pocket change in London's back alleys.

Then last January a reporter from the British newspaper Sunday Times knocked on the door of her row house in South London with amazing news: Abbasi was alive and in the custody of the U.S. military at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He had been down there in chains after being captured in Kunduz, Afghanistan, as a suspected al-Qaida foe soldier.

There he remains, nearly 10 months later, one of more than 600 men seized during U.S. military operations against al-Qaida and the Taliban who were declared illegal combatants with no right to lawyers, hearings or charges. And there, under U.S. custody, he will stay until Washington determines he is no longer a threat.

"At first I was so relieved that he was alive somewhere," Juma recalled. "But then I realized it's a complicated case and it's not going to be as simple as I thought. And it's 10 months now."

On Monday, a group of human rights lawyers will plead before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on behalf of two Britons, two Kurds and a dozen Kuwaitis for a writ of habeas corpus, a document that would require that they be produced in court, charged and tried — or released. Whichever side wins, the next step will likely be an appeal to the Supreme Court.

But whatever the courts rule, the case of the Guantanamo detainees has already become a cause celebre for some foreign governments and human rights groups — and an embarrassment for the State Department, which would like to see the Pentagon hasten the process of deciding who's a bona fide threat and who is innocent or harmless.

Canada, Germany, France, Denmark, Kuwait and Australia have all asked that their citizens be charged or released. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, an arm of the Organization of American States, has declared the United States in breach of its international obligations because it hasn't given detainees legal recourse.

Scores of soldiers get food poisoning

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Turkey stuffing from a Thanksgiving meal may have caused more than 100 soldiers to fall ill with food poisoning at a U.S. base in Afghanistan, the U.S. military said Saturday.

Seventy-nine U.S. soldiers, 25 Romanians and some soldiers from other countries suffered nausea, diarrhea and vomiting beginning Thursday night at the base near the southeastern city of Kandahar, said Master Sgt. Kelly Tyler, a spokeswoman at Bagram Air Base.

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NATION

Dominatrix says she's not guilty of manslaughter

QUINCY, Mass. (AP) — A dominatrix whose client died after she put a hood on his head and strapped him to a rack in a crucifix position pleaded innocent to involuntary manslaughter and cutting up his body to dispose of it.

Barbara Asher, 53, was released after her arraignment Friday. She has no prior criminal record and has not attempted to flee since Michael Lord's disappearance in July 2000.

Police said Asher told them that after Lord died, she panicked. She said her boyfriend, Miguel Ferrer, cut up the body while she went for trashbags and that they later dumped it in a restaurant trash bin in Augusta, Maine.

No body parts have been found, however, and tests on a saw and material from Asher's home didn't turn up enough evidence to charge her or Ferrer.

Prosecutor Robert Nelson said a March ruling by the Supreme Judicial Court in a fire that killed six firefighters opened the way for charges in Asher's case. In that case, the court ruled that a homeless couple's decision not to report the fire they had started was reckless enough to warrant manslaughter charges.

Nelson said Asher's failure to help Lord was similarly reckless. "She had a duty to act at the time, to take him off the rack ... and call appropriate medical response teams," Nelson said. Prosecutors are unsure how Lord died, but Nelson said he may have asphyxiated.

Asher told police that she didn't call for help because she was afraid of IRS and police scrutiny of her business, Nelson said.



Barbara Asher

Cop dies after three years in coma

WESTMINSTER, Mass. (AP) — A police officer who had been in a coma for 3 1/2 years since being shot by a man he was chasing has died.

Lawrence Jupin, 34, died Friday. He was shot in the face,

hand-and-hip in May 1999 while pursuing a man later diagnosed to be paranoid schizophrenic.

"It's been the end of a long 3 1/2 years," Police Chief Robert Cusick said. "He's at rest now."

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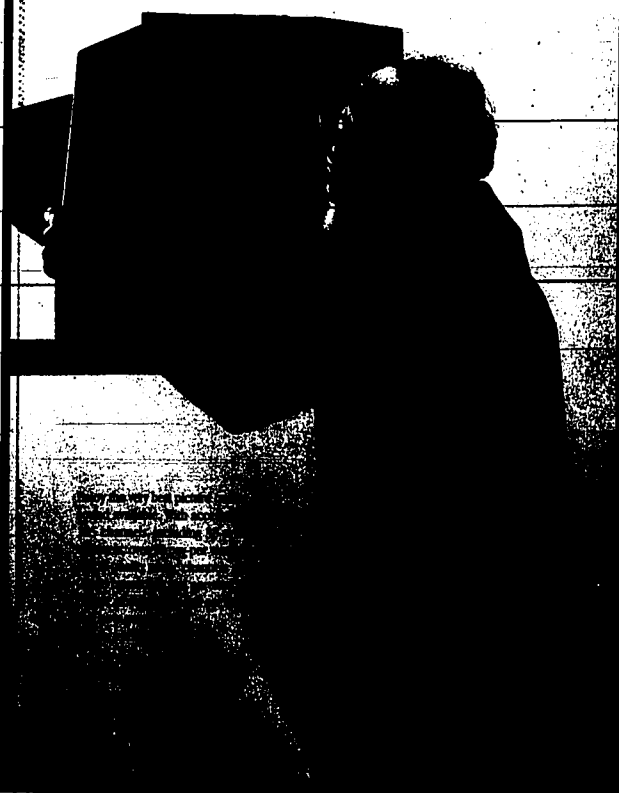
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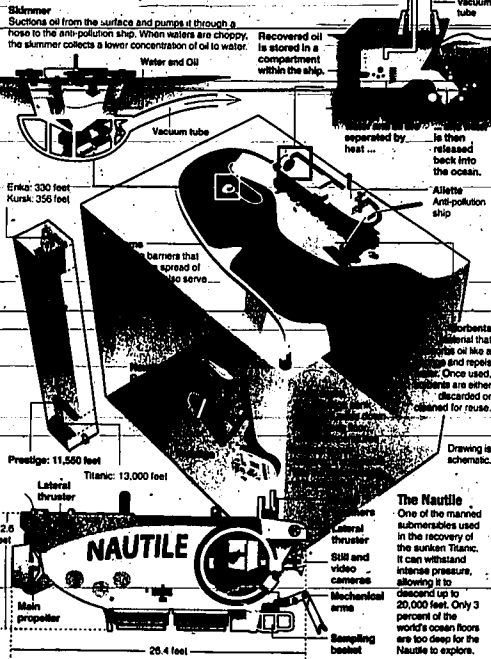
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Damage control in the high seas

The cleanup effort continued Friday as officials said that the tanker Prestige, which was carrying about 20 million gallons of oil when it sunk, is probably still leaking. Here is a look at two of the ships involved in the effort.



SOURCES: Associated Press; Environmental Protection Agency; French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea; Surf Operators Shipping Services; N. Rapp, P. Sani/AP

Massive oil spill drifts toward coast of Spain

MADRID, Spain (AP) — People in Cape Finisterre trudged to the lighthouse Saturday and looked through binoculars at the shiny 200-mile-square slick of fuel oil drifting unmistakably toward Spain's northwest coast.

The oil slick moved to within about three miles of the coast by Saturday morning. Officials expected it to wash up against shore soon. There wasn't much hope of blocking the slick, which is simply too big.

Under cloudy skies Saturday, specially equipped boats skimmed more oil from the Atlantic Ocean, while maritime officials and fishermen deployed more floating barriers between the oil and the shore.

The slick of 2.4 million gallons of toxic fuel oil is the biggest of several leaks from the tanker Prestige that ruptured in a storm Nov. 13 and finally broke in half and sank six days later about 150 miles off the cape. It was carrying about 20 million gallons, and about 4 million gallons seeped out.

"We have everything against us," Galicia's fisheries minister Enrique Lopez Vieja told radio Friday. "We must prepare for the worst." The Galician coast is one of Europe's busiest fishing regions, and has been mopping up its beaches and rocky coastline for the past two weeks from the first oil slick that washed ashore from the Prestige.

Boats working the slick have skimmed 613,000 gallons of the oil from the sea so far. The government has banned fishing along the 300-mile stretch of coast, and many people are worried the oil will contaminate the pristine rivers that mix with the waters of the ocean below Cape Finisterre. They have wrapped plastic around submerged mussels cages and wonder how long clam and cockle harvests would take to recover if they are contaminated.

Tens of thousands of fishermen and sea-dependent workers have been laid off.

The government claims that there is little threat from the 16 million gallons of oil still inside the Prestige because the contents solidified in the chilling cold and high pressure of the deep sea. Oil continues to appear above the wreck, but Spain has said that is the ship's own fuel and lubricant.

Has Michael Jackson lost it?

Singer's strange actions and stranger appearance have some people wondering if he's irrevocably damaged his career. Page C9



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Witnesses: Tanks fire on Gaza town

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — About 30 Israeli tanks and armored vehicles backed by helicopters moved into a Gaza Strip town late Saturday, firing machine guns and knocking out electricity, witnesses and Palestinian security officials said.

There were no reports of injuries from the shooting in Beit Lahya, about three miles north of Gaza City, Palestinian security officials said.

Meanwhile, a 16-year-old Palestinian boy was shot and killed Saturday on his way home from school east of Gaza city, and another was wounded, hospital officials said.

Witnesses said Israeli soldiers fired on the teenagers as they walked with a group of school children about 700 yards from an Israeli army outpost at the Karni Crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip. Military sources said soldiers fired warning shots at the teens when they neared a border fence.

Witnesses said about 30 tanks and armored personnel carriers, supported by two Apache helicopters, moved into Beit Lahya just as residents were emerging from evening prayers. They said the tanks were firing machine guns.

The troops also blocked a main road linking Gaza City and northern towns, security officials said.

Witnesses said the tanks fired tank shells at the town's electricity transformers, knocking out power.

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Foreigners evacuate rebel-held city Hungary, Romania fight over Brandy

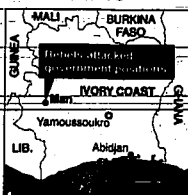
ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — French troops started evacuating foreigners from a western rebel-held city Saturday after gunbattles with shadowy insurgent groups.

The firefights broke out as the French soldiers sought to secure the Man airport for the evacuation mission. There are about 80 French citizens in the Man region, and a smaller number of other Europeans.

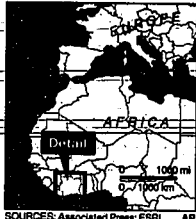
Ivory Coast, the world's leading cocoa producer, has been divided three ways as a two-month rebel uprising evolves into a multifront war in the former French colony.

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capital and strategic port of Abidjan. The rebels who launched the Sept. 19 uprising



SOURCES: Associated Press; EBRI; AP

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Romania and Hungary are in a diplomatic stew — over brandy.

With their approaching entry into the European Union, the two Eastern European neighbors are vying for the rights to sell the region's famed fruit brandy, called "palinka" in some countries.

Romania urged the EU on Friday to reject a request by Hungarian producers for the exclusive right to sell the drink in EU countries under the generic name "palinka."

Brand names must be registered with the EU. Once a product is registered under a certain name with the EU, no other country can produce the product under the same name without permission from the nation that first obtained the copyright.

This is why only France is permitted to produce "Champagne" and other countries must call it something else — such as sparkling wine, spumante or Sekel.

"If the EU grants Hungary's request for exclusivity, we will need permission from Hungary to produce the drink," said Mihaila Constantinescu, director of an organization of Romanian producers.

Attila Barabas, director of one of the leading Hungarian manufacturers of palinka, said: "It is in Hungary's interest that only

Hungarian products should be marketed under the palinka brand name."

The Eastern European brandy, made from fermented fruit — pears, plums, apricots or grapes — has been produced in the region under different names.

In Hungary, and in Romania's northwestern region of Transylvania, it is called "palinka," or "palinka," while in southern Romania it is called "tuica," and in Moldova and Bulgaria "rakiya."

Hungary and Romania have been selling the brandy for years, but Hungary hopes to enter the European Union in 2004 with Romania likely to follow in three years.

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EDITORIAL

Don't squelch Christmas cheer with tax hike talk

Idaho legislators want to see taxpayers in the holiday spirit, they should lay off the persistent talk about sales tax increases. Instead, they should hope for further strength in economic indicators. Why put coal in taxpayers' stockings needlessly?

Our view: With revenue running ahead of projections, state leaders shouldn't be talking about a sales tax increase.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

may be needed if things keep going this way. Legislators shouldn't just follow the money. They need to follow the trend. Overall receipts from personal-income tax are inching ahead of projections, and sales tax receipts are more than 6 percent ahead of last year's collections. Why, when sales tax figures are on the rise, would leaders consider discouraging consumers with higher tax rates?

Meanwhile, state leaders should also mind the national indicators that are also pushing toward recovery. Consumer confidence is on the rebound heading into Christmas. The Dow Jones is up. The index surged back with eight straight weeks of gains. And the annualized quarterly change in the country's Gross Domestic Product took off in the third quarter to 4 percent. The GDP reflects the goods and services produced and manufactured by American workers and businesses.

This isn't the time for legislators to play Scrooge and take drastically more from Idahoans. (The sales tax, incidentally, hits hardest in the lower brackets.) If the state's economy keeps progressing, the deficit could be managed with careful program cuts, temporary wage rollbacks and tax exemption amendments. Tax hikes should come last, if at all.

With a recovery possibly on the horizon, state leaders may receive just the Christmas present they've been waiting for. They should share the good tidings with taxpayers.

When Gov. Dirk Kempthorne told Idahoans on the campaign trail that Idaho would be one of states first on the road to economic recovery, he wasn't kidding. Ever since the state lowered its revenue projections by 10 percent to reflect real economic growth, the state's tax collections have improved. In the past four months, tax collections have exceeded revised forecasts and built a \$21.6 million cushion for the budget year. How many other states, can say that?

This unexpected money reduces the state's reliance on reserves. If it continues, it will soften the next fiscal year's shortfall. Already what was thought to be a shortfall of more than \$160 million is now projected to be under \$140 million, and it's dropping. A shortfall is still a shortfall, but the trend is in the right direction. No tax increases

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Feds aren't shipping the most toxic waste

The Department of Energy and Idaho's congressional delegation recently patted themselves on the back for beating a deadline to ship contaminated waste stored at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory in eastern Idaho to the Waste Isolation Pilot Project in New Mexico.

This milestone may satisfy the 1995 agreement between then-Gov. Phil Batt and the DOE, but it shouldn't satisfy the people of Idaho. The waste shipped to New Mexico is some of the most safely stored waste at the INEEL.

It poses little risk to the Snake River Aquifer, yet it is the highest cleanup priority for the DOE. Meanwhile, the lowest cleanup priority for the DOE includes the more than 750,000 barrels, boxes and crates of plutonium-laced waste buried in unlined pits and trenches above the aquifer.

The DOE estimates that 50 percent of these containers seep after burial, exposing their radioactive contents to rainwater, snowmelt and flooding.

We know the plutonium from this waste has reached the aquifer, but there is currently no plan for removing, containing and monitoring it. The DOE should work to protect Idaho's water by cleaning up the most threatening waste first.

Nothing else should satisfy the people of Idaho.
ANDREA RULE
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Valuable work paid off in grueling campaign

I extend a "thank you" to the thousands of Idahoans I was privileged to meet on the campaign trail.

Political campaigns are exhausting ordeals. Driving and flying thousands of miles, giving stump speeches, debating your opponent, and planning operational and strategic details are all integral and ongoing parts of political campaigns.

The most important part of a campaign, however, is actually meeting and talking with citizens. A candidate wants to win the vote of each and every citizen or she needs. Moreover, it is the one-on-one contact with citizens that is the

most invigorating aspect of a campaign.

I appreciate the time and effort that so many of you spent to meet with me when I traveled to your towns. Candidates work hard, but it would all be for naught if the citizens did not participate. During this campaign, I witnessed how deeply so many Idahoans care about what their government is doing to protect the values that make Idaho a great place to live, work and raise a family. Once again, it was my privilege to meet so many fine folks, and I am honored that you selected me to be your next attorney general.

LAWRENCE WADSEN
Nampa
(Editor's note: Lawrence Wadsen is the attorney general-elect for Idaho.)

Stop quibbling about war on terrorism; terrorism is fascism

Regarding all the recent vituperation from Idaho's "illuminati" directed at President's Bush's war on terrorism, Gen. Douglas MacArthur said that one of the worst things about fascism is that it frequently requires fascist tactics in order to defeat it.

Terrorism is fascism!

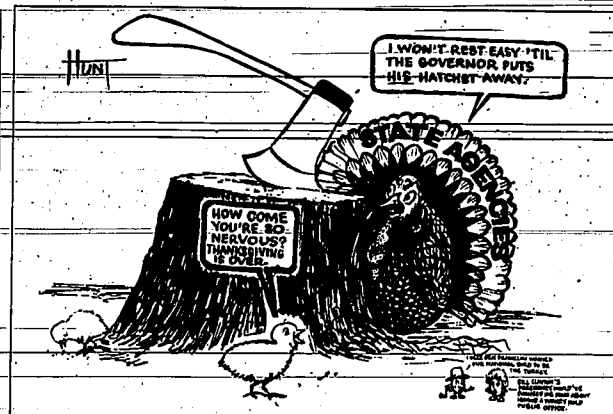
I lived in London (1975-77) during some of the bloodiest, most unremitting IRA attacks in the city's history—a pathing over London then—and unfatigably police retaliated quickly with their own very effective homeland security teams and yes, there were abuses: anyone with an Irish accent was likely to be arrested and held for long periods while they "helped them with their inquiries" (which sometimes meant being beaten, starved, etc.—read or see "In The Name of the Father" for details—especially if they had previous arrests for violence). But there also were a myriad of plots failed (and justifiable arrests made) in the process that otherwise would've killed hundreds, if not thousands—including fellow Irishmen.

During the 12 years I lived in Los Angeles, some of the loudest, most impassioned voices demanding a more vitriolic police presence in war zones like east and south-central L.A. were coming from its own citizens who lived under the hourly tyranny of murder, rape, robbery, etc., while sanctimonious, deliberately ignorant liberals living in white, affluent and gangless enclaves like Beverly Hills and

Malibu—where becoming a violent-crime statistic is slim—demanded a "more restrained and responsible" one.

"If very easy or convenient if you've not lived in war zones (or fought wars) to talk about "belligerent nationalism," quote James Madison and cite Alan Bullock's "Hitler: A Study in Tyranny" as omens of what the "Baby Boys" are endorsing, but what they're actually "correct" head-in-the-sand liberals (and pacifists) offer an alternative to what's currently being done?

Terrorists (criminals) succeed the second they terrify their targets to the point where they're not doing or going what they're not doing if they did previous to those terrorist attacks. I've had to live that way before and I know it's a far worse loss of freedom than anything currently being done by any police or militarist in this country. The insidious partisan (not "freedom") inspired dementia that's plaguing much of the media elite here regarding alleged abuses of power is being solely by the rantings of people who are blissfully ignorant of history—past and present.
JOHN FLUNTZE
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Justice finally comes for victims

JOEL MOWBRAY

After years of difficulty in suing terrorist regimes, Congress passed a law in 1996 stripping countries officially named as sponsors of terrorism of their "sovereign immunity" (protection from lawsuits) in American courts for terrorist actions perpetrated against U.S. citizens.

could collect from those assets. Congress responded by passing a new law in 1998 clarifying that blocked assets were, in fact, fair game.

At the last minute, an anonymous ally of State on Capitol Hill sneaked in a "waiver" provision giving the president the authority to block the collection of frozen assets for reasons of national security. Bill Clinton—at the behest of the State Department—effectively vetoed the bill right after signing it by declaring any use of frozen assets to compensate families of terrorism victims to be against "national security."

But the saga did not end there. Having had enough of State's obfuscation, Congress took further action on behalf of the families in 2000, specifically designating 16 families—including relatives of Cuban-Americans whose plane was shot down by Castro and some victims of Iranian terrorism—who were finally to receive compensation.

Violating the law's clear intent, however, Clinton continued applying the "waiver" to all other cases—a move that coincided roughly with his pardoning spree that made Marc Rich an unwanted man.

Fortunately for the victims' families, 2002 proved to be a much better year. Strong bipartisan support emerged, and an amendment was successfully added to the terrorism insurance bill to open access to the frozen assets once and for all—overcoming State's fierce objections. Congress' action to help the victims of terrorism may encourage others to take terrorist thugs to court. This time, the State Department—it is hoped—won't be able to get in the way of justice.

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U.S. should readdress Mexican Immigration

Before Sept. 11, 2001, Mexico and the United States were on the threshold of a tremendous breakthrough. President Vicente Fox and President Bush came to power with a shared commitment to deepen and widen the economic gains of the North American Free Trade Agreement by defining a new bilateral partnership that would bring our two countries even closer, for the mutual benefit of the citizens of both nations.

At the core of this partnership would be a new approach for the movement of people across our 2,000-mile-long border. A transparent, rational framework would be jointly designed in order to mitigate the negative effects of undocumented migration—such as human traffickers, criminal networks and dangerous human smuggling—while enhancing the obvious mutual benefits that arise from the economic and social synergy that our vicinity entails.

This new migration agreement

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would boost prosperity in North America by providing expanded legal and safe avenues for the flow of people across the border and by regulating the state of Mexican workers already in the United States.

