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WEATHER

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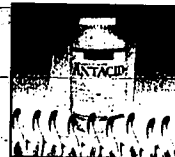
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MENDING THE CRACKS



Angela Heaton, 24, gets a hug from her oldest daughter, Melissa, 5. Her domestic partner, Lyn Yurivilca, credits their children's guardian ad litem, Loraine McLain, with helping them get their lives back together and get their children returned to them. Even though their child protection case has been resolved in the courts, Yurivilca and Heaton both say they still call McLain when they need support.

Couple credits program, volunteer for reunion

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME — On that April day in 2001, Angela Heaton was anything but a model parent. A Jerome police officer found her youngest daughter, Monica, crawling down the street, clad only in a diaper. And after the officer determined Heaton was in a nearby camper trailer, it took him nearly 45 minutes to roust her from slumber she'd sunk into in the wake of a methamphetamine high. Lyn Yurivilca, the father of Monica and the couple's other three children, was still almost three months away from being released from prison. He was serving time on a meth-related charge. So the state decided to take the couple's children away. That's when Loraine McLain —

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a retired Twin Falls widow, mother of six and grandmother of 15 — entered the picture. "The first time I met Angela, she was sitting there, just bawling and bawling and bawling. 'They took my babies away,'" McLain said. McLain is a volunteer with a program called Court Appointed

Special Advocates, and as a guardian ad litem she had been assigned to represent Heaton's and Yurivilca's children in the resulting child protection case. Guardian ad litem volunteers such as McLain are appointed through the courts to represent the best interest of children too young to represent themselves in child protection cases, said Krystal Schwaneveldt, the executive director of the program in Idaho's 5th Judicial District.

Helping a family mend

Things weren't friendly with McLain at first, Heaton said. "Lorraine told me she wanted to hug me, and I said, 'If you think you're gonna touch me, you got another thing coming.'" As dark as those days were, things were bright and friendly Friday, as Heaton greeted,

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Experts check Iraqi airfield for signs of bio weapons

The Associated Press

KHAN BANI SA'AD, Iraq — U.N. disarmament teams inspected a shabby, seldom-used airfield in corn country north of Baghdad on Sunday, a place where Iraqi experts engineered devices for bombarding an enemy from the air with sprays of killer microbes. The U.N. inspectors checked on equipment sealed and tagged by U.N. teams in the 1990s and pored over paper and computer files, the airfield's director said. But they apparently found none of the advanced spray systems, unaccounted for since the Gulf War. "We showed them everything," said the director, Montadhar Raedef Mohammed. The inspectors, as usual, kept their findings confidential, pending later formal reports. In their first week of inspections, the U.N. monitors paid unannounced visits to a dozen Iraqi sites with a wide variety of specialties and links to weapons programs in the 1980s. Those ranged from an animal vaccine plant that brewed lethal toxins for bombs, to an industrial



complex planned to house hundreds of gas centrifuges producing enriched uranium for Iraqi nuclear weapons. In both those cases, and dozens of others, the earlier inspectors destroyed the critical equipment, and put other gear under seal, video surveillance or other forms of control. They also destroyed

many tons of chemical and biological agents for weapons. That inspection regime collapsed in 1998, however, as the Baghdad government and U.N. officials clashed over access to Iraqi sites and the alleged presence of U.S. spies in the U.N. operation. Those inspectors believed they never found all of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. The inspections have resumed under a U.N. Security Council mandate for Iraq, 11 years after its Gulf War defeat, to finally give up any remaining chemical, biological or nuclear weapons programs, or face "serious consequences." The United States threatens war against Iraq, with or without U.N. support, if the new inspections don't strip Baghdad of such weapons. The U.S. threats have touched off anti-war protests worldwide. In the latest round, thousands rallied in Istanbul, Turkey, on Sunday to demand that their government not assist a U.S. war against their southern neighbor Iraq. "We will not be America's soldiers!" demonstrators chanted.

U.S. paper money gets another overhaul, adding color

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The last time Andrew Jackson got a makeover, he ended up with a big head, slightly off-center. This time, he will get a little color. The most noticeable features of the latest redesign of U.S. currency — the oversized, off-center portraits — produced all kinds of derisive nicknames: funny money,

Monopoly money, cartoon money. Color is coming, and government money makers are hoping for a warmer reception for the changes. The new \$20, with its public unveiling set for the spring, is supposed to be in circulation as early as next fall. Jackson is first in line for a makeover. After the new \$20 makes its debut, the new \$50 (Ulysses S. Grant) and the \$100

(Benjamin Franklin) will follow in within 18 months. "It's a five-year effort, costing up to \$53 million, to educate people about the changes. An important goal is to help distinguish between genuine greenbacks and bogus bills. "I've learned anything from the issuance of the \$20 in 1998, it is that things that we get used to here, because we see it and work

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Road rage incident backs up I-84

ISP finds explosives, weapons in vehicle

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — An incident of road rage brought traffic on Interstate 84 to a standstill after police found weapons and explosive devices in a vehicle Sunday, according to an Idaho State Police dispatcher. A suspect, Robert A. Johnson, 29, of Payette, was being held in the Jerome County Jail Sunday night.

The incident began about noon on a case of road rage when a minivan was chasing after another vehicle west-bound on I-84 between the Eden and Twin Falls exits, the ISP dispatcher said. Idaho State Police pulled the minivan over and found marijuana, weapons and three explosive devices in the vehicle. The vehicle's owner, was arrested, the ISP dispatcher said. Twin Falls law enforcement bomb experts detonated the devices, according to the ISP. Multiple charges are pending — the ISP dispatcher said — The suspect faces arraignment this morning. The suspect told officers that he was "going to find some al-Qaida people," the ISP dispatcher said. But officials did not believe that there was any legitimate al-Qaida connection. The ISP dispatcher said that Johnson has an extensive criminal history.



Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., speaks on NBC's 'Meet the Press' Sunday.

Sen. Kerry hopes to face Bush in '04

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said Sunday that he is forming an exploratory committee this week in anticipation of a 2004 bid for the White House. "It's an enormous step and it's not one I take lightly, but it's one that I'm excited about," the decorated Vietnam War veteran said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "It's a challenge. Kerry's move was widely expected. Once he files the papers to launch a committee, he can begin raising money to gauge whether he has backing as a serious presidential candidate. A formal announcement of his candidacy is "down the road some months," he said. A recent Los Angeles Times Poll of Democrats by insiders found strong support for Kerry as the party's presidential candidate. Please see KERRY, Page A2

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy skies, cool temperatures and dry. Highs in the lower 40s to mid 40s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies and a light breeze. Lows in the lower 20s.
Tomorrow: Early clouds with skies beginning to clear by late in the day. Highs in the lower 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy skies and comfortable temperatures. Highs in the middle 40s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies and mostly dry. Lows in the lower 20s to mid 30s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and mostly dry. Highs in the lower 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A low snow showers could develop in the High Country tonight, Tuesday and early Wednesday. Lower elevations will continue to be mostly dry and brisk.
Today Highs 28 to 39. Tonight's Lows 13 to 23.
BOISE Mid and high level clouds will come and go for today with mostly clear skies redeveloping on Wednesday. There is almost no chance of any snow activity.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 6 columns: Today, Tonight, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table listing forecasts for various Idaho cities like Boise, Burley, and Pocatello.

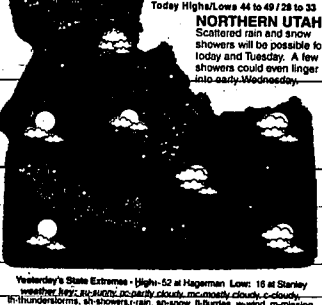
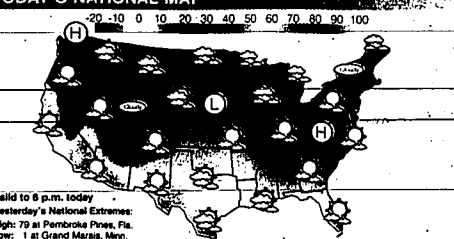
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table listing forecasts for various states including Oregon, California, and Nevada.

WORLD FORECAST

Table listing forecasts for various international locations like London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 52 at Hagerman; Low: 18 at Stanley.
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Money

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The last makeover meticulously cutting into steel by hard-seal portraits of Jackson, Franklin and Grant for the new bills.
Relieved at first when the work was done, he then worried about the public reaction to the changes.
"You worry about what the press is going to do," he said. "I have an old clipping file about all the horrible things they said about the portraits that I engraved. Some fun things, too."

Kerry

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There is, he said, "deep anxiety" in America about "job security, income security, retirement security, health security, education security, physical, personal security and of course, national security. And I think, literally on almost every issue facing the country, I believe there is a better choice for this nation."
Soon after graduating from Yale University in 1966, Kerry entered the Navy, where he served on a gunboat in the Mekong Delta in Vietnam. He was awarded a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts for his combat service. When he returned from Vietnam, he began questioning U.S. involvement in that conflict, becoming a spokesman for Vietnam Veterans Against the War.
Kerry, 58, was a lawyer and prosecutor in Massachusetts before being elected lieutenant governor in 1982. He was elected to the Senate two years later and was unopposed when he ran for a fourth term in November.

U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan call in airstrike by B-52

The Associated Press
KABUL, Afghanistan - A mammoth B-52 bomber was called into combat for the first time in five months Sunday to protect U.S. special forces battling armed Afghans outside an American base.
No U.S. soldiers were injured during the shootout in western Afghanistan, but at least 11 Afghans were killed in factional fighting, U.S. and local officials said.
The battle began when a group of U.S. special forces patrolling outside Shindand air base stopped a group of armed Afghans on the roadside, U.S. military spokesman Col. Roger King said.
When the patrol stopped, the Afghans opened fire, King said. The Americans returned fire, then called for air support while making their escape, King said. The B-52 bomber dropped seven 2,000-pound laser-guided bombs.
The last time U.S. forces reported using a B-52 in combat in Afghanistan was a July 1 attack in central Uruzgan province, when Afghan authorities say 48 civilians were killed and 117 were injured.
At that attack, a B-52 struck suspected al-Qaida and Taliban cave and bunker complexes, while an AC-130 gunship strafed several villages. U.S. officials said they believed the villages were legitimate targets.
Sunday's incident occurred as forces loyal to Ammanullah Khan, an ethnic Pashtun commander, and rival Ismail Khan clashed in the region. The fighting has forced thousands of residents to flee from at least 500 homes near the front line.
Ammanullah Khan accused his longtime adversary's ethnic Tajik forces of ordering a massive attack Saturday night - using tanks, artillery and rocket launchers - on his positions in Zere-Koh district, about 15 miles south of Shindand.
Ammanullah Khan said the fighting continued Sunday as his forces tried to repel Ismail Khan's forces. Late Sunday, Ismail Khan's fighters fired down on Zere-Koh with truck-mounted multiple rocket launchers positioned in nearby mountains; he said.
Ammanullah Khan said American planes dropped at least six bombs near front line positions at Zere-Koh - not Shindand.
"Bombs exploded on Ismail Khan's side and others exploded on our side. We think the Americans were dropping bombs to end the fighting," Ammanullah Khan said, adding that he had no contact with U.S. special forces and had not seen any in the area.
King said the bombing had nothing to do with the factional fighting and U.S. forces "never get involved" in disputes between rival warlords.

Reunion

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McLain with a hearty hug as McLain and other visitors showed up at the couple's home.
The reunion was a surprise for the couple. McLain, 58, and her sister, Schvaneveldt, 55, and her husband, Jordan, 53, dashed around the house as their parents helped them prepare to go play outside with the family's dog.
Yurivica greeted McLain like an old friend. He sat on the couch next to McLain and credited her with snapping him and Heaton out of the haze of their addictions and making them realize what they had to lose.
"The best part of it was her," said Yurivica, who now supports the family with his job on the dairy where their home is. "If it wasn't for this lady, it never would have happened."
Although CASA works in tandem with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and other agencies, it is an independent program focused only on the children's interests, Schvaneveldt said. Along with representing the children during court hearings, ad litem volunteers are also expected to independently investigate the children's circumstances and make recommendations to the court.
Volunteers needed
In the 5th Judicial District, the program needs more help, Schvaneveldt said.
There are 51 active ad litem volunteers in the 5th District, she said. But just last week, 134 new child protection cases - involving about 250 children - were opened.
McLain said as of Friday, she was handling 10 cases involving 22 children aged infant to 17. Without more volunteers, the program is in danger of being overwhelmed, Schvaneveldt said.
"At least another 50 volunteers would be nice," she said.
McLain said she found herself with too much time on her hands after her husband died in 1999. She decided to volunteer for the ad litem program after seeing a television advertisement for it. She said she has never regretted her service, even though it has at times been emotionally taxing.
"You get a real feeling for what is going on. Not in public, but under the table," she said. "I've been in a home where they just dumped cereal on the floor, and the kids ate it off the floor."

Once the state takes custody of children, there is a variety of programs designed to test and help the parents provide themselves, McLain said. Some include in-home parenting classes and drug treatment programs.
Yurivica and Heaton said they had parenting classes and treatment - and were also closely watched by McLain, Health and Welfare and others.
"A lot of the time, they would drop by at midnight and scare the hell out of us - with cops and all," Yurivica said.
"The way we felt when we first started was that everything we did wasn't enough," Heaton said.

A rare success story

Sadly, McLain said most of the cases she has handled have ended with the parents losing their custody rights.
"You want to sit and cry, because you have a little child saying, 'When can I see my mom and dad?' but you have to tell them, 'We have to try to find you a new mom and dad.'
But it is the success of parents like Yurivica and Heaton that makes it worthwhile, she said.

"I'm so proud of them. They worked so hard."
The couple said they were tempted to go back to drugs, but the thought of losing their children for good stopped them.
"I said to myself, 'Hey, my kids are more important than this,'" Heaton said.
McLain provided motivation too, Yurivica said.
"she kept reminding us. Everybody else was saying, 'You can't, you can't.' She was telling us, 'You can.'"
The couple's children were allowed to come home in October 2001, and in March, the case was officially closed in their favor.
"Even so, McLain said she has kept in close contact with the couple and their children. Yurivica and Heaton said they can't imagine life without her.
That's not usually the case, McLain said.
"Most of the families, once the case is closed, they don't want to have anything to do with you. They don't want to be reminded. And that's fine. I understand."

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Kenya, Israel squabble over terror investigation

MOMBASA, Kenya (AP) — Kenya will not heed Israeli demands to turn over some evidence in the attacks on an Israeli-owned hotel and an Israeli jetliner, saying Sunday it would conduct the probe alone. The Israeli defense minister said al-Qaida was the main suspect in the attacks.



A woman mourns at the grave site of Israeli brothers Noy and Dror Antar, ages 12 and 23, who were killed in a suicide terror bombing Nov. 28 at a tourist hotel in Kenya, during the boy's funeral service at Yarkon cemetery near Tel Aviv, Sunday.

