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Concert for the season

The third of four Advent-season Christmas in City Park concert, sponsored by the local chapter of Soroptimist International, will be held this afternoon in Twin Falls. It starts at 5 p.m. Refreshments will be available.



Christmas in City Park

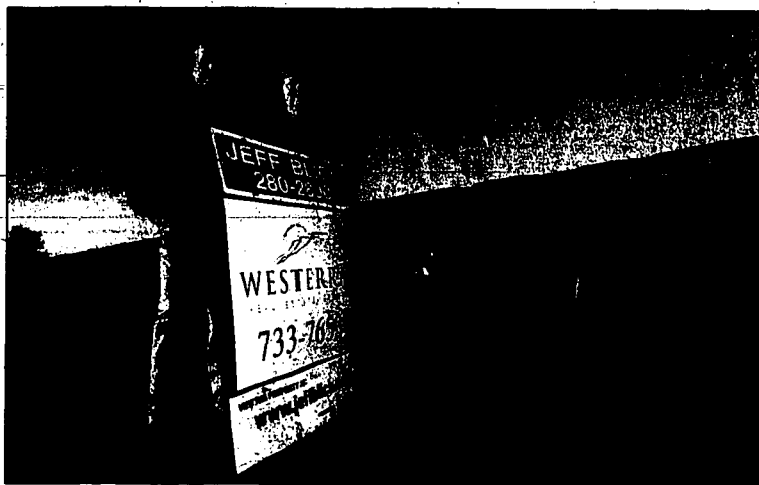
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GEARING UP FOR A FIGHT



Steve and Cheryl Kaatz are selling the condo next door to them on Clear Lake Grade Road that used to belong to Cheryl's father. The Kaatzes, who worry that all of the dairies settled on the bluff above their neighborhood in the canyon will drive down the price of the property, successfully blocked a water right transfer that would have allowed a 6,800-cow dairy to be built about 2.5 miles from their home.

Ag groups aim to remove tool some use to block dairies

By Julie Ponce
Times-News writer

BUHL — Steve and Cheryl Kaatz never imagined there would be 70,000 cows on the bluff above their retirement home they built seven years ago in a country club community near the Snake River in western Magic Valley.

But that's what the Kaatzes and their neighbors contend with these days.

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"It's unbelievable," Steve Kaatz said. As a result, their exclusive neighborhood is frequently smothered with the sour smell of dairy waste. Kaatz said he suspects it also accounts for rapidly increasing nitrates in the spring water the community relies on for drinking, but that's not something that can be proven in court.

A 2000 Department of Environmental Quality study, however, projects that by 2007, that spring water will not be safe to drink. Unhappy about the situation, Kaatz and his neighbors have set about trying to stop more dairies from coming into the area. "I'm not against people making money on cattle or dairies," Kaatz said, adding he had no problem with the already 35,000 cows nearby when he moved

there because the problems weren't out of control. "What I am against is anybody who comes in and adversely affects a neighbor." Kaatz and his neighbors, with the help of some local environmentalists, succeeded in June in blocking another 6,800-cow dairy from being built about 2.5 miles from their homes. They said there were just too many animals

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James Campbell has blood drawn during follow-up testing Thursday after he recently came in for a booster shot to protect against smallpox, in Rochester, N.Y.

Will a smallpox booster be enough? Researchers look at immunity levels

The Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — In a hallway at Strong Memorial Hospital, two volunteers in medical study showed off the results of booster vaccinations they were given for the smallpox vaccinations they had received as children. "I've got a nice big round thing that itches like crazy," said James Campbell, 67, pointing at the fresh scar on his left shoulder that matches one he got in 1940. "Me too!" said Janet Martel, mother of two teenagers. "I probably had no immunity left,

which surprises me." About half of all Americans alive today were inoculated for smallpox as children, and most still carry residual protection, though not nearly as strong as in the five to 10 years after the inoculation, said Dr. John Treanor, the study's chief investigator. The dime-sized blisters, which typically scab over and heal within weeks, indicate the vaccine took, Treanor said. Now, those once familiar scars could become commonplace again if fears of bioterrorism translate into a mass vaccination campaign.

Smallpox vaccinations began Friday for the military, and medical workers could start getting them in January. The government is not recommending smallpox inoculation for most Americans, but the vaccine is already available for those who volunteer for medical studies. At Strong Memorial, the University of Rochester's research hospital, and six other research sites around the country, 927 people are taking part in a study sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. It will determine if diluted small-

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One man knew the Secret of Lost Dog Trail, but who would believe him?

By Helen O'Neill
Associated Press writer

GREEN RIVER, Wyo. — From every corner of this dusty river outpost you see them, sheer jagged cliffs rising from the desert, all burnished reds and orange-yellows and sandy browns, breathtaking and beautiful and deadly. Castle Rock, Giant's Thumb, Slippery Jim Canyon, Massacre Hill. Their names evolved along with their formations and their stories. But the name on everyone's

First in a series

This is the first part of "The Secret of Lost Dog Trail," a five-part serial narrative about two mysterious deaths and a reluctant witness. mind last summer — in the mines, in the taverns, at the mini-mart, at the Sage Creek Bagel Cafe — was Lost Dog Trail. The remote, rutted track meanders for seven miles across open desert before ending at the head of a cliff. It is a

forbidding place of loose shale and parched scrub, and swirling dust winds that gust even in summer. Coiled rattlesnakes sun themselves on ledges, slithering into crevices to cool. Lizards scurry underfoot. The redness of the rock seems as endless as the blue of the sky. Senses are sharper here, if only because of the vastness, the desolation, the danger. It was here, high on a ridge overlooking the Fleming Gorge Reservoir, that a young

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This is a view of the cliff at the end of the Lost Dog Trail outside Green River, Wyo., where Liana and Erik Deba fell to their deaths in August 1996.

Police search for driver

Pedestrian dies in Jerome; motorist leaves the scene

The Times-News

JEROME — Police are looking for the driver of an older white four-door sedan who killed a pedestrian in front of Spear's Manufacturing early Saturday morning and left the scene of the accident.

The driver might not know he or she hit someone, said Jerome Police Sgt. Dan Chatterton.

"We believe there is a possibility the driver thought he struck something on the roadway but didn't realize it was a person," Chatterton said.

Though the incident is being investigated as a homicide, if the driver comes forward right away to explain how he or she didn't realize a person had been hit, the police might reconsider, Chatterton said.

"But it has to happen right away," Chatterton warned.

Police are not releasing the name of the victim until the family has been notified and an autopsy has been performed. The autopsy is scheduled for Monday.

The victim was a man in his 50s wearing dark clothing. He was walking toward the corner of town about 1:30 a.m. Sunday morning on the east side of South Lincoln as he carried two sacks of groceries. He had been walking on a pedestrian path but left it temporarily to cross a street. Spear's Manufacturing, located at the corner, was found dead at the scene.

The weather conditions at the time were rough, Chatterton said. The roads were slick because of freezing rain.

Chatterton said the vehicle probably sustained minor front-end damage on the right side. Police have determined that it was northbound. "The damage is probably not severe," he explained. That is why police suspect the driver didn't know he had hit a person.

"Maybe he thought he hit an animal," Chatterton said. Chatterton said the police want to talk with anyone who was in the vicinity of the accident early Sunday.

"Maybe someone saw a vehicle pulled off to the side of the road," he said.

Anyone with any information is to call Chatterton at the Jerome Police Department at 324-4328. He can also be contacted through the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center at 324-1911.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Windy with a good chance for rain. Highs in the upper 40s to the lower 50s.
Tonight: Rain mixing with low snow flakes, otherwise cloudy. Lows in the 30s.
Tomorrow: Another chance for a mix of rain and snow with gusty winds. Highs in the mid 40s to near 50.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Rain showers are a good possibility with breezy to windy conditions at times. Highs in the 40s.
Tonight: Snow mixing with rain and cool. Lows in the 20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Tomorrow: Light snow and rain will start out the week along with occasional windy conditions. Highs in the mid 40s.

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
The unsettled, wet weather will continue for the next several days with several inches of new snow or a very good possibility. Heavy snow at times, combined with the wind, will make for some hazardous roads.

BOISE
Today Highs 26 to 40. Tonight's lows 10 to 20.
Rain showers, windy conditions, but very mild temperatures will remain in the weather forecast into the beginning of next week. Cooler temperatures should move in at mid to Wednesday.

NORTHERN UTAH
Developing snow showers and a fair amount of wind will make for a blustery couple of days.

Weather Alerts: Extreme - High: 50 at Lewiston. Low: 25 at Ketchum. FS - Thunderstorms, showers, rain, snow, S-Burrows, wind, m-mingling.

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Dairies

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In the area, and the resulting dairy odors were becoming unbearable.

They used a strategy that critics of large dairies have been using over the past three years or so based upon three words in Idaho water law - "local public interest" - they asked the Idaho Department of Water Resources to turn down water right transfers that dairymen need in order to operate. In this case, the agency turned down the request for a transfer based upon the cumulative effects of dairy odors on the neighbors.

But the ability to challenge water right transfers by saying they're not in the local public interest might go away during the coming legislative session. Three of Idaho's most powerful agricultural groups - the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, the Idaho Water Users Association and the Idaho Cattle Association - are backing legislation to narrow the scope of the language so that only those whose own water users could be diminished can protest. The current language seems to be broad enough to allow protests based upon such things as diminished air quality and quality of life.

The issue gets even more interesting because the chairmen of both the House and the Senate natural resource committees - where the legislation will be introduced - are both from Magic Valley. And they do not agree on the subject.

Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, a Minidoka County farmer who's taking over the chairmanship of the House resource committee, said he favors the legislation.

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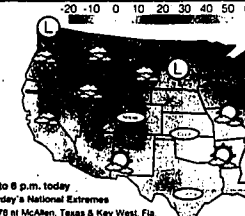
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Voices on the Issue

What some of the key players are saying about the "local public interest" doctrine in Idaho water right transfers:

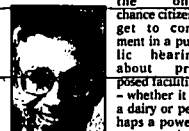
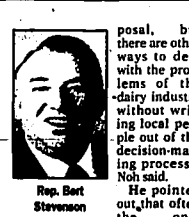
"The 'local public interest' doctrine is too subjective, and basically I think they need some specific guidelines. Local public interest seems to cover a broad spectrum. It needs to be specific to water."
- Adrian Bove, Jerome County dairyman whose water transfer for a new dairy in Gooding County has been blocked because of dairy odor.

"The 'local public interest' is the only place where we have to talk about things in a holistic manner. When we ignore problems up front, they only become problems on the back side and become much harder to fix. Water is the facilitating mechanism for all activity to take place, so it's around water that all decisions should be made. Water is not a commodity. It is the common denominator."
- Bill Chaboin, western Twin Falls County environmental activist who has so far prevailed in blocking Adrian Bove's water transfer.

"Prior to the last two years, the Idaho Department of Water Resources has been pretty careful to keep the local public interest with having to do with water rights odors confined to water issues. Now the department has made a move into that. That is reverting when you move the public interest into areas over which the department has no control whatsoever."
- Greg Lawson, lobbyist for the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation.

"Water should have to do with water, not social issues," Stevenson said, adding he's concerned about stymied economic development on silt fronts because dairy protests are slowing down the entire water transfer system. He also said the issues that protesters are bringing up are better addressed on local planning and zoning boards or the state Department of Agriculture.

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, a respected scholar on Idaho water law who chairs the Senate resource committee, said he has serious reservations about changing the law. "I haven't seen the current proposal, but there are other ways to deal with the problem..."



Sen. Laird Noh
Noh's biggest concern, however, is that if the legislation isn't handled correctly, ultimately Idaho could lose its water to out-of-state interests.

"You have to look beyond this immediate problem of the dairies," Noh said. "The dairy industry, in trying to solve an immediate problem, is putting at risk Idaho's water - or at least creating the potential for it to be at risk. It's very important that many informed individuals create the legislation rather than simply using strong-arm political efforts to shove it through the Legislature."

Evolution law
This is not the first time agricultural groups have taken a run at the local public interest word. Dairy groups - viewing the protests as harassment - have created a new use of the language for the past two years. Noh asked representatives of the dairy industry to sit down with him over the summer of 2002 in order to work out something both sides could live with. The dairymen declined.

Everyone agrees the language in question was incorporated into Idaho water law 25 years ago as a result of growing environmental concerns. But the language "local public interest" is broad, and there is disagreement about the original intent.

"Idaho water law evolves over time," said Water Resources spokesman Dick Larsen. "When local public interest was written, we were not talking about 5,000-cow dairies."
Christopher Meyer, a Boise water attorney who has been involved in litigation over the local public interest doctrine, says the original intent was simply to allow people to protest who think there could be damage to other uses of water, whether their own or the public's.

In that instance, they are allowed to point out that the proposed diversion would harm a prized fishery, reduce recreational water flows, impair riparian habitat, or otherwise adversely impact the environment," Meyer wrote in his overview of the legislation that was proposed in 2002. Meyer claimed that in recent years the intent of the language had been skewed, allowing opponents of certain industries to raise issues concerning "broad social policy" that have nothing to do with water diversions.

On the other hand, an opinion by Deputy Attorney General Paul Cassin indicates the original intent was meant for broader applications than just the impact one water user might have on another body of water. Rasser referred to a 1985 Idaho Supreme Court decision that gave guidance to the Department of Water Resources. The high court said the director of the agency was to consider "any locally important factor impacted by the proposed appropriation."

Aquifer, coupled with a virtually 100 percent protest rate on dairy transfers in or near western Twin Falls County, is prompting the agency to try out the new rules first in the southern Idaho region from King Hill to Idaho Park. Water Resources spokesman Dick Larsen said.

Now, any application for any transfer requires that quite a bit of work must be done up front. "We're looking at speeding up the process without stifling dissent," Larsen said. "You could see the handwriting on the wall. The hearings were getting more and more technical and complicated. We said we need to do something to make this thing more manageable."

From now on, Water Resource staffers are to get comments from other state or local agencies that have specialized expertise on local public interest issues, according to the draft. That includes information on lots of issues, ranging from effects on local economies to compliance with local planning and zoning ordinances. Previously, that information only surfaced as a transfer made its way through the process and often wound up costing everyone a lot of money.

"Some of these (transfer requests), we know when they come to us they just won't make it," Larsen said. "We know by looking at them right away they will be protested and fought and never come to pass. We're taking a more stringent look at the beginning."

The new process is intended to speed up the approval of all water transfers, which help grease the wheels of economic activity, Larsen said. But also, it is an attempt to bring both sides together and avoid the contentious nature of the legislative process.

"The first step in something is to try to fix it administratively," Larsen said. "If you depend on changing the law, you may end up with something different from what you started out with."

As for whether the intent of "local public interest" wording will be solved with the process, Larsen said, "The administrative process may use a better understand what local public interest means."

Current events
Just recently the Department of Water Resources implemented a new policy, which is still in draft form, for all water transfers. A moratorium on well drilling on the Eastern Snake River Plain

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Official: FBI thwarts terror attacks

Nearly 100 so far, Mueller says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 100 terrorist attacks, some intended to take place on U.S. soil, have been thwarted since Sept. 11, 2001, FBI Director Robert Mueller says. But he warns that many potential terrorists remain at large in the United States.



Robert Mueller

"tens of attacks, probably close to a hundred around the world" have been stopped in the past 15 months. He credited better intelligence gathering and coordination, and information from al-Qaida detainees in custody, including those he described as architects of would-be attacks.

"There have been any number of attacks on ships that have been thwarted," Mueller said. "Without getting into details, we have thwarted a number of attacks, both large and small."

Asked if some of those attacks were aimed at U.S. targets, Mueller said: "Yes."

He specifically mentioned Jose Padilla, a U.S. citizen being held as an enemy combatant who authorities say was plotting to detonate a "dirty" radioactive

bomb in the United States. Also cited were the arrests of members of an alleged al-Qaida cell in Lackawanna, N.Y., and individuals in Portland, Ore., Seattle and elsewhere.

Mueller said it may take years to destroy al-Qaida and other terrorist groups, but he said the United States and its allies have the upper hand.

"I think we're well on our way to winning the war, but the fact of the matter is, it is a war. Al-Qaida still has the capability of striking us," he said.

The bureau, he said, is on the lookout for unconventional attacks, noting the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers used only boxcutters for weapons. "No explosives, no guns. Terrorists can operate in a number of ways. We need to continue to be alert, be vigilant," he said.

The FBI believes there are several hundred people in the United States who are either potential terrorists, part of their financial or other support network, or who authorities simply need to rule out as suspects.

Navy, Army will get reserves set to mobilize

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy and Army plan to alert about 27,000 National Guard and Reserve troops to prepare for a possible call to active duty, probably in the Persian Gulf region, defense officials said Saturday.

The decision to alert some reservists is a sign that the Pentagon is continuing to lay the ground work for a military operation against Iraq, should President Bush decide military force is necessary.

Virtually no military operation can be undertaken without the extensive use of the National Guard and Reserves because, by design, the active duty force is lacking in skills such as civil affairs and medical specialties.

If the United States should go to war against Iraq, the Pentagon probably would need to mobilize more than 100,000 National Guard and Reserve troops, not counting almost 51,000 already on active duty largely for homeland defense duties like flying combat patrol missions over areas of the United States.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said he could not confirm any alert order and stressed that notifying reservists to prepare for possible mobilization is a step short of actually calling them to duty.

Bush asks quick action on jobless benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush ended his silence on extending unemployment insurance benefits Saturday and urged the new Congress to extend unemployment insurance benefits for more than 750,000 jobless workers soon after it convenes next month.

Extended federal aid for the jobless runs out Dec. 28, and the president said he favored making the extension renewal retroac-

tive. Efforts to continue the benefits fell victim to partisan wrangling between Senate Democrats and House Republicans in late November's final days of the last congressional session.

Democratic leaders had urged Bush to ask House Republicans to pass the more generous Senate extension plan. The White House remained on the sidelines throughout.

White House press secretary Ari

Fleischer, questioned by reporters traveling with Bush to Russia in late November, refused six times to clearly state the president's position on extending benefits.

Jobless workers have benefited from the 13-week extension in federal unemployment aid that Congress approved last March. The extension is to run out for people who have exhausted the 26 weeks of payments they typically receive through states.

Smallpox

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pox vaccine can boost the immunity of people vaccinated before 1972, when routine inoculation ended in the United States.

Earlier studies on unvaccinated young adults indicated the United States' stockpile of the 40-year-old smallpox vaccine — some 15 million doses — could be diluted five to 10 times and still be effective.

Now researchers want to see if the same holds true in those already vaccinated. The results, to be published in the spring, could differ because previously vaccinated people might need stronger doses.

"They'd be a little immune and may not get quite as vigorous a viral replication as you would see in people who had

never been vaccinated," said Treanor, director of the Vaccine and Treatment Evaluation Unit at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

Smallpox once killed hundreds of millions of people. About a third of those infected died, and survivors were often blinded or disfigured. A vaccine was developed in 1796.

The last smallpox case in the world was recorded in Somalia in 1977, and the disease hasn't been seen in the United States for half a century.

Some of the most definitive historical data is provided by a rare outbreak in Liverpool, England, in 1902. The epidemic killed about half the infected adults over 50 who'd never been inoculated and bypassed every

vaccinated child. As for adults inoculated as youngsters, "most developed smallpox and about 10 percent of them died," Treanor said.

"The general feeling is vaccine protection lasts for a few years and then it starts to go away bit by bit," he said.

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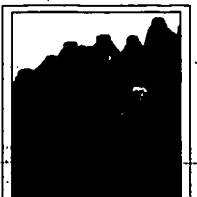
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Cold reality

Afghan refugees return to find a frigid winter, not enough supplies to keep warm.

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WTC death toll drops after three found alive

NEW YORK - The tally of people lost in the Sept. 11 attacks has dropped, with three people reported missing in the World Trade Center being confirmed as alive, city officials said.

Police Inspector Jeremiah Quintan, who heads the massive missing persons effort, said Friday that investigators have spoken with the three people.

The discovery reduces the city's official count of people killed or reported missing in the terrorist attack to 2,792.

Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the city medical examiner, identified the three as Jeffrey Montgomery, of St. Joseph, Mo.; William Yemede, of Gaithersburg, Md.; and Olivia Khemrat, of Jersey City, N.J.

Mattel now faces fine over campaign contributions

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Toy maker Mattel Inc. already facing the third-largest fine ever imposed by the Federal Election Commission, is now being fined by California's elections watchdog over laundered campaign contributions.

The maker of Barbie dolls and other famous toys, along with two former employees, agreed last month to pay \$477,000 in federal fines for making political donations in the names of other people.

On Friday, California's Fair Political Practices Commission

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added its own fines.

The FPPC fined former Mattel senior vice president Fermin Cruz \$88,000 for using \$52,000 in company money to make 56 campaign contributions in the names of others to state and local campaign committees.

Probe of helicopter crash in Honduras gets under way

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras - U.S. military authorities on Friday were investigating a helicopter crash that killed five American soldiers - including a Utah man - in the hills of central Honduras.

Investigators from the U.S. Army Safety Center at Fort Rucker, Ala., traveled to Honduras as the bodies of the victims were flown back to the United States.

The soldiers were identified by the U.S. Embassy and U.S. Southern Command in Miami, as Spc. Bryan P. Abercrombie, 22, of Clinton, Utah; Spc. Luke A. DeGroot, 22, of Panama City, Fla.; Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan C. Helman, 30, of McConnellsburg, Pa.; Chief Warrant Officer Maurice A. Lammie, 34, of New Jersey; and Spc. 1st Class Anthony L. Sieng, 38, of Maryland.

Hometowns were not available for Lammie or Sieng.

Teacher says Santa doesn't exist, won't be punished

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. - Much to the dismay of some parents, officials at an elementary school will not discipline a substitute teacher who told kindergartners that there is no Santa Claus.

The teacher, Fabiola Mehul-Pelissier, was reading a holiday storybook to students at Forest Hills Elementary School on Tuesday when the group began discussing the existence of Santa Claus, school board spokesman Kirk Engelhard said.

"No policies or rules were violated, but she obviously used poor judgment," Engelhard said.

School officials said they would send a Santa Claus, complete with a natural, full, white beard, into the classroom Friday to make up for the teacher's poor judgment.

California agrees to drop lawsuits on price gouging

TULSA, Okla. - California has agreed to drop all lawsuits accusing Williams Cos. Inc. of price gouging during the state's energy crisis, while the energy company agreed to reduce the price of its long-term contracts.

The Oklahoma company also agreed to pay California \$150 million over eight years and provide it with six electric-generation turbines valued at \$90 million.

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Pope's Boston choice needs combination of sanctity, grit

The Associated Press

In good times, it would be a dream assignment for a Roman Catholic priest - archbishop of Boston. But the successor to Cardinal Bernard Law will be given a fearsome task: He must save the archdiocese from financial ruin; quell rebellion among his clerics and heal the rift between the church hierarchy and Boston's 2 million faithful.

Only a handful of American bishops seem qualified to take on the job following Law's resignation Friday, and there is no clear front-runner.

"It will take a combination of saint, diplomat and theologian to pull this off," said Catholic commentator Deal Hudson, editor of Crisis magazine.

After a year of revelations that molesters in the clergy were simply reassigned to different parishes, Boston needs "somebody who eats 10-penny nails for breakfast - just tough as can be on righteousness and fidelity," said Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, who heads the National Review Board monitoring church response to the sex abuse scandals.

Others say this will be the most difficult appointment in Pope John Paul II's reign. It often takes considerable

Will public opinion now guide Vatican decisions?

VATICAN CITY (AP) - The resignation of Cardinal Bernard Law confronts the Vatican with an ominous question: Will the fate of its prelates now be decided by the court of public opinion - not just in America but worldwide.

Until now, the Vatican has tried to resist such pressures, but in the case of the Boston archbishop accused of covering up for

abusive priests, that stance seems to be changing.

At least two other cardinals - in Ireland and in England - are under public pressure for their handling of sex abuse cases, raising the question of whether there could be a domino effect.

For months the Vatican resisted removing Law. When he first suggested stepping down in the spring, Pope John Paul II told

him to return home and resolve the crisis.

But when Law returned to the Vatican last week, the scandal had reached such proportions it was threatening the credibility of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. This time, when the pope received Law in a Vatican audience Friday, John Paul accepted the archbishop's offer to resign.

"This sends a signal to every bishop in the world that sexual abuse of minors will not be tolerated and that any bishop who does not deal with it properly will find his head on the block," said the Rev. Thomas Reese, editor of the Jesuit magazine America.

"If a cardinal can lose his job for this, so can any bishop, Reese said.

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Mystery

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But in his heart he thought he knew.

Officially, the deaths were ruled as suicides.

A steamy August day. A little boy throwing rocks and chasing lizards. A mother hovering over him. The father heading back to the jeep for a soda.

Suddenly a scream. And they were gone.

Bob Duke's account was heart-breaking. He described how he raced to the edge of the cliff and saw the twisted bodies of his wife and child far below, how he couldn't find any way to reach them, how he heard the gurgling sound of his son's last breath.

