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# Energy giant looks for power

## Firm eyes possible generation plant site near Glens Ferry

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**GLENS FERRY** - A San Diego-based energy company is looking in southern Idaho for a possible site to build a power plant, *The Times-News* has learned.

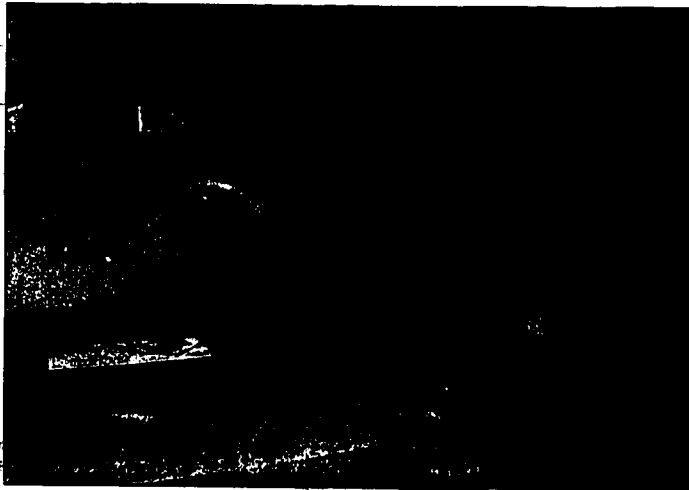
Sempra Energy Resources is looking in the Glens Ferry area for a potential site, company spokesman Art Larsen confirmed. "They are in the very early evaluation stages," Larsen said. Sempra Energy Resources develops and operates power

plants for the competitive wholesale electricity market. It is a subsidiary of Sempra Energy, a Fortune 500 company that reported earnings of \$6 billion in 2001. No additional details have been determined, Larsen said when asked about the size and power

generation source of a potential plant, and if there is an exact location under consideration. Elmore County officials said they haven't yet received any land-use applications relating to such a project. Bliss-area farmer and rancher Martin Holland said he is con-

cerned the place where the company could be looking is across the Snake River Canyon from his property. Last summer he observed "drift striking tree samples from the northern slopes of the canyon across from his farm between Bliss and King Hill. The area is known as Swiss Valley and is a mix of jagged canyon and a...  
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# Layoffs loom - again



Candy Sanchez looks over the toys donated by the Brother Speed Motorcycle Club in Mini-Casala. The motorcycle enthusiasts placed out one toy each for Jacobo, Juan, 3 1/2, and Celestina, but asked a newspaper reporter to make the delivery. Club members wanted to remain in the background of their philanthropy.

# Still on the job, Simplot worker says finances 'desperate'

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**HEYBURN** - The mortgage delinquency notice lay unopened until Candy Sanchez needed scratch paper.

"I don't know why. Maybe 'cause I knew what it was," she said. The notice inside warned Sanchez about the house payment due Nov. 1. She used the envelope to write down the name of South Central Community Action Agency - in case the non-profit can ease the knot tightening around Sanchez and her three children.

"I'm getting desperate," the Heyburn woman said. Unemployment looms again, and Sanchez knows it. But she doesn't know when, and she hasn't been able to save money

### About this series

By the time potato processor J.R. Simplot Co. shuts down its Heyburn plant in 2004, it will directly eliminate something like 650 jobs. Writer Virginia S. Hutchins and photographer Lisa M. Collard are putting a human face on that job loss as they follow seven of the displaced or soon-to-be-displaced workers through the process of starting over.

### The people

Hutchins and Collard in August introduced readers to Simplot forlorn driver Cindy Gierlach and to waste-treat-

ment worker Mary Lou Herbert. Readers met forlorn driver Louis Gonzalez in October.

They met four more people in November: quality-assurance lab tech Marie Rivera; former spud trimmer Tony Cuellar and his wife, former employee-vibes clerk Belinda Naranjo; and packaging operator Candy Sanchez. Today, read about Sanchez's finances and her fears.

### What's to come

The *Times-News* will check in with the workers periodically as they ponder their options and chart their futures.

the only ones that I really care about."

Sanchez worked her last day as a packaging operator on J.R. Simplot Co.'s regular staff Oct. 31, after almost five years with the company. Simplot's Heyburn spud plant is headed for closure, and its first phase of shutdown displaced Sanchez and 167 others.

A week later, a temporary-labor firm supplying workers to Simplot called Sanchez back to the same job at the same pay - \$10.28 per hour, 40 hours a week. She works the swing shift, which allows her to attend GED classes four mornings a week.

That GED is important to Sanchez's dream of office work. But study consumes the time she otherwise might spend at a second job.  
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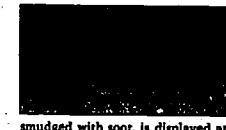
# NEW JOB, NEW OUTLOOK

## Police officer disgraced in crash reclaims life

By Pauline Arrington  
Associated Press Writer

**PHOENIX** - On a sunny November morning, the officer grabs his briefcase and a carton filled with family photographs and climbs from a pickup in the parking lot of police headquarters.

Clipped to his pants is a sparkling new badge. The old one, still



smudged with soot, is displayed at Please see **FACELESS**, Page A7



Jason Schwechtele watches his wife, Suzie, kiss their newborn son at their home in Avondale, Ariz., Nov. 20. Jason Schwechtele was severely disfigured following a fiery car accident.

# Lists and an apology from Iraq

## Baghdad hands over documents

Knight Ridder News Service

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** - Iraq released its much-awaited inventory of potential nuclear, chemical and biological technologies to the United Nations on Saturday, hoping to prevent war as it again denied American claims that it possesses weapons of mass destruction.

The 12,000-plus pages of documents, which earlier in the day were shown to the media with something of an Iraqi flourish, were delivered Saturday night to U.N. headquarters in Baghdad and then carried off to a cargo plane bound for Cyprus. By Sunday, they should arrive in the hands of weapons inspectors in New York and Vienna, where promises to be weeks of study. "As this was happening, Iraq President Saddam Hussein stole the spotlight, releasing an apology to the people of Kuwait after the 1990 invasion that led to the Persian Gulf War.

Unless it wanted to buck last month's unanimous U.N. Security Council resolution and open the way for a U.S.-led military attack, Iraq had no choice but to turn over by Sunday what it purports to be a "full and complete" list of Iraqi capabilities for catastrophic warfare.

But Hussein's dramatic apology, qualified as it was, came under no such duress. The apology "to God about any act that has angered him in the past" was part of an intensifying Iraqi effort to rally Arab support and convince the rest of the world that Hussein is not the dangerous tyrant the United States makes him out to be.

The weapons report moves the standoff with Iraq to a new phase. Now arms experts from the United Nations and from member states of the Security Council, chief among them the U.S., will comb through the papers and CD-Roms for evidence that Iraq is hiding something. "The declaration will answer all the questions which have been addressed during the last months and years," said Lt. Gen. Hossain Mohammed Amin, who supervised the preparation of the report.

Amin said the documents contain an accounting of "dual use" technologies, those that have peaceful and potentially military means. The report also names companies and their homelands that helped Iraq develop unconventional arms. But it contains no admission that Iraq still possesses such capabilities, Amin said. "I think if the United States  
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<b>7 days, 7 reasons to read</b>	<b>Leaner times</b> Cut fat and trim weight. Monday	<b>A sound for everyone</b> A local couple keeps the community in music. Tuesday	<b>Christmas recipes</b> How about an old-fashioned Christmas? Wednesday	<b>Winter wings</b> South Hills still offer good numbers of birds for winter hunters. Thursday	<b>Hobbit forming?</b> The second, much-anticipated "Lord of the Rings" movie debuts this week. Friday	<b>Community holiday</b> Three churches are joining together to sing. Saturday	<b>Enough about you</b> Narcissism is a distorted self-image, and millions are afflicted. Sunday
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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Bright blue skies, light winds and seasonal temperatures. Highs in the lower 40s.

Tonight: Mostly clear skies and calm winds. Lows near 20.

Tomorrow: Increasing clouds but continued dry. Highs in the upper 30s to near 40.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Periods of sunshine and seasonal temperatures. Highs in the lower 40s.

Tonight: Mostly clear skies and light wind. Lows near 20.

Tomorrow: Increasing clouds but continued dry. Highs near 40.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast grid for Twin Falls showing Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table listing weather conditions for various cities including Boise, Burley, and Pocatello.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Today: Bright blue skies and light winds are expected today. Look for increasing clouds on Monday and rain or snow on Monday night.

BOISE Today: Highs 29 to 40. Tonight's Lows to 18. Bright blue skies and light winds are expected today. Look for increasing clouds on Monday and rain or snow on Monday night.

NORTHERN UTAH Periods of sunshine and seasonal temperatures are expected today. Monday will be another nice day but increasing clouds are expected late.



Yesterday's State Extremes - Highs: 44 at Lewiston, 41 at Starley weather buoy, sunny, pc-pairly cloudy, m-cloudy, c-cloudy, r-rain, s-snow, sh-showers, fr-fog, sn-snow, fl-furries, w-wind, m-missing

Temperature

Temperature forecast table for Twin Falls.

Precipitation

Precipitation forecast table for Twin Falls.

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Humidity forecast table for Twin Falls.

Barometric Pressure

Barometric pressure forecast table for Twin Falls.

Sunrise and Sunset

Sunrise and sunset times for Twin Falls.

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Moon phase schedule for the month.

Moonsrise and Moonsset

Moonsrise and moonsset times for Twin Falls.

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Snowpack data for Twin Falls.

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U.V. Index forecast for Twin Falls.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for cities like Boise, Burley, and Pocatello.

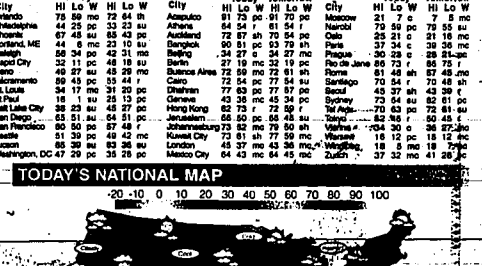
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for various US cities.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for international locations.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Canadian forecast table for cities like Calgary and Vancouver.

U.S. FORECAST

U.S. forecast table for cities like Denver and Phoenix.

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Cardinal Law struggles to keep head above water

BOSTON (AP) - After months of criticism for his role in the Catholic church's sex abuse scandal, Cardinal Bernard Law in recent weeks had restored some normalcy to his duties leading

the Boston Archdiocese and resumed making high-profile public appearances. But law revelations this past week have renewed anger with Law, and some priests even plan

to debate whether the cardinal should keep his job. Personnel files made public Tuesday, among documents handed, lawyers for dozens of alleged victims, contained some

of the most spectacular allegations to emerge so far, suggesting church officials tolerated priests with a range of aberrant behaviors - not just sexual abuse of boys.

Continued from A1 series of plateaus stepping downward toward the river. "It is a very pristine, undisturbed area," Holland said, "it's one of the reasons I live here."

the number of jobs created? The company project and its plan near Bakersfield could create 350 jobs during peak construction and employ between 20 to 25 full-time personnel when it begins operation in 2003.

Iraq

Continued from A1 has the minimum level of fairness and braveness, it should accept the report and say this is the truth," he said. Hussein's apology was laced with invective. "We apologize to God about any act that has angered Him in the past and that was held against us, and we apologize to

you (the Kuwaitis) on the same basis," Hussein said. But then he berated the Kuwaiti leadership for allowing American forces to train there for a possible attack on Iraq, and he accused Kuwaiti officials of using the Kuwaiti oil wealth for their personal enrichment and depositing funds "in foreign banks under foreign control."

As you can see, the cardinal is occupying your country in a direct occupation," Hussein told the Kuwaitis. "And as you know, when the foreigners occupy a country, they don't only desecrate the soil, but also the soul, religion and mind."

ple and their leadership, by directing the speech to the Kuwaiti people, has ignored the unprecedented and solid unity of the people and government of Kuwait," he said.

A major power transmission line runs through the area, which will have railroad access. Larsen would not confirm whether that area is under construction of a plant. The Glenn Ferry area, Larsen said, the company would provide a community outreach program to inform the public about its plans.

Both coal- and natural gas-fired power plants require water for cooling, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Large water supplies are needed for cooling at coal plants. Pollution can build up in cooling water for either fuel source. Burning coal releases emissions of carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and mercury compounds, and methane gas, the EPA says. The burning of natural gas produces nitrogen oxides and carbon dioxide, but in lower quantities than coal. Methane can be emitted when natural gas is not burned completely.

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CONNECTIONS

A Saturday story about campaign finance gave incorrect information about a recent committee appointment of Sen. Tom Gannon. R-Buhl. Gannon was appointed last week to the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee.

Item in Friday's WeekEnd section incorrectly reported the cost of attending the "Messiah" Christmas Concert today at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. The concert is \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students with identification.

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NATION

# Political issues helped prompt shake-up

WASHINGTON (AP) — The shake-up of President Bush's economic team may not be enough to wake the economy from its long slumber, but it was necessary for political and economic reasons, analysts suggest.

Bush and his advisers want to make sure he avoids the mistakes of his father. The first President Bush lost reelection in 1952 in large part because of a sour economy and his perceived indifference to it.

The resignations of Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and White House economics adviser Lawrence Lindsey clear the way for a different lineup and new ideas for reviving the economy — for example, sending a big stimulus tax cut proposal to the new Republican-led Congress in

January. O'Neill had suggested such a plan was not needed.

It would not take much to plunge the economy back into recession. Economists agree that a significant drop in consumer spending, which now accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity, would do it quickly. "Obviously, the economy has eroded. It's gotten worse over the past six months," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com. "We're not in a recession yet, but it's close."

"There's no downside" for Bush in changing his economic team and making new proposals, Zandi said. "It's good timing." Bush needs a team capable of selling his plan on Capitol Hill, while keeping Wall Street reassured.

Wall Street leaders distrusted the blunt-speaking O'Neill, chief

executive of aluminum producer Alcoa Inc. before taking the Treasury post. Nor was he a popular figure among congressional Republicans, whom he disparaged as being more interested in "show business" than results.

Likewise, Lindsey was not respected by the markets and in recent weeks had lost the confidence of the president, according to government and financial officials.

Lawrence Chimerine, president of Rádnor Consulting, an economics firm in Philadelphia, said the Cabinet housekeeping move furthers a "demonstration" of highly managed political administration. "It suggests, Chimerine said, that Bush's top confidants and closest political advisers, such as Vice President Dick Cheney and senior adviser Karl Rove, had considerably

more influence than the O'Neill-Lindsey economic team.

In many ways, O'Neill and Lindsey have become potential scapegoats for the ailing economy, Chimerine said.

Several names from the financial world are among those mentioned as possible successors to O'Neill. Lindsey's replacement could be Charles Schwab, former Federal Reserve member Wayne Angell, UBS Paine Webber executive Joseph Grano Jr.

Also in the speculation: former Senate Banking Committee Chairman Phil Gramm and retired House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, both Texas Republicans; Sen. John Breaux, D-La.; California financier Gerald Parsky; and former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

## Democrat fends off challenge for Senate

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu beat back a fierce Republican challenge led by President Bush and won a second term Saturday, giving her party a midterm consolation prize that limits the GOP's Senate majority to 51 seats.

Landrieu fended off Republican Suzanne Hank Terrell, the state elections commissioner who had touted herself as a close friend and ally of the president.

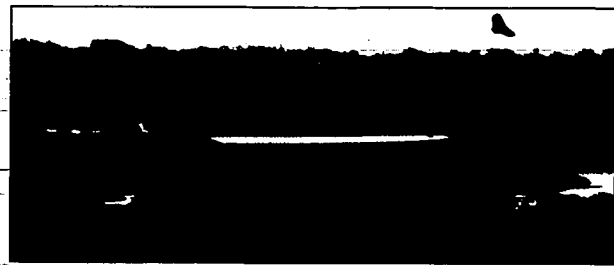
With 99 of precincts reporting, Landrieu had 627,253 votes, or 51 percent, and Terrell had 591,791, or 49 percent.

The GOP also failed to hang on to a U.S. House seat in the final election of the calendar year.

Democratic state legislator Rodney Alexander edged Republican Lee Fletcher by just 518 votes in the race for the seat Republican John Conkney gave up to make an unsuccessful Senate bid.

With all precincts reporting, Alexander had 85,720 votes and Fletcher had 85,202 votes in the heavily conservative district. There was no immediate word from Fletcher on whether he will seek a recount.

## HAPPY LANDING



The space shuttle Endeavour approaches the landing strip at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., Saturday after a mission to the International Space Station. Endeavour brought an astronaut and a pair of cosmonauts home from a six-month space station voyage. The shuttle astronauts conducted three spacewalks to install a new girder on the orbiting outpost.

## Bush plan would provide Rx subsidies mainly to poor

### The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is exploring a plan to help the elderly pay for prescription drugs that would not offer the assistance for all older Americans that the White House and lawmakers have struggled to create for two years.

Instead, the idea would be to provide subsidies for medicine mainly to those who are poor.

Under the more limited plan, intended to break a stalemate on one of the top issues the new Congress will face next year, the government would encourage all

older Americans to buy private drug discount cards worth several hundred dollars, plus insurance policies to protect against "catastrophic" pharmaceutical costs. For people with low incomes, the government would pay for the card and the insurance policy; the rest would pay for the card and the insurance themselves but would get a tax break.

The absence of a comprehensive benefit — with subsidies to all people on Medicare, regardless of income — would deviate fundamentally from the drug plan approved last summer by the Republican House, proposals advanced by lead-

ing congressional Democrats, and ideas sketched out by President Bush during his presidential campaign two years ago.

According to several administration sources and others familiar with the idea, the White House has not made a decision whether to pursue such a plan, but it is actively being considered by some of the president's senior aides.

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## Data suggest Arctic sees warmer temps

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The northernmost reaches of the Earth are warming, reducing the sea ice across the Arctic Ocean, melting the ice sheet in Greenland and spreading shrubs into the Alaskan tundra, scientists said Saturday.

Taken individually, the changes only suggest the region's climate is undergoing a warming trend. Together, they provide dramatic evidence the change is real, a panel of scientists said during a meeting of the American Geophysical Union.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Simplot

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And Sanchez lost that week's pay at the beginning of November. Then last another week of work when Simplot's demand slowed at the end of the month. The lumps go first at lay-off time.

Finances and fears
Sanchez is looking around the house, wouldn't believe Sanchez is broke, she said, gesturing to a living room with classy plush couches, pretty lamps and glass-topped end tables.

Sanchez asked among her friends for anyone interested in buying the couches. No takers.

The furniture, the Heyburn house and the car parked behind it were bought while the family had two incomes. Before Sanchez's husband quit his job and left for California in March.

Sanchez is separated but not divorced, and there's no court order for alimony or child support. The man she calls her ex-husband sends money sometimes, but not regularly, she said.



LISA DE COLLANGE/The Times-News

Candy Sanchez lets her daughter, Candace, poke her birthday cake on her sixth birthday before cutting the cake. Candace tries to keep her little brother, Juan, from poking at the cake, too.

"Once you have something, you don't want to get rid of that," Sanchez said. She might have to. Sanchez's monthly house payment is \$712, "which is a lot." She still owes the Nov. 1 and Dec. 1 payments.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Worker

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She's two \$330 monthly payments behind schedule on the 1997 Chrysler Concord LX.

"And pretty soon, next month, 'too,'" Sanchez said. "She thought about a lower-cost switch."

"But then, how am I going to get an older car if I don't have money?" she said.

Her inquiries at a car lot convinced her the Concord — on which she still owes \$9,000 of its \$13,000 price two years ago — has lost too much value for a trade-down.

Creditors haven't contacted Sanchez about the delinquent car payments.

"They haven't bothered me. Not yet," she said. But a credit collection agency called a few days ago asking for the full amount owed to hospitals for the births of her children.

"Over \$6,000. So that's a lot," Sanchez said. The agency agreed to \$50 per month.

mur. Casandra is covered by Medicaid. Overdue debt warnings have arrived about some of the furniture, too. Maybe the family won't have a table to eat on soon, Sanchez said.

"Then after a moment: 'That's OK. As long as we have food.'"

Cake and Christmas
The children expect more than food.

Casandra keeps asking "Mom, what am I going to have for Christmas? And I'm like, 'I don't know yet,'" Sanchez said.

"She's like, 'When's Christmas coming, Mom?'"

That's worrisome to Mom. And to some Times-News readers.

As part of its reporting project on Simplot workers, the newspaper profiled Sanchez in November. Her story provoked the sympathy of the Brother Speed Motorcycle Club in Mini-Cassia, which collects toys to distribute to needy children.

Sanchez heard about the Idaho Migrant Council on a Spanish radio station and visited the office last week. She qualified for payment of a big portion of her electrical bill, the migrant council's Jaime Valero said Friday.

Family members have offered no financial help, Sanchez said. "They always say that they're broke."

But her grandmother baby-sits the children.

"I am getting that. That's something, too," Sanchez said.

A Job Service employee counseled Sanchez recently about what's necessary to switch from manufacturing to office work.

That help is an encouragement to Sanchez. The toys were, too.

A Times-News reporter and photographer delivered the motorcycle club's box to the Sanchez home Thursday. Casandra announced it was her birthday, and gave each a birthday sticker to wear.

share it. Instead, she urged Casandra and Jacqueline to put their customary pokes on the top of the cake with their fingers, then dig out a few bites with plastic forks.

(Jacqueline needed some encouragement. Casandra didn't.) And Sanchez served pieces to her children and the journalists, who apparently were the company of the day at the Sanchez home.

The attempt at festivity was fine to Casandra, who distributed frosting roses and sang to herself.

That delinquency notice, however, marred her mother's mood.

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# Jogger case shows some confessions aren't true

NEW YORK (AP) — Hours of interrogation, youthful suspects, police pressured by a city hungry for safety — all those elements can combine to produce confessions that may not reveal the truth.

As New York absorbs the district attorney's request to throw out convictions of five men found guilty of raping a jogger in Central Park, many in the criminal justice system acknowledged that some suspects — more than the public is aware of — confess to crimes they didn't commit.

At least 27 overturned guilty verdicts in the past decade involved false confessions, according to the Innocence Project, a legal group that takes on wrongful conviction cases.

There's growing public awareness of the phenomenon, too. Court TV last week premiered "The Interrogation of Michael Crowe," the true story of a 14-year-old California boy who confessed to stabbing his 12-year-old sister then later recanted. A drifter has been tied by DNA evidence to the crime and is facing charges.

Often, the suspects are young, like the five who confessed in the jogger case — boys between 14 and 16 years old when the crime stunned the city in 1993.

People in their position are frightened and easily influenced by aggressive investigators, lawyers and criminal justice professionals.

The suspects also are thinking that "even though I didn't do it, they're not going to believe me, no one's going to believe me. I may as well make a deal, make it easier on myself," said James Fox, who teaches criminal justice at Northeastern University.

The Central Park case remains a matter of dispute.

Lawyers for the five convicted say police coerced innocent black and Hispanic teens into confessing they attacked the white victim during a spree of assaults and harassment that spurred its own "Jazzword" wilding.

The former sex crimes prosecutor who led the investigation, Linda Fairstein, defended the detectives' work and told a magazine she still is convinced the five teens were guilty. Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said Friday that the new developments neither exonerated the five men nor found that the police coerced the confessions.

The 58-page report that accompanied the request to vacate the convictions makes no mention of "innocence," but rather of "significant weaknesses" in the confessions, problems with discrepancies in the confessions, and new evidence that emerged about that April night.

## DNA exonerations

innates exonerated on the basis of DNA evidence were most commonly charged with rape.

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NOTE: Based on the first 81 exonerations nationwide, which occurred between 1989 and 2001. In most cases the defendant was convicted of a combination of the above offenses.

SOURCE: Innocence Project AP

A convicted rapist confessed in January that he raped the woman alone and DNA evidence tied him to the crime; more DNA testing ruled out hairs used in the trial to link some of the five to the crime.

Nationally, overturning convictions often hinges on new DNA evidence.

In August, a judge threw out the conviction of a Detroit man who spent 17 years in prison for raping and murdering a teenage girl; he had confessed. Last December in Chicago, three men were freed after serving more than a decade in prison for rape and murder; one had confessed.

But how could would someone falsely confess to a crime? Geoff Alpert, a criminal justice professor at the University of South Carolina, said the old days of police "browbeating" confessions out of suspects are largely gone, but some coercion is still allowed.

There's a fine line between legal coercion and illegal coercion," Alpert said. "The good cop bad cop routine, that's totally legal and appropriate."

Police may be doing nothing sinister. They may simply be driven by their own desire and community pressure to solve a case and go past appropriate boundaries in the process, Alpert and others said.

Professor Jim Cohen, who heads the clinical program at the Fordham University School of Law, described the possible police mindset in the Central Park case as officers connecting some teens who made them suspicious with a horrible crime that left the victim comatose for a dozen days.

"These guys weren't sitting in a church, you knew they were up to no good," he said. "And certainly the condition this young woman was in suggested more than one person. Now you just need to find some proof."

# Dem-radio address urges jobless benefits expansion

WASHINGTON (AP) — With nearly 1 million people set to lose unemployment benefits Dec. 28, Congress must make extending jobless benefits one of its first acts in the new year, Sen. Maria Cantwell of Washington said in the Democrats' weekly radio address Saturday.

"Sending laid-off workers into the holiday season without unemployment insurance is like playing Scrooge at Christmas time — giving American workers a lump of coal in their stockings instead of the economic security they deserve," Cantwell said.

"Everybody would rather have a paycheck than an unemployment check, but in these slow economic times temporary unemployment benefits help workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own."

Cantwell, whose state has one of the nation's highest unemployment rates, chided the Republican-controlled House for adjourning last month without voting on a Senate plan to extend unemployment benefits through March 31, 2003.



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# Faceless

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home. Strung from his neck is a current photo ID. It replaces the one he no longer resembles.

As he strides inside, the officer wears the grin of a kid on the first day of school — nervous anticipation infused with a childlike optimism that anything is possible. That, he knows better than most.

He has met President Bush, carried the Olympic torch and thrown out the first pitch at a major league baseball game, but this once-routine act — getting dressed in the morning and driving to work — he calls his "ultimate accomplishment."

Yet it is just one of many achievements for Phoenix police officer Jason Schechterle since a car explosion last year left him horribly disfigured and struggling to rediscover his identity — and his life.

Schechterle was responding to an emergency call on March 26, 2001, when a cab driver suffered an epileptic seizure and slammed his vehicle into the back of the police cruiser, which erupted in a fireball. Schechterle was trapped for several minutes before firefighters and police could rescue him.

The blaze seared his hands, arms and legs but took direct aim at his head and face, which sustained fourth-degree burns. Surgeons at the Arizona Burn Center cut away all of the dead tissue to save his life.

The officer was stripped of his entire face — ears, eyelids, eyebrows and all but a stump of nose.

In the year and a half since, Schechterle has continued to defy the odds and exceed expectations with his physical and emotional progress.

This summer, he embarked on a series of operations to repair some of his injuries. Schechterle began driving again in November, and returned to work a week later. He now juggles his job and many public appearances, sharing his story with schoolchildren, burn victims and officials.

His happiest milestone came Oct. 29, when Masen, a 7-pound, 1-ounce baby boy, was born to him and his wife, Suzie.

Looking through this, he's realized what the important things in



Phoenix police officer Jason Schechterle stands outside police headquarters Nov. 28 in Phoenix, Ariz. AP photo

life are," says Dr. Kevin Foster, co-director of the Arizona Burn Center. "He just decided he's going to be a normal human being again. And he has never looked back."