The massive movement of people across our border is a fact of life for many Mexicans who see this country looking for economic opportunities that they cannot yet find at home, while many labor-short U.S. companies find the workers they need to grow in Mexico—by providing and hard-working migrants.

While it is in Mexico's interest to foster economic development at home so that our nationals need not come to the U.S. to find a better life, the contribution of Mexican workers to the U.S. economy will continue to be needed because of demographic trends and our growing economic interdependence.

Sept. 11's aftermath understandably forced the United States to re-prioritize its foreign-policy agenda in order to focus on the overwhelming and immediate demands of fighting terrorism. Mexico bestows to the fight against terrorism the highest priority and has closely collaborated with the United States in this shared struggle.

Convinced that international cooperation is essential, we are working hard together, for example, to crack down on financial networks that fund terrorists around the globe. We seek to strengthen important strides to strengthen border security. As a member of the U.N. Security Council, Mexico has also clearly shown its commitment to enhancing international security. It voted Nov. 8 in favor of the resolution to disarm Iraq.

While Sept. 11 altered many things, it did not change the basic and shared interests of Mexico and the United States. Both countries need a safe, secure and efficient border. Both countries need the economic and social benefits of NAFTA to continue to grow. Both countries need to assure that there is orderly, legal and safe.

The challenge facing us is how to develop these shared interests in an era when security has become a paramount concern. Our nations share the goals of an intensified bilateral relationship and security. Mexico's original proposal to regularize and document Mexican citizens currently residing in the United States, as well as the establishment of a temporary—worker agreement and new border—safety arrangements, would be a great complement to U.S. security needs.

Our nations share much more than a 2,000-mile-long border. We share the opportunity to create new wealth for our citizens through unprecedented economic interaction. We share the responsibility to protect our citizens from harm. We share a Mexican and a Mexican-American community that is a vibrant part of the U.S. economic, social, political and cultural landscape. Most important, we share a common commitment to democracy and freedom.

The time has come to reinitiate the dialogue that will allow us to give concrete meaning and content to our partnership.

Juan Jose Bremer is Mexico's ambassador to the United States.

LETTERS

Homeland Security is anything but resolved

The front-page picture of Nov. 26 is one to keep. It shows Tom Ridge, a wide grin splitting his prizefighter's face, accepting congratulations from a circle of well-wishers on being named the first secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, moments after President Bush signed the legislation creating the new Cabinet department.



DAVID S. BRODER

Today, that department is little more than a gleam in the eye of Bush, Ridge, and the main sponsors of the bill, Democratic Sen.

bureaucracy himself. Aides insist that the only issue was whether Ridge would make his stay in Washington longer and move his family here from Pennsylvania. In any case, Ridge answered the president's sum-

has never, jailed," Light said. "The whirlwind types are still fighting with the nuclear power folks and the conservation people still argue with everybody."

Ridge confronted one challenge immediately, by meeting with the heads of federal employee unions in an effort to smooth over the dispute on union representation rights that had delayed Senate passage of the legislation. But great tension remains about changes of assignments and shifts of responsibility for both senior managers and front-line workers.

Last June, when Bush abandoned his earlier objections and embraced the concept of a new department, which had been pushed by Lieberman and other Democrats, joined by a few congressional Republicans, the National Journal reported agencies thought "a sprawling, showy, distracting Department of Homeland Security... is both too much and too little."

Too much, because it pulled in agencies such as the Coast Guard with many functions unrelated to protecting against terrorists. Too little, because the FBI and the CIA remain separate and independent agencies, under obligation to supply intelligence to the new department but not subject to the command of Secretary Ridge.

Light sees other challenges ahead. "It would be difficult to coordinate 22 separate agencies under the best of circumstances," he said, "but there is great unevenness among these 22. Several are damaged goods. Customs is in the midst of a major overhaul. FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) seems to be going through a difficult transition. The Coast Guard is very well run but has an aging fleet. And there is a huge variation in the quality of the technol-

ogy in the different agencies. The basic organizational systems will have to be reconciled."

White House and Office of Management and Budget officials have been working on plans for bringing the new department into being. The timetable calls for the new structure to be in place by March 1 but almost everyone is cautioning that it will take much longer for it to function with any degree of effectiveness.

The Department of Defense offers a cautionary tale. More than 40 years after Harry Truman called it into being, Congress found it had to pass major legislation to correct structural problems that made it difficult to resolve disputes among the military services. This new department, too, will have Tom Ridge grimacing, rather than grinning, before it finally is whipped into shape.

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Joe Lieberman of Connecticut and Republican Rep. Dick Armey of Texas. The department has no headquarters building, only three appointed officials—Ridge and two deputies—and 170,000 prospective employees now scattered among 22 agencies and wary of what the merger will mean for them.

In the weeks and months ahead, there will be many occasions to look at that picture and wonder, "What the heck was he smiling about?" Among those almost certain to ask that question is Ridge himself. According to friends, he was anything but eager for the appointment and would have preferred to stay as the White House director of homeland security, coordinating the work of the new department with old-line agencies, rather than presiding over this vast new

depts, just as he did more than a year ago when he gave up his job as governor of Pennsylvania to join the White House staff.

In the next year, Ridge has gained the trust and earned the respect of members of Congress, state and local officials with whom he has worked. But the task ahead is a huge one. Paul Light, the Brookings Institution and New York University expert on government organization and personnel, says it's "the most difficult bureaucratic reorganization since the Roman Empire tried to take over the administration of Egypt."

That one ended badly for both Caesar and Cleopatra. The more pertinent and contemporary example is the creation in 1977 of the Department of Energy out of a mix of separate regulatory and operating agencies. "That one

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Our way of coffee is in trouble

Imagine that you went to a snooty, wine-and-cheese party this holiday season and caught your host in the kitchen diluting the \$30-a-bottle cabernet sauvignon with \$2-a-bottle muscatel.

Something's happening every time you go to the grocery store to buy a can of coffee or a ready-made, according to the International Coffee Organization. This year, the trade group reports, coffee prices are increasingly substituting low-quality beans for the good stuff, and the purity of the average cup of coffee - which is to say, the ratio of debris such as twigs and rotten beans to actual fresh beans - has shifted decidedly in the wrong direction over the past two years.

In coffee, "There are two kinds of tastes," Kenneth David, a coffee taster and industry consultant told MSNBC. One is a "compost" taste, and the other is "old shoes in the back of the closet."

That explains why, after two or three cups of the stuff, you go to work every morning with the disposition of a lilted polecat.

I have long been of the opinion that the condition of the American split can be directly linked to the quality of its morning cup of joe, and it's been trending downward for the past few years.

Say of us what you will, but the truth is that we Yanks have never acquired ourselves particularly well after drinking bad coffee.

Hell's bells, it was only after the prospect of drinking Postum indefinitely started to sink in that we went out and won World War II, and it took the Boston Tea Party forever for us to caffeine to the American soul.

Now it develops that Vietnam, a land with such a searing place in our collective history, is largely responsible for the decline of our coffee-drinking standards.

With a flood of former investment, Vietnam is producing a tidal wave of robusta beans, which produce that characteristic old-shoes flavor. The country now controls about 12 percent of the world coffee market, according to MSNBC, although it has no minimum export grades, produces low-quality beans and notoriously exports some of the world's worst coffee.

-And Maxwell House, Folgers and Hill Bros. are buying tons of it.

The truth, it is squeezing the price of beans - right out of the market, because robusta is so much cheaper to produce than good coffee.

-And your government isn't helping. Food and Drug Administration rules, according to MSNBC, permit unripe or moldy beans, gravel and other junk to constitute as much as 36 percent of a cup of "pure" coffee.

But you say you're a fan of "boutique" coffees, which are thriving? Forget about it. The mocha you buy at Starbucks is mostly sugar and milk; coffee has very little to do with it.

All of which leaves us with an increasing, and, in my opinion, increasingly dangerous coffee gap. Me - I'm a member of Generation Y, the folks just entering adulthood, have never had a good cup of coffee. They wouldn't know one if Juan Valdez poured it over their heads.

Thus, the standard - instant coffee, freeze-dried crystals - continues to deteriorate. Soon an entire generation will believe that decaf actually tastes good.

This requires urgent action. George W. should immediately suspend every sack of robusta in every American warehouse and drop it forthwith on the Iraqi, one bean at a time. Saddam wouldn't just quit, he'd become a Republican.

For the truth is that Arab, like much of the rest of the world, just can't do without passable coffee. They domesticated the coffee bush originally, and they drink it thick and strong enough to rise out of the cup and punch them in the nose.

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DON'T ASK ME, Steve Crump

Ranch will seek damages against dairy

By Jennifer Sandmitt
Times-News writer

BLISS - A Bliss family will seek punitive damages against a neighboring dairy over the dairy's past waste-handling practices.

A recent decision by 5th District Judge Monte Carlson doesn't determine who prevails in a contract dispute between the Butler family of Spring Cove Ranch and dairy operators Jacob and Henry Bosma. But it allows the Butlers to sue for punitive damages at trial, which is scheduled to begin Feb. 4.

The dairy's water right - enough for 1,400 milking cows - depends upon a contract with the Butlers, said Jon Neill, the Butlers' attorney in Spokane, Wash.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources initially denied the dairy its water right application because of concerns from the Butlers that waste from the uphill dairy could contaminate their shallow, fresh water springs.

The Butlers settled with the dairy in 1995. Water Resources granted the Bosmas' water right contingent on the dairy upholding the terms of the agreement. The Butlers agreed to spread liquid

waste from the dairy on their fields at the bottom of the hill to guard their springs. But the Butlers - Stacy and Art, Dan and Diane and Helen - withdrew from the agreement after they said the dairy failed to live up to its end of the bargain and polluted their springs.

The Bosmas sued for breach of contract after the Butlers stopped taking the dairy waste. The lawsuit followed an announcement by the Idaho Rural Council that it would bring a federal Clean Water Act lawsuit against the Bosmas on behalf of the Butlers. The Butlers counter-sued the Bosmas over breach of contract.

The Clean Water Act lawsuit was settled in February. The dairy agreed to pay \$150,000 in legal fees to the Idaho Rural Council and improve lagoon and waste containment systems. Henry Bosma claimed the terms were concessions that didn't amount to much.

In a recent ruling on pretrial motions in the contract lawsuit, Carlson denied a motion by the Bosmas to dismiss the Butlers' trespass and nuisance claims against the dairy.

Gooding attorney Tom Arkooch, representing the Bosmas, argued that the Idaho

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LIVING WITH AIDS



J.W.'s' passion is collecting salt and pepper shakers and Wizard of Oz figurines. He is one of the 70 people in the Magic Valley living with AIDS.

Patients say they have much to live for

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - J.W. remembers the disease back before it had a real name.

Back when it was called "the gay plague,"

It was the early 1980s, and he was living in San Francisco and working at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Eventually scientists identified the mysterious new virus and gave it an official name - HIV/AIDS, short for Human

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Immunodeficiency Virus, which damages the body's ability to fight off certain infections, and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, a group of unusual infections and cancers that people become more vulnerable to the longer they have HIV.

In the 20 years since, J.W. has watched the disease claim the lives of most all his friends, including his lover.

"I lost a lot of friends," J.W.

said. "When I moved back here, I only had one or two friends left in the city. I had lots of friends, but one at a time, slowly but surely, they passed away."

J.W., now 51, has been living with AIDS for 15 years now. Six years ago, he moved back to his hometown of Twin Falls to be closer to his family, which includes his mother, and brother and sister and their spouses.

Although he found comfort in his family, he said he has received hardly any support from the Twin Falls gay community,

sharp contrast to the tightly knit gay community he knew in San Francisco.

"The thing about living in this city is that the gay community isn't as supportive," J.W. said. "They don't want anything to do with me. It's almost like they have a stereotype of people with AIDS. In San Francisco, the gay community really got behind each other, supported each other. That was nice."

Today, J.W. takes 36 pills a day to boost his immune system. He's

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TFHS graduate heads to Montana legislature

By Julie Poewe
Times-News writer

MISSOULA, Mont. - Grabbing attention was not his style as a 1960s teen-ager at Twin Falls High School, Dave Wansner said.

But this winter he'll be getting plenty of attention when he assumes his new role in the Montana House of Representatives as minority leader.

Wansner is a 1967 TFHS

graduate who long ago traded spud country for the Big Sky. He also grew up in the Goldwater Republican politics of his parents. He said his Democratic leanings arose out of a desire to do something for "the least, the last and the lost" of humanity.

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Migrant Council director resigns

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The executive director of the Idaho Migrant Council apparently resigned Saturday during an executive board meeting in Twin Falls.

But the board presiding man said that doesn't necessarily mean Sam Byrd will be leaving his job.

Alfredo Soto said he had not accepted Byrd's resignation and that the resignation was not confirmed. Soto refused any further explanation.

Byrd himself refused any comment. No further information was available Saturday and it was unclear why Byrd resigned and

what will happen next for the Migrant Council. Board members appointed Byrd in October 2001 after firing longtime director Humberto Fuentes over alleged financial mismanagement. Fuentes denied those allegations.

Byrd, a former migrant field worker, was at that time given the board's endorsement to continue as interim executive director for the next year.

He had served as director of operations for the council from 1976 to 1987, served as director of special programs for the Idaho Board of Education, and ran DiversityWorks!, a Boise-based cross-cultural consulting firm.

High nitrate levels baffle Forest Service

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Water leaching through the heap of crushed rock at the Black Pine Mines now has more than twice the nitrate content officials had expected.

While personnel from the U.S. Forest Service search for the cause of the problem, water is building up in a leachate pond. The Forest Service is now assessing the water and the land to keep the water from flowing into the Black Pine Mine's water treatment

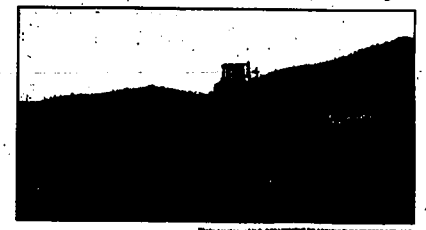
plant containing iron filings. The iron filings catch most of the contaminants, but the treatment system does not remove many nitrates, Flock said.

"It can handle nitrates, but not as much," he said.

"The heavy metals are at or below the levels we're shooting for," Nannenga said.

In March the tests showed the water coming out of the treatment system had 111 milligrams of nitrates per liter. Now tests are showing nitrate levels

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The earthwork portion of the reclamation effort at the Black Pine Mine is nearly finished, according to Forest Service officials. Here, workers from J.R. Thornton Construction of Malta work on the rippin and seeding of a hillside.

YOUR WEEKEND

The Lamphouse Theatre
What: "Skins" will be shown.
Where: The Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
When: 4:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m. today.
How much: \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and students and \$4 for matinees.

Christmas ornaments
What: The Friends of Stricker Inc. will sell Christmas ornaments at the monthly Indoor Flea Market. Proceeds will go toward the restoration of Rock Creek Station and the Stricker Homestead.
Where: The Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.
When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.
How much: Adults \$1.50, seniors \$1.00, children \$0.50 cents with return privileges. Preschoolers get in free.

Jazz evening
What: The Great Rift Jazz Society, in association with the CSI Jazz Studies Program, will present Jazz Sunday. The jazz quintet will play jazz classics and standards, show tunes, modern jazz and the blues. Students and families are welcome.
Where: Gerdy's Brick Oven Cookery, 602 Second Ave. S., Twin Falls.
When: 4-6 p.m. today.
How much: No cover charge.

Celebration of the Nativity
What: Charity Anywhere will present its sixth annual Celebration of the Nativity.
Where: The Boys and Girls Club on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.
When: Noon to 6 p.m. today.
How much: Free.

Country Christmas
What: Country Christmas Holiday will be held.
Where: Spahn's Bar-on-U.S. Highway 93, east of Jerome.
When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today.
How much: Admission is free.

Caring, sharing Christmas
What: Caring and Sharing Christmas will be held. The event will include a quilt raffle, ongoing live entertainment and a gift and sweet shop.
Where: Rupert Civic building, 506 Seventh St.
When: 12-4 p.m. today.
How much: Admission is free.

Christmas market
What: Weekend Christmas Market will be held.
Where: Snake River Plaza in Burley.
When: 12-6 p.m. today.
How much: Admission is free.

Full Moon Karaoke
What: Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured.
Where: The Blue Room, 613 Fremont, Rexburg.
When: 6-10 p.m. today.
How much: No cover charge.

MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Aviation enthusiasts have high hopes for museum

LEWISTON (AP) — The site of the Experimental Aircraft Association Museum is still a flattened triangle of dirt and rocks on the northwest corner of the Lewiston-Ner Perce County Regional Airport.

But after a Horizon Air Dash-8 turboprop passenger plane roared white (taxiing by, aircraft enthusiast James Orey said he hoped that kind of excitement will capture the public's interest.

The museum's first building could be up by spring, said Orey, president of the association. A simple steel structure is

planned, with enough space for a small library and room for the association's 54 members to hold meetings.

Once the first building is up, the next project will be a hangar, where pilots can restore old aircraft, like the 1946 Aerona-Orey, which Orey and his Association members have 19 aircraft in various stages of restoration, Orey said, and a hangar would let them share specialized tools as well as ideas and assistance.

"This is a hotbed of aviation activity, but nobody's ever given them a place to go and do their

thing," he said.

A third building would be a display hangar, perhaps with one of the original aircraft used by Zimmerman Air Transport, the company that put Lewiston and Clarkston on the map in aviation circles.

Others in the area have promised photographs and artifacts associated with flying and with Zimmerman Air Transport, which operated out of both Lewiston and Clarkston and made the first scheduled commercial flight in 1944.

It eventually became Empire Airlines.

Getting youngsters involved in flight and flying is part of what the association does, he said. Last year, members donated their time, airplanes and fuel to give about 300 youngsters rides.

Orey envisions a future at the Lewiston airport where a pilot perhaps a grandchild of a young son or daughter, could stop and camp under the wing for a night, as private pilots often do on cross-country trips. He'd also like to see restrooms, a shower and a grass picnic area where people to watch takeoffs and landings.

Tests give Idaho spuds clean bill of health

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Josephine C. Shelton Gordon of Twin Falls, gravestone service at 11 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends and family may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Margaret Jean Carter O'Connor of Boise, visitation from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday at the Daniels Chapel of the Roses, 1225 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa, Calif.

2-7 p.m. Friday at Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel; Catholic rosary at 7 p.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Boise. Funeral Mass will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church; burial will follow at Morris Hill Cemetery.

Laurel Oakes Scholes of Santa Rosa, Calif., memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Daniels Chapel of the Roses, 1225 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa, Calif.

Thomas F. Newbury of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road.

Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

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OBITUARIES

BURLEY
John Clinton Worthington
John C. Worthington, 77, of Corvallis, Oregon, crossed over in Hamilton, Montana, at Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, November 27, 2002.

1906, in Inroquois, South Dakota. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Margaret of Twin Falls, and one sister, Mabel Holt of White Bear, Minnesota, as well as four children, 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He will be sorely missed.

and son-in-law Dennis Hol. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 4, 2002, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call Tuesday evening from 4 until 8 p.m. at the mortuary.

John is survived by his daughters, Leanne Garving of Darby, Montana, and her children, Aletha Brand of Little Rock, California, and Russell Brown of Darby, Diana Jones of Florence, Montana, and her children, Connie Nunn, Paula Nunn, both of San Pedro, California, and Men Kay West of Reno, Nevada, and her daughter, Liz Whiteman of Reno. He has five grandchildren, Victoria Brand of Little Rock, Kelley and Logan Brown of Darby, Alexis Nunn of San Pedro, Ashley and D.J. Whiteman, both of Reno, his brothers, Don and Virginia Worthington of Burley, Idaho, Lyle and Shirley Worthington of Corvallis, Utah, and Wendell and Wilda Worthington of Twin Falls, Idaho, and his sister, Dorothy and Ray Norton of Pocatello, Idaho. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Joyce on April 5, 1997, and by three brothers.

TWIN FALLS
Lester Lyle Naylor
Lester Lyle Naylor, age 90, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away Saturday, November 30, 2002, at Bridgeview Estates, Twin Falls, Idaho.

JEROME
Marilyn Jean Wisely
Marilyn Jean Wisely, 81, of Jerome, passed away November 27, 2002, at her home.

A memorial service will be held in Corvallis at 11 a.m. Monday, December 2, 2002, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop Adams Sangster presiding. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 3, 2002, at the Pleasant View Mortuary in Burley. Friends and family may gather at the mortuary prior to the service. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Home, 1350 East 18th Street, Burley.

He was born December 23, 1911, at Bagley, Iowa, the son of Vance and Kate Taylor Naylor. On June 5, 1937, at Salt Lake City, Utah, he married Fae Trimble. Lester moved with his parents in 1919 to Hansen, Idaho, where he farmed until the family farm was sold in 1997. Farming was his life; in addition, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Hansen Grange Community Methodist Church. He was also very active in the Hansen Grange, Hansen School Board, Twin Falls Soil Conservation District, Twin Falls Masonic Lodge #45, and the Twin Falls Elks Lodge #1183.