Frantically he called 911 on his cell phone, and then drove to the main road to guide in the ambulance and the firefighters.

He spoke of his agony as he watched the bodies being winched up in a basket, the broken body of 5-year-old Erik cradled in the arms of his bruised and bloodied mother, 22-year-old Liana.

Even the rescuers wept. Duke stood by his jeep in silence, answering investigators' questions in a monotone, unable even to cry.

Poor man, he must be in such shock, people thought, as they flocked to the funerals in an outpouring of community grief and support. Only 23 years old, and he had lost his family.

Brauburger struggled to find words of comfort for his friend, but he didn't know what to say. And so he carried Erik's coffin with a heavy heart, proud to be the pall bearer, sick with grief for the child he had known, tormented by thoughts about what had happened — thoughts he didn't dare share with anyone.

Mother and child were buried side by side in the Riverview Cemetery on a hill overlooking the town. Bob Duke took pride in picking out designs for the headstones: doves and flowers for Liana, an engraving of a boy and a dog for Erik.

But even as Duke broke down at the funeral, even as grief and disbelief swelled through the town, there were whispers of doubt.

What could have lured the family to such a desolate, dangerous spot in the first place?

Why had there been no autopsy, no thorough police investigation?

What had really happened that day on Lost Dog Trail?



This is a 1994 portrait of Bob Duke, his wife, Liana, and son Erik. Liana and Erik died in August 1998.

"There was just this sense, said Tim Merchant of the Sheriff's department, echoing other investigators. "It was just a gut feeling that something wasn't right."

But the one man who knew what was wrong was too terrified to say.

After all, who on earth would believe him?

After the funerals, Brauburger kept his distance from Duke, although he still borrowed money from him for drugs. They didn't go off reading as much anymore. They didn't hang out watching movies.

When Duke moved to Houston in the fall of 1998 to live with his older brother, Mike, Brauburger felt a sense of relief. He could put his dark thoughts behind him. He could bury his secret with the past. Nothing he did or said could change things, anyway.

And then the phone calls began, and the nightmarish suggestions.

And the fear and the guilt that had haunted Brauburger for two years erupted one night in a frenzy.

Tomorrow: An offer of murder. This story is based on extensive interviews with investigators from the Green River (Wyo.) Police Department and the Sweetwater County Sheriff's Department, prosecutors, the FBI, witnesses, including Roger Brauburger and his family, relatives of Liana and Erik Duke, and jury members. It also drew on court testimony and evidence submitted in both the federal and state cases, including FBI tape recordings of conversations between Bob Duke and Brauburger, the coroner's report, photographs of the scene and of the autopsies. Research included attendance at the trial and the sentencing and visits to the cliff at the end of Lost Dog Trail. Duke and his family declined to be interviewed.

Anthrax decontamination of postal facility gets under way

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than a year after anthrax killed two workers in the main mail-handling center of the nation's capital, crews began fumigating

the building Saturday with a toxic gas. The 17.5 million-cubic-foot Brentwood facility has been closed since October 2001,

after anthrax-laced letters to two senators were determined to have been processed there and the two postal workers died.

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Rescuers pull children from river

LAWRENCE, Mass. (AP) — Six boys plunged through the soft, thin ice of the Merrimack River on Saturday, leaving three dead and one in critical condition.

Two of the boys were merely "cold and wet" after rescuers quickly retrieved them, Deputy Chief Joseph Marquis said.

The other four had been trapped under the ice for at least 10 minutes, and were unconscious when they were pulled from the river Saturday afternoon, said Lawrence Police Chief John J. Romero.

The boys, between 7 and 11 years old, walked out on the one- to two-inch thick ice about 25 feet from shore. A seventh boy who had stayed on shore ran to a nearby house to call for help after they fell through.

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Scientists ponder killing part of river to stop infestation of exotic species

CHICAGO (AP) — At one time the Chicago River was so polluted that no fish could live there, and now scientists are considering a longshot idea to make it unlivable again to prevent exotic species from using the river to migrate between the Mississippi River and Great Lakes.

Killing the river would buck the Clean Water Act and set an ugly example of environmental policy. But biologists foresee ecological and economic disaster from invasions of giant carp, zebra mussels and other undesirable.

"We've done marvelous things with the Clean Water Act, and nobody wants to undo that," said Jerry Rasmussen, a river biologist for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Chicago River flows backward, away from Lake Michigan, because 19th century Chicagoans engineered it to carry pollution away from their beaches and into a canal. The canal flows to the Illinois River, a tributary of the Mississippi, creating a link unintended by nature.

Until aerators were used in the 1970s to pump oxygen into the water, Chicago's waste polluted the river and canal. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District has since brought the manmade waterway into federal compliance.

But now that the waterway can support native fish, nonnative invaders can live there too.

Zebra mussels, drifting from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi 300 miles away, have cost an estimated \$5 billion in clogged water intakes and damage to fisheries, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Asian bighead carp are swimming in the other direction. The 100-pound, plankton-straining species were imported to clean Mississippi Valley fish farm ponds. They escaped during floods and are within 25 miles of Lake Michigan.

Rasmussen and others fear bigheads could destroy the lakes' food chain.

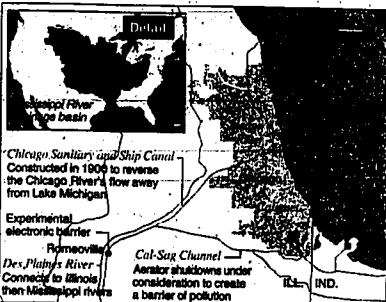
As a coordinator at the agency's Rock Island office, Rasmussen suggested river-killing among several options in an analysis for

Officials try to stop invasive carp

An invasive species of Asian carp has been spreading through the Mississippi River basin for several years. Officials are considering experimental barriers or pollution ways to prevent the fish from entering the Great Lakes.



The Asian bighead carp can grow up to 100 pounds.



SOURCES: Associated Press; USGS; Metropolitan Water Reclamation District AP

cooperating agencies.

States routinely use smaller kills to eliminate nonnative or "trash" fish. In September, Maryland poisoned a 4-acre pond to kill more than 1,000 rapacious Asian snakehead fish.

The Illinois Natural History Survey is testing options at its lab in Havana on the Illinois River. Bighead carp dominate the river there, after reaching the stretch in the mid-1990s.

"We'll catch easily 100 before we even get the net set," station director Mark Pegg said.

In tests, electrodes were only 98 percent effective. The success rate for a combination of underwater noise and a wall of bubbles was about two-thirds.

Testing a combination of bubbles, noise and electrodes is next.

Then, heated water and a nitrogen plume that would suffocate the channel as waste once did. Some suggestions are as simple as bringing in predators.

Mayor Richard Daley is lobbying Congress and agencies for more barrier funding but is uncertain about the river-killing proposal, city Environment Commissioner Marcia Jimenez said. She said the city wouldn't endorse shutting off aerators "without a great deal of research."

Even building a dam wouldn't guarantee protection against the Asian carp.

"Someone may like to eat them and decide it's a good idea to release them," said Sarah Whitney, program manager with the Great Lakes Commission in Ann Arbor, Mich.

L.A. moves to seize cars used to solicit sex

LOS ANGELES (AP) — City leaders have a message for motorists caught soliciting prostitutes: Police will seize and sell your car.

In an ambitious effort to fight prostitution, the City Council gave initial approval to the proposed ordinance, which has been endorsed by Police Chief William Bratton. Final approval could come as early as Tuesday.

"If you dry up the market, hopefully the prostitutes will go away," said police Capt. Michael Downing, commanding officer of the Hollywood Division, which accounted for 2,000 of the city's 3,100 prostitution arrests this year.

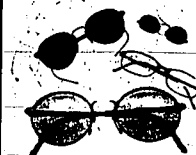
Ramona Ripston, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, said the plan would be unconstitutional because it would let police confiscate property even if the suspect is never charged or convicted of a crime.

The ACLU challenged a similar law in Oakland last year, but the measure was upheld by the state Supreme Court.

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Republicans say Lott's apology is enough

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trent Lott realizes he offended people with his remarks on segregation, but still can't atone lead Senate Republicans to his incoming deputy said Saturday.

Other GOP colleagues said Lott's apology should end the matter.

"This is a forgiving country," said Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who becomes GOP whip in the new Congress in January. "He knows he made a big mistake. It's time to forgive him and to move on. And I think he can still be a very effective majority leader in the Senate."

Several other Republican senators, including John Warner of Virginia and Peter Fitzgerald of Illinois, joined the "enough is enough" chorus.

GOP gains in the midterm elections in November will put

Republicans in control of the Senate where Lott is to replace Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., as majority leader. But Lott's ability to lead his party has come into question since his remarks



Sen. Trent Lott

that Strom Thurmond's election as president in 1948 would have made a better United States.

Thurmond ran a third-party campaign that focused almost entirely on the segregation of blacks from whites, banning interracial marriage, and protecting the South from "anti-lynching" proposals.

Speaking at Thurmond's 100th birthday party on Dec. 6, Lott said, "We wouldn't have had all these problems over all these years" had Thurmond been elected.

On Friday, Lott delivered an extended apology. "My choice of words were totally unacceptable and insensitive," he said in

Pascagoula, Miss., his hometown. He said he had been "winging it" at the party for the retiring South Carolina Republican, and wanted only to help "an elderly gentleman to feel good."

"Segregation is a stain on our nation's soul. There is no other way to describe it," he said.

Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., said Lott's apology was necessary. "He let his party down," Hagel said. He added, "I know of no one in our party calling for him to step down."

Rhode Island Sen. Lincoln Chafee, a moderate Republican, told The Providence Journal that Lott's remarks smacked of "stupidity." He did not call for Lott to step aside, saying he worries that potential successors might be even more conservative than the Mississippian.

President Bush last week rebuked Lott, but his spokesman said the president did not believe Lott should step down.

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Could president want revenge against Saddam?

By Reed Johnson
Los Angeles Times

In the eyes of assorted peaceniks and mass-media oracles, George Bush's desire to confront Saddam Hussein isn't primarily about secret weapons, an al-Qaida connection or the grinding imperatives of Middle East realpolitik. It's about Daddy.

A Boston Globe columnist recently pondered in print whether the president was "driven by primitive desires of revenge" related to unfinished family business from the Persian Gulf war. Political commentator Kevin Phillips raised a similar question about "a Bush family vendetta" in an op-ed piece in the Los Angeles Times. And Bill Minutaglio, a biographer of George W. Bush, told the Philadelphia Inquirer that although he doesn't think the president is "sitting in the Oval Office" plotting a war to avenge his father — "that would be too much like Michael Corleone" — he does think that President Bush "really views things through the prism of his family and his father."



President George W. Bush



Former President George Bush

Saddam is said to speak frequently of "Bush the Son" being driven to avenge "Bush the Father's" failure to take him out once and for all in 1991. For the notoriously vindictive Iraqi dictator, the political is usually personal. After all, he tried to assassinate the elder Bush two years later.

The Bushes have repaid the sentiment. The former-president admitted this fall that "I have nothing but hatred in my heart" for Saddam. And at a September gathering in Houston, George W. said, "There's no doubt he can't stand us. After all, this is the guy that tried to attack my dad."

In countries where America is considered the Great Satan, allegations of a Bush-Saddam blood feud ring louder still. "You definitely see it in the media, and it's often said in a sort of snickering way that 'Oh yeah, Saddam insulted his father,'" says Khaled Abou El Fadl, a University of California, Los Angeles, professor and expert on Islamic law. "And the more pessimistic types, they even say that 'See? No matter how much people pretend to be civilized, in their essence they remain barbaric.' I remember a couple articles I read in Kuwaiti papers and Egyptian papers that made this point."

Of course, unless you've got a good friend working in the West Wing, speculation about whether the president is motivated by revenge is mere psychobabble. But the obsessive quest to settle an old family score isn't necessarily a crude, Cro-Magnon impulse unworthy of a civilized people, some argue.

In fact, the desire to avenge a family grudge may be central to affirming our identities, our

place within our families, society and the cosmos at large. Call it score-settling, tit for tat, even-stein, quid pro quo, holy war, or by its high-minded alias, Justice.

In Western culture, the link between revenge, family and self-knowledge is the backbone of such masterpieces as Homer's "Iliad" and "Odyssey," Sophocles' Oedipus cycle, the plays of Aeschylus and Euripides, and Shakespeare's great tragedies.

It also propels epic melodramas like "The Count of Monte Cristo," prestige hoodlum flicks like "The Godfather" trilogy and Martin Scorsese's upcoming "Gangs of New York," and practically every Italian opera. "Who's there?" goes the opening line in "Hamlet," a query that reverberates through the play about a gloomy Danish prince seeking to avenge his father's poisoning by his stepfather.

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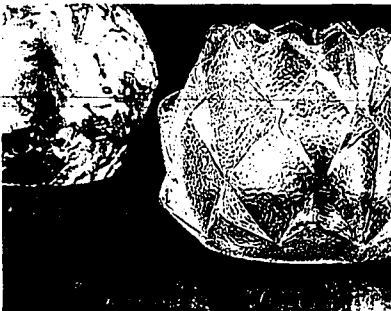
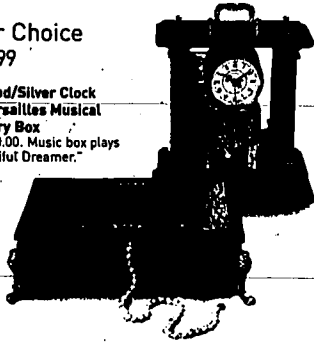
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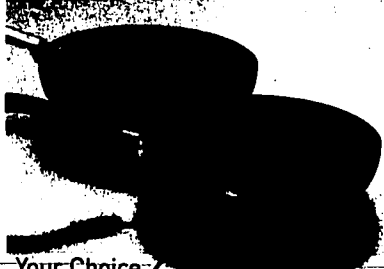
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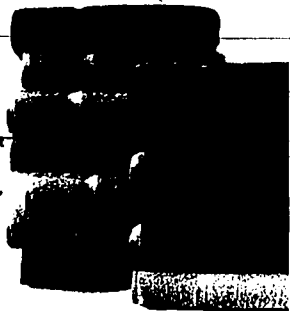
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Jordan arrests two for killing U.S. diplomat

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Jordanian police arrested a Libyan and a Jordanian accused in the killing of a U.S. diplomat in October, officials announced Sunday, saying a top al-Qaida operative supplied the two men with guns and money for a terrorist campaign in Jordan.

The daylight shooting of Laurence Foley, 60, in front of his home in Amman shocked Jordanians and the American expatriate community, which regarded Jordan as one of the safer countries in the troubled Middle East.

The two suspects, Salem Saad bin Suweid from Libya and Jordanian Yasser Fath Ibrahim, both admitted belonging to al-Qaida and having links to a top figure in the terror network, information Minister Mohammad Hash Adwan said in a statement broadcast on Jordanian television. Foreign Minister Marwan Masher said the two men also had confessed to Foley's slaying, and Adwan said they had planned to carry out further attacks against embassies and foreign diplomats in the Jordanian capital.



Laurence Foley



Saleh Saad bin Suweid



Yasser Fath Ibrahim

According to Adwan's statement, the two men were connected to Ahmed al-Kalaylah, a Jordanian better known as Abu Musaab al-Zarqawi. German officials have said al-Zarqawi is an al-Qaida commander assigned to orchestrate attacks on Europe. He is thought to be among the top 25 in the terror organization's hierarchy.

Adwan said officials had been aware of the Ibrahim and bin Suweid's involvement in Foley's slaying for some time but withheld information while the investigation continued. A source close to the investigation said the two men were arrested Dec. 3.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity,

said the two were charged with conspiring to carry out terrorist attacks, belonging to an illegal organization, al-Qaida, and possessing arms and explosives — charges that carry the death penalty. Adwan said the pair targeted Foley, an administrator with the U.S. Agency for International Development that coordinates American aid, because he did not have a heavy security detail.

The minister's statement described in detail the Oct. 28 slaying, saying the suspects went to Foley's home in a rented car and bin Suweid hid outside, armed with a 7mm gun with a silencer, tear gas, wearing a bulletproof vest and blue jeans and masked with a keffiyeh, or Arab headdress.

"When Foley came out and intended to open his car door, bin Suweid fired all the bullets in his gun at Foley," Adwan's

statement said. He said bin Suweid had trained in al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan and entered Jordan on a fake Tunisian passport.

The U.S. Embassy in Jordan issued a statement praising the Jordanian government for its "diligence and aggressiveness" in pursuing the investigation.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Louis Fintor was asked about possible extradition of the two suspects but said he had no information about American plans for prosecuting the men.

The detained men were found with ammunition and the gun used in the Foley attack as well as a plan for attacking other "important targets" in Jordan, Adwan's statement said. It said the men admitted their al-Qaida cell had unfulfilled plans to smuggle surface to air missiles into the country.

The statement said the fugitive al-Qaida official al-Zarqawi supplied the two suspects with machine guns, grenades and money to carry out terrorist attacks against embassies and foreign diplomats.

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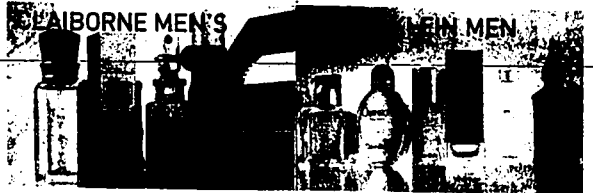
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Iraq's report appears to play into U.S. hands

By Mark Matthews
The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — With its refusal to acknowledge any current weapons of mass destruction programs, Saddam Hussein's regime has helped the United States build a case for military confrontation with Iraq, even one with the international stamp of approval many U.S. allies have demanded.

If early impressions of Iraq's weapons declaration are borne out by more careful study, chief United Nations weapons inspector Hans Blix is expected to tell the Security Council on Thursday that the document contains gaps and leaves basic questions unanswered, diplomats say.

This would mark the first step in a process that could lead to a council finding that Iraq is in "material breach" of U.N. mandates and perhaps making Iraq subject to "serious consequences," a diplomatic euphemism for war.

Since President Bush launched his campaign to disarm Iraq in September, Washington and foreign capitals have reverberated with doubts that the United States would ever win international approval for going to war to oust Saddam. Bush made sure the council resolution adopted unanimously Nov. 8 left the United States the option of going to war on its own if the Security Council balked.

Inspections themselves were widely viewed as a way of delaying conflict or even putting it off indefinitely, prompting Washington hard-liners to oppose them as a potential dead end.

Sooner than expected, however, Iraq appears to have challenged the Security Council with its suspect declaration while at the same time giving the inspectors broad scope to follow intelligence leads and expose omissions and errors in the document.

"It's very hard to sustain a lie as broad" as Iraq's claim that it possesses no chemical or biological weapons and has no nuclear armaments program, a senior Bush administration official said confidently this week. "Basically, every document, every individual and every site has to be lined up, or there is a vulnerability."

Privately, U.N. officials say the declarations mostly recycle previous disclosures that inspectors found inadequate.

The speed with which Iraq appears to have fallen afoul of the council's Nov. 8 resolution calling for complete disclosure and disarmament is surprising in light of the cooperation Iraqi officials have extended toward U.N. inspectors since they began work Nov. 22.

Many analysts had predicted that Iraq would embark on a strategy of at least partial cooperation in an effort to buy time and avoid giving the United States an excuse for launching a

Analysis

military attack during the winter months when conditions for U.S. troops would be optimal.

By disclosing a portion of its weapons programs, Iraq might have avoided an early confrontation with the Security Council and prolonged the U.N. inspections process. The Nov. 8 resolution required Iraq to make a

full, accurate and complete declaration of all its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs.

Gary Samore, a senior fellow at London's International Institute for Strategic Studies, said, "I thought the Iraqis would declare some new information to make it difficult for the United States to argue that they were not meeting the requirements" of the resolution.

Instead, Saddam appears to

have played into the hands of Washington hard-liners, while at the same time given them the opportunity to gain international support.

U.S. and U.N. officials caution that experts are continuing to pore over the 12,000-page Iraqi declaration and that it may in fact contain more evidence than Iraq has suggested in its repeated public denials that it possesses any weapons of mass destruction.

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Protesters march after EU summit

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COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Thousands of demonstrators marched through Copenhagen on Saturday to protest the European Union, war, poverty and a possible U.S. war in Iraq. The two protests — one of about 5,000 people from across Western Europe, the other of 1,000 — came one day after the close of an EU summit in the Danish capital during which the bloc invited 10 countries to join. The larger march was peaceful, but protesters in the smaller

demonstration threw bottles at police, slightly injuring one officer. Police arrested 15 people on charges of violence against police and wearing masks during a demonstration, forbidden under Danish law. "The EU is not the Europe of its citizens," said protester Signe Hassleris. "It's the Europe of the well-fed lawmakers who have no idea what happens in the outside world where there is poverty and hunger."

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Venezuela opposition shuts a key highway

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Thousands of Venezuelans demanding the resignation of President Hugo Chavez marched through the streets and blocked a key highway Saturday, repeating a provocation that led to violence last week. The government, the opposition and international mediators all have warned that riots could break out any day as a 13-day-old strike aimed at toppling Chavez makes food, cash and transportation increasingly scarce — and makes Venezuelans more polarized.

Efforts sponsored by the Organization of American States to head off violence have produced no results. The opposition says it will continue its protest until Chavez steps down or calls elections; Chavez says he will do neither. The strike has crippled Venezuela's oil industry — the world's fifth largest — rattling international markets and its chief petroleum customer, the United States. Crude output has fallen from about 3 million barrels a day to only 550,000. For the second straight day Saturday, Chavez supporters massed around the presidential palace, celebrating his rule but also protecting the president in case the opposition decides to march on his offices. A march on the palace in April led to violence that killed 19 people and sparked a coup that ousted Chavez for two days. Thousands of opposition supporters marched with placards demanding Chavez's resignation. Many followed the march route on bicycles, skateboards and motorcycles. Protesters unfurled giant Venezuelan flags that took dozens of people to carry. The protesters blocked a key highway alongside an air force base in downtown Caracas in the opposition's largest march in a week. Last week they blocked the same stretch of highway, and national guard troops broke up their protest with tear gas and rubber bullets. Caracas' ousted opposition police chief, Henry Vivas, said he was sending 800 officers to protect the march. He claims at least 95 percent of the force remains loyal to him. Dozens of Chavez supporters protested outside a bank in eastern Caracas, demanding it open its doors and cash their checks. "My family doesn't have any-

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thing to eat and I have no cash," said Matilda Mercado, 39. She had waited outside the bank for six hours trying to cash two checks, but the bank remained closed. "I blame the strike leaders for this," she said. About 20 police officers in riot gear stood between the protesters and the bank. Soldiers remained stationed outside police stations in an occupation of the 9,000-member Caracas Metropolitan Police that began a month ago.

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EDITORIAL

Idaho law allows random drug testing in schools

To hear Twin Falls School Board members explain their rejection of voluntary drug testing, the idea would have been a waste of time and money, and it would have done little to prevent drug abuse in the district. They're absolutely right. Voluntary drug testing would be nothing more than a good-will gesture by those employees who have nothing to hide. School employees who do use illegal drugs, on the other hand, would be compelled to take drug tests.

By not compelling workers to take random drug tests, as many private-sector employers do, the district is following bad advice. There is significant support - both legally and publicly - to require random drug testing for all school district employees.

School Board members say they cannot use random drug testing because state legal experts have advised them about constitutional concerns. Idaho legal experts, including lawyers for the Idaho County Risk Management Agency, have raised concerns that drug testing violates the Fourth Amendment, which prohibits unreasonable searches and seizures by the government.

They argue that government agencies and school districts cannot give random drug tests to public employees unless the employees are in "safety-sensitive" positions (such as bus drivers or law enforcement personnel). ICRMP officials say educators do not fall into this category. But that's not necessarily true.

While the Supreme Court has ruled in favor of drug testing for "safety-sensitive" public employees, it has allowed lower appellate courts to determine how educators and other public employees fit into that category. Those courts have ruled in various ways.

One ruling in particular from the 6th Circuit Court in 1998, Knox County - Education Association vs. Knox County Board of Education, clearly ruled that educators did fall under the standards of safety-sensitive workers, because of their responsibilities in monitoring, teaching and protecting children.

The court ruled in favor of random testing for teachers, saying that "a local school district has a strong and abiding

interest in requiring that teachers and other school officials be drug-free so that they can satisfy their statutory obligation to insure the safety and welfare of the children." Although the teacher unions appealed, the Supreme Court refused to hear the case and let the ruling stand.

In addition to federal precedent, Idaho has its own legal standard for public-employee testing. The Idaho Code says the state or any of its political subdivisions may conduct drug and alcohol testing of employees under the same guidelines extended to private employers, including random testing.

As a result, the city of Twin Falls implemented mandatory random drug testing among all employees, including non-safety-sensitive positions, about three years ago.