"Normal" for Schechterle means busy: He's up at 6, out the door by 7, puts in an eight-hour day at the office, and meets with his physical or speech therapists five times a week.

At home, while Suzie cooks dinner, he takes over care of Masen, balancing a bottle in his mangled right hand. He instructs his 8-year-old stepdaughter, Kiley, to do her homework, and plays disciplinary to 4-year-old Zane.

"I feel like a husband and father again," says Schechterle, who marvels at the similarities between Masen and his oldest son, who so closely resembles what Dad used to look like.

For Schechterle, Masen is the ultimate testament to how far he has come — but also to the relationship between him and his wife, and the devotion that inspired his recovery.

"Suzie and Masen together," he says, "make me feel as if nothing ever happened."

His confidence has also been boosted by an outpouring of support from friends and strangers alike. Following an Associated Press narrative earlier this year

that chronicled his accident and his fight to recover, Schechterle received thousands of cards, letters and e-mails from around the country.

One included a homemade rosary, another a \$1,000 check in a card simply signed, "From an old granny." A 13-year-old boy sent him a hand-drawn picture of his face, colored like an American flag.

When Schechterle first arrived home after the accident, Suzie led him, bathed him, brushed his teeth, got him dressed. Now he does just about everything himself, although he still can't manage buttons or shoelaces with hands left severely deformed by the fire.

He also put some weight back on, going from 132 pounds in the hospital to 166. Though he is still 25 pounds shy of his pre-accident weight, Schechterle insists: "I feel very healthy and very strong."

He couldn't make the same claim earlier this year, when he underwent 11 different operations in five months to help reconstruct his neck, mouth, hands and eyes. He's up to a total of 33 surgeries.

In May, he traveled to Virginia to meet with Robert Barron, a former CIA dispute expert who now makes custom prostheses for those maimed by

accidents, disease and defects.

Barron molded two silicone ears and a nose. With liquid adhesive, Suzie can attach the parts in minutes, giving new life to a face devoid of distinguishing features.

"He wanted to look whole again," says Barron, "more natural."

Schechterle next consulted a plastic surgeon who works with Barron to improve the mobility in his neck and mouth, which were restricted by thick scars.

In June, Dr. Craig Dufresne inserted four silicone balloons into Jason's chest and back to stretch the uninjured skin so it could be redistributed to replace the scar tissue around his neck. Every week for almost two months, doctors injected each balloon with up to 3 ounces of saline to make them swell.

"It's like when a woman becomes pregnant," explains Dufresne. "The expanding fetus also expands the muscle and the skin. When the baby's delivered, the tissue doesn't always go back to the way it was."

Schechterle puts it: "I looked like the hunchback of Notre Dame."

The procedure was not without complications. In July, during Schechterle's first police ride-along since the accident, his former partner, Bryan Chapman, noticed blood on his shirt and rushed him to the Arizona Burn Center. Blood from raw tissue was seeping through his sutures.

In early September, Dufresne removed the implants, sliced away some of Schechterle's scar tissue and re-draped the new skin from the base of his neck to the base of his skull. Then, using skin grafts from Schechterle's abdomen, he remade the upper and lower lips.

Now, Schechterle can turn his head with ease and close his lips. He can even eat a cheeseburger.

Also this summer, Schechterle had three painful operations to attempt to restore mobility to his right fingers. Earlier operations — including one last year in which Schechterle's left index finger was transplanted to give him a new thumb — restored what's called "key pinch" to both hands.

It is that function, the squeeze-

ing of his thumbs and forefingers that enables him to turn on a car, grip the steering wheel, write his name and hold his baby's bottle.

Yet Schechterle has other ambitions. He plans to meet with a woman who teaches the disabled to play golf; he once excelled at the game. And he is determined to shoot a gun again.

"I know there are some things that I will never do again, and most things I will never do the same way again, but I am dedicated to getting as much of my life back as I can," he says.

Perhaps the most successful treatment to date has involved Schechterle's eyes, which were so badly scarred that he was legally blind.

Dr. William McLeish of the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale used special eyedrops to heal the corneas, then rebuilt Schechterle's eyelids using cartilage from what was left of his nose and inserted a new tear duct in his right eye.

Schechterle was fitted with a contact lens that improved the vision in his left eye to almost 20/20, and McLeish hopes to do the same for the right eye.

Among Schechterle's top goals was to get back behind the wheel. Shortly after his 30th birthday in November, he purchased a brand-new, electric-blue pickup. Unlike his old truck, his one has an automatic transmission and remote keyless entry, making it easier to handle.

He was more adamant about work and set a target: Once the baby arrived, he was going back. Two weeks after Masen was born, Schechterle returned to the police department as a public affairs liaison. While he misses patrol duty, he is thrilled to wear a badge again.

"Jason really just made a choice," says Sgt. Lauri Williams, Schechterle's supervisor. "The destiny of my life is in my own hands. And I want to be happy."

"He'll exude to you the power of his spirit, the power of his life."

Despite his accomplishments, Schechterle still struggles with his appearance.

He can speak in front of hundreds of people, Suzie notes, but he won't go to the grocery store

or visit the park until sundown. Earlier this year, while in New York to meet with a specialist, he wouldn't leave the hotel until his friends bought him an oversized sweat shirt with a hood.

Chapman, his friend, offers an explanation: "It's not something he's ashamed of, but he doesn't want to frighten other people who aren't prepared to see something like that."

Some are scared. During one recent speech, a third-grader blurted out: "I think you're gonna give me nightmares tonight." All Schechterle could say was, "I'm sorry, buddy?"

"It doesn't upset me because it's a child," he said later. "But it's also a sad reminder."

He worries about embarrassing his own children once they get older, says Suzie, who insists those fears are unfounded.

"Kiley is instant popularity because of who her dad is. All the little kids Zane goes to preschool with know who Dad is. But he still worries," she says. "He never wants to be a burden."

For now, Schechterle plans to forgo any further reconstructive work on his face. One specialist suggested rebuilding it piece-by-piece using skin grafts from the rest of his body, but the procedure seemed too invasive, and Schechterle knows little can be done to restore his appearance.

He doesn't even wear his prosthetic ears and nose all that often because they replace only a small piece of the missing puzzle.

"People don't look at me and go, 'You don't have any ears!'"

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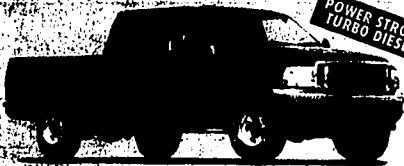
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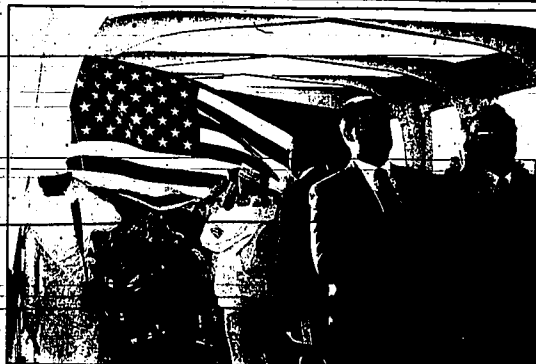
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Knight Ridder News Service

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Decades passed, and the men from the Ward got older and older. Most have died. Only about 20 of the 82 men are alive.

A little more than three months ago, on Aug. 28, researchers from the Hawaii Undersea Research Laboratory sent two exploratory subs down 1,200 feet to look at an object that showed up on sonar. They hoped it was the missing Japanese submarine.

"All of a sudden it appeared out of the murky depths just sitting on the sand," said John Wiltshire, associate director of the University of Hawaii laboratory.

News accounts quickly flashed around the world, and the men from the Ward excitedly called one another.

Wiltshire, Lehner, who lives in Stevens Point, Wis., recalls getting a call from a former shipmate now living in Florida.

"They found it! They found it! See, we knew we sank it," Lehner recalled hearing over the phone.

Lehner, 82, never had any doubts. The Ward was patrolling the entrance to Pearl Harbor the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, when the destroyer's crew spotted the harbor shortly before the attack by Japanese planes that left 2,390 people dead and 1,178 wounded.

The Japanese sub was at the scene when the Ward fired two shots, the first missing but the second striking the sub's conning tower. "I saw it when it got hit, and I saw it when it was going down, and I was sure we had

*'We'd been telling them that for 60 years, and now they know it.'*

—Orville Ethier, president of the First Shot Naval Vets

sunk it," Lehner said.

After the war ended, the men from the reserve unit formed the First Shot Naval Vets club in St. Paul in 1947 and have met regularly over the years. They helped get the gun from the Ward brought to St. Paul in 1958, where it now sits on the state Capitol grounds next to the Veterans Service Building.

Every year, the men gather at the gun on Dec. 7, and they did so again at a ceremony Saturday morning.

Proud of firing the first shots, the men also wanted credit for sinking the sub. They were delighted when it was found. The sub has shell damage in its conning tower and still has both of its torpedoes.

"We'd been telling them that for 60 years, and now they know it," said Orville Ethier of St. Paul, president of the First Shot Naval Vets.

Lehner traveled to Hawaii two years ago to help Ballard find the

sub. Ballard searched for two weeks, and Lehner was on the ship every day.

"The thing is, he didn't want to take anyone else's advice," Lehner said of the legendary shipwreck finder. "I thought we were out too far. I kept telling him we need to move over toward the entrance to the channel. And he'd say, 'Oh, no, I know where it is!'"

Over the years, Lehner had encountered many doubters. "Yeah, yeah, yeah, you think you sunk it," Lehner said people would say. "I said, 'I know we sunk it.'"

It didn't help that Ballard couldn't find it. "I think Ballard thought that when he didn't find it that we didn't sink it," Lehner said.

Wiltshire said the Japanese sub is the most important modern marine archaeological treasure ever found in the Pacific Ocean and, overall, second only to the Titanic in the Atlantic Ocean.

The precise location of the sub has not been released, and there are no plans to raise it, Wiltshire said.

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# Anti-war activist Berrigan succumbs to cancer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Phillip Berrigan, the former priest whose fight against the Vietnam War and nuclear weapons helped ignite a generation of anti-war dissent, has died of cancer at 79.

Berrigan's family said he was diagnosed with cancer two months ago and decided to stop chemotherapy last month. He died Friday night at Jonah House, the communal residence for pacifists that he founded.

His brother, the Rev. Daniel Berrigan, officiated over last rites ceremonies Nov. 30, attended by friends and peace activists, family members said.

Berrigan led the "Catonville 9," a group that staged one of the most dramatic protests of the 1960s. The group, including Daniel Berrigan, doused homemade napalm on a small bonfire of draft records in a Catonsville parking lot on May 17, 1968.

In a statement given to his wife, Elizabeth McAllister, during the Thanksgiving weekend, Phillip Berrigan said:

"I die with the conviction, held since 1968 and Catonsville, that nuclear weapons are the scourge of the earth: to mine for them, manufacture them, deploy them, use them, is a curse against God, the human family, and the earth itself."



Phillip Berrigan

Berrigan was born Oct. 5, 1923, and served as an artillery officer in World War II. He was ordained a Catholic priest in the Jesuit Order in 1955.

He participated in the civil rights movement in the South.

Berrigan's first public anti-war act was pouring blood on draft files in Baltimore in 1967.

"We confront the Catholic Church, other Christian bodies and the synagogues of America with their silence and cowardice in the face of our country's crimes," he said at the time. "We are convinced that the religious bureaucracy in this country is racist, is an accomplice in this war and is hostile to the poor."

Berrigan expanded those views

to include opposition to almost any form of established government that would wage war, deploy nuclear weapons or even use nuclear power.

Following the 1968 anti-war protest in Catonsville, the demonstrators were convicted of conspiracy and destruction of government property, but remained free on bail for 16 months until the Supreme Court of the United States declined to reconsider the verdict.

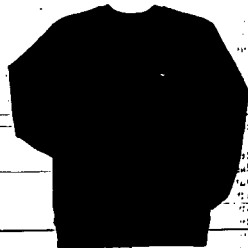
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# South Koreans march against U.S. presence

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — About 15,000 people carrying candles protested across the street from the American Embassy on Saturday in the largest show of anti-U.S. sentiment in years.

The protesters, upset with what they say is preferential treatment to U.S. soldiers in Korea, booed and chanted "President Bush apologizes!" and "Let's drive out the murderous American G.I!"

About 9,000 police armed with helmets, batons and plastic shields spread out in districts around the embassy. Police buses surrounded the embassy compound.

The protest underscores how sensitive ties between Washington and Seoul have become. The allies' bond, forged during the Korean War, is being tested by widespread anger that followed acquittals of two American soldiers whose armored vehicle struck and killed two 13-year-old South Korean girls in June.

The two soldiers left the country after they were acquitted last month.

"The trial may be over, but the judgment continues," said Yoon Kyong-hee, a student leader.

After a two-hour rally, the protesters broke through a police barricade and spilled into the 12-lane boulevard in front of the embassy. Police rushed to occupy five lanes to keep back the protesters, who hurled dozens of eggs at the building. No serious injuries were reported.

In the past, anti-American protests had usually attracted small numbers of activists. Most of Saturday's protesters were

## Anti-American sentiment grows following deaths of Korean girls involving soldiers

ordinary citizens who ignored South Korean President Kim Dae-jung's warning that anti-Americanism and demands for the withdrawal of U.S. troops hurt South Korea's national interests.

Because of the protest, a delegation of U.S. lawmakers led by Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., canceled

a trip to Seoul on Saturday. Hyde "did not want the delegation to become the focal point of demonstrations here," the embassy said in a brief statement.

Hyde's delegation had planned to fly to Seoul on Saturday from Japan. The embassy said Hyde will visit "at a less sensitive

time," but President Kim's spokeswoman Park Sun-sook said Hyde canceled his trip.

Protesters distributed leaflets urging citizens not to buy American goods including Coca-Cola, Marlboro cigarettes and McDonald's hamburgers.

News reports said there were also smaller protests in 40 provincial towns across the country, and between 50,000 and 100,000 Koreans turned out in all.



A protester raises a candle near riot police during a march toward the U.S. Embassy Saturday in Seoul, South Korea.

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## U.S. adds restrictions to N. Korea food aid

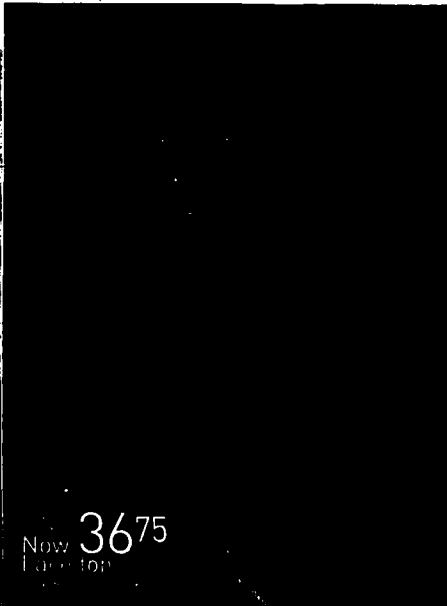
WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has decided to impose conditions on food aid to North Korea, including a demand that Korean authorities allow an expansion of independent monitoring of food distribution.

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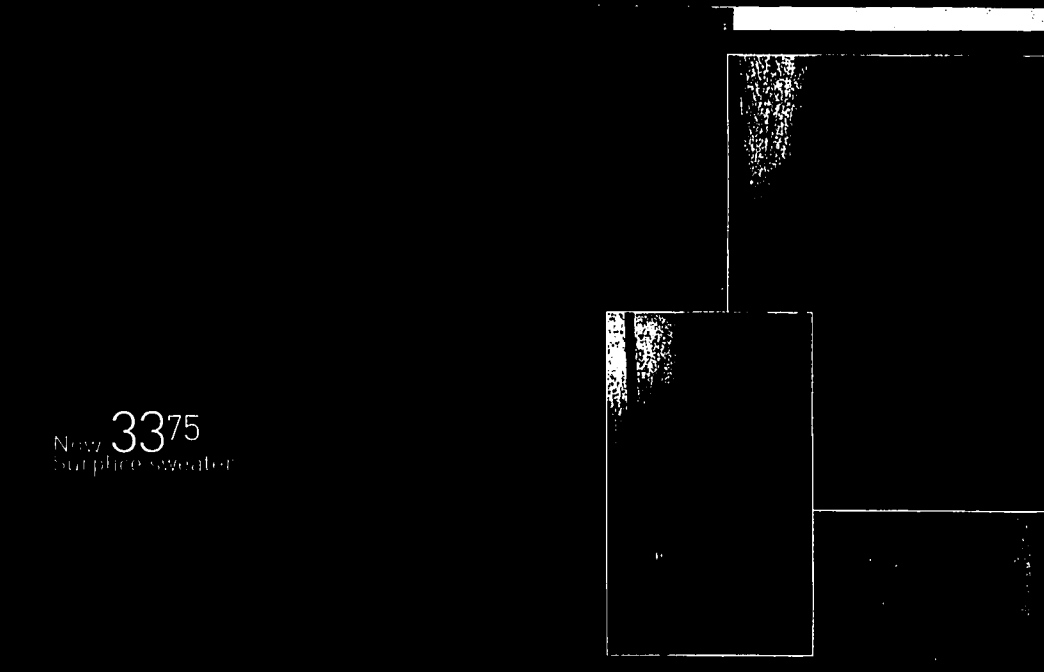
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# Ambassador says troops love comedian

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For the younger generation of military fighters overseas, comic actor Robin Williams may be the 21st century's Bob Hope. "They love him. He's all they talk about," Hollywood ambassador Johnny

Grant said Friday after completing a 10-day USO trip to Afghanistan and Pakistan. "Robin Williams is the big thing," said Grant, who arrived in Afghanistan three weeks after Williams visited them. "The

young GIs now have their own Bob Hope and it's Robin Williams. They were all talking about him. I think they really appreciated him coming home and calling big names and asking them to go over there."

# Students learn finer points of dress, manners

CINCINNATI (AP) — There were no essays or true-false questions, but finding the right fork was a step in the right direction.

Twenty-two University of Cincinnati students dressed for success for their final exam Wednesday night in "Global Civility."

Students enrolled in technology-related majors in the College of Applied Science were rated on dining skills, conversation and comportment while at a new French restaurant, Jean-Robert at Pigaill's.

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# Protests increase over Venezuelan leadership

Many call for Chavez  
Economy as oil-rich country's  
spiral downward

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Thousands of people wearing red berets marched Saturday through the capital of oil-rich Venezuela to support embattled President Hugo Chavez a day after three people were fatally shot at an opposition rally.

Demonstrations by both sides of Venezuela's political conflict had police worried of increased violence after gunmen opened fire Friday night into a plaza crowded with opposition demonstrators. In addition to the three deaths, 28 people were wounded.

The killings caused the opposition — until now seeking only a referendum on Chavez's 4-year-old government — to demand his resignation. Leaders declared three days of mourning, calling for nationwide protests and the extension of a general strike that has already shut down Venezuela's giant oil industry. Police patrols in Caracas were drastically cut a month ago when Chavez seized control of the city force. Citing the threat of violence, the U.S. State Department on Saturday urged Americans not to travel to Venezuela.

The United States depends on Venezuela for more than 10 percent of its crude oil imports. A prolonged shutdown — coupled with the threat of war in Iraq — could drive up U.S. energy prices.

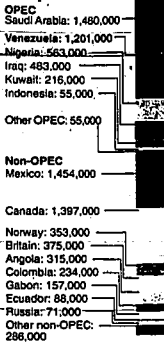
Pro-Chavez crowds chanted "Chavez drives them crazy!" — referring to the opposition — as they marched to the presidential palace. "I had to come to show my rejection of the way the opposition is always blaming innocent people for the violence," said Peggy Martinez, 19, a university student.

Chavez, a former army paratrooper who led a failed 1992 coup, was overwhelmingly elected in 1998 by promising to eliminate a corrupt democratic system that failed to distribute oil riches to the poor. He was re-elected to a six-year term in 2000.

## Oil exports stop

Venezuela, a top supplier of oil to the United States, halted crude exports Friday amid a 6-day-old general strike against the country's government.

U.S. imports of crude oil in barrels per day, 2002 nine-month average



SOURCE: Department of Energy AP

His popularity, suffered as his "peaceful revolution" against poverty produced few results.

Venezuela's economy shrank 7 percent this year, despite relatively high oil prices. Inflation is at 30 percent, unemployment at 16 percent. More than half the work force does not have a full-time job.

Chavez's approval among the poor — his core constituency — has slipped to about 45 percent in recent polls, while his overall support hovers around 30 percent.

The Organization of American States called for emergency talks between the two sides late Saturday. U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell phoned mediator Cesar Gaviria, secretary general of the organization, to express his support for the talks.

# U.S. military works to win Afghan hearts

The Washington Post

Qaida forces do not make a comeback. The United States remains reluctant to use the phrase "nation-building" to describe the expanded civic-action program. The term implies long-term, costly commitments that the Bush administration initially insisted it would never undertake when it launched a military assault against the Taliban last year.

Officials also shy away from the word "peacekeeping," saying the U.S. role in Afghanistan is still primarily aimed at hunting down and wiping out the remains of Taliban or al-Qaida.

But with training for the new Afghan army going slowly and European peacekeeping forces refusing to extend their role beyond the capital, the expanded U.S. program will inevitably fill some gaps.

At first, these civil affairs reservists have been rebuilding a trio of schools bombed to ruins years ago. In the process, they hope to win enough gratitude and loyalty from local Afghans — some of whom openly resent the U.S. military presence — to undercut any remnants of support for the defeated Taliban movement.

"As first our teams might have had rocks thrown at them, but now we're starting to get cooperation — someone will say there's a weapons cache here or there," said Col. Phil Maughan, commander of the U.S. civil-military program in Kabul.

"Gardez is still a very non-permissive environment, but people are starting to be more open than in the past." This month, the six-man hearts-and-minds operation in Gardez, the capital of this volatile eastern province, is to expand into something far larger, costlier and more ambitious. It will become the first of eight permanent civil-military action centers to be set up across Afghanistan, with up to 100 military specialists, security forces and possibly American civilians stationed in each one.

American officials described the effort as a major shift in emphasis for the U.S. military mission here.

They said most of the 12,000-plus U.S. troops in Afghanistan will continue to focus on the pursuit and elimination of Islamic terrorism. But they emphasized their work needs to be supplemented by a sustained program of economic reconstruction, involving hundreds of additional reservists to shore up support for the weak Afghan government and to ensure that Taliban and al-

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## EDITORIAL

### Utah governor wisely opts against San Rafael Swell

Utah and other Western states have learned about the 1906 Antiquities Act the hard way in the past decade.

The executive power to create national monuments has been the billy club of the environmental movement, especially during the Clinton administration.

To please green factions, Bill Clinton marked off more than 20 national monuments during his presidency, often disregarding local concerns.

But recent decisions made by Utah Gov. Michael Leavitt and President Bush prove there's a more democratic way to honor the spirit of the Antiquities Act.

Last January, Leavitt said he would lobby Bush for designation of a 621,000-acre national monument in the heart of the San Rafael Swell, a geologic upheaval covering more than 1 million acres of federal land in central Utah.

While groups such as the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance rallied behind Leavitt's cause, many residents and motorized-vehicle users bristled at the idea.

A debate ensued as Emery County residents voiced their concerns about the proposal to the governor. Then last month, county residents cast advisory ballots on the proposed monument. A total of 2,151 votes were opposed, with 1,883 in favor.

Since that vote, Leavitt has asked Bush to halt efforts for a San Rafael Swell national monument. Bush is expected to honor Leavitt's request.

This entire process shows

that a fair, inclusive and open process can be applied to using the Antiquities Act.

Opponents of Leavitt's proposal argued that the monument was too big. They said its size conflicted with the act's mandate for "the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected."

**Our view:** The latest proposal to create a national monument in Utah shows that fair use of the Antiquities Act is possible.

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

Rural groups that opposed the monument had an opportunity to be heard on the issue, and their resistance was recognized in the end. But had this monument been proposed by a Democratic governor and a president beholden to the environmental lobby, the story might have turned out differently.

Leavitt's example should be followed by governors nationwide. Even though he personally favored creation of the landmark, Leavitt observed voters' wishes and backed off. Designating a national monument with the stroke of a presidential pen can backfire if the proposal lacks grassroots support.

Leavitt knows that from personal experience - namely, the creation of Utah's Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in 1996. Clinton ignored Leavitt and Utah's congressional delegation when he marked off 1.8 million acres to create the monument. It was not one of conservation's finest moments.

A day may come when the San Rafael Swell does indeed become a national monument - perhaps with a smaller proposed acreage. If so, at least residents affected by the proposal will know their opinions have not been ignored.



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*We do not need to predict or deduce the consequences of pacifism with regard to terrorism and the nations that sponsor it, because we experienced those consequences on Sept. 11. Pacifism practically dictated the American response to terrorism for more than 23 years, from our government's response to the first major act of Islamic terrorism in this country.*

There is an increasingly vocal movement that seeks to engage America in ever longer, wider and more costly wars - leading to thousands and perhaps millions of unnecessary deaths. This movement calls itself the "anti-war" movement.

Across America and throughout the world, "anti-war" groups are staging "peace rallies" that attract tens and sometimes hundreds of thousands of participants, who gather to voice their opposition to an invasion of Iraq and to any other U.S. military action in the War on Terrorism. The goal of these rallies, the protesters proclaim, is to promote peace. "You can bomb the world to pieces," they chant, "but you can't bomb it into peace."

If dropping bombs won't work, what should the United States do to obtain a peaceful relationship with the numerous hostile regimes, including Iraq, that seek to harm us with terrorism and weapons of mass destruction? The "peace advocates" offer no answer. The most one can coax out of them are vague platitudes (we should "make common cause with the people of the world," says the prominent "anti-war" group Not in Our Name) and agonized searching ("Why do they hate us?")

The absence of a peacenik peace plan is no accident. Pacifism is inherently a negative doctrine - it merely says that military action is always bad. As one San Francisco protester put the point: "I don't think it's right for our government to kill people." In practice, this leaves the government only two means of dealing with our enemies: to ignore their acts of aggression or to appease them by capitulating to the aggressor's demands.

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major act of Islamic terrorism against the country when Iranian mobs held 52 Americans hostage for 444 days at the American embassy in Tehran.

In response to that and later terrorist atrocities, American presidents sought to avoid military action at all costs - by treating terrorists as isolated criminals and thereby ignoring the role of the governments that support them, or by offering diplomatic hand-outs to terrorist states in hopes that they would want to be our friends. With each pacifist response it became clearer that the most powerful nation on Earth was a paper tiger - and our enemies made the most of it.

After years of American politicians acting like peaceniks, Islamic terrorism had proliferated from a few gangs of thugs to a worldwide scourge - making possible the attacks of Sept. 11.

It is an obvious evasion of history and logic for the advocates of pacifism to label themselves "anti-war," since the policies they advocate necessarily invite escalating acts of war against anyone who practices them. Military inaction sends the message to an aggressor - and to other, potential aggressors - that it will benefit by attacking the United States. To whatever extent "anti-war" protesters influence policy, they are not helping to prevent war; they are acting to make war more frequent and deadly, by making our enemies more aggressive, more plentiful, and more powerful.

The only way to deal with militant enemies is to show them unequivocally that aggression against the United States will lead to their destruction. The only means of imparting this lesson is overwhelming military force - enough to defeat and incapacitate the enemy. Had we annihilated the Iranian regime 23 years ago, we could have thwarted Islamic terrorism at the beginning, with far less cost than will be required to defeat terrorism today.