Survivors include four daughters, Carolin Hol of Burley, Idaho, Sharon Federer of Twin Falls, Idaho, DeAnn Bodenstad of Mesa, Arizona, Lita (Doug) Carpenter of Laurel, Montana; one brother, Kenneth (Jane) Naylor of Moscow, Idaho; six grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife Fae,

TWIN FALLS
Clarence L. Wynn
Clarence L. Wynn of Twin Falls, formerly of St. Paul, Minnesota, passed away peacefully Friday morning, Nov. 29, 2002, in his daughter's home, with whom he had lived for the past year.

Clarence was born Feb. 24,

High up on a Mountain, Far as I can see.
An Eagle soars up thru the clouds, How I wish that it was me.
How I wish that I could be that free
And fly away, for all the world to see.
I'd fly so far up in the sky and never look back
Or even say good-bye.
- Marilyn Wisely

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A special thanks to Dr. Kent Smith, Dr. Mictak, Hospice Programs, Home Health and Twin Falls Care Center for the care and support. We greatly appreciate the cards, flowers, food and calls.

Thank you to Parks Mortuary, First Assembly of God Church for meals and music and to all who help.

Allen and Wanda and their families.

Mike and Catherine Parke, and the staff of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, respectfully request your presence at the Sixth Annual Lighting of the Memorial Christmas Tree Saturday, December 14, 2002, at 7 p.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho (208) 735-0011

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Community Holiday Memorial Service
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Reynolds Funeral Chapel and White Mortuary in Twin Falls would like to extend an invitation to our Magic Valley community to attend our annual Community Holiday Memorial Service to honor and remember friends and family members who have died.

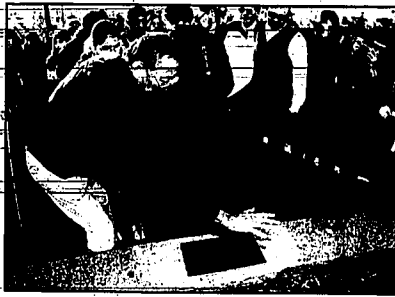
This time will be filled with words of encouragement, songs of comfort, and include a candlelight remembrance ceremony. Holiday ornaments will be offered to each family to personalize, place on the Memorial tree and then take home following the service. Guests at this year's service include Pastor Jerry Steele of Crossroads United Methodist Church, Pam Bolton, and special music by Paul and Monica Howell and family.

This non-denominational service will be held at 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 8, 2002, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, located at 2466 Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls. For questions, transportation arrangements or more information please call Reynolds Chapel at 733-4900.

Please come and join us and other Magic Valley families in this annual Holiday remembrance service. Refreshments will be served.

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Chief Laird Cometsavah, foreground left; of the Southern Cheyenne Traditional Sand Creek Descendants, says a prayer over a plaque commemorating the Sand Creek Massacre Friday during a ceremony outside the State Capitol in Denver.

Plaque corrects Colorado history

DENVER (AP) — Indians finally got their say Friday on what they regard as the "My Lai" of the 19th century with the installation of a plaque at a Civil War Memorial at Colorado's State Capitol.

The plaque tells what really happened at Sand Creek on Nov. 29, 1864, when Colorado militia massacred more than 150 Arapaho and Cheyenne women, children and elderly.

A memorial erected at the Capitol in 1909 by the Pioneer's Association called the massacre a victory for Union forces in the Civil War.

"This is as close to an official apology for the massacre that occurred 138 years ago (Friday), as is possible," said former state Sen. Bob Martinez, who led the campaign to tell the true story.

"It is a great day today," said Laird Cometsavah, president of the Southern Cheyenne Sand Creek Descendants Association and a tribal chief.

"I think this is something we needed to do to help bring healing," said rancher Bill Dawson, who owns much of the land where the massacre occurred.

Robert Tabber, chief tribal chairman of the Cheyenne Arapaho of Oklahoma, also welcomed the plaque and the decision to create a national historic site near the killing fields outside Chivington, 180 miles southeast of Denver.

"We still need the truth to be told in our schools," he added.

The memorial began with a 15-mile healing run Thursday.

At the time of the attack, settlers in Denver were terrified the Confederacy would use

Monument remembers massacre

Text of a plaque added to a Civil War monument at the state Capitol on the 138th anniversary to explain the Sand Creek massacre.

"The controversy surrounding this Civil War Monument has become a symbol of Coloradans' struggle to understand and take responsibility for our past."

On November 29, 1864, Colorado's First and Third Cavalry, commanded by Colonel John Chivington, attacked a peaceful camp of Cheyennes and Arapaho Indians on the banks of Sand Creek, about 180 miles southeast of here.

"In the surprise attack, the soldiers killed more than 150 of the village's 500 inhabitants. Most of the victims were elderly men, women and children."

"Though some civilians and military personnel immediately denounced the attack as a massacre, others claimed the village was a legitimate target. This Civil War Monument, paid for by funds from the state and the Pioneer's Association, was erected on July 24, 1909, to honor all Colorado soldiers who had fought in battles of the Civil War in Colorado and elsewhere.

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batle, the monument's designers mischaracterized the actual events. Protestants led by some Sand Creek descendants and others throughout the twentieth century have since led to the widespread recognition of the tragedy as the Sand Creek Massacre."

'This is as close to an official apology for the massacre that occurred 138 years ago (Friday) as is possible.'

— Bob Martinez, former Colorado senator

Indians as surrogates.

Anti-Indian sentiment was fanned when the scalps of a family killed by a roving band of Indians were put on display in Denver.

Many Indians, deprived of their traditional hunting grounds, were starving. "I now think a little powder and lead is the best food for them," said Colorado Territorial Gov. John Evans in July 1864.

While offering an amnesty to peaceful Indians, Evans authorized Col. John Chivington to attack them.

Chivington, a lay Methodist minister, was known as "the fighting parson" for defeating Confederate forces from Texas in an ambush at Apache Canyon in New Mexico. He led 1,000 men in a dawn attack on Arapahos and Cheyennes who were camped at a site where they had been told to go by the U.S. Cavalry.

Evans was fired by President Lincoln and Congress condemned the attack, but Chivington and others involved were never punished.

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IDAHO

Idaho launches virtual schools

Nearly 800 students begin learning online

KUNA (AP) — On weekday mornings, 9-year-old Koby Conrad gets ready for school by eating a healthy breakfast, brushing his teeth and gathering his school papers.

Instead of leaving for class, he turns on his computer, starts the Internet and logs onto the first lesson of the day.

Koby is one of nearly 800 students attending Idaho Virtual Academy, a public school residing in cyberspace. About 1,000 students in charter schools in Pennsylvania and Colorado use the same online curriculum program.

New in Idaho this year, the Idaho Virtual Academy is a charter public school for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. It is based in the Blaine County School District, but students statewide attend.

Jim and Judy Conrad decided to enroll Koby in the school because they were concerned the private school he was attending was not meeting all of his needs.

"I really resisted home schooling," Judy Conrad said. "I'm not a traditional home school mom so the thought of keeping my kids at home is something I'm still coming to grips with."

But the private school for gifted children that her youngest son attends does not accept children over the age of 9.

And despite Koby's private school principal urging the Conrads to try home schooling, Judy Conrad was worried she would not be able to put together the right curriculum.

"I worked with computers at Hewlett-Packard. I've never been a teacher," she said. "This program is all laid out for me, and we have special tools to let us keep Koby's progressing in school."

Idaho Virtual Academy's curriculum comes from a for-profit company called K12, founded by former U.S. Secretary of Education Bill Bennett.

Butte County School District Superintendent Janet Aikele calls the lesson plans the best she has seen.

"They had six core subjects — math, language arts, science, music, history and art — with a very rigorous standard. When I was looking into this, I saw the curriculum writing teams at work and was totally amazed," Aikele said.

Students attending the Idaho Virtual Academy take a placement test that is reviewed by teachers. They are sent at no cost the supplies for the school year, including a computer and printer, books, art and music supplies and any other school materials that may be needed. Families get a check each month to cover their Internet connection fee.

Parents are expected to provide basic household items — including paper and pencils — and the occasional extra for science projects.

For one lesson Koby needed to draw a fish and a crocodile and her son headed out to the river to catch the day's materials.

"Actually, we didn't have much luck catching our own, but a fly fisherman near us caught one and gave it to us," she said.

Jim Conrad was the teacher's assistant that day, helping Koby with the dissection because it required a knife.

"I think a lot of fathers were teachers that day," he said, smiling.



Koby Conrad, 9, takes a break from his school work, which he does from the comfort of his home in Kuna, Tuesday.

ing. "It was pretty basic, and the lesson was guided, but we had to find the liver and the heart, things like that."

Bonnie Blevens, a teacher with the virtual school, checks in on students like Koby and meets with parents about every two weeks to discuss student progress.

"Basically I'm a teacher, but I stay at home and talk to parents to help them figure out the lessons if they need help, or fix any computer problems," Blevens said. "If their child is having a problem in a certain area, then I give them other activities and suggestions."

Regular assessment testing ensures the students are learning, he said. And though computer programs are used for some lessons — to show how the shoulder socket works, or what 7/8 of a pie looks like — most of the work is done off-line.

"That's probably the biggest misconception. People think the kids are just staring at a computer all day," Judy Conrad said. Instead, Koby mostly sits at a desk or at the kitchen table working on assignments as his mom supervises. When he is at the computer, Judy Conrad runs the mouse and keeps Koby on task.

The virtual academy has revitalized the young state chess champion's interest in academics, his father said, and the school is less of a financial burden as well.

But most valuable to the Conrad family has been Koby's educational progress. Though still a third grader, he is working on fourth-grade math skills and is already halfway through his grammar lessons for the year.

Judy Conrad tallies Koby's day for each lesson — flexibility not

possible in most brick-and-mortar schools.

"I've learned that he does best at math first thing in the morning. His scores are consistently better than if he tries the same math assignment in the afternoon," she said.

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Saturday • December 7

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 Mello Cellos 10:30 Mello Cellos 11:00 The Dance Center 11:30 The Dance Center 12:00 Twin Falls All-Stars (Cheerleaders) 12:30 Sanjuriu Martial Arts 1:00 Rosin Dusters (Fiddle) 1:30 The Magichords 2:00 "Strings Alive" TF Elem. Orchestra 2:30 Nielsen Stargazers Dance Company 3:00 Nielsen Stargazers Dance Company 3:30 Nielsen Stargazers Dance Company 4:00 Afsana (Middle Eastern Dance) 4:30 Afsana 5:00 Andrew Toft & Jon Jacobson 5:30 Out There (Heavy Metal) 6:00 Out There 6:30 Lori Henson's Voice Studio 7:00 Lighthouse Christian Praise Band 7:30 Lighthouse Christian Praise Band 8:00 Bryon Hildreth (guitar & singing)

Friday • December 6

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 First Baptist Preschool 10:30 Oregon Trail Elementary Choir 11:00 Pre-Kindergarten Immanuel Lutheran 11:30 Lighthouse Christian Elementary School 12:00 Emily Pratt (singing) 12:30 Popplewell Elementary Choir 1:00 MVC Middle School Choir 1:30 MVC High School Choir 2:00 MVC Honors Choir 2:30 Pre-Kindergarten Immanuel Lutheran 3:00 Liberty Christian Academy 3:30 Liberty Christian Academy 4:00 Robert Stuart Bel Canto Choir 4:30 Stukenhild Prescott Fiddlers 5:00 Mauldin Dance Academy 5:30 Mauldin Dance Academy 6:00 The Taylor Family Singers

Sunday • December 8

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 Debby Sandy & Marla with Amber 1:30 Celtic Fire 2:00 Magic Valley Gymnastics 2:30 Rose Payne 3:00 Andrew Toft and Jon Jacobson 3:30 Nanayatem & Yamanly 4:00 White Tigers (Martial Arts) 4:30 Klass Act Kids (4 kids singing)

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Meridian parents raise money for auditorium

MERIDIAN (AP) — Centennial High School boosters hope to raise \$4 million to build a better auditorium.

Meridian residents already voted in favor of using \$5.4 million to build a 1,000-seat auditorium on campus, but the booster group wants to upgrade the plan to a 1,600-seat performing arts center rivaling Boise's Morrison Center.

"We want the auditorium built right," said Paul Olson, a Centennial parent and chairman of the West End Arts Council, an umbrella organization of parent booster clubs at Centennial High backing the better auditorium.

"We want to build a community facility that can handle the philharmonic, the opera and the ballet," he said.

The proposed auditorium plans include rooms for band, choir and drama classes.

The booster group also has the option of backing a \$7 million auditorium that would have 800 seats. Either of the upgraded auditoriums would have more

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— Phil Hartman, Centennial band director

practice rooms and storage. "It will be a nice auditorium to begin with, but we have the opportunity to build an even better facility that could serve students over a longer period of time," Centennial band director Phil Hartman said.

Olson said his group plans to seek grants and donations from public and private groups.

Federal attorney's office collects \$17 million in fines

BOISE (AP) — The U.S. Attorney's Office here brought in more than double what it spent last fiscal year through fines, restitution and property seizures. In the year ending Sept. 30, 2002, the office spent nearly \$7 million but collected more than \$17 million.

Most of the money does not stay within the office. Restitution goes directly to crime victims. Other criminal fines are distributed to the Idaho Crime Victims Compensation Program, the Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and other programs.

Asset forfeitures — which includes seized guns and prop-

erty used in drug crimes — are distributed to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. "These collections directly benefit the people of Idaho, and save taxpayers money," U.S. Attorney Tom Moss said. "They're a joint effort of our Criminal and Civil Divisions and our Financial Litigation and Asset Forfeiture Units. Their excellent work, persistence and ingenuity enabled us to collect on these debts."

The office also collects student loan repayments, foreclosures on property financed by federal programs, money owed to federal agencies and other civil settlements.

WaterOz founder wants to leave country despite charges

LEWISTON (AP) — The Grangeville businessman charged with 43 federal tax and food and drug violations hopes to travel to Asia next month.

David Hinkson filed a request last week with U.S. District Court in Moscow, asking to hold onto his passport for a Dec. 7 business trip to Phuket Island, Thailand.

Hinkson is the founder of WaterOz, a Grangeville-based water company that markets its products worldwide for medicinal purposes. He was charged last week with failure to pay taxes and misbranding products, for allegedly not paying taxes from 1997 to 2001 and overstating the amount of minerals in the bottled water.

He said he planned to visit doctors in Thailand before the charges were filed, and he has made at least 14 international trips in the last year.

While Assistant U.S. Attorney Nancy Cook asked that Hinkson be held after his arrest Nov. 21, he was released later that day on his own recognizance. He was ordered to remain in the country, however.

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Lunch menu
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Tuesday: Cheeseburgers
Wednesday: Beef
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Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Scrambled eggs
Friday: Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Finger steaks
Tuesday: Turkey pizza
Wednesday: Enchiladas
Thursday: Rib-beef
Friday: Burrito

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Choice of milk every day
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Hamburger
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Hamburger gravy
Friday: Toasts

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Tuesday: Chicken fillet
Wednesday: French dip
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Friday: Chicken and noodles

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Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Foot-long hot dog, salad bar or hamburger
Tuesday: Deli turkey sandwich, soup and sandwich bar or Hot Pocket
Wednesday: Taco bar or pizza
Thursday: Popcorn chicken, potato bar or taco salad
Friday: Chicken nuggets, fajitas or salad bar

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Monday-Friday: Menu not available

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Cereal

Lunch menu
Monday: Grilled chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Toasted cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
Thursday: Pastrami blanket
Friday: Italian spaghetti

VALLEY SCHOOLS
Breakfast is served every day.
Monday: Chicken and waffles
Tuesday: Hamburger
Wednesday: Soft shell
Thursday: Barbecue beef on a bun
Friday: Chili

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.
Monday: Popcorn chicken basket, salad bar or deli sandwich
Tuesday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or finger steaks
Wednesday: Taco bar, deli sandwich or cheeseburger
Thursday: Coyote grill, deli sandwich or hot Italian sub sandwich
Friday: Pasta bar, deli sandwich or pizza

BLISS SCHOOL
Milk served every day.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Hot dog
Friday: Taco

DIETRICH SCHOOLS
Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day
Monday: Macaroni and cheese
Tuesday: Shepherd's pie
Wednesday: Pie
Thursday: Fajitas
Friday: Hot dog

GLENN FERRY
Monday: Corn dog
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Hamburger gravy
Thursday: Taco
Friday: Ham and cheese squares

GOODING ELEMENTARY
Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Ham and cheese on a roll
Tuesday: Taco
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Fajitas
Friday: Hot dog

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS
Choice of milk offered every day
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Pizza choice
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Vegetable beef soup
Friday: Hamburger

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Cereal
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Cereal

FRIDAY: Christmas rice, hard brownies
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Hula sandwich
Tuesday: Italian spaghetti
Wednesday: Cheese or sausage pizza
Thursday: French dip or peanut butter and jelly
Friday: Hamburger

JEROME SCHOOLS
Milk served every day
Monday: Rib-beef
Tuesday: Fun long hot dog
Wednesday: Salisbury steak
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Chicken nuggets

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS
Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Cereal

Lunch menu
Monday: Hot dog
Tuesday: Hand-shed taco
Wednesday: Hamburger
Thursday: Texas straw hats
Friday: Chili

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS
Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Pepperoni pizza
Friday: Corn dog

WENDELL SCHOOLS
Breakfast and choice of milk served daily
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Taco
Wednesday: Corn dog
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Sub sandwich
All schools serve milk with meals.

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick
Wednesday: Crispy cereal bar
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Scrambled egg
Lunch menu
Monday: Corn dog
Tuesday: Burrito
Wednesday: School choice
Thursday: Beef o'roni
Friday: Hamburger

MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS
Breakfast menu

Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Cheese toast
Wednesday: Hot cereal
Thursday: Breakfast cookie
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Choice of white or chocolate milk every day
Monday: Pie in a blanket
Tuesday: Chili
Wednesday: Deli sandwich
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Spaghetti

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH
Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day
Choice of salad bar with sandwiches or soup

Monday: Hot dog
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets every day
Wednesday: Oven-fried chicken or flapper steak
Thursday: Chicken or Hot Pocket
Friday: Hot dog, hot combo or crispbread
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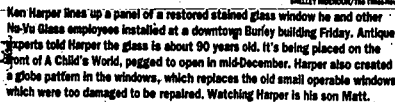
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Ken Harper lines up a panel of a restored stained glass window he and other New-Yu Glass employees installed at a downtown Burley building Friday. Antique reports told Harper the glass is about 90 years old. It's being placed on the front of A Child's World, pegged to open in mid-December. Harper also created a globe pattern in the windows, which replaces the old small operable windows which were too damaged to be repaired. Watching Harper is his son Matt.

Climber survives 75-foot fall

OGDEN, Utah (AP) - An experienced rock climber fell 75 feet when his safety gear failed. Eric Wimmer, 23, was flown by helicopter with multiple scrapes and cuts to McKay-Dee Hospital, where he was examined for internal head injuries. He was not wearing a helmet. Wimmer was climbing Friday with a friend and belayer, Garon Miskin, 28, on "School Room Crack" above 27th Street in Ogden.

When a piece of his safety gear failed, he tumbled 15 feet onto a ledge, rolled 45 feet and fell another 15 feet, where a redundant safety line suspended him 30 feet above ground. A disk lowered him to the ground. Wimmer grimaced with pain as paramedics loaded him onto a stretcher after he was airlifted from the base of the cliff. "When I got to him, his eyes were open, but he wasn't speaking at all," said Matt Campbell, another hiker who used a cell phone to call 911 for a rescue. "He was holding his hands up in the air and wasn't hardly moving. His friend said he was unconscious for about 30 seconds, but he later came back." Also Friday, an 18-year-old California woman was in critical condition after falling 30 feet in the Red Cliffs Recreation Area near St. George, Utah. Ivy Hatch was hiking with members of her family. "We were able to hike right to her and get her on a back board," said Mike Stauffer, deputy with the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

Nitrate

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round 200 milligrams per liter, Flock said. "Though the retention pond is only about half full, Forest service officials want to make sure winter precipitation and spring snow melt don't result in the basin overflowing, Nannenga said. Those working on the mine expect to expand the land application area to 23 acres managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The BLM's environmental quality limits the nitrate levels of water applied to the land to 30 milligrams per liter, but that number could be significantly higher, BLM Geologist Kyle Johnson said. Black Pine Mine engineers suggested that nitrate levels be reduced to acceptable levels by next summer. The Forest Service may examine the problem more closely, Flock said.

If anything, the nitrates and water will help plants grow in the places where heavy machinery left the ground bare, Flock said. Engineers have only one theory about what could be generating the nitrates, Flock said. Certain types of bacteria break down the cyanide used to separate gold from the rock. Mine engineers fertilized these bacteria with organic materials - bacteria food, Flock said. Bacteria eating the fertilizer might be producing the nitrates. But engineers have no proof to back up that theory. For now, Flock and others are testing the water once a week and hoping the nitrate levels will decrease. If the nitrate levels do not fall back to acceptable levels by next summer, the Forest Service may examine the problem more closely, Flock said.