As City Manager Tom Courtney said, "There's a recognition on the part of the employees to assure the public that we truly are a drug-free workplace."

Unfortunately, the same concern isn't being shown from the top brass in the Twin Falls School District. When a local elementary school principal is caught with a pound of marijuana, they call it an isolated case and reject the idea that other district employees are susceptible to the temptation of drugs.

Whether it's public employees or private workers, whether it's teachers, doctors, police officers, lawyers or newspaper writers, no one is immune to the seductive pull of drugs. That's why testing is necessary.

Perhaps the actual reason school districts stay away from random testing is to avoid costly litigation from teachers unions. They're the ones fighting most drug-testing policies in the courts. The fear of an expensive lawsuit can scare any school board member or superintendent.

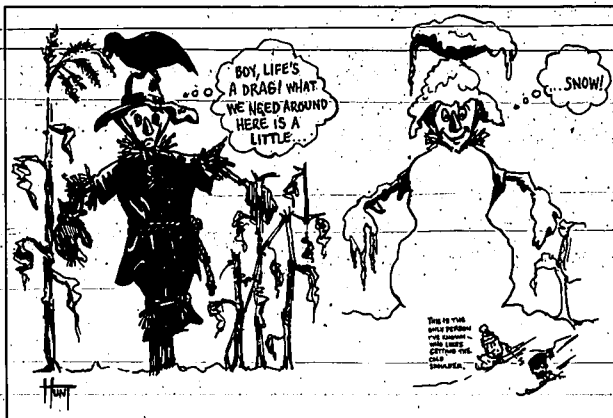
If that's the concern of the district officials, they should say so. But don't tell the public there's no legal way to conduct mandatory drug testing for school employees - because there is.

Only when the district compels employees to undergo random testing will it live up to the billing of a "drug-free workplace." Until then, citizens are right to ask why no action has been taken.

Our view: The Twin Falls School District could impose mandatory random drug testing of its employees, if leaders really wanted to.

What do you think?

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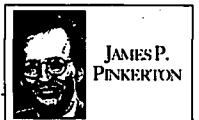


Treasury pick speaks up for investors

John Snow underscored a major shift Monday in his brief remarks after being nominated as the next Treasury secretary.

Snow mouthed the usual platitudes about "small businesses," "medium-sized businesses" and "large businesses." And then he hastened to add, "and investors." That's the new reality of post-industrial America today: It's the investor class, stupid. Which is why the incumbent Treasury secretary, Paul O'Neill, as well as White House economic adviser Lawrence Lindsey, had to go. By most measures, they had done a good job. Yes, unemployment had ticked up, but there is a war going on; one study estimates that the new "terror tax" on the U.S. economy is more than \$250 billion a year. Yet even so, real gross domestic product - that is, adjusted for what little inflation there is - clocked in at a healthy 3.1-percent growth rate in the third quarter of 2002.

But there's one statistic that's gone overlooked: the financial markets. Total capital losses over the past three years are \$8 trillion, a sum dwarfing George W. Bush's 2001 tax cut, which was a mere \$1.35 trillion spaced out over two years. And to the investor class - the 100 million people who have money invested in those markets - are drowning in their own red ink, and they're asking for at least scalpels. Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, explains the new political dynamic: "Thirty years ago, politicians used basically just one measure-ment to judge the economy: the unemployment rate. Then came the inflation of the '70s, and another variable was added: the consumer price index. Today,



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there's a third variable: the stock market." To Norquist and other free-market advocates, that's a positive development, because this triad of concerns for politicians to think comprehensively about the economy. That is, politicians can't simply enact "quick fixes," such as public works projects to help people or wage-and-price controls to squelch inflation. Instead, they have to think long term, about all the tax and regulatory factors that affect economic growth - and thus stock prices as well. O'Neill was intellectually in tune with this worldview, but he lacked the right personal touch. If the job of Treasury secretary is to baby-sit the markets, he had a bad crisis mode manner. He once dismissed Wall Streeters as folks who "sit in front of a flickering green screen ... not the sort of people you would want to help you think about complex questions."

O'Neill was right, of course. The "masters of the universe" aren't so masterful. Leaving aside the corporate scandals - Enron, WorldCom, Global Crossing - each of which had a Wall Street component, one might question the savvy, or even the sanity, of investors who blew into the stock bubble. What was gone awry in the minds of those who bid up, for example, the price of Yahoo from \$7 a share in January 1998 to \$237 in January

2000? Yahoo is now deflated to \$16. But to paraphrase Winston Churchill, market capitalism, including its casino-esque excesses, is the worst of all possible economic systems - save for the alternatives.

So what about Snow? Will he be a good "horse whisperer," befriending the wild markets? As business maven Neil Cavuto said on Fox News on Monday, "There's some concern that this man is not coming from Wall Street; he's coming from smokestack America." To be sure, Snow has market-friendly credentials. He was a member of Jack Kemp's flat-tax commission in the mid-'80s, saying at the time that the current tax system "must be replaced by a new system for the 21st century." Americans, he added, must "capitalize on opportunities - not stifle economic growth and entrepreneurial activity."

And besides, railroad executive Snow is likely to be joined by a real Streeter, Stephen Friedman, formerly with Goldman Sachs, in Lindsey's economic-adviser job. He can be relied upon to whisper sweet things into investors' ears. So what's not to like? The only point to be concerned is that a high stock market will become a kind of entitlement, benefiting the huge new investor class. That is, presidents will be judged on their ability to comfort the comfortable and ease the rich. That could make for the mother of all bubble-bursts - someday. But today, the political imperative is much simpler for Snow & Co.: Get the Dow, even Yahoo, back up again.

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Lott's words show minds change slowly

It is called a Freudian slip because it is, of course, not a slip at all, but a moment of revelation, a look inside somebody's mind.

And the case in point this week is the comment made by soon-to-be Senate Majority leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., at the occasional birthday party of retiring Sen. Strom Thurmond, R.S.C., the longest-serving member in the history of the Senate.

"I want to say this about my state," said Lott. "When Strom Thurmond ran for president, we voted for him. We're proud of it. And if the rest of the country had followed our lead, we wouldn't have had all these problems over all these years, either."

JAMES KLUIRFELD

Just to refresh your memories, or in case you weren't around then, in 1948 Thurmond, then governor of South Carolina, bolted from the Democratic Party and ran as a Democrat because the Democrats, who had nominated Hubert H. Humphrey, had adopted a strong plank on civil rights. Among the statements Thurmond made at the time was this: "All the laws of Washington and all the bayonets of the Army cannot force the Negro into our homes, our schools, our churches."

What did Lott mean by "all these problems over all these years"? Did he mean all the agitation caused by the civil-rights movement? Or did he mean that the whites of the South lost their privileged position in southern society and all that went with that? The lynchings and beatings and daily humiliations that went unpunished for so long? Or did he mean by "problems" the fact that blacks, only after great struggle and sacrifice, gained political power in the South and demanded they be treated as equals in the North as well? Or did he mean by "problems" the fact that blacks, only after great struggle and sacrifice, gained political power in the South and demanded they be treated as equals in the North as well? Or did he mean by "problems" the fact that blacks, only after great struggle and sacrifice, gained political power in the South and demanded they be treated as equals in the North as well?

Lott's statement certainly can't just be dismissed as a lighthearted remark made at a birthday party, as some Washington insiders have suggested. "It is not a mistake," said Robert Novak, the columnist and television commentator, on "Meet the Press" Sunday. "I don't think he was at all serious and I don't even think we should dwell on it." But that's not the way it should be dismissed because it was a foolish mistake or because Lott, after a delay, apologized "for a poor choice of words."

Race has always been the slimy underside of American politics. Whether overt, as it was back in Thurmond's day, or subliminal, as it often is today, race and playing the race card are still very much part of our politics. Whether it be the rise of the Republican Party in the South, Thurmond's part in the campaigns against affordable housing on Long Island or the tension that erupts every so often in New York City, race is still a potent, if often unspoken, factor in our politics. To be sure, Lott's statement is a glimpse into that reality, it cannot and should not be dismissed.

When I was a student in the 1960s studying racism, there was a distinction drawn between behavior and attitude. The point of the civil-rights movement was to change racist behavior, not necessarily attitudes. That would be much more difficult and take much more time.

There is no doubt that as a society we made great strides in the last half of the 20th century in changing behavior toward blacks. It is no small thing that a charge of racism is one of the most damaging that can be made today in this country. In fact, one of the defenses of Lott is that Thurmond transformed himself - his behavior - over the years. The Wall Street Journal's editorial page pointed out that he was among the first post-Reconstruction southern Senators to hire a black aide and support black judicial nominees, and that he received about a fifth of the black vote when he ran for re-election in 1956.

But Lott's statement, Freudian for sure, is a confirmation that attitudes change much less quickly than behavior - and that behavior might not have changed as much as we would like to think.

James Klurfeld is editor of *Nesbudy's* editorial page.

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I'm writing because I'm a little hot about the handicap situation within our area businesses. They fix the curb so you can get a wheelchair to sidewalk, then the help stops there. Most merchants have heavy doors and some have two sets. If I were in a wheelchair, I would have to have help getting the door open. The aisles are overcrowded, so it's like an obstacle course that is impossible to get through. My mother would love nothing better than to go shopping, but she can't get around the stores. One merchant told my sister and I recently that if there was someone in a wheelchair that wanted to get to an item, any one of the employees would be happy to move a rack so they could get through. My mother would rather stay home than suffer the embarrassment of having to ask. She shouldn't have to ask in the first place.

JANET WINNETT
Heyburn

Area merchants try to meet parking needs

This letter is in response to Brenda Rowe's opinion about downtown parking problems. As a downtown merchant directly across from the Festival of Trees, we're well aware of the parking problem. We try to support the festival as much as possible. This year, we even donated a tree. But as with any business, our success depends on customers being able to reach

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our business. In past years, we have lost busi-ness and had many irate customers during the festival because there's no parking for several blocks in either direction. No customers means no income. Our business has no parking available in the rest of the business. We pay for our employees to park in the leased parking lot you mentioned to leave spaces available on Main Street for customers. The parking lot is marked with a large sign at the entrance and another large sign posted on the side of the adjacent building, although I understand at the time in question a van was blocking the sign at the entrance. In addition, most merchants had signs posted at each space warning violators they will be towed.

On the morning that the lady was towed, an employee at the festival heard them announce the impending towing three times. The phone number of the towing company is also listed on the entrance sign. It's unfortunate that it happened, but it could have easily been avoided.

We personally have never towed a festival attendee. We feel that it isn't very festive to find your car gone, but we do understand the frustration of the merchant who did. We also designated two spaces on Main Street as reserved for our customers. We cannot enforce it since it is public parking; we just leave it up to the conscience of the parker. Our receptionist would also go out and motion people, especially elderly people, into the spaces. For one, would like to thank

Richard Crowley for taking the initiative to have parking monitored to help direct customers to proper parking places. Especially with having the Event Center on our block, parking is a huge problem and will continue to be a problem. But we could use some help in the way of business. Whining and griping doesn't help anyone.

If you have some ideas for solutions, the businesses and the downtown board would love to hear them.

JULIE KODESH
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Julie Kodesh is the manager at L.E. Duke & Son.)

O'Leary Christmas project brought many rewards

I think it was great that you had people go to O'Leary and take pictures about the Christmas Children. Why I think it is so great is because we have a chance to make the day happier for the children. Also, you might have a new friend that might write to you. I hope O'Leary does it again so we might get more boxes than we did before. It just felt cool to do the Christmas Children project. My family even did it. Between the five of us, we did two boxes. It might not be much, but two more is better than nothing. I thought it was a great idea for Mrs. Burn also to do it. I thank all who did it. JEFFREY THOMPSON
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Jeffrey Thompson is a seventh-grade student at O'Leary Middle School.)

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OPINION

Christmas past was no less crass

As the holidays approach, we yearn for the perfect Yuletide of years past, with carolers and wide-eyed children, and good will among men and no crass commercialization of the holiday in sight.

Perhaps we would be less satisfied with our yearly rite of buying, selling and decorating if we reminded ourselves that such an old-fashioned Christmas never actually existed.

In the 19th century, the era on which we focus most of our nostalgia, businesses already were figuring out ways to transform good will into good balance sheets.

Some department stores stayed open until late on Christmas Eve, like Scrooges, keeping their Bo Cratchits behind counters well into the night. Philadelphia confectors competed in devising promotional gimmicks, including candies shaped like cockroaches.

And F.W. Woolworth saw first-hand the wretched poverty surrounding the Germans who made Christmas balls for his stores, but happily matched up thousands of the decorations at the lowest price possible to enrich himself by satisfying the American demand for baubles.

American business folks weren't the only ones capitalizing on the season, though. Britain's leading playwright, George Bernard Shaw, complained about the English holiday season, "Christmas is forced upon a reluctant and disgusted nation by the shopkeepers and the press; on its own merits it would wither and shrivel in the fiery breath of universal hatred."

And though we may prefer the elegance of Victorian Christmas decorations (I confess that I like them), most of us could have afforded very few of them, had we lived then.

What if we look to the still more distant past for a good, old-fashioned Christmas? Before the industrialization of the late 18th and the 19th centuries, Christmas was indeed less commercial. In many places, though, it was a rowdy bacchanal closer to Mardi Gras than to our family-oriented holiday.

Wassailers, about whom we wax nostalgic these days, were often

JOSEPH WALSH*

dangerous bands of drunken, disguised young men. And school-boys might commandeer and vandalize their schools to demand a longer Christmas break and fewer beatings from the schoolmaster. Not exactly a celebration for family and religion.

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as essential to Christmas as evergreens. Let's remember that no Christmas, save perhaps the first one, is perfect, and that we'd enjoy the holiday more and benefit from it more genuinely if we shaped it from the many possibilities that Christmas past and present offer rather than lamenting that we are sadly born too late.

Joseph Walsh, a professor of classics at Loyola College, is the author of "Were They Wise Men Or Kings? The Book of Christmas Questions."

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Bahrain's monarch opens parliament

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP)—In a colorful ceremony, the king inaugurated Bahrain's first parliament in nearly 30 years Saturday.

The 40 members of the lower house, the Chamber of Deputies, were elected in October, the first legislative elections that Bahrain had seen since 1973. That parliament was dissolved two years later.

The members of the new upper house, the Shura Council,

were appointed by the king, Sheikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

"We shall work together to boost this national unity and we shall join hands for the sake of economic growth, while endeavoring to solve the problems of unemployment and fight corruption," the king said, addressing the legislators and dignitaries in an open-air auditorium in the parliament complex.

The king arrived at parliament in a white limousine pre-

ceded by a troop of mounted cavalry. The horsemen wore traditional Arab headdresses and carried staffs flying pennants in the national colors of red and white.

After the king's speech, which was warmly applauded, members of both houses pledged allegiance to the king. The Chamber of Deputies elected a speaker, Khalifa al-Dhaharani, and then adjourned to Dec. 24. The Shura adjourned to Dec. 23.



Bahrain's King Sheikh Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa, second from left, opens the first day of the National Assembly Saturday.

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As the end of the year comes to a close, it's always a good idea to look back over the events of the last 12 months to see where we've been and what's been accomplished.

The year 2002 was a busy one for the dairy industry. Despite months of depressed milk prices, the industry as a whole continued to move forward and remain strong. In 2002, the individual dairy producers continued their commitments of striving to be good neighbors; to be responsible stewards of the land; and to ensure that Idaho dairy farmers continue producing the highest quality milk products available. Here are some of the year's

to conduct an economic impact study. Led by Dr. Don Holley and Dr. John Church, the study focused on what type of impact the dairy industry has on the state's economy. The research team spent the last seven months analyzing facts and figures and conducted countless interviews around Idaho with people in and outside of the dairy industry. As the results are being analyzed, the

host to Idaho's first Idaho Agricultural Odor Technology Conference. The three-day conference was the result of a working collaboration between the University of Idaho Extension, Idaho Dairymen's Association, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, the Governor's Office, and the Environmental Protection Agency and sponsored by Magic Valley Farm Credit and Idaho

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initial indication is that the dairy industry has a multiplying affect that is one of the highest in the state.

This year brought a new face and expertise to the dairy industry. Earlier in the year Idaho welcomed Bob Naerebout as the newest member to the Idaho Dairymen's Association team. Bob came to town with a lifetime of dairy and ag business related expertise along with the backing of Dairy Strategies, a nationwide consulting firm doing business in 25 states and seven foreign countries. Bob has stayed busy in his new leadership position as IDA's Executive Director working with Idaho's dairy producers, state and local policy makers along with various special interest groups.

The Magic Valley was

Power. The conference was a proactive step on the part of the dairy industry to address the state's order issues. Idaho dairy farmers appreciate the opportunity they have had over the past 12 months to work and live in the great state of Idaho and look forward to opportunities that lie ahead in 2003. From everyone in the dairy industry, drink up and have a safe and happy holiday. In 2002, the individual dairy producers continued their commitments of striving to be good neighbors; to be responsible stewards of the land; and to ensure that Idaho dairy farmers continue producing the highest quality milk products available.

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Where middle age goes to die

Today's topic is being graceful after 50.
 It's harder than you kids think. Much harder, I believe, than grace after 60.
 Senior citizens are either distinguished or they're eccentric. Society expects it, and even if you aren't distinguished or eccentric, it's easy to fake it by picking an AARP membership card.
 Not so among the half-century crowd. Most of us are in the process of losing hair and gaining flesh, and that's about as attractive as watching an alligator molt.
 Plus, fifty-somethings are forever in transition, with one foot on a skateboard and the other in a sensible shoe.
 Most of us don't act our age - plastic surgeons perform more chin and tummy tucks on patients in their fifties than any other group, although it's no longer possible to ignore the passed-by signs of time: Knees creek, joints ache, bedtime comes earlier.

Embarrassingly so. A few Saturdays ago, my girlfriend and I - she's only 43 - went out for a night on the town in Boise. When both of us began to yawn, I looked away. It was 9:30.
 Too chagrined to go home at 9:30 on a Saturday night, we sat in a Denny's and drank coffee until 10:15, when I nodded off.
 And then there's that look that a man with gray hair gets when he introduces a younger woman as his girlfriend. Nobody - ever - can suppress a smirk.
 There are the smaller humiliations as well.
 I walk 3 miles a day on the CSI Fitness Trail, and last Saturday a young fellow passed me on the trail, power-walking. "Good morning!" he chirped.
 Not 100 yards later, he passed me again. The whipper-snapper had lapped me.
 "Great workout, huh?" he said with a smile. "The doctor makes me do this every morning since I had both knees replaced."
 "When was that?" I asked.
 "He did the last one in August, on my 48th birthday."
 Worst of all, people in their teens and twenties - store clerks, receptionists, restaurant hostesses, car-wash attendants, the kid who changes the oil in my car - have taken to calling me "sir."

For the record, I am not a sir; I'm still a dude.
 I was commiserating with some fellow apprentice general the other day about the shrinking size of newspaper type and the sudden epidemic of ear hair when one of them, a guy my age, excused himself, reached into his mouth and removed his false teeth.
 The rest of us looked on in horror. "What?" he said finally. "I got a berry seed stuck in my partial plate."
 What we were all watching, of course, was the future. I've been queasy ever since.

My grandmother - who, to my recollection, always looked like a grandmother - used to say that time waits for no man, and damn few women. If so, I'd like to meet them.

For to me, the transition from middle-aged to Metamucel has

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Steve Crump

ASK ME

Don't ask me Steve Crump

Legislators might see seat belt bill return

By Julie Pence
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Local safety-driving groups are forming a coalition to back a bill to make not wearing a seat belt a primary offense.
 The Twin Falls Police Department, the Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition and South Central District Health came together Saturday at the Main Street Plaza for a Christmas tree lighting ceremony. The purpose of the event was to launch a year-long campaign to educate people on the use of seat belts. The groups also announced proposed legislation for lawmakers to consider in the 2003 session.

Seat belt use

- Surveys indicate that in 1999, fewer than 40 percent of drivers and passengers in Twin Falls used seat belts.
- In 2001, that figure was 54 percent in Twin Falls County, just over 60 percent across Idaho and 73 percent nationwide.
- For reasons that aren't clear, people in pickups seemed to use seat belts the least. Studies indicate an average of 49 percent of people in pickups in Idaho did not wear seat belts in 2001.
- Idaho has the smallest fine, \$5, of any state for not wearing a seat belt.

The proposed bill would make it illegal for anyone to go without using a seat belt unless there aren't enough seat belts in the vehicle for all passengers. Occupants could be excused from wearing them with written statements from licensed physicians. Also, the proposal provides that in certain emergency situations people would be excused from wearing them.
 A primary offense is one for which drivers can be pulled over. In 1986 the Idaho Legislature put into place a law that makes not using a seat belt a secondary offense, which means drivers that are pulled over for other offenses can also get tickets for not wearing seat belts. And then the fine for not wearing a seat belt is only \$5.
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Phyllis Smith of Boise, whose son was killed in a car accident, lights the "Safe Holidays" Christmas tree at the Main Street Plaza in Twin Falls Saturday with help from Twin Falls Police Sgt. Bill Hanchev. The seat belt campaign, sponsored by Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition, South Central District Health and the Twin Falls Police Department, aims to encourage seat belt use among area drivers and passengers. The campaign's goal is zero fatal accidents between Thanksgiving and New Year's day.

'Little stars' of Twin Falls come out to shine

By Loretta Burkhardt
 Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Though stars are involved, it's the children who will be making spirits bright during the Sunday morning worship service at the First Presbyterian Church today.
 Under the direction of Peggy Kroll, who chairs the Children's Ministry, "The Little Stars of Bethlehem" will be in charge of delivering the Christmas message.
 And while Kroll has more than a dozen years' experience in putting on an annual Christmas pageant at the church, this time around, her job description has taken on a whole new spin.



Volunteer director Peggy Kroll decorates some of the little stars during the rehearsal of "The Little Stars of Bethlehem" Christmas pageant at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls. The children will be performing the program this morning.

Pageant

"The Little Stars of Bethlehem" Christmas pageant, a published production by Janet Mehl, will begin about 10:30 a.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls.

Under a backdrop that includes the entire universe, the challenge of presenting the true meaning of Christmas has reached new heights.
 Children's productions are a lot of hard work, but things are looking up. This time, "There won't be any (angel's) wings to restrict," nor "crushed halos" in need of being straightened out, Kroll said.
 Assisted by Music Coordinator Kelly Probesco, Kroll is confident that the play's message - which reinforces the importance of working together - will come across loud and clear.
 "Its theme (that), first, you can always do more than they think they can, and, second, you can do a whole lot more if you all cooperate," is set just before the star's arrival over the stable in the little town of Bethlehem.
 "The deal is - all the characters are lights (in the sky) but finding a "special" star is a tough situation," she said. "The moon can't change its shape too often. Orion is a constellation of violence, so that won't work. The North Star already has a responsibility - of guiding humans, so that won't do either. But there is a way," Kroll said.
 "In a cast of about 25 children - all representing heavenly lights - the arrival of the brightest star can only be accomplished through the cooperation of some glittering "star-shped" aluminum-covered cardboard pieces made up of Sydney Bergen, Ashley Geist, Simon Halseil, Shami Bean and Caitlyn Probesco.
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Making spirits bright
 A 12-day series about the people behind Christmas

Umbrella terms don't capture diversity

Hispanics don't like Census designations

By Sandra Forester
 The Idaho Statesman

BOISE - Lisa Sanchez was born in Arizona and raised in Burley. Growing up, she was Mexican. In college, she embraced Chicana. On Census or employment forms, she's Hispanic. In some public settings, she's Latina.
 On a trip this year to Mexico, she was very much American.
 "Latino depends on whom you're talking to," said Sanchez, a writer, humorist and membership specialist for area Girl Scouts. "It's such a complicated issue."
 Many Idahoans of Latin American heritage or birth say the broad terms "Hispanic" and "Latino" don't begin to capture

their diversity. And, they say, words aren't how they identify themselves.
 It's an ongoing debate within Latin American communities throughout the nation, with no clear consensus, that began in the 1970s when the U.S. Census Bureau began using "Hispanic" to mean any person of Latin American descent living in the United States.
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Lisa Sanchez, is shown last month in Boise.

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 Where: Gertie's Brick Oven Cookery, 602 Second Ave. S., Twin Falls.
 What: 4-9 p.m. today.
 How much: No cover charge.

'Christmas in Egypt'
 What: King's Kids will present "Christmas in Egypt."
 Where: First Baptist Church, 2562 Hilland Ave., Burley.
 When: 11 a.m. today.
 How much: Free.

'A Christmas Carol'
 What: Company of Fools will present Douglas Jones' adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."
 Where: The College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center

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 What: The Magic Valley Chorale will present its annual Christmas Concert.
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 What: "Comedian," starring Jerry Seinfeld, will be shown.
 Where: The Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

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auditorium, Twin Falls.
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How much: Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for senior citizens and students, are available at the door.