And if we fail to use our mili-

tary against state sponsors of terrorism today, imagine the challenge we will face five years from now when Iraq and Iran possess nuclear weapons and are ready to disseminate them to their terrorist minions. Yet such a world is the goal of the "anti-war" movement.

The suicidal stance of peaceniks is no innocent error or mere evocation of youthful idealism. It is the product of a fundamentally irrational commitment: the commitment to ignore reality - from the historical evidence of the consequences of pacifism to the very existence of the violent threats - that confront us today - in favor of the wish that laying down our arms will achieve peace somehow.

Those of us who are committed to facing the facts should condemn these peaceniks for what they really are: warmongers for our enemies.

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### Organic dairy products don't follow labels

With today's emphasis on truth in advertising and consumer rights, why isn't the U.S. Food and Drug Administration banning the false and misleading advertising of organic dairy products?

I'm looking at a set of "By Nature" brand butter cartons - all with labels stating that these organic products contain "No Pesticides. No Hormones. No antibiotics." Such labels are becoming more and more common as organic dairy products become big business.

Unfortunately such labels are false and misleading under the very FDA guidelines that govern nationwide consumer trust in food labeling and advertising over the decades.

Labels that imply a dairy product is superior because of what it does not contain are trying to frighten consumers - usually into buying more expensive products.

Without FDA guidelines, a company could lighten loads of consumer choices as part of a "no lead-based paint" campaign, no other milk contains lead-based paint, either, but the assertion implies other milks do.

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Why should a milk carton shout that it contains no pesticides when no pesticides are added to any milk or dairy products? Nor do dairymen feed pesticides to their animals.

Milk is tested continuously as it moves from the farm to the consumer for purity, safety and quality. Any milk found to contain significant pesticide residues is barred from the market, and the dairy farm that produced it gets a quick visit from health officials.

The "By Nature" labels say their products contain no hormones. That's silly - and it's wrong. All milk produced by cows contains hormones as part of the normal biology of the cow. No cow gives milk unless she's had a calf, and all of her milk contains a growth hormone that is absolutely necessary for the milk to mature. There is no such thing as hormone-free milk. Milk is milk and it's all produced by cows.

The "no hormone" labels are frightening consumers about milk from cows that get extra-growth hormone. But the milk from such cows contains the same growth hormone found in all milk, and more of it than is found in other milk. There is no way to detect any difference. The growth hormone is just protein, like steak, and is digested in our stomachs, like steak.

The FDA even says a label claiming the milk was produced without additional growth hormone might be required to explain: "No significant difference has been shown between milk derived from cows treated with recombinant bovine growth hormone and milk from those which have not."

Milk is not. Most of our milk is fortified with Vitamin D, also a hormone, though few people realize it. This modern miracle prevents rickets in children and osteoporosis in adults. That's why it's in our morning smoothies, day latitudes, and/or use sun block to protect against skin cancer, may not get enough Vitamin D without fortified milk.

A milk carton that says it contains no hormones is manipulating buyers - and, worse, it is lying.

The big differences among the dairy products on the shelves are the early label processing techniques that somehow change the product, such as "salted butter" or "ultra-pasteurized milk."

Recent consumer surveys in New York and New Jersey showed that more than 50 percent of consumers at first believed the dairy products with the "no" labels were somehow better than the conventional dairy products. Then, after they had processed the issues, 42 percent thought the "no" labels were misleading.

Abundant high-quality milk production results from the daily management of healthy dairy cows. Dairymen use a variety of technologies, but the milk remains the same product.

If you see scare-mongering labels in your supermarket, complain to the store manager. Then relax and enjoy your milk, butter, yogurt and cheese. Don't pay more for dairy products because unscrupulous producers are trying to scare you into higher prices.

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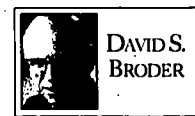
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## Courts weigh First Amendment rights in elections

In theory, at least, the three federal judges who heard oral arguments last week on the latest piece of campaign finance legislation are supposed to be weighing the constitutionality of its provisions, not its practical or partisan effects. But as this case moves through the courts - an accelerated appeal to the Supreme Court is certain, no matter what the outcome - the real-world consequences of the legislation are already being felt.

The bill sponsored by Sens. John McCain and Russ Feingold and by Reps. Chris Shays and Mary Meehan is complex in its provisions, but it has two main parts. One cuts off unlimited "soft money" donations from corporations, unions and wealthy individuals to the political parties. The second part limits the ability of nonparty organizations to use their regular dues or treasuries to pay for "issue ads" that in effect endorse or oppose federal candidates. Instead, it requires those ads to be financed under the same limitations that candidates face in their own campaigns.

In the eyes of proponents, both parts are necessary to protect the political system from the corruption of unlimited or undisclosed sources of money. But critics say both sections infringe seriously on First Amendment rights of free



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speech and free association. In previous cases, the Supreme Court has held that the government has a legitimate interest in preventing corruption or the appearance of corruption in the election process, but has said it must exercise that authority within limits that respect the constitutional guarantees.

This case promises to provide the definition - for the entire political system - of how far the government may go before trampling on the First Amendment.

In depositions filed with the many amicus briefs submitted on the case, current and former members of Congress, lobbyists and private citizens detailed with considerable frankness the corruption they say is at least implicit in when public officials solicit significant contributions for their parties. And candidates described how outside groups almost hijacked their campaigns, with large-scale and often negative ads, sometimes without clearly identifying themselves or their

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financial sources. The written testimony of these participants is compelling and probably would carry the day in the court of public opinion, where the notion that politicians are for sale is already more pervasive

than the evidence justifies.

But courts - and particularly the current Supreme Court - have other standards, and this Supreme Court has taken an expansive view of First Amendment rights. As a journalist, I am of course grateful for that. But I would think that anyone mindful of the danger to individual freedoms when the country feels itself under threat, would also hope that the court uses this case to reassert its strong belief in freedom of political speech.

Contribution limits - or bans, in the case of corporations and unions - have been upheld for decades, and that part of this legislation may well survive. But direct limits on political advocacy are harder to square with the First Amendment, even if the restrictions, as in this case, go to the way in which the ads are financed, rather than the ads themselves.

There are also inescapable practicalities of which the judges and justices might well take notice. In the few weeks since the new legislation went into effect, inventive lawyers and politicians have devised new organizational legally separate but still linked to the political parties, that they believe can continue to funnel large sums of money into campaigns, with or without disclosing

their sources. The reality is that it is difficult, indeed, nigh impossible, to erect effective barriers to the flow of funds from the private sector into the political world.

What is true of money is even more true of ideas and arguments. Whatever the court may ultimately decide, it is unlikely that the candidates and their parties can monopolize the airwaves in any future campaign, to the exclusion of other interested organizations or individuals.

In some ways, this whole dispute is about a system of campaigns that may be passed. Instead of relying solely on television ads, the Democrats (prodded by the examples of labor and environmental causes) and the Republicans (famously stimulated by the examples of the National Rifle Association) are turning increasingly to personal communication - people talking politics with friends, neighbors and associates.

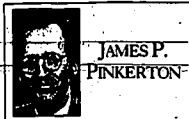
The new legislation affects only TV ads, not the new political medium of the Internet and not the old but revived political communication between individuals. And that may be the best thing about it.

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OPINION

All signs point to war with Iraq

So is it a done deal? Is George W. Bush set on a course of war with Iraq? It certainly seemed that way this week, as the president, Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld all drew their rhetorical swords. And that was before ex-President Clinton gave Bush yet one more reason to change Saddam Hussein's regime. Yeah, sure, the Iraqis say they

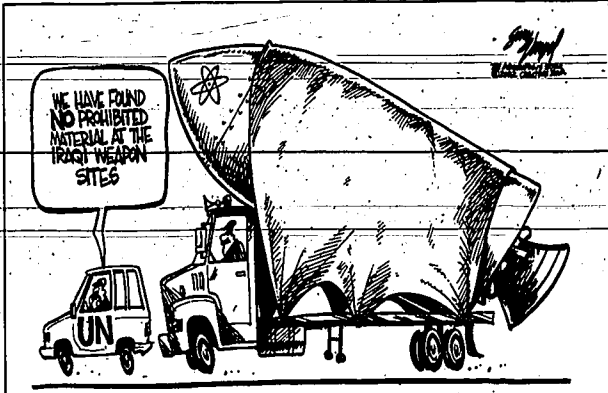


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are working with the United Nations weapons inspectors; they even promise to submit their mass destruction report card a day earlier than the Sunday deadline. And Secretary General Kofi Annan puns encouraging words: "The cooperation seems to be good," he said Tuesday. And Turkey, now run by an Islamic government, has been sending mixed signals about its participation in the anti-Iraq alliance.

But let's get real here. Bush can't back down now. He's been talking for almost a year about the "axis of evil" — Iraq, Iran and North Korea. And what's happened since? First, the administration says the problem of North Korea — a government so nutty that it brags about possessing weapons of mass destruction — can be settled peacefully in conjunction with Russia and China. Second, Iran is in the throes of an internal power struggle that leaves many speculating that the ayatollahs can be deposed from within, with little for America to do except watch, with fingers crossed.

That leaves Iraq. If Bush doesn't go to war against this last outpost of evil, that would mean the whole of 2002 — including the spectacular midterm election gains he made for the Republican Party — would have been mere hot air.



To be sure, Bush has zigged and zagged a time or two. Against the wishes of his most hawkish advisers, he took the Iraq case to the United Nations in September, setting the whole weapons-inspection process in motion. And on Oct. 21, with the secretary-general of NATO — now a bastion of non-confrontational Euro-lateralism — sitting next to him, Bush seemed to hold out the prospect of war avoidance. "The stated policy of the United States is regime change," he said six weeks ago.

Yet if Saddam were to meet all the conditions of the United Nations, that in itself would signal the regime has changed. "That bit of wordplay was grit under the wings of the Washington war hawks, causing them to bare their claws, not just against Saddam but also, potentially, against Bush himself.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, a member of the President's Defense Policy Board, warned against "appeasement."

The Heritage Foundation railed against "moral cowardice." One-time Reagan defense secretary Frank Gaffney put the argument in the starkest terms of all, opining in Tuesday's Washington Times, "President Bush now faces a choice that will define his presidency and perhaps his political future." What choice? Either he reaffirms his commitment to regime change, Gaffney explained, or he backs down. In which case, he would "lose" defeat" in 2004 from a "rival who condemns him for leaving Saddam in power."

Gaffney's got a point. After all, since Bush has overruled his own CIA, declaring that Iraq is in close cahoots with al-Qaida, any foe of Bush's could point to just about any terrorist incident anywhere and use the president's own words against him. That is, if Bush says that Iraq is at the root of world terrorism and yet fails to act, then he's committed either presidential fibbing, or presidential failing.

Such an argument could be made by any rival, running to Bush's left or right.

But on Tuesday, Bill Clinton probably drove the last nail into Saddam's coffin. "Al-Qaida should be the first priority," he said, adding, "Iraq is important, but the terrorist network here" — that is, here at home, threatening Americans — "is more of a threat." The 43rd president, who came into office determined to negate everything the 42nd president stood for, cannot afford, in his mind, or in the minds of his supporters, to be seen as following a policy line recommended by his predecessor. No doubt Bush and the Bushmen can already hear Clinton crowing if they step back from Iraq now, seemingly on the Arkansas's say-so.

And so instead Bush has stepped forward, and is lighting the fuse.

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LETTERS

Humane Society works wonders on slim budgets

The local Humane Society is not perfect, although they have always been very nice and helpful when we had problems with abandoned cats. This has happened twice in the last three years and has included two liters of kittens.

This is more than I can say for the Sheena Foundation. I called them four times during their working hours on two separate days.

At no time did I talk to a person, and I had left a message

each day. I never received a call back.

I had three small, friendly kittens abandoned that needed care. We already have two cats and didn't want any more. We needed help for the kittens, so I finally called the Humane Society. They came through for us on the kittens.

I want to thank all the people at the Humane Society for helping us. On such a tight budget and small area, they do a great job.

LARRY AND JACKIE NORTON Hansen

State uses sin taxes unfairly for budget

As a smoker for the last 38 years, the proposed 20-cent per pack tax increase has me up in arms. Whenever the governor and his cronies fail to keep the budget balanced, it is always the sinners who are expected to make up the difference.

In all fairness to lifelong smokers, I think the state should use the tobacco companies' settlement money to help us quit smoking. This would save the state tons of money by lowering Medicare costs and the expense

of indigent cases — both medical and funeral. Another plus would be the lack of poor examples set for the youngsters.

The only down side of this plan would be trying to decide just what to tax instead of tobacco. Lotteries, Big Macs, Twinkies, Mars bars? The possibilities are endless.

Personally, I think anyone that goes to a gym should pay an additional 5 percent tax on their monthly membership fee. So let's all pull together and help Dirk balance the budget!

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WORLD

# Disrupted Miss World pageant picks Miss Turkey

LONDON - With a gleaming smile and a graceful bow, Miss Turkey won the Miss World contest Saturday, bringing to a close an international pageant that incited deadly rioting in Nigeria.

Azra Akin stood proudly to attention while her national anthem was played, after she accepted the glittering crown and \$155,000 prize from last year's winner, Nigeria's Aghani Darego.

"I hope I will represent the women of the world in a good way," said Akin, wearing her new Miss World sash over a flamboyant red dress. "I think it is good for a woman to have this position, and I hope I can make a difference."



Azra Akin Named Miss World Saturday

Ninety-two contestants took part in the show, which was disrupted in London after Muslim-Christian rioting last month killed more than 200 people, forcing it out of Nigeria. The pageant's motto is "beauty with a purpose," and among this year's contestants were lawyers, businesswomen, architects and a doctor.

## Ethiopian leader appeals for help feeding his people

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia - Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi appealed to donors Saturday to help feed the 11.3 million people in his nation he said face severe food shortages.

Meles said that thousands of deaths could be avoided if the rest of the world takes seriously the scale of the mounting crisis in the Horn of Africa nation. "What we need are resources," said Meles, who discussed the crisis with President Bush in Washington on Thursday. "We have a good system, lets use it to deliver aid in time."

Ethiopia, which has a population of around 62 million, is one of the world's 10 poorest countries and is regularly beset by serious food shortages. Throughout Africa this year, more than 30 million people are said to be in danger of severe malnutrition or starvation because of food shortages caused by drought, poor management and corruption.

## Thieves take two Van Gogh paintings from museum

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands - Thieves broke into the Van Gogh Museum Saturday and made off with two works by the 19th centu-

World in brief



ry master - less than a week after a multimillion dollar gem heist from a Dutch diamond exhibition.

The value of the oils was not immediately known, but major works by Van Gogh sell for millions of dollars.

The second-story job was the second theft from the museum in 10 years. Security had been boosted after the first robbery of the Amsterdam collection, which holds the world's largest Van Gogh display - more than 200 paintings and hundreds of drawings.

Police were impressed. They had responded quickly and hoped to find the culprit still in the building.

"View of the Sea at Scheveningen," a small picture of a boat setting off into a stormy sea was painted in two days in 1882. "Congregation Leaving the Reformed Church in Nuenen," painted in 1884-85, shows the village church where Van Gogh's father served as pastor.

- compiled from wire reports

# Iranian students want referendum on nation's future

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - About 2,000 students protested the policies of Iran's anti-reform conservatives Saturday, the latest challenge to a death sentence against a prominent university professor for insulting Islam.

Chanting "death to dictatorship," the Tehran University students called for a national referendum on Iran's political future.

"This is the demand of the Iranian nation today: referendum," the students shouted from

inside campus.

"We are calling on you to respect the people's choice and allow voted reforms," said student leader Mohammad Ajdadi.

"We are the last generation to speak to you through dialogue. The younger generation is already preparing its fists."

The Interior Ministry has in the past two years refused to grant students permission to hold rallies. The students confined their protest - held in honor of

Students Day - to the campus.

Saturday's protest was the latest in weeks of student demonstrations, some the largest in

years, following the death sentence imposed on Hashem Aghajari for questioning the rule of the clergy over Iranian society.

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## I spend Christmas in tinseltown

My search began this time when it usually ends. At King's, the department store with a genius for stocking stuff you can't find elsewhere.

There, between the tree garlands and the wreaths, they sat - in silver and gold - side-by-side in boxes. Tree tinsel, of course.

I was in transition in my family that the festooning of the Christmas tree must be capped off with tinsel - it's the law.

For generations, Crumps and Alexanders - Alexander was my mother's maiden name - have compiled. The last who didn't was my Uncle Howard, and he was Jehovah's Witness.

My Uncle Richard, the youngest of eight kids and hence the one delegated always to hang tinsel, was the enforcer when I was growing up. He'd buy boxes of the stuff, and apply it - I'm not exaggerating here - one strand at a time.

Tedious doesn't describe this chore. And according to the rules, not only can two strands of tinsel never hang from the same branch, they can't even touch the branches below.

On a 6-foot Christmas tree absolutely covered with lights shiny glass and assorted gewgaws, this is about as easy as putting lipstick on a moose.

Uncle Richard understood that. He and my Aunt Bernice didn't have kids at the time, so whenever I went to their house before the holidays, I hung tinsel. Under strict supervision, of course.

A kid shouldn't have to deal with that kind of pressure. The only thing worse were piano lessons from Sister Mary Agnes, when she used to wrap my knuckles with a wooden ruler if I slouched.

The tinsel came in the old-style boxes of 100-or-so-foot-long aluminum strands, all tangled and wrapped around each other.

I learned later that this was essentially the same stuff that American bomber crews used to wrap their planes during World War II to confuse German radar. Except the aircrews didn't have to separate it before they tossed it out the window.

How I can understand why all those medieval Hindus went mad after spending a lifetime putting gold flecks, one at a time, on the outside of Indian temples.

To begin with, the trick is to find a well-occupied tree. Christmas ornaments were big, round and brassy in the old days - and to hang the strand of tinsel on one of the pine needles that protrudes from the very end of a branch.

In the time, of course, the tinsel falls off, or wraps itself around other needles, or dangles onto a branch below like a pair of pants 6 inches too long. And after two hours' work, you have a tree that looks as if it's been decorated by an explosion in a tin-tin factory.

Uncle Richard, a forbearing soul, would never reproach me for such a job. He'd just follow along behind me, picking up each strand of tinsel that I had so painstakingly hung and re-hanging it perfectly. It was his to do.

So why do I still tinsel? Has to do with the over-indulgence that is modern Christmas.

We spend too much, go into debt too much, eat too much, drink too much, put on too many pounds. What's needed is an antidote that's just oozing with self-denial. Something jaw-droppingly boring. Something that requires you to put on your glasses. Something that demands hours during a season when you don't have hours to spare.

Like, say, hanging tinsel.

Finally, at 51, I think I've almost got it right. I did a spectacular job last year, eating up an entire Sunday afternoon. Every strand of tinsel was straight, there were no clumps. The reflection of the tree lights off the tinsel was spectacular. Uncle Richard would have been proud.

Until Futunia, my 8-year-old. Last year, chased one of the tree-wig-up mouse toys under the tree on Christmas Eve and knocked the tree over. When I righted Old Tannenbaum, it looked as if it had been decorated by a tyroptic wind.

So this year, I'm back to hanging tinsel.

Photo by Dave Crump

## Migrant Council settles exec's position

By Mark Helm  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The executive director of the Idaho Migrant Council will probably stay on, despite recent reports that he was leaving.

Sam Byrd said Saturday that he had recently thought about leaving his position as director because of personal and professional reasons he didn't want to comment on in detail. However, the council had asked him to stay, so he decided to stay.

Byrd and other members of the council's executive committee told the full board and others at Saturday's meeting that the possible resignation had never been taken up as an official action.

Byrd is at the end of a one-year term as interim president. He replaced Humberto Fuentes - founder of the Migrant Council - and the only director in its 30 years of existence - who was fired amid allegations of fiscal mismanagement.

Fuentes sued the organization, and the case remains in litigation.

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## Attorney denies jet owner's claims

By Pat Murphy  
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - The attorney for Hailey's Friedman Memorial Airport has responded with sweeping denials to a California mega-millionaire's federal lawsuit that charges his constitutional rights are being denied.

Denver attorney Peter Kirsch, whose firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld specializes in aviation litigation, filed a 16-page response filled with terse denials of the allegations jet owner Ronald Tutor set forth in his lawsuit.

Tutor's 25-page lawsuit, filed in early October in U.S. District Court in Boise, alleges that the airport's refusal to allow him to land his large private jet there violates his rights to travel freely.

Tutor is demanding the right to land his Boeing Business Jet - a luxurious customized version of a Boeing 737 jetliner that normally carries more than 120 passengers, as well as baggage of at least \$5,000.

In addition to rejecting Tutor's claims, the airport attorney made a counter demand for a judgment against Tutor to cover the airport's costs of defending itself. Kirsch also asked the court to dismiss the lawsuit.

Kirsch also contended that Tutor hasn't exhausted administrative remedies, such as challenging the weight limit before the Federal Aviation Administration, and hasn't proven why he's being harmed by the rule banning aircraft weighing more than 95,000 pounds.

Both sides will now take depositions and submit motions to the federal court. A final ruling is at least months off, perhaps longer, Kirsch told The Times-News.

Tutor's jet, valued at an estimated \$60 million, has been showcased on a cable TV documentary about luxury private jets. The BBJ, however, isn't Tutor's only jet. According to Friedman airport officials, he also owns a Gulfstream III his crew flies in and out of Hailey on vacation trips to Tutor's Ketchum home.

Tutor's lawsuit challenges Hailey's 95,000-pound limit. Tutor's jet has operating weights as high as 170,000 pounds, and a larger fuselage and wingspan than other executive and private jets operating out of Hailey.

Tutor maintains that the airport allowed 737-type aircraft to land and take off in the early 1990s, a fact the airport acknowledges. But the 95,000-pound limit subsequently was enacted to protect runways from damage, according to statements

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## DANCING GIRLS



Dancers from Nielsen Stargazers Dance Company look back at the crowd before performing at the Twin Falls Festival of Trees Saturday. Several groups performed throughout the day. The festival will be open today, its final day, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## M-C docs travel to provide medical service

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - When you can help people who are suffering it's hard to say "no."

There were people still waiting for help when Burley dentist Dr. Kevin Stock and his assistants Debbie Craner and Micaela Monroy left Belize.

There are people in Zimbabwe hoping Dr. Leo Brown and his wife Blue Brown, a nurse, will return. There were more patients in Peru than Dr. Mark Dowdle could treat in his time there.

These dentists and doctors are among the Mini-Cassia medical workers who have traveled to places where medical care is sparse and worked as volunteers. They spend long days working, give up the amenities which are common in a developed country and see their efforts swamped by need. Yet all say they want to go back for more.

"There's a lot of people hurting bad for what we can do," Dr. Leo Brown said. "Boy there's a lot of poor people out there!"

All the medical workers were captivated to some degree by the people they met. Each spoke with a note of wonder about the people they had served.

"The kids had absolutely nothing, they had nothing but they were really happy," Stock said. "One morning I gave 60 kids injections and out of 60 injections, two got teary-eyed, two got teary-eyed. None complained. The kids were so good."

"They are so grateful for everything," Dowdle said. Working with Peruvians and people in Central America has been uplifting, he said.

"There's a positive sense of well-being that comes when you do something for someone," Leo Brown said.

There is also a sense of frustration that can come with a job that can never be completed. Every day they were in Belize, Stock, Craner and Monroy worked until it was too dark to see. Every day there were people still waiting when they stopped work for the day.

After years of working in Africa the Browns returned to find the people they had grown to love decimated by AIDS.

"It's very discouraging, seeing the HIV," Blue Brown said. "It just breaks your heart."

"You settle for the little rewards," Leo Brown said. "It's just a drop in the bucket, but that's what we know how to do."

The Browns spent years at a time working in Africa and loved the experience. But they say it's becoming harder to find medical workers who will spend a long period of time abroad. Doctors graduate with so much debt they must spend years working it off. And people don't want to give up the luxuries of life in America.

"Just the idea of a cold bath ... and then your fish heads and rice are cold too," Leo Brown said.

Dowdle agrees that he can only afford to leave his practice for short periods of time. It's not just a question of money. It's always hard to find doctors in small towns, and Burley is no exception, he said. There are lots of people here who need medical care and it is hard to find time to leave the practice, Dowdle said.

Dowdle has worked to share medical advancements with medical schools in Central America. The Browns plan to return to Zimbabwe in February to give special training to a Dominican nun doctor. Another Burley doctor, Paul Dearing, is currently working at a medical school in India.

The Mini-Cassia doctors say the non-American physicians have something to teach them as well.

"There are certain conditions they see far more often than we do," Dowdle said. In these cases the doctors can teach their American colleagues.

It's kind of fun to work with limited tools and to confront the same problems doctors had to deal with 40 or 50 years ago, Leo Brown said.

Times-News writer Nate Johnson can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 637, or by e-mail at njohnson@magicvalley.com.

### Festival of Trees

What: The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Festival of Trees will be held.

Where: The Radio Rodeo Events Center, Twin Falls.

When: 12 to 6 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and \$1 for children.

### Christmas Concert

What: The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present its annual Christmas Concert.

Where: The CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium.

When: 8 p.m. today.

### Messiah

What: The College of Southern Idaho Chamber Choir and the Magic Valley Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Caron Weger, will present George Frederick Handel's "Messiah" at their Christmas Concert.

Where: The CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium.

When: 8 p.m. today.

### Youth concert

What: The First Baptist Church of Jerome youth Christmas concert will be held.

Where: At the church, 308

### Christmas in City Park

What: The Soroptimist Club will present the second of four Christmas in City Park concerts.

Where: Twin Falls City Park.

When: 5 p.m. today.

How much: Free.

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Where: At the church, 308

### Full Moon Karaoke

What: Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured.

Where: The Blue Room, 613 Fremont, Rupert.

When: 6-10 p.m. today.

How much: No cover charge.

### The Lamphouse Theatre

What: "Secretary" will be shown.

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

When: 4:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m. today.

How much: \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and students

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and \$4 for matinees.

How much: A free-will offering will be taken for the church sound system project.

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CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News

BURLEY - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Ros D. Adams, 40, P.O. Box 88, Albion; assault; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree... Heidi Lutz Rogers, 34, 434 Park...



Rupert; insufficient funds check fraud; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree... Jody Galle, 20, 117 E. Jerome...

Marjean Bellus, 73, 1025 E. 18th Lane; Burglary; insufficient funds check fraud; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree...

Misdemeanor sentencing

Cameron Scott Harrison, 20, 1978 E. 1775 S.; Growing one count possession of a controlled substance; dismissed one count possession of drug paraphernalia...

John R. Franchisier, 30, 904 1/2 Section Line Road, Alperville, Ala.; size of vehicle an order restrictions; pleaded guilty \$1,180 fine, \$63.50 court costs...

Withheld judgment

Barry Christopher Tanner, 24, 95 S. 750 W., Paoli, Ind.; felony attempting to elude an officer; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

Juvenile dismissals

Payton J. Parham, 17, 336 W. 50 S., Rupert; insufficient funds check fraud; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Felony sentencing

Kimber J. Harrison, 26, 1626 Oakley Ave.; Burglary; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded guilty, \$88.50 court costs...

month probation, 24 months' determinate penitentiary time, suspended, 24 months' indeterminate penitentiary time...

Barbara Lynn Gowen, 42, 711 Miller Ave.; Burglary; possession of a controlled substance; one count amended to possession of a controlled substance...

Juvenile sentencing

Lamar L. Blackmon, 16, 822 Henderson Drive, Blackfoot; one count failure to appear for misdemeanor citation; one count invalid driver's license...