Suit

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Right to Farm Act prohibits bringing a nuisance claim and that someone couldn't trespass on groundwater. "Imagine the ramifications if you can trespass on water in the aquifer," Arkoosh said. Carlson ruled that the Butlers couldn't bring action against the Bosmas over "statutory" trespass - an act prohibited by a specific law; it's the type of situation that would require "No Trespassing" signs. But water rights in Idaho are real property, and case law guards against interference with someone else's property, a "common law" trespass, Carlson ruled. And Carlson's decision says a nuisance claim can be brought against someone who pollutes an individual's water right, if that can be proven. Carlson ruled that the Idaho Right to Farm Act doesn't apply. The act protects established agricultural operations from nuisance claims resulting from urban encroachment. The Butlers were the first. The family homesteaded the Spring Cove Ranch, and the area is zoned residential.

Henry Bosma was fined \$171,500 for waste discharge violations at his dairies in the Yakima Valley in Washington. He appealed that Clean Water Act case to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and lost in September. He also must pay \$428,000 in attorney fees, plus interest. Bosma owns more than 5,000 cows that produced more than 430,000 pounds of manure a day at the two Washington dairies, *The Associated Press* reported. Times-News writer Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 735-0931, Ext. 237, or jsandmann@magicvalley.com.

Crump

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Which is, of course, how coffee is supposed to be: It's an insubstantial indulgence, if prepared properly - a black-and-white brew you can take or you can leave, but one which will never compromise its essential character. That, it seems to me, is the definition of an American, too. It's little wonder that our love affair with coffee is so enduring. And now endangered. I walked into a truck stop on

the way to Boise the other morning and ordered a cup of coffee, black, straight up. It was appalling. "Ma'am," I said to the waitress, "this is undrinkable." "Well, sis," she stammered, "I just made it." "No wonder," I replied. "Got any left from yesterday?" Steve Crump, a practicing attorney, is the Times-News farm editor. Write him at crump@magicvalley.com.

Minico looks for feedback on school

By Shari Chaney Times-News writer

REPURT - It offers a glimpse into life at Minico High School. A team of 12 educators will take that glimpse, and then evaluate life at Minico, during a technical assistance visit from Wednesday to Friday through the High Schools that Work program. High Schools that Work is a program of the Southern Regional Educational Board which asks schools to continually raise expectations with the idea that "students will step up and meet those higher standards," said Minico Vice Principal Tara Bagley. The program also includes 10 key practices that each school will incorporate into life at school. Those range from strong programs in both academics and vocational-technical classes to keeping students engaged and having teachers work together. Bagley said the Minico faculty has moved away from the idea of departments and closer to the idea of teams in areas such as assessments, student help and

advising. The student-help team, for example, assists students who are failing a core class by pulling them out of an elective class to spend time working in that core subject. A technical assistance visit will help Minico personnel understand how well they are implementing the 10 key practices, Bagley said, offering feedback about what Minico is doing and how it could be done better. Karen Fraley, from the State Department of Education, is one member of the team; other members of the technical assistance visit team are educators from other schools who are in the High Schools that Work program. Teacher Cindy Fulcher said other Minico teachers and principal Dan Rogers have participated in technical assistance visits to other schools. "Seeing what other schools are doing makes staff members aware of how the principles are being, and should be, implemented at Minico, Bagley said. Minico's visit begins at 2 p.m. Wednesday with an orientation for the evaluation team. At 4

p.m. a committee of Minico educators will present the school's accomplishments, next steps and challenges, Bagley said. On Thursday, the team does classroom observations and conducts interviews with students, teachers and administrators, Bagley said. Every classroom will be visited by a technical assistance team member. "That's what the day consists of - getting feedback from everyone," Bagley said. Team members want to see teachers teaching. Fulcher said the team is not evaluating teachers specifically, but looking at effective classroom practices and engaged students. Nearly 20 students have been randomly chosen to be interviewed, Bagley said. Half of the students are from academic programs and half are from professional-technical programs. Students will be asked to talk about expectations and how their needs have been met. "Asking students for input is unique, Bagley said. The Health survey is administered to students for feedback but it

focuses on health issues and other topics outside of school. The team then works into the evening compiling the information they gathered into a report. Initial findings will be reported Friday, Fulcher said. "It's immediately important feedback," Bagley said. School officials can't fix something if they don't know it's broken. "I can only make us a better school," Bagley said. "Weak points are just another challenge to overcome." Bagley said Minico High School personnel have been working under the 10 key practices of the High Schools that Work program for about two years. Technical assistance visits happen periodically as schools continue in the program. The idea is schools continue to get better, always raising expectations. Times-News writer Shari Chaney can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 638, or by e-mail at schaney@magicvalley.com.

About HIV and AIDS

- HIV is not the same as AIDS. Having HIV does not mean that you have AIDS, but HIV is the cause of AIDS.
- AIDS stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. The virus damages your body's ability to fight off certain infections. But it's possible to have HIV for many years before it does enough damage to make a person ill.
- AIDS infections can cause serious illness and death, but new drug treatments can help prevent this and rebuild the body's defenses.
- You can't get HIV by kissing, shaking hands, touching, coughing or sneezing; you can't get it from insect bites and you can't get it by sharing food, or toilet seats, or from being in a swimming pool with an HIV-infected person.
- There are four main ways of contracting HIV: sex, sharing needles, receiving infected blood products and transmission from mother to baby during pregnancy, birth or through breast feeding.
- HIV can be slowed, but it can't be stopped altogether. The right combinations of drugs can slow down the damage which HIV does to the immune system, and delay the onset of AIDS. This is known as combination therapy, and it has dramatically improved the quality of life for many people living with HIV.
- Combination therapy doesn't work for everyone. It can have side effects, and, as with any drugs, the more your body becomes accustomed to them, the less effective they can be.
- There is no vaccine against HIV. The only protection is through prevention, such as using condoms, not sharing needles, screening blood transfusions and, in the case of expectant mothers with HIV, reducing the risk to the fetus by taking anti-HIV drugs, choosing C-section birth, and by bottle feeding.
- An HIV test is a simple blood test which looks for the antibodies produced by the immune system in response to HIV that has entered the body. It can take up to three months for these antibodies to show up in the body, so to get a reliable result you

HIV and AIDS: What you should know

- There are 70 people in the Magic Valley living with HIV. About 60 percent are men, and 20 percent are women.
- Today, 40 million people around the globe are estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS. Of these, 37.1 million are adults. 18.5 million are women, and 3 million are children under 15.
- During 2002, AIDS caused the deaths of an estimated 3 million people, including 1.1 million women and 580,000 children under 15.
- Women are becoming increasingly affected by HIV. About 50 percent of the 37.1 million adults living with HIV/AIDS worldwide are women.
- The majority of people with HIV - about 95 percent of the global total - now live in the developing world.
- Where to go for help: South Central District Health offers confidential HIV/AIDS testing and counseling. Fees are free on a sliding scale, and no one is turned away for inability to pay. For more information, call 734-5900.

AIDS

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retired and collects all things Wizard of Oz - dolls, cookie jars, teddy bears. "I pretty much stay to myself," J.W. said. "I do things with my family, I feel good. I'm still alive." Today is World AIDS Day, and this year's theme is "Live and Let Live." The goal is to raise awareness and do away with the discrimination HIV/AIDS sufferers often face. "There's a stigma that goes with being HIV positive," said Dick Goetsch, South Central District Health's prevention advocate. "People don't need to have that hammered onto them. They need support from family and friends." And now more than two decades later, HIV/AIDS is no longer a gay disease. "We want to emphasize that heterosexual AIDS is on the

increase," Goetsch said. I.W., also 51, knows that all too well. A former intravenous drug user, she was diagnosed with AIDS in 1995, August 1 at 7 a.m. in the morning. "I was devastated," she said. "I cried and carried on. I thought I was going to die in a week, and I had a 4-year-old at home." But I.W. soon realized that although the disease is terminal, "I've managed this long. I'll make it until my boy grows." "I stay clean, take my meds and work," said I.W., who works with physically and mentally disabled people. "I try to keep a positive attitude and not let it get the best of me." I.W. said she also had to break away from the drug crowd. "You have to change your lifestyle," she said. "If you live in that kind of circle, you have to get

out of it." I.W. said attitude not only improves her mental health, but her physical health as well. Her T-cell count has actually improved since she was first diagnosed. "But what really keeps her going is that she has a lot to live for. Her son will be 13 in January." "I'm staying around long enough to raise my son," she said. "I've made it this long. I'll make it until my boy grows." She said she hasn't faced discrimination, but then again, she hasn't told anyone she has AIDS. She said she's not so much worried about herself, but how it might affect her son. "No one knows," she said. "It's such a straight-laced community." Goetsch has worked with HIV/AIDS patients for a decade, first as a volunteer and for the last two

months as a paid advocate. With new drugs, people with AIDS are living longer and living better. And he's concerned that even with all the education available about how to prevent AIDS, new cases are being diagnosed every day. "There really isn't any reason for this disease to be on the increase," Goetsch said. "It's a preventable disease. There's an awful lot of apathy. We have the new drugs. People don't look sick. People aren't scared or a little scared, but it is a big deal." Still, the important thing is maintaining a quality of life along with the extra years. "It's not curable, but it's a manageable disease," Goetsch said. Times-News writer Randy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at amiller@magicvalley.com.

Montana

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"There are a lot of people who fall into those categories," he said. "Still demonstrating humility. Wanznerried was serving dinner in a homeless shelter Thursday. "This is the sort of thing we can all do," he said. He doesn't see the task as that much different than running for office. "I'm no different than anyone who could get elected," Wanznerried said. "The thing that I tell people is the things you do well that get you to this point in your life are the same skills and measure of character that they need to serve you well if you decide to run and will serve you well if you get elected." The skills Wanznerried has accumulated far in his life, however, fit particular well with his new position. After earning a master's degree in political science from the University of Montana in Missoula, he went on to lobby in Montana during the '70s and '80s for state agencies and then served as the governor's chief of staff for a couple of years. In the early 1990s, he took another route to public ser-

vice by getting elected to the Legislature. "I took a sabbatical and didn't run again until 2000," Wanznerried said. Not only did he break away from politics, he took a rest from the white-collar life by becoming a long-haul trucker for a couple of years. "During that time I discovered I had a knack for marketing," he said. So now he's a marketer for a long-haul trucking company based in Missoula. And these days politics has become a passion, not a job, he said. As in Idaho, Democrats in Montana are the minority party, but the margin is much closer in Big Sky County. As of the last election, there are 47 Democrats to go up against 53 Republicans. "I don't have any preconceived notions about how people would quickly to Democratic leadership. But so did term limits." "I'm one of the most senior members," he said. Under a law approved in 1992 by 67 percent of the voters and implemented in 1996, Montana legislators are limited to eight years in each legislative body.

They can serve a total of 16 years. Wanznerried said he can serve two more terms in the House after the one he is about to begin. But he said he's not sure he will. And what about term limits? Is it working? "I think it's useful to have new blood and new people, but we have always felt the electoral process was a check for that," he said. "Wanznerried pointed out that he has a unique perspective on the subject because of his background in the executive branch, coupled with legislative experience. He said he can see term limits is taking power away from legislators. "It tends to shift power to the executive branch and to the lobbyists," Wanznerried said. "It doesn't mean that it's bad, but it's possible and it's measurable." With the excuse of a handful of lawmakers who managed to jump houses in the last race, most of the legislators roaming the halls of the State Capitol in Helena during the winter of 2003 will be fairly new to the process, Wanznerried said. And in a state where the Legislature only convenes every other year, the chal-

lenge to resolve an anticipated \$250 million to \$300 million shortfall in the state budget will be especially formidable. "The concept of (term limits) is good, but with biennial sessions, it is a problem," Wanznerried said. Wanznerried said he only comes back to Twin Falls to see his step mother, Maxine Wanznerried, and the only one of his high school friends who remained in the area - Dave Sommer, a farmer south of town. Sommer, who has also performed public service as a former member of the Twin Falls School District, recalled his high school buddy as someone who didn't crave the spotlight. But "he always had a smile and could pull a good-natured prank." Sommer pointed out that even though Wanznerried didn't run for office in high school, he did participate in a public service group called Intrepid. "He started his political career there. He just didn't know it at the time," Sommer said. Times-News writer Julie Pence can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at jpence@magicvalley.com.

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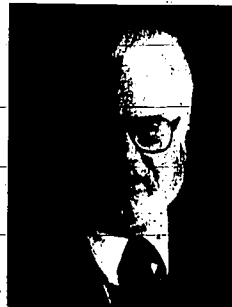
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Surely, oh Lord, please, Yao Ming won't rap like Shaquille O'Neal.

San Jose Mercury News columnist Tim Kucenikami on the many differences between the two centers.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who holds the record for most skins won in a single Skins Game?
ANSWER: below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Men's college basketball
Edmonds CC Turkey Shootout, 6 p.m.
Lynnwood, Wash.
CSI vs. Edmonds-Seattle winner, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Murtaugh volleyball receives honors
CASTLEFORD - Murtaugh dominated the Southside Magic Valley all-conference volleyball team by taking the most valuable player and coach of the year awards.

Red Devils' Lacey Perkins named most valuable player
Marilyn Cornell coach of the year. Players on the all-conference teams are:
First team
Outside hitters: Mandy Critchfield, Oakley; Bonnie Freestone, Hansen; Lacey Perkins, Murtaugh; Jessica Ratto, Hansen.
Middle blockers: Valerie Hedke, Oakley; Tanyl Perkins, Murtaugh.
Setter: Lany Andersen, Murtaugh.
Second team
Outside hitters: Han Culler, Murtaugh; Hannah Bares, Hagerman; Jill Harper, Raft River; Ali Cranney, Oakley.
Middle blockers: Mindy Burch, Oakley.
Defensive specialists: Brianne Stanger, Hansen; Ceria Codenu, Castleford.

Raft River hauls in top 11 men football awards
CASTLEFORD - Raft River hauled in the three top awards in the 11-man all-conference football, it was announced recently.
Quinn Harper of Raft River took the offensive Most Valuable Player award while defensive MVP honors went to Mac Erickson, also of Raft River. The coach of the year is Randy Spaeth of Raft River.

The other players in the all-conference team are as follows:
Quarterbacks: Quinn Harper, Raft River; T.J. Park, Mackay.
Running backs: Ryan Donahue, Mackay; Norman Kimber, Raft River; Mac Erickson, Raft River.
Wide receivers: Brock Nelson, Oakley; Chance Pehrson, Mackay; Kellen Warner, Mackay; Deryk Barrett, Raft River; Tyrell Thomas, Raft River; Chad Evans, Raft River.
QBWR: Justyn Gillish, Mackay; Nevis Nielson, Mackay.
Tight ends: Nick Billiard, Hagerman; Zack Nye, Raft River.
Linebackers: Brock Nelson, Oakley; Quinn Smith, Hagerman; Chance Pehrson, Mackay; Deryk Barrett, Raft River; Zack Nye, Raft River; Mitch Hipwell, Rimrock.
Linebackers: Ryan Donahue, Mackay; Mac Erickson, Raft River; Deryk Barrett, Raft River; Brock Nelson, Oakley; Quinn Smith, Hagerman; Justyn Gillish, Mackay; Sean Spearin, Oakley.
Defensive backs: Jordin White, Hagerman; Austin Knight, Hagerman; T.J. Park, Mackay; Quinn Harper, Raft River; C.J. Dickert, Raft River.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: Greg Norman, who won all 18 of the 2001 Skins Game.

CSI tops Tacoma, 69-61

Jaison Williams lifts Eagles with 18 points in second half

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

LYNNWOOD, Wash. - The best of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) wasn't good enough.
Behind the 18 points of Jaison Williams, 14 points and 15 rebounds of Sam Ibrahim and some suffocating defense, the No. 10 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team downed

defending NWAACC champion Tacoma Community College 69-61 in the semifinals of the Turkey Shootout at Edmonds Community College's Seaview Gymnasium on Saturday.
Ryan Davis added 13 points and Yakhoubia Diawara 12 as CSI (11-0) defeated its third straight NWAACC team in five days.
Justin Holt netted a game-high 29 points and R.J. Bush hit for 15 points to lead the Titans (1-1), who shot just 28 percent for the game (19-of-68).
CSI shot 46.4 percent (26-of-56), including hitting 51.7 percent (15-of-29) in a 44-41 second half.
CSI will face the winner of host Edmonds and Seattle in today's championship at 5 p.m. Tacoma

will play the loser for third place. Centralia meets Chemeketa for fourth place.
CSI head coach Guy Beach credited his team's defense with getting the job done.
"The one bright spot on the night was, overall, our team defense was very good," he said. "I thought we made them take tough shots."
Tacoma coach Carl Howell said nothing came easy against the Golden Eagles.
"You got to give them credit," he said. "When somebody shoots 30 percent from the field in a game, that's pretty good defense."
CSI built a 16-point lead at 48-32 on a Williams' baseline runner

with just under 9 minutes to go when Tacoma showed its champion's heart by trimming the deficit in half on a Patrick Hillis drive to make it 53-45 with 5 minutes to go.
Beach said his team hasn't found a way to put teams away.
"We hit our magic number, 16, again. We need to stop playing when we get up 16 because we let teams back in the game," he said. "They played hard, they didn't quit."
But Tacoma couldn't convert on two chances on its next possession.
Holt said the Titans couldn't find the big shot when they needed one.
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Turkey Shootout

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Seaside's games	Seaside
CSI 69, Tacoma 61	Edmonds led Seattle 36-25 at halftime
Centralia 10, Everett 79	Everett eliminated
Chemeketa 78, Highline 59	Highline eliminated

Today's games
CSI vs. Edmonds-Seattle winner, championship, 5 p.m.
Tacoma vs. Edmonds-Seattle loser, third place, 3 p.m.
Centralia vs. Chemeketa, fourth place, 1 p.m.

Cowboys upset Sooners

The Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. - Rashawn Woods and Josh Fields did it to Oklahoma again.
One year after ruining the Sooners' postseason plans with a late touchdown in Norman, Fields and Woods connected for three TDs as Oklahoma State upset No. 3 Oklahoma 38-28 on Saturday.
Woods had 12 catches for a school-record 226 yards, while Fields completed 18 of 27 passes for 357 yards and four touchdowns against the nation's ninth-ranked defense.

"We played our best opponent; we played our best football," Cowboys coach Les Miles said. "Consistently all of our big wins this year, this was undoubtedly our best one."

The Cowboys (7-5, 5-3) beat Nebraska and Oklahoma in the same season for the first time. As the last seed, they took off the clock, orange-clad Oklahoma State students and fans ran onto the field and tore down the goal posts.

In beating the Sooners for the fifth time in eight years, Oklahoma State enhanced its chances of going to its first bowl game since 1997. The Cowboys also never let Oklahoma take the lead, something no team had done against Bob Stoops in his first 49 games as Oklahoma's coach.

"We just wanted to prove that last year wasn't a fluke," said tight end Billy Bejama, who had a 58-yard catch on a second-quarter scoring drive. "It will improve our bowl destination, but that's not what we were thinking coming in. Playing Oklahoma was enough motivation."

Last year's 16-13 stunner by Oklahoma State cost Oklahoma a trip to the Big 12 title game, where a victory would have sent the Sooners to the national title game. Oklahoma (10-2, 6-2) came into this game with the South Division title sewn up, but the Sooners have no shot of playing for a national title.

"There are no excuses," Stoops said. "They did an excellent job." Please see OHSU, Page C2



Oklahoma State quarterback Josh Fields (13) scrambles in the second quarter. Oklahoma defender Lance Mitchell is at left. Fields had 387 yards passing and threw for four touchdowns as Oklahoma State won, 38-28.

Trojans trample Notre Dame

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Carson Palmer threw for 425 yards and four touchdowns, and Southern California's defense held Notre Dame to 109 yards as the sixth-ranked Trojans defeated the No. 7 Fighting Irish 44-13 Saturday night.

With Palmer passing for the most yards ever given up by Notre Dame, Southern California rolled up 610 total yards - most ever by any team against the Irish.

Early in the fourth quarter, Trojans fans chanted the inevitable "Overrated! Overrated!" at the Notre Dame players.

Freshman Mike Williams caught 10 passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns as USC, 10-2, 7-1 Pac-10 snapped a three-game winning streak by Notre Dame (10-2) in the interconference rivalry that began in 1926.

Palmer completed 32 of 46 passes, with two interceptions. Fullback Malefou Mackenzie had two TD receptions, and Justin Fargas ran for 120 yards on 20 carries and had four catches for 41 yards as the resurgent Trojans won their seventh in a row.

The Trojans' defense was just as dominant. Notre Dame's Carlyle Holiday went 10-of-29 for 70 yards with three interceptions. Although the Trojans said Irish closed out their regular seasons, they must wait until after next week's games to learn which they'll play in.

USC still has a shot at the Rose Bowl, or it could get a Bowl Championship Series at-large berth. Despite the lopsided loss to the Trojans, Notre Dame still could be awarded a BCS at-large spot.

The Trojans' 10 regular-season wins were their most since going 10-1 in 1988, and this is the first year they've beaten a top-10 cross-country rival UCLA (52-21) and Notre Dame during the same season in 21 years.

Young GM sports quite a background

By Howard Iman
Associated Press writer

BOSTON - Long before Theo Epstein was born, a phrase that describes his challenge as the youngest general manager in baseball history was scribbled by two of his relatives.