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T.F. police nab weekend DUI suspects

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - A stepped-up patrol by the Twin Falls Police Department to find drunk drivers paid off late Friday night...

been drinking and was driving without privileges because he was already on probation for a drunk driving violation earlier this year...

ed to suspected DUI crash. Police say Jose Montano, 30, ran from the scene after he lost control of his 1995 Ford Explorer...

gent the night in the hospital. Sgt. Matt Hicks said the department steps up patrolling for drunk drivers during the holidays...

SERVICES

Culvin Clarence Gudgeff of Kimberly, service at 1 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary...

Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park...

Falls, burial will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Payson Pioneer Cemetery - in Payson, Ariz.

DEATH NOTICES

Erdie Schwandt - ERDIE SCHWANDT, 82, of Twin Falls...

announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Barbara Ann Betty of Pocatello, the family will receive friends from 7 p.m. Monday at Colonial Funeral Home...

FLOYD 'MIKE' WEEKS - RUPERT - FLOYD 'MIKE' WEEKS, 88, of Rupert, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002...

Michael Carder - BURLEY - Michael Carder, 53, of Burley, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2002...

arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

Arthur C. Kimball of Buhl, celebration of life at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the First Church of the Nazarene...

Roger E. Parvin - SHOSHONE - Roger Eugene Parvin, 52, of Shoshone, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2002...

Mary I. Gibson - HANSEN - Mary I. Gibson, 82, of Hansen, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002...

arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

Marjorie Ann Harshberger of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m.

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Seventy bills await legislature

BOISE (AP) - All-terrain vehicle definitions, compulsory DNA sampling and publicly listing the state's most violent sexual offenders are some of the 70 bills the Idaho Legislature will consider during its general session beginning Jan. 6...

On the Net

List of pre-lit bills: http://www3.state.id.us/oasis/minidata.html

The proposal says county sheriffs must publicize the addresses and photos of people who have been declared violent sexual predators...

Other bills of interest include: A bill by Idaho State Police to require convicted burglars to submit a genetic sample...

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Idahoans participate in survey

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — A relative handful of Idahoans who agreed to answer 55 minutes of questions in a telephone survey for the State Department of Health and Welfare now nearing completion are a genuinely elite group.

Only an estimated 4,300 residents in a state of 1.3 million are contacted during the sampling, which began in January and is conducted throughout the year. Replies to 55 questions help shape a statewide profile of the health and behavior of 18-and-over adults for the rest of the state. The annual survey's manager, Kathy Simplot, research analyst for Health and Welfare, says findings help Idaho track health and health behavior trends that can lead health professionals into creating and aiming remedial programs for at-risk groups.

The project, Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System, relies on one of the largest number of respondents. It began in 1984, when Idaho joined 18 other states in creating the program. Now, all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico conduct programs.

Simplot says Idaho and other states funnel results to the

Centers-for-Disease-Control-and-Prevention, as well as post them on their Web sites. In Idaho, the lengthy, 91-page summary of 2001's results can be found at http://www2.state.id.us/dh/wl/vital_stats/bfrs/bfrs_01.pdf.

Questions posed in the survey by Clearwater Research of Boise are evaluated by ethnic group, age, income, marital status, and gender and health district. The 2002 results will be available in several months.

In last year's survey, one of the most disturbing trends to emerge, Simplot said, is what she called a "significant" 30 percent increase in 10 years of the number of overweight adults — now 60 percent compared to 46 percent a decade ago in 1991.

Binge drinking by 12.8 percent of the population, mostly young adults, is another concern of health professionals, she said. Of those, she said, 4.8 percent are classified in a "chronic drinking risk" grouping.

Another large group that poses a risk is the 34.8 percent that says it does not regularly use seat belts when driving.

Marijuana usage (5.8 percent) seems consistent and unchanging.

Among other findings in last year's survey were adults who considered their health only fair

or poor (13 percent); without health insurance coverage (14.8 percent); with no leisure time activity (21 percent); have not had their blood cholesterol checked in five years (34 percent); have been told they have high blood cholesterol (30.3 percent); have been told they have diabetes (5.4 percent); have been told they have high blood pressure (24.6 percent); take medication for high blood pressure (65.7); currently smoke (19.6 percent); use a cell phone (53.6 percent); have firearms at home (55.3 percent); seek help for mental or emotional problems (15.9 percent); experienced suicide by any family member (5.2 percent) or attempted suicide themselves (4.4 percent).

In questions for adults under 50 about sexual activities, respondents either said they didn't know or couldn't remember how many people they'd had sexual intercourse with during the preceding 12 months, or refused to answer. The survey concluded the mean answer was one person.

In another question, 81.6 percent said they'd used a condom during their most recent intercourse to prevent pregnancy (49.6 percent); to prevent disease (4.9 percent); or for both reasons (42.4 percent).

Micron works for foreign tariffs

BOISE (AP) — Micron Technology is making headway in a battle with its top international competitors.

Friday the International Trade Commission agreed to investigate whether illegal government subsidies were provided to chipmakers in South Korea.

A commission ruling said "there is a reasonable indication that a U.S. industry is materially injured" by actions in South Korea.

"This was an unanimous decision, 4-0, and even a tie would have been a victory for Micron," Micron spokesman Sean Mahoney said.

Boise-based Micron, which won a similar ruling from the U.S. Department of Commerce last month, is seeking to have tariffs imposed on South Korean DRAM memory chips.

The investigation is expected to last through the spring and

could have financial rewards for Micron because U.S. law would send any tariffs imposed directly to the Boise company.

Now that both agencies have approved the investigation, the process moves back and forth between the two entities in a series of hearings that could culminate in an order for tariffs by June 2003.

Micron filed its complaint in

November, accusing South Korean competitors of receiving illegal government subsidies in 2001.

In its complaint, filed jointly with the U.S. Department of Commerce and the commission, Micron blamed its \$907 million loss last year partly on the alleged unfair practices of Korea's Hynix Semiconductor and Samsung Electronics.

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Governor: Budget wouldn't cut education

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Gov. Mike Leavitt said Saturday that education should not be cut to make up for the current budget shortfall of \$117 million.

The governor reiterated his plan to leave the education funding — which is 47 percent of the state's \$7.3 billion budget — off the cutting board. Instead, he wants the Utah Legislature to delay road construction and reduce water subsidies, funneling that reserve money toward the deficit.

On Wednesday the Legislature will meet in a special session to patch the projected \$117 million budget gap. An across-the-board cut of about 3.5 percent — including public and higher education — is one of the many options being considered by lawmakers.

But Leavitt wants the lawmakers to increase education spending by \$4.2 million during the special session, spokeswoman Natalie Gochour said. Most of that new

money would be appropriated from interest gained on the state's permanent trust fund for schools, she said.

The governor's recommendation would include some money for charter school needs. He noted that for the current fiscal year, education has sustained \$52 million in cuts.

Since 1991, almost \$1 billion of sales tax has been used for roads and Leavitt said now is the time to put education first.

"The budget priorities really boil down to three options," Leavitt said. "We can cut education, raise taxes or delay roads and trim water subsidies. For me the choice is clearly to put education first."

The governor proposed \$63.9 million in new funding for public education in the current fiscal and the 2004 fiscal year combined. That figure would include money for 4,800 new students as schools

continue to experience enrollment growth.

"If we want to prosper we must train a high quality work force. I refuse to compromise quality in our public education system," he said.

Leavitt's recommendations did not include a tax increase. But these are tight times for the state. Utah has already trimmed \$197 million from its operating costs, resulting in 500 fewer state jobs.

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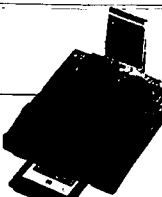
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Billboards denounce murderer

BOISE (AP) — A family's billboard campaign to stir public sentiment against a convicted killer has prompted hundreds of calls and letters to the Idaho Commission of Pardons and Paroles.

Seven 10-foot-by-22-foot signs are posted throughout Boise. It's part of an effort by Anna Christensen's family to keep her killer in prison.

The billboards read: "Coming to Boise? Gary Joe Hawkins — convicted — of — murder — of — Ana Christensen — is up for Parole! To stop: Contact Parole Board."

The signs include a photo of the victim and the parole board's telephone number.

Hawkins, then 17, was convicted of beating and suffocating Christensen, 72, while he stole \$230 from her Lewiston apartment on Jan. 11, 1995.

He pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison. His next parole hearing — his fourth — is set for Jan. 16.

Christensen's family believes Hawkins is a predatory killer who should not be let back into the community.

But Hawkins' wife and others say the convict is a kind, Christian man who has spent half of his life behind bars for a crime he did not commit.

Christensen's nephew, Michael Finney, said the family is simply trying to warn Boise and Lewiston residents about Hawkins' possible release. He and other family members pooled more than \$6,000 to spread the word through letters, billboards and newspaper advertisements in both cities.

"I'd rather spend the money than find out he got out of the prison system and murdered anyone else," said Finney.

Hawkins, now 34, married his wife, Christy Hawkins, 33, at the South Idaho Correctional Institution in 1996 after a long correspondence. They met a few years earlier, when she was visiting a relative at the prison.

"When Gary told me he didn't do it, I didn't believe him," she said. "Then, when I read the paperwork, I just bawled."

Gary Hawkins now claims that he pleaded guilty only because his lawyer told him he would get a lighter sentence than if he was convicted by a jury. He has already had three previous parole hearings, each attended by members of Christensen's family.

Before each hearing, the family placed newspaper ads and sent letters to people in the Lewiston area, Finney said.

Parole Commission President Olivia Craven said the public reaction has been the most intense in recent memory — even greater than the outcry when Claude Dallas, convicted of killing two Idaho Fish and Game wardens, became eligible for parole in 2001.

But the comments generated by the family's campaign won't factor into the commission's decision about whether to release Hawkins, Craven said.

"The commission's mission is to look at everybody individually, and if we base it on how many comments we receive, we're selling everybody else short," Craven said.

LDS church points to NYC plaza ruling

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hopes a federal appeals court ruling on free speech at a New York City plaza will convince the U.S. Supreme Court to reconsider a ruling on their plaza in downtown Salt Lake City.

A decision by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in November banned union protesters from Lincoln Center's plaza in New York.

Von Keetch, an attorney for the church, believes that ruling conflicts with the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that the Salt Lake City plaza must remain open to free speech, including protests, even though it is owned by the church.

"If the 10th Circuit would have used the 2nd Circuit analysis, the case would have come out exactly the opposite," Keetch said. "The 2nd Circuit got it right."

Mark Lopez, staff attorney for the national office of the American Civil Liberties Union, said there are critical differences. Lopez argued the Main Street case before the 10th Circuit and filed an amicus brief in the Manhattan suit.

"This is not that controversial," Lopez said. "It's as if the city built its own sidewalk through their property. It's a nickel-and-dime sidewalk case colored with some interesting facts."

A panel of three 10th Circuit judges ruled in October that the church cannot evict protesters or enforce rules of public conduct because the city retains a public

ease through the plaza. The church appealed, but the full Denver-based court declined to hear the case.

Mayor Rocky Anderson has refused to give up the easement and the city and church have been unable to resolve the issue.

Church attorneys want to use the 2nd Circuit ruling to try to persuade the U.S. Supreme Court to hear their Main Street appeal.

The Manhattan case started in 1999 after members of a hotel and restaurant employees union passed out leaflets on a plaza in the middle of the Lincoln Center performing arts complex and were threatened with arrest.

A union request for a permit to hold a rally was denied. The union sued and the district court ruled that the city, and the non-profit group that oversees the plaza, could ban protests.

A 2nd Circuit panel ruled in favor of the union, but the full appeals court ruled last month that prohibiting certain speech is "reasonable" because the plaza was created as a centerpiece for the arts complex. Such plazas are not traditionally dedicated to expressive activities, the judges wrote.

"I just don't see much difference between the two plazas," Keetch said.

Lopez does.

"If this continues to look and smell and sound like a public sidewalk ... we will continue to assert that First Amendment principles are at play," Lopez says.

Census Bureau plans to track citizens abroad

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Census Bureau plans to target countries in northern Europe and the Middle East in a pilot program to determine whether it can accurately track U.S. citizens who live privately outside the United States and include them in the next official head count to be taken in 2010.

If funding is approved by Congress, it would be the first such survey of private American citizens living outside the United States. In 2000, only military personnel and federal workers stationed abroad were counted.

The program will be tested in

as many as three countries, said Preston Jay Waite, associated chief census director. While northern Europe and the Middle East are being considered, some of the tests might also be conducted in Canada, Mexico or a South American country, he said.

The federal government will select the sites in the next several weeks. Waite said the tests will be conducted in countries with significant populations of U.S. citizens. It is estimated between 3 million and 6 million American citizens live privately overseas.

The issue of how thoroughly the Census Bureau should count

outside the United States was central in the legal battle between Utah and North Carolina over the reapportionment of House seats, stemming from the last census.

The Supreme Court last year declined to hear Utah's complaint that it was deprived of the House seat that went to North Carolina because the Census Bureau failed to tally over 11,000 Mormon missionaries serving overseas.

An overseas count has bipartisan support in Congress. But Waite said the upcoming tests will be just the first step in trying to resolve numerous prob-

lems with such a tally.

Among the concerns is how to find addresses for U.S. citizens living abroad, and determining if someone is living outside the United States in the first place. The bureau may ask for help from the State Department, or may ask interested Americans to contact them over the Internet, Waite added.

"The Census Bureau is not at all convinced that we could do a good job with this, but we are willing to try," he said. "But it's clear that if it did have a full-scale attempt (to find U.S. citizens) overseas that it could have an impact on reapportionment."

Commission approves commercial trout fishing

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has approved its first commercial lake trout fishery on Lake Pend Oreille in an effort to help save remaining stocks of kokanee salmon.

Thursday's unanimous approval by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission will allow fishermen to sell lake trout to a commercial buyer.

It opens the door for an exper-

iment with nets and traps more commonly used on the Great Lakes.

"I hope it's not too little, too late, but at least we're attempting it," said Fish and Game Commissioner Nancy Hadley of Sandpoint.

Kokanee salmon once were plentiful in Lake Pend Oreille, but fluctuations in lake levels destroyed spawning habitat back in the 1960s and fish num-

bers have been declining ever since.

The deep waters of the lake also are rife with trophy-sized rainbow trout and endangered bull trout, which appear to be making a comeback. But those fish prey on the kokanee and, combined with other factors, are pushing the kokanee population to the brink of collapse.

The commercial fishery season has not been set, but offi-

cial said it would likely begin early next year. The decision designated conventional rod and reel as the approved catch method.

Live trap nets such as those used in Lake Michigan were tested on Pend Oreille this fall. However, it appears they will only work in shallow places on the north end of the lake, and other shallow bays such as Gerfield, Burtonhook and Camp-

School bus driver faces charges in molestation case

NAMPA (AP) — A Vallivue School District bus driver has been charged with lewd and lascivious conduct for allegedly fondling a child under 10 years old.

Police said Clinton Averon Tidquist, 76, turned himself in on Friday. The charges could

carry a life sentence.

Police reports said the incident occurred Oct. 23 on a school bus while Tidquist was working.

The gender of the child has not been released.

Police said Tidquist does not have a criminal history.

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U of I president warns cutbacks still ahead

MOSCOW (AP) - Even after major budget cuts last year, the University of Idaho still faces millions of dollars more in reductions, president Robert Hoover warned.

"The university is still trying to find a way out of its financial problems," Hoover told an audience of about 500 professors, students and staff on Friday.

Hoover announced his plan to spread the university's \$10 million budget deficit over the next five years, but offered little comfort to those fearful of more program and personnel cuts.

"We've already reduced a number (of faculty and programs), and we'll reduce a number over the next couple of years," Hoover said.

Retirements, curriculum changes, increased enrollment and a variety of other factors have eased the burden of what had been a projected \$30 million shortfall that the University faced through 2004. But there is still about \$10 million to go, Hoover said.

Students and faculty have been over the next couple of years, but what cuts could still come - especially in terms of closing down programs

and laying off tenured professors.

"We haven't tired anybody yet," Hoover told the crowd. "But I can't say that we won't."

The university's deficit is caused by a \$1.5 million shortfall left over from last year's state budget cuts and \$9.5 million in ongoing issues not funded by the state, such as rising utility costs and increases in employee insurance rates, Hoover said.

The five-year plan is designed to pay off the debt gradually in the hopes that increased revenue from student fees, strategic initiatives and future Legislative sessions will soften the blow.

Three mining and geological engineering professors with tenure have already been told that their jobs would be gone in a year.

"Like the College of Mining and Engineering, other departments, especially those with fewer students and majors, may be eliminated."

"We're going to be a different institution at the end of this budget reduction," said Hoover. "We'll probably be smaller with fewer degree programs and we'll probably be more focused."

Woman dies in fall from parking garage

BOISE (AP) - Police investigators have identified 34-year-old Dorothy Ann Fisher of Boise as the woman who fell to her death from a downtown parking garage Friday evening. Police said they have little

information about the victim. She fell from the 5th floor of the city parking garage onto a parked car at about 9:30 p.m. She died shortly after being taken to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical center.

Police have been unable to locate her family. Investigators want to talk with anyone who may have known the victim or may be able to provide clues as to her recent state of mind.

Movie studios file suit to stop DVD alteration

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Hollywood studios have fired back at video rental stores and technology companies that allow consumers to watch films that have been altered to remove nudity, violence and foul language.

Eight major studios, which own the copyrights to the films, filed a lawsuit Friday in federal court in Denver backing legal action by movie directors who claim the editors violate copyright laws.

The studios also allege the companies violate trademark law when they rent or sell an altered movie in the digital packaging.

In August, CleanFlicks of Colorado, a dealer associated with Pleasant Grove, Utah-based CleanFlicks, filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Denver asking the court to rule that what they do - rent and sell edited movies - is legal.

The Directors Guild of America filed suit in September with a countersuit, claiming that editing the films to make them more "family friendly" violates the creative vision of the director and misrepresents their work.

CleanFlicks uses a proprietary software system to sanitize the films. Individual video stores buy copies of video tapes or DVDs from the studios, then send them to CleanFlicks in Utah where they are edited and sent back for sale or rental.

A company called ClearPlay, also based in Utah, sells software that can be downloaded on a computer that mutates foul language or skips over objectionable scenes when a DVD is played on a computer.

Directors asked the movie studios to join the case because they hold the actual copyrights.

Friday's lawsuit complains the film sanitizers charge as much as \$20 more for films that have been edited and asked the court to stop the practice.

"They intend to protect their copyrights and trademarks vigorously," said Jonathan Zavin, an attorney representing Warner Bros., The Walt Disney Co., Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Universal Studios, Twentieth Century Fox, Paramount and DreamWorks.

Administration OKs Highway 95 route, but residents vow to fight it

MOSCOW (AP) - The final design and construction phase can begin on the U.S. Highway 95 route over Paradise Ridge now that the Federal Highway Administration has approved the plan.

However, the route still faces local opposition.

The Idaho Transportation Department wants a new four-lane, divided highway to be built from about four miles south of Moscow across the western edge of Paradise Ridge. The road would reconnect with Highway 95 about a half mile south of Moscow and would circumvent the current route over

Reisenauer Hill.

The rest of the 21-mile stretch of highway also will be expanded to four lanes, with a center turn lane.

Construction costs for the entire project is \$60 million.

State transportation department officials say a highway over Paradise Ridge would be a better commute for drivers between Lewiston and Moscow.

But the plan has drawn fire from residents of Paradise Ridge, who say wildlife and weather conditions will cause hazards, leaving drivers no better off than with the current road.

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Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Hamlet holes
Tuesday: Turnovers
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Cranberry rolls
Friday: Breaded muffin
Lunch menu
Monday: Burritos
Tuesday: Chicken burger
Wednesday: Tacos
Thursday: Sloppy joe
Friday: Christmas dinner

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Milk served every day
Monday-Friday: Menu not available

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Chicken party sandwiches
Tuesday: Sandwich wraps
Wednesday: Turkey gravy
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Corn dogs

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Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Quisadilla
Thursday: Hamlet holes
Friday: Ham and cheese pocket
Lunch menu
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Tuna sandwich
Thursday: Beef stroganoff
Friday: Corn dogs

MANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day
Monday: Egg sandwich
Tuesday: Stroganoff with meat sauce
Wednesday: Rib-bone sandwich
Thursday: Baked potato bar
Friday: Assorted pizza

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Milk served every day
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Baked ham
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Hamburgers
Friday: Ham and cheese pocket
Lunch menu
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Thursday: Chicken
Friday: Hamburgers

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Monday: Soup and sandwich
Tuesday: Chicken strips
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes
Friday: No lunch served

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Peppermint Hot Pockets
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Thursday: Christmas dinner
Friday: Corn dog

MURTAUGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Turkey gravy
Wednesday: Hot dogs
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Menu not available

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Mixed fruit
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Hot oatmeal
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, salad bar or multi chicken sandwich
Wednesday: Baked cheese sandwich, soup and sandwich bar or Italian sub sandwich
Thursday: Tacos bar or pizza
Friday: Finger steaks, potato bar or Christmas dinner
Saturday: Hamburger deluxe, salad bar or deli sandwich

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday: Italian duckers
Tuesday: Tacos
Wednesday: Macaroni and cheese
Thursday: Turkey gravy
Friday: Chili

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Mixed fruit

Wednesday: Cereal

Thursday: Hot oatmeal
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Breakfast for lunch
Tuesday: Taco soup
Wednesday: Christmas dinner
Thursday: Taco soup
Friday: Corn dog

WALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served every day
Monday: Crip burrito
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Corn dog
Thursday: Chicken sandwich
Friday: Soft lunch

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served every day
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, open bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main-line menu varies every day.
Monday: Salad bar, deli sandwich or multi chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or nacho bar
Wednesday: Taco bar, deli sandwich or choco burger
Thursday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or Christmas dinner
Friday: Potato bar, deli sandwich or grilled chicken and bacon wrap

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served every day
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Mexican tostadas
Wednesday: Corn dog
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Submarine sandwich

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day
Monday: Chili dog
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Burrito
Thursday: French dip
Friday: Nachos

GLENNS FERRY

Monday: Chicken burger
Tuesday: Sloppy joe
Wednesday: Hamburger
Thursday: Chili
Friday: Chili

GOODING ELEMENTARY

Choice of milk served every day
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Pizza

Wednesday: French dip

Thursday: Corn dog
Friday: Chili

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered every day
Monday: Beef taco
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Turkey gravy
Thursday: Beef nuggets
Friday: Chicken sandwich

IDAHO SCHOOL

FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Milk served every day
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Corn dog
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Cinnamon rice, french toast
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Chicken fillet sandwich
Wednesday: Christmas dinner
Thursday: Hoopie sandwich or pecan butter and jelly sandwich
Friday: Chili or clam chowder

JEROME SCHOOLS

Milk served every day
Monday: Cheese pocket
Tuesday: Greek chicken
Wednesday: Sloppy joe
Thursday: Quilt butter and jelly sandwich
Friday: Christmas dinner

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served every day
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Lunch menu
Monday: Nachos
Tuesday: Pig in a blanket
Wednesday: Corn chips, chili
Thursday: Turkey
Friday: Cheese sandwich

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served every day
Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: Beef stew
Wednesday: Roast turkey
Thursday: Barbecued
Friday: Hot dog

WENDELL SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily
Monday: Chicken pastiche
Tuesday: Ground beef stroganoff
Wednesday: Turkey sandwich
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Surf burger
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CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Cheese toast
Wednesday: Breakfast on a bun
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Stir-fry cheese
Lunch menu
Monday: Sloppy joe
Tuesday: Colgado
Wednesday: Turkey
Thursday: Chili
Friday: Deli sandwich

MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS

Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Hot cereal
Thursday: Yogurt
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Choice of white or chocolate milk every day
Monday: Chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Baked cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Peppermint pizza
Thursday: Turkey gravy
Friday: Burrito

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day
Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day
Chocolate milk served every day
Monday: Nachos
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Hamburger, burrito or choco burger
Thursday: Baked potato special
Friday: Hoopie sandwich

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Festival of Trees posts pleasing profits

By Neta Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — All the trees, wreath and mantle decorations have been purchased and the results tallied.

The results are good. After subtracting out costs, the Cassia Health Care Foundation's Festival of Trees generated about \$40,000 for charity, said Jeff Poulsen, the treasurer for the event.

"It was a very wonderful year," said Glenna Turner, festival chairwoman. "We're very grateful for the support."

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

The festival made \$22,100 from selling trees and other decorations, Poulsen said. The money from gala dinner tickets totaled \$5,800. Tickets sold during the day, donations and other fundraisers brought in \$9,200. The Pink Ladies who sold food during the festival made about \$10,000. Although Poulsen had not calculated the expenses yet, he estimated organizers spent \$7,000 to put on the event.

This year the foundation was raising money for a machine to enhance mammography readings at Cassia Regional Medical Center, new equipment for Malta Ambulance and scholarships for local students who are studying medicine. The foundation has raised more than \$715,000 in the last 25 years.