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DEATH NOTICES

Reginald L. Buckley - Reginald Lee Buckley, 27, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Roberts, 91, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Resta R. Van Zuyen of Kennewick, Wash., service at 10 a.m. Monday at Mueller's Tri Cities Funeral Home, 1401 S. Union, Kennewick, Wash.; burial follows at Desert Lawn Memorial Park.

Dr. Jerome, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Dorothy L. Roberts - TWIN FALLS - Dorothy Louise

OBITUARIES

For obituary news and information, call 733-6981, Ext. 478, between 9 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication.

RUPERT. Richard Lynn Davis, 77-year-old, resident, passed away December 6, 2002, of Cancer at the VA Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

with Bishop Glade Chandler officiating will follow at the Rupert Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites. Friends may call Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

11000 North, Highland, Utah, where friends may call from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the service. Burial at Orem City Cemetery, under the direction of Anderson & Sons Mortuary, American Fork, Utah. Email condolences to the family at asmortuary@burnettech.com

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TWIN FALLS

Donna Andersen Reddekopp. Donna Andersen Reddekopp, age 79, died December 6, 2002, in Draper, Utah.

Dorothy Evelyn Peck. Dorothy Evelyn Peck, 94, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002, at Twin Falls Care Center.

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LINCOLN COUNTY COURTS

**Times-News**  
**SHOSHONE** - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Lincoln County includes the following:

**Arrestments**  
 Travis Lance Caswell, 21, 750 W. County Line Road, Shoshone, disturbing the peace; pre-trial conference Nov. 27; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Jamie A. Patten-Campus, 22, 22 N. 160 E., Shoshone, pre-trial conference Nov. 27; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Nampa; fraud/no-account check; failed to appear; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Cheryl A. Gollenhusch, 41, P.O. Box 2080, Hiley; failure to purchase driver's license; sentencing Nov. 27; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Melissa Henderson, date of birth unknown, 30 S. 200 W. Burley; fraud/insufficient-funds check; pre-trial conference Nov. 27; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Russell L. Hulse, 29, 373 N. 120 E., Shoshone; disturbing the peace; pre-trial conference Nov. 27; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Larry Cooney, 44, 425 Trotter Drive, Twin Falls; reckless driving; failed to appear; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

**Juvenile arraignments**  
 Breca Lee Roberts, 15, 25 N. 160 E., Shoshone; unlawfully overtaking a school bus continued arraignment Nov. 27; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

**Sentencings:**  
 Robert Eugene Rudolph, 40, 793 Washington St. S., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$200-fine; \$234.50 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; two months' probation; 10 days in jail; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

**Juvenile sentencings**  
 Rolando V. Gomez, 17, P.O. Box 832, Shoshone; driving without privileges; 180-day driver's license suspension; \$300 fine; \$300 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 12 months' probation; 90 days in jail, 90 suspended; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

**Dismissals**  
 Antonin Hernandez Ramirez, date of birth unknown, 591 Washington St. N., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; driving without privilege; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Francisco Junco-Mendoza, 34, Eldridge Ranch Fish Creek, Carey; open container; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

**Civil filings**  
 Magic Valley Collections vs. Jody Arber; Seeking \$2,252.98 plus interest; \$974 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.  
 Sawtooth Dental vs. Kenna Billot; Seeking \$1,027.05. Plaintiff alleges defendant owes for dental services.

**Divorces**  
 John R. Supernaugh vs. Gloria E. Supernaugh



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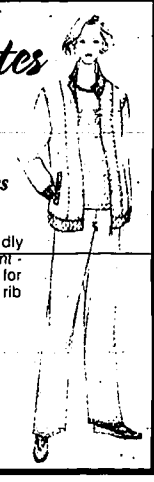
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MAGIC VALLEY

# Kimberly senior center needs money

By Margaret Jones  
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — Area senior citizen centers have the same problems as the average household: Everything breaks at once and no one knows where the money will come from to pay the bills.

The Kimberly Agerses Senior Center has experienced a rash of expensive breakdowns recently. The compressor for refrigeration units failed and is costing \$700 to fix, the dishwasher quit to the tune of \$900, and plumbing repairs came to more than \$300.

Center manager Diana Juliano has found she is running in the red, on top of rent, insurance premiums, a monthly electric bill that runs more than \$200, and winter heating costs.

The center has monthly fundraising projects to support the center, including Bingo, special Sunday dinners and money from the center's thrift store.

The center currently has a handmade quilt being raffled off. In addition, students at the center's Middle School, instead of the center's misfortune and did yard work for residents on the citywide cleanup day, donating their wages to the center.

The students also sponsored a

dance and were able to donate \$642.25 to the center. Other area residents have made donations to help get the center back in the black.

The center serves noontime meals on Monday, Wednesday and Friday which also brings in money. The thrift store was added earlier this fall and has brought in between \$175 to \$200 a month.

The center's board of directors member Jeanne Gibson said the public doesn't realize the thrift store has items for everyone, not just for seniors.

At the center in Buhl, there is a donation jar on the counter to raise money for a new dishwasher. The center's big fundraiser comes during Buhl's July celebration, which raises between \$3,000 and \$5,000. This year, the money was used as matching funds for a grant to purchase a new van, which has left the center short for other projects. Manager Bonnie Hunsaker said grocery, insurance and maintenance expenses are constantly going up.

The group's Thanksgiving Baking for You project — when members bake pies and breads on order — has proved to be a good money maker. The group

rents its building for receptions, banquets and meetings, and a quilting group has brought in \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year by piecing other peoples' quilt materials into custom-made quilts for sale. The group has made quilts for people as far away as Alaska.

However, the original group of nearly 20 quilters is now down to four or five. Every month it seems time takes away another member. Hunsaker said there is a need for younger, active seniors to join the center.

Meanwhile in Eden, the center there doesn't seem to be having a hard time right now. Manager Therese Hanson said the center has managed by cutting back. She is the chief cook as the director, and the center doesn't have a van.

However, the center is trying to find money for a new roof.

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## PROPERTY TAX REMINDER

December 20th is the last day for payment of the 1st installment of 2002 Real Property, Mobile Home & Personal Property Taxes.

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## Orchestra ensembles will perform on Tuesday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Wind and Percussion ensembles will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium.

The Wind Ensemble will open "December Delights" with the world premiere performance of the march "Grand Spectacle," written by the ensemble's director, George K. Halseil. This march contains elements of both a Hollywood movie premiere and a college football game, presenting itself as the introduction to a great event.

Following this, the band will change the mood to one of quiet holiday reflection as it performs Anne McGinty's arrangement of "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime." Described as the first Canadian Christmas carol, the words were originally written in the language of the Huron Indians and set to the tune of a 16th century French melody.

The third work on the program will be the "Marche Caprice," a piece by Frederick Delius, who was born in England. Of German parents, Delius grew up in the United States and died in England.

Music by George Gershwin will be next, a delicious setting of his bluesy "Second Prelude." The Wind Ensemble will conclude the first half of the program with a work by the Russian composer Sergei Prokofiev, "Traif Ride" from his orchestral suite called "Winter Holiday."

The second half of the program will begin with a performance by the Percussion Ensemble. Directed by CSI adjunct percussion instructor Steve Cox, the ensemble will perform three works: "Away in a Manger" arranged by David Steinquist, "Three Amigos" by James Campbell and "Me Tarzan" by Chris Crockarell.

The Wind Ensemble will return to the stage with a new twist on a familiar tune. It will perform Tchaikovsky's "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" in a lively jazz setting by the popular composer and arranger Sammy Nestico.

The band will then turn to music from the opera stage as it performs the "Children's Prayer" from Engelbert Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel." This Engelbert Humperdinck is not the singing sensation of the 1970s but rather his namesake, a late 19th-century German composer who was a friend and helper to Richard Wagner.

The Wind Ensemble will conclude the concert with a work by the English composer, Sir Malcolm Arnold, his "Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo."

Admission is \$3 per person suggested donation to the CSI Music Activities and Scholarship Fund.

For more information, call 732-6767.

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# Study: College boosts earnings

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - North Idaho College accounts for \$106.4 million of annual earnings in Kootenai County, according to a new study from college leaders.

That is 5.6 percent of income generated inside the county and equivalent to about 4,200 jobs.

North Idaho College positively impacts our community in many, many ways beyond the high-quality education it provides," said North Idaho College President Michael Burke, who unveiled the study Thursday.

The \$5,000 study by CC Benefits Inc. of Moscow, Idaho, was the first of its kind commissioned by the community college, Burke said.

The results will be marketed widely in the region, said Fred Osterweyer, a college trustee.

Coeur d'Alene Area Chamber of Commerce President Jonathan Coe said the information will help his mission of enticing new business to the region.

The study was based upon a model endorsed by the Association for Community College Trustees. Similar studies have been conducted at more than 160 community colleges around the country, Burke said.

The study found that Idaho benefits from North Idaho College through improved health, reduced crime, and lower welfare and unemployment rates that save about \$1.1 million each year.

Travellers gain a return of 13.9 percent on the investment in the college and recover all their investment in 9.3 years, according to the study.

Randy Barcus, chief economist for Arvis, who ventures the fast-growing Kootenai County region closely, said he was impressed.

"Investments in higher education never get as much attention as plans to get a Wal-Mart," he said.

"There's no tangible product coming out like a phone switch for T-Mobile or a keyboard for Keytronic, or a fancy meter from an Iron."

But Redfeairn and Kreis subsequently had a falling-out, and Redfeairn returned to Butler's camp.

Butler and Redfeairn claimed they kicked Kreis out of the Aryan Nations, but Kreis still operates his own Web site and hosted one major gathering this year.

# Aryan Nations leader designates successor

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - The 84-year-old leader of the white supremacist group Aryan Nations has designated an Ohio man as his successor.

Richard Butler, whose health has deteriorated in recent months, said Ray Redfeairn has "the experience necessary to continue the work" of the white supremacy organization, Butler said Saturday that Redfeairn would assume the leadership post upon Butler's death.

Redfeairn, 50, is from Dayton. He said he did not expect to remain in the post for more than a year.

Butler was released from a hospital in Coeur d'Alene late last month after receiving four days of medical treatment. He has been briefly hospitalized several times this year for congestive heart failure.

The Aryan Nations has been headquartered at Butler's Hayden home since losing its 20-acre compound two years ago in a civil-rights lawsuit. Butler's followers are believed to have dwindled to a dozen or fewer regular supporters.

Redfeairn has been part of Butler's inner circle for most of the past decade. He was part of an honor guard that surrounded Butler during the Aryan Nations 1998 parade in downtown Coeur d'Alene.

But the men have had their differences.

In September 2001, Butler picked Redfeairn and August Kreis, of Pennsylvania, to jointly take over the organization.

Instead, they formed a splinter faction of the Aryan Nations, accusing Butler of surrounding himself with "weirdos, weirdos and clowns."

But Redfeairn and Kreis subsequently had a falling-out, and Redfeairn returned to Butler's camp.

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# Film festival will include actress's debut in direction

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The 2003 Sundance Film Festival will begin with a little levity - Ed Solomon's "Levity," that is.

The directorial debut from Solomon, a longtime writer and producer, stars Billy Bob Thomson as a convicted murderer, or seeing redemption for 15 years in "prison" - Morgan Freeman, Holly Hunter and Kirsten Dunst co-star in the film, which opens the festival on Jan. 16.

Movies from two actors who are directing for the first time also are on the festival lineup, announced this week.

Salma Hayek directed "Ruben Blades and Peter Fonda in 'The Mammoth Mirror'" about the testing of a small town's faith when a statue of Jesus appears to be shedding tears of blood.

And Matt Dillon directed and stars in "City of Ghosts," featuring James Dean, Stellan Skarsgard and Gerard Depardieu in a story about a con man on the run.

Also premiering at Sundance is "People I Know," a mystery with Al Pacino, Tea Leoni, Kim Basinger and Ryan O'Neal.

Danny Glover and Whoopi Goldberg star in "Good Fences," about an upwardly mobile family for whom the American dream becomes a nightmare.

"Born Rich," a documentary that survived its own battle with claims from one of the film's subjects that he was tricked into appearing, will screen in the American Spectrum program.

A New York State Supreme Court justice ruled in October that Jamie Johnson, a 23-year-old New York University film student and Johnson & Johnson heir, had the right to distribute the documentary featuring the offspring of wealthy families, including Ivanka Trump and Georgina Bloomberg.

The ruling dismissed a lawsuit filed by Luke Weil, whose father ran the gaming technology company Ajitote. Weil said he was tricked into taking part in what he called the "wank-a-vid" project that "embarrassed" and "humiliated" him and his family.

In the documentary competition, "Bukowski: Born-Into-This" captures the life of late cult author Charles Bukowski. "The Educator of Michael Aigis," a film that explores another famed author, filmed in part at Vidal's villa in Ravello, Italy.

Dramatic competition films include "Party Monster," starring Macaulay Culkin in the true story of Michael Aigis, a club kid who killed his drug dealer roommate. "The Cooler" pairs William H. Macy and Alec Baldwin with "N Sync's Joey Fatone in the story of an Ivy League-educated man sent by the school to retrain a casino.

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**Viennese conductor heads West**

Carlos Kalmár takes over as music director of Oregon Symphony



Carlos Kalmár, the Oregon Symphony's new conductor, works with the Portland Youth Philharmonic during a rehearsal in Portland Wednesday.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Vienna, Austria's capital, drips with culture. The Pacific Northwest, for much of the year, drips with rain. So why would a maestro swap a prestigious gig in Europe's center of classical music for Portland?

Carlos Kalmár, conductor at Vienna's Tonkuenstlerorchester for the past three years, is taking over as music director of the Oregon Symphony.

Vienna is famous as the old stomping grounds of Mozart, Beethoven, Wittgenstein and Sigmund Freud.

Portland lacks those kinds of cultural icons in its own past. But its orchestra has a solid national reputation — mainly because of the efforts of its conductor for the past 23 years, James DePreist.

DePreist, 65, has decided to step down next year and the Oregon Symphony has hired 44-year-old Kalmár to replace him.

This is a coup for the Oregon Symphony, which lands a music director who has conducted orchestras across Europe and won praise from American reviewers.

Since 1988, Kalmár has been a guest conductor with an ever-growing number of orchestras across the United States, including the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Chicago Symphony, the Cincinnati Symphony and the Minnesota Orchestra.

When Kalmár takes the podium during his U.S. appearances, the Old World meshes with the New World in a fashion that has pleased critics. They have noted his energy, grace and an ability to get the best out of musicians. Kalmár seems equally at home with Mozart as with Aaron Copland.

Kalmár sees his mission as raising the Oregon Symphony to the next level.

"I would like ... this orchestra to be in the top league of American orchestras," said Kalmár, who was in town to conduct his debut concerts as the Oregon Symphony's new music director, even though he doesn't formally take over until next August.

Kalmár is the American approach to classical music, in which the conductor makes a direct connection to audiences through encounters such as pre-concert discussions and by being an active part of the community.

"When you're a music director in Germany and Austria, you are an artist only," said Kalmár, a professorial-looking man with a beard and wiry salt-and-pepper hair.

"You do your music. Then you have a glass of beer, and that's it," he joked.

"But here, the musical part of the job is I would say maybe not more than 60 percent," he said.

Kalmár had already decided to leave his Vienna post before he was offered the Portland job.

The Tonkuenstlerorchester — Vienna's third-ranked orchestra — told him they were willing to extend his contract for another year, but he turned them down.

"You can't do anything in one year. You can't have an artistic vision," Kalmár said.

Kalmár has a three-year contract with the Oregon Symphony.

Although Kalmár is taking the Oregon Symphony job because it offers the kinds of challenges he is looking for, it doesn't hurt that Portland is considered one of the friendliest and most liveable cities in the United States.

An avid hiker, Kalmár has set his sights on some of Oregon's trails — if work allows it.

"The outdoors here is brilliant. But I know, I'm realistic, there is not so much time for the outdoors," he said.

Kalmár's journey to Oregon has been a fascinating one.

Although his parents are Austrian, he was born in Uruguay. Of Jewish heritage, the two people who were to become his mother and father fled Nazi-controlled Austria in the 1930s. His mother was 10 at the time. His father, then 20, worked on a Norwegian ship before landing in Bolivia.

His parents later met and married in La Paz.

The Kalmárs returned to Vienna when Carlos was 15. He attended the Vienna Conservatory and the Vienna Music High School.

His parents made his German debut in 1985 with the NDR Symphony Orchestra in Hamburg. Since then, his star has steadily risen.

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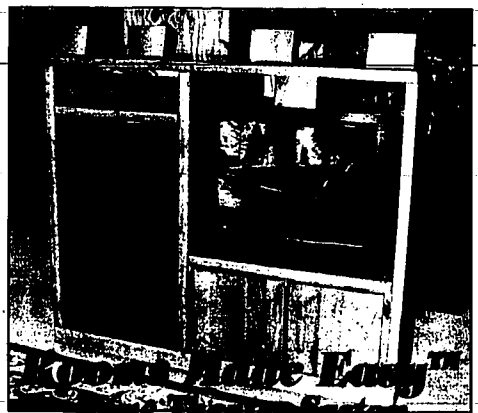


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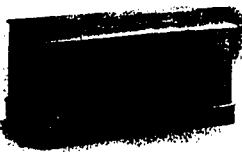
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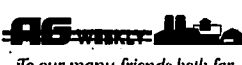
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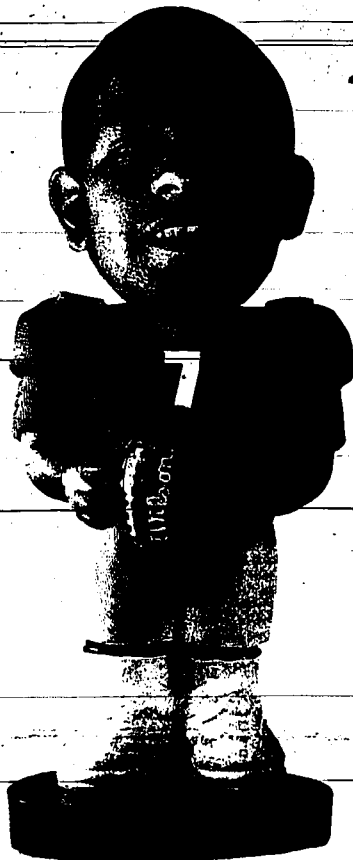
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## Elvis Medina leads an all-star lineup

By Scott Thompson  
Times-News writer

After three years of knocking politely at the door to supremacy, the Castleford Wolves took a battering ram to the rest of the eight-man field this year with three straight playoff blowouts that culminated in a state title.

The Wolves routed their three playoff opponents 158-20. And leading that charge was quarterback/linebacker Elvis Medina, who did more than just produce eye-popping numbers (even by eight-man standards) but also provided leadership and unselfishness in the weight room as well as on the field. And for his efforts, Medina has

## Football honorees - C2

been selected as The Times-News All-Area Player of the Year after hours of interviewing coaches and other observers around the Magic Valley and perusing statistics. And not to mention Times-News staffers watching nearly 50 high school football games this fall. Still, as brilliant as Medina was, it wasn't an easy decision.

In fact, it was as tough as any player on the first, second- or honorable-mention teams.

But Medina's 47 touchdowns (25 passing and 21 rushing) and his 85 solo tackles were just too much to ignore.

Burley's speedy, rugged running back Jed Thomas was named Offensive Most Valuable Player for his work in helping turn the Bobcats into the best team in the area. Bob's Russell Wiersma was the pick as

Defensive MVP as the lineman was all but unstoppable for the Indians.

Football in the area was so good and included so many top players that Declo's Jordan Bagwell was a serious candidate for POY along with Medina, Thomas and Wiersma but couldn't crack the first team as a running back or linebacker.

That's tough.

Sportswriters Kevin Hall and Joe Paisley contributed to this report.

## Miami outguns Virginia Tech, 56-45

The Associated Press

MIAMI - From the start of the season, the goal was simple for Miami: win every game and return to the national championship game.

After some twists and turns and a few closer-than-expected games, the Hurricanes accomplished their mission.

With Willis McGahee running for a school-record six touchdowns and career-best 205 yards, the top-ranked Hurricanes outlasted No. 6 Virginia Tech 56-45 Saturday to set up a national title game of co-bustlers: 12-0 Miami against 13-0 Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 3.

"It feels great to go undefeated and earn our way to play for a national championship," said quarterback Ken Dorsey, who threw for 300 yards and two TDs while improving to 38-1 as a starter.

Now for the next step: repeat as champions. The Hurricanes will take a 34-game winning streak to Tempe, Ariz., a 10-0 that matches Penn for the longest in Division I-A history. Miami's streak is the longest

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since Toledo won 35 straight from 1969-71.

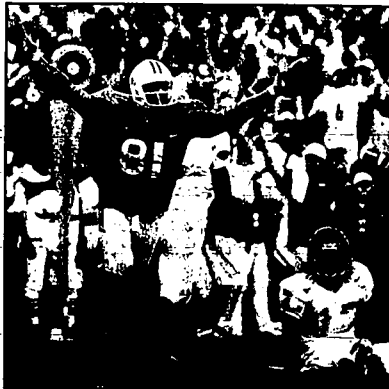
"I may be the luckiest coach in the world," said Miami's Larry Coker, who was doused with a bucket of water as he ran off the field.

Miami will attempt to become only the second team to repeat as national champions since 1950 and first since Nebraska won back-to-back crowns in 1994-95. The Hurricanes have won five national titles since 1983, under four coaches.

Miami seemingly had control with a 49-21 lead early in the third quarter, but the Hokies (9-4) came up with three big plays to pull within striking distance and then hung in until the end.

Willie Pile returned an interception 96 yards for a score - on a play in which Dorsey was the intended receiver. Then DeAngelo Hall returned a punt 71 yards to set up a field goal, and Roynell Whitaker ran 56 yards with an interception to set up the second

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Miami tight end Keilon Winslow celebrates his touchdown as Virginia Tech cornerback Gurnell Wilds, right, looks on during the second half Saturday at the Orange Bowl in Miami. No. 3 Miami best Virginia Tech 56-45.

## Timberline balance downs Bruins boys

By Joe Paisley  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Four players in double figures will beat one player with 30 points' just about every time.

Such was the case Saturday afternoon when preseason Class 5A favorite Timberline eked out a hard-fought 75-63 boys basketball win over Twin Falls High School in the Bruins gym.

Bruins guard Brent Stokes pumped in a game-high 30 points and 10 rebounds, but Wolves wing Jesse Childs scored 13 of his team-high 18 points in the second half as the 4-0 Wolves pulled away late in the third quarter.

Childs buried a 3-pointer from the corner to tie it at 51-all with 2:17 left. Then, Mitch White scored three of his 16 points on a trifecta less than a minute later before Childs hit another 3-pointer with eight ticks left to make it 57-51 after three complete. Twin Falls (1-1) never got any

closer. The Bruins clawed back within 64-57 on a bucket by Stokes, but Childs would answer with a 3-pointer from that same corner with 3:57 left to make it a 10-point game. That trifecta came on a defensive breakdown by Twin Falls as it tried out its full-court press for the first time this season and a defender was caught out of position.

That bucket and two free throws by Childs a minute later sealed it.

"Jesse Childs made some big plays for us in the second half," said Timberline coach Alan Thornberry. "We were back on our heels a bit all game because of foul trouble."

That foul trouble - four starters saddled with four fouls much of the second half and a reserve fouling out - made the Timberline victory all the more impressive and showed why many prognosticators considered the Wolves the team to beat coming into the season.

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**Offensive linemen**

**Tyrell Thomas, sr., Raft River** - Tough, strong and relentless, nobody ever got the better of Thomas as he continuously drove his man - and sometimes another - 5 yards off the line of scrimmage.

**Brad Barlow, Jr., Burley** - Barlow is a 300-pounder with tremendous first-step quickness who got off the ball as well as anyone. The Bobcats always went behind Barlow at center in short yardage situations and rarely failed even though the opposition knew exactly where they were going.

**Nell Clark, sr., Minico** - The 5-11, 220-pounder can really scoot, getting out on punts and on screens faster than most running backs. He was a big key to the Minico attack.

**Benji Graybeal, sr., Castletford** - Somebody was opening up holes for the Wolves' offensive attack and more often than not it was Graybeal. He was as tough on defense where he made 51 solo tackles, including eight for a loss, and recorded nine sacks.

**Eric Webb, sr., Declo** - The Hornets' success hinged almost exclusively upon winning the battle up front and Webb more than held his end of that bargain. The 6-1, 225-pounder is as strong and tough as they come. Webb also was instrumental on defense as he had 36 tackles and five sacks.

**Quarterback**

**Ervis Medina, sr., Castletford** - The most dominant football team in the area, Medina had the Wolves in the state semifinals all four of his years at the school before capping his run with an 8-man state title this fall. But the POY award is hardly a career achievement honor as Medina completed 64 of 119 passes for 1,356 yards and 28 TDs and ran for 1,265 yards and 21 TDs this fall as a linebacker. He had 85 solo tackles, including 15 for a loss, and four quarterback sacks while recovering six fumbles and intercepting a pass.

**Running backs**

**Jed Thomas, sr., Burley** - The 6-0, 190-pound Bobcat combined



tremendous speed with a love for contact, hitting line-backers as hard and effectively as he hit the corner. He rarely took a shot but instead delivered blows as a running back en route to gaining 1,484 yards on 205 carries and earning offensive MVP honors. He also caught 15 passes for 279 yards and scored 18 TDs total and played fiercely at linebacker.

**Jake Salinas, sr., Twin Falls** - Salinas would hide behind his offensive line until the last second before hitting the hole with an ultra-quick burst and spinning away from the first would-be tackler to gain 1,145 yards and nine TDs rushing on 205 carries.

**Wide receivers**

**Zach Simons, sr., Glens Ferry** - After Melba downed the Pilots for

Class 2A state championship, Mustang standout **Jake Silver** had this assessment of Simons: "That 21 lb. is a tremendous athlete. He was all over and we had no answer for him." Neither did anyone else as Simons caught 54 passes for 853 yards and 10 TDs this season. **Adam Martin, sr., Burley** - Think Terrell Owens without the attitude as the 6-1, 185-pounder won every 50-50 ball and then was nearly impossible for defensive backs to bring down as one of the strongest members of the Bobcat team. Dubbed the "Miracle Man" by his teammates for his ability to make the tough catch, Martin finished with 21 catches for 439 yards and scored seven TDs.

**Tight end**

**Kael Pope, Jr., Wendell** - The 6-8

was not only a great receiving tight end but he was also a better blocker than all but a handful of offensive linemen. He finished with 17 catches for 191 yards and two touchdowns.

**Place kicker**

**Brody Johnson, sr., Minico** - Johnson gave the Spartans an advantage in field position nearly every game as he routinely sent kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks. He also twice made 41-yard field goals and was a star on the Minico soccer team.

**Second team**

**Denik Barrett, sr., Raft River** - With Thomas, Barrett provided the 1A Trojans with as good a one-two punch on the line as any found in the Magic Valley. He also had 38 tackles (eight for a loss) and two

sacks. **Josh Maxwell, sr., Wendell** - Maxwell is another in a long list of physical Trojan tough guys. He also had 26 tackles while fighting a constant double team.

**Mark Egbert, sr., Valley** - Egbert was so good you almost didn't know he was there. And that's a compliment to an offensive lineman. He had seven sacks as a defensive lineman. **Blake Darrington, sr., Declo** - The sturdy Darrington opened huge holes for the Hornets' ground attack.