The dispute threatened to delay the investigation into the suicide bombing Thursday of an Israeli-owned hotel and the felled downing of an Israeli charter jet moments earlier. American and Israeli leaders both questioned Kenya's ability to conduct a thorough probe. Kenyan police officials said Israeli authorities want to take pieces from a four-wheel-drive Mitsubishi Pajero that exploded outside the hotel on Thursday. The blast killed 10 Kenyans, three Israelis and the bombers. Authorities believe there were three bombers. Kenya also wants the launchers and missile casings from shoulder-launched rockets believed

used in the failed attempt to shoot down the Israeli charter plane. "None of this evidence is

going back to Israel. This evidence is our responsibility," said Charles Jamu, a Kenyan bomb specialist.

Raanan Gissin, spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said from Jerusalem that Kenya had been cooperating "up to now," but that the Kenyans weren't prepared for the investigation. "They were not geared to this kind of a threat or they don't have the necessary resources or technological capabilities that would enable them to deal with that," Gissin said.

Israel and the United States have pushed for a rigorous investigation in part because they believe it may have been orchestrated by Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network.

During an Israeli Cabinet meeting on Sunday, Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz said he suspected al-Qaida was responsible for the attack, Gissin said.

Normally, of course, we don't have the conclusive evidence to prove unequivocally that it is al-Qaida, but the fingerprints clearly indicate that al-Qaida is involved," Gissin said, referring to Mofaz's remarks.

Report: Archdiocese nears bankruptcy

BOSTON (AP) — The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston is preparing to file for bankruptcy rather than face a costly legal battle that could drag on for years, according to a published report. A spokeswoman for the archdiocese called the report "speculative and premature." Senior advisers to Cardinal Bernard Law favor filing for bankruptcy, and any decision must be approved by the cardinal, according to The Boston Sunday Globe, citing an unnamed senior church official and two unnamed sources close to the archdiocese.

An archdiocese spokeswoman said Sunday that a decision on bankruptcy had not been made but that every option is being considered. "Any reports in the media with regards to this are speculative and premature," Donna Morrissey said. "Our first desire is to settle in a fair and expeditious manner." If the archdiocese does file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, action in all civil lawsuits against the archdiocese would be suspended and it would be protected from new suits, according to the story.

Supreme Court case could end Miranda warnings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For five years, Olivero Martinez has been blind and paralyzed as the result of a police shooting. Now he is at the center of a U.S. Supreme Court case that could determine whether decades of restraints on police interrogations should be discarded. The blanket requirement for a Miranda warning to all suspects that they have the right to remain silent could end up in the rubbish bin of legal history if the court concludes Chavez in Oxnard, a city of 182,000 about 60 miles north of Los Angeles.

No Miranda warning was given. A ruling that minimizes defendants' rights would be useful to the Bush administration, which supports Oxnard's appeal, in its questioning of terrorist suspects, experts said.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with a federal judge that the confession was coerced and cannot be used as evidence against Martinez in his excessive-force civil case against the city. It said Chavez should have known that questioning a man who had been shot five times, was crying out for treatment and had been given no Miranda warning was a violation of his constitutional rights.

Oxnard appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which is scheduled to hear arguments in the case Wednesday.

The U.S. Justice Department filed a friend-of-the-court brief along with police organizations and the conservative Criminal Justice Legal Foundation questioning that unfettered police questioning is allowable so long as the information obtained from a suspect is not used against that person in court.

Democrat Case will finish term in Congress

HONOLULU (AP) — Democrat Ed Case, who lost in his party's primary for governor, won the free-for-all election to fill the remaining five weeks of the term of the late Congressman Patsy Mink, election officials said Sunday. He got 51 percent of the votes cast Saturday for 38 candidates

in the 2nd District, which includes rural Oahu and the neighbor islands.

Case most likely will never cast a vote on the House floor and may not be sworn in, since Congress is not in session.

Mink's widow, John Mink, was second with 16,624 votes, or 36 percent.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Shelter plays music for animals

City Council will hold meeting today

TWIN FALLS - Today the City Council in its regular meeting will consider a contract with STARR Corp. to remodel an office and training room at Justin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

The amount of the contract is \$23,985, to be reimbursed by the Transportation Security Administration.

In addition, the council will consider appointing Renee Haight to the Twin Falls Public Library Board of Trustees and Paul Brown-Sinclair to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

The meeting takes place in the City Hall council chambers at 5 p.m.

T.F. commissioners decide on Nunes appeal

TWIN FALLS - County commissioners today will decide on an appeal from John and Mary Nunes asking to overturn the Planning and Zoning Commission's September decision denying them a variance on setbacks.

The variance would allow the Nunes to start a 600-animal-unit helper replacement operation for their dairy near Bulh.

The new county ordinances passed last January are specific when it comes to setbacks. Smaller existing operations - between 100 and 999 animal units - can expand as long as the setbacks are not reduced from the existing setbacks at the time of the applications. Smaller operations need to be at least a mile away from the Snake River and Salmon Falls Creek canyon rims and a mile away from existing operations. They have to be at least a quarter of a mile away from streams and 300 feet away from property lines.

The Nunes are the first dairy farmer to submit a CAFE application under the new ordinances - and the first to challenge the setbacks.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in commissioners' chambers at the county courthouse at 425 Shoshone St. N. and is open to the public.

St. Ben's holds wreath festival this weekend

JEROME - The St. Benedict's Foundation will sponsor its first Festival of Wreaths from Thursday to Saturday at the former Wells Fargo Bank building at 104 W. Main in Jerome.

The festivities begin with a gala evening from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday. The display will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and will include a variety of locally hand-crafted wreaths, centerpieces and gingerbread houses, which will be available for purchase by silent auction.

Those interested in donating silent auction items can call Dennis Maughan at 324-1122, Ext. 3242.

The St. Benedict's Auxiliary will be selling See's Candies. Local school and church musicians will provide entertainment and children can make Christmas ornaments at no charge. Refreshments will also be provided.

Admission to the gala evening is \$15 per person. General admission prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for students and \$1 for children under 6.

Proceeds from the festival will be used to purchase new medical equipment for St. Benedict's Family Medical Center according to a hospital news release.

City Council will hear mayor's recommendations

BURLEY - The City Council will consider the mayor's appointments to the Burley Development Authority board at its Tuesday meeting.

The council meets at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

Before the regular meeting, a closed executive session to discuss real estate is scheduled.

The council will also consider gasoline bids, a resolution to restrict parking near White Pine Elementary School, an ordinance regarding beer and liquor licenses and the city's contract with Santos Recycling.

Compiled from staff reports

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - When prolonged silence falls over kennels during the day at the Animal Shelter of Wood River Valley, manager Donna Simms explains it's for one of two reasons.

Either it's because no visitors are looking for prospective pets and therefore excelling the shelter pets as they tour the premises.

Or it's the music - yes, music - played throughout the shelter's two buildings on four inexpensive "boom box" radios.

It's a makeshift arrangement. The small black radios are placed strategically in corners of kennel bays - two radios for the dog area, two for cats.

This is a practical demonstration of what Shakespeare wrote: "Music oft have such a charm."

But Simms says playing music at the shelter, which on this day housed 37 dogs, 55 cats and one rabbit, has benefits far beyond simply soothing caged animals awaiting adoption.

Music, she explained, helps the animals get accustomed to sounds they'll hear in adoption homes.

Simms rounded up the radios and installed them in February. And although they're adequate, she yearns for the day when the shelter could have a larger and more modern system.

She also wonders what effect, if any, music had on Pebbles, a Labrador mix who learned how to unlatch his cage, then methodically unlatched other cages in the "pilar barn" shelter building.

When discovered, Pebbles and a group of his canine friends were happily playing together as the music played on through the night.

"They were having an all-night barn party," Simms said with a



Animal Shelter of Wood River Valley Manager Donna Simms pets one of the shelter's puppies, Plecabo, before turning up the volume on one of the boom boxes she has brought to the shelter. Simms, who has headed the shelter since February, says the music has a calming effect and also prepares animals for the sounds in their new homes.

chuckle as she recounted Pebbles' skill as a bust-out artist. Although Simms hasn't been able to find any scientific studies into the effect of music on animals, she said most animal shelter managers have an intuitive belief in its value.

In Phoenix, the Humane Society shelter even has occasional live music. A cellist from the Phoenix Symphony periodically visits to play for the animals, which doze off during the performances.

Simms also has discovered

something about reducing the stress on cats and making their surroundings more serene. She says artificial houseplants and soft objects have a calming effect on the meow set.

With Christmas approaching, Simms has her own idea for a list

of donated items for the dogs and cats at the shelter: an improved sound system for music, an industrial size washer and dryer so blankets can be provided to animals in their cages, toys, bowls for water and feeding, and leashes.

There's still time to help at tree festival

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The Festival of Trees starts Wednesday, but there is still time to donate a tree or to volunteer.

"If someone wants to bring a tree we'll find a place for it," Glenna Turner, the festival chairwoman, said.

As of Friday, Turner expected to have 40 trees in the Christian Center Assembly of God Church by Tuesday evening. People will have from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday to bring the trees or

other items to the **Schedule - A6** to the church.

There will be 34 other decorative items - mailboxes, mantle pieces, bird houses and wreaths - for sale at the event.

Most of the trees are artificial, but someone usually decorates at least one fresh tree for auction, Turner said.

The Festival of Trees is an annual fund-raiser, which supports the Cassia Health Care Foundation. The foundation gives to local health care programs, raises money for medical equipment and gives scholarships to students.

The festival starts with a dinner gala on Wednesday, followed by three days of live entertainment. During the gala guests will bid in a silent auction for decorated trees and wreaths, which will remain in the building until the festival ends.

This year there will be several new events at the festival. Besides the silent auction, guests will bid on three of the most popular trees and two other decorations.

The person who buys the key that opens the box will take home the silver jewelry inside. Festival



JaMee Mallory prepares the Heyburn merchants tree for the Cassia Health Care Foundation's Festival of Trees in Burley. Mallory was helping her mother or Denise Mallory with decorations at Jill's Flower Haus in Heyburn. Denise Mallory, who keeps her eyes open for ornaments all year, is decorating three trees for the festival this year.

organizers also plan to raffie off a tree complete with a set of gifts under the boughs, Turner said.

The festival is in a new location. Please see **FESTIVAL**, Page A6

Vietnam vet connects with former enemy

By Stu Murrell
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The physical and mental wounds of Vietnam are still with people many years after the war.

Lloyd DeWitt, professor at the College of Southern Idaho, is living proof that they can be healed.

Having lost a leg to a land mine in 1967, DeWitt has more reason than most to be bitter about the war. But he said his faith in God has helped pull him through, and even when he was in Vietnam, his thoughts were to return to his country when it was at peace.

DeWitt learned of a group of Vietnam veterans led by Dave Roeber and called Roeber Educational Assistance Program, or REAP. Its purpose was to reconcile the veterans of both sides and provide scholarships to Vietnamese children. The group has made regular trips to Vietnam, beginning in 1996.

The American vets pay for their own transportation and travel expenses. Since the program began, DeWitt has visited the country seven times.

DeWitt described the group's first visit as taking place in the presidential palace in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon. The American veterans were met by officials, an interpreter and a number of Viet Cong veterans still dressed in their military uniforms. Needless to say, it was an awkward moment.

The American vets quickly



Lloyd DeWitt, a professor at the College of Southern Idaho, distributes a bicycle to a Vietnamese boy on a bicycle trip to southwest Asia.

solved the problem with a hand-shake and bear hugs of their former enemies. A friendly meal followed, and they discussed the best way to help the Vietnamese people.

It was decided a program to buy bicycles in Vietnam and distribute them to local villages would be extremely helpful. Bikes are a major source of transportation in that country and more costly than many vil-

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Shoshone Falls in 1906, as photographed by C.R. Savage.

A VALLEY WITH A HISTORY

How Shoshone Falls got its name

When Twin Falls was a building in 1905, sometimes, on a summer night, the pioneers of the tiny village could distinctly hear the booming roar of Shoshone Falls, apparently without having seen them.

To them the sound was awe-inspiring. People who didn't know its source "stood on the streets in amazement, listening to the distant thunder and speculating as to its cause," the *Twin Falls News* reported that year.

These early settlers thought the ability to hear the sound from

miles away depended upon a special condition of humidity in the atmosphere - a light rain, just before sundown, followed by a dead calm.

We don't know for sure who the first non-Indian person was to set eyes upon the falls. The Wilson Hunt expedition of fur trappers passed through the region in 1811, apparently without having seen them.

Group after group of traders, trappers, missionaries and emigrants trickled across the sagebrush plain that was destined to become the "Magic Valley" on their way to Oregon, without necessarily

About this column

"How Shoshone Falls got its name" is the second in a series of columns by

James Varley in conjunction with the 2004 Twin Falls centennial celebration. A retired Navy officer and 27-year Twin Falls resident.

Varley has written four historical books about the West. His most recent is "Steamboats, Shoshoni, Scoundrels and Such." The first of Varley's columns appeared in September; they will now continue on a regular basis throughout the summer of 2004.



James Varley

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Monday
CSL Golden Eagle Booster Club luncheon, noon, Taylor 277
Tuesday
Association of Idaho Cities District IV legislative meeting
Wednesday
ARTEC board meeting, 7 a.m., Taylor 245
Thursday
Students in Recovery meeting,

noon, Shields 104
Education Club meeting, 12:30 p.m., Shields 118
Phi Theta Kapa weekly meeting, 2:30 p.m., Shields 105
Lainos Unidos weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Shields 114
CSL Golden Eagle Women's Basketball against Salt Lake Community College, 5:30 p.m., Salt Lake City
Bureau of Land Management annual review of fire season, 7 p.m., Aspen 108
Baptist Church Ministries, 7 p.m., Desert 113
CSL Golden Eagle Men's Workshop against Salt Lake Community College, 7:30 p.m., Salt Lake City
Friday
Fifth annual CSL camp High School Debate Tournament, 3 to 10 p.m., all campus
Saturday
Scholastic Aptitude-Testing, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Meyerweiller building
United Church of God meeting, 9:30 a.m., Aspen 145
CE Capital workshop on long-term care, 10 a.m., Taylor 258
Annie club meeting, 2 p.m., Shields 109
'WASKY' Radio Station of the Stars, 7-2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium
Singing the NightSky Quest, 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium
Sunday
Silver Sage Grotto Gooding County cave cleanup trip, 9 a.m. (open to non-Grotto members; call 732-8017)

Friday
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Idaho State University and Idaho Department of Education workshop on curriculum-based measurement, classroom interventions and solutions, 3 p.m., Shields 211
American Association of Retired Persons tax training, 6 p.m., Evergreen 033
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Latter-day Saint Student Association Mistletoe Ball, 9

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Fidel Ramirez Salazar, 27, 1400 Montana, leading, driving without privilege, pretrial conference, 15, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Burdeen.
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Child support cases
State of Idaho, Heidi and William A. Lalloo Davidson and Heidi Davidson, Twin Falls, 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Dec. 2, 2002.
Sharon W. Walker, 23, 1814 1/2 11th St., Idaho, reckless driving, pretrial conference, Dec. 8, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Burdeen.