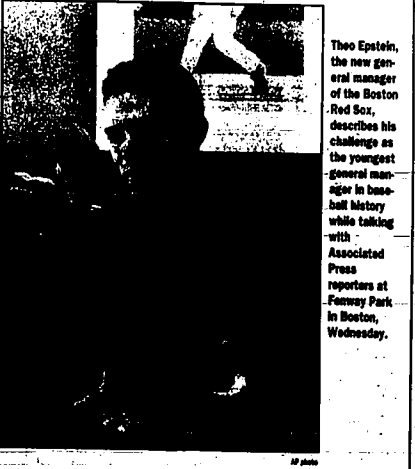
"Here's looking at you, kid," grandfather Phillip and granduncle Julius Epstein wrote in "Casablanca." Now, Theo is the kid being looked at very closely by passionate Boston Red Sox fans.

What, they ask, will he do to bring the team its first World Series title since 1918?

How, they wonder, did this clean-cut prodigy who grew up a mile from Fenway Park and is just 28 years old get to the point where he can decide the futures of Pedro Martinez and Nomar Garciaparra, free agents after the 2003 season?

A home video of Theo in Central Park provides a clue as to how it all began. Not yet 5, he is shown playing wiffle ball.

Crowds used to gather and look at watch, so I think maybe I



Injured guard says he will return to play ball

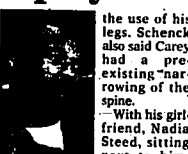
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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Senque Carey can't help wondering if he'll ever shoot a jump shot again.

Carey, a senior guard at New Mexico, injured his spinal cord in Monday's victory over Northwestern State, and he still can't move his legs.

Carey said Saturday he's confident he'll walk again, and that he'll play before the end of the season. But he acknowledged that there are times when his thoughts turn to "What if?"

"I don't want to think about it, but I do sometimes when I'm by myself," he said during a news conference at University of New Mexico Hospital. "Of course, you've got to think about 'What if I can't play basketball.' It'll be fine. Right now, I'm just worried about standing up."
Dr. Bob Schenck, an orthopedic surgeon at UNMH, said earlier this week that it's too early to say whether Carey will regain



the use of his legs. Schenck also said Carey had a pre-existing injury to the spine.
"With his girlfriend, Nadia Steed, sitting next to him, Carey spoke of his plans to return to the court."
"I feel it's only a matter of time before I'm back to myself," he said. "But it's going to take time. I've been playing basketball my whole life - but right now the most important part is to be able to live a normal life."
Carey, who transferred to New Mexico from Washington two years ago, took a charge with 7:41 left in the first half of Monday night's game against Northwestern State, a school from Natchitoches, La. He lay on the court virtually motionless for

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SPORTS

Miami runs all over Syracuse

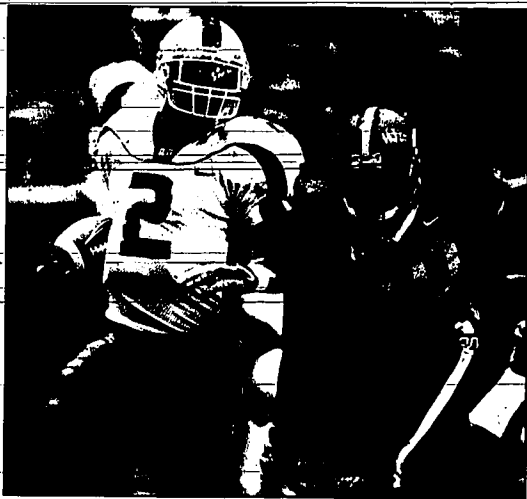
SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Willis McGahee ran for 134 yards and Ken Dorsey threw for 217 yards as No. 1 Miami defeated Syracuse 49-7 Saturday, leaving one obstacle left in the Hurricanes' path to the national title game.

Miami (11-0, 6-0 Big East) won its 33rd straight game, extending the longest current streak in Division I-A.

Barring an upset by Virginia Tech in Miami next week, the 'Canes will finish No. 1 in the Bowl Championship Series standings, setting up a showdown against No. 2 Ohio State (13-0) for the national title in Tempe, Ariz., on Jan. 3.

With No. 3 Oklahoma rising to Oklahoma State, No. 5 Georgia put itself in position to climb into the picture if Miami loses. No. 4 Iowa's season is finished, while Georgia has one more game, the SEC title game next weekend.

Miami's quick-strike offense gave the Hurricanes a 21-0 lead early in the second quarter. On the second play from scrimmage, McGahee ran 61 yards down the right side for the touchdown. That gave him 20 rushing touchdowns, 1,737 all-purpose yards and 120 points this season, all school records.



Miami running back Willis McGahee outruns Syracuse's Will Hunter on his way to a first-quarter touchdown Saturday in Syracuse, N.Y.

attempt at an onside kick with 1:55 left drifted out of bounds.

UNLV 36, No. 16 Colorado St. 33

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Larry Croom ran for 222 yards and a touchdown, and DeJohn Mandley caught a 29-yard touchdown pass with 46 seconds left for Nevada-Las Vegas.

The Rebels (5-7, 3-4 Mountain West) had 390 yards rushing to beat Colorado State for the first time since 1982.

Cobourne's running, The Mountaineers (9-3, 6-1 in Big East) completed a remarkable turnaround from a 3-8 season, secured at least second place in the Big East and beat their Backyard Brawl rival for the first time in three years.

No. 22 Virginia Tech 21, Virginia 9

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Lee Sugas ran for two touchdowns, and Virginia Tech found its defense, shutting down Matt Schaub and beating rival Virginia for the fourth consecutive year.

No. 25 Maryland 14, Wake Forest 12

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Scott McBrien threw for 257 yards and two touchdowns in the first half alone, helping the Terrapins take a 27-point lead and earn a Peach Bowl berth.

Montana uses big plays to whip Northwestern St.

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Herb Fernandez returned an interception for a touchdown and Jefferson Heideberger returned both a punt and a kickoff for a score Saturday as Montana beat Northwestern State 45-14 in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

Montana (11-2), co-champion of the Big Sky Conference, meets the winner of the first-round game between Montana State and McNeese State.

Fernandez tipped a pass by Kevin Magee and returned it 16 yards for a 21-0 lead with 7:06 left in the second quarter forcing Northwestern State (9-4) out of its running game.

Defending national champion Montana, coming off a two-game losing streak, took a 35-0 lead on Heideberger's 68-yard punt return with 7:47 left in the third quarter.

Northwestern State, of the Southland Conference, got its first touchdown on an errand run by Derric Johnson with 1:24 left in the third quarter.

Montana went up 38-7 with 14:18 remaining on a 29-yard field goal by Chris Snyder.

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Playoff scoreboard

Table with 2 columns: NCAA Division IAA Football Playoffs First Round, NCAA Division II Football Playoffs Quarterfinals, NCAA Division III Football Playoffs Second Round.

Regular Season Middle Tennessee 45, Utah St. 28

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Dwone Hicks ran for 169 yards and two touchdowns to lead Middle Tennessee to a 45-28 victory over Utah State on Saturday.

No. 5 Georgia 51, Georgia Tech 7

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia built a 34-0 halftime lead and cruised to a 51-7 rout of Georgia Tech — the most points the Bulldogs have ever scored against their state rival.

No. 14 Alabama 21, Hawaii 18

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Alabama (10-3) grounded the nation's top passing team in Hawaii (9-3), forcing quarterback Timmy Chalmers into interceptions.

Hawaii made it close in the final quarter, scoring twice to make it a five-point game, but a final

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MINNEAPOLIS — Michael Bauer's 3-pointer rolled in at the buzzer to give Minnesota a victory over Georgia.

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No. 11 Maryland 89, Duquesne 39

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Drew Nicholas scored a career-high 16 as No. 11 Maryland extended its nonconference home winning streak to 87 games Saturday night with an 89-39 rout of Duquesne.

The defending NCAA champion never trailed against the error-prone Dukes, who had

No. 18 Missouri 81, Austin Peay 46

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Rickey Paulding had 14 points and nine rebounds and guard Jimmy McKinney returned from an injury as Missouri routed Austin Peay.

Arthur Johnson had 16 points and three steals, and Ricky Clemens added nine points and eight assists for the Tigers (2-0).

No. 23 Mississippi St. 100, Jacksonville 65

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Timmy Bowers had 21 points, including four 3-pointers, as Mississippi State shot 58 percent in an easy win over Jacksonville.

Bowers led five scorers in double figures and the Bulldogs (2-1) won their second straight game without star center Mario Austin.

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 1 Duke survives scare from Arkansas

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands (AP) — Amante Beard made two free throws with one second left in overtime to complete a 27-point performance, and top-ranked Duke escaped with a 74-72 victory Saturday over No. 17 Arkansas.

The victory gave Duke (50) the championship of the St. John division of the "Paradise Jam." The Lady Razorbacks had a 61-59 lead with 2:51 left in regulation.

But Mistie Bass made a layup to tie the score. Beard had two chances to win the game in regulation, but missed from the foul line with 17 seconds left and again with 11 remaining.

No. 3 LSU 68, Fla. International 54

MIAMI — Doneeka Hodges scored 14 points to pace No. 3 LSU, which took a 10-0 lead but still struggled at times before defeating Florida International 68-54 Saturday night in the Thanksgiving Classic.

Hodges made 6-of-10 from the field to lead the Tigers. Alyssa Smith added 13 points and 11 rebounds for LSU (5-0). Seimone Augustus added 12 points and Temeka Johnson 11.

ranked Connecticut to a 60-53 victory Saturday over Hawaii in the second round of the Rainbow Wahine Classic.

Ashley Battle had 13 points and eight rebounds for the Huskies (4-0), who led by as many as 15 points in the second half.

Connecticut reserve Maric Conlon ended Hawaii's hopes with a 3-point basket with 4:20 remaining. Neither team scored again until Taurasi sank two free throws with 34 seconds to go.

No. 9 Vanderbilt 91, Youngstown St. 60

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Charlene Anderson has 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Ashley McElhinney added 14 points and 11 assists for Vanderbilt in the First Tennessee tournament.

The Commodores (3-0) trailed by a point 2:5 minutes into the game before going on a 15-2 run that started them toward the rout.

to the Paradise Jam tournament. JoeyLynn Penn had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Gamecock (4-0), who never trailed.

Jessalyn Deveny led Boston College (3-1) with 18 points, and Becky Gostein added 15.

No. 22 BYU 51, Weber St. 41

PROVO, Utah — Erin Thorn scored eight of her 14 points as No. 22 BYU edged Weber State's final lead of the game to a 45-40 lead, pulled away to win 51-41 Saturday.

Thorn made two 3-pointers and a driving layup to put BYU (3-0) in front 40-35 with 5:49 remaining. Jennifer Leitner added 15 points.

Weber State (1-2) was led by Crystal Howe with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Julie Gjevesee added 12 points.

No. 25 Cincinnati 79, Middle Tennessee 59

CINCINNATI (AP) — Valerie King scored 14 of her 22 points in the second half as No. 25 Cincinnati drew away and beat Middle Tennessee 79-59 Saturday.

No. 25 Wisconsin 69, Wisconsin-Bay 52

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Arizona at Kansas City

7-4 5-6
QB Priest Holmes could have a big day against an Arizona defense that is ranked 30th in the NFL. But Kansas City is even worse than Arizona on defense, ranking last in the league, allowing 427.7 yards per game. The Cardinals will continue to rely on Marcell Shipp after losing Thomas Jones to a broken hand, 11 a.m.

Atlanta at Minnesota

7-9-1 3-8
QB Michael Vick and the Falcons are unbeaten in seven games. Vick is likely to provide major headaches for the Vikings, who rank 29th in the NFL in total defense. The Vikings, who are one loss from their second straight losing season, could be without running back Michael Bennett, who is listed as questionable, 11 a.m.

Baltimore at Cincinnati

5-6 1-10
Baltimore has won eight of the last nine meetings between the teams, but that came in Cincinnati last season. The Ravens will have to do without its five-time Pro Bowl middle linebacker Ray Lewis for the rest of the season, who announced he will have season-ending shoulder surgery, 11 a.m.

Carolina at Cleveland

3-8 6-5
The Panthers will need a solid performance from Rodney Peets to leave Cleveland with a win. Cleveland has won four of its last five to pull within one-half game of first place Pittsburgh in the AFC North. Carolina has lost eight straight games since a 3-0 start, 11 a.m.

Chicago at Green Bay

3-8 8-3
The Packers have delayed the clinching of the division after losing consecutive games. QB Brett Favre has thrown seven interceptions the last two weeks after throwing just four in his first nine games. Chicago QB Jim Miller will start for the injured Chris Chandler, 11 a.m.

Miami at Buffalo

7-4 5-6
QB Ray Lucas and the Dolphins are seeking their third consecutive win. Lucas has been mistake-free in two straight wins. The Bills are looking to

NFL WEEK 13

Best of the West

With 7-4 records, the Denver Broncos, Oakland Raiders and the San Diego Chargers have a three-way tie at the top of the AFC West. The logjam could clear up after this week's games.

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Seattle at San Francisco

4-7 7-4
After a relatively slow start, 49ers WR Terrell Owens has been on fire with five 100-yard games in his six games. Seattle will need their offense to perform big again after amassing 534 yards in last week's 39-32 win against the Chiefs. The Seahawks rank 31st in the league in defense, allowing 379.9 yards per game, 2:15 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Jacksonville

6-4-1 5-6
The Steelers hold a one-game lead over Cleveland in the AFC North. Trying to stay in contention in the AFC South, Jacksonville trails second-place Tennessee by a game and is two back of Indianapolis. Jaguars RB Fred Taylor needs 72 yards to reach 1,000 for the third time in his career. Pittsburgh ranks third in the AFC against the run, allowing 90.7 per game, 11 a.m.

Tennessee at N.Y. Giants

6-5 6-5
Both playoff-contending teams are looking to bounce back after embarrassing losses against weaker opponents. The Giants had all kinds of problems on special teams in a surprising 16-14 loss to the Texans. Titans QB Steve McNair threw three interceptions and also lost a fumble in a 13-12 loss in Baltimore. WR Kevin Coyson (hamstring) is expected to miss the game, while speed-rushing defensive end Jevon Kearse (foot) could return to the lineup, 11 a.m.

Denver at San Diego

7-4 7-4
The Broncos, along with the Oakland Raiders, share first place with San Diego in the AFC West, the NFL's tightest divisional race. Denver QB Brian Griese (knee) is questionable. Chargers RB LaDainian Tomlinson is second in the NFL with 1,096 yards on the ground. But Denver is last in the league against the run, allowing just 72.7 yards per game, 2:05 p.m.

Houston at Indianapolis

3-8 7-4
QB David Carr and the Texans are playing with renewed confidence after

upsetting the Giants last week. Houston was able to win despite failing to protect Carr from being sacked five times. Carr has gone down 58 times this season. In their first meeting between the teams, Peyton Manning passed for 271 yards and two touchdowns, leading the Colts to a 23-3 victory. Carr threw for just 99 yards and was sacked four times, 2:05 p.m.

St. Louis at Philadelphia

5-6 6-3
In a rematch of last season's NFC championship game, the Eagles - without Donovan McNabb or backup Roy Helms - will start A.J. Feeley, a fifth-round pick who has thrown 14 passes in his career. The Rams could be without Pro Bowl running back Marshall Faulk (ankle) for the third straight game, 2:15 p.m.

Tampa Bay at New Orleans

9-2 7-4
The Bucs have been carried by their defense, which was first in the league, allowing 11.5 points per game and 253.5 yards per game. The unit could receive a boost with the possible return of tackle Anthony McFarland (forearm). Saints QB leads the NFC with 21 TD passes. RB Deuce McAllister (ankle), who has six 100-yard games, is questionable, 6:30 p.m.

Monday night

N.J. Jets at Oakland

6-5 7-4
Both teams are among the hottest in the AFC. Thanks to quarterback Chad Pennington and an improving defense, they are back in the playoff race. Pennington leads the AFC with a 99.8 quarterback rating, just ahead of Raiders QB Rich Gannon (99.1). Gannon continues to run the NFL's top rated offense with precision, winning three straight. The Raiders share the division lead in the AFC West with the Broncos and Chargers, 7 p.m.



Professional tailgater Joe Cahn opens some hot steaks during a tailgate party at Invesco Field at Mile High prior to a Raiders-Broncos game Nov. 11 in Denver.

America's professional tailgater finds food, friends on the road

By Hal Bock
Associated Press writer

The commissioner of tailgating will be easing his RV into the parking lot at 3:00 p.m. in San Francisco on Sunday, in the homestretch of one of the great road trips in sports history. There, Joe Cahn and his navigator, Sophie the cat, will socialize with the regulars, dine on hot dogs and hamburgers - perhaps something more unusual, such as surf and turf - and then move on, heading across the Bay for the Monday night game at Oakland. Cahn arrives at games eight hours early. "I've got things to do, you know," the commissioner said. "Search out the right parking spot, build a fire, eat food..." It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it.

Seven years ago, inspired by the Super Bowl in his hometown of New Orleans, Cahn sold his cooking school business and his house, bought a motor home, and began trolling America's parking lots, looking for the best tailgate parties. His goal was to cover 29 NFL stadiums in 17 weeks, a daunting task. The commissioner, equipped with ample supplies of traditional New Orleans fare such as jambalaya and pralines, succeeded.

After his first season, Cahn declared himself the King of Tailgating. Then he thought it over and decided it would be better to be commissioner. "Being the king is dangerous," he said. "Kings get overthrown. I will be commissioner. Commissioners are for life." And, in fact, Cahn's follow-

ers agreed. "I was overwhelmingly returned to office on Election Day!" he exclaimed. "The Diet Party with Richard Simmons is out."

Early on, the commissioner contributed good food to the party. Now his specialty is good cheer. "I pull into the parking lot, open a table and put out some steaks," he said. "You know, some crackers, some dip, some cashews. I never put out mixed nuts because people always dig into the bowl looking for cashews and leave fingerprints on the rest of the nuts."

Then he starts his tour of the parking lot. The commissioner has come across some interesting spreads. There are plenty of hot dogs and hamburgers, of course, some peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, even steaks and chicken for the more ambitious chefs.

He also has seen all sorts of exotic fare and settings. At USC, one ambitious party featured foie gras, caviar and wine, all accompanied, of course, by a string quartet. "Hey," the commissioner said, "it was California."

There's a man in Buffalo who cooks on the hood of his car, using a shovel, a helmet, a rake and a hubcap instead of traditional pans and spatulas. That spread includes a bowling ball with the finger holes containing aperitifs.

There are lobster fishermen from Maine with season tickets to the New England Patriots. You can imagine what that cookout is like. The food is not the point. The people are the point.

"A lowly hot dog doesn't have a lot of taste," Cahn said. "But eaten with friends while laughing and talking, it can be an incredible meal."

"It's not the food on the table. It's the people at the table. The eating is secondary."

Cahn calls tailgating America's last great neighborhood.

"It's the only place in America where the whole community gets together," he said. "Throwing a football around in the parking lot is like playing ball in the street when you were growing up. Tailgating is a comfort zone. It is the reception before the banquet."

Cahn refuses to pick favorite sites. "The best one is wherever I am," he said. "Some are big. Some are small. All of them are wonderful."

And from this he makes a living? "My wealth lies in my friends," he said. "The great accomplishment is to be invited over to somebody's house. I get invited to thousands of back yards with people sharing food. I meet friends I didn't know I had. I may be broke, but I'm not going hungry. I'm eating everybody's food."

His next stop is the Army-Navy game at the Meadowlands on Dec. 7, and then it will be on to Florida for games in Jacksonville and Miami. After that are Cincinnati and Tennessee, Arizona and San Diego, and his grand finale at the Super Bowl.

How does he like all these games? "The commissioner chuckled. "I don't go to the games," he said. "I go to the tailgates."

SOURCES: Associated Press; National Football League

Broncos meet Chargers today in tight AFC West competition

By Bernie Wilson
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO - The San Diego Chargers can control their path to the playoffs - if they can start winning more than once every four games.

Then again, the AFC West rival Denver Broncos control their destiny, too. So do the Oakland Raiders.

With five weeks left in the regular season, the Broncos, Chargers and Raiders are 7-4, making the AFC West the tightest division in a conference where almost everyone has a shot at the playoffs.

"The Broncos, coming off another disappointing loss under the lights, and the Chargers, who've been pushed around a lot since starting 6-1, will take a small step toward sorting out the deadlock when they play Sunday."

"Teams are scrambling to try to do whatever they can to get in the playoffs," Denver receiver Rod Smith said.

"Winning would sure help. The Broncos have dropped two of three, including last Sunday night's 23-20 home overtime loss to Indianapolis and a 34-10 home loss to Oakland on Nov. 11. All four of the Broncos' losses have been at night, three at Denver."

"The Chargers are in a bigger funk, having dropped three of four. They were manhandled in losing 30-3 at last week's end. If not for a missed field goal in overtime by the now-injured Jose Cortez two weeks ago against San Francisco, they'd be looking at a four-game losing streak."

Plus, the Broncos already clocked the Chargers once this season, winning 26-9 in Denver. The Broncos had lost at Baltimore the previous Monday night and took out their frustration on the Chargers.