**Boe Emery, sr., Valley** - Emery combined with Egbert to give the Vikings a huge presence up front. He had four sacks on the defensive line.

**Quarterback**

**Scott Uhl, sr., Glens Ferry** - Uhl is a born leader who can take a big hit, bounce back and inspire his

teammates in the process. The senior throws very accurately - especially on the run - and he is extremely smart at seeing what is open and what is not. He is not afraid to throw the ball away instead of forcing something. He finished with 1,928

yards passing, completing 145 of 280 passes for 18 TDs with 12 interceptions. He also ran for four TDs.

**Running backs**

**Jordan Bagwell, sr., Declo** - The three-year standout ran hard between the tackles and not many were going to catch him once he got behind the defense. He finished with 1,120 yards and 14 TDs. "Bags" was on the short list of player of the year candidates since he also was a terror as a linebacker, finishing with a team-high 107 tackles, three sacks, two interceptions and two blocked punts. He has never had a punt anything less than an A+ as a student. **Josh Ussey, jr., Buhl** - The elusive

**Honorable mention**

**Linebacker**  
**Lance Bivler, sr., Twin Falls**  
**Brady Matthews, sr., Declo**  
**Jeremy Raabmussen, sr., Minico**  
**Way Kerr, jr., Glens Ferry**  
**Henry Webb, sr., Wood River**  
**Robert Brackenbury, sr., Declo**  
**Mike Barker, sr., Buhl**

**Quarterbacks**  
**Tim Brouner, sr., Buhl**  
**Luc Martin, jr., Twin Falls**  
**Matt Conover, sr., Wood River**  
**Brandon Freeman, sr., Camas County**  
**Kyle Anderson, sr., Valley**

**Running backs**  
**Seth Bick, jr., Castletford**  
**Norman Kimbler, jr., Raft River**  
**Yan Verwey, sr., Hansen**  
**Dane Georgezila, sr., Wendell**  
**Harold Johnson, sr., Oakley**  
**Kody Cole, sr., Minico**  
**Jesse Lemons, sr., Camas County**  
**Jim Reeves, sr., Kimberly**  
**Levi Jaynes, sr., Filer**

**Wide receivers**  
**Rob Walker, sr., Buhl**  
**Brandon Field, sr., Twin Falls**  
**Anthony Nelson, sr., Valley**  
**Chris Herzinger, sr., Twin Falls**

**Tight end**  
**Kris Newberry, sr., Kimberly**  
**Scott Bame, sr., Burley**  
**Burke Higiney, sr., Jerome**  
**Jason Tominga, sr., Minico**

Ussey rushed for 1,017 yards on 184 carries and eight TDs for the Indians.

**Wide receivers**

**Simon Olsen, jr., Buhl** - Olsen finished with 41 catches for 585 yards and four TDs as the Indians' deep threat who opened the field for the rest of the Buhl attack. He also had four interceptions on defense.

**Skyler Worthington, sr., Minico** - Worthington finished with a team-high 37 catches for 458 yards and two TDs for the Spartans.

**Tight end**

**Cole Easter, sr., Twin Falls** - Easter is a tough kid who caught 29 passes for six TDs and 463 yards while also making 29 solo tackles. He also recorded both a sack and an interception.

**DEFENSE**

**First Team**

**Defensive linemen**

**Russell Wiersma, sr., Buhl** - Wiersma is not only the Magic Valley's premier defensive player but he also warranted serious consideration as the area's offensive MVP and POY. Tough, strong, mobile and a leader, Wiersma is the best lineman in the area on both sides of the ball, but it was his work on defense that most impressed the Times-News. The 6-4, 230-pound senior had 52 tackles, eight sacks and two blocked punts for safeties.

**Cole Jones, jr., Burley** - Jones never ever gave up on a play and is extremely strong and not particularly nice between the stripes. He is a ferocious hitter who was a large part of the Bobcats' success, recording 41 solo tackles and 8.5 sacks.

**Mike DeKing, sr., Minico** - DeKing is blessed with a fantastic motor, playing whistle to whistle and sideline to sideline. The 5-9, 170-pounder separates extraordinarily well from blocks. He recorded 38 solo tackles and 4.5 sacks.

**K.C. Pinther, sr., Twin Falls** - Pinther's work on contain and his pressure on the quarterback were invaluable in helping push the Bruins to the brink of the state 5A playoffs. His work was key for the big years the Bruins linebackers had in tackles as he recorded 27 solo tackles (14 for a loss) and six sacks.

**Linebackers**

**Mac Erickson, sr., Raft River** - Want tough? The kid who placed second in barrelbucking at the National High School Finals Rodeo this summer hurt his knee badly in the victory against Valley, shook it off, limped onto the field and blocked what would have been the game-winning field goal for the Vikings. For the season, Erickson finished with 86 tackles (19 for a loss) and five interceptions and blocked four kicks. He also ran for 624 yards and 19 TDs to go along with two defensive touchdowns and two interceptions.

**Will Yoder, sr., Wendell** - Nobody



made more stops than Yoder, who was all over the field for the Trojans collecting 149 tackles, two interceptions and a sack. But it wasn't just the quantity as the senior punished opposing offenses with clean, tough shots time and again. He was just as effective as an offensive lineman.

**Jayson Vogt, sr., Twin Falls** - An underrated part of a good Bruins defense, Vogt always seemed to turn up when the ball was as he ended the season with 49 solo tackles.

**Defensive backs**

**Terry Darrington, sr., Declo** -

Darrington had an uncanny ability to be around the ball as the senior recorded six interceptions and 54 tackles. He also hit like a line-backer and was one of the better running backs in the Magic Valley, finishing with 599 yards and 18 TDs.

**A.J. Stone, jr., Twin Falls** - The kid simply had a nose for the ball, bursting onto the Magic Valley football scene with six interceptions and 45 solo tackles. **Omar Rodriguez, sr., Glens Ferry** - Rodriguez starred on both sides of the ball but was best at defensive back where he finished with 52 - oftentimes bone-jarring - solo tack-

les and six interceptions. He ran for 828 yards on 144 carries and scored eight touchdowns. He also caught passes for another 174 yards.

**Cory Musgrave, sr., Jerome** - Musgrave was tough against the run and the pass, recording 33 solo tackles and four interceptions for a stingy Tigers defense.

**Punter**

**Billy Alphin, sr., Declo** - The converted soccer player provided booming kicks to go along with superb play at receiver and defensive back. His chances were limited to show off his leg because the Hornets were nearly forced to punt. But of his 13 punts, Alphin booted six of them 55 yards or longer.

**Second Team**

**Linebackers**

**Robert Comer, jr., Castletford** - Comer had 57 tackles, five fumble recoveries and a pass interception as he was a big reason the Wolves dominated the line of scrimmage. On offense, he rushed for 614 yards and seven touchdowns.

**Kevin Jussell, sr., Twin Falls** - It says a lot about a kid when a team misses him the way the Bruins did Jussell when he couldn't play in the final regular-season game due to a knee injury. He still finished with 43 tackles, including 12 for a loss, to go along with four sacks and two fumble recoveries.

**Christian Blackman, sr., Wood River** - Blackman provided constant pressure on the opposition's quarterback as he was among the leaders all year in sacks.

**Tyler Theissen, sr., Jerome** - Theissen finished with 22 sacks, including five for a loss, while also recording seven sacks, blocking a punt and recovering two fumbles.

**Linebackers**

**Gerardo Vega, sr., Burley** - Gordo is as tough as they come, combining amazing strength with great technique, awareness and intelligence. At less than 170 pounds, he was also one of the premier offensive linemen in the area. He finished with a team-high 58 tackles.

**Cley Swan, jr., Jerome** - Swan flew to the ball and made one big play after another for the Tigers as he made 53 solo tackles to go along with 54 assists, two sacks, a fumble recovery and an interception. The 360-lb. rushed for 647 yards and five TDs. **Gerald Rau, sr., Glens Ferry** - Rau

**Honorable mention**

**Linebacker**  
**Justin Perlet, so., Glens Ferry**  
**Brady Nelson, sr., Oakley**  
**Eric Nelson, sr., Oakley**  
**Jason Garner, sr., Filer**

**Linebackers**  
**Kellen Chattanooga, sr., Wood River**  
**Robbie Elsworth, sr., Carey**  
**Jody Vail, sr., Minico**  
**Greg Norris, sr., Hansen**  
**Casey Schwenkefelt, jr., Jerome**  
**Scott Black, jr., Glens Ferry**  
**Willy Elm, so., Buhl**

**Defensive backs**  
**Cory Bauer, sr., Jerome**  
**Destry Simpson, sr., Carey**  
**Willy Bagg, sr., Buhl**  
**Ben Rodgers, sr., Castletford**  
**Nick Ramsey, jr., Declo**

had 31 solo tackles as a hard-hitting linebacker who also finished with four interceptions. He also grabbed 29 passes for 463 yards and rushed for another 527 yards to finish with 11 TDs.

**Defensive backs**

**Quinn Harper, jr., Raft River** - Harper intercepted six passes and knocked down another 15. As the Trojans' QB, he ran for 625 yards and 152 yards in 11 TDs against just three interceptions.

**Matt Michel, sr., Burley** - Michel finished with 37 tackles and two interceptions as a feisty hitter. As a quarterback, he finished with 840 yards passing and seven touchdowns as a real leader for the Bobcat team. **Nate Tracy, sr., Minico** - Another one who seems to be able to smell the ball, Tracy is always in the right place at the right time, finishing with 43 tackles. Tracy also played quarterback for the Spartans, throwing for 473 yards and four TDs and rushing for 509 yards and five more touchdowns. **Saul Garcia, sr., Minico** - Garcia was superb against the run and the pass since he was an adept at picking off a pass as he was at making a tackle. He finished with 44 tackles and three interceptions.

SPORTS

CSI men and women fall to North Idaho

Shoshone girls hammer Hagerman

COEUR D'ALENE - The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball teams headed north to Coeur d'Alene for two scenic West Athletic Conference games...

the women also fell, 57-50. While Ibrahim scored 14 points while Ryan Davis added 13 points.

Cardinals took advantage for a 57-50 SWAC win Saturday. Erica Johnson hit a 3-pointer with 1:36 remaining to give NIC (2-0) a 52-44 lead...

score some points or they won't be in there," he told 1450AM KEZJ. "I'm disappointed in a lot of things."

SHOSHONE - Shoshone claimed victory over Hagerman 43-25 Saturday in Shoshone in girls' basketball action.

Local sports
CSI men and women fall to North Idaho
Shoshone girls hammer Hagerman

NIC women 57, CSI women 50
The CSI women suffered through an emotional letdown after Thursday's stunner over Salt Lake CC and the Lady...

We have to have our post. We have to have our post. We have to have our post.

We had no one who could guard Simone Shepherd, Rogers said. "We played like we were still on the bus."

Shoshone coach Tim Chapman said Hagerman lost their inside game with the injury of post player Sara Jackson, which was a drawback.

Challis 66, Hansen 54
Challis - Challis won the consolation prize at the Carey Holiday Tournament Saturday, defeating Hansen 65-54.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

Table with columns for National Basketball Association, All-time HMT, EASTERN CONFERENCE, and Western Conference.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Basketball: S. Carolina at N.C. State, ESPN, 4:30 p.m.
Bowling: PBA Empire State Open, ESPN, 11 a.m.
Football: Falcons at Buccaneers, Fox, 11 a.m.

Area ski report

Idaho
Ski Pass - Plan to Buy 100
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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Table with columns for National Football League, Week 15, and various team abbreviations.

DIETRICH 56, GLENNS FERRY 44

DIETRICH - Dietrich (5-1) used a halfcourt trap defense to stymie visiting Glens Ferry 56-44 Sunday night behind 19 points from Travis Parker...

MACKEY 49, CAREY 47

MACKEY - Mackey defeated Carey 49-47 at a game made in the last 40 seconds of the game.

RODEO

- PRCA National Finals, third round, ESPN2, 10 p.m.
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SOCCER

- Women, NCAA Division I tournament, championship, ESPN, 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Table with columns for National Football League, Week 15, and various team abbreviations.

Saturday's NHL Sums

Table with columns for Saturday's NHL Sums, Bruins & Lightning 2, and various team abbreviations.

Buhl 64, Middleton 51

BUHL - Buhl (2-1) settled down in the second half against the Middleton full-court press to pull away for a 64-51 nonconference girls basketball win Saturday.

Kimberly 67, Wendell 55

WENDELL - Chance Askew played exceptionally, scoring 29 points to lead Kimberly to victory over Wendell, 67-55, Saturday in Wendell.

Saturday's NBA Boxes

Table with columns for Saturday's NBA Boxes, Hawks vs Pistons 82, and various team abbreviations.

Womens Soccer

Table with columns for Womens Soccer, U.S. vs Canada 1-0, and various team abbreviations.

FOOTBALL

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LEAFS & DEVILS

Table with columns for LEAFS & DEVILS, New Jersey vs Carolina 5-1, and various team abbreviations.

MACKEY 48, CAREY 35

CAREY - Mackey defeated Carey 48-35 for the consolation prize at the Carey Holiday Tournament Saturday in Carey.

American Falls 40, Burley 37

AMERICAN FALLS - American Falls defeated Burley 40-37 in American Falls Saturday.

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SPORTS

# Montana falls to McNeese St. in I-AA

### The Associated Press

The defending NCAA Division I-AA national champion Montana Grizzlies lost to No. 1 McNeese State 24-20 Saturday night. In other games, Villanova beat Fordham, 30-10. Georgetown Southern beat Maine 31-7 and Western Kentucky topped Western Illinois 31-28.

### Grand Valley, Valdosta advance to DII title game

ALLENDALE, Mich. — David Kircus will get a chance to extend his already phenomenal record in the NCAA Division II championship.

The Grand Valley (Mich.) State receiver caught four touchdown passes in Saturday's 44-7 semifinal win over Northern Colorado, breaking his own all-division record.

Kircus has 88 catches for 1,772 yards and 32 TD catches this season, surpassing the mark of 28 he had last year. All four catches Saturday came from Curt Anes, who completed 20 of 28 passes for 243 yards.

Grand Valley (13-0) will face Valdosta (Ga.) State in the title game that will be in Florence, Ala. Valdosta beat Texas A&M-Kingsville 21-12.

### Mount Union runs winning streak to 40

ALLIANCE, Ohio — Mount Union pushed its winning streak to 40 games, and two more will give the Purple Raiders a third straight Division III national title.

Dan Pugh ran for 165 yards and two touchdowns as the Ohio

school defeated Wabash (Ind.) 45-16 Saturday in the quarterfinal.

The Purple Raiders (12-0) have the nation's longest winning streak, and they've won 94 of their last 95 games. They're seeking their 100th title in 10 years. Their last loss was 24-17 to Rowan in the 1999 semifinals, which ended their NCAA-record 54-game win streak.

Rob Adamson completed 15 of 23 passes for 234 yards and three touchdowns, and Randall Knapp caught seven passes for 125 yards and two scores for the Purple Raiders, who led 31-3 at halftime.

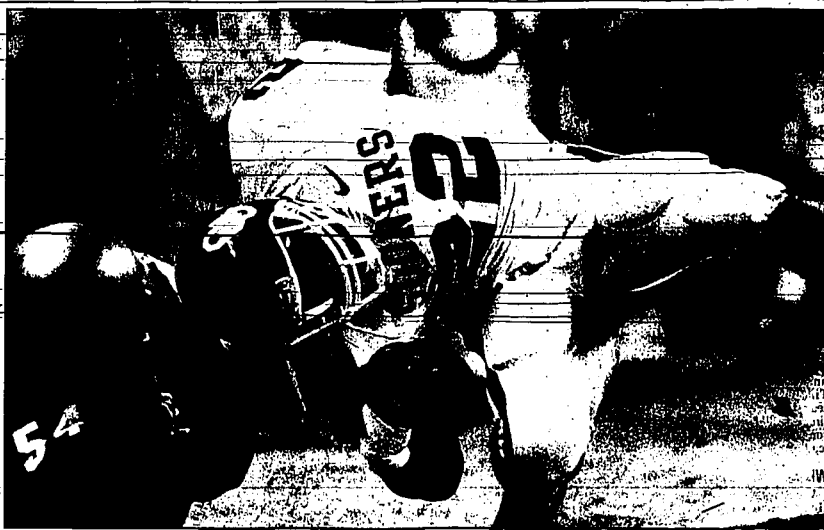
Chris Morris ran for 159 yards and a touchdown to lead Wabash (12-1). Jake Knott threw for 165 yards and a touchdown, but that only got the Little Giants to 45-16.

### Carroll, Mont., Georgetown to meet for NAIA title

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — When Georgetown lost the season opener to McKendree (Ill.), the Tigers' reign as the best team in NAIA football showed signs of ending.

Twelve victories later — including a 35-19 win Saturday in a rematch with McKendree — Georgetown is on the verge of a third straight title.

Neil Warren threw for 240 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Tigers back to the championship game, where they'll face Carroll (Mont.). Carroll defeated Sioux Falls, S.D., 20-17 in Saturday's other semifinal. Robb Latrielle found Mark Galko for a 28-yard touchdown with 2:42 left to send Carroll to the title game.



Oklahoma running back Quentin Griffin is dragged down by Colorado defensive back Sean Tutts after a 22-yard gain in the first quarter of the Big 12 Championship game Saturday in Houston.

# Sooners win second-straight Big 12 title

HOUSTON (AP) — With no national championship berth on the line, Oklahoma and Colorado didn't pack the house for Saturday night's Big 12 title game.

At least the Sooners are headed for one of college football's coveted Bowl Championship Series spots, a nice consolation prize for missing out on the Fiesta Bowl.

Nate Hybl threw two touchdowns passes and Quentin Griffin rushed for a championship game-record 188 yards and two touchdowns as the eighth-ranked Sooners beat the 12th-ranked Buffaloes 29-7 to win the Big 12 for the second time in three years.

A disappointing announced crowd of 63,332 attended the game, although Reliant Stadium appeared far less than its 69,500 capacity.

The victory probably will send Oklahoma (11-2) to the Rose Bowl against Washington State (10-2).

The Sooners beat Kansas State for the Big 12 title in 2000 and went on to beat Florida State in the Orange Bowl for the national championship.

Brian Calhoun, starting for injured running back Chris Brown, ran for 122 yards for the Buffaloes, who were trying to become the first back-to-back Big 12 champions after last year's 39-37 victory over Texas. But it wasn't to be.

Hybl threw touchdown passes of 3 yards to Trent Smith in the first quarter and 21 yards to Mark Clayton in the second quarter as the Sooners took a 13-0 halftime lead.

Colorado kicker Pat Brougham missed field goals of 41, 32 in the

first half and 33 yards in the third quarter.

Jeremy Bloom gave Colorado brief momentum in the third quarter with an 80-yard punt return early in the quarter, cutting Oklahoma's lead to 13-7.

The Sooners then scored 16 straight points to ice the game. First, Griffin bonke 36 yards late in the third quarter. The Sooners started the fourth period with 5:14 drive that set up a 28-yard field goal by Trey DiCarlo with 7:53 left in the game and Griffin broke free again with 3:49 left in the game.

Griffin laid the groundwork for the Sooners in the first half. He had 41 yards on six carries leading up to Hybl's 3-yard touchdown pass to Smith on third down late in the first quarter. Smith caught a perfectly lofted pass in the back

of the end zone.

A 15-yard screen pass from Hybl to Griffin and a 15-yard face mask penalty helped the Sooners take a 13-0 lead with 9:38 to go in the second quarter.

This time, Hyble completed a 21-yard touchdown pass to Clayton, running ahead of cornerback Donald Strickland in the end zone. Phil Jackson blocked the extra point attempt by Trey DiCarlo.

Colorado reached Oklahoma's 23-yard line with its first drive before Brougham's 41-yarder was wide right. His 32-yarder also was wide right in the closing minutes of the second quarter.

What the Sooners' defense couldn't do was stop Calhoun, who had 115 yards at the half, including 85 on runs 37, 25 and 23 yards, each one a cutback.



Washington State quarterback Jason Gesser celebrates in the final seconds of their 48-27 win against UCLA Saturday at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. The win gives Washington State the bid to play in the Rose Bowl.

# Cougars flatten Bruins to clinch Rose Bowl berth

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — An elated Jason Gesser stood before several hundred cheering Washington State fans Saturday, smiling and waving a single rose.

"I'm feeling no pain right now," the Cougars' quarterback said moments after leading his team to a 48-27 victory over UCLA and a berth in the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day.

Wearing braces on his sprained right knee and ankle, Gesser didn't have one of his best days, completing 15 of 24 passes for 247 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions.

But his performance was exceptional, considering many in his situation might not have played at all. Afterward, coach Mike Price said Gesser was 50-50 to play in the Rose Bowl game because of his injuries, even though the game is 3.5 weeks away.

Although his ankle hurt the entire game, he added that "there's no way that anyone can keep me out of the Rose Bowl."

Gesser's status was in question after he was injured in the fourth quarter of what turned out to be a 28-26 triple-overtime loss to Washington on Nov. 23.

However, he played every play but one until coming out with six minutes left and the victory clinched.

### Navy 68, Army 12

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Craig Metzger's record-setting day gave Navy something to savor at the end of an otherwise forgettable season.

The quarterback accounted for seven touchdowns, including a school-record six rushing TDs, as Navy defeated Army 58-12 Saturday in one of the most lopsided games in the 103 meetings between the service academies.

The Midshipmen (2-10) had lost 10 straight but gained a season-best 421 yards on the ground. Candeto had only 103 of those yards, but his six rushing touchdowns were the most in the history of the series.

Navy's 58 points also were the most by either team in the annual game, behind the Midshipmen's 51-0 win in 1973. That also was the biggest margin in the series, with Saturday's margin the second-largest.

Army now leads the series 49-47-7.

### Marshall 49, Toledo 45

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. — A month's worth of limping on sore shin didn't deter Byron Leftwich, and neither did getting flattened by Toledo's David Gardner.

Leftwich got up from the third-quarter hit to throw two late touchdowns, including a 40-yarder to Darius Watts with 49 seconds left, as Marshall beat the Rockets 49-45 Saturday in the Mid-American conference championship game.

Marshall (10-2) has won five MAC titles since it rejoined the league six seasons ago.

The Thundering Herd avoided losing at home for just the second time since Bob Fruett became coach in 1996.

# Bulldogs hammer Razorbacks to win SEC

ATLANTA (AP) — The Georgia Bulldogs knew their national championship hopes were scuttled before they even kicked off Saturday night.

It sure didn't seem to bother them.

Fourth-ranked Georgia ended 20 years of frustration by blowing out Arkansas 30-3 in the Southeastern Conference championship game, sending the Bulldogs to the Sugar Bowl.

Miami's 56-45 victory over Virginia Tech earlier in the day ended Georgia's hopes of playing in the Fiesta Bowl.

"We still had a lot to play for," Georgia cornerback Decory Bryant said. "It's been 20 years since we won a championship. The national title is something we would like to have done, but winning the SEC — one of the toughest conferences in the country — is a very special thing."

Clearly pumped up by their first trip to the SEC title game, the Bulldogs (12-1) scored on their first five possessions for a 23-0 halftime lead.

From there, Georgia cruised to its first SEC title since 1982, when Vince Dooley was the coach and Herschel Walker was taking hand-offs. The coronation came just 75 miles from the Athens campus, before a crowd of 74,835 that was heavily tilted toward the Bulldogs.

"They're champions now," said Dooley, Georgia's athletic director. "But you could see early on that there was something extra-



Georgia cornerback Decory Bryant (22) blocks Arkansas punter Richie Butler's kick during first half of the SEC Championship at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta Saturday.

special about this team. They were unified, they played hard and they grew as a team."

Musa Smith rushed for 106 yards and two touchdowns. David Greene threw for 237 yards and scores, earning the game's MVP award. Terrence Edwards had seven catches for 82 yards, becoming the SEC's career leader in

receiving yards.

Georgia has won 12 games for only the second time in school history — the 1980 national championship team was 12-0 — and outscored its last two opponents 81-10.

Arkansas (9-4) had won six in a row to earn its second trip to the league championship game. This

one wasn't much different than the first in 1995, when the Razorbacks were blown out by Florida 34-3.

"We weren't satisfied just being here," running back Fred Talley said. "We wanted to win. But we made a lot of foolish mistakes. It was like it was always one block away."

Georgia coach Mark Richt worried that his team, ranked third in the BCS standings, might be a little down if top-ranked Miami won earlier in the day.

As it turned out, Richt had no cause for concern. This group of players was intent on ending the longest championship drought in the school's storied football history.

If anything, the Bulldogs appeared a little too fired up. They were flagged five times for personal fouls, finishing with 115 yards in penalties to set an SEC title game record.

It didn't matter. This game belonged to Georgia right from the start. The Razorbacks were stuffed on their first possession, the pro-Bulldog crowd whipped into a frenzy when Boss Bailey sacked Matt Jones on third down.

The noise got even louder when Bryant blew past the line without being touched by block Richie Butler's punt. Bryant fooled the Razorbacks by lining up on the outside, then smacking along the line as the ball was snapped. Bert Jones scooped up the loose ball and ran to the Arkansas 2.

# Miami

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of Lee Suggs' three TDs — a 9-yarder.

And just like that, Virginia Tech whittled away Miami's lead to 4-37 entering the fourth quarter.

Miami's regrouped, though, the likes of Heisman Trophy contenders Dorsey and McGahee, who finished with 39 carries to tie a school record. On the opening drive of the fourth quarter, McGahee ran nine times for 31 yards, and Dorsey went 2-of-2, hitting Kellen Winslow Jr. with an 11-yard TD pass with 10:06 left to give the Hurricanes breathing room.

Suggs scored from 4 yards with 1:51 left, and the Hokies added a 2-point conversion pass to close

the scoring. But Miami's firepower was just too much.

"We hung in there. We got some big plays," Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said. "They are real good. The offense is great and the defense is solid. They just sit there and pound you."

McGahee had TD runs of 1, 4, 3, 10, 1 and 31 yards in his final Heisman audition, and he finished the season with school records in rushing (1,686 yards) and scoring (127 touchdowns). McGahee broke Miami's single-game TD record set by Bill Little in 1933.

Dorsey also did his best to stay in the running for college football's top individual prize.

When he connected with Andre Johnson for 68 yards on the first

play of the third quarter to set up McGahee's fifth TD, the quarterback was 9-of-13 for 261 yards and a touchdown — and Miami was ahead 42-21.

Dorsey finished 12-of-20, with one interception. Johnson had six catches for 193 yards and TD.

Virginia Tech, which came into the Orange Bowl with five wins in its last seven games against the Hurricanes, made Miami work hard to complete a second straight unbeaten regular season.

After McGahee's 31-yard scoring run put Miami up 48-21, some fans in the crowd of 76,108 started tossing foam rubber cone-chips onto the field to celebrate a trip to the Fiesta Bowl.

Virginia Tech quarterback Bryan Randall was gallant in

defeat. He carried 25 times for 132 yards and completed 15 of 26 passes for 165 yards and a touchdown.

Ohio State completed its season. Nov. 23 and accepted an invitation to play in the Fiesta Bowl. The Hurricanes received their invitation from Fiesta Bowl officials at midfield after Saturday's game.

As the player ran off the field wearing Fiesta Bowl caps, Romberg noted the celebration wasn't as wild as it could have been.

"I'm glad to see we're not going crazy, because that would make me worried a little bit," Romberg said. "We've got the feeling like we belong and we've got another win to get."



SPORTS

LOOK SHARP, OR ELSE...