At least 5,000 people attended some part of the festival this year, Poulsen said. Friday and Saturday were especially busy nights, he said.

This year there were some new fundraisers at the festival. Organizers held a live auction during the gala dinner, raffled off decorations and sold keys for a chance to open a locked box containing jewelry.

The live auction was not as successful as organizers had hoped, Poulsen said. The festival may return to selling all trees by silent auction next year. The raffle was successful and people bought all 10 of the keys in hopes of winning the jewelry.

"I don't see any reason why we wouldn't do that next year," he said.

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Catholic school enjoys computers

By Shari Chaney
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RUPERT — It was nearly nine months ago that St. Nicholas Catholic School officials opened their new multi-media lab.

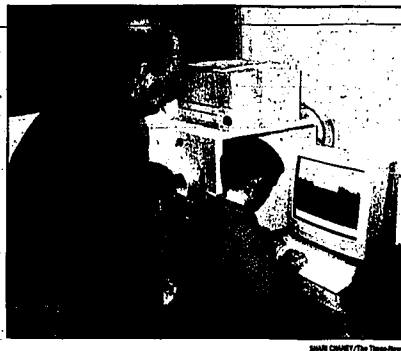
And they are certainly getting their money's worth.

School Principal Suzette Miller said having the lab means technology classes for students and the ability to take the Idaho Standard Achievement Test on computers.

"And a \$21,500 grant from the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation will allow St. Nicholas officials to "fill in the gaps" in the computer lab with items such as 12 additional computers, learning software, a digital camera and a scanner.

The lab was built with a \$102,000 grant from The E.L. Wiegand Foundation of Reno, Nev. The lab has 12 computers with digital subscriber line connections, along with an area for science experiments, a meeting area with a white board and media projector and an expanded area for the library.

The Albertson grant will double the number of computers available in the lab. But even with the current facilities, school personnel and students have



Joe Layton, technology instructor at St. Nicholas Catholic School in Rupert, talks with students as they work on computers in the school lab.

been able to do things they couldn't before, Miller said. The computer lab enabled students to take the ISAT on computers. Miller said that wouldn't have been possible last year.

St. Nicholas students met or exceeded Minidoka County School District ISAT scores,

Miller said. She noted fifth- and sixth-grade students scored exceptionally high and cited longevity in the St. Nicholas school system as a factor in those scores.

Standardized tests are required at St. Nicholas because it is a state-accredited school,

Watson said.

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Miller said. It's also important to know how strong the driving force they will feed into the public school district after grade six.

The computer lab has also allowed St. Nicholas teachers to begin teaching technology classes.

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The technology time allows students to have more hands-on experience and be more proficient when they leave St. Nicholas, Miller said.

Overall, Miller said, the school is having an exceptional year. Enrollment is up — "our preschool is just packed" — and so is community support. Miller said the school's "Harvest Hoo-down" fund-raiser raised nearly \$25,000.

The school is gearing up to celebrate National Catholic Schools Week at the end of January.

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Investigators expand Los Alamos probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House committee is expanding its inquiry into fraud and credit card abuse at Los Alamos National Laboratory, saying it is apparent the abuse is more widespread than first thought.

The committee issued a sweeping demand for new documents, including reports to lab Director John C. Browne on the alleged irregularities, and a breakdown of whether computers missing from the nuclear lab contained classified information.

Ken Johnson, spokesman for the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said three investigators being sent to the lab and will begin their work on Monday.

"It is apparent that the amount of fraud and abuse at LANL is much more extensive and includes many more employees than we had originally at first believed," said the letter, signed by committee Chairman Rep. W.J. "Bobby" Latta, R-La., and other senior members.

The letter to Richard C. Atkinson, president of the University of California, which runs the lab, expressed frustration at "the apparent failure of the University of California and LANL to sufficiently address these issues over the past several years."

In the letter, which was sent Tuesday and released publicly Friday, the committee also requested documents regarding the firing of two investigators. The two were dismissed after blowing the whistle on the lab's management practices and materials from the lab's auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers.

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Danielle Brian, executive director of the Washington-based watchdog group Project on Government Oversight, which was the first to expose Los Alamos whistleblowers, said the letter was an encouraging sign.

"We think it's a great start. It's obviously a serious investigation," she said.

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Heritage

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Most area Hispanics are Americans of Mexican descent, but local committees also include people who have arrived from Mexico, Central America, South America, Puerto Rico and Cuba.

"Some of us feel uncomfortable being put under one umbrella, but we understand the practical uses," said Ana Maria Schachtel, founder of the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho in Nampa, which works to develop leadership, pride and appreciation of Hispanic culture in Idaho.

"People don't know the difference (between terms), and we should not take it personal. We should educate people," Schachtel said.

At least two national surveys of Latinos have been done in the past decade, each coming to different conclusions.

A 2000 poll by Hispanic Trends Inc. of 1,200 registered Latin American voters found that 65 percent of respondents were Hispanic, while 30 percent chose Latino.

Circa 1995, a survey conducted by Daniel L. Roy of the University of Kansas polled 1,042 mostly middle-class Latinos. Roy found that 85 percent preferred a national origin label, such as Mexican-American instead of an umbrella term.

In Florida, Pennsylvania and New York, most participants considered themselves American over other labels. Among umbrellas terms, Latino ranked highest; most disliked the term Hispanic.

Hispanic is "probably not the right term to be using, but it's the term that society has placed on us," said Alberto Velazquez, president of the Hispanic Business Association, an organization made up of business owners, operators and professionals throughout Idaho.

"It was something that people were able to get their arms around," Whitley said.

She said the term Hispanic diminishes the roots of many people from Mexico and Central America whose relatives or ancestors are indigenous Indians.

Arnold Hernandez, director of diversity at Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell, said society and governments labeled Latin Americans without consulting them.

"Most Latinos would favor 'Latino' because it covers Latin America," he said. "There's some people who even get a little upset" about the term Hispanic.

Hernandez often addresses the labeling issue in workshops with Treasure Valley high school students and has found that younger, third- and fourth-generation Latinos are not as concerned as older people about which term is used.

Officials with the Girl Scouts of the Silver Sage Council said it is important to use the right term, and they promote use of "Latina" through programs for girls across the Treasure Valley.

For example, in April, hundreds of female students attended a conference in Wilder, which promoted Latina identity, self-esteem and empowerment.

Girl Scouts officials said they use "Latina" because it is specific

and inclusive of all the peoples of Latin America.

"We put a very strong effort into being inclusive," said Beecham, executive director of the Girl Scouts of the Silver Sage Council. "It's a strong priority for us to get the terminology right, so we don't lose a big part of it. Most importantly, we don't want to lose the opportunity to help a girl."

Sanchez and Schachtel also said people's identities and the words that describe them are constantly changing.

"It is a pretty confusing bunch of categories," Sanchez said. "It's an evolving thing."

"Whether we like to admit it or not, skin color is a big part of it," she said. "The way we look absolutely dictates what people expect us to be or able to do."

Many people expect her skin color to be better than it is, Sanchez said.

"Other folks definitely don't see me as Mexican," she said.

In May, she traveled with friends to the Mexican state of Jalisco to try to find her mother's relatives. Sanchez said she expected what she calls culture shock when saw the differences in transportation, sleeping arrangements, cooking and food, and the language that included words she'd never heard before.

"I'd never felt less Mexican in all my life," she said.

Through her work with tribal members on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Sanchez said she's tapping into her indigenous roots.

"The way I consider myself changes as I learn more about myself," she said.

Belts

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But Sgt. Matt Hicks, who commands the Twin Falls Police Department's traffic control division, said the use of seat belts really hasn't improved since 1986 in the south-central region.

WORLD

U.N. weapons inspectors walk through the yard of Fateh company, a firm that builds missiles, Saturday in Al-Khadra, Iraq.



Inspectors speed up pace of Iraqi searches

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Reinforced with newly arrived staff, U.N. inspectors stepped up their searches Saturday, visiting a dozen sites in Iraq—including rooms at an infectious disease center where they were denied access a day earlier.

"Today was probably the single largest" group of sites inspected since the teams returned to Iraq on Nov. 27 after a four-year hiatus, said Hiro Ueki, a spokesman

for the U.N. program in Baghdad. He said inspectors had visited a total 70 sites.

After their first known snag, inspectors revisited the Communicable Disease Control Center in Baghdad on Saturday, entering rooms that had been locked on Friday.

Inspectors said in a statement that there was no sign of tampering with seals they applied to doors and windows at the center

when they were denied access. They said Saturday's inspection lasted about an hour.

Iraqi officials said the rooms had been locked because Friday, the Muslim day of prayer, is a day off for doctors and other workers who had keys.

With the arrival of 15 additional inspectors Saturday, the total now stands at 113.

Iraq received chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix's

demand Saturday for a list of all personnel currently and formerly associated with the country's chemical, biological and ballistic missile programs, a U.N. official said.

The U.N. Security Council resolution that ordered the resumed inspections authorizes teams to interview any Iraqi inside the country and without Iraqi officials present, or to take the person out of Iraq with his or her family.

Exiles try to form plan for Iraq

LONDON (AP) — Fractious Iraqi exile groups, united in little but their wish to get rid of Saddam Hussein, struggled to agree on a plan Saturday for a democratic government in Iraq if the president is ousted.

Split along ethnic and religious lines, the opposition groups were deadlocked when their representatives discussed the shape of a possible post-Saddam administration on the first day of a two-day conference in a London hotel.

Their rivalries have grown sharper as the prospect of U.S. military action to overthrow Saddam has increased in recent months.

In opening remarks, the leaders of the six groups that organized the "For Democracy and Salvation of Iraq" meeting called for unity and promised to build "a new democratic and pluralistic Iraq at peace with its neighbors."

"These are not dreams, but noble objectives which people who have suffered from dictators have been able to achieve before us," said Sharif All bin Al-Husseini, leader of the Constitutional Monarchist Movement.

Outside the conference venue, dozens of Iraqi, Arab and Muslim activists staged a demonstration, claiming the conference was part of a campaign for a U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

"Bush and Blair will murder millions of Iraqi for oil," read one placard.

Delegates scoffed at the protest.

"We have full right to ask for foreign help, and we should not be ashamed," said Jalal Talabani, leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, one of two groups that controls the Kurdish autonomous zone in northern Iraq.

The approximately 300 delegates—who included turbaned Islamic clerics, tribal chieftains and women in black head-to-toe robes—represented all Iraqi ethnic and religious groups and came from as far as Iran, Syria and the United States.

Iran will invite experts to visit nuclear plants

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Tehran on Saturday said U.N. atomic inspectors will be invited to visit two Iranian nuclear plants, a day after the inspectors' chief said Iran had canceled a planned trip to facilities that Washington says belong to a secret-weapons program.

Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said Iran would invite experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency "to visit the nuclear plants at Natanz and Arak," state-run radio reported. He did not specify a date for the visit.

On Friday, the chief of the Vienna-based IAEA, Mohamed ElBaradei, said Iranian officials had told him he could not visit the sites as planned this week because President Mohammad Khatami would be out of the country and "they need some time to prepare."

As a result, the inspection has been rescheduled for February, ElBaradei told reporters in Austria.

IAEA spokeswoman Melissa Fleming said the agency had not yet received official notice of this latest invitation, but that a new invite was expected.

The United States has long been suspicious about Iran's nuclear program, accusing it of sponsoring terrorism and labeling it—along with Iraq and North Korea—as part of an "axis of evil."

On Friday, U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said satellite imagery indicated that some structures at the Natanz plant in central Iran were being covered with earth, indicating Tehran is building "a secret underground site where it could produce fissile material."

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SPORTSQUOTE

“It’s like a doctor not being allowed to operate or a teacher not being allowed to teach. You don’t have to go to jail to be punished. Sometimes exile is enough of a punishment.”

—Chicago Cubs manager Dusty Baker, on Pete Rose

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who will be the highest-paid pitcher in baseball next season, counting base salary only?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Copus Cove holds ranch hand day

BUHL — There will be a ranch hand play today at noon at Copus Cove Arena in Buhl. Among the events to be held will be team doctoring, team branding and muley roping. For more information or to sign up, call 343-6695.

Boil boosters will meet on Monday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Booster Club will meet on Monday at 7 p.m. in the school’s faculty lounge. Call 734-6384 for agenda topics or for more information.

CSI booster stand will be open this week

TWIN FALLS — The CSI Booster club will be selling school items from the CSI Booster Club Golden Eagle Store Wednesday through Friday on the south mezzanine of the gym. Shirts, vests, hats, stickers and other items will be for sale in time for Christmas for your favorite Golden Eagle fans. The stand will be open from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day. For more information, call Christi at 732-6486.

Boise State women knock off Portland St.

BOISE — Mandi Welch had 19 points and seven rebounds to lead Boise State past Portland State, 66-58, at the Boise State Pavilion on Saturday.

Bye Chughan added 14 points and Lynnette Gronidn had 12 points and nine assists for the Broncos (3-4).

Nikki Pettlerew led the Vikings (2-2) with 19 points.

Jazz plan to sign forward Massenburg

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz plan to sign journeyman forward Tony Massenburg to replace injured center Jarron Collins, who is out for the season with torn knee ligaments.

Massenburg, a 35-year-old who has played for 10 NBA teams in 10 seasons, flew to Salt Lake City on Saturday and took a physical. He also around with the Jazz at the Delta Center before their game against the Sacramento Kings, but details on a contract were still pending.

Massenburg was waived in October by the Memphis Grizzlies, who opted for a younger roster. He has also played for the Spurs, Hornets, Celtics, Warriors, Clippers, Raptors, 76ers, Nets and Rockets.

Massenburg has averaged seven points and 4.9 rebounds in his 505 NBA games.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Mike Hampton of the Atlanta Braves, \$9.5 million.

Minico opens wrestling season with two wins

Depleted Burley squad falls to Madison; Rigby

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

RUPERT — The Minico wrestling team jumped out of the gates quickly Saturday, with convincing season-opening home victories over Madison and Rigby, while a depleted Burley team was swept by the eastern schools.

As expected, it was the trio of Spartan third-place state finishers Gene Hammond (103 pounds), Eric Adams (112) and Joey Vail (171, 189) who led the way with a pair of pins apiece Saturday as Minico looks to

build on last year’s state third-place finish despite the graduation of many seniors from that team.

But it wasn’t all Hammond, Adams and Vail as Nate McLellan (160, 171) and Neil Clark both got two sticks.

McLellan and Vail both had to wrestle up a weight class in their second matches after freshman 189-pounder Brad Clark dislocated an elbow in his first match of the afternoon. Neither missed a beat as they each recorded first-period pins.

“I thought our older kids did exactly what they were supposed to do,” longtime

Minico coach Brad Cooper said. “They wrestled really well.”

Spartan 125-pound freshman Robert Fernandez seemed to learn on the fly after getting pinned in his first match and falling behind 6-1 in his second match before reversing things and pinning Madison’s Freddy Sarantino in the second period. Fernandez is part of a class of freshman that Cooper calls the best in the last half dozen years at the wrestling powerhouse.

“He’s one of those freshman with all kinds of ability,” Cooper said. “He just has to learn how to wrestle.”

Cooper was very concerned about the lone setback — Clark’s injury.

“He may only be a freshman but he was

High school wrestling

The Times-News previews the upcoming high school wrestling season this week with a look at the area’s Class 5A and 4A programs on Wednesday and the 3A and 2A programs on Friday.

A freshman was being looked for a lot of wins for us,” Cooper said. “But (the elbow) went right back in and doesn’t look too serious, so, hopefully, we’ll have him back in a couple weeks.”

Not much went right for the Bobcats, who forfeited numerous matches in the

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Reaching the summit



USC quarterback Carson Palmer, right, smiles at the Helaman trophy after being named the winner Saturday at The Yale Club in New York.

Palmer wins Heisman to cap career turnaround

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carson Palmer capped his rise from mediocrity to stardom by winning the Heisman Trophy on Saturday night, taking the bronze statue back to the West Coast for the first time in 21 years.

The Southern California quarterback became the first player from the region to win college football’s most prestigious award since running back Marcus Allen did it in 1981.

Palmer received 242 first-place votes and easily won by 233 points over Iowa quarterback Brad Banks.

Palmer went 16-16 as a starter before his senior season, unable to live up to all the expectations he brought with him when he joined the Trojans.

He turned around his career dramatically this year, leading the Trojans to a 10-2 record and a spot in the Orange Bowl — against Iowa and Banks. Palmer’s season



Highlights included a stunning performance against Notre Dame on national television, crucial for a West Coast Heisman hopeful who doesn’t get as much exposure as other candidates.

Palmer completed nearly 63 percent of his passes for 3,639 yards and 32 touchdowns with 10 interceptions this year.

He is the fifth winner from USC, joining Allen, Charles

White (1979), O.J. Simpson (1968) and Mike Garrett (1965). USC now has the third most winners, behind Notre Dame (seven), and Ohio State (six).

In what was expected to be one of the closest races in Heisman history, Palmer topped Banks, with Penn State’s Larry Johnson third, Miami’s Willis McGahee was fourth and teammate Ken Dorsey finished fifth.

Heisman winners

Every Heisman Trophy winner since 1935 — Page C3

It was the first time all five finalists received more than 100 first-place votes. Palmer won five of the six regions. Banks won the Midwest with 289 points, 100 more than Palmer.

When his name was called, Palmer kissed his fiancée. Their wedding is in July.

“My heart’s about to come out of my shirt,” Palmer said. “This has been amazing, this whole journey through this season.”

Voters list three choices on their ballots, and players are awarded 3 points for first place, 2 for second and 1 for third.

Palmer, the first USC quarterback to win the award, had 242 first-place votes, 224 second-place votes and 154 third-place votes for 1,328 points.

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Two-sport star tries balancing act

NCAA ruling makes skiing, football tough pair to combine

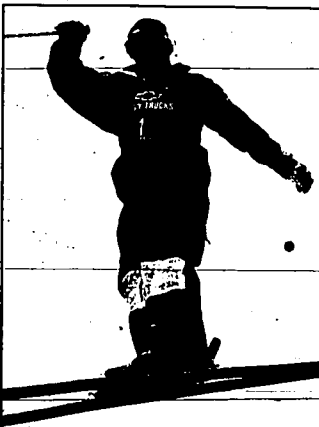
By John Moorman Associated Press writer

BOULDER, Colo. — After a week of final exams and football practices, Jeremy Bloom is trading his cleats for skis — at least temporarily.

Bloom, Colorado’s elusive kick returner and wide receiver, returns to his other love — mogul skiing — when he competes in a World Cup mogul event in Finland on Dec. 19.

He, then will rejoin his football teammates for their bowl game, Dec. 29 against Wisconsin in the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio. After that comes more skiing.

The two-sport star believes he can balance the demands of both. It’s just that the NCAA won’t let



Jeremy Bloom skis to a first-place finish in mogul at the U.S. Freestyle Championships at Bogus Basin March 25.

Byrd beats Holyfield for IBF heavyweight crown

The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Chris Byrd edged Evander Holyfield Saturday night, using his superior speed to frustrate the former champion and deny him a chance to win a heavyweight title for the fifth time.

Byrd resisted Holyfield’s efforts to turn the fight into a brawl, making the 49-year-old Holyfield miss wildly throughout the fight to win a unanimous decision and the vacant IBF heavyweight title.

Even in the late rounds, Holyfield was game as desperation took hold and he threw big punches at Byrd in an effort to knock him out. But Byrd seldom let Holyfield get off a clean shot, and usually punished him with a flurry of punches in return.

In a fight that lacked the electricity and drama of most heavyweight title bouts, the left-handed Byrd threw punches from

everywhere and landed many of them. Even a late rally by Holyfield that had the crowd standing on its feet after the 11th round failed to swing the tide.

Now the world sees it can stay in there with the great heavyweights because I just beat one of them,” Byrd said.

Two judges scored it 117-111 while a third had it 116-112. The Associated Press had Byrd winning 117-111.

The fight was for the IBF title that Lennox Lewis gave up rather than fight Byrd, a light-hitting former Olympic 168-pounder who likes to frustrate opponents rather than beat them up.

He did just that to Holyfield, who came in with suspect reflexes and only two wins in his last six fights.

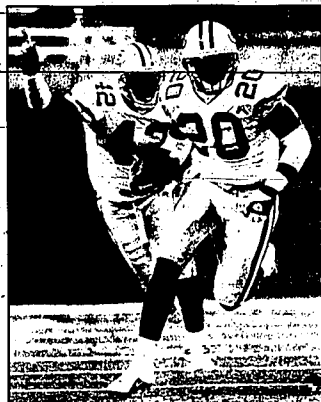
CompuBox statistics showed Byrd threw 747 punches to 344 for Holyfield, and landed 252-102 for the former four-time champion.

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SPORTS

Rookies produce good results



Green Bay Packers rookie safety Marquan Anderson returns an interception 76 yards for a touchdown as Darren Sharper follows against the Detroit Lions at Ford Field in Detroit in September.

NFL WEEK 15 Silver and Black in command

The Oakland Raiders have a one-game lead in the AFC West and the race for home-field advantage in the AFC. They are the only AFC team that can clinch a playoff berth this week and that's only a wild card.

All times MST

Baltimore at Houston 6-7 4-9

Baltimore can't afford any more sloppy games like last week's loss to the New Orleans Saints if the Ravens hope to reach the playoffs. They had two punts blocked, lost three fumbles and had two passes intercepted. Houston led playing for anything more than trying to move up the charts for expansion team success. Texans' rookie quarterback David Carr has been sacked 68 times this season and needs the record of 72 set by Randall Cunningham in 1986. 11 a.m.

Carolina at Pittsburgh 5-8 7-5-1

The Panthers can only hope their 52-point outburst against Cincinnati marks the turnaround for an offense that was held to an average of 13.2 points in its first 12 games. Steelers' Tommy Maddox has passed for an average of 370.5 yards and seven touchdowns in two earlier starts against NFC teams — Atlanta and New Orleans. 11 a.m.

Indianapolis at Cleveland 8-5 7-6

Good friends and former No. 1 overall draft picks Peyton Manning and Tim Couch look for their first time on the field with the playoffs on the line. This is the biggest game of Couch's pro career. The Browns' QB has been inconsistent all season, and Cleveland fans have been clamoring for coach Butch Davis to bench him in favor of Kelly Holcomb. 11 a.m.

Jacksonville at Cincinnati 5-8 1-12

A loss would clinch a third straight losing season for the Jaguars — a franchise first — and intensify the pressure on coach Tom Coughlin. The Bengals' next loss will match the franchise record for defeats in a season. They were 3-13 in 1981; 1983, 1994 and 1998. Cincinnati gave up a team-record 52 points in a loss to Carolina last Sunday. 11 a.m.

Minnesota at New Orleans 3-10 9-4

Deuce McAllister leads the NFC with 1,176 yards rushing and 13 TDs for New Orleans, and the Vikings have allowed 15 touchdowns on the ground. Michael Bennett is second in the conference with 1,114 rushing. Minnesota also ranks 30th in defense, giving Saints receiver Joe Horn (1,145 yards, seven TDs) a shot at the spotlight. 11 a.m.

N.Y. Jets at Chicago 3-10

The Jets have everything to play for with the playoffs still a possibility but can't afford another loss. The Bears have nothing left but to finish out this miserable, injury-riddled season, and are left to be

SOURCES: Associated Press; National Football League

Washington at Philadelphia 5-8 10-3

The Redskins go back to an old Patrick Ramsey, who faces a fierce Eagles defense that is hitting stride. Philadelphia has yielded 54 points in its last four games, third-string QB A.J. Feeley is 2-0 as a starter and gets another shot Sunday. If the Eagles win out, they will get a first-round bye. 11 a.m.

Kansas City at Denver 7-6 7-6

The Chiefs and Broncos are tied at the bottom of the AFC West, but are headed in different directions as they cling to slim playoff hopes. Kansas City has four of its past six games to climb back into the playoff race, while Denver has lost four of five after a 6-2 start. 2:05 p.m.

Dallas at N.Y. Giants 5-8 7-6

The Cowboys may be able to put an end to the Giants' slim playoff hopes by knocking off New York in the matchup of the long-time NFC East rivals. The banged-up Giants kept their postseason hopes alive holding off the Redskins in Washington. The game matches two of the NFL's top rookies — Giants TE Jeremy Shockey and Cowboys S Roy Williams. 2:15 p.m.

Green Bay at San Francisco 10-3 9-4

Neither injury-plagued team plans to take time to heal in the final weeks of the season. There's a rain in the forecast for their meeting at Candlestick Park, which could play a role in home-field advantage in the playoffs. The game could be decided on the ground, where San Francisco's powerful running game is up against Green Bay's stuggling run defense. 2:15 p.m.

Seattle at Atlanta 4-9 8-4-1

The Falcons' Michael Vick struggled against the Bills last week, but his four interceptions still are the fewest of any starter in the league. Seattle's backup quarterback Jeff George returns to Atlanta for the first time since his release from the Falcons in 1996. If starter Matt Hasselbeck (sprained foot) can't play, George gets the start. 11 a.m.