Wednesday
ARTEC board meeting, 7 a.m., Taylor 245
Idaho Agriculture Department pesticide applicator license exam, 9 a.m., Taylor 276
City of Twin Falls water and wastewater certification exam, 1 p.m., Taylor 277
PPA career awareness Crops and Foods Products Contest and Public Speaking, 4 p.m., Evergreen building
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Misdemeanor sentences
Cheryl A. Goldenbush, 41, 242 Curry, Twin Falls, failure to pay damages, leaving the scene of an accident, 17, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Burdeen.
Christie R. Hamilton, 50, 311 W. 15th, Jerome, leading, driving without privilege, pretrial conference, 15, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Burdeen.
Christopher R. Sims, 24, 419 E. Jerome, failure to pay damages, leaving the scene of an accident, 17, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Burdeen.

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Driving under the influence sentences
Antonio A. Villa, 20, 36 N. Vale Road, Declo, driving under the influence, driving without privilege, leaving log, 18, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Burdeen.
Fred A. Gerner, 41, 50 W. 200 N. Rupert, contempt of court, 18, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Hildway.

Withheld judgment
Tamara M. Merrill, 22, 1227 Main Ave., Burley, felony probation of a forged check, District Judge John H. Melancon.

Jeanne (Steve) Keller, Moore, ID, and Karen (Tom) Ehrmantraut, Filer, ID: five brothers, Bob (Bov) Cummins, Guttie, MT, Lyle (Diana) Cummins, Twin Falls, ID, Kent (Jana) Cummins, Arco, ID, Jay (Diana) Cummins, Arco, ID, and Danny (Celia) Cummins, Blackfoot, ID: five sisters, Sharon (Darrell) Richards, Arco, ID, Carolyn Paul, Arco, ID, Jeannine (Paul) Robison, Arco, ID, Betsy (Gary) Trostel, Twin Falls, ID, and LeAnne (Wade) Waddups, Moore, ID: 29 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren, 41 nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant daughter, Christie Dalgone Cummins.
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Don was a loving husband, father-in-law, and grandparent. Don was my friend and I loved him. I will miss him greatly.
Shirley Ann (Walker) Givens

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ARCO
William Blaine Cummins was born June 27, 1935 in Burley, Idaho. He was the first of 11 children of Veda Blaine and Zina Eliza Gibson Cummins.
Blaine started school in Murray, Utah and at the age of 10 moved with his family to the Lost River Valley where he attended school in Arco, ID.
He worked various jobs which included truck driving, logging, construction and mining. He worked for over 50 years driving a truck, which was the job that he had with Edwards Brothers at the time of his death. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, cooking and family.
Blaine was famous for his "hot chili" and his generosity.
Surviving are six sons, Robert Cummins, Phoenix, AZ, Stephen (Victoria) Cummins, Blackfoot, ID, Frank Cummins, Blackfoot, ID, Jim (Debbie) Beverly, Moore, ID, Brent (Dina) Beverly, Burns, OR, and Ed (Lori) Beverly of Idaho Falls. Blaine's daughters are, Charlotte Myers, Twin Falls,

William Broadhead
RUPERT—William Broadhead, an 18 year old Rupert resident passed away Sunday Dec. 1, 2002 at the Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.
Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Kevin Durfee
RUPERT—Kevin Durfee, a 42 year old Rupert resident passed away Sunday Dec. 1, 2002 at Portland Hospital in Pocatello, Idaho.
Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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Wynn Funeral Home
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Today
Aceaquia City Council, 8 p.m.
Aqua Automotive, 26062 E.
Blaine: County Commissioners, 8:45 p.m.
Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m.
Harrison Community Library, 8:00 p.m.
Idaho Falls, 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., Maple

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse
Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall
Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse

City Hall
Fluer City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Friedman Memorial Airport Board, 5:30 p.m., Blaine County Courthouse
Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m. Hailey
Town Center
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Office
Burley City Council, 7 p.m.,

Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center
Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse
Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and

Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W.
Wednesday
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This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

The Times-News

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Drunk driving sentences
Hisa Cullis, 36, 760 Cole Ave., Apt. C, Arkin, Idaho, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty \$500 fine, 30 days in jail with 18 suspended, credit for 90 days served, driving privileges suspended for 90 days, 12 fee; do not consume or possess any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present; submit to alcohol testing, attend court alcohol school; complete any treatment/counseling ordered by probation officer; Magistrate Judge Howard Smyser.



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10 a.m.-noon - Open to senior citizens and physically challenged people
10 a.m. - Pastor Kelley and Sheehy
11:30 a.m. - American Heritage Academy
11:30 a.m. - Newcomer Center
1 p.m. - Dawn's Learning Connection
1 p.m. - Dvorshak third-graders
1:30 p.m. - Whitefish kindergartners
2 p.m. - Dawn's Fine sixth-grade chorus
2:30 p.m. - David Currie
3 p.m. - Dorcy and Emily Miller
3:30 p.m. - Steve Floyd and Cindy Hahn
3:45 p.m. - Bianna Sandlian
4 p.m. - Iosk Fork
4:15 p.m. - Group of five girls
4:30 p.m. - Group of five girls
5 p.m. - The Rip Cors
5:15 p.m. - Mike James
5:30 p.m. - Suzani Strings
6:15 p.m. - Danielle Collin and Company
6:45 p.m. - Charly Blakeslee
7 p.m. - Bel Cantos
7:30 p.m. - Silhouette
8 p.m. - Oakley Valley Arts Council
8:30 p.m. - Jeff Harris Family

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Friday
10 a.m. - Dvorshak kindergartners
10:30 a.m. - Burley Junior High School show chorus
11 a.m. - Dectio kindergartners
11:30 a.m. - Pastor Kelley and Sheehy
12:30 p.m. - Raft River schools
12:30 p.m. - Albion Elementary School
1 p.m. - Dvorshak third-graders
1:30 p.m. - Dectio Singsers

Festival of Trees entertainment schedule
Saturday
10 a.m. - En Pointe Ballet Academy
10:30 a.m. - Song and Dance
11 a.m. - The Dance Factory
11:45 a.m. - Santa Squad
Noon - Transsettlers
12:30 p.m. - Jenny Faith
1 p.m. - Main Motion
1:30 p.m. - Show and Tell U.S.A.
2:15 p.m. - The Monroes
2:30 p.m. - The Key Notes
3 p.m. - Glad Tidings - Tri-Tone Strings
3:30 p.m. - Kimberly Kuts Doycaro
4 p.m. - The Variety Show Kids
4:30 p.m. - Samantha Fairchild
5 p.m. - 5-6,7-8.
Orton
6 p.m. - Expressive Energy
6:30 p.m. - Harmony and Show Kids
7 p.m. - Scott Beck Family
7:30 p.m. - Laura Loveland
8 p.m. - Snake River Plats
8:30 p.m. - Thom Stimpson

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When the second of Hunt's 14 boats overturned to pass through this chute, the canoeists were rescued by Antoine Clappine, was drowned.
Hunt named the place Catron Run, but some of his men called it the Devil's Scuttie Hole.
Scuttie is a spelling of scuttie, a species of water bug that Wilson Hunt decided the river was too risky, and he walked his men to Oregon.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

It's still nerve-racking to stand over a putt worth \$200,000.

Pro golfer Mark O'Meara on the pressures he faced in the Skins Game

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who is the oldest active player in the NFL?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball The Community School IV at ISDB, 7:30 p.m. High school girls basketball Community School JV at ISDB, 6 p.m. TFCA at Richfield JV, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Franson hits first ever hole in one

BUHL - Dennis Franson used a pitching wedge to record his first career hole in one on No. 15 Friday at the Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl. The witnesses were Ron Brown, Keith Shark, Gary Bonar and Roger Franson.

Gooding volleyball holding fund-raiser

GOODING - The Gooding High School volleyball team is selling apple gift packs for \$14 to be ordered by Wednesday, Dec. 11. The packs will be delivered the following week from Garrett Ranches in Wilder. There are 22 apples per box with your choice of red delicious, Fuji and granny smith. For more information, contact a Gooding volleyball player or Jolene Toome at 934-4831 (school) or 934-5771 (home).

Burley booster club meets tonight

BURLEY - The Burley Booster Club is holding a meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the school's conference room. Call 677-4345 or 678-3044 with any questions.

Toyz for Kids touney needs volleyball teams

KIMBERLY - Teams are needed for the annual Toyz for Kids Volleyball Tournament, which will be held on Saturday, at Kimberly High School. Registration is \$75 per team and one new toy from each team member. Proceeds benefit needy children in the magic valley. To register, call Pam Pereira at 735-4124 or 324-0354.

KYA holds youth basketball signups

KIMBERLY - Youth basketball registration through the Kimberly Youth Association will be held Tuesday and Wednesday for boys and girls in grades 3-6. Times are 6-8 p.m. both nights. Coaches are also needed for all teams. For more information, call Jamie in the evenings at 423-6173. Seasons start in January.

Jerome signups for youth hoops begin now

JEROME - Registration for youth basketball starts today for the Jerome Recreation League. Leagues will be held for boys in grades 1-6 and girls in grades through ninth grades. There will also be a four-week basketball camp for kindergarten-aged children. Costs are \$15 with a deadline of Dec. 27.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: Minnesota Vikings kicker Gary Anderson is 43.

CSI wins Shootout

By Kevin Hall

Times-News writer

LYNNWOOD, Wash. - For one, it was like a national championship, for the other, simply a tournament championship. And 10th-ranked College of Southern Idaho played their best half of the season in taking home the Edmonds Community College Turkey Shootout title with a 98-84 rout over the host Tritons at Seaview Gymnasium on a rare Sunday afternoon game.

Tournament MVP Yakhouba Diawara led all scorers with 27 points and grabbed 16 rebounds; Taison Williams had 21 and Sani Ibrahim 20 to lead CSI (12-0). Craig Rosendahl led Edmonds (2-1) with 16 points, including three long-range 3-pointers to keep the Tritons close in the first half. Roger Russaw added 13 points.

Tacoma took third place with a 79-59 defeat of Seattle and Centralia captured fourth place with a 65-54 win over Chemeketa in Sunday's other games.

Turkey Shootout

Sunday's games

CSI 98, Edmonds 84; championship Tacoma 79, Seattle 59, third place Centralia 65, Chemeketa 54. Fourth Next week: CSI opens league at Salt Lake on Thursday and at North Idaho on Saturday.

All-Tournament Team

R.J. Barsh, Tacoma; Virgil Matthews-Centralia; Chris Botez, Chemeketa; Dante Sawyer, CSI; Craig Rosendahl, Edmonds

After shooting 43 percent in the first half and forcing eight lead changes and five ties, the Tritons came back down to earth with 32 percent shooting (10-of-31) in the second half.

CSI shot 51 percent (38-of-75) for the game, and outscored Edmonds 25-25 in a dominating second half that head coach Guy Beach called the best half played all season.

"I thought it was the best offensive execution game we've played all year, bar none," Beach said. "That's a pretty good basketball team over there and we made them look like not such a good basketball team."

After wins over the preseason No. 1 and No. 3 teams in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges, CSI's tournament championship sent a message to the NWAAC's best yours is not yet good enough.

Tritons coach Keith Kingsbury said CSI was a force in the tournament. "They're better. And I think we kind of surprised them the way we shot it there in the second half," he said. "I was afraid the size was going to take a toll and it did. But each game (CSI) started they picked up their intensity."

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Seattle CC Stormin' way to hoops success

By Kevin Hall

Times-News writer

LYNNWOOD, Wash. - The Seattle Community College Storm may have been grounded with losses both Saturday and Sunday at the Turkey Shootout tournament.

That the Storm were still playing Sunday had to be considered some kind of success. Their overtime win on Friday over preseason NWAAC No. 2 Chemeketa shows their efforts to rebuild a program after a 20-year absence.

A league championship in 1977 wasn't enough to keep an intercollegiate basketball program alive and funded at the Seattle Central campus. The program was resurrected in 1999 with 16 quarterly, \$200 "scholarships" for both men's and women's teams.

Headquartered at North Seattle's Wellness Center, "Northgate State," as it's referred to by its location in the neighbor-

hood of Northgate, enters its fourth season with an out-of-pocket budget, an online application form, zero dorms and a big win.

Head coach Billy Rodgers said it's the kind-of-win-the-program needs to succeed at a commuter campus. "And a program that wants to give Seattle-area kids a chance to play basketball and bring neighborhoods together."

"We've had nothing and we've built the program from scratch, basically," he said. "The real emphasis is on local kids, keeping local kids. In four years we've been trying to take steps forward, getting solid kids."

The program could theoretically draw from a talent pool of nearly 14,000 students who encompass Seattle's trio of city-owned community colleges - North, Central and South.

"We've got so many kids in this area, it's kind of filtering through, getting the kids you want," Rodgers said. Please see SEATTLE, Page A9

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Chargers stun Broncos in OT

San Diego's Christie redeems himself with overtime field goal in AFC West clash

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO - For the moment, the wild, wild AFC West belongs to LaDainian Tomlinson and the San Diego Chargers.

Tomlinson rushed for a franchise-record 200 yards and three touchdowns, and Steve Christie's 27-yard field goal with 3:01 left in overtime gave the Chargers a heart-stopping 30-27 win over the Denver Broncos on Sunday.

With chants of "L.T., L.T.," coming from the crowd of 66,682, the second-year running back carried six times for 17 yards on the winning drive, keeping the ball in the middle of the field. Drew Brees also hit tight end Stephen Alexander on a 20-yard pass.

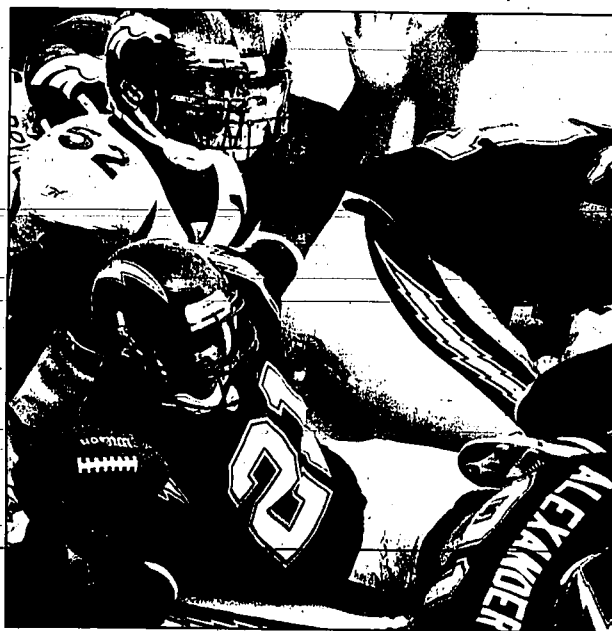
Christie, one of the NFL's best clutch kickers, then split the uprights, redeeming himself for having a 38-yard attempt blocked with 10:25 left in overtime, and missing twice in regulation.