NFL WEEK 14

Atlanta at Tampa Bay 8-3-1 9-3
The Falcons, 16-32 the last three seasons, already have ensured the only winning season in the franchise's 32-year history. Last week, Michael Vick set an NFL record for quarterbacks by running for 173 yards...

Raiders visit Chargers for AFC West lead

First place job on the line in the AFC West when the smashmouth style of the San Diego Chargers clashes with the aerial assault of the Oakland Raiders on Sunday. All times MST

quarterback in 2000 before a fractured foot ended his season and opened the door for Aaron Brooks. Blake signed with Baltimore in April, and now gets a opportunity to enhance the Ravens' playoff chances...

Buffalo at New England 8-6 7-5
Drew Bledsoe's first game in Foxboro since being traded by the Patriots. Buffalo's shaky defense allowed touchdown runs of 45 and 55 yards by Julius Williams last week.

N.Y. Giants at Washington 6-6 5-7
Washington's Steve Spurrier considers the playoffs a dead issue. Look for running back Laddell Betts to spell disgruntled Stephen Davis...

Philadelphia at Seattle 9-3 4-8
The Eagles are down to third-string QB's Peasey. They carry concerning NFC East for the second straight year with a victory and a Giants' loss at Washington.

Cincinnati at Carolina 1-11 4-8
The Bengals need a string of victories to avoid selling the franchise record for most losses in a season. The Panthers will be without star defensive end Julius Peppers...

San Francisco at Dallas 8-4 5-7
The 49ers can clinch their first NFC West title since 1997, when they won the division for the 14th time in 17 seasons. If they beat Dallas and St. Louis...

Denver at N.Y. Jets 7-5
The winner stays viable in the division race, the loser probably can forget about any postseason plans. Denver has lost two in a row in overtime...

Houston at Pittsburgh 3-9 7-4-1
Texans' kicker Kris Brown returns to Heinz Field, where 10 of his 14 field-goal misses came last season - the most by any NFL kicker in the last 10 years.

St. Louis at Kansas City 5-7 6-6
Rams' Marshall Faulk probably will be limited by a sore ankle and the offensive line, decimated by injury, will be missing tackle Orlando Pace.

Oakland at San Diego 8-4 6-4
The San Diego Chargers are 3-3 in their last six games and all three wins came in overtime. Nonetheless, they survived against some of the best teams in the NFL...

Cleveland at Jacksonville 8-6 5-7
In a 13-6 loss to Carolina last week, Cleveland's Tim Couch completed just 12 passes for 130 yards. He is the 15th-ranked quarterback in the AFC with a 7.8 passer-efficiency rating.

Detroit at Arizona 3-9 4-8
Somebody's long losing streak will end, presuming there is no tie, when these two teams meet Sunday in an almost-empty Sun Devil Stadium.

Minnesota at Green Bay 3-9 9-3
The Vikings have lost 16 straight road games and three of their last four are away from the Metrodome. WR Randy Moss needs 10 yards to surpass 1,000 yards receiving for the fifth time.

Indianapolis at Tennessee 7-5
This is the biggest challenge left for the Colts with Tennessee the only team remaining on their schedule with a winning record. But this is the biggest game the Titans have played in nearly two seasons...

New Orleans at Baltimore 8-4 6-6
Reaching the playoffs is more important than revenge for Jeff Blake, who is the team's quarterback of a year ago. Blake was the Saints' starting

Chicago at Miami 3-9
The Dolphins are tied with New England atop the tight AFC East, and this should be their easiest remaining game. Ricky Williams comes off a 228-yard rushing effort that included 45- and 55-yard runs.

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Bucks believe they can contain Vick, again

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Talk about confidence. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have the .NFL's top-ranked defense and say their game plan changes little from week to week, regardless of the opponent. They insist they won't deviate from that approach this week against Michael Vick and the streaking Atlanta Falcons.

with a sprained right shoulder. Things went so poorly for the Falcons on offense that Brad Johnson, one of the league's least mobile quarterbacks, outrushed the speedy Vick, 2 yards to 10. "The first and last time that might ever happen," Johnson said. Vick, who's thrown for 10 touchdowns and run for eight, expects things to be different this time.

Michael Vick does find a crease, and puts the ball down and runs, we have to rally," Gruden said. "We respect everything we see from that guy. At the same time, we've got to do what we do on defense, and that's to mix up our line and let our team speed and be relentless as we attack the pocket." The Bucs were beaten by Donovan McNabb in the playoffs the past two years and also struggled against mobile quarterbacks Steve McNair and Kordell Stewart.

NFL dress-code police are prowling

By Hal Bock Associated Press writer

A platoon of ex-NFL players prowls the sidelines before games, clipboards at the ready, identifying violators of the league's strict dress code, getting the goods on them. Shirt out? That'll cost you. Socks down around the ankles? Pay up.

On the night Terrell Owens pulled a Sharpie out of his sock to autograph a football after scoring a touchdown, the Uniform Police nailed him for \$5,000 because he had his shirt tail hanging out of his pants.

The roster of the Uniform Police is interesting. Enforcing the code in Oakland is ex-defensive tackle Jack Taylor, whose autobiography, "They Call Me Assassin," would seem to make him an odd choice for a law-and-order guy.

In the upcoming Vick Era, pocket passers remain viable

By Dave Goldberg Associated Press writer

After Michael Vick ran for a quarterback-record 173 yards in Atlanta's 30-24 overtime win in Minnesota last week, one of his former teammates decided it was time to play for less-mobile QBs. "He's changed the game," Minnesota linebacker Henri Crockett said. Crockett faced Vick in the playoffs last season when he was in Atlanta and Vick sometimes ran the Falcons' scout team.

Not only makes so many Michael Vick's, said Bill Polian, the president of the Indianapolis Colts and the man who drafted Manning for the Colts and Collins for Carolina. "I don't think the thing you can do is try to create someone in his image who is not as talented. Michael is a unique player. He's the evolution of the athletic



Chicago Bears quarterback Jim McMahon and kicker Kevin Butler hug on the sidelines during the Bears 46-10 win in Super Bowl XLI on Jan. 28, 1996 photo. McMahon decided to push the NFL dress code envelope and showed up with a Adidas commercial plastered on his headband.

Don't look for any sideline confrontations. Thielemann's not into the dress issues, I tell the equipment manager," he said. "Let him be the bad guy." The rules are strict. No do-rags, no bandanas under the helmets. Like the foot-in-sock rule, the league prefers only heads inside helmets. "If you wear a stocking, it had better be the team color. And please, no logo.

To avoid crossing the police, players are advised to tuck in shirts, pull down their pants over the knees, and wear towels in front, not back. And please, jewels are limited to 6 inches long and 8 inches wide. An oversized towel cost Tennessee cornerback Samari Rolle \$15,000, although that fine was reduced on appeal.

It remains to be seen how iconoclasts such as Barry Bonds and Manny Ramirez will respond to the new pants-length rules. They probably aren't thrilled. he backed off. The fine is \$5,000 for first offense, \$10,000 for the second. About a half-dozen players a week get nailed, and the fine money goes to NFL Charities. Last week, a dozen players were caught for various infractions.

Polian said. "But he's not there. Are there any more out there? If there are, I haven't seen one." DIRTY DOZEN: The top six and bottom six teams based on current level of play. 1. Philadelphia (9-3). With McNabb out, the defense has been awesome. 2. San Diego (8-4). Surviving the toughest schedule stretch anyone could have.

28. Chicago (3-9). Trying hard to catch up. 29. Baltimore (3-9). The NFL's worst team. 30. Detroit (3-9). The M&M regime is now 5-23. End of the road. 31. Arizona (4-8). In free fall. 32. Cincinnati (1-11). Ready for stretch run.

# Teams move to variable pricing

By Steve Wilstein  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — At the box office as in the standings, not all teams are equal.

For a visit by Barry Bonds and the National League champion San Francisco Giants next summer, Mets fans are being charged up to twice as much as they are for games against some other teams playing a similar midweek series.

The Giants fall into the Mets' "gold" category, as do weekend stands against the New York Yankees, Atlanta Braves, Seattle Mariners and St. Louis Cardinals. At Yankee Stadium, ticket prices will shoot up for games against Boston, Seattle, Oakland and all NL opponents.

Mimicking airlines and hotels, though not yet with the minute-by-minute changes of those industries, baseball is turning more toward variable pricing of tickets to most major league series.

Five other teams — the Giants, Rockies, Indians, Cardinals and Cubs — so far have announced ticket plans that vary by opponent, date and time of game. Many other teams are considering similar plans for next season.

Fans might wonder if they're getting a bargain or a raw deal. The answer is probably both.

The good news for fans is that the plans will offer more affordable seats for midweek games against most teams and for weekend games against some. Average ticket prices in baseball are expected to be held down to about a 5 percent increase next season — far closer to the rise of the Consumer Price Index than the average 10 percent increase of the past decade.

The good news for clubs is that they'll take in greater overall revenues while filling seats that might otherwise go empty.

The problem for fans and clubs is that opponents who seem golden one year could be leaden the next. Bonds and the Giants are slumping when they come to town, fans paying jacked-up prices might feel ripped off.

Fan disenfranchisement, already at a high throughout the country, could get worse.

Baseball attendance dropped 6 percent last season while player salaries kept climbing. Looking for revenues wherever they can, clubs are increasingly turning to creative and complicated pricing schemes.

Colorado, for example, has four tiers of tickets and 17 types of seats, with prices ranging from \$43 for the club level infield to \$4 in the rockpile.



Tiger Woods, right, looks on as Padraig Harrington chips onto the 18th green during the third round of the Target World Challenge Saturday, in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Harrington finished the day at 19-under-par, 6 strokes ahead of Woods.

## Harrington brushes Woods aside

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Tiger Woods marked his 6-foot eagle putt and stood off to the side of the fifth green as Padraig Harrington, in trouble off the tee, played his third shot from the middle of the fairway. Harrington's wedge from 90 yards hopped and rolled right into the cup for eagle. Woods looked back at him and smiled at the luck of the Irish. Turns out that was just a preview. Harrington stole the script and the show Saturday in the Target World Challenge. He overpowered the par 5 the way Woods has done so often — a 10-footer on No. 2, the wedge he holed from the fifth fairway, a 3-iron approach on No. 11 that kissed off the pin and stepped inches away. He had a fourth eagle putt that tipped out.

"I've never seen anything like it," Woods said.

When the third round at Sherwood Country Club was over, Harrington set the course record with a 9-under 63 and held a six-shot lead over Woods. "That stuff usually happens to someone else," Harrington said. It usually happens to Woods. Instead, the world's No. 1 player came undone by missing four straight putts from 6 feet or less, struggling to a 70 and leaving himself in need of a big comeback if he wants to successfully defend his title.

Harrington was at 19-under 157, breaking by one stroke the 54-hole tournament record set in 2000 by Sergio Garcia. His six-stroke lead was the largest in the four-year history of the event. Vijay Singh had a four-shot lead through three rounds last year.

Harrington trailed Woods by one stroke going into the third round, but already was two

strokes ahead after the third hole. The lead only widened the longer they played.

Even more disheartening to Woods was that every time he appeared to have the advantage, Harrington took it away.

Harrington hit a 7-iron into 10 feet on No. 2 and holed the eagle putt, while Woods missed his eagle putt from 8 feet. Woods also missed his 6-foot eagle putt on No. 5.

All he has to do now is win the \$3.8 million tournament.

Woods left the course immediately because of a head cold, and he tweaked his left knee playing one shot out of the junk. He was at 13-under 203.

Bernhard Langer made an unlikely bogey on the par-3 eighth by holing a 40-foot putt with 20 feet of break, and finished with a 67. He was at 204. David Tom's (68) and Nick Price (70) were another stroke back.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

**Twin Falls High School sells fruit for fund-raiser**  
The Twin Falls High School basketball and softball teams are selling cases of navel oranges and Texas Rio-grapefruit this week to raise money for field maintenance and equipment. A single case costs \$15 while ordering a case of oranges and another of grapefruit together costs \$27.

Those who order this week can pick up their fruit at the First Federal Savings Bank parking lot at the corner of Blue Lakes Blvd. and Falls Ave. on Dec. 14.

To order, call Matt Russmussen at 735-5966 or Nick Baumert at 733-4378 or 308-4978.

**Pros honor Idaho rodeos among top in U.S.**  
LAS VEGAS, Nevada — Canyon County's major rodeos have been showered with national honors from Pro Rodeo peers.

Leading cowboys and cowgirls who gathered at the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's annual convention selected both local rodeos among their top five favorites.

The Caldwell Night Rodeo was voted one of the Top 5 large outdoor rodeos of the year for a second year. The Snake River Stampede in Nampa was picked in the Top 5 for indoor rodeos of the year.

Vern Carpenter of Nampa, a board member of the Snake River Stampede, also was named the National Committeeman of the Year in the P.R.C.A. Kim Steinkamp of Vale, Ore., was named top rodeo photographer of the year.

"Just about every other introduction was someone connected to one of our two rodeos," Jimmie Hurley, executive secretary of the Snake River Stampede, said. "It has been a very good year."

**TFHS cheerleaders win bid to nationals**  
BOISE — The Twin Falls High School cheerleading squad won the regional qualifier competition to represent Capital High School Saturday night, winning the large varsity division.

The Universal Cheer Association national competition will be held in Orlando, Fla. next month.

The squad won the regional qualifier last year. The team also garnered the high overall score on Saturday.

**Red Sox SS Garciparrá proposes to Mia Hamm**  
BOSTON — Boston Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciparrá and soccer star Mia Hamm are engaged.

Garciparrá, a two-time American League batting champion, proposed to Hamm, the top scorer in the history of the U.S. women's national team during the Thanksgiving holiday, the Boston Herald reported Friday.

The 29-year-old Garciparrá proposed to the 30-year-old Hamm by bending down on one knee, the newspaper reported.

The two met at charity event in 1998 and started dating last Thanksgiving, shortly after Hamm divorced her husband of six years, Marine helicopter pilot Christian Corry.

Garciparrá told the newspaper the couple is planning to wed "sometime in the next two years."

**Eberharter posts fourth win of season; Rahives is third**  
BEAVER CREEK, Colo. — Austrian ace Stephan Eberharter earned his fourth win in six races this season, capturing a World Cup downhill Saturday in which Daron Rahives of the United States finished third.

On a strong day for American skiers, Marco Sullivan was sixth and Bode Miller was eighth.

Eberharter was 0.10 seconds ahead of teammate Michael Walchhofer. Rahives was third despite being given a late start number after he was among several skiers found in violation of an equipment rule in Friday's final training run.

Eberharter won his third straight race. He captured a season-opening giant slalom in Solden, Austria.

**Olympic champion Montillet wins downhill**  
LAKE LOUISE, Alberta — Olympic champion Carole Montillet won a World Cup

## College bowling provides opportunities for athletes

HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP) — To many people, bowling meant to be played with a beer in one hand and a cigarette in the other. It's a game for rainy afternoons or Thursday nights after work.

To college administrators, however, bowling is a new way to comply with the regulations of Title IX. And, perhaps most importantly, bowling has provided a small group of women with an opportunity to attend college.

"I wasn't going to go to college. I was going to go to beauty school," Dana Iacono said. "I always wanted to go to hair school since I was 12 ... Then Mr. LoPresti came with the offer."

Mike LoPresti became the first coach of the Fairleigh Dickinson varsity women's bowling program in April, not long after the university announced it was adding the sport to its athletic program. Iacono is one of five freshmen on the squad, all of whom receive full scholarships.

Through his contacts in the New Jersey bowling community and his experience coaching in the area, LoPresti organized the program's first season, which started this fall and runs through April.

Nationally, more than 25,000 boys and girls competed on 2,107 high school bowling teams in the 2001-02 academic year, according to a study by the Federation of State High School Federations' participation survey.

When FDU initiated its program, it became the 40th institution in the country with a varsity team — a growing women's bowling to championship status in the



Dana Iacono of the Fairleigh Dickinson University women's bowling team rolls a practice ball in the National College Team Match tournament Nov. 30 in St. Louis.

eyes of the NCAA. The governing body will run its first women's bowling championships in the 2003-04 academic year.

In September 1994, the NCAA recognized women's bowling as an "emerging sport" to encourage institutions to provide more athletic opportunities to female athletes and to help them comply with Title IX — the 1972 federal law prohibiting gender discrimination in academia.

About six years ago, FDU set out to expand its women's athletic offerings, in part, to comply with Title IX.

"It was an acknowledgment and a recognition on the part of the university ... that from an equity point of view, we needed to add women's sports," FDU

interim athletic director Ann Gulino said.

The Knights added a women's softball team in fall 2000 and the soccer team in spring 2001. The program completed the expansion project, which has helped FDU increase the percentage of women in its athletic program from 47.1 percent in the 2000-01 academic year to 50.9 percent in 2001-02 (women made up 56 percent of all FDU undergrads in 2001-02). The percentage of female athletes is likely to rise, since the women's bowling team's effect on the ratio won't be calculated until after this academic year.

"It's improved," Gulino said. "What we were trying to achieve when we added those sports was

to get our proportionality more in line."

While not the most common interscholastic sport, New Jersey is a hotbed for competitive bowling, with more than 2,500 boys and 1,500 girls competing on high school teams. Of the 42 NCAA member schools that sponsor women's bowling, three are in New Jersey: FDU, New Jersey City University and St. Peter's College.

Only two Division I conferences have sponsored women's bowling play: the Southwestern Athletic Conference and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

But don't get the idea the athletes have it easy.

In addition to practices at the local lanes, the Knights keep a workout regimen combining strength training and cardiovascular work during the season. The competitions are also strenuous, with athletes bowling as many as 10 games per day.

"It's not just that you go out there and bowl three games, have a drink in the back and smoke a cigarette," FDU freshman Lisa Friscione said.

Despite the steep adjustment from high school to college bowling, FDU's freshmen are enjoying the experience.

"I knew about college bowling, but I didn't know how intense it was," said Iacono, an accounting major. "It's a great opportunity for me. I'm really happy I'm here doing it because I would be sitting home now and going to beauty school and not being able to travel and do what I love to do."

Compiled from staff and wire reports

NATION

# Critics: Airtankers are death traps

## Aging planes are prone to crashes

RENO, Nev. (AP) - As federal safety investigators tried to determine why an airtanker fighting a wildfire in the Sierra this summer, critics said they should ask a different question:

What was the Korean War-vintage military surplus plane doing in the air in the first place? The C-130A cargo plane would have been pulled from the fire lines years ago if the Forest Service had listened to warnings from the agency's own experts, the Agriculture Department's inspector general, a private whistleblower and prosecutors in the Justice Department's fraud unit.

The agency was told repeatedly that the 46-year-old aircraft that went down near Walker, Calif., in June never should have been released from the Air Force "storeyard" at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in 1988 and given virtually free to a firefighting contractor.

Just one month later, in July, two more crew members were killed in a crash in Colorado in a PB4Y-2 owned by the same firefighting contractor, Hawkins & Powers Aviation Inc. of Greybull, Wyo.

Company officials insist safety is their top priority. Others have raised many questions.

"This is the Achilles heel of the nation's firefighting effort," said Jim Lyons, who was in charge of the Forest Service as an assistant U.S. agriculture secretary from 1993 to 2000.

Calling the Forest Service's longtime use of planes retired from other parts of government a baffling "beg, borrow and steal operation," he said he proposed purchasing an up-to-date firefighting fleet, but the plan went nowhere.

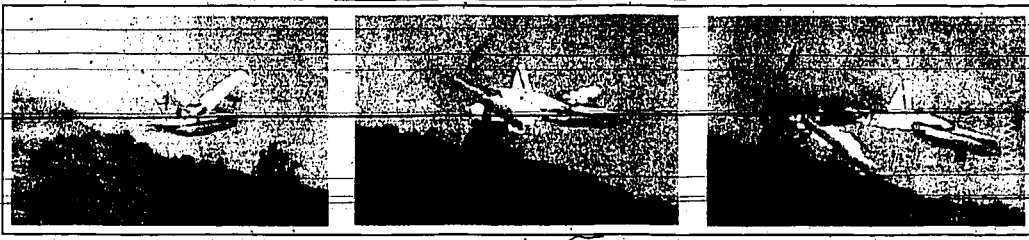
"For an organization like the Forest Service - with the size of their firefighting operation and expense to the taxpayers it was always remarkable to me that this was the way they secured aircraft."

Lyons said he hopes the recommendations of a blue-ribbon panel investigating the matter at the request of Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth will bring changes resulting in a safer operation. The panel's report, released Friday, called for enhanced standards.

"I always was concerned that this was going to lead to more fatalities, and lo and behold, this summer it did," said Lyons, now a professor at Yale.

"It reminds me of the question I always used to ask when I was there: Why the hell do they continue to fly these old death traps?"

Every summer, wild fires break out in arid stretches of the West. As an army swings into action to fight them on the ground, a special air force also joins the fray. For decades, the federal government has used air tankers to drop retardants, often in remote, hard-to-reach areas.



A sequence of images taken from television shows a C-130A aircraft that lost its wings and crashed while battling a wildfire near Walker, Calif., June 17. Three crew members were killed in the crash. The nation's entire aerial wildland firefighting program is being reviewed after a string of crashes this past summer.

Veterans say an attack from the air is critical to efforts to get an early jump on the flames, to keep the fire from burning out of control toward homes and property. Clearly, the job is fraught with hazards.

Since 1992, there have been seven airtanker accidents and 15 fatalities.

The "blue ribbon" panel of experts said Friday the Forest Service's safety record is unacceptable and changes should be made. It faulted the Federal Aviation Administration for taking a hands-off approach when it comes to certifying and inspecting the firefighting aircraft.

The report said safety standards for the company in particular, Hawkins & Powers Aviation Inc., which contracts to the Forest Service, has had a string of similar accidents since the late 1970s. Many of the planes date back to the Korean War-era.

attempt to recover the planes. Hooper said. But the contractors resisted and several planes have been tied up in legal battles, he said.

Justice Department officials maintain the ownership of the planes never legally transferred to the contractors, but said it wasn't their job to recover the property.

"It was really the Forest Service's place to step in and take those, and they never did," said Patrick Schneider, the chief criminal assistant U.S. attorney in Arizona. He said he does not know why the planes weren't repossessed.

Neither does Rose Davis, chief spokeswoman for the Forest Service's interagency firefighting unit in Boise, Idaho, who referred calls to Hooper.

Even Reagan's former defense lawyer, Mel McDonald, questioned why the contractors still were in possession of the planes.

"I frankly think the Forest Service plane issue is a national scandal," he said.

"The lives of dedicated firefighters are put at risk every time one of those half-century-old C-130A aircraft is put in the air."

Experts inside and outside the Forest Service have been warning since 1994 - the last time there were two fatal crashes in the same year - that the aircraft were not properly maintained.

"I kept telling them in 1994 and '95 and '96 that you've got to ground these airplanes because they are not being maintained properly and you are going to kill a lot of people," said Gary Eitel, an aviation consultant who testified before Congress and filed a whistleblower lawsuit in an unsuccessful attempt to force return of the planes to the government.

## Old planes detail a fiery crash history

The U.S. Forest Service is reviewing 'their aerial' firefighting program after the wings fall off two airtankers in mid-July last summer. One

1969 PB4Y-2 crashes into trees after completing a slurry drop. Pilot error blamed. Two dead.

1975 Consolidated PB4Y-2 Privateer runs off the runway into the sea while landing. No cause listed. No injuries.

1980 Consolidated PB4Y-2 Privateer veers off the runway when a tire bursts. No cause listed. No deaths.

2002 Left wing of a 57-year-old PB4Y-2 Consolidated-Vutee Privateer breaks off in mid-air while fighting a wildfire. Airframe failure blamed. Two dead.

1994 Wing separates from a 45-year-old Lockheed C-130A formerly owned by Hawkins & Powers during level flight. Investigation reopened; initial probe blamed a fuel leak explosion; subsequent probe blamed wing separation. Three dead.

1994 Wing separates from a 44-year-old Lockheed Hercules as it completes a retardant drop. Airframe failure blamed. Three dead.

1978 Wing separates from a 44-year-old Lockheed C-119 air tanker during a retardant drop. Two dead.

1981-A C-119 explodes while climbing. Both wings separate from after dropping parachute-equipped cargo fall off their C-119 as it drops to ground firefighters. Mechanical failure of an engine. No deaths.

1978 Crash during a test flight of a C-119. Mechanical problem of a belly landing. Three dead.

1984 Aero-spasiale SA-316B helicopter crashes after running out of fuel. Maintenance error blamed. Comrod gas gauge. No deaths, three serious injuries.

1990 Hughes 369D helicopter crashes and rolls. Maintenance error blamed. Compressor corroded, seal missing. No deaths.

1992 Piper PA-28-180 crashes after colliding with a radio tower. Pilot error blamed. Flaw into a marked radio tower. One dead.

1992 Lockheed P2V-7 crashes during a passenger. Eliza Larcose blamed. Flew into a storm without proper navigation equipment. Two dead.

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SOURCES: National Transportation Safety Board; The Aviation Safety Network; California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; 10th edition of the "Lockheed Hercules Production List 1954-1993 Valley Flying Service of Hemet, Calif.," by Lars Olafsson of Sweden; Court records; News accounts

Gene Powers, a co-founder of Hawkins & Powers in 1969 who started fighting fires from the air in the 1950s, defended his company's record in a hearing before the blue ribbon panel in Denver in October.

"Safety is more vital to us than it is to you," Powers told the panelists. "You can say that you're interested in safety, but it isn't your son or your grandson or your employee that dies."

"This investigation will prove to the media and it will prove to the industry that there's nothing that Hawkins & Powers could have reasonably done to have prevented this accident with the information we had and with the procedures that are in place," he said.

Powers said his firm has been made a scapegoat and that the Forest Service contracts don't pay enough to increase maintenance standards.

"Safety costs money," Powers said.

"Maintenance is the same way. We have to maintain these aircraft and inspect them, but we have to do it out there in the field at night in an area where there is no lights, there is no power. We've only got so many safety dollars and so many mechanic dollars."

The plane that crashed in the Sierra has a history similar to the nearly two dozen others the contractors secured from the government under the exchange program - including seven to Hawkins & Powers.

Like the others, this C-130A frequently changed hands among the contractors and others, through sublease arrangements or outright sales.

Contractor T&G Aviation maintained when it was found with two of the planes in Kuwait that it did not think it was subject to Forest Service restrictions because it did not receive the planes from the federal agency directly but from Reagan, then a private broker.

The Justice Department's amended criminal complaint filed against Reagan and Fuchs in U.S. District Court in Tucson Oct. 31, 1996, said five contractors "used the aircraft for other than intended or authorized purposes and sold some of the aircraft parts for profit."

The contractors were named only as unindicted co-conspirators.

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PlayStation 3 (0.8 million)

**BRIEFLY IN MONEY**

**IWC will hold meeting Thursday and Friday**

**BOISE** - Idaho Wheat Commission Chairman Boyd Schwieder called a meeting of the IWC to be held Thursday and Friday at the IWC conference room, 1109 Main St., Suite 310, in Boise. It begins at 8 a.m. Thursday and continues at 8:30 a.m. Friday. The meeting will include a review of IWC financial statements, research projects, preliminary budget proposals and consideration of various market development requests from the agricultural community. All interested producers are welcome. For those hearing impaired or handicapped, assistance will be provided upon request. For information, call 334-2353.

**Idaho barley group plans Tuesday meeting**

**BOISE** - The Idaho Barley Commission will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the commission office, 1199 Main St., Suite G, Owyhee Plaza, in Boise. Barley growers and other interested parties are invited. For those hearing impaired or handicapped, assistance will be provided upon request; notify the commission at 334-2090 before the meeting.