Monday night New England at Tennessee 6-5 6-5

Two teams tied for their division leads hoping to stay there. Both hold the best record in their division and can lead a playoff spot by winning their last three games. This is their first game since 1998 (Pats won that one-27-17) and only their second meeting since 1993. 7 p.m.

The Associated Press

Julius Peppers approaches the rookie sack record. Clinton Pozos surges past 3,000 yards rushing.

Antwaan Randle El makes sensational plays as a receiver, runner and passer. Marquise Jackson's injury-ravaged season. Ben Leber holds his own in a linebacker corps with Junior Seau and Donnie Edwards.

There's even a choice of Williams: Dallas safety Roy Williams has had a huge impact as a tackler and a leader, Tennessee safety Tank Williams has been a starter all season, Buffalo tackle Elka Williams has been a strong blocker and a massive presence.

Quite an impressive rookie crop. Thanks to the salary cap and injuries, NFL newcomers have taken on added responsibilities in 2002. Has any team benefited more from the performance of rookies than Buffalo?

After finishing a 13 last season, the Bills had a strong draft that brought Mike Williams, wideout Josh Reed and safety Coy Wire. Williams solidified a weak area and is a main reason Terry Henry is among the league leaders in rushing. Reed is a superb third receiver and, should free agent Peppers Price leave, easily could slide into the starting lineup. Wire has been less impressive, struggling in coverage, but is a solid holder with huge upside.

"We expected him to be a big-time player, and I think he's developing very well," Bills general manager Tom Modra says, referring to Williams. "Yeah, we're excited about him."

"I think Josh is in an excellent situation. We've got a third receiver that I think is one of the better third receivers in the league right now, and he's a rookie."

Other impressive receivers — a position where rookies tend to perform well — are Denver's Ashley Lelie, Pittsburgh's Randle El, New England's Deion Branch and New Orleans' Dante Stallworth. There are also tight ends Shockey, of the Giants, and Carter, of Miami and Doug Jolley of Oakland.

The Giants have been ravaged by injuries at receiver, so Shockey's early development was essential. He had eight tight ends in catches (54) — and in outrageous celebrations.

"He is going to be one of the great ones at tight end," Redskins cornerback Champ Bailey says.

Eagles CB Bobby Taylor adds: "He's a young hothead coming out of Miami."

Shockey might not be the best rookie out of the Hurricanes' recent draft program, but that probably is Portis, a second-round pick who is the latest young sensation in Denver's backfield. Portis is sixth among AFC rushers with 1,098 yards and has nine TDs rushing.

Any team in the AFC that has gained fans accept the move of 2000 offensive rookie of the year Mike Anderson to Fullback — and forget the loss of Terrell Davis.

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"While rookie quarterbacks haven't been all that good, at least they're getting an opportunity. David Carr has taken every snap for Houston — sometimes painful, considering he's on the pace to set a record for being sacked. Joey Harrington has started most of the season in Detroit, and Chad Hutchinson has replaced Quincy Carter in Dallas. Patrick Ramsey figures to start the rest of the year for Washington. Randy Fasanelli even got a start, by default, in Carolina."

"I'm 100 percent glad that I'm playing, because I've learned things and seen things that I could've never learned from the sideline," Harrington says. Carolina opponents learned before Peppers was suspended for the final four games for violating the league's substance abuse policy was to design game plans to block him. Peppers was a main reason for Carolina's vast improvement defensively and finished with 12 sacks, one short of the rookie record.

The suspension could be costly,

Anderson to Fullback — and forget the loss of Terrell Davis.

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NFL RANKINGS

Team	Record	Comment
1. Eagles	(10-3)	Still perfect in NFC and going for home field.
2. Buccaneers	(10-3)	Easy finishing schedule sets up Super run.
3. Packers	(10-3)	Big road game in San Francisco; must keep pace.
4. Raiders	(9-4)	Top to Miami, then Denver, Kansas City at home.
5. Falcons	(8-4-1)	Back to earth on fringes of NFC playoffs.
6. Saints	(8-4)	Closest finish: Vikings, at Bengals, Panthers.
7. 49ers	(8-4)	Playoffs start this week with Packers' visit.
8. Dolphins	(8-5)	Chance to stay in home-field hunt vs. Raiders.
9. Chargers	(8-5)	Not quite over the top yet with two cold games ahead.
10. Titans	(8-5)	Air (and Ground) McHale getting team in position.
11. Patriots	(8-5)	Hard finish: at Titans, then Jets, Dolphins home.
12. Colts	(8-5)	No reason to lose last three, but something's missing.
13. Jets	(7-6)	Bears' opponents always have something to play for.
14. Broncos	(7-6)	A bridesmaid season coming to unhappy conclusion.
15. Steelers	(7-5-1)	They show little interest in getting serious.
16. Chiefs	(7-6)	Still hoping against Broncos, Chargers, Raiders.
17. Giants	(7-6)	The Campo Fassel watch continues with jury out.

Team	Record	Comment
18. Ravens	(6-7)	Not done yet in division nobody wants to win.
19. Bills	(6-7)	Beichick behind him, so Bledsoe can finish fast.
20. Browns	(7-6)	Keep winning and losing when it's least expected.
21. Redskins	(5-8)	Ted Spunner Joe Theismann can still play.
22. Panthers	(5-8)	Looking for spoiler role down stretch.
23. Rams	(5-8)	Need to beat Cardinals to improve self-esteem.
24. Jaguars	(5-8)	Need to beat Cardinals on end and on Coughlin.
25. Cowboys	(5-8)	Frustration boiling over in house of Jerry.
26. Seahawks	(4-9)	Can't compete with elite in either conference.
27. Texans	(4-9)	Still trying to fathom how they beat Pittsburgh.
28. Cardinals	(5-8)	Slipping deeper; good start distant memory.
29. Vikings	(3-10)	Still show some fight but too late this year.
30. Bears	(3-10)	New low last week and nowhere to go.
31. Lions	(3-10)	Who says there is parity? Bottom teams awful.
32. Bengals	(1-12)	LeBeau playing out string; who will be next?

— Don Pleson, Chicago Tribune

Raiders will try to stop Williams' streak

By Steven Wine
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Everything about Ricky Williams inspires superlatives, even his locker stall, which just might be the NFL's messiest. He leaned into it one day this week, starting on a chair as he searched the top shelf for something, then emerged with a grin. "Hey, look!" he said, holding up a checkbook.

It could come in handy, because Williams says he's thinking about buying gifts of appreciation for his offensive linemen, who have helped make him the NFL's leading rusher. He'll try to become the first player to run for 200 yards in three consecutive games today when his Miami Dolphins play the Oakland Raiders.

More than Williams' streak is at stake. The Raiders (9-4) have the best record in the AFC thanks to five consecutive victories, but the Dolphins (8-5) and four other teams are just a game behind with three left.

"We have nothing secured right now," Oakland linebacker Eric Barton said. "We know we have to win the rest of these games. We haven't even clinched a playoff spot."

Still, at the moment, the Raiders are the team to watch. They are the team in the AFC that has to go to the Super Bowl has to go through Oakland, Williams said.

And any team that wants to beat Miami must start by trying to stop Williams. He has gained 444 yards the past two weeks,

Game of the Week

Raiders (9-4) vs. Dolphins (8-5)

TV: No local broadcast.

increasing his season total to 1,500. Another round number within reach: 2,000, a milestone achieved just four times.

"To have the leading rusher in the NFL, it's awful exciting," coach Dave Wannstedt said. "Let's see how he finishes up. Every week will get tougher now. The more success you have, the more a team will zero in on stopping that."

The Raiders rank third in the NFL in run defense and have been their best this month, holding LaDainian Tomlinson to 57 yards and Curtis Martin to 26.

Williams is accustomed to registering such totals on a single play, breaking touchdown runs of 45, 55, and 63 yards in the playoffs.

"He commands your attention," Oakland coach Bill Callahan said. "He has the complete package — the size, speed, vision, quickness, power, elusiveness. You name it, he's got it."

Kings outduel Jazz in overtime, 98-96

SALT LAKE CITY — Chris Webber made four free throws in the final 8.5 seconds as the Sacramento Kings beat the Utah Jazz in a regular-season game for the seventh straight time on Monday night, 98-96, Saturday night.

Webber had 27 points and 13 rebounds in the game, which the Kings won after a disputed foul call on Utah's Jamar Mashburn with 2:00 left. Jazz fans booed loudly and threw bottles of water and other debris as the officials left the court.

Bobby Jackson scored 21 and Peja Stojakovic scored 18 for the Kings, who were 4-0 against the Jazz this season and knocked Utah out of the playoffs in the first round.

Andre Kirilenko scored 18 and Ameshi finished with a season-high 12 points, seven more than his previous high.

The Jazz had one final shot to win it, but Scott Padgett's 3-point attempt at the buzzer hit the back of the rim and bounced out.

Mavericks 104, Grizzlies 87
DALLAS — Steve Nash scored 17 points in the first quarter as Dallas built a big lead, then took over again when things got close in the third quarter to lead the Mavericks past the Memphis Grizzlies 104-87 Saturday.

Despite playing a second straight game without leading scorer and rebounder Dirk Nowitzki, the Mavericks set a franchise record for wins in home wins with 12, including one from last season. Their 11th start at American Airlines Center ties the club record to begin a season set in 1983-84.

Trail Blazers 98, Timberwolves 92, 0T
MINNEAPOLIS — Derek Anderson scored 24 points and Rachead Walker added 18 points in 11 rebounds as Portland held off the Trail Blazers in overtime, 98-92.

The Trail Blazers, who snapped a two-game losing streak, overcame a dreadful 1-for-20 shooting performance in the fourth quarter and outscored the Wolves 13-7 in overtime.

Bonzi Wells and Dale Davis each had 15 points for Portland, which played the last of a five-game road trip that included a one-point loss to New Jersey and a blowout 101-79 defeat at Milwaukee.

Garnett led the Wolves with 21 points, but went 9-of-27 from the floor.

Heat 101, Warriors 92
MIAMI — Eddie Jones scored a career-high 38 points as the Miami Heat snapped a five-game losing streak.

Jones, whose previous career-high was 37, scored 15 points in the fourth quarter to help the Heat avoid what would have been a humiliating defeat. After leading by 21 points in the third quarter, the Heat's lead was chopped to one.

Jones hit a pair of 3-pointers to keep the Heat ahead.

Antawn Jamison led the Warriors with 25 points, giving him 25 or more points for the sixth time in seven games.

Celtics 113, Knicks 90
NEW YORK — Paul Pierce scored 29 points and the New Yorks as the Boston Celtics beat the New York Knicks for the seventh straight time.

Antoine Walker added 23 points and Vin Baker had 16 for the Celtics, who swept New York last season and are 3-0 against them this season.

Allan Houston scored 23 points and Vin Baker had 16 for the Knicks, who had won two straight but shot just 38 percent.

Pierce unloaded on the Knicks to start the second half, scoring 12 straight points and capping the run with a fadeaway baseline jumper that forced New York to call a timeout down 64-46.

The Knicks never got closer than 12 points the rest of the way.

Pistons 91, SuperSonics 78
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Richard Hamilton scored 15 of his 25 points in the second half as the Detroit Pistons extended their winning streak to three games and dropped Seattle to 2-1 on its five-game road trip.

Sam Cassell tied the game at 95 on a baseline jumper with 32.3 left, but Rose responded with 8.1-point fadeaway jumper with 8.1 seconds remaining.

Suns 102, Hawks 88
ATLANTA — Shawn Marion scored 24 points and Amare Stoumville led eight in the decisive third quarter.

The Suns won their third straight and a five-game road trip and completed a season sweep of the Hawks. Atlanta lost its third straight after a two-game winning streak.

Phoenix trailed by one at the half but outscored the Hawks 30-16 in the third quarter and held a double-digit lead throughout the fourth.

Clippers 94, Rockets 83
HOUSTON — Elton Brand and Andre Miller each scored 27 points as the Los Angeles Clippers ended Houston's seven-game home winning streak with a 94-83 victory over the Rockets on Saturday night.

Marko Jaric added 13 points for the Clippers.

Chris Mobley led Houston with 19 points, followed by Yao Ming with 16, Glen Rice with 15, Steve Francis with 14 and Eddie Griffin with 10.

Bulls 89, Bucks 87
CHICAGO — Jalen Rose had 30 points and Donyell Marshall had 18 points and 18 rebounds as the Chicago Bulls defeated the Milwaukee Bucks 89-85 Saturday night.

Sam Cassell tied the game at 95 on a baseline jumper with 32.3 left, but Rose responded with 8.1-point fadeaway jumper with 8.1 seconds remaining.

— *Mike Kart, The Baltimore Sun*



Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal, right, talks with guard Kobe Bryant during their game against Milwaukee in Los Angeles on Nov. 24. The Lakers remain in a funk, unable to win more than two games in a row.

Awash in losses, Lakers hear barbs from O'Neal, Bryant

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Brian Shaw knows things have soured with the Los Angeles Lakers. It's not the 15 losses in 24 games or lingering at the bottom of the Pacific Division or the inability to win three games in a row.

"He can't tell" by looking at Shaquille O'Neal.

During practice, O'Neal and Bryant talk basketball with their teammates. Behind closed doors, their silence has been deafening.

"Maybe some of our role players' confidence was waning a little bit, but that's what Shaq and I have to do as captains," Kobe Bryant said.

Starting with Friday's loss to the New Orleans Hornets, the Lakers have a string of seven games against opponents who have the playoffs last season. It culminates Christmas Day, when they play Sacramento for the first time since never losing the Western Conference finals to the Kings.

O'Neal has criticized his teammates twice in 11 games since his return from the injury.

Both times, O'Neal communicated his gripes to reporters rather than confronting his teammates. Bryant tossed similar barbs a month ago and briefly imposed the silent treatment on the supporting cast.

While the finger-pointing may affect younger players such as Kareem Rush, Jamarco Pargo and DeShaun George, it's merely annoying to Shaw and other veterans such as Derek Fisher, Rick Fox and Robert Horry.

Coach Phil Jackson said he hasn't observed the off-court interactions of O'Neal and Bryant with their teammates, although he noticed the two superstars playing together against Golden State "at the exclusion of some of the other guys."

But he's too busy trying to integrate the younger players and get more scoring punch to the bench to worry about the sniping.

NBA Rankings

Team	Comment
1. Sacramento	Picking up K. Clark has been a master stroke.
2. Indiana	Should make Lakers happy at home.
3. Dallas	Collapses vs. Sonics may have long-lasting effect.
4. Philadelphia	Midweek 10-10 Golden State wins more playing time.
5. Detroit	Two straight wins but defense is still strong.
6. New Jersey	Keeping pace with Suns out of necessity.
7. New Orleans	Good start to long road trip.
8. San Antonio	T. Parker's career scoring night came at good time.
9. Boston	Better keep Heinsohn away from referees.
10. Houston	Legend of Yao continues to glow.
11. Memphis	First loss to Knicks, even if it was on road.
12. Minnesota	PG problems; Garnett is leading assist man.
13. Utah	M. Harris on a roll of late.
14. Orlando	Cutting H. Grant was addition by subtraction.
15. Phoenix	Stoumville could give Yao a run for top rookie.

16. Washington	L. Hughes may be free agent steal of the year.
17. L.A. Lakers	If Shaq shuts up, the upward climb may start.
18. Atlanta	Countdown to hosting All-Star Game has begun.
19. Milwaukee	Second in scoring.
20. Portland	UA in games decided by three or fewer points.
21. Los Angeles Clippers	UA in games decided by three or fewer points.
22. Memphis	10th time winning streak of title.
23. Golden State	New backup of Boykins and Arenas.
24. Denver	Eighteen-game losing streak on Wednesdays.
25. Toronto	V. Carter back on injured list. Can you say "brittle"?
26. Chicago	Played Detroit tough at home last week.
27. New York	Let's hope we see Seattle.
28. Miami	R. Davis Riley's playing in double OT loss.
29. Cleveland	R. Howard goes for 45 in a 20-0 OT loss.

No. 14 Florida topples No. 18 Maryland, snaps 87-game win streak

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Anthony Robertson scored 20 points on No. 14 Florida ended No. 18 Maryland's 87-game non-conference home winning streak with a 69-56 victory Saturday.

Florida's streak was the longest such run in the nation. The Terrapins' last home loss to a non-ACC team was Dec. 12, 1989, against Coppin State. The streak began 18 days later against Alcorn State.

Robertson, a freshman who was just 6 years old when the streak started, went 8-of-14 from the field, including 4-of-7 on 3-point attempts. Matt Bonner added 16 points for Florida (7-2).

Ryan Randle had 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead Maryland (4-3). The defending national champions have lost three of their last four games.

No. 2 Alabama 72, Bowling Green 63
MOBILE, Ala. — Kenny Walker saved Alabama from embarrassment, scoring a career-high 25 points and hitting three key free throws in the Tide's victory in the Coors Classic.

Kevin Netter scored 26 points for the Falcons (2-4) as Alabama (7-0) nearly made its highest ranking over a one-week cameo.

Netter's hook shot in the lane made it 66-63 with 1:51 left, but Walker made perhaps his biggest play when he drew Netter's fifth foul 34 seconds later. Walker hit one of two free throws and the Falcons didn't score again.

No. 4 Pittsburgh 89, SE Louisiana 55
PITTSBURGH — Julius Page gave Pittsburgh a big early lead with a series of dunks and fast-break layups Saturday night and the Panthers cruised past Southeastern Louisiana.

Page scored 17 points to help make up for the missing production of forward Donatas Zupavskas, who was delayed in Europe while attending a funeral.

Top 25 college basketball

No. 6 Oklahoma 69, Coppin St. 47
NORMAN, Okla. — Hollis Price scored 22 points, leading a strong backcourt show for Oklahoma.

Point guard Quannas White, who had totaled eight points in the previous three games, scored 13 for Oklahoma (5-1) and had six assists. Ebi Ere added 10 points.

No. 7 Indiana 66, Purdue 63
INDIANAPOLIS — Jeff Newton scored all 16 of his points in the second half, including nine in the final three minutes, as No. 7 Indiana held off Purdue 66-63 on Saturday night.

Newton also had 12 rebounds to become the first Indiana player since Alan Henderson in 1995 to record five consecutive double-doubles.

Indiana, at 8-0 off to its best start since 1989-90, also won its fifth straight game over the Bollweckers (4-2). Purdue was led by Willie Deane with 21 points.

No. 10 Notre Dame 102, DePaul 71
SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Matt Carroll had a career-high 33 points and Notre Dame missed only two 3-point shots in the first half.

Chris Thomas added 22 points and 10 assists for the Irish (9-1). Notre Dame shot 63 percent in the first half, including 87.5 percent from 2-point range.

Sam Hoeslin had 18 points and 10 rebounds for DePaul (4-1), which shot just 36.2 percent.

ing the Tigers 16 the last two games. Johnson needs three more to tie the career record of 149 by Steve Stipanovich from 1980-83.

Rickey Paulding added 22 points for Misuri. Billy Richmond led Memphis (4-2) with 22 points.

No. 21 Michigan 71, No. 12 Kentucky 67
LEXINGTON, Ky. — Chris Hill scored 16 points and made two free throws with 13.6 seconds left for Michigan State.

Paul Dugas added 13 points and Alan Anderson had 10 for the Spartans (5-2), who won despite getting outbounded for the first time this season. Kentucky (5-2) had a 34-30 advantage.

Dugas scored 23 to lead the Wildcats, who had won four straight. Bogans was 11-of-17 from 3-point range in Kentucky's last three games, but he was 3-of-8 Saturday.

No. 24 Mississippi St. 71, No. 13 Xavier 61
NEW YORK — After sitting out the first six games of the season, Mississippi State forward Mario Austin made up for lost time with 23 points and nine rebounds.

The Bulldogs held out the 6-foot-9 junior while the NCAA cleared up questions about his eligibility as a freshman.

Four days after rejoining the team, Austin helped the Bulldogs (6-1) win their sixth straight by defeating Xavier's 6-9 forward David West.

West, a two-time Atlantic 10 player of the year, had two points in the first half as the Musketeers (5-2) fell behind 33-15. He finished with 13 points, 67 below his average, but had 11 rebounds.

laid when Deron Williams and Sean Harrington made back-to-back 3-pointers to key a 20-9 run.

David Hawkins scored 22 points to lead Temple (1-6), which played its second straight game without coach John Chaney, who was at home recovering from pneumonia.

The Owls, playing in a school-record third straight road game, shot just 29 percent and made 6-of-28 3-point attempts.

No. 20 Kansas 113, Emporia St. 81
LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kirk Hinrich hit five 3-pointers, matching his career high, and scored 23 points for Kansas.

Wayne Simien also had a career-high 23 points for Kansas (5-3) in its annual matchup against an in-state NCAA Division II team.

Nick Collison added 19 points, Keith Langford finished with 13 points, and Aaron Miles had 13 assists for the Jayhawks, who led the Hornets (4-4) 34-10 after 8.5 minutes and 64-23 at the half.

Robbie Ballard led Emporia State with 14 points.

No. 23 Creighton 101, Tennessee Tech 72
OMAHA, Neb. — Kyle Korver hit six 3-pointers and had 20 points to help Creighton improve to 7-0.

Joe Dabbert earned a career-high 11 points, Larry House had 13 and Bobby Dered led the Bluejays, 7 for the second time in four seasons and the 11th time in the program's 85-year history.

The Lady Vols (7-1) opened the second half by outscoring the Trojans 14-4, opening a 42-18 lead.

No. 6 Purdue 53, Indiana 51
INDIANAPOLIS — Shereka Wright scored 26 points, including two free throws with 4.7 seconds left, to lead No. 6 Purdue to a nonconference victory over Big Ten rival Indiana.

Both Jones scored 12 points for Purdue, which won its seventh straight game and moved within a victory of making the best start in school history. The Bollweckers opened the 1992-93 season 8-0.

Lisa Eckart led Indiana (5-3) with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

No. 8 Notre Dame 84, Temple 61
SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Alicia Ratay scored 17 points and Courtney LaVere had 16 points and nine rebounds for Notre Dame, which used a 14-0 second-half run to take control.

The Irish (5-1) dominated inside, especially in the second half, outbounding the Owls 44-34.

Chadja Bowens led Temple (4-4) with 17 points. Stacey Smalls added 14.

No. 10 Texas Tech 84, Wyoming 64
CASPER, Wyo. — Cisti Greenwall had career highs of 26 points and eight blocked shots to lead No. 10 Texas Tech to an 84-64 win over Wyoming on Saturday night.

Greenwall, a 6-foot-5 sophomore, shot 10-for-13 from the floor and finished with seven rebounds for the Lady Raiders (4-1). Penelope Pierson and Jia Perkins each added 14 for Tech.

completed a three-point play with 18 seconds left in overtime, and Brooke Stewart added two free throws in the final seconds as Pittsburgh beat a Top-25 team for just the second time in two years.

Laine Selwyn scored 26 points for Pittsburgh (5-2).

No. 16 Mississippi St. 72, Illinois 67
CHICAGO — Tan White had 19 points and six steals and Docella Warren scored 15 points in a reserve role to lead No. 16 Mississippi State (6-1).

Center Karen Hagberg finished with 16 points and four blocked shots, and Cindy Dallas added 17 points for Illinois (6-2), which committed 23 turnovers, but outbounded Mississippi State 39-31.

No. 20 Georgia 87, Tennessee Tech 56
ATHENS, Ga. — Chris Thomas scored 17 points as Georgia broke open a 36-all game at halftime.

Freshman Sheryl Baker added 14 points, five rebounds, five assists and five steals for the Lady Bulldogs (5-2).

No. 22 BYU 88, N.C. St. 57
RALEIGH, N.C. — Erin Thorn had 21 points and eight rebounds on 21. Scott Brigham Young beat North Carolina State 68-57 Saturday.

Danielle Cheesman added 20 points for the Cougars (6-2), who snapped a two-game losing streak.

Kaylia Chones scored 14 for N.C. State (3-5), which fell to 0-3 this season against ranked opponents.

Pittsburgh 92, No. 11 Penn State 88
PITTSBURGH — Sheila Snuffler

Women's basketball
No. 4 Tennessee 71, USC 39
INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Kara Lawson and Shyra Ely each scored 16 points as No. 4 Tennessee beat Southern California 71-39 on Saturday at the Forum.

Ebony Hoffman had 10 points as Southern California (4-4) finished with the lowest point total in team history.

SPORTS

Grand Valley St. wins first title

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) — Curt Anes threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to David Trout with 1:04 left to give Grand Valley State of Michigan its first NCAA Division II title with a 31-24 victory over Valdosta (Ga.) State on Saturday.

Kircus caught 11 passes for 270 yards and three touchdowns, extending his all-division record for TD-receptions in a season to 35.