The Chargers got a second chance after another excellent kicker, Jason Elam, was short and wide left on a 53-yard try in overtime. Elam kicked a 54-yarder in the first quarter.

On Sept. 29, Tomlinson tied Gary Anderson's single-game team record when he rushed for 217 yards in a 21-14 win over New England.

In winning in overtime for the second time in three weeks, the Chargers (8-4) took a half-game lead over the Oakland Raiders (7-4), who host the New York Jets on Monday night. Denver (7-5), which had been in a three-way tie with the Chargers and Raiders lost for the third time in four games - the last two on overtime field goals.

Tomlinson carried 37 times and



Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson celebrates a touchdown while Denver linebacker Ian Gold protests the call during the second quarter Sunday in San Diego.

scored on runs of 3.1 and 5 yards on consecutive drives in the second quarter for a 21-10 lead. He's rushed for 1,318 yards, only 32 yards shy of Natrone Means' franchise record of 1,350 set during the Super Bowl season of 1994. Tomlinson also caught 11 passes

for 51 yards, giving him 271 yards of total offense. He overshadowed Denver's brilliant rookie, Clinton Portis, who rushed 23 times for 159 yards and two touchdowns. Christie kicked a 40-yard field goal for a 27-24 lead, but was wide left on a 49-yard attempt

with 5:07 left, his second miss of the day. That gave Denver the ball at its 40. Steve Bauerlein and Portis moved the Broncos to the San Diego 7, where Elam kicked a 24-yard field goal with 1:39 left in regulation.

Vick leads Falcons past Vikes

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS - Michael Vick couldn't get much going with his arm, so he let his legs take over.

Vick ran for a career-high 123 yards on 10 carries, including the winning 46-yard touchdown run in overtime to lead the Atlanta Falcons to a 30-24 victory over the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday.

The Falcons (8-3-1) are 4-0 since a home loss to Tampa Bay on Oct. 6. Atlanta won for the first time in three overtime games this year.

Vick was just 11-for-27 for 173 yards passing, with a touchdown and interception and two fumbles. Sam Rogers sacked Danful Culpepper on the Vikings' first overtime possession to force a punt. On the Falcons' second offensive play of the extra period, Vick dropped back, rolled left and broke two tackles on his way to the end zone.

Culpepper was 22-for-41 for 260 yards, three interceptions, one touchdown passing and another on the ground, but he was sacked six times.

Rummy Moss caught nine passes for 134 yards for the Vikings (3-9), and he threw a touchdown pass late in the game, but it was negated by a penalty.

Culpepper heaved a pass downfield to Moss for 40 yards as the Atlanta 32 on third-and-15 just before the 2-minute warning. Moss took a handoff and threw across the field to Culpepper for a 49-on-third-and-goal on the 17.

With 27 seconds left, but the Vikings were flagged for an illegal formation and had to try again from the 12.

Culpepper's pass to Moe Williams was incomplete, and Gary Anderson kicked a 29-yard field goal to tie the game at 24-

O'Meara wins Skins Game

The Associated Press

INDIO, Calif. - Every now and then, Mark O'Meara can still get the best of Tiger Woods.

Far more frequently, someone with a camera gets to Woods. O'Meara won the Skins Game for his first victory of any kind in four years. He collected three skins worth \$210,000 with a 2-foot birdie putt on the 15th hole, and secured the title Sunday with a 20-foot birdie putt on the 17th.

"It's been a while since I won anything," said O'Meara, whose last victory came in the Skins Game. That was the year he held off Woods to win the British Open and also beat Woods in the final of the World Match Play Championship in England.

The birdie on the 17th gave O'Meara eight skins and \$405,000 over two days, and removed all the suspense from the final hole -

Golf

a single skin worth \$200,000.

Woods needed to get up-and-down for birdie from a back bunker on the par 5 18th to keep Phil Mickelson from capturing the final skin. A man standing directly behind Woods clicked his camera in the middle of his swing, and Woods looked back in disgust as his ball rolled 15 feet by the hole.

"I flinched," Woods said. "I was lucky to keep the ball on the green."

Caddy Steve Williams took the man's camera and dropped it in the lake.

Woods hasn't had much luck with cameras this year. There was a bitter exchange with a photographer on the first hole of the British Open, and an early clogging cut Woods a chance of going

bogey-free over 72 holes when he won the World Golf Championship in Ireland.

On Sunday, Woods still had a birdie putt to force a playoff, but the ball slid by on the right, and Mickelson won the \$200,000 skin with a two-putt birdie from 30 feet. Mickelson wound up in second place with three skins and \$300,000. Fred Couples wound up with \$170,000. Woods was last with \$125,000, winning his only skin on the opening hole with an 18-foot eagle putt. He finished with four skins over two days.

O'Meara was a forgotten man in the Skins Game - until he walked off with the most skins and the most money, winning for the second time in four appearances. He got into the Conagra Foods Skins Game primarily through his endorsement contract with Toyota, one of the tournament sponsors. He made the most of it.



Fred Couples, left, congratulates Mark O'Meara Sunday during the annual Skins Game at the Landmark Golf Club in Indio, Calif.

Sunday's NFL leaders

Passing

Michael Vick, Falcons
Rushed for a career-high 173 yards with the winning 45-yard touchdown run-in overtime. He also threw for 173 yards.

Matt Hasselbeck, Seahawks
Threw for 427 yards, 311 in the second half, and hit 30 of 55 passes with three touchdowns.

Rushing

Ricky Williams, Dolphins
Ran for a Miami-record 228 yards rushing. Williams also set the Dolphins' franchise record for yards rushing in a season with 1,284.

LaDainian Tomlinson, Chargers
Bushed for a team-record 220 yards on 37 carries and three touchdowns.

Receiving

Justin Lyman, Bears
Caught his first two career touchdowns, one on a 60-yard field goal, in a 30-20 loss at Green Bay.

Derrick Mason, Titans
Had 116 yards on 12 receptions and one TD in a 32-29 OT victory over the Giants.



Michael Vick



Ricky Williams

American Conference standings

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New England	7	5	0	383	251	San Francisco	7	5	0	370	287
N.Y. Jets	6	5	0	345	233	Dallas	7	5	0	370	287
Buffalo	6	6	0	300	313	Washington	7	5	0	370	287

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N.Y. Giants	6	6	0	300	237	Denver	7	5	0	370	287	
Dallas	7	5	0	417	166	214	San Francisco	7	5	0	370	287
Washington	7	5	0	417	219	280	San Francisco	7	5	0	370	287



Green Bay's Hardy Nickerson heads into Chicago quarterback Jim Miller during the first quarter Sunday at Lambeau Field.

Pack grabs title

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - The Green Bay Packers clinched their first NFC North title in five years by forcing five turnovers and getting an outstanding performance by rookie running back Tony Fisher to beat Chicago 30-20 Sunday.

Fisher replaced Alvin Green, who hurt his left knee in the third quarter. Fisher had 91 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries.

Bills 38, Dolphins 21

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. - Drew Bledsoe overcame the elements with three TD passes and a scoring run, and the Bills overcame Ricky Williams' career-high 228 yards rushing.

49ers 31, Seahawks 24

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Steelers 25, Jaguars 23

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Koreell Stewart made a big bid to get his job back for good. Jeff Reed made all six of his field-goal attempts and the Steelers' defense closed the door on the Jaguars.

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McNair made the Giants pay with a 59-yard TD pass to tight end Frank Wycheck barely in the end zone with 9 seconds to play. Video review allowed the catch, and McNair ran straight ahead for the conversion to tie the game at 29.

Eagles 10, Rams 3

PHILADELPHIA - The Philadelphia Eagles proved they can win with their No. 3 quarterback, while the St. Louis Rams still haven't won without theirs.

Panthers 13, Browns 6

CLEVELAND - After nearly three months of self-destruction, the Panthers finally damaged somebody else's season.

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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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SPORTS

Russia rallies for first Davis Cup

PARIS (AP) — Russia won its first Davis Cup title Sunday by rallying to beat defending champion France 3-2 with the greatest comeback in a final in 38 years. Substitute Mikhail Youzhny — a ball boy the last time Russia played in a Davis Cup final — won the last match in the best-of-five series. He came back from a two-set deficit to stun Paul-Henri Mathieu 26, 26, 6, 7, 5, 6-4. "When I was down two sets to love, I told myself, 'I have to play one game, I have to do my best,'" Youzhny said. "I won this match because I'm in top form; And even though I'm young, I already

on Yevgeny Kafelnikov, who was tired after playing singles Friday and doubles Saturday — losing both. Kafelnikov had said he would retire in Russia. That seemed unlikely at the start of Sunday, when France held a 2-1 lead and hoped to continue another trend: The team winning the doubles had won the previous 24 Davis Cup finals. But Marat Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champion tied the final by defeating Sebastian Grosjean 6, 6-2, 7-6 (11); in Sunday's first match. Then the 32nd-ranked Youzhny fought back to top Mathieu in a showdown between 20-year-olds. Youzhny picked up the last set-vice break in the seventh game of the final set to go up 4-3, and he won the match by holding serve at love. Russia lost Davis Cup finals in 1994 and 1995. France was seeking its 10th Davis Cup title and first back-to-back championships since 1932. The French won last year's final in Australia. French captain Guy Forget appeared to hold back tears as he greeted fans and players. "I put forward the best French players, but you guys were too strong for us," he said.

College bowl picture comes into focus

By The Associated Press Football will meet in the Cigar Bowl on Jan. 1. The Mountaineers finished second in the Big East with a 24-17 victory over Pittsburgh on Saturday. North Carolina State completed its season last week. Pittsburgh (8-4), AP's runner-up, headed to the Continental Tire Bowl in Charlotte, N.C., to play an ACC team on Dec. 28. Maryland (10-3) will play in the Peach Bowl on Dec. 31 against a team from the Southeastern Conference. The Terrapins beat Wake Forest 32-14. The Liberty Bowl on Dec. 31 is set. TCU (5-2) vs. Colorado State (10-3), champions of the Mountain West. TCU beat Memphis 27-20 Saturday and clinched at least a share of the Conference USA crown. Also, Georgia Tech (7-5), despite a 51-7 loss to Georgia, is likely headed to the Seattle Bowl on Dec. 30; Arizona State (8-5), a 34-20 win over Arizona on Friday, probably will play in the Sun Bowl on Dec. 31. New Mexico (7-6) will play in either the Las Vegas or San Francisco Bowl; and Mississippi (6-6) could end up in the Independence or Music City Bowl. Virginia Tech's 21-9 win over Virginia did not shed much light on either team's bowl future. The Hokies could end up in the Insight Bowl; the Cavaliers (8-5) the Tangerine or Continental Tire Bowl. The winner of next week's SEC title game between No. 5 Georgia (11-1) and Arkansas is set for the Sugar Bowl. Nebraska, which played for a national title last year, finishing this season 7-6 after a 28-13 loss to Colorado on Friday. The Huskers, though, will likely play in the Independence Bowl on Dec. 27 — their 34th consecutive bowl appearance. Before the weekend, several other teams clinched bowl spots: North Texas (New Orleans Bowl); Marshall (GMAC); Hawaii (Hawaii); Boise State (Sun Bowl); Fresno State (Silicon Valley).

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association All-Time Eastern Conference. Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB, and Recent Results.

Area ski report. Table with columns for Location, Dates, and Details. Includes sections for Saturday's Late NBA Boxes, NTS & BAZAARS, and NCAAF Division I Football Playoffs.

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Table listing TV programs, channels, and times. Includes Basketball (Marquette at Notre Dame), Hockey (National Hockey League), and Football (NCAAF Division I).

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OTHER VIEWS

Kissinger is the wrong man to lead commission

The Los Angeles Times

Few people know the corridors of power like Henry A. Kissinger. National security advisor and secretary of state to presidents Nixon and Ford a quarter-century ago, he secretly flew to China to start the process of normalizing relations, he helped orchestrate the secret bombings of Cambodia, he closed-door negotiations with the North Vietnamese. He is a skilled diplomat. But he is not the best choice to head the new commission to investigate the Sept. 11 attacks.

Their view: This guest editorial from the Los Angeles Times says a hard-nosed investigator should have been picked to chair the Sept. 11 probe commission - not former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

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wherever they lead." Kissinger promised to "go where the facts lead us" and to ignore foreign policy considerations. That's good rhetoric; commission members must live up to it. Asked about Saudi Arabia, home to 15 of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers and once home to Osama bin Laden, Kissinger said that

nation was a good ally when he was secretary of state, "but that was 30 years ago." Although he left office with President Ford in January 1977, Kissinger has remained tightly connected to Washington power circles. His company, Kissinger Associates, is known for introducing U.S. firms looking for business overseas to leaders of foreign gov-

ernments. The company does not disclose all of its clients or detail the work it does. There is the possibility of a conflict of interest in investigating foreign governments that can be beneficial to clients.

House and Senate intelligence committees are investigating the Sept. 11 attacks but an independent inquiry also is needed; one of its topics should be how well those committees exercised their oversight function before the attacks. The Bush administration had fought the appearance of government officials before the new panel but Congress rightly overrode the objections.

In determining what went wrong, the new commission needs to be truly independent, not a collection of Washington insiders protecting old friends. The stakes are too high to allow anyone to paper over blunders.

Accident or not, Saudi money aids terrorists

Consider the story of a Saudi princess whose charity may have helped Sept. 11 terrorists. It's a story that lays bare the frustrations of those trying to stop the flow of Saudi money to terrorist groups. Princess Hafsa bin Faisal gave money to a sick Jordanian woman living in Los Angeles.

TRUDY RUBIN

who petitioned her for aid in early 2000. Members of the royal family often give financial help to supplicants.

But in this case, the Jordanian passed the money on to the wife of a Saudi who then helped bankroll two of the Sept. 11 hijackers. Princess Hafsa says accusations that she contributed funds to terrorists are outrageous.

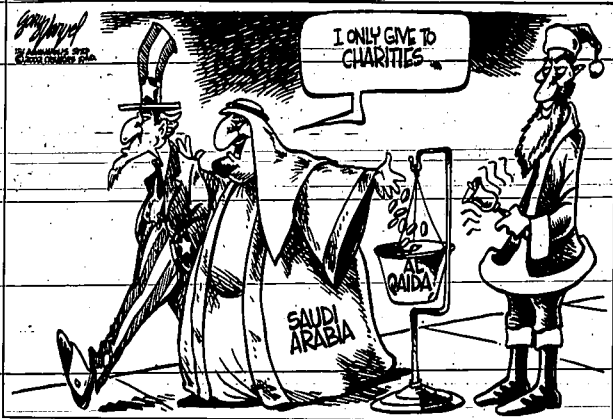
As she points out, her own father, King Faisal, was murdered by Islamist terrorists in 1975. And why would she, as the wife of longtime Saudi ambassador to Washington Prince Bandar, openly subsidize would-be hijackers?