**Some firms are no longer afraid of holiday job cuts**

It's a truly Grinchian reality: The boss hands you a pink slip for the holidays. Now what? Mass holiday job cuts are no longer taboo. Don't try to hide unemployment from family and visiting friends, and be diligent about not feeling sorry for yourself, according to Meridian Resources, a career-transition agency based in Greenville, S.C. "You'll need the support of family, friends, and colleagues to launch an effective job search," said Ron Grant, Meridian's president. Be sure to ask your soon-to-be-ex-employer about any job assistance the company can provide, and inquire about severance benefits. Also, some companies will offer more if, for example, your job is disappearing some time early in the new year but you agree to stay on until then.

**Experts: Make a list to avoid overspending**

Post-turkey, the holiday shopping season is now in full blast. But just as Santa makes a list and checks it twice, so should you, credit counselors say, as a way to avoid a painful spending binge this month. Mapping out your shopping foray before hitting the stores can help curb impulsive or extravagant buys, according to Cambridge Credit Counseling Corp. Also, Cambridge says, resist retailers' credit offers, try to pay with a check, cash or debit card and develop an overall budget for your gift-giving.

**Holidays are a good time to go looking for a new job**

Contrary to popular perception, the holiday season can be a fine time to begin scouting a new job. January is often the peak hiring month at many companies, making December an optimal time to get your resume before a hiring manager, according to The Five O'Clock Club, a career counseling agency. Also, many managers reduce their travel toward the end of the year, so they're more likely to be in the office with time to peruse your resume or take your phone call. Other factors in your favor are the abundance of holiday parties at which one can network, and the relative lack of competition, said Richard Bayer, the company's chief operating officer. Compiled from staff and wire reports

# SOLID GROWTH

## Church, Old Towne project top November construction starts

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - A growing church, a warehouse renovation and busy home builders helped Twin Falls last month match its stunning November 2001 construction activity.

The city posted a negligible 0.1 percent decline in overall building starts - just \$7,420 below November 2001, when Dell Computer Corp.'s \$1.5 million renovation of a former grocery store set construction values soaring.

With several sizable commercial projects in the mix, Twin Falls last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated \$5.48 million for combined construction types.

That's a heartening economic indicator for growth-minded business people.

Year-to-date 2002's tally - \$46.59 million for combined types - is just 1 percent below last year's \$47.74 million for the first 11 months. That's a \$3.85 million advance in construction values so far this year, or 9.0 percent.

The residential sector gets much of the credit.

November's 28 permits for new single-family homes beat by more than half the 18 such permits of November 2001 and the 17 of a year earlier.

And those Twin Falls homes' average estimated value last month grew to \$92,748 from the \$90,715 of a year earlier. That average typically fluctuates from month to month.

Last month's 28 single-family house permits brought 2002's year-to-date total to 317 - already 31.5 percent above last year's record-breaking 241 annual count.

November's permit activity included no mobile homes or apartment units.

Permit records show a number of notable commercial projects last month. The list opens a window to the city's business growth and investment - who's new in the market, and who's expanding.

Here's the news behind some of that sector's numbers:

**Substantial seating**

Twin Falls Reformed Church launched the first portion of its three-phase project to bring its expanding membership into a single meeting room.

"We have outgrown our current space," said Connie Lancaster, administrative assistant.

The congregation is too big for its current sanctuary, so it meets in the church's gymnasium in two separate services.

A building permit issued in November is for the \$1.59 million first phase, a 27,812-square-foot structure with an atrium and a "worship center," she said. The latter is a big room with 1,100 temporary seats, which will be used first for fitting the congregation back into a single church service and later - after the rest of the planned construction - for banquets and church events.

The coming construction phases will add a 1,300-seat sanctuary and a complex of classrooms. Lancaster isn't sure which will be the second and which the third phase. She said church leaders are awaiting estimates of the cost of the entire three-phase plan.

Much of the worship center's cost is installation of a larger-capacity water line, she said. Construction is to the west of the church's existing facility at 1631 Grandview Drive N.

Twin Falls Reformed Church hopes to complete the first phase by May. The rest of the timeline is uncertain. For future phases, Lancaster said, the church will raise most or all of the money before starting construction.

**Old Towne transformation**

Twin Falls attorney Jeff Hepworth and his investing partner in the New Simpson & Co. LLC are transforming the former Gem State Paper & Supply warehouse in Old Towne into professional offices.

Simpson took ownership of the historic building at 161-Fifth



Dave Lammens, a worker with Stritzman Excavating Inc., directs a load of gravel onto a new water pipe across Grandview Drive North. The pipe is being laid to accommodate a \$1.59 million expansion of the Twin Falls Reformed Church.

**Recent numbers at a glance**

Here's how Twin Falls' total construction values in the past six months stacked up against the same months a year earlier:

Nov. '02	no change
Oct. '02	▼ 28 percent
Sept. '02	▲ 83 percent
Aug. '02	▼ 6 percent
July '02	▼ 27 percent
June '02	▲ 44 percent

Ave. S. in November 2001. Members are Hepworth, who owns the bottom floor; attorney Kenneth Pedersen, who owns the third floor; and accountant Daniel Deagle, financial planner Dan Karren and attorney Steven Peterson, who share the second floor.

Those professionals and the firms with which they practice hope to move in by mid-June. On the third floor, Pedersen will occupy 4,000 square feet and seek a tenant for the remaining 2,000 square feet.

A building permit issued in November lists "the city's \$19,584 estimate of construction value for the renovation. But that's not the entire cost.

Investors expect to spend about \$800,000 for improvements to the exterior, to main structural elements and to common areas such as lobby and bathrooms, Hepworth said. And they'll spend something like \$175,000 on the interiors of each of the three floors.

**GOING UP**

**The November report**

Estimated values for construction that received permits in November from Twin Falls city:

Type	Nov. '02	Nov. '01	Nov. '00
New single-family homes:	\$2,596,932	\$1,632,871	\$1,440,208
New multifamily units:	0	\$130,890	0
New commercial projects:	\$1,586,396	\$531,205	\$1,055,131
Commercial alterations/additions:	\$1,186,016	\$2,803,053	\$251,435
Total*	\$5,469,344	\$5,492,287	\$2,927,215

\*Includes such things as mobile homes, residential alterations/additions and signs

Source: City building department

they expect the total price to stand at \$1.6 million, including the \$180,000 paid for the building and land, Hepworth said.

**Cost cutting**

Columbia Electric Supply plans a move from its Locust Street South location to a former seed-company storage building at 552 Washington St., after the landowner finishes a remodeling. "Why move?"

"Smaller and saving money. Better location," said Garret Karl, manager of Columbia Electric.

He hopes to vacate the wholesale store's Locust location by Dec. 20.

"It's just always been too big for our operation. It's a lot more square footage than we need," Karl said.

Columbia Electric - a branch of Columbia-based Consolidated Electrical Distributors - is an electrical distributor for industrial, commercial and residential builders around Magic Valley and the Wood River Valley,

mostly catering to new construction. The branch employs six people full time, and that number won't change with the move, Karl said.

"Our business has been really steady for the last year. We're up in business over last year," he said, crediting an increase in industrial projects while residential and commercial activity stayed steady.

The remodeling project on Washington, paid for by the property owner for the new tenant, will enlarge and create office space in what was mostly an empty shell, Karl said.

A building permit lists a \$45,000 estimated cost.

**Bank work begins**

The mostly empty bank building at downtown's central intersection will get a new bank tenant and a new look.

Magic Valley Bank in October announced plans to consolidate its three Twin Falls operations

# Mining firms post gains

Idaho-based Hecla rallies from difficulties

The Associated Press

**SPOKANE, Wash.** - Terrorist threats and political instability in some parts of the world are fueling an unlikely economic boom in the nation's mining camps.

Gold prices are rising, partly as a result of uncertainties caused by terrorists, and that is re-energizing the moribund mining industry in the West.

Nevada, which accounts for 76 percent of U.S. gold production, is in the midst of "the biggest gold-mining boom in American history," according to a report from the Nevada Bureau of Mines.

"We've been excited now for half a year, since gold prices began going up," said Steven D. Craig, vice president of Golden Phoenix Minerals Inc. of Reno, Nev. "It's been a long drought for those of us who are left."

After a long series of bankruptcies and mergers, "the people left are the true survivors of the industry," Craig said this week at the annual convention of the Northwest Mining Association.

Gold prices rose this year from \$270 an ounce to settle around \$320, Craig said. Silver prices average \$4.52 per ounce.

Among the companies benefiting most from the rebound is 111-year-old Hecla Mining Co. of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, which as recently as two years ago was struggling for survival.

Hecla's stock has been one of the top performers on the New York Stock Exchange this year, as the company focuses on low-cost production of gold and silver from mines in the United States, Mexico and Venezuela.

The stock price of around 50 cents a share two years ago was at \$3.96 a share this week, one of the biggest turnarounds in the past year among NYSE companies, president Phil Baker said Wednesday.

Hecla sold an industrial minerals division to pay down \$50 million of its debt. A third of the staff at the corporate headquarters took early retirement. And more than 100 workers at the Lucky Friday mine in the Silver Valley lost their jobs.

"As a result, the company earlier this year reported \$2.3 million in net income - the company's first profit in a decade.

"The industry is certainly much more optimistic with prices at the current level," Baker said. "The outlook for gold is likely to go up."

"We expect to grow at a faster rate," Baker said.

Hecla has about 700 employees, about 35 of them at headquarters in Coeur d'Alene, Baker said.

The company expects this year to produce 235,000 ounces of gold, at an average cost of \$140 per ounce, and 8.2 million ounces of silver, at less than \$2.30 per ounce, Baker said. At current prices, that leaves plenty of profit.

While mines in developing and Third World nations may be cheaper to operate, social unrest and anti-Western attitudes, especially in Muslim countries, are making for a difficult business climate, executives told the convention.

"We at Golden Phoenix have chosen to stay in North America, especially the U.S.," Baker said.

At the same time, buying gold has always been a refuge for nervous investors during times of economic and political crisis, Craig said.

The rise in gold prices means more profits that can be pumped into exploration and development of mines, and speculation from investors seeking to



# Firms reach deal on bean patent

After a long and financially draining court battle between Pod-Ners, LLC and other U.S. bean marketers over ownership of a yellow bean, a deal has been reached.

The Colorado-based bean company holds an internationally controversial U.S. patent on yellow Enola beans. Yielding the patent and a Plant Variety Right certificate to Larry Proctor, filed suit over a year ago against Greeley-based Northern Feed and Bean and its sister company, Yellow River, LLC charging patent infringement. Greeley attorney for the companies—being sued—Sam Oldenburg, this week said Pod-Ners, LLC and Yellow River, LLC have mutually dropped their court claims, but as Oldenburg puts it, Yellow River is subject to a confidentiality agreement that was “imposed on them” by Pod-Ners.

Yellow River, LLC now has the right to do business with any kind of yellow beans. And this is not just for Pod-Ners Enola beans,” Oldenburg said. “The case with the Federal District Court was dismissed. He (Larry Proctor) dropped the PVP infringement claim against Yellow River, and we dropped our counter claims against Pod-Ners.”

### Mexican sale benefits Southern Idaho

BOISE — Selling wheat is not always as easy as taking the crop to elevators. The Idaho Farm Bureau Federation five years of meetings, trade visits and negotiations to close a 85,000 bushel sale of hard white wheat worth \$500,000 to seven flour mills in Mexico. Farm Bureau President Frank Priestley said Idahoans visited Mexico many times. Face to face contact landed the contract, he said. The sale was announced during the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation's annual meeting in Boise last week.

Hilario Payan of Munsa Mills in Oregon, Sonora, echoed that sentiment. He said his company doesn't deal with people it doesn't know.

The 25 rail cars left Burley in

### Mining

Continued from D1 escape the stock market, Craig said. Copper prices also are starting to rise a bit, indicating a general economic rebound because copper is used in homes, automobiles and electrical transmission, Craig said.

“This is really the early stages of a new cycle in exploration and mining,” Craig said. “It's going to be a good cycle.”

Other North American mining and exploration companies reporting increased activity include: Constellation Copper Corp., of Denver, who is developing the Lisbon Valley Project in Utah. The Lisbon Valley mine has been permitted and is expected to produce more than 50 million pounds of copper per year starting in 2004. The company also is pursuing a mine project in Chihuahua, Mexico, that is expected to produce 40 million pounds of copper and 60 million

### Construct

Continued from D1 into the former Wells Fargo building at 113 Main Ave. W., as the primary tenant for that building's new owner.

Wells Fargo sold its former office Sept. 27 to the new Perrine Partnership LLC, a group of local business people who are directors of Magic Valley Bank. Perrine Partnership will rent more than half of the structure to Magic Valley Bank and asked the two law firms occupying part of the second floor to stay.

The partnership plans significant remodeling inside and outside.

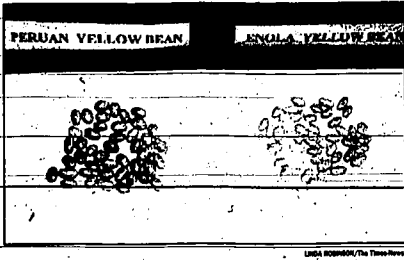
The \$400,000 portion permitted in November is just the first taste — destruction of existing walls on the second floor, said Phillip D. Bratton, Magic Valley Bank president.

He said Tuesday that investors still didn't know the entire cost of their renovation plans.

Magic Valley Bank still hopes to find a move by sometime in April. But some of the leasing moves have been delayed 45 to 60 days.

The bank had hoped to have part of the bank operation at main street and Shoshone Street by Jan. 1. “And that's obviously not going to happen,” Bratton said Tuesday.

In line for a lube Jiffy Lube is adding a third



An international battle is still brewing over a patent claim on the Enola-bean despite a settlement this week in an infringement lawsuit.



Farmbeat Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

early November and arrived in Sonora, Mexico November 21.

### Researchers work to eliminate rhizomania

PAUL — Growers want a beet seed that is disease-resistant and can produce high yields and high sugar content. “We’re pretty close,” said J.R. Stander, Betaseed director of research for the western United States. In fact, a new world record for sugar beet production was set this year in the Imperial Valley in California, an area planned to be a rhizomania resistant variety. The variety is now being used in Idaho, he said. Rhizomania is a serious disease of sugar beets that can greatly reduce sugar yield by reducing either the tonnage or sugar content, or both. Research done by John Gallian, University of Idaho plant pathologist and sugar beet specialist, shows the seriousness of the disease. During variety performance

tests under moderate disease-severity conditions, resistant varieties fared better than susceptible varieties by nearly 10 tons per acre and 1 percent sugar content was found between resistant and susceptible varieties, Gallian said.

### USDA gives UI drought research helping hand

IDAHO FALLS — While the irrigation community has done a good job conserving water during the ongoing drought, any tools to continue to fight the problem would be beneficial. Keith Espino, executive director of Idaho Growers of Idaho, said that drought risk research being done at University of Idaho, sounds like it will be beneficial to growers.

Another research has just received a boost from the federal government. Earlier this week Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced the awarding of \$18.5 million dollars in grants to help provide new ways for producers to manage risks to their businesses and for outreach and educational opportunities to women, limited-resource and other traditionally underserved farmers and ranchers. A portion of that \$18.5 million — \$185,306 — goes to University of Idaho for a study called “Reducing Exposure to Drought Risk in Potato Production Systems.”

### ing positive cash flow, and exports

of a record 15 million ounces of silver this year, up 40 percent from 2001, the company said. Coeur, also traded on the New York Stock Exchange, has cut its outstanding debt in half, he said. NovaGold Resources Inc., of Los Gatos, Calif., is developing one of the largest gold mines in the world at Donlin Creek, Alaska. The mine has an estimated capacity of 23 million ounces of gold. NovaGold and partner Placer Dome have spent some \$40 million on exploration and other activities at the mine in south-western Alaska. The partners hope to produce 600,000 ounces of gold per year. Nevada Pacific Gold Ltd., an exploration company in Reno, Nev., is studying 10 different projects in Nevada, covering 100 square miles of mineral rights. One project alone, Limousine Butte, could produce 620,000 ounces of gold, the company said.

### waiting area. The addition's

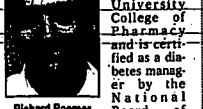
value is estimated at \$32,256. That expansion at Twin Falls’ authorized independent dealer for Harley-Davidson motorcycles follows a list of other construction projects there over the past couple of years, including a shop and service area expansion, a retail showroom addition, and a new storage building. Loong Hing Restaurant — a new venture of the Monolian House restaurant — underwent a \$26,000 kitchen remodeling at the former Jade Restaurant location, 1719 Kimberly Road. Here are the other shifts in the game of musical restaurants: Jade moved earlier this year to the former Blue Lakes Boulevard North location of Prime Cut Meat Market Restaurant, which closed a year ago. Monolian House, elsewhere on Blue Lakes, is headed for demolition to make way for an expansion of the nearby Albertsons grocery store. Land O'Lakes Inc., which has food-processing operations in Gooding and Twin Falls, underwent a \$20,000 remodeling of restrooms and a break room at its 2407 Warren Ave. facility to comply with handicapped-accessibility regulations. Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 242, or at virginia@magicvalley.com.

# YOUR BUSINESS

## CAREER MOVES

### Richard Roemer

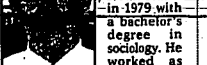
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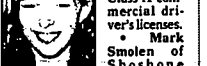


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**TWIN FALLS** — Burrey Care and Assisted Living named Paul Crook as its administrator. Crook grew up in a health-care family and has a strong health-care employment background. He has a history of excellent state surveys, which included deficiency-free surveys. Burrey Care and Assisted Living said.

### Bobbie Guenter

**TWIN FALLS** — Bobbie Guenter graduated Nov. 21. She will work for U.S. Express.

### Dr. Melissa Lockhart

**TWIN FALLS** — Dr. Melissa Lockhart, a chiropractic physician and alternative health-care practitioner, opened a practice in the Canyon Springs Chiropractic Health Center on Shoup Avenue.

### Dr. Verlie Stanger

**TWIN FALLS** — Verlie Stanger, an English teacher at Twin Falls High School, was named a National Board Certified teacher.

Teachers who achieve that status have completed more than 200 hours of work, video tapes of classroom practices, a portfolio of samples of student work and a critical self-assessment. For the final step, the applicant completes a six-hour written component. The program is supported by state universities through classroom assistance and financial aid.

## MILESTONES

### New clothing store opens in Magic Valley Mall

**TWIN FALLS** — Mariposa, the newest store at Magic Valley Mall, is now open between Demarco's and Software Etc. Mariposa is based in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The 1,953-square-foot store in Twin Falls carries women's, misses and juniors' ready-to-wear apparel, sports-wear and accessories; special-occasion dresses year-round; and business suits. Brand names include LEI, Mudd and Paris Blues.

“They will be an excellent addition to the Magic Valley Mall because they will not only cater to the mall's core customers — women 15 to 40 years old — but Mariposa will broaden the selection of apparel stores for women 25 years old and up,” said Kimberly Williams, marketing director at the mall. There are 35 Mariposa stores in the United States and about 200 in Canada. Christal Stimpson, manager of Mariposa, can be reached at 737-0337.

### Clothing, jewelry store opens in Burley

**BURLEY** — Expectations, at 1222 Overland Ave. in Burley, is now open for business. Calls are being taken at 878-9838. Business hours are 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and on Saturdays, and 2-7 p.m. on Fridays.

The business is owned and operated by Ella Spencer, Scott Spencer, Everett Spencer and Judy Spencer. Merchandise includes clothing and jewelry.

### Home health business opens in Burley/Rupert area

**BURLEY** — Aspen Grove Home Health began seeing patients in the Burley/Rupert area in May 2002. Nancy Duncan, administrator, and her staff have many years of health care experience.

### Seminar helps with books

**TWIN FALLS** — A Bridge21 QuickBooks Introductory Seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 19 at Loforge, Braga & Donnelly Cht., 864 Flava Ave. The seminar is designed for spouses who help with the books on a part-time basis, business owners who want to avoid mistakes and improve cash flow, partners looking for long-term answers to accounting

### Future plans include offices in Twin Falls

**TWIN FALLS** — Ed Pocatello, as well as the addition of hospice care at all three branches. The business helps individuals experiencing health problems, allowing the patients to recuperate from an illness, injury or surgery in the comfort and privacy of home. Care is provided by a registered nurse or therapist under the direction of a physician who receives regular updates on the patient's condition and response to treatment. Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Aspen Grove Home Health's business office is at 2231 Overland Ave. in Burley and can be reached at 678-2152.

### Edward Jones executive earns industry award

**TWIN FALLS** — Edward Jones managing partner John Bachmann received the 2002 National Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for Principle-Centered Leadership presented by Ernst & Young. According to Edward Jones, the Twin Falls investment representative. When Bachmann succeeded Edward D. Jones Jr. as managing partner of Edward Jones in 1990, the St. Louis-based firm had 300 offices and revenues of \$19 million. Today, it boasts

### Edward Jones executive earns industry award

8,700 offices and revenues of more than \$2 billion, is preparing to embark on an aggressive round of growth, and was recently named the No. 1 “Best Company to Work For” in America by Fortune magazine. The Principle-Centered Leadership award honors individuals who have built world-class businesses by being honest as people of integrity, building an empowered culture and leaving a legacy of contribution to community, Edward Jones said.

### Importing business plans grand opening this week

**TWIN FALLS** — The grand opening of Karen and Johnny Lopez's new business, Abuelita's Antiques, Imports and Accessories, is set for Thursday through Saturday. The new business is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. The shop is at 126 Second St. E., across the alley from Banner Furniture and two doors away from La Posada. The Lopezes travel to Rosa Rito, Mexico, four times a year for such imported items as pottery, pictures, statuary and tiles. The shop also carries rag rugs, crocheted and quilted items, and an assortment of candles.

After returning from the dairy business, Karen and Johnny Lopez combined a lifelong love for antiques with some traveling to shape their business plan. Dottie Roberts works with Karen Lopez in the store. Karen Lopez can be reached at her home, 424-5602, or on her cell phone, 424-1260.

## TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

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- Curious business practices.
- Other business news.

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Get into the outdoors

Every Thursday in the Outdoors section, The Times-News guides Magic Valley residents to recreational opportunities.

# New food labels divide farm, food industries

WASHINGTON (AP) — Food labels similar to the "Made in the USA" tags for clothing are coming to grocery stores, letting consumers know where the meat, fish, peanuts, fruits and vegetables they buy are grown and processed.

The farm and food industries are divided over the country-of-origin program created under the new farm bill that requires the labeling to begin in 2004.

Consumer and farm groups believe it may give American farmers a competitive edge over foreign products. But many retailers, processors and even producers say complying with labeling rules will be costly and time-consuming. They cite guidelines that will require a complex and expensive system of tracking products — especially meat made from animals raised in one country and processed in another.

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said in the spring that the Bush administration did not want the labels. But they made it into the farm legislation the president signed.

Figures released last month by the Agriculture Department indicate the food industry may spend more than \$1.9 billion to complete the paperwork needed to comply with the rules over the next two years before they become mandatory.

Consumer and farm groups that support the labels are skeptical of the figure.

"I think that that's a bunch of hooey," said Fred Stokes, president of the Organization for Competitive Markets. The Nebraska-based farm group says the program encourages healthy competition between U.S. producers and their trading partners.

Stokes said spreading the cost among consumers would add just a few more cents to their weekly shopping bill.

Retailers, however, believe the department's estimate is too low.

John Motley of the Food Marketing Institute, a trade group of retailers and whole-

salers, said retailers, processors and packers will have to spend millions of dollars more to segregate products from different countries.

They will have to keep them separated, which is costing them from the farmer to the processor and to stores — an expense that the government did not calculate, Motley said.

The guidelines do not allow an animal raised in the United States to be simply labeled: "Product of the United States." In that case, the label would have to read "Born in Canada, Processed in the United States."

He said everyone in the food chain, from farmer to consumer, would share in the expense. "I guess if there's a theme here, I guess the theme is to spread the pain," Motley said.

While retailers are united in their opposition, farm groups are not.

The National Pork Producers Council fears hog farmers will end up spending too much money on record keeping. But the National Farmers Union and the American Farm Bureau Federation support the program.

"Producers feel strongly that if a consumer goes to a store and sees a product from the United States versus a product from New Zealand or Canada, that the consumer's going to buy that U.S. product," said Carol Rydell, congressional relations director for the Farm Bureau.

For Canada, "it's nothing but a nontariff trade barrier," said Bob Friesen, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, a farm group. "We think it's going to prejudice the processing industry against buying Canadian product because of compliance constraints."

Canada and the United States have been trading hogs and cattle extensively to improve breeding and meat products. Many U.S. hog producers fear the labeling system will close the door on free trade with Canada, said Kara Flynn, spokeswoman for the National Pork Producers Council.



Cori Barrera, left, Heather Morgan, center, and Leslie Bishop hold Road Rage Buddies they made in their home-based business in Boise Nov. 15. Bishop and two of her friends started making the Road Rage Buddy — a talking doll designed to take that kind of abuse — as a business venture and a fun way to vent their own frustrations with bad drivers.

# VENTING IN YOUR VEHICLE

## Idaho entrepreneurs hope to capitalize on — and help abate — road rage

BOISE (AP) — Leslie Bishop has a cure for road rage: Bop your buddy on the head. Smack him against the dashboard. Squeeze him until he groans.

Bishop and two of her friends started making the Road Rage Buddy — a talking doll designed to take that kind of abuse — as a business venture and a fun way to vent their own frustrations with bad drivers.

Last month, more than 400 buddies sold around the country in the product's first week out, and the three Boise women hope thousands will sell through the holiday season.

The idea came from Bishop who, frustrated in traffic one day, grabbed a stuffed animal and started banging it against the dashboard. When her son asked her what she was doing, she replied, "beating my road rage buddy."

That was about a year ago. Since then, Bishop has been busy. She recruited two close friends, Cori Barrera and Heather Morgan, and the three formed BB&K Enterprises Inc. to market the dolls.

Then the three embarked on the long process of learning how exactly to become toy tycoons. They scoured books at the Boise Public Library for information on incorporating and researching trademarks. They read business and marketing books and learned how to write a business plan. They found a toy manufacturer willing to work with an untried product from novices. They picked the comments the

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dolls make as they are squeezed or smashed.

The cost of launching such a business, they figured, would be about \$50,000.

So they filled out loan applications and visited the Small Business Administration.

"We were turned down by every single place," Morgan said, and Bishop explained that "everyone said it was a good idea but too risky."

But the three did not let that stop them. They dug into family savings accounts and persuaded the toy manufacturers to take a payment plan. The three set up headquarters in Bishop's basement laundry room, clearing away a space where they could pack the dolls and affix mailing labels.

Morgan handles incoming orders, Bishop helps pack the dolls as they arrive from the toy maker, and Barrera takes care of the accounting and customer service.

The business has no fax machine, no formal business address, and not even a telephone number. An Internet site facilitates orders.

"If you want to do something, just do it," Bishop said.

The instant response when the company officially launched in early November shocked the business partners.

"We've had orders from Hawaii, Kentucky, Alabama, Pennsylvania and even Australia," Morgan said.

The partners say they will break even once 3,000 buddies are sold at \$4.95 each. Encouraged by the initial public interest, they now hope to sell 15,000 by the end of the year.