Dolphins' linebacker Zach Thomas, left, jars the ball loose from Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson Sunday during San Diego's loss to Miami. The Chargers need some charge if they want to hit the playoffs.

The Broncos have won four of five in San Diego and nine of 11 overall in the series. "If you want to get to the playoffs, you've got to win this game," said Smith, who gave his teammates a tongue-lashing after Sunday night's loss. "That's kind of what it boils down to for a lot of teams in the AFC. If you don't step up to the challenge, then when January comes, you'll be watching the playoffs."

The Chargers are used to being parked in front of their TVs after New Year's Day, having missed the playoffs the last six seasons, the NFL's second-longest active drought.

The Chargers better hope things really have turned around under coach Marty Schottenheimer. In the last six seasons, they've 10-35 in the last two months of the season. In the last six Decembers, they're just 4-20.

"This is a must-win, but it's not a must-must-win," Chargers safety Rodney Harrison said. "It's not like it's the end of the world."

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for whichever team loses.

"But I think it really puts you in the driver's seat if you win. It gives you the ability to control your own destiny, because now you're 8-4, and now you have two games out of four that you have to win, instead of three out of four. It's a big difference. One game means a lot."

The division race likely will go down to the final weekend. The Chargers host the Raiders next Sunday, and the Broncos play at Oakland on Dec. 7.

Tight end Shannon Sharpe could be back for the Broncos, but coach Mike Shanahan said that decision might not be made until Sunday. Sharpe partially separated his right elbow against Oakland on Nov. 11. He was expected to miss up to a month, but returned to practice Wednesday.

Quarterback Brian Griese also returned to practice Wednesday for the first time since spraining his left knee against Seattle on Nov. 17. Steve Beuerlein will make his second straight start.

"We believe we're as good as anybody in the league," Beuerlein said. "So do we feel we should be able to take our division? Sure we do. But we can't stumble like we've been stumbling. We've lost two or three games that we had no business losing."

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The Chargers feel the same way, but their defense and offense are showing some pretty big cracks.

The Chargers allowed 222 yards rushing to the Dolphins, including 143 by Ricky Williams, and were outgained 413-144. San Diego's defense was ranked No. 1 in the league after leading up on patbies to open the season, but after playing tougher teams, it's tumbled to 27th.

Running back LaDainian Tomlinson was held to 45 yards on 14 carries, the third-lowest total of his two-year career. Tomlinson surrendered the NFL rushing lead to Kansas City's Priest Holmes, who gained 197 yards in a loss to Seattle.

Holmes leads Tomlinson, 1,209 yards to 1,098.

Drew Brees threw another interception, giving him the same number of pickoffs as TD passes, 12.

And here come the Broncos, with the league's top-ranked run defense, as well as impressive rookie runner Clinton Portis (836 yards). In the Chargers' loss at Denver, Tomlinson was held to just 48 yards.

Harrison doesn't have an answer for the Chargers' struggles. "We're still in flux. They must tell you something right there," he said. "Guys are playing hard, guys are working hard. Eventually it's going to have to come together if we want to get to where we want to be."

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SPORTS

Poll shows public divided over Augusta membership

The Associated Press

Americans are evenly divided over whether Augusta National Golf Club should have female members, and three-fourths believe Tiger Woods should play in the Masters despite the dispute, an Associated Press poll found.

When asked which perspective came closer to their own views, 46 percent of respondents said Augusta National has a right to have an all-male membership, while the same percentage said a club holding such a prestigious golf tournament should have female members.

Seventy-five percent in the survey, conducted for the AP by ICR International Communications Research of Media, Pa., said Woods should play in the tournament in April, while 15 percent said he should not. Woods, who has won the Masters three times, including the last two, plans to play, although he has said he favors adopting a female member to the club.

A New York Times editorial on Nov. 18 suggested Woods should not play.

The question about the club's membership got different reactions from women and men.

Women were slightly more inclined than men to say the club should have female members. Younger adults also were more likely to feel that way, and the sentiment declined steadily among older groups.

Those who follow professional golf, just under one-fourth of the population, or 23 percent, were more inclined to defend Augusta National's right to have an all-male membership. The poll of 1,004 people was conducted Nov. 22-26 and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The controversy doesn't appear to be hurting the image of

the Masters. Only one in five said the club's all-male membership makes them view the tournament less favorably, and three-fourths said it has no effect on their view of the event.

Among them was Jill Jones, a 27-year-old administrator from Pomona, N.Y. "Women can go have their own club, and so can men," she said.

The club contends it does not have exclusionary membership policies, although it did not have a black member until 1990, and it has not had a female member in its 70-year history. Chairman Hootie Johnson has said the club might one day allow a female member, "but that timetable will be ours, and not at the point of a bayonet."

The National Council of Women's Organizations, which has about 6 million members from 160 groups, sent a letter to Johnson on June 12 after chairwoman Martha Burk read reports about Augusta National not having a woman among its 300 members.

The club commissioned a survey it released last month that it said indicated overwhelming public support for Augusta National's position on the issue.

Many, however, are skeptical about the club's stance.

Billy Peacock, a 76-year-old retiree from Whitney, Texas, said he doesn't see why the golf club doesn't have female members. "The women have as much right in that club as the men," he said.

Augusta National has many current or retired executives of some of the nation's biggest companies among its members, and those companies generally have policies against gender discrimination.

Just over half in the poll, 52 percent, said they think it's all right for the executives to belong to a male-only club, while just over a third, 35 percent, said it's not.

Players spread wealth in Skins Game

Woods wins most skins, Mickelson gets most money

INDIO, Calif. (AP) - Tiger Woods won more skins. Phil Mickelson won more money. And when the first day of the Skins Game was finally over Saturday, everybody won something.

Mickelson made his debut in the event by hitting into the bushes three times, taking himself out of the hole twice, hitting one shot right-handed and walking off with \$100,000 because of one good swing.

Lefty hit 8-iron to 4 feet on the eighth hole, which was worth two skins.

"You can hit the ball all over the map," said Mickelson, who did just that on Landmark Golf Club. "Tiger played the best of all four of us... But I was able to get some skins because each hole gives us a fresh opportunity to win."

Woods, coming off a 14-stroke victory in the 36-hole Grand Slam of Golf, won three skins and \$75,000. He did most of his damage on the first six holes, which were worth \$25,000 each.

Mark O'Meara won only one hole, but it was worth three skins and \$75,000. After the first two holes were tied with pars, O'Meara hit a soft "stirrer" into 2-foot "fort" birdie on the 192-yard third hole.

Fred Couples made sure he wasn't shut out. Making his record-tying ninth Skins Game appearance, Couples hit 5-iron from a sidehill lie in the rough on No. 9 to about 4 feet for an eagle.



Tiger Woods pumps his fist after winning his first skin of the day on the fifth hole of the Skins Game at Landmark Golf Club in Indio, Calif., Saturday. Woods won three skins and \$75,000.

"I thought there would be an eagle here. I just didn't think it would be mine," said Couples, who earned \$50,000 for his lone skin.

It was only the third time in the 20-year history of the Conagra Foods Skins Game that all four players won something on the first day.

A year ago, nobody won anything until it was over because of a "validation" system that no one liked and even fewer people understood.

A skin could not be won unless the player had the best score on the next hole. As a result, Greg Norman won the \$1 million pot with a birdie on the second playoff hole, which needed no validation.

"It's great not to have validation," Woods said. "It's great to be on the board."

The stakes got even higher on Sunday. The first three holes will be worth \$50,000, the next five worth \$70,000 and the 18th hole is worth \$200,000.

Mickelson never had played in the Skins Game, a format that suits his aggressive style. He immediately shouted about 4,000 fans "who had been missing by hitting his opening tee shot well right of the fairway into a small shrub."

Mickelson hit into another bush on the next hole and had to take a penalty drop, effectively taking himself out of the hole. On the par-5, he hit off the cart path and into more bushes. He thought about playing it off his

knees and claiming relief from the cart path, but what was the point?

"Tiger was already 15 feet for eagle," he said.

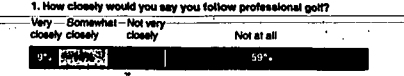
Woods got there with the best shot of the day - nothing fancy, just pure power and perfection with a 3-wood that traveled 271 yards and landed softly on the upper tier of the green.

"Absolutely incredible," Couples said. "That was one of the best shots I've ever seen. That looked like a pitching wedge from 270 yards."

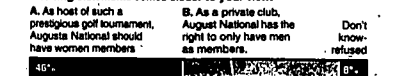
Woods had the best score, finishing every hole for a 4-under 32, although he had to work for his skins.

Public divided on Augusta's membership

Respondents were evenly split when asked whether they felt Augusta National Golf Club should have women members.



2. As you may know, one of the world's most prestigious golf tournaments, the Masters, is hosted by Augusta National Golf Club. Augusta National does not have women members, although women do play at Augusta National golf course as guests. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view:



3. Many members of Augusta National Golf Club are current or retired executives of some of the nation's biggest companies, which have policies against discrimination on the basis of gender. Regardless of whether a private club should have only male members, do you think it's all right for executives of companies with policies against gender discrimination to belong to a private club that has only male members, or those executives should not belong to clubs with only male members.

All members	Should not belong	Don't know/refused
52%	35%	13%

4. Does knowing that Augusta National Golf Club does not have women as members make you view The Masters golf tournament more favorably, less favorably or does that make no difference in how you view The Masters?

More favorably	Less favorably	Makes no difference	Don't know/refused
3%	21%	76%	2%

5. Some have argued that Tiger Woods, a three-time winner of the Masters, should skip the tournament this year in an effort to influence Augusta National to expand its membership to women. Woods favors admitting women, but says he should not be singled out in the dispute and will play in the Masters. Do you think Tiger Woods should play in the Masters this year or should he skip the tournament?

Should play	Should skip	Don't know/refused
75%	15%	10%

The poll of 1,004 adults was conducted Nov. 22-26 for The Associated Press by ICR International Communications Research of Media, Pa. and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Els takes lead into final round in South Africa

SUN CITY, South Africa (AP) - Ernie Els shot a 3-under-par 69 Saturday to hold a four-stroke lead after three rounds of the \$4.06 million Nedbank Golf Challenge.

Els was at 12-under 204 in the 12-player tournament, which offers a first prize of \$2 million - the richest in golf.

Colin Montgomerie had the day's best score with a 65 to share second place with Chris DiMarco (72) at 208.

Darren Clarke and Retief Goosen were at 210, with Michael Campbell and Padraig Harrington a stroke behind. Jim Furyk was at 212, followed by defending champion Sergio Garcia at 213, Nick Price and Rob Estes at 214 and Robert Allenby at 215.

Moseley was 16 under after 10 holes, followed by Australian compatriot Aaron Baddeley. Moseley began the round a stroke ahead of Baddeley.

Only 38 of 62 starters completed the third round when the storm and lightning hit the course. The remaining 24 players will finish the round Sunday.

Baddeley bogeyed the 10th hole to fall two strokes behind, and Peter Lonard was three back at 13 under after 13 holes.

Greg Norman, who started the day eight strokes behind Moseley, was 3 under after 14 holes. He is eight behind.

Earlier Saturday, officials confirmed John Daly had been fined \$5,000 for his outburst after the second round Friday. Daly refused to sign his scorecard and was disqualified.



Ernie Els plays from the bunker on the 14th hole of the third round of the Nedbank Golf Challenge in Sun City, South Africa, Saturday.

Nystrom in the Hong Kong Open. Daddi still seeking his first title on a 63 as they finished with 12 years on the European PGA. Berendt at 12-under 195.

Moseley heads field at suspended Australian PGA

COOLUM, Australia - Jarrod Moseley held a two-stroke lead at the Australian PGA on Saturday, with a thunderstorm preventing nearly half the starters from completing the third round.

Three players sit atop Hong Kong leaderboard

HONG KONG - Argentina's Jorge Berendt shot a 7-under-par 62 Saturday to share the third round lead with Welshman Stephen Dodd and Swede Henrik

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France nears second straight Davis Cup title with doubles win

By Michael McDonough
Associated Press writer

PARIS — With its resilient double team buoyed by a crowd-pounding ThunderStix, France closed in on a second straight Davis Cup title.

Nicolas Escude and Fabrice Santoro gave the French a 2-1 lead against Russia in the best-of-five final Saturday, beating Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Marat Safin 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 in a match that lasted more than 3.5 hours.

France can claim its 10th Davis Cup title if Sebastien Grosjean defeats Safin in Sunday's first sin-

gles match.

"It's not over yet," Escude said. "The main goal is to win Sunday evening."

Still, a trend runs heavily in France's favor: The team winning the doubles has won the last 24 Davis Cup finals.

France last won back-to-back Davis Cup titles in 1932. Russia has never won the trophy and is playing in its third final.

"We gave 150 percent of what we were able to give today," Santoro said. "It was tough because they were hitting very hard and very fast."

French captain Guy Forget is

expected to choose between Santoro and Davis Cup newcomer Paul-Henri Mathieu for Sunday's final match against Kafelnikov. Mathieu lost to Safin in four sets on Friday.

While the French have room to maneuver, the Russians are strictly a two-man operation in Kafelnikov and Safin.

Santoro and Escude, were cheered on by a partisan crowd of about 15,000, some of whom banged the ThunderStix so popular among fans during the World Series.

Escude and Santoro won the doubles title at the Paris Masters

in November but had little experience playing together before that tournament.

"Friendship always plays an enormous role in that kind of thing," said Escude, who clinched the Davis Cup title last year in the last match against Australia. "We were pushing each other. When I missed an easy point, he was encouraging me, and vice versa."

Safin and Kafelnikov, meanwhile, showed few signs of camaraderie aside from a few hand slaps between points.

Safin has acknowledged that he and Kafelnikov are "not very good friends," although his teammate

has described their relationship as "outstanding."

Safin will have played nine sets when he faces Grosjean, who needed only three sets to beat Kafelnikov on Friday.

"The matches are not over," said Kafelnikov, who has said he'll retire if Russia wins. "There is always another day."

After losing the first set, the Russians turned the match around with powerful groundstrokes and strong serves. Former Russian President Boris Yeltsin rose from his seat to applaud a shot by Kafelnikov.

Escude fell on his back near the

end of the third set, which the Russians won, and left the court to be examined by a doctor. He returned and the French lost the first two games of the next set.

But just as Kafelnikov and Safin looked set to take the match, the French dug in at the net.

"At one point, I said to Nicolas: 'Now we have to bend our knees and play as if we are a wall, and not miss a single volley,'" Santoro said.

The French won six of the next seven games to cheer from a crowd — that sang the "Marseillaise," the French national anthem, after France evened the match at two-sets apiece.

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Lowfat Dairy Foods May Help The Fight Against Colon Cancer

There's one word in the English language that can invoke fear by just the mere mention of it — the C-word — cancer. It's a disease that will affect thousands of people this year alone. In 2002, the American Cancer Society estimates that half a million Americans will die of cancer that's more than 1,500 people a day. But there's hope from another C-word, one that may help reduce the risk of some cancers — calcium.

New research published earlier this year in *Nutrition and Cancer* indicated that lowfat dairy foods, such as milk, cheese and yogurt, may be powerful tools in reducing the risk of colon cancer, the third leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States.

All forms of cancer are characterized by uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells. In the case of colon cancer, it begins as a malignant tumor that develops in the digestive tract. During a clinical study, 40 adults with a history of colorectal polyps — a risk factor for colon cancer — were split into two groups. One group was assigned to consume an extra 900 mg of calcium supplements in addition to their usual intake of 600 mg that came from food. The other group was assigned to lowfat dairy foods. This group upped their daily intake of lowfat dairy foods — lowfat ice cream, cheese, yogurt, milk — by three additional servings for a total of roughly 1,300 mg of calcium each day. At the end of the trial, each group showed a significant reduction in the growth of abnormal cells, which lead to colorectal polyps.

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These findings were also consistent with a study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, which also found that increased lowfat dairy food consumption was associated with some precancerous colon cells toward a more normal state.

Of course, dairy foods are the preferred way of ensuring you receive the recommended daily intake of calcium since dairy foods provide the best natural source of calcium and they just taste better than a pill. Along with being an excellent source of calcium and vitamin D, dairy foods are also bulging with other essential nutrients such as vitamins A, B12, along with essential minerals, protein, potassium, riboflavin, niacin and phosphorus. Dairy foods also contain compounds such as conjugated linoleic acid (CLA), butyric acid and sphingolipids, which have been found to have anticancer properties.

And it's so easy to get the daily dairy nutrition that you need. Start off your day with yogurt, granola and a little fresh fruit. Take some lowfat dairy foods such as cheese or milk for a mid-morning snack. Add a serving to your side dishes and salads with different cheeses, or whip up a frosty dessert using lowfat milk and ice cream.

Remember, good health is as close as your neighborhood grocery store's dairy case. So drink up and stay healthy.

Information provided by the United Dairywomen of Idaho, National Dairy Council, the American Cancer Society, and WMAPI.

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Is Michael Jackson losing his mind?

Erratic behavior, strange appearance cast doubts on career

By Anthony Brizician
Associated-Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson seems to be moonwalking from one embarrassment to another.

He publicly feuded with his record label, accusing its chief of racism after his album sales were low. He dangled his infant son from a hotel balcony. And his morbidly altered face just gets weirder.

As the trial resumes Tuesday in a lawsuit filed against the 44-year-old entertainer in a contract dispute, his erratic behavior has once again eclipsed his musical talent.

"Just when you think it can't get any worse, Michael Jackson finds a way — an unprecedentedly creative way — to make it worse," said Michael Levine, a public relations expert who represented Jackson in 1993.

Tabloids accused Jackson of reckless endangerment two weeks ago after he displayed his baby, Prince Michael II, from a balcony of the Adlon Hotel in Berlin Nov. 29, in this image from television.



Michael Jackson dangles his youngest son, Prince Michael II, over a balcony of the Adlon Hotel in Berlin Nov. 29, in this image from television.

two shows scheduled for New Year's Eve 1999. Jackson maintains it was Avram who canceled the concerts over concerns they would not be profitable.

Jackson's court appearance created a stir because of his ever-changing face. Along with his wide, ghostly eyes, unusually pale skin, and traces of a beard and mustache, he appeared to have a bandage hanging from his hollowed-out nose.

David Gest, who produced Jackson's 30th anniversary special last year, told CNN's Larry King that Jackson's physical transformation resulted from "bad advice."

"Sometimes people tell you that if you do certain things, you'll look better, you'll feel better, and you leave it to people who you trust," said Gest, who met his wife, Liza Minnelli, through Jackson.

Jackson became a child star singing with his brothers in the Jackson 5, and later had one of the most successful albums of all time, 1982's "Thriller," which sold an estimated 26 million copies in the United States.

He had strong follow-up albums

with 1978's "Bad" and 1991's "Dangerous," but his career began to collapse in 1993 after he was accused of molesting a boy. Jackson has maintained his innocence, and reached a multimillion-dollar settlement. Charges were never filed.

Levine, who represented Jackson at the time, characterizes the singer now as a self-destructive personality akin to John Belushi or Elvis Presley.

Hyun-Kim, music-and-lifestyle editor of Vibe magazine, sees Jackson as a "tragic figure." "There are many people who are sympathetic and want to see him on top again," he said.

Jackson's 1995 "HIStory" disc, on which he voiced anger over the abuse allegations, sold more than 2.4 million copies and was Grammy-nominated, but was considered a commercial disappointment. "Blood on the Dance Floor" — a 1997 disc which remakes from "HIStory" and a few new songs — was an outright flop, selling just a few hundred thousand copies.

Jackson's reputation enjoyed a bit of a resurgence in recent years.

Surviving Beatles gather to honor George Harrison

LONDON (AP) — Ringo Starr and Paul McCartney reunited Friday night for an emotional musical tribute to the memory of George Harrison on the anniversary of the ex-Beatle's death.

With Eric Clapton, Joe Cocker and Harrison's son Dhani, the surviving Beatles shared a night of musical memories with an audience of 5,000 devoted fans at the "Concert For George" at London's Royal Albert Hall.

Money raised by the concert is to benefit the Material World Charitable Foundation, which Harrison founded.

The ex-Beatle, 58, who succumbed to cancer was the second from the group to die. John Lennon was shot to death in 1980. Harrison left almost \$155 million in his will, according to court documents released Friday. Details of the beneficiaries and the division of the money was not made public.

Star-star, Ravi Shankar, Harrison's musical guru in his Beatles days, told the audience, "I strongly feel that George is here tonight. I mean how can he not be here when all of us who loved him so much have assembled all together to sing for him and play music to his honor."

Clapton kicked off the Beatles hits with "I Want To Tell You" before Cocker and Dhani Harrison joined him for "Here Comes The Sun." Clapton had the crowd on its feet for a standing ovation with the words: "Ladies and gentlemen, Ringo Starr!"

The ex-Beatle ran on stage to



Beatles fan Carlos Branco arrives at the Royal Albert Hall in London Friday for a star-studded concert to commemorate the death of former Beatle George Harrison.

tumultuous applause. He saluted the crowd and said: "What a night! I loved George and George loved me."

Many in the audience danced to the music. Starr grabbed the mike and introduced McCartney, bringing the audience to its feet again.