I think the princess is innocent. But the lack of attention paid to where her charity went is symptomatic of a terrible problem. Monies diverted from Saudi charities still fuel the operations of radical Islamists. "For years individuals and charities based in Saudi Arabia have been the most important source of funds for al-Qaeda," says a new report on terrorist financing by the Council on Foreign Relations. "And for years the Saudis have turned a blind eye."

For years, the United States also turned a blind eye, as a capable funds-financed Islamist groups that battled the Soviets in Afghanistan and later fought in Chechnya and Bosnia. Since Sept. 11, neither side can pretend any longer that there is no problem. The issue of Saudi funding for terrorists is poisoning U.S.-Saudi relations.

Yet the Saudi government seems unable, or unwilling, to confront the issue.

What has surprised me the



most," said Treasury Undersecretary Jimmy Gurell at Senate hearings last week, "is the extent to which (Islamic) charities are being used to ... move money to support terrorist activities."

The U.S. government has designated 15 Islamic charities as connected to terrorist financing and has blocked \$20 million in international and over \$8 million in domestic charitable funds.

Only once have the United States to freeze a charity's funds - those of the Somalia and Bosnia branches of al-Haramain Islamic Foundation. But the Saudis soon reopened the offices.

The misuse of charities isn't the only way that terrorist money is moved. Cash, jewels, money changers, and private financiers also play a big role. But Islamist terrorists have cynically seized on charities for a very good reason.

Muslims have a religious duty to give at least 2.5 percent of their income for "sakat, or charity, and it is often given to trusted community leaders or institu-

tions. Such charities are frequently unregulated and seldom audited. (Recall that some U.S. charities have also had serious auditing problems.)

This creates huge cash pools that can be misused by murderers. Funds from al-Haramain financed terror cells in Bosnia and Southeast Asia. An official of the Saudi Rabita Trust was allegedly a close associate of Osama bin Laden.

The executive director of the Saudi-based Benevolence International Foundation allegedly conspired to give material support to terrorists. And so on.

Prince Salman, governor of the Saudi capital of Riyadh, recently argued that "it is not the responsibility of the kingdom" if one bad apple misuses charitable donations.

But if Saudi rulers let this happen, by omission or commission, they bear responsibility.

Nor will it work to dismiss U.S. concerns as disrespectful of Islam. "We are not at war with Islamic charities," said Treasury Department General Counsel David Aufhauser bluntly at the

Senate hearings. "We have, however, declared war on counterfeit charities."

In other words, one can't make religion an excuse for failing to monitor charitable giving. Better audits and money management are required from Saudis to prevent good money from financing death.

The Saudis say they have introduced an auditing system for their charities, as well as tighter controls over commercial and Islamic banks. "The jury is still out," says Lee Wolosky, co-director of the CFR study. "It's not sufficient to say you'll do something."

The test will be whether Saudis set up a transparent system that monitors where charity money goes. And doesn't leave loopholes for favored organizations whose reputations have already been sullied.

Until then Americans will suspect Saudi intentions. And some will suspect that Princess Hafsa knew where her money went.

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Questions remain on how to handle SIRCOMM

From the Magic Valley Journal to The Times-News and readers:

Have you all followed the deal in Boise and Ada County's computer dispatch system being dismantled after it caused so many problems?

I then got to thinking about our local centralized public safety communications system called SIRCOMM.

Have any of you tuned into a scanner and heard how mixed up and basically untrained the dispatch people are?

Most times, they have no idea on various vehicle makes and other problems; makes you wonder how they hire these people. Have you ever had to summon the assistance of the local emergency services?

If all you know a place by is by who used to live there, it's not on their grid map, they're lost. Especially if that location is in Hagerman or on top of Bell Rapids.

Years ago, here in this valley, there were dispatchers who knew the geography. Even if you did not have a specific address, at least they were local enough to know how to get help to you. Rita and others of the Gooding County sheriff's office, which is the high standard by which I judge all others, knew you and how to get help to you. Pat Jeffries and others were true professionals.

What are we going to do with SIRCOMM and, more importantly, why should we keep paying for something that does not need to be? Let's put the dispatchers back on the individual sheriff's offices so when the computer does not work, at least someone will not die.

That's my opinion. I could be wrong.

PATRICK MONTGOMERY Jerome

CSI jazz program offers a great local treasure

I am writing to thank the College of Southern Idaho jazz instruction program for the tremendous culture it adds to life in the Magic Valley. Also to thank CSI for being a very impressive fine arts school. The arts are an extremely valuable part of our lives and we would be quick to reinvent them if they went away.

The budget crunch, statewide, is a major problem for us all - CSI included.

Traditional (pragmatic) logic weighs heavily in favor of math, English, history and science when cuts are made. We certainly can't maintain our world without them.

Then there are those courses conventionally considered as vocationally oriented. They also are essential.

But these is much, essentially, that speaks for the arts. The joy, creativity and beauty they bring to our lives and our culture, for

young and old alike, are invaluable treasures. Our world would be flat without music, theater, painting, etc.

We'd all be walking machines well versed in "academic essentials," but physically and ethically unfit for the well-rounded lives that distinguish us as human.

I, along with many in this area, cannot extend adequate thanks to the College of Southern Idaho in this regard (generosity and, in particular, to fine arts departments) at CSI.

They add immeasurably to our community and we are so lucky to have them.

Thank you! I beseech all the schools to consider these treasures carefully.

BILL WOODFIN Twin Falls

Molly Ivins is better off as she is - off the opinion page

I am writing this on the heels of another letter submitted by me recently, which I realize violates the time frame standard by which you restrict closely consecutive letters. But whether you publish it later or not, I do want to express my appreciation for

the op-ed mix you have in The Times-News, and for your removing Molly Ivins from the op-ed page.

Contrary to the opinion voiced by Ms. Fineslow and the other "yellow dog Democrats" in our area, Molly Ivins is about as funny as a crutch and, if "feisty" is a major qualification for

columnists, then Andy Rooney should give "muck-raking Molly" a run for her money. At least Andy is genuinely funny albeit politically "incorrect."

Molly Ivins is nothing more than a old crochety liberal who sees nothing but bad when she gets conservatives in her gunights. Where was she when the Clintons were trying to ruin our country?

There are plenty of newspapers across the country whose on-sided, socialist, anti-conservative views of our local newspapers and the talks show available over local radio, you can turn on the "boob tube" and watch the liberal news readers, and pundits fumbling around, trying to understand and "spin" the results of the recent election. What matters do you want?

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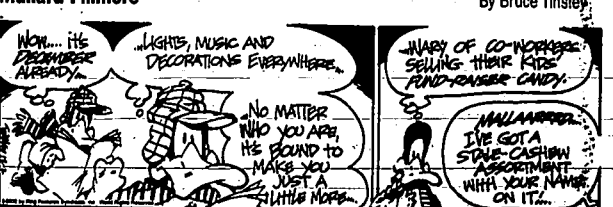
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Limiting political ads goes against Constitutional grain

A more than during the past election period is the proposal in a specious proposal to limit the "problems" encountered during the recent election. A South Dakota legislator provides our favorite example since Nov. 5. Republican state Sen. Bill Napoli is circulating a bill that would only allow political advertising on radio and television during the 60 days prior to a primary or general election.

"It's a pretty simple bill, but pretty far-reaching," Napoli told the Sioux Falls Argus Leader. "I'm proposing this because of what has happened in South Dakota in the last year-and-a-half with the incumbent and the challenger. We've had enough."

Let's be candid. Sen. Napoli's proposal is dead on arrival in our constitutional democracy. He would like to make speaking out on political issues illegal. He is saying that Americans can only talk about politics when the government permits it. His idea is appalling and contrary to our First Amendment.

Napoli's grandstanding reflects two common though mistaken assumptions about American elections. We supposedly spend too much money on political ads that are "too negative." These assumptions have led to many proposals to reduce spending on elections and to "improve" our political discourse.

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Why are these assumptions wrong? The mass media and advertising are a major way of communicating in our society. A district in the House of Representatives comprises more than 600,000 citizens. Reaching that many people requires advertising and the means to pay for it.

Do we spend too much on political ads? Keep in mind what's at stake in our elections: questions of war and peace as well as taxing and spending trillions of dollars. Given the stakes, the \$1 billion or so spent in the 2002 election on ads seems trivial. Sen. Napoli's home state of South Dakota saw \$20 million spent on ads in a Senate race between incumbent Tim Johnson and challenger John Thune, a race most observers believed might determine control of the Senate. That's just more than \$60 for every South Dakota voter in the Senate contest.

Sixty dollars is a fair price to pay to inform voters about a momentous decision they must make.

Those who argue for less spending on elections are really

saying voters should be less informed.

The same goes for the critics of "negative" advertising. For over a decade self-styled reformers have called for regulation of such ads to "improve" our elections. Of course, these advocates of regulation never get around to defining "negative advertising." What critics decry as "negative" ads are often no more than messages critical of a candidate or cause.

Moreover, as political scientist William Meyer says, "negative campaigning provides voters with a lot of valuable information that they definitely need to have when deciding how to cast their ballots." Ken Goldstein, the director of the advertising project at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, adds that "negative" ads "are much more likely than positive ads) to be about policy, to use supporting information and to be reliable. Few negative ads are on personal issues."

Consider the recent case of Rep. Saxby Chambliss and his tough election battle against incumbent Sen. Max Cleland, D-Ga. The Chambliss campaign ran several ads pointing out that Cleland had voted against President Bush's bill to create a Department of Homeland Security. Critics howled, but the ad did inform Georgia voters of an important fact: Cleland

opposed the bill.

As political scientist Robert Loewy noted, "In the recent U.S. Senate race in Colorado, I would have never learned that one of the candidates tried to put a medical incinerator in a minority neighborhood if it had not been for a good negative ad." Limits on "negative" ads would especially hurt challengers who must overcome the enormous advantages enjoyed by an incumbent.

Don't negative ads tell lies about candidates? Perhaps in a few cases. However, false ads pose a risk for their sponsor. If the candidate under attack exposes the lie, the attacker loses credibility and perhaps the election. One consultant in Georgia was even sued for creating an ad in 1998 that showed a candidate for lieutenant

governor in a mental ward. The target of the ad won the election.

Sen. Napoli should find another issue. Spending on political ads, especially those critical of opponents, helps democracy by informing voters. One might say

see the wisdom of the First Amendment to our Constitution.

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Storm clouds gather on war effort

For Washington, the holiday season marks a lull before the storm. On the surface, all seems serene as we celebrate this most American of our holidays with families and friends in the quiet of our homes. President Bush, the man who will decide if and when the United States goes to war against Iraq, is off at his Texas ranch in a week that marked the 21st birthday of his twin daughters.

Members of Congress, their acrimonious session mercifully concluded after bestowing their blessing for war on the president, have left to junket around the globe or repair to their home bases until after the start of the new year.

Potential candidates in a presidential race that will start all too soon are issuing policy papers, lining up fund-raisers and weighing decisions that will affect their lives and possibly the country's course.

Federal bureaucrats, who started planning the new Department of Homeland Security before the measure finally passed, are working to turn the concept into reality, aware that protecting homeland security will remain something of a question mark in the months, if not years, it will take.

Meanwhile, permanent Washington residents who can only watch our lawmakers without being to pick them, can only wonder if a war with Iraq will threaten our security with a repetition of the terrorist attacks that so stunned this capital less than 15 months ago.

People here still are split on whether war is inevitable. But few of them, whether they support or oppose military action, have much doubt the United States can drive Saddam Hussein from his sanctuaries if it decides to do so.

Where there is concern, it is twofold. First is the wisdom of the rich and powerful United States launching what many parts of the world will see as an unilateral, pre-emptive strike against a far poorer Muslim country.

As such, it could create long-term problems.

Second is whether the aftermath of any war with Iraq will require thousands of peacekeepers and consume billions of dollars, thus eating up funds that otherwise could be used to pay for the educational, health and security needs of Americans at home.

Third, and perhaps most serious, is whether, in the time it takes to undermine and over-

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throw the Iraqi leader, he and his putative allies in the shadowy world of terrorism will respond in some devastating way against the United States and its allies, especially Israel.

If there is one clear lesson of Sept. 11, it is that none of us can be totally certain of being secure, wherever we are (though readers in the rest of the country may have reason to feel safer than writers in Washington).

One way that has been brought home is in the fact that, after all of the effort that has been made in Afghanistan and elsewhere, Osama bin Laden remains at large and his network, while wounded, remains in business.

If nothing else, that illustrates the fact that it has proved easier for Bush and his administration to deliver their oft-stated vows to fight and defeat terrorism and its

leaders than to achieve those results.

That was wholly predictable, as was the likelihood there would be additional threats and additional terrorist acts. It is hard to know to what degree the lack of any attacks since Sept. 11 within the United States is the result of U.S. vigilance, including repeated governmental warnings, or good fortune.

The last 15 months have sapped our comfort and, to some degree, the confidence that Americans always have had but that was reinvigorated with our nation's success in winning the Cold War.

Victory in this shadowy, not-so-cold war of the 21st century almost certainly will prove more elusive than the triumph over the old Soviet Union, explaining why we worry about the impending storm while we celebrate the present lull.

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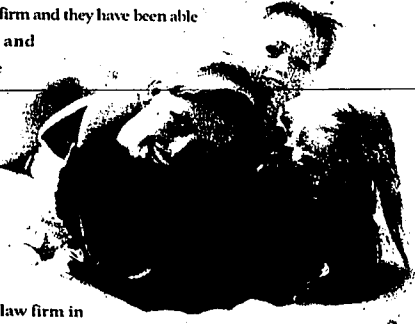
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Palestinians flee car just before Israeli missile strike

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinians in a car near Gaza City Sunday narrowly escaped an Israeli helicopter missile attack on their vehicle, burst into a heap of smoldering metal seconds after they jumped out, witnesses said.

The attack was an apparent attempt to kill Palestinian militants belonging to the Islamic Jihad group, Israeli media reported. The Israeli army would not comment.

During two years of Palestinian-Israeli violence, Israel has killed dozens of suspected militants in what it calls "targeted attacks," claiming that it is preventing terror strikes. Palestinians charge that the practice amounts to assassination of their leaders, and human rights groups call it summary execution without judicial process.

The two passengers of the Mercedes sedan saw the Israeli helicopters overhead and managed to flee the vehicle before it

was hit, witnesses said.

"Suddenly I saw a Mercedes driving fast down the road and it was hit by flames coming from the sky," said Amira Daulas, who lives nearby. Two missiles hit the car and one missed, hitting the road, Daulas said.