There are three versions of the wisecracking buddy: the Businessman, the Redneck and the Punk Kid. Each fits nicely into a clenched fist, according to the company's marketing material. Other versions could be on the horizon if the company is successful.

"People have asked for a woman doll, a bus driver, a taxi cab driver," said Barrera, who monitors the company's customer service e-mails. "But one step at a time."

The idea tickled Diana Robertson, an area supervisor for a convenience store chain in southwest Missouri. She promptly ordered two of the buddies — "one for myself and one for my boss."

"We travel a lot and see a lot of road rage," she said.

While Robertson said she gets frustrated by traffic and rude drivers, she has not exhibited road rage herself but gets aggravated by the lack of courtesy shown by other motorists.

"That makes me so mad so I can relate to this," she said.

While the company's motto is "Save lives, beat your Road Rage Buddy," the three women do not want to create new prob-

lems by encouraging motorists to vent their rage.

"We're hoping to add a little humor to an otherwise stressful situation," Bishop said.

A disclaimer is included with each doll: "Use caution when operating a motor vehicle while beating your Buddy. Excessive abuse of your Buddy will result in your Buddy not operating properly. Never throw your Buddy at another vehicle or person as it could cause harm."

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# Cruise lines hope rebound lasts

MIAMI (AP) — The cruise industry had hoped 2003 would bring an end to the uncertainty that shadowed the business since the terrorist attacks. With the recent outbreak of stomach viruses on four ships, the outlook for next year is even more unclear.

Industry executives and analysts were already wondering if the United States will go to war with Iraq, possibly prompting cruise passengers to stay home. Now the question is whether the string of well-publicized gastrointestinal virus outbreaks will affect future bookings.

The industry is also waiting to learn whether shareholders will approve a planned merger between No. 1 Carnival Corp. and No. 3 P&O Princess Cruises PLC.

The first signs of how the industry will fare overall in 2003, is whether it has been affected by the onboard ailments, which will come in the upcoming "wave season," the period between Jan. 1 and March when, traditionally, most cruise-goers book summer cruises.

"The question is whether passengers' perception of the cruise sector changes in a long-term sense once news coverage (of the outbreaks) has faded," said Robin Fahey, an analyst with UBS-Warburg.

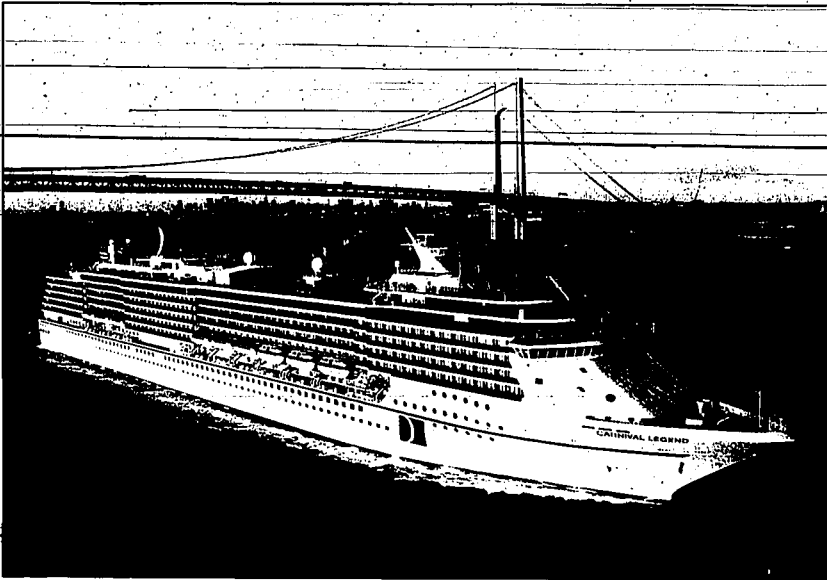
Some passengers, including several boarding Holland America's Amsterdam on its first sailing following a nine-day cleaning, expressed concerns, but opted to continue with their vacation plans.

John Ohlmann, of Melbourne, was one of several dozen who became ill last month on a Caribbean cruise aboard Dream-Magic. He said the incident had not soured him on taking another cruise vacation.

"This did not deter me at all," he said.

Meanwhile, the industry is still recovering from the drop in revenue after the Sept. 11 attacks and waiting to see if world events will affect their business again. Two companies — American Classic Voyages and Renaissance Cruises — were forced into bankruptcy, while the rest struggled to fill their cabins.

Cruise lines responded to the attacks by moving ships closer to home and to ports of call in secondary markets such as New



The Carnival Legend, Miami-based Carnival Cruise Lines' new \$375 million, 960-foot-long cruise ship, passes under the Verrazano Narrows Bridge in New York Sept. 22.

Orleans, Baltimore, and Corpus Christi, Texas. That trend is expected to continue next year.

"I see it in fact as the next great growth wave of this industry, bringing high-quality ships into all kinds of different ports with large populations," said Colin Veitch, president and chief executive of Norwegian Cruise Line.

More than 90 percent of NCL's cruises depart from North American ports. The cruise line recently announced it was adding departures from Baltimore, Houston and New Orleans, for a total of 12 U.S. ports.

Miami-based Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. expanded new sailings in 2002 from six U.S. cities.

"We probably would have

gone there eventually anyhow, but 9-11 gave us an impetus to accelerate," said Richard Fein, Royal Caribbean's chairman and chief executive.

The strategy is in line with some analyst outlooks for next year, which favor cruises in the Caribbean and Alaska over Europe, whether or not there's a war in Iraq.

So far, passengers don't seem concerned.

Paul Keung, an analyst with CIBC World Markets Corp., said of cruise operators, "They're having no problems filling ships as long as a consumer feels somewhat confident within a 30-day period."

Micky Arison, chairman and chief executive of Miami-based Carnival, said the impact of a

possible war will depend on whether it is a short or protracted conflict.

"If we are dealing with a relatively short war, I'm not overly concerned with the impact on the company," he said.

Cruise prices have slowly crept up over the year, although prices for some December cruises have declined. Prices for cruises departing in January and beyond appear flat to up, according to a survey by Raymond James & Associates Inc.

If Carnival's \$5.4 billion takeover of P&O Princess Cruises is approved, it is not expected to have much impact on consumers, at least initially, said Joseph Horvack, an entertainment and leisure analyst for Raymond James.

## Cruising along

Cruise-goers returned to the sea in 2002, but industry analysts are wondering if the string of gastrointestinal virus outbreaks will affect future bookings.

Passengers carried on North American cruise ships



SOURCE: Cruise Line International Association

# Wall Street worries it was fooled into bear market rally

NEW YORK (AP) — After two months of spectacular gains followed by a week of sharp losses, Wall Street is suffering from a case of deja vu.

Amid negative earnings outlooks and concerns about a Chapter 11 filing for United Airlines, investors sold stocks off this past week, leaving some market watchers wondering if prices had gone too high too fast — and repeated a scenario seen during the summer.

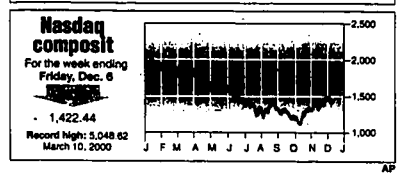
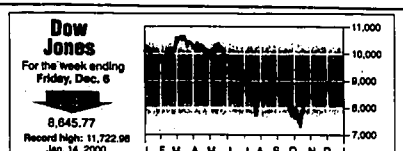
"The market may go back down to test its lows," said Alan Ackerman, executive vice president of Falmestock & Co.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average broke an eight-week winning streak this past week and the broader market also finished lower, having risen for seven of the previous eight weeks.

"I think this was another bear market rally and investors are being taken on another ride to new lows," said Christopher Johnson, manager of quantitative analysis at Schaeffer's Investment Research in Cincinnati.

"What you saw this past week was the ugly fundamentals rearing their heads," he said. Analysts compared with where our expectations were going," Johnson added.

Indeed, just as investors were growing more confident believing that earnings and the economy were recovering and even



strengthening, they were handed a series of disappointments including lackluster retail sales for November, profit warnings from Disney and Hewlett-Packard and the possibility of bankruptcy at United Airlines parent UAL Corp.

And, the Labor Department reported Friday that the nation's unemployment rate unexpectedly rose to 6.0 percent in November, the highest level in almost nine years. Analysts expected a slight increase from the 5.7 percent in October.

"This is a real psychological

"I don't think we saw the bottom in October. We still expect the market to break the October lows and go a bit further down," he said.

He said sluggish retail sales are particularly unnerving because consumers — whose spending accounts for two-thirds of the economy — so far have been "the saving grace for the market."

Still, the past week saw some good news that might help the market. For example, Intel issued an upbeat fourth-quarter revenue outlook and the Labor Department reported that productivity grew at an annual rate of 5.1 percent in the third quarter, faster than the government's previous estimate of 4 percent and better than the 4.5 percent rate analysts were expecting.

Another factor that could work in the market's favor, analysts said, is that the Bush administration is revamping its economic

team. On Friday, Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and economic adviser Larry Lindsey resigned amid concerns about the lagging economy. The news allowed the market to recover from its concerns about unemployment and post a modest advance.

Analysts are also encouraged by the fact that the most recent rally had positive aspects not seen in previous surges that fizzled. Hogan noted that this last upturn was longer than the late July-August climb and that it was broader, with the long-battered technology sector enjoying some of the biggest gains.

"Bear in mind that the path of least resistance has been to the upside," Hogan said. "We may be able to shake this off without doing too much collateral damage."

For the week, the Dow fell 250.32, or 2.8 percent, to close at 8,645.77

## Large Burger King franchisee files for bankruptcy

CHICAGO — The burgeoning hamburger wars have claimed a Whopper.

Westchester, Ill.-based AmeriKing Inc., one of Burger King's largest franchisees, filed for protection from creditors in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware, listing assets of \$223.4 million, and liabilities of \$291.8 million.

The company closed 23 restaurants last Sunday, three in the Chicago area, leaving it with 329 stores and 1,200 full-time employees and some 9,500 part-timers.

Analysts predict that other

franchisees could be forced out of business as the price war intensifies. "I would not be surprised if there were other marginal operators that were struggling," said Howard Penney, a restaurant analyst at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey.

"McDonald's franchisees are feeling the pressure but Burger King operators are far worse off."

Climm's Inc., a Glendale, Calif.-based operator of 130 Burger Kings, filed for bankruptcy protection in August 2001.

Just a few days ago Burger King franchisees agreed to help

new-year it will begin selling their best known sandwich, the Whopper, for 99 cents.

The price wars have played havoc in the industry. McDonald's Corp. has been forced to cut staff and close stores, as it has rolled out an aggressive Dollar Menu aimed at increasing pressure on marginal burger operators.

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## How much money do you want?

It is a question that bedevils job-seekers: the one when the employer asks how much you want to get paid if you're hired. It's tricky terrain.

Q: When a company says it wants salary requirements, where do I include them? In the cover letter, or on the resume? Do I just give a range, or can I even ignore this altogether?



ON THE JOB  
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A. Palmer Suk, president of Snelling Personnel Services in Vienna, Va., said there is no specific, correct way to deal with the salary question, either in writing or in person with an interviewer. But he offered some suggestions that a recruiting firm gives to job applicants.

He said that if asked for a salary demand, the applicant could make a reference to it in the cover letter, but he suggested finessing the question, if possible, rather than ignoring it.

"The objective is to get in front of the employer," he said. "We counsel our applicants to say, 'I'm flexible for the right opportunity.'"

He said that if an applicant feels compelled to mention her current salary, either in a letter or in person, she could add that she's willing to discuss it further.

"It's not a black-and-white situation," Suk said.

The one thing he would not do is ask for a specific amount.

"Whatever you say will be too high or too low," Suk said, either handing the company an opportunity to pay you less than it may well have been intending, or prying yourself out of the market.

He said the applicant ought to have done enough homework to know what salary he can reasonably expect based on his experience and skills, the going pay for the job she's applying for, and any other factors that might play into a specific situation.

Ultimately, he said that when the salary question comes up during an interview, there's usually some interest by the company at that point. "So when they ask, 'How much do you want?' I'd say, 'I'd sure would come up with a competitive package based on my experience.'"

"That kind of puts the ball back in their court," Suk said.

"But let's say that doesn't fly. Then you may have to say what you're currently making, but say that you would expect some kind of a raise" based on your experience and the new responsibilities you might be undertaking.

Even so, he warned that with the fallout in the technology industry, not all workers in that field can expect to earn as much as they once did.

"In that case, you may have to take a half step back on salary," Suk said. "But the big picture is more important."

That means getting a job you are comfortable in, at as high a salary as can be reasonably expected.

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# '529' college plans offer options

By Porus P. Cooper  
Knight Ridder News Service

**PHILADELPHIA** - If a family's college savings must keep up with increasing tuition costs, the most of the suddenly popular Section 529 college savings plans are not yet doing the job.

According to the College Board, tuition and fees on average rose 5.8 percent at private four-year colleges this school year and 3.0 percent at public colleges.

Performance numbers for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 show only a handful of the 529 plans came close to keeping pace.

The plans, named after a section of the Internal Revenue Code, are sponsored by states but generally are open to out-of-state residents. Accounts grow tax-deferred, and earnings can be used tax-free for college.

The 529 plans offer several investment options based on risk, or on the child's age.

They are named - most are less than three years old - and frustrating to compare because fees, tax breaks and other features, such as the maximum contributions allowed, vary from state to state. Maximum contributions for a child, for instance, range from about \$100,000 to more than \$300,000.

Older college savings plans, such as Pennsylvania's Guaranteed Savings Plan - which tie the account's growth to a tuition-inflation rate, not Wall Street returns - are now available under the 529 umbrella, further complicating the choice.

Ever so, there has been a rush of money into the plans, encouraged by a federal law enacted last year that frees their proceeds from taxes through 2010 and by market efforts.

The 529 investments that made money were in the lowest market risk categories, mainly fixed-income investments.

But a third of even the most conservative options had losses according to a survey conducted by The Philadelphia Inquirer by Savingforcollege.com, an independent clearinghouse for information on college savings plans.

Aggressive investment options, which tend to be heavily in stocks, generally were down, often by double digits. The worst lost around 20 percent.

The best performers were conservative funds managed by Salomon Smith Barney, one in Colorado, which gained 8.74 percent, and one in Illinois, which rose 7.19 percent.

Performance is especially important in considering college savings plans, because these investments usually have less time to recover from a market downturn than others.

"You can save for 40 years for retirement, but people often don't start saving for college until the child is in elementary school," said Jay Stillman, managing consultant for Savingforcollege.com in Philadelphia, citing program managers.

Pennsylvania launched an investment plan in July, and, during the first three months of its existence, the best-performing option was up 1.88 percent and the worst down 19.06 percent.

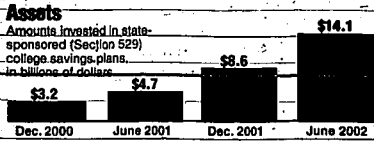
The New Jersey Better Educational Savings Trust program, or NJBEST, which has been around since 1998, provided only third-quarter performance numbers. Five of its six options had losses from 0.44 percent to 7.34 percent; one gained 1.6 percent.

The results are not surprising because most 529 options are invested in the faltering stock market.

Almost no plan has been around long enough to benefit from a market boom. Also, many

## Problem with college savings plans

While assets in state-sponsored college savings plans have more than doubled in 18 months, the performance of many plan investment options has not kept pace with rise in tuition.



## Performance

Category	Plan Name	Percent change
Low market risk	Colorado/Salomon Smith Barney	+8.74%
	Illinois/Salomon Smith Barney	+7.19%
	Maine/MFS	+5.71%
	Arizona/College Savings Bank	+5.55%
	Missouri/TIAA-CREF	+5.21%
Low-risk median (50 plans)		-2.64%
High market risk	Arizona/Waddell & Reed	-11.01%
	Maine/Franklin Templeton	-13.34%
	Wisconsin/American Express	-13.51%
	Arkansas/Franklin Templeton	-13.61%
	Connecticut/TIAA-CREF	-18.34%
	High-risk median (62 plans)	-18.13%

\*Includes plans in existence before Sept. 30, 2001.

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of the 529s look good compared with market indicators such as the S&P 500 index. Over the last 12 months, the S&P 500 has declined 17.1 percent from the previous year.

But will parents have enough money in their 529 accounts when they need it?

"Over time, the market has given 7 percent to 8 percent. But if you're investing during a time period when it is not giving that return, you're in trouble," Stillman said.

"You have to diversify - within the 529 program and with other college investments - and be prepared to have a shortfall," he said.

If lackluster performance arouses concern, it isn't evident from the growth of 529 plans.

Nationally, as of June 30, a total of \$21.79 billion was invested - double the \$10.95 billion invested in these plans in June 2001. The bulk of the money went to the newer investment plans, partly because there are far fewer tuition plans.

Pennsylvania's fledgling investment plan has \$9 million invested in 1,400 accounts. During the same period, the tuition plan received \$170 million.

NJBEST has nearly 25,000 accounts and assets of about \$118 million. In July 2001, the plan had \$500 accounts and \$30 million in assets.

The money flow belies the difficulties in picking a plan.

Joseph Monte, a West Chester, Pa., lawyer specializing in estate planning, said he recommended that clients seeking to shelter assets from taxes.

"It's a great estate-planning tool," he said, listing the pluses: "You can stash a large amount to tax-free, you keep control of the money, you can change your mind, and you can change beneficiaries."

But he said he cannot decide whether they are right to have for his 8-year-old daughter, Mary Edith.

"It's a confusing situation," he said. There are so many plans and some cost more than others,

"which one do you go to?"

He also worried that a big tax advantage could disappear just when his daughter is ready for college, and he would like to be more hands-on with investing decisions than the 529 allows.

For now, he has designated investments in real estate and bonds for her college expenses.

As for 529 plans, there are just some of the things parents must consider:

There are not only numerous plans - every state and the District of Columbia will have one by year's end - but also numerous options within plans.

While all 529 accounts are free of federal income taxes if used for qualified expenses, states offer varying advantages on resident investors. Some exempt earnings from state taxes; some allow contributions to be tax-deductible; and some, such as Pennsylvania and New Jersey, offer scholarships as a bonus.

The plan options come with different fees and sales loads, charged by the investment companies that manage them. For instance, the Pennsylvania plan charges a \$25 annual account fee, waived if deposits are made on a schedule, and a sales charge ranging from 2.75 percent to 5.75 percent on certain funds bought through brokers.

There is a Cinderella quality to the scheme: It could turn into a pumpkin on Jan. 1, 2011, if Congress does not extend the tax exemption on earnings.

Even financial planners find the plans hard to evaluate. Stillman told an audience of planners in Washington last week not to bother mastering the intricacies of scores of plans.

"Just pick a few, get comfortable with them, and then recommend those to your clients," he told them.

Because of the complexity, many accounts are bought through brokers, although that costs more.



Franklin Covey CEO Robert Whitman sits in the lobby of the offices of the company he leads Thursday in Salt Lake City. Franklin Covey reported a \$200.6 million loss for the fiscal year.

# Time works against Franklin Covey

SLC firms see its stock price plummet

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Once a darling of Wall Street, Franklin Covey Co. can hardly get stock analysts to pay attention.

The time-management and productivity company has seen declining fortunes, but none so stupefying as the \$100 million loss recorded on the fiscal year 2002 books. Outside analysts gave up following Franklin Covey years ago.

The company that offers to show other companies the way, lost its way. In business to make other companies smarter, it made its own mistakes, and its stock has sunk below \$1.50 a share from a high of \$40 in 1994.

Franklin Covey didn't plan for this.

"We're trying to clean up, get out of anything that isn't a core business," said chief executive Robert Whitman.

Franklin Covey is taking some of its own advice, looking inward to focus on its mission of spreading the gospel for the organized set. It's slashing costs, dropping money-losing distractions, paying down debt and promoting "top-to-bottom" training for companies such as hotel chains, where even the maids get coaching.

The strategy is right out of a Franklin Covey textbook, and Whitman says he'll show positive results in the next quarterly report.

The \$100 million loss announced two weeks ago for the fiscal year that ended Aug. 31 was dominated by write-offs, devalued assets, severance charges and a management stock loan program that tanked along with company stock. One of the write-offs was for a real estate training partnership that collapsed.

Franklin Covey was a merger of Franklin Quest, the day planner firm that made Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah, a millionaire, and Covey Leadership, which ran seminars for executives and managers.

They were two Utah companies, both steeped in Mormon values of purpose and orderliness. Franklin Quest and Covey Leadership were devoted to training and organization. They shared many of the same customers.



A customer walks into the Franklin Covey headquarters retail store Thursday. After reporting a \$200.6 million loss for the fiscal year, the company is pushing to make gains in its retail area.

"If ever there was a match made in heaven, this was it," said Richard Putnam, Franklin Covey's investor relations director.

Yet the 1997 merger unfolded as a classic battle of corporate cultures. Then, when the economy went into a tailspin in March 2001, Franklin Covey's seminar bookings abruptly shrank in half, strangling revenues. The bookings are beginning to show signs of recovery.

It's a surprise the two flywheels of Franklin Covey didn't mesh, but some say that was the problem; the company needed only one flywheel, neither wanted to make way and both lost momentum.

"The merger was a very, very difficult event and probably still hasn't taken hold," Bennett said. "There were enormous cultural problems."

Bennett unloaded his 31,265 remaining shares of Franklin Covey stock in 2000. He lost money in other investments and needed cash, he said, but was disillusioned with Franklin Covey.

Bennett said the academically-minded Covey Leadership revolved on a single man, Stephen R. Covey, author of "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" and other books. Franklin Quest, although founded by another charismatic motivator, Hyrum W. Smith, was pure business.

Franklin Covey has been taken

over by a new, more unified executive team led by Whitman, the 49-year-old CEO and chairman, who until 2000 ran a Dallas capital venture firm that invested in hotels, restaurants, theme parks and retirement housing.

Bennett's assessment of Franklin Covey can sound harsh, but it turns out the company had been making changes the senior says are overdue.

Bennett says Franklin Covey stubbornly resisted cutting costs rate overhead. When the growth curve turned down, Whitman's corporate operations in just 18 months.

Both say Franklin Covey should follow its own advice and focus on its original, singular mission of corporate training.

Franklin Covey has been "tossed around by product fads," said Whitman. He's getting Franklin Covey out of manufacturing of paper and other products, turning it over to others. Instead, he's promoting new "Execution Gap" seminars and unity planning software for tablet personal computers and Palm Pilot personal digital assistants.

Whitman is halfway through a sales mission, visiting the chief executives of 100 companies in 100 days.

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## Fat fight may dent junk-food makers' profit

By Rachel Beck  
Associated Press Writer

**NEW YORK** — Getting fat wasn't their fault. They blame that on McDonald's. Teens were eating Big Macs, fries and milkshakes sometimes two or three times a day, without knowing that each time they downed a 1,000-calorie snack it was bad for their health.

Don't laugh. This isn't just fodder for late-night talk-show hosts' jokes. It's a real lawsuit. And regardless of if it stands up in court, this is serious stuff for anyone in the junk-food business today. It's the latest blow to an industry increasingly under attack. Besides the lawsuits, schools have started banning fattening foods and there's even been some talk of possibly restricting the advertising of these products.

All this could eventually take a bite out of the bottom line, from profits and maybe some waistlines, too. It's not that obesity is a new problem. It's that it has become a far more serious one. The statistics tell the story: Sixty-one percent of all adults in the United States and 13 percent of children are now considered

overweight, according to a report last year by the surgeon general. That's double what it was for adults in 1980, and triple what it was for children.

About 300,000 deaths a year are associated with being overweight and obesity, compared with 400,000 due to smoking, the surgeon general said.

Given all this weight gain, the finger-pointing has started. How did we become so supersized?

Much of the blame right now is going to junk-food manufacturers, which sell everything from fast food to cookies to soda to chips. And it is coming from all sides, from health lobbyists, politicians and public-interest lawyers.

It's enough to worry analysts at investment firm UBS Warburg. In a recent report, they said all the pressure on manufacturers is creating "a clear long-term risk ... that anti-obesity measures will curb their ability to grow revenues in the future."

It's not that the bottom is about to drop out, but serious challenges do lie ahead that could hurt their businesses, the analysts said.

The most public problem has been the lawsuits. The lawyers are arguing to the

courts that fast-food is addictive, especially to children, and they claim the restaurants aren't doing their part to let customers of the nutritional content in their food.

And while the public may discount the merits of these cases, they are expensive to fight, regardless of the outcome.

Then there are mounting pressures from health groups.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest, a Washington-based health lobby, has publicly attacked junk-food makers for their aggressive marketing tactics and has suggested they should pay higher taxes on their products to fund public-health campaigns.

The World Health Organization, in a report last spring, also suggested implementing more stringent regulation on marketing, especially to children.

And U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher has been very public about his concern over obesity.

"Overweight and obesity may now cause as much preventable disease and death as cigarette smoking," Satcher said when issuing his report on obesity late last year.

Schools already have taken their own initiative to cut down

the consumption of fattening foods. Starting in 2004, more than 700,000 students in Los Angeles public schools, the second-largest public school system in the nation, no longer will be able to purchase soda or other sugary drinks during school hours.

All this is putting the heat on junk-food makers to change their ways, and some already are.

Both McDonald's and Frito-Lay recently announced they would start cooking with healthier oils. Other brands are diversifying into healthier options, and some are already seeing strong results.

UBS analyst Caroline Levy said Frito-Lay's low-fat and fat-free products, including Baked Lay's potato chips and reduced-fat Doritos, now account for 30 percent of North America volume growth, while making up only 12 percent of total volume.

Still, there are costs to come up with these new products, and not every one will be a success. And each miss puts a drag on profits.

No one is saying Americans will stop eating McDonald's hamburgers, Oreo cookies or Mountain Dew anytime soon. But there is a big push to get them on a healthier path. And that could affect the economic health of junk-food manufacturers.

## Employees use company time for donations

The Associated Press

The boss might not feel so charitable about this little fight: Most online donations are made weekdays during business hours. A study by Kintera Inc., a consultant to nonprofits, found that weekday donations account for

87 percent of online charitable contributions. Only 13 percent of Internet gifts are made during the weekend. The study was based on an analysis of 300,000 online transactions for U.S. fund-raising events between Sept. 1, 2000 and Nov. 1, 2002.

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## January credit card bills make shoppers cringe

The Associated Press

It's a January nightmare, yes? The holiday credit card bills come and your stomach lurches. But chances are, Christmas sweaters for Aunt Susie aren't busting your budget - you are.

More than three out of four us, 76 percent, concede buying stuff for ourselves when out holiday shopping. And 22 percent say they always have to have something when out shopping for others.

The holidays also are the time of the gift that keeps on giving - 32 percent of people said they "regift," taking something they received and giving it to someone else.

And apparently thoughts of travel tend to cloud our views on buying presents: more than one in four men, (26 percent) and nearly one in five women (19 percent) said they'd rather be saving for a vacation than giving gifts.

The results are from American Express' yearly "Holiday Confessions" survey of 500 adults last month.

## Pay of corporate directors rises

The Associated Press

While outside corporate directors have gotten some harsh scrutiny lately - they're not vigilant enough about shareholder interests, is the general assessment - their pay continues to rise.

Median total compensation for non-employee directors of U.S. boards rose this year from 2001's medians in the three major industry sectors covered in The Conference Board's annual study of outside director pay.

The study is based on a survey of director compensation and board practices in 662 companies.

For manufacturers, total compensation for outside directors was \$55,700, up from \$51,000 last year. Board remuneration in the financial sector increased from \$40,250 to \$41,450, while services rose only \$400 to \$48,400.

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