All the performers assembled onstage for a specially written finale, "I'll See You in My Dreams," and many fans wiped away tears as the artists bowed and clapped the audience.

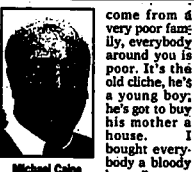
In Los Angeles, a small crowd gathered Friday at the Beatles' star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame to mark Harrison's death.

Actor Caine says he still fears poverty

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Michael Caine says even after 48 years in the entertainment business, with more than 130 films and television shows, poverty remains his greatest fear.

In a recent talk to members of the Screen Actors Guild, Caine said a childhood horror of returning to his poor roots drove him to make some less-than-inspired career choices. Among them, he said, were roles in "Jaws: The Revenge" and "On Deadly Ground."

"I never thought I was going to go another (movie), so I always took 'em," said Caine, 65. "If you



Caine's latest movie, "The Quiet American," is based on the 1955 Graham Greene novel about a CIA operative in Vietnam. It debuts this month.

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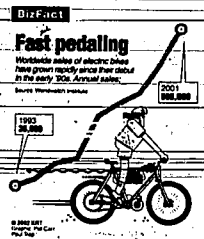
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Database can help CSI students find jobs

TWIN FALLS - A new opportunity is available to College of Southern Idaho students. CSI teamed up with MonsterTRAK, a career resource for college students and alumni, and a product of Maynard, Mass.-based Monster, a global online careers site and flagship brand of TMP Worldwide Inc.

With password protection, MonsterTRAK's database can be accessed only by students and alumni of partner schools. That allows employers to target their recruitment efforts to CSI as well as other colleges and universities nationwide. The service is provided at no charge to students and alumni.

CSI offers a range of career services, resources and programs to educate students in the career development process, to enhance their professional preparation and employability. CSI is developing a Web site that will provide career information to prospective students, current students, alumni and community members.

The college will use MonsterTRAK's services to help students market themselves and look up jobs posted nationally.

In addition to the job-listing and resume database, other features of the CSI/MonsterTRAK system include message boards where students can post questions to college counselors and employers; a career contact network which allows students to find mentors in diverse career fields; and a job search guide which includes tips on such things as how to write a resume and how to negotiate a salary.

Reducing bureaucracy board meets Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Reducing Idaho's Bureaucracy Committee will hold a Small Business Information Fair from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Idaho Department of Labor, 771 North College Road in Twin Falls.

About 12 agencies will be on hand to provide regulatory information such as registering and structuring a business; paying taxes and avoiding penalties, which forms to file; and other employer responsibilities.

Admittance to the information fair is \$10. Preregistration is required; call 735-2056.

Insurance, finance group will meet Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - The December meeting of the Southern Idaho Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Mandarin House Restaurant in Twin Falls.

Guest Terry Reinke will present a one-hour continuing education class on 529 plans. Lunch will follow.

CSI center offers 'Job Seeking Skills' workshop

TWIN FALLS - The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a free "Job Seeking Skills" workshop for those interested in starting new jobs, moving up in their current jobs, or increasing their confidence to get the jobs they've always wanted.

Participants will learn the basics of job-seeking skills, including application processes, resume formats, cover letters, interview techniques and follow-up with potential employers. The workshop will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday at the Center for New Directions. Call or come in to sign up. For information, call 732-6680.

Compiled from staff reports

Old Towne transformation



Lane Lucas, a worker with Don Anderson Construction, walks through what will be the lobby area of a professional office building when crews finish renovating the former Gem State Paper warehouse in Old Towne Twin Falls.

Renovation turns vacant warehouses into professional offices

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS Where filthy, crumbled concrete is visible through rows of shattered windows, a few professionals envision a fitting setting for law and finance.

A setting with a historic flair. And a hefty tax credit.

Twin Falls attorney Jeff Hepworth, and his investing partners in the new Simpson & Co. LLC, launched a million-dollar renovation in mid-November to transform the former Gem State Paper & Supply warehouse in Old Towne into professional offices for themselves and their firms.

Built in 1916 or 1918 (historians' accounts differ) the three-story warehouse housed Simpson and Co.'s wholesale grocery operation from 1922 to 1941, say Old Towne's records of historic buildings. City directories first list Gem State Paper at the location - on the south side of Twin Falls' original townsite, near Rock Creek Canyon - in 1947.

Now long vacant, the old brick structure of concrete posts and beams is an eyesore to some, an inspiration to others. "It has a warmth and a potential you don't get in a new structure," Hepworth said.

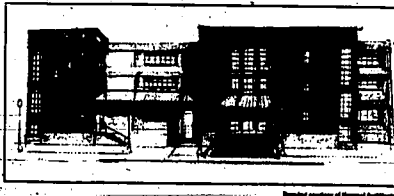
A potential that requires big money to fulfill. Hepworth said he bought the building in August 2000 and went looking for other investors with a similar interest in Old Towne.

The fledgling Simpson & Co. LLC took ownership in November 2001. Members are Hepworth, who owns the bottom floor; attorney Kenneth Pedersen who owns the third floor; and accountant Daniel Deagle, financial planner Dan Karren and attorney Steven Peterson, who share the second floor.

"We're condominiumizing the building," Hepworth said. Locals still refer to the property as "Gem State - Paper, but



Perry Vance measures an opening for an external elevator in the building's basement.



This architect's drawing shows the future appearance of the former Gem State Paper & Supply warehouse in Old Towne Twin Falls, on the side of the building which faces Shoshone Street. That side - which used to abut another structure and is flat and featureless - will get an addition of an entry, awnings, two stairwells and an elevator, developers say.

Hepworth and the other investors named their early occupant the warehouse's vintage after. Those professionals and the firms with which they practice hope to move in by mid-June. On the third floor, Pedersen will occupy 4,000 square feet and seek a tenant for the remaining 2,000 square feet. "Too many attorneys in one place?"

investment also motivated spending by the city and its Urban Renewal Agency on Old Towne's decorative street lamps, parking spaces, property acquisition, building demolition, sidewalks, curbs, utilities, landscaping and the like.

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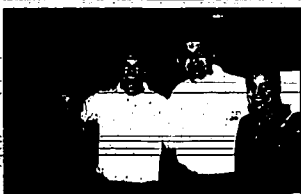
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YOUR BUSINESS

CONTRIBUTIONS



A fund-raiser with the Kruzer and KMVT in July 1997 raised \$47,369.52 for the Wishing Star Foundation and Boys and Girls Club. Pictured from left in front are Joyce Scott, Diana Jones, Tracey Henry, Rod Thompson of KMVT and Jessica Scott. In back, Kurt Kruzer of 99.9 the BUZZ.

Johnny Carino's catered an appreciation dinner for the Kruzer and KMVT for Kids fund-raiser. Pictured from left are crew members Shannon Richards, Scott Schneider, manager Donald Baggis and Lisha Martach.

The event received its largest turnout yet, collecting 1,603 turkeys, with 1,375 of them collected at the KMVX Mix 103 radio remote at the Con Paulos Volkswagen and Mazda dealership. At the dealership, the Mix 103 morning team broadcasted live for 60 straight hours, encouraging people to come donate.

A 2003 calendar is available at participating NAPA Auto Parts stores as a fund-raiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The calendar features photos and descriptions of "Cool Rides" submitted by local and regional residents. This is the third annual calendar, with proceeds to date exceeding \$16,000 for the

HELPING THE COMMUNITY



Pictured at a party benefiting South Central Community Action Agency are, from left, Mark Malek, market manager and Chris Kinsey, also jockey, both from KIXX Radio; Nellie Traumbler, sales manager of WestCoast Twin Falls Hotel; Leanne Trappen, community services director for SCCAA; Robin Bammett, WestCoast director of sales; and Ken Robbette, SCCAA executive director.

Magic Valley Subway stores supported the third annual 60 Hours to Fight Hunger fund-raiser by donating 100 turkeys for local families in need. The fund-raiser gives families a Thanksgiving dinner they otherwise wouldn't have by collecting turkey and food donations and cash contributions from local individuals and businesses.

To kick off the event, the Con Paulos automobile dealership matched Subway's donation of 100 turkeys with its own 100-turkey donation. Over the past two years, 60 Hours to Fight Hunger has presented 1,087 families with a Thanksgiving dinner. This year,

CAREER MOVES

Kent Schroeder

TWIN FALLS - Kent Schroeder of Van Dyk Truck Repair received a master Automotive Service Excellence certification for bus repair. The national institute for ASE is recognized by the repair industry. Schroeder also holds an ASE certification for heavy-duty truck repair. Schroeder was trained at the College of Southern Idaho and has taken other classes in order to keep up with the ever changing repair field. He has been with Van Dyk Truck Repair for five years in truck, bus and equipment repairs.

Greg Garatea

SUN VALLEY - The Idaho Cattle Association honored leaders from various segments of the industry during its 89th annual convention in Sun Valley. Greg Garatea of Murtaugh was named 2002 Cattle Feeder of the Year. Garatea has a stock operation on private land near Murtaugh and in 1991 he opened Conversion Inc., a feedlot outside of Paul, with his partners. Earlier in his career, he was a feedlot manager, animal nutritionist and owner-operator of Garatea Lamb, which held between 20,000 and 60,000 commercial sheep. As a feeder, Garatea look for ways to be as efficient as possible and save himself and his customers money; one way he has succeeded is by developing expertise in utilizing all the food byproducts in Idaho, the cattle association said. He has served as ICA president and on numerous efforts related to water quality and private property rights.

Life insurance licenses

TWIN FALLS - During the past year, Wells Fargo Insurance sold more than 70 of its team members in Idaho and

eastern Washington became licensed to sell fixed annuities. A life insurance license is required to sell tax-deferred annuities in Idaho.

"With the current rate environment, annuities are a good alternative to IRAs and CDs and a relatively safe option for providing retirement income," said Leslie K. Lund, Idaho district insurance sales manager. "Annuities can help your money grow faster because you earn interest on the interest; and you earn interest on money otherwise paid in taxes."

To help customers evaluate the annuities option, Wells Fargo Insurance provides advanced training to its licensed team members.

- Wells Fargo said these associates in Magic Valley have passed the life insurance exam to sell tax-deferred annuities:
 - Karen Uria, personal banker, Gooding
 - Ginger Butler, personal banker, Kimberly
 - Teresa Henderson, personal banker, Twin Falls/Perma
 - Matt McEwan, personal banker, Twin Falls/Lynwood
 - Susan Sweezy, personal banker, Twin Falls/Main
 - Sharon Taylor, personal banker, Twin Falls/Main
 - Jayne Runyon, assistant store manager, Burley
 - Kathy Arritt, store manager, Burley/Mini-Cassia

Jamie Garza

BURLEY - Jamie Garza, a second-grade teacher at Mountain View Elementary School in Burley, was honored as the first Employee of the Month for the school year by Cassia School District. Garza designed the school Web page before school started last year, and each month she updates it. She took on the responsibility of the school's public relations. Garza was instrumental in setting up the school's Accelerated Reader and Accelerated Math Family Nights last year. Born in Burley and raised in the Rupert area, Garza graduated from Minico High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education

from Idaho State University in 1999. In fall 1999, she began teaching at Mountain View. Garza is a member of the National Education Association. Her son is in kindergarten at Mountain View. They live in the Paul area.

Garza received a George K's gift certificate from the district and the restaurant.

Christy Savage

BURL - Christy Savage earned the Extra Mile Award from the Bull Chamber of Commerce for November.

Savage works at the Bull Arctic Circle and was nominated for her helpful attitude toward customers. Savage has eagerness and sensitivity to help in any way, and the management appreciates her old-fashioned values, said managers.

Mayor Barbara Gietzen presented Savage with a plaque from Middlekauff Ford, flowers, stationery, a pen and pencil set, candles, shampoo and four gift certificates.

Mary Null

DECO - Mary Null, a teacher at Declo High School, is the first instructor to be honored with the State Gifted Education (GEM) Award. She was presented during the annual Gifted or Talented Conference in October. From 1996-98, Null was vice president, president-elect, then president of the Idaho Talented and Gifted Association. She served on the executive committee of the Council of Exceptional Children for three years. Null participated in the Idaho Talented and Gifted Association's pursuit of a state training grant for gifted education from the state Legislature, which the group received. She was instrumental in a Mini-Cassia parent joining a commit-

Make-A-Wish Foundation

The calendar is being given away at NAPA Auto Parts stores with a suggested donation of \$1 with any NAPA purchase; 100 percent of the donations will benefit the foundation.

with life-threatening illnesses throughout Idaho receive a wish from the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

For information about the foundation call (800) 455-9474 or visit the Web site at www.idaho-wish.org.

AmeriTel Inns has a decade-long history of making available complimentary guest accommodations to community hospitals where AmeriTel Inn properties are located, which include Twin Falls and Elko, Nev.

In Twin Falls, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will distribute free AmeriTel accommodations to families of patients in need, allowing them to be near one another during the holiday season. At Magic Valley Regional, contact Linde Hendrix at 737-2065.

South Central Community Action Agency said Horizon Broadcasting Group, the KIXX radio station and WestCoast Twin Falls Hotel hosted a Halloween party Oct. 26, attracting about 150 people. Canned food products collected as part of the event, and a portion of the proceeds, were donated to the agency's food bank. The food will be distributed to low-income families, and the cash will be used to purchase stuffing mix for the holidays.

The agency also named these sponsors: Pointdexer's Novelty Shop, Lightworks Photography, Smith Food King, Cindy Snow of Escape Salon and Pepsi Cola Co.

MILESTONES

Living center changes name to Sunrise Estates

FILER - New Life Living Center changed its name under new ownership and now operates with the name Sunrise Estates.

Sunrise Estates, owned by Norman and Gloria Burtchill, 11117 Canyon, Hoekstra is at the new administrator, is at 3704 N. 2200 E. in Filer. The living center was purchased in summer 2002. It has been remodeled and brought up to state regulations, the new owners said.

Sunrise offers assisted living for the elderly, and a licensed beauty salon and cosmetology site. The administrator lives on the premises, and respite and elderly day care is available. The staff is certified and experienced in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid and medication and includes certified nursing assistant designations.

An open house will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The center can be reached at 326-3434 or 326-3502.

Buhl computer repair expert moves his shop

BURL - If Buhl computer users are looking for The Computer Guy, he is now at 205 Clear Lake Road at the Burley corner stoplight.

Michael Hart, refurbishes computers, and his specialty is building a computer to the customer's wants and needs. "A computer can be assembled to any specifications and configurations," Hart said. Hart said he has inexpensive computers for those just starting out and learning the ropes, and some supplies are carried in the shop.

A grand opening is planned soon. The business can be reached at 543-4190. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Sportsmen's shop opened in Buhl in October

BURL - A grand opening in October drew a large crowd and over 100 door prizes, welcomed the Avid Sportsman Shop to Buhl, at 650 Broadway.

The shop, which can be reached at 543-2111, is managed by Jerry Eggleston and owned by Brad and Dave Bremers of Buhl.

The shop caters to hunters, fishermen and campers and carries a line of equipment and supplies. Special orders can be supplied in three to four days. The shop aims to be a one-stop shop for sportsmen and features gift baskets, smoked fish, a mini meat and poultry line.

On the walls in the shop are trophy heads of elk, deer and antelope and a javelin. Mounted fish and fowl are also present, and the shop will display the customer's trophy if desired. Some of the mounted items are on consignment from sportsmen and are for sale. Hours are 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, including weekends.

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- New facilities.
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- Other business news.

GMAC Mortgage gets favorable ratings

TWIN FALLS - GMAC Mortgage said it recently received favorable ratings from both Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's on its loan servicing operations.

S&P affirmed its residential mortgage and residential alternative loan servicing ratings on GMAC Mortgage as strong, its highest rating. At the same time, GMAC Mortgage's ranking as a residential special servicer and residential sub-prime loan servicer was affirmed at above average.

According to S&P, the affirmations reflect GMAC Mortgage's seasoned management team and staff, comprehensive procedures, effective internal control environment, GMAC Mortgage said in a statement.

Fitch Ratings assigned GMAC Mortgage its highest possible rating of RPS1 in the categories of residential primary servicer of sub-prime first mortgage product, residential primary servicer of home equity product and residential primary servicer of high LTV product. In addition, Fitch upgraded GMAC Mortgage's rating in the category of residential primary servicer of prime first mortgage product from RPS1 to RPS1.

The ratings were based on the financial condition of GMAC Mortgage and its parent companies, its management team, training programs, internal controls and loan administration practices.

Hair salon in Buhl moves to new location

BURL - Hair 'N Things Beauty Salon moved to a new location at 823 Burley Ave. in Buhl.

The phone number remained the same, 543-6021. Owner Cheryl Jarrell purchased the building and is remodeling it to fit the business. A grand opening is planned after the first of the year, Jarrell said.

Jarrell literally hung a shingle out on the front porch to let customers know she is open for business. The shop features full hair service and is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and on some Saturdays if necessary.

The things part of the name will be up and running soon - home-made arts and crafts from various artists. A new feature to the shop will be massage therapist Doris Harvest, who is relocating from the Sun Valley area to offer her "high touch" services. Accupressure and a gentle massage will be featured. Customers may call for appointments.

There is some parking in front, and remodeling in the rear of the building will allow for additional parking. "I enjoy my clientele and the business, so I want to make improvements," Jarrell said.

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MONEY

Sprinkler program doesn't help as much as hoped

TWIN FALLS — Growers planning to put in a new sprinkler irrigation system next year — and hoping to get the 25-percent cost-share assistance from the federal government to do it — may want to re-evaluate the project.

“What you may be hearing around the coffee shop may not be true,” Rich Yankey, district conservationist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Twin Falls County, told farmers at a sprinkler planning workshop November 21.

Although the 2002 Farm Bill removed the bid process from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program known as EQIP and allowed cost-share to go up to 75 percent, the federal Office of Management and Budget recently ruled that if a practice costs more than \$100,000 to install, the maximum cost-share is just 50 percent.

That means most center pivot systems and animal waste handling systems will only be eligible for 50 percent cost-share.

Yankey doesn't expect to see the final rules, until March or



Farmbeat

Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

April, and successful EQIP applicants probably won't be notified that they are receiving cost-share until mid-May.

“I've warned Yankey explained that those among the 100-plus people who have applied for EQIP funds in Twin Falls County alone and who have already begun to install the system will not receive any cost-share funds.

New country-of-origin food labels will cost \$2 billion

WASHINGTON — A new system of labeling food so consumers can see which country it was grown and processed in could cost farmers and the food industry an

estimated \$2 billion, according to the Agriculture Department.

The estimate was published Nov. 14 in the Federal Register. The government is seeking public comment on ways to minimize the cost of the program.

The Food Marketing Institute said Monday that the program is expensive for farmers and manufacturers who have to keep records on meat, fish and other products can be labeled with their country of origin. The institute warned consumers' wallets will get hit as the food industry tries to offer the costs.

“Much of the burden will fall ultimately on consumers in higher costs for the hundreds of products that must be labeled in this program,” said Tim Hammond, president and CEO of the institute, an organization of retailers and wholesalers.

The government issued guidelines in October for the food industry to mark products with their country of origin — a system set by the farm bill approved in May. The program is voluntary for two

years but will become mandatory.

Administration seeks end to tariffs on some goods

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, trying to energize flagging global trade talks, announced Tuesday that it will seek the total elimination of all tariffs on manufactured goods over the next 13 years.

The proposal, which was unveiled by U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick and Commerce Secretary Evans at a news conference, would phase out border taxes on nearly \$6 trillion in annual world trade in nonagricultural goods. The taxes would be cut in a two-step process.

By 2010, all tariffs that are currently below 5 percent would be eliminated and all tariffs currently higher than 5 percent would have to be capped at no higher than 8 percent. Then, over the next three years, these remaining tariffs would be progressively lowered until they were eliminated in 2015.

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Workers, companies battle over privacy

Just how long is the reach of companies into workers' private lives and conversations? This worker thought his employer's reach was way too extensive.



ON THE JOB
Kenneth Bremdemeler

Q. We were at a restaurant and the co-worker I was with, a white girl, made a joke about the sexual prowess of her black fiancé and I (a white guy) joked back. Another co-worker at a nearby table, a black girl I had never met, overheard the conversation and reported it to company officials. I was reprimanded and told that I could be fired if another “incident” occurred, but nothing happened to my lunch partner. We were off work grounds and not discussing work. Human Resources claimed that because I was talking to an employee, even if it wasn't at work, they could discipline me. This makes no sense. The girl I was talking with was not offended in any way.

whether they smoke outside of work, or sometimes whether they have an occasional drink.

But, he said, there is a counter-trend: More states are passing laws that, to one degree or another, prohibit companies from regulating employees' off-the-job behavior.

Malty said New York, Colorado and North Dakota have made it “specifically illegal to discriminate against an employee for any legal off-duty conduct.” Twenty-six other states and the District of Columbia have adopted less comprehensive laws, such as prohibiting employers from declaring that they won't hire people who smoke off duty.

In this case, Malty said, “I think the company is off base.

This is not quid pro quo sexual harassment” in which, say, a boss demands a sexual favor in exchange for a promotion. “If this is sexual harassment, it's of the ‘hostile environment’ variety.”

“But Malty said that is not the case here either.