The air strike came after two Palestinians were killed Saturday night as Israeli tanks and troops entered the northern Gaza town of Beit Lahiya and demolished three homes. One of the Palestinians, a 70-year-old man, unable to leave a home before Israeli bulldozers began toppling it, was buried under the rubble, witnesses said.

An army spokesman, Capt. Jacob Dallal, said soldiers routinely call on residents to evacuate buildings and troops search the premises before structures are destroyed.

The forces demolished three homes belonging to militants of the Islamic Jihad group who were responsible for attacks that killed 24 Israelis, the army said.

Nations mark World AIDS Day

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Southern African countries marked World AIDS Day on Sunday with hopes that the region, which has the highest rate of HIV positive people on the planet, can slow the spread of the disease.

There are 42 million HIV-positive people worldwide, with sub-Saharan Africa home to 75 per-

cent of them, according to UNAIDS, the U.N.'s AIDS agency.

South Africa has more HIV positive people than any other country in the world. Figures released by the government more than two years ago showed that 4.7 million people — one in nine — were infected, and the figure today is believed to be substantially higher.

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Sing-a-song of Christmas, or half-a-dozen

Let's all get into the Holiday Spirit, as expressed by the festive song heard so very often on the radio at this time of year:

"Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock!"
"Jingle bell..."

That was the festive sound of the radio being struck with a hammer by reader Sarah Frates, who writes to say she is sick of "Jingle Bell Rock." She also states that her husband of Christ, is not a big fan of "The Little Drummer Boy." I am with Ralph on that. Oh, sure, "The Little Drummer Boy" is a beautiful song, for maybe the first 35 minutes. But eventually it gets on your nerves, those voices shrieking "Rum-pa-pa-pum!"

For openers, drums do not go "Rum-pa-pa-pum." Drums go "Rata-tat-tat." Also I have issues with the line from "The Little Drummer Boy" that goes: "The ox and lamb kept time."

Really? How? Did they clack their hooves together, cat-tanet-style? Did they dance? Are we supposed to believe that two barnyard animals, with legume-level IQs spontaneously started doing the macarena?

I'll tell you this: If I were taking care of a newborn baby, and somebody came around whacking on a drum, that person would find himself at the emergency room having his drumsticks surgically removed from his rum-pa-pa-pum, if you know what I mean.

Most of Christmas songs we maybe could do without, but this has happened to you: You're throwing a Christmas party, and you start singing carols, and everyone's having a festive time because of the song songs with easy-to-remember words, such as "fa," "la" and "la."

But then, invariably, some guest, not thinking it through, launches into "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The singers gamely struggle through the gold rings, maybe even the geese a-laying. But then things start to go horribly wrong. Because in these hectic times, when everybody must remember an ATM code and 143 computer passwords, nobody has the brain capacity to remember what my true love gave to me on all Twelve Days of Christmas. Some people are singing about lords a-prancing; others are singing about pipers at the door; others are going with "fa la la." The song lurches forward like a bus with transmission trouble until, somewhere around the 10th day ("10 milkers weeping") it comes to a pathetic halt. Then, inevitably, some guy, some moron starts singing "The Little Drummer Boy," and your party is OVER.

Don't get me wrong: I love Christmas songs, and I'm glad there are so many. My wife, who is Jewish, loves the fact that there is basically only one Hanukkah song, "The Dreidel Song," which mostly consists of "Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel!" ("Dreidel" is Hebrew for "Rum-pa-pa-pum.") At our house, when we celebrate Hanukkah (we celebrate every religious holiday in our house, including Elvis' birthday) we try hard to create a festive musical mood. "Let's sing 'The Dreidel Song!'" we say, and then we launch into "Dreidel Dreidel Dreidel!" The song consumes maybe a minute. When it's done, we sit around, talking at each other hopefully, until finally the tension becomes unbearable, and someone says: "Let's sing 'The Dreidel Song' again!" By nightfall we are exhausted.

To rectify the holiday-song imbalance, maybe those of us who grew up in the Christian tradition could offer our Jewish brethren and sisters, as a gift, some of our traditional holiday songs. For example, we could offer "Frosty the Snowman," which, as I find, can tell us nothing to do with Christmas anyway, unless there's a New Testament chapter that I overlooked ("And lo, the three wise men DID makeeth a man from snow, and one of them DID findeth an old milk hat, and he said: 'They'll get us an idea!'" ...).
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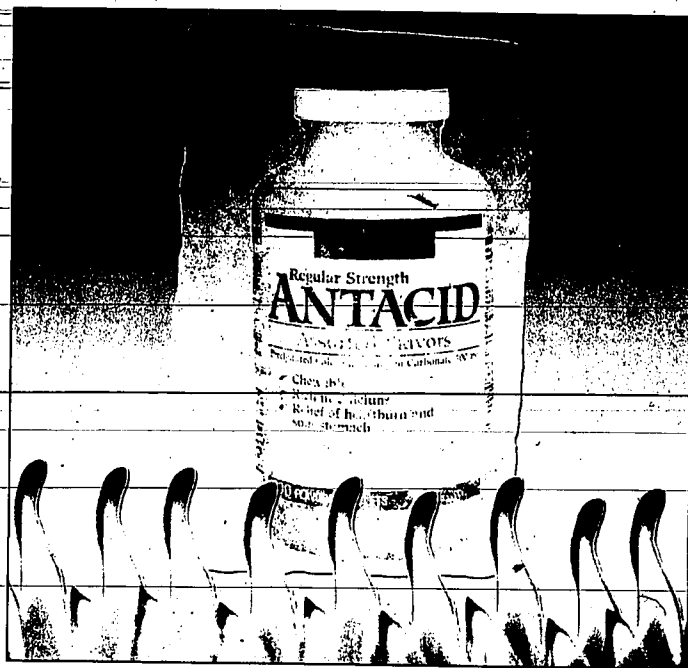


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Avoid a gastrointestinal nightmare

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

1. Eliminate heartburn triggers. According to Blue Shield of California, everyone has specific triggers such as fatty or fried foods, alcohol, chocolate, peppermint, garlic, onion, caffeine or nicotine.

2. Quit swallowing so much air. Swallowed air is the source of at least as much excess gas as the breakdown of undigested foods, according to the National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse. Make a conscious effort to eat more slowly, if gas is a problem for you, and avoid chewing gum and eating hard candy.

3. Eat smaller, more frequent meals. According to Blue Shield of California, three meals a day, with small snacks in between, will help you stop overeating. Constant overeating leads to excess weight, which aggravates heartburn.

4. Loosen your belt. Clothes that fit tightly around your waist put pressure on your abdomen.

5. Go easy on the carbs. It's not the turkey and the fruitcake that are giving you excess gas, according to the National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse.

The following numbers are annual figures:

- Constipation**
- Prevalence: 4.4 million people
 - Hospitalizations: 100,000
 - Physician office visits: 2 million
 - Prescriptions: 1 million
 - Disability: 13,000 people

- Gastritis and nonulcer dyspepsia (indigestion)**
- Incidence: Gastritis: 313,000 new cases
Chronic indigestion: 444,000 new cases
Acute indigestion: 8.2 million new cases
 - Prevalence: Gastritis: 2.7 million people
Chronic indigestion: 5.8 million people
 - Hospitalizations: Gastritis: 600

It's the vegetables, whole grains, soft drinks and especially the dairy products, which are widely used in holiday-season cooking.

6. Lose the after-dinner nap. Don't lie down after eating, according to Blue Shield of California; wait at least two hours. And when you do lie down, raise the head of your bed 6 to 9 inches to put gravity to work for you. Or you can insert a wedge between

Who's in distress?

- Chronic indigestion: 65,000
- Physician office visits: Gastritis: 3 million
Chronic indigestion: 800,000
 - Prevalence: Gastritis: 2 million
Chronic indigestion: 649,000
 - Disability: Gastritis: 34,000 people
Chronic indigestion: 42,000 people

- Gastroesophageal reflux disease and related esophageal disorders**
- Prevalence: 3 to 7 percent of U.S. population
 - Hospitalizations: 1 million
 - Physician office visits: 4 million to 5 million
- Source: National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse

your mattress and box springs to elevate your body from the waist up. Raising your head alone by using pillows is not a good alternative.

7. Remember that indigestion is not the same thing as excess stomach acid, according to the National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse, so that after-dinner Tums might not do the trick.

8. Too much alcohol can cause your stomach to rebel. Gastritis, which is the inflammation of the lining of the stomach, is a common result of overindulgence, with symptoms similar to heartburn and indigestion, according to the National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse.

9. Drinking baking soda dissolved in water, a common home remedy for heartburn, is a two-edged sword. Although it's great at neutralizing acid initially, it eventually aggravates the situation by adding gas to your stomach, increasing pressure and causing more acid reflux, according to Blue Shield of California.

10. Your dry, nagging morning cough may have nothing to do with your lungs and everything to do with your belly. Coughing, or hoarseness or having to clear your throat often, is a symptom of gastroesophageal reflux disease — that's chronic heartburn which can cause serious damage — and especially during the holiday season when people overindulge in food and alcohol, according to the National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse.

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Young girls go for sophisticated styles

Knight Ridder News Service

Women wear fur. Girls don't. Or do they? The line between girls' and women's fashion is blurring. Walk through the girls department of any major department store and you'll be hard-pressed to find "that adorable little dress with the lace bib" your mother bought for your 10th birthday.

Adorable is out. Gone are the trills, pastels and shapeless jumpers you were forced to wear. Modern girls prefer sophisticated black dresses. They go for long, form-hugging skirts. They look for dramatic touches such as feather collars, shiny (dry-clean only!) fabrics and sequins.

"Young girls look to pop culture for fashion trends," says Tina Hodack, creative fashion manager for L.S. Ayres in St. Louis, Mo. "So we've added trends from the juniors department — low-slung pants, short skirts — and made them accessible for girls."

Even basic cotton girls underpants are being edged out by the synthetic versions commonly found in women's departments. (Shiny turquoise underpants with silver leopard spots on an 8-year-old? They're available in



Mattel, which manufactures Barbie dolls, is keying its marketing to younger girls. The toy's traditional 10-12-year-old audience is dressing itself up sexy, grown-up fashions.

the girls departments at Sears — Wayne, Ind. "Now, the trends are moving toward looking at what Big Sister is wearing, what Mom is wearing, and trying to look more like them."

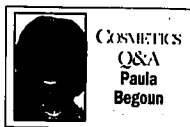
Adult, body-baring tailoring such as V-necks and slits can be
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ClearLight System cures acne, but requires a doctor

DEAR PAULA: Have you heard of something called a ClearLight System for curing acne? Is this something I should consider for my problem skin?

—KATE, SEATTLE
DEAR KATE: ClearLight System is a medical device that kills acne-causing bacteria with a type of light source. It also goes by the name Acne PhotoClearing technology. This non-skin-damaging light (with a wavelength of 407420 nanometers) can penetrate the skin and pore, effectively reducing acne lesions. Plus, according to the company marketing this device, there is no irritation, redness, photosensitivity or other side effects. There is even a small amount of research backing up the company's claim of efficacy (Sources: Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology, September 2000, Supplement 1; British Journal of Dermatology, May 2000, pages 939/978).

Developed by Spomedica in Toronto, Canada, ClearLight requires a visit to your doctor's office so you can sit under a machine that emits blue light for about 15 minutes. This may be the only downside to this acne



treatment: It ends up being time-consuming and pricey. A patient would need to undergo treatments twice a week for four weeks and possibly longer depending on the amount and persistence of breakouts. In addition to the light treatments, most acne patients are also given different topical treatments, such as Retin-A or chemical and laser peels, to improve the appearance of skin. For certain acne conditions, this may be an option to discuss with your dermatologist or health-care provider.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Cancer support groups meet for Christmas social today Asthma treatment shows promise

Breast Cancer Support Group and Living Through Cancer Support Group will meet for a Christmas social at 7 p.m. today in the reception area at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Lydia Gilman at 737-2979 or Mary Howard at 734-1756.

Water exercise program Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Twin Falls, City Pool and the Arthritis Foundation have joined together to offer an aquatic exercise program designed specifically for individuals with arthritis. The program will be offered from 9-10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, beginning today through Dec. 30, at the YMCA City Pool, 756 Locust St., Twin Falls.

The Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program is a recreational program designed to ease the pain and stiffness associated with arthritis and increase joint flexibility and muscle tone. Cost is \$3 per session or \$30 for 12 sessions. Preregistration is required. To register or for more information, contact Tracy Spinnier at 737-2870 or Geneva Scott at 734-2336.

Baby and Me class St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer Baby and Me classes from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Introducing Solids."

Childbirth refresher class Childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. The class is for those who have

previously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, along with a tour of the Women's and Infant Center. Cost is \$15. Preregistration is required. To register, call 737-2900.

Infant massage course "Loving Touch Right from the Start," an infant massage course, will be offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday, through Dec. 18, in the basement conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. Instructor Susan Beck will lead participants through the steps on giving an infant massage, along with techniques for gas and colic. Preregistration is required. To register, call 737-2900.

Big Kids Klub meets Big Kids Klub will meet from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. The class is designed to help prepare siblings for the new baby. Cost is \$7.50 per family with one child or \$10 per family with two or more children. To register, call 737-2900.

To do for you CPR class Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice. Cost is \$25. Preregistration is required. To register, call 737-2900.

HealthNet meets Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition will meet from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl. The coalition meets monthly to plan and implement strategies to increase the number of developmental assets in the county's youth. For more information, call Melanie Shouse at 423-5915.

ver's licenses.) had a heart transplant five years ago - favors an insurance benefit of \$10,000, though he endorses other incentives to end organ shortages, a problem that has persisted for 30 years. He explained it this way: "I will give you \$10,000 to whomever you designate: Your parents, a spouse, whomever, to pay the hospital, medical or funeral bill. "It's a spiff, I call it, a little inducement," said DeVos, who plans to make several yet-to-be-scheduled speeches on the topic. He is the new chairman of the speakers bureau for the United Network for Organ Sharing, a leading nationwide organ donation agency.

With 7,000 deaths among the 70,000 Americans waiting last year for an organ transplant, five times the number of deaths in 1980 - support for financial incentives or some other reward is growing among some groups. And the problem is especially crucial among people on kidney transplant lists, who often wait as many as five years for a donor. In June, UNOS voted to support federal legislation allowing third parties to make money on the impact of financial incentives on organ donation. The American Medical Association's House of Delegates and the American Society of Transplant Surgeons also have approved a similar plan to begin studies. But a 1984 federal law prohibits financial incentives for organ transplants. Many donor families, transplant groups and others find the incentive idea repugnant. Last month, the National Kidney Foundation's board of directors unanimously opposed any effort to legalize payment for organs.