Anes, who won the Harlon Hill Trophy as the best player in Division II on Friday, completed 23 of 36 passes for 361 yards for the Lakers (14-0).

Grand Valley State had a 24-13 lead late in the fourth quarter when the Blazers (14-1) tied the game by scoring 11 points in less than 30 seconds.

Valdosta cut the lead to eight on Will Rhody's 43-yard field goal, his third of the game, with 3:30 left.

On the kickoff, Grand Valley State was backed up to its own 2-yard-line. Anes fumbled a snap in the end zone, and defensive end Tim Thompson recovered for the touch-down. Buster Faulkner missed to C.J. Lofton for the 2-point conversion to tie it with 3:09 to play.

Besides the winning score, Anes and Kircus connected on scoring passes of 54 and 67 yards.

Aaron Jenkins ran for 99 yards and a touchdown to lead Valdosta State. Faulkner completed 26 of 41 passes for 139 yards with three interceptions.

Michael finished with 38 yards rushing and two TDs. He completed 9 of 15 passes for 149 yards.

Georgia Southern quarterback Chaz Williams, who set a I-AA record with 10 straight 100-yard rushing games, was held to 19 yards. He was 9-of-10 passing for 160 yards.

McNeese St. 39, Villanova 25

LAKE CHARLES, La. — B.J. Sams scored two touchdowns as McNeese State rallied from a two-touchdown deficit to beat Villanova 39-28 Saturday and advance to the Division I-AA title game.

McNeese (13-1) will play Western Kentucky (11-3) on Friday in Chattanooga, Tenn. Western beat Georgia Southern 31-28.

Sams put the Cowboys up 26-21 in the fourth quarter when he caught a pass, broke three tackles and went 69 yards for the score. He also ran for a 5-yard TD in the third quarter. He finished with 47 yards rushing and caught three passes for 90 yards.

Brett Gordon completed 24 of 49 passes for 354 yards and two touchdowns for Villanova (11-4) despite playing with a broken thumb.

It was the second straight week that top-seeded McNeese overcame a two-touchdown deficit in the second half. Last week, McNeese trailed Monona 17-0 in the third quarter before coming back to win 24-20.

Div. III semifinals

Mount Union 57, John Carroll 49

ALLIANCE, Ohio — Dan Pugh ran for 100 yards-high-254 yards and five touchdowns as Mount Union of Ohio reached the NCAA Division III national title game again by defeating John Carroll of Ohio 52-19 Saturday.

The Purple Raiders (13-0) extended their record to a fourth winning streak in 41. They'll go for their third straight national championship — and seventh in 10 years — against Trinity of Texas in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Shrine game on Sunday in Salt Lake City. Trinity beat St. John's of Va. 31-14 in the I-AA championship game.



Grand Valley State wide receiver David Kircus hoists the NCAA Division II championship trophy after his team's 31-24 win over Valdosta State Saturday in Florence, Ala.

Minnesota 41-34

Tom Arth passed for 246 yards to lead John Carroll (12-2), but the Blue Streaks were outgained 516 yards to 278.

Pugh now has 2,050 yards rushing for the season. He scored on runs of 4, 10, 14, 8 and 1 yard for Mount Union, which has won 95 of its last 96. The Purple Raiders' last loss was 24-17 to Rowan in the 1999 semifinals, which ended an NCAA-record 54-game winning streak.

Trinity 41, St. John's; Minn. 34

SAN ANTONIO — Roy Hampton's 4-yard run with 2:18 left lifted Trinity of Texas past St. John's of Minnesota 41-34 Saturday and into the NCAA Division III championship game.

Trinity (14-0), making its first appearance in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, will face two-time defending champion Mount Union, which defeated John Carroll 57-19 in the other semifinal.

Hampton also completed 16 of 26 passes for 171 yards and a touchdown, and he ran for 89 yards.

Kent Crowley ran for 155 yards and two touchdowns for St. John's (12-2). Blake Elliott caught 15 passes for 155 yards and three TDs.

The Johnnies, who gave coach John Gagliardi his 40th career win with a quarterfinal victory over Linfield, scored 21 straight points in the second half and tied it 34-34 in the Ron Donne threw a 7-yard touchdown to Elliott with 9:57 left.

Div. I-AA semifinals

W. Kentucky 31, Georgia Southern 28

STATESBORO, Ga. — Western Kentucky quarterback Jason Michael scored on a 2-yard run with 46 seconds left to lead the Hilltoppers into the Division I-AA championship game for the first time with a 31-28 victory over Georgia Southern on Saturday.

Georgia Southern (11-3), which had won 10 straight, was trying to win its seventh in a row since 1997. The Eagles fell to 38-8 in I-AA postseason play.

The Eagles rallied from a 17-point fourth-quarter deficit to take a 28-24 lead, but Western Kentucky went on a 76-yard drive, capped by Michael's game-

Leafs hand reeling Rangers another loss

TORONTO — Mats Sundin had a goal and an assist as the Toronto Maple Leafs handed the New York Rangers their season-high fifth straight loss, 4-1 Saturday night.

The Rangers, on their longest losing streak since dropping six in a row last in a 1-5 slide, were led by 19-year-old Dan Blackburn his 18th straight start in goal instead of using Mike Dunham — acquired in a trade Sunday night.

The Dombi and Nik Antropov also scored for the resurgent Maple Leafs, who have won eight straight at home and nine of 12 overall. Maple Leafs goalie Ed Belfour had another impressive game, stopping 35 of 38 shots.

Toronto's Mikael Renberg also had a goal and an assist.

Mark Messier, who missed New York's last game with back spasms, scored the lone goal for the Rangers, who were also without Paul Burke (knee) and defenseman Brian Leetch (ankle), and Sylvain LeFebvre (broken finger).

Flyers 2, Sabres 0

PHILADELPHIA — Robert Esche recorded his first shutout for Philadelphia as Donald Brashear and Eric Desjardins scored as the Flyers beat the Buffalo Sabres 2-0 Saturday night.

Esche, obtained last summer

from Phoenix as part of the deal that sent Brian Boucher to the Coyotes, rarely let his net stoppings 15 shots. His best stop was a glove save on a shot from the right point by Dmitri Kalinin with 3:34 left. It was his fourth career shutout.

The Flyers pulled Martin Biron with 33 shots while holding the Sabres to their lowest shot total of the season.

Canadiens 4, Bruins 2

MONTREAL — Richard Zednik, Chad Kilger, Craig Rivet and Eric Perrault scored to lead the Montreal Canadiens to an emotional 4-2 win over the Boston Bruins on Saturday night.

Boston, which got goals from Ivan Hnil and Marty McInnis, extended its season-high losing streak to five. The Bruins haven't lost consecutive games before falling 4-2 to Montreal on Tuesday, and 5-2 to Ottawa two nights later.

A sold-out crowd of 21,273 headed Boston captain Jozsef Thornton repeated after drawing a pair of minor penalties on the same play late in the second.

Senators 4, Devils 3, OT

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Cory Sarich and Vaclav Prospal also scored for the Lightning, who snapped a five-game losing streak against the Islanders. Tampa Bay had been outscored 27-11 in five losses to New York.

Mark Parrish, Shawn Bates and Kenny Jonsson scored for New York, which is 0-2-1 since winning three straight games.

Red Wings 6, Blue Jackets 4

DETROIT — Sergei Fedorov had two goals and an assist one day after his 33rd birthday as the Detroit Red Wings defeated the Columbus Blue Jackets 6-4 Saturday night.

Brendan Shanahan, Tomas Holmstrom, Darren McCarty and Kirk Maltby also scored for Detroit.

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Jamie Langenbrunner, Sergei Brylin and Christian Berglund scored for New Jersey.

Blues 4, Thrashers 0

ST. LOUIS — Brent Johnson earned his first shutout of the season, and Tyson Nash scored his first goal to spark the St. Louis Blues to a 4-0 victory over the Atlanta Thrashers Saturday night.

Johnson made his first start at home this season and helped stretch Atlanta's losing streak to six games.

Nash and Petr Cajanek beat Atlanta goalie Bryan Dafoe in the first period.

Predators 3, Wild 1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Scott Walker scored a pair of goals, one on the power play, to lead the Nashville Predators to a 3-1 victory over the Minnesota Wild on Saturday night.

The Wild cut the deficit to 2-1 at 1:30 of the third, but the Predators added their third goal at 11:21. Rem Murray made a centering pass from behind the Wild net to Adam Hall, who was deep in the slot.

Bjorndalen leads 1-2 Norwegian finish in biathlon

OSTERSUND, Sweden — Ole Einar Bjorndalen led Norway's 1-2 finish in a World Cup biathlon 2 Saturday, beating runner-up Frode Andersen by 28.4 seconds in an event just south of the Arctic Circle.

Bjorndalen, a four-time Olympic champion at Salt Lake City, shot cleanly while Andersen had two misses in the 10-kilometer competition. This was the second time Bjorndalen, who was 29.1 seconds behind.

Raphael Poiree, France's defending World Cup champion, finished fourth, 31 seconds behind with two misses.

In Heisman voting, 4th is a good omen

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With the unusual and notable exceptions of Eric Favre and Adam Vinatieri, the number 4 is nothing to brag about in the NFL.

"We're No. 4! Congratulations, you just lost the conference championship game."

"We're down by four." A field goal can't save you now.

Fourth place? In the realigned NFL, that means last place.

Fourth down? Time to punt.

Fourth quarter? Time's running out.

Fourth string? "Son, Coach wants to see you. And bring your playbook."

But fourth in the annual Heisman Trophy voting?

Well done. You're on your way to a prosperous NFL career.

Over the last decade, fourth place in the Heisman Trophy usually goes to the player with big upside and big-league potential, held back mainly by geography and/or position and/or an underdeveloped public department.

Consider the previous 10 Heisman elections:

2001: Winner: Eric Crouch. Fourth place: Joey Harrington. Crouch was drafted by the defending NFL champion St. Louis Rams. Harrington was drafted by the Detroit Lions. Guys who took a quick look around, gulped and immediately returned.

Predictably, Harrington has taken a pounding in his first season with the Lions, looking very much the embattled rookie at times. He has the lowest completion percentage (60.2) and quarterback rating (60.0) among NFL qualifiers, but he's still feeling his way, learning every week. He managed to oversee three Detroit victories and send three other games into overtime.

2000: Winner: Chris Weinke. Fourth place: LaDainian Tomlinson. Weinke was losing the Carolina quarterback job to 36-year-old Rodney Peete, Tomlinson established himself as the greatest single-season rusher in St. James College history. After 13 games he had 1,000 yards and 11 touchdowns. He was named the conference champion in 2000 and Collins surpassed the 20,000-yard passing mark this season.

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and a breakthrough fourth season to first, crowning the double-digit Couch bears the scars of growing up in the NFL on an expansion team — no offensive line in the early going, costing him more than half the 2000 season, and the running game for his first 3 1/2 seasons, stranding him in an easy-to-defend against game plan.

In Season 4, he has the Browns on the fringes of the playoff race with rookie running back Williams Green's late-season development finally lighting his load.

1997: Winner: Charles Woodson. Fourth place: Randy Moss. Woodson has been voted to Pro Bowls and made a Super Bowl next, if the Raiders can secure home-field advantage through January. Moss is Moss — the most prolific wide-games-breaker in the league during those moments when he's interested, a franchise breaker when he's not. So what it with the 2001 and '02 Vikings. Eliot's not won enough to maintain Most Attention? Or has Moss been too uninterested for the Vikings to win enough?

1996: Winner: Danny Wuerfel. Fourth place: Orlando Pace. Wuerfel is the No. 3 starter in Steve "Captain Hook" Spurrier's three-man Redskin pitching rotation. Pace, being an offensive lineman, never had a prayer in winning the Heisman. Or has Moss been too uninterested for the Vikings to win enough?

1995: Winner: Eddie George. Fourth place: Darrell Murray. A career year for the Heisman voters.

1994: Winner: Rashaun Salaam. Fourth place: Kerry Collins. Salaam rushed for 1,074 yards in his rookie season, 610 in three seasons after that. Collins, after troubled stints in Carolina and New Orleans, pulled his act together in New York. The Giants won the conference championship in 2000 and Collins surpassed the 20,000-yard passing mark this season.

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Eberharter leads Austrian sweep in downhill

VAL D'ISERE, France (AP) — Stephan Eberharter proved unstoppable again, leading a 1-2-3 Austrian sweep Saturday and mastering a tricky course for his third straight downhill victory.

He has won five of the seven World Cup races he has entered this season and holds a commanding lead in the overall standings.

Eberharter was timed in 1 minute, 58.09 seconds and was followed by teammates Klaus Kronell (1:58.78) and Andi Schiffrer (1:59.03). Five Austrians were among the top 10.

The top U.S. finishers were Bode Miller in 19th place, Daron Rahms in 21st and Jakob Julia in 26th. Marco Sullivan crashed. "We have the potential to do a lot better than we did today," said Miller of Franconia, N.H.

A night of dancing defensive tackles



Cincinnati Reds pitcher Shawn Estes, right, and St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa, second from right, practice their swordsmanship Friday during a rehearsal for All-Star Night at the Nutcracker at the Paramount Theater in Oakland, Calif. Estes and La Russa were among a group of San Francisco Bay Area athletes and other celebrities that performed in the Oakland Ballet's Christmas production. Others in photo are unidentified.

Athletes join with ballet to perform Nutcracker

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Dana Stubblefield had a problem, surely one that never troubled Mikhail Baryshnikov.

The San Francisco 49ers' 6-foot-2, 315-pound defensive tackle was trying to squeeze into an extra-large red T-shirt for his ballet role as a soldier in "All-Star Night at the Nutcracker."

Fants? Forget it. There were none large enough to fit him, so his baby-blue sweats had to do. Stubblefield may not cut the most graceful figure in his costume, but he knows this much about ballet: "You've got to be graceful. You've got to be graceful. You've got to be graceful."

The show Friday night marked the 16th year that local pro athletes have performed alongside professional dancers, with proceeds going to the ballet's community outreach program.

Stubblefield's massive proportions aside, this was a serious production, signaling the start of the "Nutcracker" run for the Oakland Ballet. The athletes appeared in

only two scenes and had one stipulation: no tights.

Tony La Russa is a veteran of the show, and everyone was counting on the St. Louis Cardinals' manager to make sure the ensemble of Bay area sports stars knew how to dance their parts.

La Russa lives in nearby Danville during the offseason. His 20-year-old daughter, Devon, is in the ballet, and his wife, Elaine, also participated in the public performance.

When La Russa arrived at the afternoon rehearsal — and he was an hour late — he was welcomed by those who know him from the ballet and the ballpark.

He went down the line shaking hands. But when Shawn Dunston reached out to greet him, the San Francisco outfielder got nothing in return. Apparently, La Russa had not forgotten the Giants' victory over the Cardinals in the NL championship series.

Aside from that, La Russa was all business.

"The goal every year is don't fall down," he said.

While La Russa was an old pro, the others needed work.

Dunston scratched his head as he tried to learn his part for the "Rats and Soldiers" battle scene.

Oakland Athletics second baseman Mark Ellis cursed to himself when his timing was off and the performers had to start over.

"I'm learning I'm no dancer," Ellis said. "It's tough. I'm sweating."

Dunston growled about his back hurting as he lay on the hard floor with his legs in the air.

"You don't do that in baseball," dancer Jorge Rojas said.

Lara Deans Lowe of the Oakland Ballet called for them to try again. Dunston jumped to his feet, clapped and, with a big smile, asked, "When's this over?"

The sports connection to the production started with baseball players in "A's Night at the

Nutcracker."

The performance went off practically without a hitch, and the athletes were a hit, with the 2,000 or so who attended at the Paramount Theatre. The organizers got Ellis and San Jose Earthquakes goalie Joe Cannon to go shirtless in one scene.

Even those who showed up late for the rehearsal made it through just fine. Stubblefield learned his steps for the battle scene in a hall-way after the group's stage time was up. His family cheered from the audience.

Stubblefield impressed the crowd when he easily lifted dancer Ilana Goldman for the "Arabian Coffee" scene. Deans Lowe had made sure earlier in the day it was OK with Stubblefield.

"Do you have anything in your contract saying you can't pick anybody up?" she asked.

"They don't understand," Stubblefield said. "I pick up guys seven times her weight."

Griffey wants to stay, Expos want to deal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — While baseball executives shuttled from room to room trying to work out deals, Ken Griffey Jr. telephoned his general manager Saturday and made it clear he didn't want Cincinnati to trade him.

"He called me just to make sure I knew he wasn't disgruntled," Reds GM Jim Bowden said. "His position is he wants to stay in Cincinnati and finish his career there."

Phil Nevin vetoed a deal last month that would have sent him from San Diego to the Reds for Griffey, leading to speculation that another swap might be in the works.

Bowden said going into the winter meetings that he wasn't looking to trade his star center fielder but would listen to offers. He said Saturday that he doesn't anticipate a deal.

"We met with seven clubs today, and his name didn't come up," Bowden said. "One of the clubs brought his name up Friday. That discussion ended pretty quickly. One of the reasons the Cincinnati Reds don't have no-trade clauses is we want to be able to listen to any offers in case we're overwhelmed."

Montreal general manager Omar Minaya, at the center of most trade talk, kept up his meetings Saturday and said his

MLB winter meetings

instincts told him he probably would make a deal before the meetings end Monday.

As the second day of the meetings drew to a conclusion, there hadn't been a single trade and only one free-agent signing, with St. Louis agreeing Friday to a \$500,000, one-year deal with pitcher Chris Carpenter.

The Chicago Cubs discussed various deals, the New York Yankees closed in on signing backup infielder Todd Zeile and Arizona shopped around first baseman Erubiel Durazo. Teams discussed possible three-way trades and even a four-team deal that involved Toronto, the Diamondbacks, Oakland and possibly Colorado.

Outfielder Vladimir Guerrero and pitchers Bartolo Colon and Javier Vazquez are the Expos' top players being discussed, and second baseman Jose Vidro, shortstop Orlando Cabrera, third baseman Fernando Tatis, catcher Michael Barrett and pitcher Tony Armas Jr. also could be available.

Atlanta, quiet at the winter meetings in recent years, was looking to restart its pitching staff, following the departures of Tom Glavine, Mike Remlinger and Chris Hammond.

Managers back Rose's baseball reinstatement

By Josh Dawes
Associated Press writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Pete Rose has been banned from baseball long enough, according to many of the game's current managers.

"He's paid his penance big time, not being allowed in the ballpark for 10 or 15 years," Chicago Cubs manager Dusty Baker said Saturday from the winter meetings.

"It's like a doctor not being allowed to operate or a teacher not being allowed to teach. You don't have to go to jail to be punished. Sometimes exile is enough of a punishment."

Rose agreed to a lifetime ban from baseball on Aug. 23, 1989, following an investigation of his gambling. While Rose denied gambling on baseball, commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti said he had signed the 7-time All-Star bet on games involving his own Cincinnati Reds.

But after 13 years away from the game, Rose is talking with commissioner Bud Selig about being allowed to return. None of the 14 others banned for life for gambling were ever reinstated.

"I think the passage of time outweighs the wrongdoing," Giants manager Felipe Alou said. "I believe the man has paid his price. The amount of support he gets outweighs everything. I was listening to a radio show the other night and the callers were 20-1 in favor of him."

While Selig is willing to allow Rose back in, Rose will have to admit he bet on baseball as part of any agreement. He has been pushed to make the admission by Hall of Famers Joe Morgan and Mike Schmidt, and at the meeting last month, Schmidt was among those in attendance.

In addition to becoming eligible for the Hall of Fame, an end to the ban would allow the former Cincinnati manager to work for a team.

"My stance has always been that Pete certainly belongs in the Hall of Fame," Mets manager Art Howe said. "I certainly believe he belongs in the Hall of Fame but as far as being back in baseball, that's very different."

Rose was always a great ambassador for baseball, inspiring fans with the aggressive play that earned him the moniker



Cincinnati Reds' Pete Rose signals he's No. 1 after connecting for his 4,132nd career base hit to break Ty Cobb's all-time record in his Sept. 11, 1988. (AP photo)

"Charlie Hustle," and promoting the game off the field.

"I think one of the biggest things wrong with the game today is our young people, they don't know the history of the game," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. "You ask who, Wally Pipp is, maybe they won't be able to tell you. I think Pete, come on."

There is some sentiment that if Rose is inducted into the Hall, that his plaque should have some recognition of his wrongdoing, Hargrove disagrees.

"I think either you do it or not," he said. "I would hate to see a plaque with Pete Rose on the wall that said, 'He would have been here 13 years earlier if he hadn't gotten in trouble with gambling.'"

Rose, baseball's career hits' leader, has maintained that he never bet on baseball.

John Dowd, hired to investigate Rose in 1989 for Giamatti, issued a report that detailed 412 baseball wagers between April 1968 and July 5, 1967, including 52 on Cincinnati to win. Evidence included betting slips alleged to be in Rose's handwriting, and phone and bank records.

Japan leads World Cup; U.S. stays in contention

Mickelson, Toms score record round

PUERTO VALLARTA, Mexico (AP) — Phil Mickelson's spectacular performance has the United States back in contention at the World Cup.

Mickelson's outstanding driving and putting helped he and teammate David Toms to tie a World Cup record with a 15-under-par 57 in the third round Saturday of the "Woman" team event. The Americans are at 27 under with one round remaining.



The United States' Phil Mickelson, left, and teammate David Toms walk together on the third hole in third round of the World Golf Championships EMC World Cup at the Vista Vallarta Golf Club in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Saturday.

"I love to see golf played at that level. To see somebody get it going and get in the zone like everybody talks about."

— David Toms

"It still wasn't enough to catch the Japanese team of Shigeki Maruyama and Toshi Izawa, who nearly matched the Americans and finished at 30 under par after a round of 58 in the best-ball format.

But there was no doubt after Saturday who the rest of the field will be looking for Sunday.

"We knew they would be coming," Maruyama said of the U.S. team's third round.

Mickelson buried his recent slump with a round that included 10 birdies and an eagle.

"I love to see golf played at that level," Toms said. "To see somebody get it going and get in the zone like everybody talks about."

"That was the shot of the day," Maruyama said through an interpreter. "That was the turning point."

Fiji's team of Vijay Singh and Dinesh Chand was second at 29 under, Defending champions South Africa, with Rory Sabbatini and Tim Clark, was third at 28 under.

Both Fiji and South Africa shot 62 Saturday.

Canada, England and Scotland were next, all at 26 under par.

The smiling Maruyama and solo Izawa had 12 birdies and an eagle, the latter by Izawa on the par-4 13th, where he holed his second shot from 75 yards.

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Somalis say U.S. could help restore their country



A Somali gunman roams the Mogadishu streets Wednesday near an abandoned U.N. armored personnel carrier. The vehicle was destroyed during fighting with U.N. troops in 1994.

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) - Ten years ago, Somalis welcomed American troops as saviors in their starved and battered land. Then they drove them out. Now many wish the Americans would come back. Instead, they find themselves on President Bush's terrorism blacklist.

"We need them desperately. We need a rescue mission from the Americans," said Mohamed Jama Furu, manager of the empty port where containers and cranes sit rusting in the sun. If they hadn't left, he said, "Somalia would have been one of the developing countries: It would not be the graveyard it is now."

Since 1991 there has been no government to speak of in this Texas-sized country of 7 million on the Horn of Africa. These days a two-year-old transitional regime runs barely half of Mogadishu, the capital. Warlords control the rest.

About half a million Somalis are refugees in neighboring Kenya. Hundreds of thousands more are homeless in Somalia itself.

In October, at peace talks in Kenya, 20 factions and the transitional government endorsed a peace agreement calling for a cease-fire and a new system of government. But negotiations are months away from completion, and no one wants to disarm first, so clan-based clashes continue.

Gunfire is so common in Mogadishu that kids playing by a camp for homeless people in Mogadishu don't even look up when rounds from an AK-47 crackle in the humid air as a battered pickup speeds by loaded with gun-toting teenagers.

Crumbling government buildings and bullet-riddled villas from Italian colonial times line potholed, garbage-strewn streets. Assault rifles, heavy

"We would like America to use its political influence, not through fighting, to bring peace to our country."
- Dahir Mohamed Hassan, who fought against the U.S. in 1993

machine guns and grenade launchers are sold openly in markets.

On Dec. 9, 1992, U.S. troops waded ashore in Mogadishu in the glare of TV lights, the vanguard of a 21-nation mission to feed hundreds of thousands of people during a war-induced famine.

The U.S.-led mission then turned its efforts to restoring order in Somalia, but dozens of U.N. peacekeepers and at least 25 U.S. troops were killed, along with hundreds, possibly thousands, of Somalis.

Now, even Somalis who fought the foreigners 10 years ago want America's help to end their nightmare.

"I believe they are the sole

power who can do something for our country. We would like America to use its political influence, not through fighting, to bring peace to our country," said Dahir Mohamed Hassan.