“It's got to be in the office, and it's generally got to be on duty,” Malty said, although harassment rules likely would still apply at an off-premises office party or at a dinner with co-workers while traveling on company business. “There's no law against being sexually or racially biased — not that he was in this case — except in the workplace. You can't subject your co-workers to your prejudice.”

The company's reprimand against him, but not his lunch companion “sure smells like gender discrimination,” Malty said. “It was politically easier for the company to go after the white male in this case.”

Kenneth Bremdemeler writes on workplace issues for The Washington Post

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Leslie Kotzer, a lawyer practicing estate planning and wills, and co-author of 'The Family Fight: Planning to Avoid It' is seen in a colleague's office at his Toronto law firm Monday. Kotzer has noticed an increase in will disputes among baby boomers, due in part to increasing boomer debt levels resulting from a slowing economy.

Baby boomers squabble more over inheritances

NEW YORK (AP) — As an estate planning attorney, Les Kotzer said he was taught to focus on helping clients save money. That view changed, he said, after a visit one day from a baby boomer couple.

The husband and wife, both in their 50s, were smartly dressed, but later revealed their luxury car was leased and their home "mortgaged to the hilt." When Kotzer asked what the husband did for a living, they explained he was a "writer."

"The wife said, 'He's waiting for the inheritance,'" said Kotzer, of Thornhill, Ontario. "A lot of boomers are depending on what their parents have saved all these years to pay off their debts and loans."

"Within that dynamic, you see problems," he said. Kotzer, co-author of "The Family Fight: Planning to Avoid It," said the couple are typical of many boomers who expect to inherit money from their parents. They might be disappointed, he said, because the family assets have dwindled, or their parents haven't given them any information about their finances or about their wills.

And many times, boomers find they're fighting with siblings and other family members over who gets how much.

A whole industry of financial planning and attorney services has cropped up aimed specifically at avoiding such problems after a parent's death, ranging from extensive will planning to counseling on how seniors can best communicate inheritance decisions to their children.

The problems can start, some planners say, because boomers have a different attitude toward money than their parents.

"Where the older people were savers, because they were

Depression-era children and adults, baby boomers had more. We tend to be more the credit card generation," said Debra Kroll, director of Temple Law School's Elderly Law Project in Philadelphia. "So baby boomers often depend on their parents' assets."

And many seniors actually have fewer assets to pass on. The bear market has ravaged many stock portfolios, while their other savings have been depleted by the high costs of nursing homes, long term care and prescription drugs.

Problems also arise because of changes in the family structure. The increase in divorce and remarriage over the past two decades has created confusion as to the rights of stepchildren and second spouses in wills, experts say.

"This is a very financially lucrative area for attorneys. It didn't used to be," Kroll said. "Children are encouraging parents to do estate planning to wind up with the money... This field is expanding based on that."

The result, lawyers and financial planners are starting to focus less on documenting exactly what a senior wants in a will, and are spending more time asking detailed questions about their boomer children, such as financial status, living situation and relationship with siblings.

Kotzer says he now counsels clients specifically with the goal of avoiding family disputes, even if the method of distributing assets results in higher tax costs.

For example, he notes that many parents wish to reward children who care for them in old age. He suggests parents give gifts to the child while still alive, even if means paying a hefty gift tax, and then allot equal shares in the will to avoid sibling disputes "after death."

Renovation

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has been largely vacant, except for short periods when it was rented.

Police Chief Lee DeVore welcomes the property's rehabilitation. The empty building has been a "nuisance attraction for transient people, for kids, for vandalism," he said.

Broken windows attract more breakage.

"It's an interesting phenomenon — you see it and it's true," DeVore said.

The concrete floors attracted skateboarders. A couple of months ago, "some thoughtless juveniles" rolled up and lighted papers that had been left in the building to throw light on their 11 p.m. skateboarding, said the police department's Sgt. Mark Marvin. The blazes they started brought firefighters to the scene and resulted in arrests.

One of the firemen stepped in human waste inside the old warehouse, Marvin said. Old sleeping bags surrounded by beer bottles suggest homeless people had taken shelter there.

In the basement, he said, a storage closet held a collection of old beers from around the world. The closet's big metal door was young people's back — probably by youngsters, Marvin guesses.

"Typical kids stuff," he said.

Dollars for development

Now, equipment operators excavate for foundations where the building's backside will be renovated for primary entrance. Workers fill holes in the concrete floors, and jackhammers bust through brick for an elevator entrance.

Hepworth does not expect winter to stop the construction.

A building permit issued in November lists the city's \$919,584 estimate of construction value. That figure is too low, Hepworth said.

Investors expect to spend about \$800,000 for improvements to the exterior, to main structural elements and to common areas such as lobby and bathrooms, he said. And they'll spend something like \$175,000 on the interiors of each of the three floors.

By the time renovation ends, they expect the total price to stand at \$1.6 million, including the \$180,000 paid to purchase the building and land, Hepworth said. That's more than the investors initially anticipated.

They count on receiving a federal tax credit of 20 percent of the dollars spent on renovation of a historic structure in a federally recognized historic warehouse district.

That districts designation and tax credit also mean the project is subject to historic preservation requirements.

Hepworth said Simpson & Co. LLC won the National Park Service's approval of the intended design. The design includes an



Sunset lights the old brick work and reflects off the distinctive windows of the building.

addition — entry, elevator, stairways — on the back wall, which abutted the Feed & Ice before that building burned. The wall faces Shoshone Street, separated from the street by the Feed & Ice lot.

On the other three sides, the renovation will restore the original architectural style.

The work plan
"All in all, it's been a really fun project," architect Scott Straubhaar said.

Straubhaar, of Hummel Architects in Boise, is working on the Simpson & Co. LLC project with Hummel interior designer Lori Whitney; both are Twin Falls natives. Don Anderson Construction Inc. of Twin Falls is the contractor.

Here's the plan for the building: Addition of heating and air conditioning. Complete rewiring. Brick cleaning and mortar repair (but no sandblasting). Rebuilt cupolas.

The structure, Straubhaar said, "is just built as tough as they come." But an interior freight lift and stairwell don't meet building codes and will disappear, and workers will fill in those holes in the concrete floors. A new layer of concrete will level each floor. The addition facing Shoshone Street will increase the structure's square footage from 16,500 to 18,450. Carpet, tile and wood will cover some of the concrete flooring, but most interior walls will remain exposed brick. New, energy-efficient windows will mimic the original frame style, with identical spacing.

The finished product will remain a warehouse character, developers say.

The old loading docks around the building will remain, Straubhaar said. Where big freight doors must be removed, workers will fill in the spaces with windows that are set back to recreate the impression of the larger open-

ings. Developers are still undecided about the fate of the huge Gem State Paper name across the building's top.

The Shoshone-side addition can't pose as the genuine historic stuff, Uncle Sam says.

"They won't let you do a literal copy," Straubhaar said.

So the addition's design calls for similar window proportions but different window frames than the rest of the building. A metal siding with an industrial appearance is planned — not the brick of the other three sides.

A warehouse air will predominate inside, too.

Old concrete beams will remain exposed, though the rows of rusty nails protruding from them will disappear. Ductwork will be exposed to view. Room partitions

in some areas won't go all the way up to the ceiling. Lights will be suspended from rods or cables right from the structure of the floor above.

"There may be those who don't like what we do with the building," Hepworth said.


He's only concerned about reaction to the Shoshone-side addition, which incorporates some new design elements at the Park Service's insistence.

Hepworth contends the renovation will be a huge improvement to Old Town.

"And no one can deny that," he said.

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\$72,500 Gets you in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. In move in condition. Don't wait or it will be gone. Call RON FREEMAN 737-3915 or KATHY PARTRIDGE 737-3920 to see this one before it's gone. #101774




\$49,900 Excellent family home on one level, lots of room, and a lovely kitchen. Great opportunity for 1st time home buyers. 4th bedroom is currently used as a dining room. Call ALEX 737-3907. #14510




\$192,000 Not your average Ranch Style! This home on 301 Diamond features 3 BR, 2 baths, gas heat, central air, plus a great family room. Built in 1995, with a 2 car garage and landscaped yard. Call PEGGY CONNALLY @ 737-3925 or 420-3357. #104862



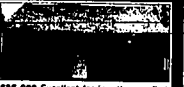
\$119,000 3 bedroom home open living space, living room has a beautiful fireplace, gas heat, water softener, 1 acre w/ water shares, fenced, pasture, green house, shed/shop bring your animals no subdivision covenants. For more details call WANCE WALKER @ 420-8384. #103345




\$139,900 Riverside delight! Nearly 200' of beautiful top living on 5 acres invites you to relax. Enjoy the views from the porch of this lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with shop. Call KATHY SCHRADER to view this lovely home 731-8818. #104504



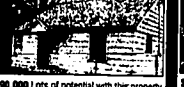
\$199,900 Incredible 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home located in Gardenidge Subdivision. All the extras - The countertops throughout the home, Gas fireplace, Master bath fixtures, walk-in shower plus jetted tub. Fully fenced. Oversized garage with auto storage. Call KAY @ 419-2000 or ERNIE @ 418-2982. #105006



\$58,900 Excellent for investors or first time home buyers. Property is currently leased for \$4300 per month. Property has just been repainted, has new kitchen, and living room floors. Very sharp! For more details call ALEX CASTANEDA @ 737-3907 or 539-5758. #103487




\$77,000 1740 sq. ft. brick home with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths, updated kitchen, fireplace in family room, patio and more. Visit TheRealTeam.com or call WALT HESS 737-3439 or TAMI GOODING 737-3940 for more details. #104738




\$80,000 Lots of potential with this property located on busy Washington Street. Corner lot. Two rental homes set on this property at present time. Call THE RASMUSSEN TEAM @ 737-3900 or 737-3925. View us www.TwinFallsHomes.com. #102307



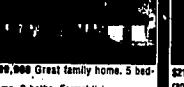
SHOWHOUSE PERFECTION! \$194,900 Beautiful decorating and landscaping set this home apart from others in its class. Four bedrooms and two full baths, 1,698 square feet of lovely living space. Double Pergo flooring in kitchen, gas fireplace, walk-in closet in master bedroom. Yard is nicely landscaped, fully fenced, and has auto sprinklers. Call KAY @ 419-2000 or ERNIE @ 418-2982. #104303



PRICE REDUCED! \$119,900 Move right in. This very sharp split floor plan home has three bedrooms & 2 baths. Includes all kitchen appliances. Other features include Pergo flooring in kitchen, gas fireplace, walk-in closet in master bedroom. Yard is nicely landscaped, fully fenced, and has auto sprinklers. Call KAY @ 419-2000 or ERNIE @ 418-2982. #104303




\$139,900 Beautiful Brick Home, with daylight basement, view gas furnace, central air. Total of 5-6 bedrooms, 3 baths, two car garage. Huge covered deck, lots of extras. Call for more info. Call THE RASMUSSEN TEAM at 737-3900 or 737-3925, or view at www.TwinFallsHomes.com. #104706



\$199,900 Great family home, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths. Formal living room, as well as family room and den. Dream kitchen, wood floors and tile counter tops. Located on 1 acre. Call KAY @ 419-2000 or ERNIE @ 418-2982. #104876



START HERE \$54,900 This cute 2 bedroom home is located in a quiet neighborhood-low maintenance! Great riding saves worries. Detached garage. The lot is super deep, and provides lots of opportunities for vehicle or RV storage. Close to schools. Call KEN or DOROTHY 734-0400. #104869




\$76,000 2 homes on one lot! Live in one, rent out the other, or rent out both. Appliances included. Great return, easy to rent, good condition. Assumable loan with low payments. Call LENI 737-3919 or 734-8753 or NICOLE at 737-3909 or 420-8282. #10667




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\$22,900 Just like new! Newly remodeled home in Fair - 2 bedroom, 2 bath, custom kitchen has built in cabinets, Pergo floors, new dishwasher, disposal, electric wall heat, new electrical and plumbing thru out. 2 car detached garage, new cement floors. New vinyl & stucco, patio, utility room and unfinished basement Call DIANA WHITNEY 737-3953 or 731-5588. #104061



\$124,900 New to Market. This is a sharp acreage with nice home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath with open living, dining area, 1.25 acres with back lake grounds. Call RON FREEMAN 737-3915 or KATHY PARTRIDGE 737-3920 ask about #103462.



\$190,900 Incredibly reduced! Won't last long. Secluded country life like new 3 bedroom/2 baths on 42 acres. Call BRENDA 419-5074 or LOUISA 289-8622 today. #104220



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\$88,500 3 bedroom, 1 bath with separate guest-room or storage. Call THE RASMUSSEN TEAM. Cement driveway. Nice starter home. Call JUANITA MYERS @ 731-5825. #104057




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\$185,900 New Listing! This is a great 4 bedroom, 2 bath home in Sawtooth School District. Secluded back yard, deck, chain link, dog kennel and run, fruit trees, berries, sprinklers, gardener's delight. Give us a call for your showing. Call KATHY PARTRIDGE 737-3920 or RON FREEMAN 737-3915. #104757



\$129,900 4 bedroom 2 bath home with all the amenities. Family room, living dining room, computer room, wood floors. To see please call JAMES at 484-9337 or 423-8168. #103568




WIDE ACREAGE WITH SHOP BUILDING! 1711 sq. ft. FOR FREE ON! On this new listing on 7 acres. Located just south of Twin Falls this neat brick home has three bedrooms and 2 baths, 1951 square feet of quality living space on one level. An insulated and heated shop building is included as well as a three car garage. Full water shares. Call KEN or DOROTHY @ 734-0400. #104222




\$259,900 Fantastic family home in a great neighborhood! Fenced back yard, 3.5 acres, two family rooms, tile, bright kitchen. Formal living and dining room. \$299,900. Call me! CAROLYN CUTLER 420-3381 or 737-3918. #105077



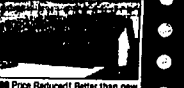
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\$84,500 Sharp! Home with 3 bedrooms, large lot, dog run, and storage shed. New windows, newly redone interior. New gas furnace and air conditioning. This is just what you have been waiting for. Call LOUISA @ 280-8822 or BRENDA @ 410-5974. #105054



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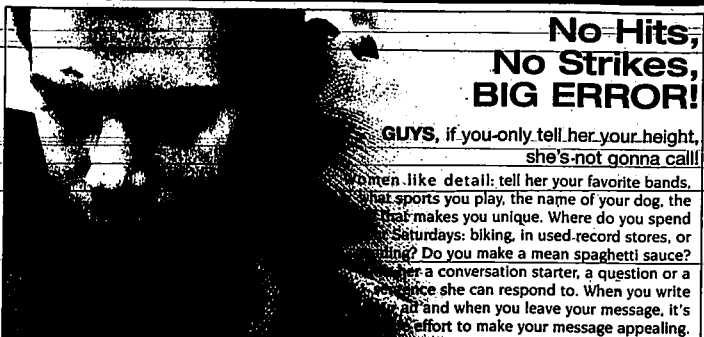
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Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: When one is in a slam-going auction, does a jump to the five-level always ask for good trumps? If not, what else might it focus on?

equivalent, so I would bid only two-trump now.

ANSWER: The simple answer to your complex question is that jump to the five-level tends to ask for good trumps, UNLESS there is one suit which has not been bid or cue-bid, or the opponents have bid a suit in which your side has not made a cue-bid. If so, the jump would ask for a first- or second-round control in that suit.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I often find it hard to judge when to compete for a good time or maximum for my bidding. For example, holding ♠ 10-8-6-4, ♠ A-Q-3-2, ♠ 9-4-3, ♠ K-4, my LHO opened one diamond, and my partner overcalled one spade. My RHO doubled. I bid two spades, and my LHO competed with three diamonds. My partner has bid three spades when the bidding came back to me. Larry the Lamb, Kingsher, Oka.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I picked up ♠ Q-5, ♠ A-Q-4-3, ♠ J-7-6-5, ♠ K-4 and opened one-no-trump, which did not work out well because we missed our 4♥ heart fit. Afterwards, my partner criticized my action, but was I out of line? Can one open a no-trump with 5-4 shape?

ANSWER: I would guess to bid five hearts and a pull contract. My extra trump in the key issue is the more spades I have, the fewer tricks we can get out of the suit on defense. Moreover, my heart honors seem to be working well. Of course, my partner could be looking at three losers in diamonds, but the odds are that three spades will probably be your only chance.

ANSWER: Never open one no-trump with a five-card major and a four-card minor. But you may consider opening one no-trump with a five-four shape if you have a limit raise and a pure control on either side, or with five clubs and four diamonds. In addition, you need honors in both short suits and a minimum strong no-trump hand since, with 17, you could always reverse. Your choice here was reasonable—and unlikely.

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ANSWER: Most people would jump to game with a limit bid, and hope to get lucky, while bidding three hearts with say, 6-9 HCP. With your actual hand, the working diamond honor suggests gambling with four hearts. However, had the jump overall been in clubs, I would guess to downvalue my club holding and bid only three hearts.

ANSWER: A two-heart club should express doubt no-trump; with this hand it seems right to bid no-trump directly. I believe a jump to three no-trump would be consistent with a strong no-trump

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1997 HONDA ACCORD
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

2000 TOYOTA COROLLA
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

2001 FORD ESCORT
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

1997 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette • 7 Passenger

1999 FORD RANGER
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

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\$6988
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1997 MAZDA COUGAR
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

1997 FORD STRATUS
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

1998 TOYOTA CAMRY LE
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

1999 CHEVY TRUCK
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

1998 FORD GRAND CARAVAN
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

TAKE YOUR PICK
\$6988
 OR **\$139** MO.

2001 OLDSMOBILE AER
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

1997 CHEVY CHEVETTE
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

1995 DODGE STRATUS
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

1999 CHEVY VENTURE
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

2001 HONDA CIVIC
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

TAKE YOUR PICK
\$6988
 OR **\$139** MO.

1999 GMC SAFARI SLE
 Stock #1161 • Automatic Transmission • Rear Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • 7-8 Passenger

2000 MERCURY SABLE
 Stock #1161 • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

2001 HONDA CIVIC
 Stock #2255 • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

2000 NISSAN ALTIMA SE
 Stock #1161 • 5-Speed Transmission • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • Cruise

2000 PONTIAC GRAND PRX GT
 Stock #2285 • Automatic Transmission • Power Windows & Locks • CD • V-6 Engine

TAKE YOUR PICK
\$11988
 OR **\$169** MO.
 72 months at 5.50% APR

1997 FORD MUSTANG
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

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 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

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 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

1997 FORD MUSTANG
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

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\$6988
 OR **\$139** MO.

2000 CHEVROLET BLAZER 4x4
 Stock #1148 • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • Cruise • Cassette

2001 PONTIAC GRAND AM GT
 Stock #1195 • 4 DOOR • Automatic Transmission • Power Windows & Locks • V-6 Engine

2001 CHRYSLER CONCORD LX
 Stock #2089 • Automatic Transmission • V-6 Engine • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

1998 DODGE DURANGO SLT PLUS
 Stock #1474 • Automatic Transmission • V-8 Engine • Third Seat • Leather

1997 ISUZU TROOPER LIMITED 4x4
 Stock #1118 • Automatic Transmission • V-6 Engine • Low Miles • Leather

TAKE YOUR PICK
\$14988
 OR **\$209** MO.
 72 months at 5.50% APR

1997 FORD MUSTANG
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

2000 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

1998 DODGE STRATUS
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

1998 FORD MUSTANG
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

2001 FORD MUSTANG
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

TAKE YOUR PICK
\$6988
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2001 VW BEETLE
 Stock #1161 • 5-Speed Transmission • Power Windows & Locks • Turbo • Low Miles

1999 GMC SIERRA 1500 X-CAB 4x4
 Stock #1161 • 2-71 • Automatic Transmission • V-8 Engine • 3rd Door

1998 DODGE SLT 3500 X-CAB
 Stock #1161 • DUALY • 5-Speed Transmission • Cummins Turbo Diesel

2000 FORD F-150 X-CAB 4x4
 Stock #1161 • 5-Speed Transmission • V-8 Engine • V-8

2001 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER
 Stock #1161 • 5-Speed Transmission • Air Conditioning • AM/PM Cassette

TAKE YOUR PICK
\$16988
 OR **\$239** MO.
 72 months at 5.50% APR

2001 ISUZU RODEO 4x4
 Stock #1213 • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • Cassette • V-6

1999 CHEVY 1500 4x4
 Stock #1226 • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • Power Windows • AM/PM Cassette

2001 DODGE DAKOTA X-CAB 4x4
 Stock #1159 • SPORT • Automatic Transmission • V-8 Engine • Power Windows & Locks

2001 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT 4x4
 Stock #1161 • 5-Speed Transmission • 6 Cylinder Engine • Hardtop • Softtop

1999 GMC YUKON SLT 4x4
 Stock #1012 • 4 DOOR • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • V-8 Engine • Loaded • Rear Air

TAKE YOUR PICK
\$18988
 OR **\$269** MO.
 72 months at 5.50% APR

1997 FORD MUSTANG
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

2000 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

1998 DODGE STRATUS
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

1998 FORD MUSTANG
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

2001 FORD MUSTANG
 Stock #1161 • Automatic • Air Conditioning • Power Windows & Locks • AM/PM Cassette

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 OR **\$139** MO.

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