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LONDON (AP) - An asthma treatment that targets the inflammation rather than just reacting to symptoms could be more effective in reducing severe attacks, new research suggests. Conventional treatment, based on simple breathing tests and not on other symptoms, sometimes cannot head off an asthma attack. Scientific advances may now provide an early warning. A study published last week in The Lancet medical journal indicates for the first time that looking for microscopic cells in phlegm led to fewer attacks and fewer admissions to the hospital.

Asthma, which is one of the most common chronic diseases worldwide, makes the sides of the airways in the lungs thick and swollen, causing recurring episodes of wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness and coughing. The World Health Organization estimates that asthma affects nearly 150 million people worldwide. Experts estimate that more than 17 million Americans have asthma. It is responsible for nearly 2 million emergency room visits each year and kills about 5,000 people every year. For many patients, medication must be taken every day to prevent symptoms and control attacks.

According to the new study, microscopic cells called eosinophils, which cause the inflammation in the airways that leads to asthma symptoms, can be found in phlegm several weeks before an asthma attack. "This study shows that tailoring therapy to the degree of eosinophilic inflammation seems to be better than the rather blind approach which we use at the present time," said Dr. Martyn Furridge, chief medical adviser to the National Asthma Campaign in Britain, which has one of the world's highest rates of asthma. Partridge, who was not involved in the study, said that until now doctors have "only been able to measure that inflammation by indirect means such as by monitoring symptoms or by monitoring lung function. If we had a better non-invasive marker of inflammation, it would enable us to tailor the medication more closely to that patient's degree of inflammation." In the study by scientists at the Glenfield Hospital in Leicester, England, 74 patients with moderate to severe asthma who were already regularly coming to the hospital for asthma treatment were randomly allocated to either the traditional strategy of managing asthma or to an approach aimed at controlling the concentration of eosinophils in the phlegm they coughed up. All patients were assessed nine times over 12 months. Patients in the phlegm analysis group had their medication adjusted in response to changes in their eosinophil levels. There were 35 asthma attacks in the phlegm test group during the year, compared with 105 attacks in the group with the normal treatment strategy. Only one patient in the cell test group was hospitalized for asthma problems, compared with six in the comparison group. "The current guidelines suggest that if you have no symptoms of your asthma for a couple of months, you would reduce the dose of your inhalers," said the study's leader Dr. Ruth Green of the Institute for Lung Health in Leicester.

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Barry Speaking of the wise men: How many of you readers, when you hear the words "The three kings of Orient are," even if you are attending a somber worship service, find that your brain automatically responds with "Smoking on a rubber cigar?" Me, too. It's like at weddings, when the organist plays "Here comes the bride," and everybody's brain, including the groom's, automatically responds: "Big, fat and wide."

But that is not my point. Clearly, I have no point. I just want to wish you a happy holiday season, and remind you that this is a time when we are loving and forgiving and not easily offended by newspaper columns. May your day be merry and bright, may Jack Frost not nip too hard at your nose; may you be blessed with a big old bowl of figgy pudding; and - above all - may you truly understand the meaning of the words that have been a beacon of hope to humanity for thousands of years: "Thumpety thump thump; thumpety thump thump; look at Frosty co."

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HEALTH & FASHION

Pageant contestants strut fine line

By Robin Divison
The Washington Post

Beauty queens jostled into London earlier this week with glossy lips, modulated smiles, practiced waves and cars stacked high with luggage. The Miss World beauty pageant, scheduled for Dec. 7, was moved from Abuja, Nigeria's capital, to London when protests over the competition turned into deadly rioting in which more than 200 people were killed. The tragic series of events serves as a reminder that beauty and its place in a culture can be emotionally volatile topics.

Nigeria was hosting the 2002 competition because the reigning Miss World is Nigerian. But from the beginning, there was uneasiness with the geography. Muslims, who dominate the northern part of the country, were angered because they saw the pageant as an affront to Islam. Women, they believe, should be modest and shun revealing clothes.

The situation contestants decided to boycott the competition after reading international reports that a young Nigerian woman accused of adultery was condemned to death by stoning under sharia — or Islamic law. The situation was further aggravated when a newspaper columnist suggested in a national daily that the prophet Muhammad would have been just fine with the pageant and might even have chosen a wife from among the contestants. Protesters found neither irony nor amusement in the commentary and accused the writer of blasphemy, slander and a host of other crimes against Islam.

The ensemble that Britain's pageant entry wore for her arrival at Gatwick Airport on Sunday — a sheer black batwing top over a clearly visible beige bra of the Maidenform non-nonsense variety — was certainly enough to cause a religious man to take the Lord's name in vain. And marriage is likely not the first activity that would pop into his head.

Most of the other contestants chose to set themselves apart with accessories or bright colors



Miss World contestants, from left, Yuko Nabeta from Japan, Carol Lowenstein from Israel and Marianne Karluksi from Kenya, stand in a west London film studio Thursday. The pageant will be staged in London Saturday, after the event was moved from Abuja in Nigeria due to unrest.

rather than a public display of foundation garments. Tanzania's entry arrived in London wearing a sassy red leather coat and with so much luggage that each of the required evening gowns and swimsuits could have been housed in its own vault. The U.S. contestant chose the fall season's ubiquitous accessory: the extra-long muffler.

The ways in which femininity, beauty, morals, chastity and identity converge in a beauty pageant helps to explain why people can become so agitated, although nothing about a parade of beauty queens could ever bring logic to the violence witnessed in Nigeria. Religion might explain the believers' outrage, but it cannot justify the killings.

All beauty contestants, from Miss Idaho to Miss Universe, exist in a stultifying limbo between girliness and adulthood. To successfully compete, they usually hint at sex appeal while proclaiming their chastity. These women — who are old enough to vote, buy cigarettes and drink alcohol — are watched

over by e-chaperons. They display knowledge of history and current events in a parade of costumes that revel in glitter, décolletage and plumage.

Contestants telegraph enthusiasm, dignity and confidence in a televised two-second three-point turn. They sashay across the stage in a swimsuit so that judges can sum up their "physical fitness," which is the equivalent of using a round of "Jeopardy!" to assess a person's intelligence. How satisfying would it be to have a judge yell from his perch: Miss Uruguay! Drop and give me 30!

The pageants do some good work through charitable donations and scholarship programs. Isn't belting out a bluegrass version of "And I'm Telling You I'm Not Going" blessedly little for a young woman to do for a shot at a four-year college scholarship? And is it any more egregious than a young man suiting up in a unitard and pinning another similarly dressed fellow to a vinyl man in hopes of winning the same sort of higher-ed largess?

Beauty pageants offend, irritate and entertain with their silliness. And there are those who would argue that beauty should not be rewarded because it is not something that is earned. But certainly it can be appreciated and applauded.

It is the way in which it is struted and celebrated, however, that seems to cause all the furor. Beauty is criticized when it is divorced from modesty, separated from thoughtfulness, lacking in intelligence. Beauty can be fleeting and folks look askance at those who try to hold on to it long after it has faded.

Beauty incites anger and jealousy because it is such a valuable gift that is bestowed without reason and without merit. In Nigeria, the outcry was over the public display of beauty, the revealing of it in a way that was outside the boundaries of religion — at least one interpretation of it.

Beauty without humanity is hollow; religion without tolerance, we are reminded once again, is deadly.

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You don't need a designated day to quit smoking

By Richard Harkness
Knight Ridder News Service

If you're a smoker, did you take part in the recent Great American Smokeout sponsored annually by the American Cancer Society? The idea was to stop smoking for a day — to start the ball rolling toward stopping for good.

If not, you may have thought you were free from such well-intentioned goading for another full year. Not so fast. Because the media would be saturated with the message that hey, this delayed lesson is my sneaky way of trying to snare those who might have missed taking advantage of that opportunity.

Tobacco use in young people continues to rise, and a primary aim of this annual campaign is to get out the "don't ever start smoking" message to kids and teenagers and to correct the misperception that smoking is a rite of passage to adulthood. Most tobacco use (cigarettes, chewing tobacco or snuff, cigars)

begins before the age of 18, and kids who don't use tobacco during their adolescent years are less likely to start.

The Centers for Disease Control recommends that kids be taught the dangers of tobacco use even earlier, beginning in kindergarten and during each school year thereafter.

Smoking is a lightning rod for cancer and heart disease. It's also been associated with causing erectile dysfunction in men and it may also diminish sexual function in women.

New information about the health hazards of secondhand smoke continues to wait up. One study found that nonsmoking wives of smokers had a 30 percent greater chance of developing lung cancer than women who lived in tobacco-free households.

the longer a woman lived with a smoker, the greater her risk. Children exposed to secondhand smoke are at greater risk for lung infections, asthma, and breathing difficulties.

Growing public awareness of these health concerns has resulted in a steady increase in the number of places being declared off-limits to smokers.

Most smokers greatly desire to quit. The problem is that the nicotine in tobacco is as much or more chemical substance.

Some people can manage to quit on their own, but most have the best chance of quitting with organized counseling and support. Medications are available that can minimize withdrawal symptoms or reduce the craving to light up. In many communi-

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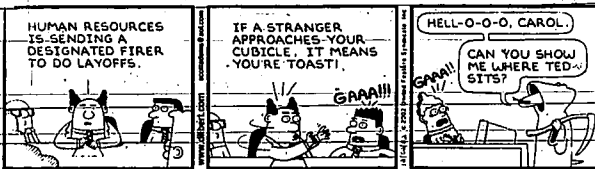
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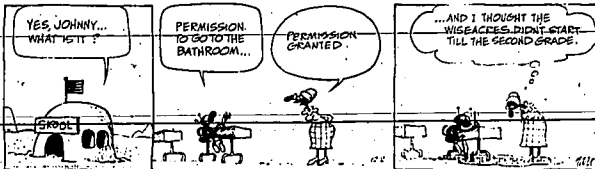
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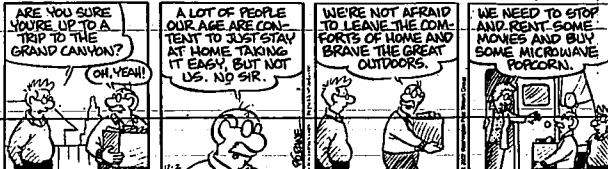
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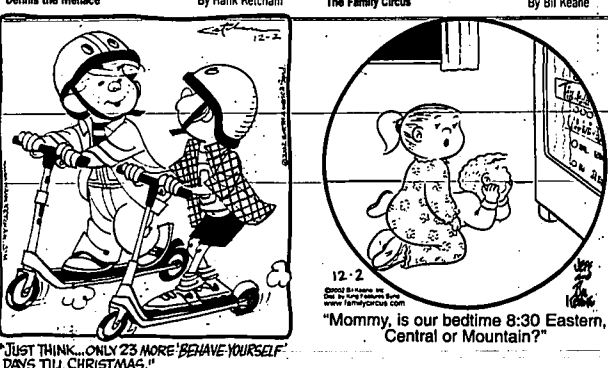


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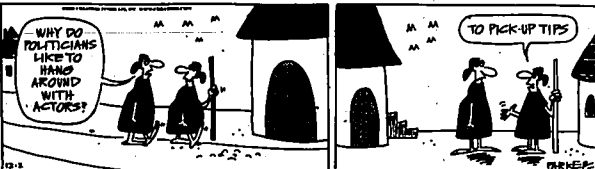
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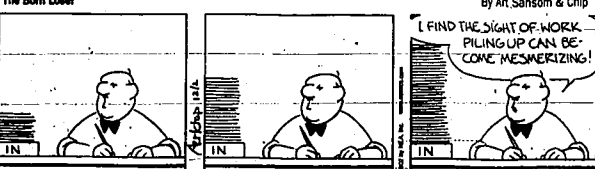
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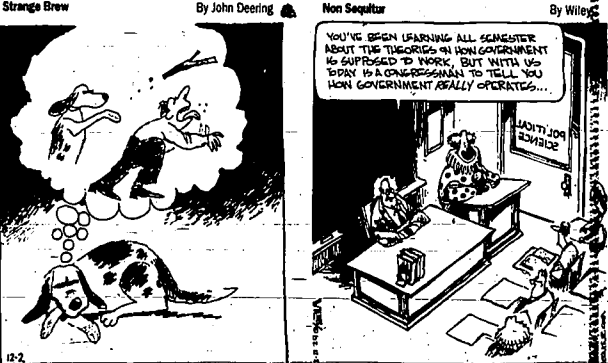


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By John Deering

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Widow resents son's ire toward friend

DEAR ABBY: I am a 62-year-old widow. My husband died two years ago. We were married 40 wonderful years. Determined not to fall into depression, I arranged my finances so that my future is secure. If anything should happen to me, my four sons will not be unduly burdened.

During my late husband's long hospitalization, a friend of more than 27 years, "Norman," made it his mission to keep my spirits up. Four months after the funeral, he insisted I get out of the house and go with him to the movies, the beach, for a drive, etc. I have always been comfortable with Norm. He is caring, concerned, affectionate and active in our church and community.

This past year, we have gone on trips together, and he never fails to make me laugh. Norm is financially secure, and we have no plans to live together or marry. I've made that clear to my sons. However, they are very upset that I'm seeing him!

They have informed me that they are not comfortable with including Norman in holiday and family affairs or vacations we take. However, I have known this man since they were kids, and he has done nothing to



account for their attitude. Norm's children have no such qualms and have extended me an open invitation to their homes.

I have never made any of my sons' friends, girlfriends, lovers or wives unwelcome in my home - whether I liked them or not. My sons' "significant others" were always included in vacations.

More and more, I am angry that Norm is not welcome at family gatherings. I don't want to cause a scene or estrange my children, but I will not exclude someone I care about.

What should I do, Abby? Christmas is just around the corner, and Norm is not invited - As much as I want to be with my sons' families, I am, tempted to stay home.

-NO NAME PLEASE
IN CHARLESTON, S.C.

DEAR NO NAME PLEASE: Why say nomet? Spend the holidays with Norm's family. In time, your sons will get the message

that excluding Norm is driving you crazy.

Life is for the living, and you have every right to be happy.

DEAR ABBY: I was 5 years old and it was the last day of school. I was living in a less-than-caring foster home and worried about the 50 cents I owed my school for several lost books. Unless I paid for the books, I would not get my fourth-grade report card.

When I heard that news, I left school crying and running, and didn't see the tall man until I ran straight into his legs. He asked me what was the matter, and I told him about the 50 cents. He reached into his pocket, took out two quarters, and in a kind voice said, "Things will be all right now."

Overjoyed to have the money, I paid for the books, got my report card, and shortly thereafter, my mother was able to take me back to live with her.

The year was 1942 - the world was at war, One State of Florida was still in a depression, and that 50 cents was a lot of money in those days.

Abby, to this day, every act of generosity I perform - every dime I give to a cause - is in honor of that man. I don't remember his face. I only recall his brown shoes, which I saw first when I ran into him. His kindness to a crying child made all the difference in my life.

-MARIJUN IRLBACHER,
NASHUA, N.H.

DEAR MARIJUN: Your letter is a relevant one for this season of giving. He who takes care of the least of us invests in the best of us.

Female dogs are more likely to bite

In the village of Conception near Lima, Peru, a farm worker was accused of stealing chickens on New Year's Eve. What makes it noteworthy is it was the first reported crime there in more than 200 years.

Those who know all about giraffes say they never stop wagging their tails. The giraffes -

If you've had the same pair of eyeglasses for more than two years, you've beaten the national average. That's how long the average wearer is said to use a pair.

Never use a chain saw above shoulder level, says a savvy woodsman.

Q. Who invented the fishing jig?

A. A Michigan fisherman named James Healdon. In 1888, Healdon carved it out of a piece of wood. It worked so well he started a company in 1902 to manufacture more of same.

So many of the now-renowned painters, poets and sculptors were totally ignored in their lifetimes that we tend to think of fame after death as a phenomenon of artists. But it happens to great scientists, too. Gregor Mendel's significant work on genetics only came to notice 16 years after he died.

The "mantis" as in "praying mantis" is Greek for "prophet." Did I tell you the old Turks used to insist the praying mantis always perched to face Mecca?

Q. Which dog - the male or the female - is more likely to bite?

A. The female. Half again more likely. The research that revealed this fact dates back a number of years, but there's no reason to believe the pattern has changed.

Most popular flavor of the sugar coatings on pills is orange. Or so say the market researchers.

The words "heart attack" almost never appear on medical charts. What shows up not so infrequently are the initials "MI" short for "myocardial infarction."

Q. How come the sport of fencing got to be called that?

A. From the Middle English "fens" short for "defense."

If both rats and mice are tossed out of an airplane at high altitude, the rats will die in the fall but the mice will walk away from it. So reports a man of science.



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L.M. Boyd

Aries: Dare the unknown

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ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Dare the unknown! Light a torch against fear and superstition. Make a fresh start; the love relationship is exciting and will ultimately prove beneficial. Leo plays dramatic role.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Attention revolves around your marital status. If patient, you survive crisis. Don't give up something of value for temporary pleasure. Cancer native will play dynamic role.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your kind of day! Highlight versatility, intellectual curiosity. Ask questions, and insist on answers, not evasions. You could be active in the world of fashion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Despite odds; you will "beat the game." If you rewrite, you almost assure that what had been rejected will now be accepted.

REBUILDING process goes under way; correct mechanical defects.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Despite restrictions, you make positive changes and win your way via written word. Stick close to home - family members and friends. Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius natives will play fascinating roles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 21): Domestic adjustment restores harmony. You receive luxury item as gift; it brightens surroundings.

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This could be the start of something big; accept graciously without being obsequious.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Count your changed Earning power increases; some people will want something for nothing but also want your money. Protect valuable. Don't fall prey to false promises, flattery.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Power play! You get green light to organize and to utilize priorities as you perceive them. Relationship intensifies; don't play games with emotion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A surprise is being planned for you; put on a good act, be surprised. A secret is revealed; don't point accusing finger. Be gracious, display wisdom of maturity. Aris figures prominently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Let go of preconceived notions. Highlight originality, independence activities. Question of marriage will loom large; you can run, but you cannot hide. Cancer native invites you to elegant dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will not be alone; participate in civic activities. Question of marriage will loom large; you can run, but you cannot hide. Cancer native invites you to elegant dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Look beyond the immediate, especially in connection with fashion. Your views will be sought along with predictions of the future. People express desire to wine and dine you. Gemini involved.

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WINTER FLYING

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- Arrive in plenty of time for check-in, especially with the crowds that always fly on Christmas. Our Twin Falls airport is no exception. The security is very thorough, so don't take our small airport for granted and expect special treatment if you arrive late.
- Don't wrap presents you have in your carry-on. Security may ask you to unwrap them.
- If you are traveling with children, take along games and items to entertain them.
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SIGNS/SYMPTOMS:
You may have fever, nausea,

vomiting, or diarrhea. Early signs may be tiredness or loss of appetite. Later you may have jaundice which makes your eyes and skin yellow. Your urine may be a dark yellow. Your stools may be a light brown or light yellow color. Your skin may itch. Or you may have no symptoms at all.

CARE:
You may usually be treated at home. Resting and eating healthy food will help you get better - you should drink 8 glasses of water each day. But you may need to be put in the hospital for tests and treatment. There is no special medicine used to treat hepatitis A. You should not drink alcohol. Friends and family may get a shot to keep them from getting hepatitis A.

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TFHS student becomes state finalist for national award

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent



HEATHER ABEL/The Times-News
Kevin Jussel is nominated for Wendy's High School Helman recognition.

TWIN FALLS — Kevin Jussel, a senior at Twin Falls High School, has been selected as one of the state finalists for the Wendy's High School Helman Award.

The school first started participating in the award program, which looks at academics, extracurricular activities and athletics.

"We have a boy and a girl that we enter based on academics as well as leadership in the community and athletics," counselor Debbie Van Engelen says. "They feel that high school is a vital time for students to build these skills."

"I was nominated within the school. I had to fill out a questionnaire about extracurricular activities and academics and ended up getting to the state finalist level," Jussel says. "It was a great honor to represent the school. Then, to be a state finalist is great. I was glad just to be nominated."

Jussel received a bronze medal, and a certificate stating that he was one of 500 boys in the nation to be recognized. The award is another achieve-

For more information

Call Debbie Van Engelen, counselor at Twin Falls High School, at 733-6551.

About the award

Wendy's founder Dave Thomas created the award through a partnership with Wendy's, the Downtown Athletic Club of New York and National Association of Secondary School Principals. Men and women entering their senior year of high school with a B average and participate in a sanctioned sport are eligible. Nomination packets are distributed in the spring and due in the fall. For more details, go to www.wendyshighschoolhelman.com or talk to your high school counselor.

ment for an already accomplished student.

Kevin is one of those students, he's just involved in everything. He has spent many community service hours, has a 4.0, officer in National Honor Society," Van Engelen says. "He was in student leader-

ship as a junior, as a senior is an ambassador for the high school, has played football the past two years. He's the quiet leader, gets along well with students."

Jussel is the president of the Twin Falls High School chapter of the National Honor Society, recipient of the Idaho Top Scholar Award presented by the University of Idaho and an Congressional Award Gold Medal winner.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Jackpot School music department holds concert

JACKPOT, Nev. — The Jackpot School's music department will present its Winter Music Concert at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 9 in the high school gym.

The concert and varsity bands will perform, as well as the concert choir and elementary grades.

Burley High School announces events

BURLEY — Burley High School

announced that Renaissance discount Christmas shopping nights will be held today in Burley and Dec. 9 in Rupert.

The stores are offering discounts for students who have a Renaissance sticker with them. An informational flyer can be picked up at the school office.

Burley High School drama team takes sweepstakes

BURLEY — The Burley High School drama team won the sweepstakes at the district drama

tournament in Twin Falls. Burley qualified in 28 events to go to state. Those taking first in their event were Tom Preston,

Tim Olsen, Frank Trejcek, Felicia Horsley, Tesha Jones, Ryan Bailey, Sam Preston, Abby McMillan, Kara Redder, Britney Duncan, Hillary Handy, Lance Mitchell, Scott Bowen, Jason Bond, Matt Shockey, Katherine Moses, Mandy Shockey, Josh Meline and Misty Worthington.

Several other members received second and third places.

BEST PUMPKIN



The Ratt River Elementary Halloween Pumpkin Contest winner was Taryn Whitaker, first-grader. Other participants were, from left, sixth row: Krysta Resmussen, Kallie Rawlings, Arica Resmussen, Hailey Higley and Brogan Higley; fifth row: Eli Dunn-Jones, Hannah Dunn-Jones, Sydney Hitt, Allen Winslow, Alle Southern and Deryk Harper; fourth row: Cheyenne Powers, Zach Zollinger, Orin Winslow, Taylor Whitaker, Whitt Davis and Laetia Twist; third row: Luke Gilbert, Brandon Harper, Taryn Whitaker, Ceche Davis, Alexis Tuckett, C.J. Edwards, Austin Tuckett and Braedon Erickson; second row: Sam Higley, Dalton Peterson, Wasley Erickson, Clay Teeter and Marka Baker; first row: Kaleb Butters, Janell Winslow, Brian Jones, Ceche Harper and Austin Mestas.

TFHS holds pageant for guys

"What kind of vegetable are you?" was one of the many impromptu questions posed to Mr. Twin Falls High School contestants.

On Nov. 26, the school's best and brightest competed at the BPA's 18th annual Mr. Twin Falls High School Pageant.

The contest is divided into four categories — evening wear, sports wear, talent and impromptu questions.

All the guys looked sharp in the evening wear division. Grayden Stanley, acting as the evening's emcee, read the contestants' bios as they appeared on stage. The contestants were Jacob Carmalt, Jason Hobbs, Nyle Matsuoka, Ben Pantan, Andrew Miller, Brandon Field, Randall Brown, Jake Smith, Paul Bork



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Perri Gardner

and Derek Lloyd.

Highlighting the sportswear competition was Andrew Miller, who showed impressive dance skills with an authentic Michael Jackson performance. In the talent competition, there were two outstanding acts. Nyle Matsuoka stole the show with a dazzling piano solo, swayed the audience, and received a standing ovation. Later in the evening, the drumsticks of Paul Bork flew on his

drum set.

Finally, after the judges tallied the votes, the winners were announced. Second runner-up went to Andrew Miller.

"Honestly, it is the greatest honor ever bestowed on a man such as I. I must concede, however, to my two superiors. They outclassed and surpassed me. My hat is off to them," Miller said.

First runner-up went to Derek Lloyd.

The title of Mr. Twin Falls High School 2002 was awarded to Nyle Matsuoka.

"I can't describe the feeling. All I can say is I like it," Matsuoka commented about his win.

Perri Gardner is a staff writer with the Twin Falls Bruin News.

GHS penny wars raise money

The Gooding High School penny wars held over the past week were very successful.

In the wars, classes competed to see who could raise the most money. We raised more than \$500 for the Christmas time food drive. The money will be used to buy meat to go in the food baskets.

Gayle Yakovac, our principal, got into and did not have to eat the goldfish as a result of

SENATOR SCENE

Brandee Humberger

The school had a great time with the penny wars, and several students and teachers got very involved.

The high school has several more plans to raise food for the

Christmas food drive. We are making it into a class competition, and will be getting several students involved in other fun ways.

"We would appreciate any involvement from the community. If any one would like to help, you can call Brandee at the high school 934-4831."

Brandee Humberger is Gooding High School student body secretary.

WINTER COAT



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Photo courtesy of Jerome High School Tiger Yearbook

Dustin Walker was purchased for \$20 by Melissa Ruby during a Jerome High School date auction. The event took place after the students had finished all of their finals for the first trimester, and before a sock hop got started.

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- Honor rolls
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- Club events
- School projects
- Fund-raisers

O'Leary honors perfect attendance

TWIN FALLS — Vera O'Leary Junior High School listed the students with perfect attendance from Aug. 8 to Oct. 31.

- Seventh grade
- Erica Krieger
 - Jordan Allen
 - Rominal Allred
 - Cristal Armendarez
 - Alyssa Atkins
 - Rebecca Bales
 - Connor Bennett
 - Zachary Black
 - Ariel Brim
 - Claire Cooper
 - Dana Cooper
 - Courney Frazier
 - Alfonzo Garcia
 - Vanessa Garibaldi
 - Savahna Goodman
 - Kaylie Henning
 - Nicholas Hoffman
 - Hayley Howard
 - Cheyanna Janatsch
 - Kasey Jerod
 - Jessica Kack
 - Kristina King
 - Christina Kim
 - Nicolas Knoblich
 - Cormee Lavigne
 - Tyson Long
 - Enrique Lopez
 - Brittany Lund
 - Patrick McCain
 - Cory Mingo
 - Hannah Morchitta
 - Elise Morrow
 - Jordan Newbery
 - Matthew Nielsen
- Eighth grade
- Jeremy Beravaque
 - Kent Dadds
 - Daryl Downing
 - Torey English
 - Scott Enriquez
 - Andrew Farnsworth
 - Randi Fischer
 - Madison Fisher
 - Andrew Gonzalez
 - Benjamin Hall
 - Cory Hentrup
 - Marisela Hernandez
 - Colton Hoffman
 - Tasha Hum
 - Kristy Kallifisher
 - Samantha Kemp
 - Ivan Manuella
 - Casy Murray
- Ninth grade
- Yelena Bagasarova
 - Ermina Berberovic
 - Ashley Beravaque
 - Lauren Blaw
 - Brealey Box
 - Virginia Boytin
 - Ryan Buck
 - Edina Celikovic
 - Brandon Duncan
 - Yanessa Enzant
 - Carrissa Enriquez
 - Kasie Fox
 - Elizabeth Fox

- Alex Nicely
- Lindsay Nutsch
- Sofia Osorio
- Thuan Pham
- Trung Pham
- Ryan Porter
- Nathan Ramirez
- Shaun Resmussen
- Nicholas Krent
- Ruben Rodriguez
- Destiny Romans
- Adam Roth
- Journal Sanderson
- Daisy Santos
- Yanessa Seaman
- Ines Sehic
- Robert Shillington
- Jessia Stone
- Starr Terry
- Rachel Teibert
- Joshua VanLo
- Misty Welch
- Megan Whitworth
- Katrina Wicker
- Karl Wilson
- Stormy Wilmill
- Aida Zukić

- Ashlee Frhm
- Paul Gerrish
- Stormy Given
- Orhan Hasanovic
- Eric Hleb
- Amanda Hogan
- Timothy Huzekser
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- Emily Jensen
- Tyler Johansen
- Chelsea Kack
- Brian Kinney
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- Sherry Leavitt
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- Kyle Lopez
- Hail Lovell
- John McManaman
- Colby Mitchell
- Randall Mitchell
- Nicholas Mohrbacher
- Nathan Moody
- Megan Orteman
- Jeremiah Pais
- Nicole Patrick
- Denis Pavlovic
- Alissa Pettigill
- Christine Pettigill
- Alma Poljovic
- Arnie Pullin
- Jared Rayborn
- Jason Staley
- Stefan Stanjanovic
- Christin Thordson
- David Thompson
- Brett Whitesman
- Whitney Ward
- Kelli Williams
- Austin Wood
- Daniel Zuck

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• Social events
• Elections
• Student achievements
• Your kids and their activities

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Each grade at the new East Minico Middle School in Rupert has committed to perform at least one community service project a year. Seventh-grader Chelsea Ellison is giving the posts around the school a fresh coat of paint.

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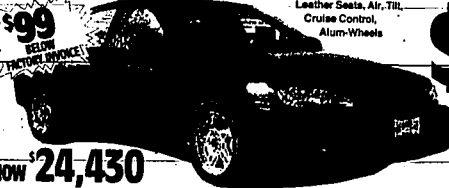
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