Now in his 40s and a guard at a hotel, Hassan said he fought U.S. forces in the Oct. 3, 1993 battle of Mogadishu in which 18 Americans died trying to capture aides of faction leader Mohamed Farah Aidid.

"People lost confidence in the Americans when they started hunting Aidid, our comrade, our leader," said Hassan, who said he grabbed his AK-47 rifle in anger after a rocket fired by a U.S. helicopter destroyed his house.

Images of angry mobs dragging the bodies of dead U.S. soldiers through the streets were broadcast worldwide, and became the subject of the book and movie "Black Hawk Down." The Americans left in 1993 and the last U.N. peacekeepers were gone by March 1995.

Al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden has been quoted as saying it was the battle of Mogadishu that led him to believe the Americans lacked the stomach for war.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

MVRMC exhibition focuses on children

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is inviting local vendors and exhibitors to participate in its 5th Annual Baby & Children's Faire on Jan. 25 at Magic Valley Mall.

The event, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., will feature health information, fun activities and interactive demonstrations designed for children age 13 and under and their families. The fair focuses on quality parenting and on the latest information and services available for expectant parents and young families, the hospital said.

A limited number of booths are available to businesses and organizations who have products or services to promote to expectant parents, parents and children. A registration fee is charged. For information, call Judy Ashby at Magic Valley Regional at 737-2056.

Sun Valley Web site offers online booking

SUN VALLEY - Visitors to Sun Valley can take advantage of a new online booking system to get visually acquainted with lodges and check availability and rates.

Sun Valley/Ketchum Central Reservations' new online booking system differs from some other online booking services in that it's not automated. A representative is on the other end of the computer connection to help, should questions arise.

In addition to helping consumers, the new site will collect and store such information as the number of nights visitors stay, where they book and whether they book into the same places or in different properties whenever they visit. The information will help the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber and Visitors Bureau determine booking patterns to better strategize marketing efforts, said Ross Coppersman, the bureau's marketing manager.

To check out the new system, log on to www.visitsunvalley.com and click on the Sun Valley/Ketchum Central Reservations icon.

Series covers ethical behavior, customer service

TWIN FALLS - Final classes of a supervision series offered in Twin Falls as a cooperative between the College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University will be held from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 7-8, in Room 276 of the Taylor Administration Building at CSI.

Topics to be covered in Supervision IV are ethical behavior in the workplace, organizational well-being, customer service and concepts of continuous improvement. The instructor will be Colin Randolph, professor and financial aid director at CSI.

The fee is \$300 per person, which includes materials. Discounts are offered when a business signs up three or more employees or when an individual has signed up for more than one course in the series.

For information, call Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or send e-mail to srust@csi.edu.

Barley crop offers new insurance options

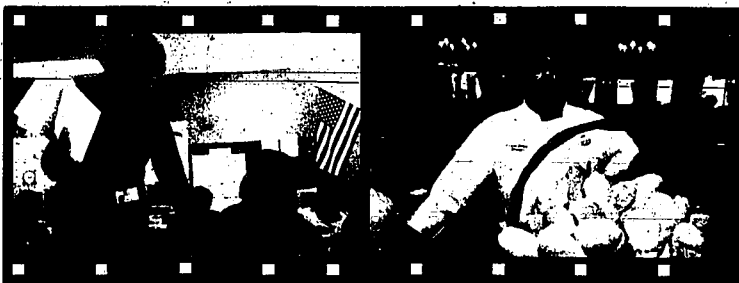
TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Barley Commission announced there will be enhanced barley crop insurance options available to Idaho malding barley producers, effective for the 2003 crop.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency recently approved malding barley coverage under the existing Barley Revenue Assurance contract, which has been available on feed barley in only two states - Idaho and North Dakota. The new malding barley coverage will be available to Idaho growers only in 2003.

Additional coverage for malding barley will be available through one of two options. Producers who exclusively contract their malding barley directly with a malding or brewing company may insure their barley based on the premium specified in their contract (known as Option B).

Producers who market barley through a contract with an elevator or produce on the open market may insure their barley based on the price premium specified in the contract or additional value specified in the insurance contract (Option A).

Compiled from staff reports



These workers are in occupations that were included in a local economist's wage survey this fall. Technical-support workers joined the list of Magic Valley's most common occupations as Dell Computer Corp. expanded in Twin Falls. The state budget helped hold down wage increases for local teachers. Medical professions, such as nursing, showed the biggest rise in wages in the past year. But average pay for service and retail workers - such as cooks - made just a tiny gain.



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LOCAL WAGE GROWTH SLOWS

Magic Valley workers lost purchasing power in past year, economist says

By Virginia S. Hutchins
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Over and over, Magic Valley workers have surprised major new employers by turning out in droves to apply for their new jobs.

Even when unemployment rates were particularly low, Or when the new jobs' pay wasn't particularly high.

That's no surprise to local labor analysts. Their data show that Magic Valley workers see their wages rise at a crawl. The past year's 1.1 percent rise in average wages for Magic Valley's 47 most-populated occupations didn't even match consumer-price inflation.

"We're not seeing a lot of movement in wages," said Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's regional labor economist for Magic Valley. "Starting wages have been the same in a lot of occupations for the last three or four years."

Despite shortages in some industries reporting worker shortages, "wage has not been a way they've tried to make an incentive," Rogers said.

That's one reason local leaders can promise available jobs to new employment prospects when they come looking for business locations. Magic Valley's work force for years has been willing to switch jobs for small increases in pay.

"And nothing has happened this year to change that," Rogers said last week, as he released a fresh round of local wage data.

Big applicant pools

From Times-News archives, here are a few examples of the big numbers in recent years.

• Costco Wholesale opened in July 1993, after Magic Valley experienced months of high unemployment that peaked at 7.7 percent. About 4,000 people applied for about 150 jobs.

• Job Service listed up more than 1,300 applicants for just under 300 Fred Meyer jobs in 1996, for the retailer's opening in Twin Falls.

• Despite low unemployment in December 1997, roughly 500 people showed up at two job fairs offering 61 openings at Clear Shield National Inc.'s Twin Falls plastics plant, now Solo Cup. The plant manager told The Times-News he was astonished.

• About 1,000 people applied for 150 full- and part-time jobs at The Home Depot's new Twin Falls store in early 2000.

• Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s new supercenter in south Jerome, after five days of recruiting in June 2000, had received about 1,600 applications. By early August 2000, Wal-Mart had received about 2,500 applications for the 380 jobs in Jerome.

Sampling of Magic Valley wages

Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's Magic Valley labor economist, compiled this data in November by using unemployment claims; employees' job orders filed with Job Service offices in the valley; several school districts' salary schedules; and interviews with various employers in the Twin Falls, Jerome and Burley areas.

This wage survey - which Rogers released last week - covers Magic Valley's six southern counties: Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln, Cassia and Minidoka. These data are a statistical sample.

Rogers said his survey doesn't represent all employers and therefore isn't absolutely accurate. But the sampling is a good guideline for reference purposes.

The "lower wage range" listed here for each occupation is the lowest wage Rogers found in his survey, or the lowest divulged to him by an employer. In some cases, it is the legal minimum wage of \$5.15. The "upper wage range" is the highest Rogers found. Again, these data are a sample. So it's possible that some actual wages fall outside those ranges.

Occupation	Average hourly wage	Lower wage range	Upper wage range
Education administrators	\$24.67	\$19.01	\$34.05
Teachers	\$14.82	\$10.58	\$20.56
Teacher's aides	\$8.50	\$5.63	\$10.25
Social workers	\$14.87	\$12.28	\$18.47
Registered nurses	\$17.13	\$14.75	\$22.81
Licensed practical nurses	\$10.91	\$9.47	\$12.13
Certified nurse's aides	\$6.95	\$5.43	\$7.85
Dental assistants	\$10.47	\$9.38	\$11.52
Laboratory technicians	\$8.96	\$7.18	\$11.14
Secretary/receptionists	\$8.38	\$5.35	\$11.78
Legal secretaries	\$9.14	\$8.01	\$12.69
Medical secretaries	\$9.15	\$7.71	\$12.22
Office managers (clerical)	\$9.01	\$8.14	\$12.43
Medical billing clerks	\$8.68	\$7.29	\$11.45
Bookkeepers	\$9.04	\$7.39	\$11.02
Bank tellers	\$8.32	\$7.16	\$9.53
Technical support workers	\$10.75	\$8.25	\$13.65
Tellers/cashiers	\$7.19	\$6.08	\$9.95
Cashiers	\$6.07	\$5.15	\$7.29
Retail sales associates (noncommissioned)	\$7.49	\$6.06	\$9.82
Hotel housekeeping	\$5.90	\$5.15	\$8.63
Medical housekeeping	\$6.27	\$6.09	\$10.22
Janitorial	\$7.86	\$5.38	\$9.37
School custodians	\$10.26	\$8.50	\$12.73
Waiters and waitresses (adjusted for tips)	\$5.53	\$5.15	\$6.54
Cooks, restaurant	\$7.51	\$6.15	\$9.96
Bakers	\$7.09	\$6.06	\$7.97
Graphic designers	\$9.27	\$6.17	\$7.85
Landscapeers	\$8.54	\$6.31	\$15.33
General construction Laborers	\$11.52	\$7.14	\$18.31
Framers	\$10.23	\$8.29	\$13.93
Concrete finishers	\$11.71	\$7.63	\$19.03
Forklift operators	\$9.59	\$6.63	\$12.50
Heavy equipment operators	\$11.96	\$7.14	\$20.40
General truck drivers	\$8.64	\$6.12	\$15.30
Electricians	\$13.23	\$9.27	\$20.93
Maintenance mechanics	\$12.20	\$9.23	\$18.61
Welders	\$10.49	\$8.22	\$20.87
Heavy equipment mechanics	\$12.85	\$10.63	\$21.87
Automobile mechanics	\$12.34	\$9.69	\$18.73
Food processing workers	\$9.71	\$5.15	\$13.21
Cheese processing workers	\$9.27	\$7.11	\$12.97
Manufacturing line workers (nonfood)	\$9.84	\$6.55	\$13.96
Manufacturing maintenance workers	\$8.11	\$7.11	\$8.88
Millers	\$9.52	\$9.31	\$9.86
General farm laborers	\$6.34	\$5.15	\$8.45
Ditch riders	\$9.79	\$8.52	\$12.96
Aluminate	\$6.88	\$7.78	\$13.82

• Dell Computer Corp.'s technical-support operation began recruiting in late October 2001 for its first round of 120 full-time employees. More than 1,500 people - Dell officials declined to be more specific - had started the application process by early

A look at local labor



November. And applicants kept coming.

The wage trend

For part of the explanation, take a look at wages for Magic Valley workers in the most common jobs - a list that includes legal secretaries, janitors and forklift operators, for example. The state frequently assembles local data to convince prospective employers their job openings won't stay empty if they bring their operations to Magic Valley.

Rogers recently updated his survey of wages in the 47 occupations that employ the most people in the valley's six southern counties: Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln, Cassia and Minidoka. The survey is a sampling and doesn't represent every worker.

His findings? Wages averaged \$9.89 in November, compared with \$9.78 in April 2001. That's a mere 1.1 percent rise.

The comparison spans more than 12 months. But assuming that employers usually grant pay raises just once a year, Rogers said, it's valid to compare that 1.1 percent gain to the annual rate of inflation.

"This is an extremely low increase and did not keep pace with an inflationary rate of approximately 2 percent during that time. Therefore, average purchasing power was reduced by an average of 0.9 percent," he said.

And the most recent wage gain fell short of the 1.8 percent rise from February 2000 - when local pay averaged \$9.61 for the most common jobs - and April 2001.

Categories of interest

The 2002 survey contains 47 occupations; up from 45 last year. Welding and technical support were added to the list because they became statistically significant, Rogers said.

Dell is responsible for exploding numbers in the latter category, bringing hundreds of tech-support jobs to Twin Falls this year.

The average education wage - in the categories of education administrator, teacher and teacher's aide - rose from \$15.79 in 2001 to \$16 in 2002, Rogers said. That's an increase of 1.3 percent.

"Virtually no one received any type-of-merit-increases in the education category due to state budget cutbacks, and those that did receive any pay adjustment

received an adjustment for experience and education under the individual school district guidelines," he said.

Medical professions showed the biggest wins. But even there, gains were modest.

"Average wage in the five medical categories in the survey (registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, certified nurse's aide, dental assistant and lab tech) increased from \$10.66 in 2001 to \$10.88 in 2002, an increase of 2.1 percent," Rogers said. "This was the only major category of occupations that met or exceeded the national inflation rate of 2 percent."

One of the biggest groups of Magic Valley workers - those in services and retail - showed some of the least wage movement in the past year.

Rogers' list includes 11 occupations in that category: bank teller, telemarketing, cashier, retail sales, model housekeeping, medical housekeeping, janitorial, school custodian, waiter or waitress, cook and baker.

In that sector, wages crept up from \$7.12 per hour in 2001 to \$7.17 this year. Punch those numbers into a calculator and you'll find an increase of just 0.7 percent, Rogers figures that's a 1.3 percent loss of purchasing power when inflation is taken into consideration.

"Also, in general, it is important to note that virtually all state workers received no pay increase whatsoever," said Rogers, himself a state employee. "Also, most workers in all categories lost purchasing power as health insurance premiums continue to rise nationwide and discretionary income has been lost."

Social and economic effects

Some folks might simply find it interesting to compare their paychecks to the local averages.

But that tiny 1.1 percent rise in Magic Valley wages offers more substance. It suggests, too, that's a faster rate than most other sectors, but they lag in raising wages.

"Despite reporting shortages of workers in these sectors, employers have not used increased wages as an incentive to attract and retain good employees," Rogers said. That "explains the willingness of many workers to change jobs for either small increases in pay or for benefits."

As inflation outpaces wages,

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YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Newspaper employees

TWIN FALLS - *The Times-News* this year honored five employees.

Randi Nelson, an employee of the year, received a \$1,000 bonus.

Nelson is an advertising representative, leading the ad department in the newspaper's Mini-Cassia office.

She has worked for *The Times-News* for 3 1/2 years as an ad rep, taking leadership in Mini-Cassia 1 1/2 years ago.

She has spent her career in sales in several industries, including clothing, jewelry and furniture.

A Mini-Cassia native, Nelson now lives in Heyburn with her husband, Rick. Nelson served as secretary of the Burley Area Merchants Association in 2000 and 2001, and she was elected to that position again for 2003.

The newspaper's employees of the quarter throughout 2002 received \$250 bonuses.

Ben Pierce, a classified advertising representative specializing in employment ads, has been with *The Times-News* for five years.

Pierce has spent most of her career in the purchasing field in

Chicago. She also has worked as an office manager for a staffing agency.

She and her husband, Ed, have lived in Twin Falls for 10 years.

Kathy Harman, a district sales manager in the newspaper's circulation department, has worked for *The Times-News* for five years.

She spent the first two years as a delivery driver before moving to her current position. She now supervises a crew of 80 carriers covering the Buhl, Cassierville and Filer areas, and half of Twin Falls.

Harman managed a deli in Kansas for 10 years before moving to Twin Falls, where she lives with her husband, David.

Debi Johnson, an advertising sales consultant, specializes in ads for special sections and out-of-state advertisers. She started working for *The Times-News* three years ago, spending the first two months as a telemarketer.

Johnson, a Jerome High School graduate, has also worked for the Jerome Chamber of Commerce, the Ridley's grocery chain and a Jerome hotel. She lives in Jerome with her daughter.

Diane Schorzman, a graphic

designer in the advertising department, specializes in agricultural, special-section and in-house advertising.

Schorzman, a Twin Falls resident, has worked for *The Times-News* for four years as a designer. Before that, she wrote freelance articles for a decade.

She also has worked for the Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District.

Cattle industry leaders

SUN VALLEY - The Idaho Cattle Association recently concluded its 89th annual convention in Sun Valley during almost 400 people in attendance. During the convention, the general membership elected new board members, and since then, the ICA president has appointed committee leaders for the following year.

These officers and board members were elected during the meeting:

Executive Committee - Cevin Jones of Eden, president-elect, and Laurie Lickley of Jerome, Cattle Women Council chairwoman.

Board of Directors, District 3 - Marc Brackett of Rogerson, Jeff Faulkner of Gooding and new member Ryan Nelson of Paul.

ICA President Ted Hoffman announced the selection of committee leaders for the coming year. Greg Garatea of Murraugh was chosen as chairman of the

Private Property Rights Task Force.

Lickley and Vice Chairman Jennifer Ellis announced the following who are active cattlewomen and helping with special projects: Pam Pantone of Shoshone, district director; Kim Morrow Brackett of Rogerson; Beatrix Morrow Committee leader; Joan Tugaw of Twin Falls, Cowbelles Committee leader; and Jodi Mink of Twin Falls, Scholarship Committee leader.

ICA leaders are available to visit with individual beef producers and speak at local county meetings. To schedule a volunteer leader or for more information, call the ICA at 343-7615 or visit idahocattle@rcmci.net online.

Sheldon Whitworth

TWIN FALLS - College of Southern Idaho automotive service graduate Sheldon Whitworth of Whitworth of Twin Falls won a gold medal in the national Skills USA competition in Kansas City last spring, and recently was recognized for that accomplishment by CarQuest in Twin Falls.

In Kansas City, he competed against and placed first among the state gold medal winners from every other state in written and hands-on skill tests. Whitworth works as a technician for Rob Green Pontiac, Buick, GMC.

Mark Duffin, executive director of the Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association, speaks to the global challenges facing the sugar industry during a meeting in Twin Falls on Wednesday.

Bitter battles forge sugar beet future

TWIN FALLS - What do a sugar beet grower in Paa, Idaho, and a kid drinking soda pop in Mexico City have in common?

Both are affected by world sugar trade negotiations, according to comments by Mark Duffin, executive director of the Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association, during a luncheon speech at an irrigation workshop in Twin Falls on Wednesday.

After reiterating that the gravest concern of sugar beet producers in Idaho at this time is availability of water for the coming year, Duffin's central theme was the complex political and marketing relationships that challenge the industry—and their subsequent effects on sugar beet growers.

"The sugar market is a global one," he reminded growers. "So we're an industry, have concerns on the domestic and the world market sides. This past year, our industry has focused on getting an oversupply and a price-depressed sugar market back in balance," he said.

Duffin said the national sugar industry has targeted three major areas: the farm bill; curbing importation of sugar products designed to circumvent the sugar import quota; and the sweetener trade dispute with Mexico—the latter negotiations concluding even as he spoke.

Yet another issue, Reuters news service on Tuesday reported, is an industry, law concerns voted to keep the controversial tax on soft drinks using high fructose corn syrup, a 20 percent tax that has been in place since the first of 2002.

Pinto prices continue slide from last year's highs

BOISE - Of the 12 bean classes in Idaho this year, six posted production gains, five showed losses, and one class was unchanged from 2001, according to an updated production report by Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service released this week.

Continuing, as they have in previous years, to dominate the Gem State's bean production, pintos made up 43.1 percent of the 2002 bean crop. Unfortunately, pinto prices have continued to drop in recent months from last year's highs. Prices began to drop right about the time that harvest got under way this fall. On Oct. 1, pinto prices in Idaho were \$28.29 per cwt. on the dealer level and \$20 for growers. At that time, however, dealer prices have dropped to around \$26.28 and grower prices are at \$18.19, as reported by the USDA's Bean Market News.

Frozen beets brought change in rules

RUPERT - While cost for harvesting frozen beets was significant, it was only a fraction of



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what it would have cost in lost revenue if Amalgamated Sugar Co. had left the beets in the ground.

When 16,000 acres of sugar beets companywide froze in on the last day of October the company immediately changed rules that state it does not accept any frozen beets, said Terry Ketterling, chairman of Snake River Sugar Co.

Speaking at a post-harvest meeting Wednesday Ketterling said rules were changed because the company had never dealt with this severe of a freeze problem before.

Instead of leaving the 450,000 tons in the ground, growers and the company worked day and night to get the beets out and get them processed. If the work was not done in that 10-day window, the beets would have gone to waste, he said.

Potato growers, shippers begin to work together

POCATELLO - While potato grower and shipper groups have traditionally been somewhat at odds with each other, now two of those groups have formally decided to work together.

During a panel discussion meeting between Potato Growers of Idaho and Idaho Grower Shippers Association, PGI formally invited IGSA to attend its executive meetings.

Dave Smith, president of IGSA accepted the invitation with a company invitation.

"I want you to join our meetings as well," Smith said. "I think that is an excellent idea."

While the two groups are not focused on exactly the same goals, there are many things the two can work on effectively together, Smith said.

Risk management

workshops come to Idaho

SUN VALLEY - By way of a \$75,000 federal grant, Idaho cattlemen will soon have opportunities to learn how best to manage the business of their ranching operations.

The new program, focusing on risk management in agribusiness, is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's venue to buy up an ailing agriculture economy. The program was unveiled in Sun Valley at the Idaho Cattle Association's annual convention in mid November. The funds for Idaho are a small portion of the \$18.5 million distributed nationally.

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loss of workers' purchasing power cuts into discretionary income designated for large-tickets items, entertainment, eating out and the like. That can hurt such industries as restaurants, appliance dealers, car dealers, travel and entertainment, he said.

The Idaho Department of Labor forecasts joblessness in western Magic Valley's major market - Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties combined - at 3.8 percent in October. That's half a percentage point below a year ago.

The three-county market often posts one of Idaho's lowest unemployment rates. "This has helped stimulate the economy and lower consumer confidence," Rogers said. "But those low rates aren't the whole picture."

MILESTONES

Weddings, catering business holds open house

BURLEY - First Class Weddings and Catering will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The business is at 521 E. Main St. in Burley.

The public is invited to meet the new owners, Trish and Rick Hurst, to see what the business has to offer for weddings and parties and to see the reception and party room. Samples of wedding cake and other refreshments will be served.

Real estate group helps 4,800 families in Idaho

TWIN FALLS - Real estate professionals affiliated with RE/MAX International helped more than 4,800 families buy or sell homes in Idaho during the first 10 months of the year.

Dollar volume was \$599 million, up 7 percent from the same period in 2001.

As of Oct. 31, there were 227 RE/MAX associates in the state, working out of 13 full-service offices.

"We're very pleased with our growth in Idaho," said Brad Hanks, vice president and regional director of RE/MAX Pacific Northwest. "Our volume per agent is outpacing the increase in home prices, so

we're generally ahead of the market in productivity."

Recently, he said, RE/MAX upgraded its extranet service, RE/MAX Mainstreet, which helps affiliates with marketing information and industry trends.

Local sleep lab receives accreditation

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Diagnostic Sleep Lab recently received program accreditation from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

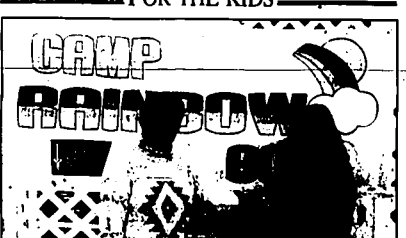
"The center is a significant resource to the local medical community and will provide academic and scientific value in addition to the highest quality care for patients suffering from sleep disorders," said AASM President Dr. Andrew Chesson Jr. in a news release.

To receive a five-year accreditation, a sleep center must meet or exceed all standards for professional quality health care as designated by the academy, the release said. The accreditation process includes a detailed inspection of a center's facility and staff, including a selection of testing procedures, patient contacts and physician training. Currently, the American Academy of Sleep Medicine accredits 600 sleep medicine centers and laboratories across the country.

The Idaho Diagnostic Sleep Lab is at 526-C Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls. For information, call 736-7646.

CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE KIDS



Mary Baker, right, from the American Cancer Society, receives a check from Sherry Wright, left, of Kimberly Nurseries. Kimberly Nurseries and Gold Murphy's raised \$255 for the cancer society's Camp Rainbow Gold during their recent Pumpkin Festival. Camp Rainbow Gold is a summer camp for children with cancer. Every year, Kimberly Nurseries and a Papa Murphy's raise money for a selected charitable organization through their annual Pumpkin Festival.

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Investors must determine right asset allocation

By Amy Baldwin Associated Press

NEW YORK - Mutual fund shareholders recently enamored with money market accounts and bonds, the bear market's safer havens, might be interested in what some Wall Street firms are saying. Increase your stock holdings.

The Standard & Poor's Investment Policy Committee earlier this month advised that investors raise the equity portion of their portfolios to 65 percent from 60 percent and reduce their cash holdings to 20 percent from 25 percent.

The S&P committee maintained its recommendation that investors have 15 percent of their portfolio invested in bonds, which have performed quite well throughout the bear market but now face interest rate pressures following 12 rate cuts in the last two years by the Federal Reserve.

"We believe the S&P 500 and Nasdaq (composite) may advance in the range of 8 percent from current levels by mid-year 2003 and approximately 15 percent by year-end," said Sam Stovall, S&P's chief investment strategist.

On average, Wall Street's largest investment firms recommend a stock allocation of nearly 70 percent, a bond allocation of roughly 25 percent and cash allocation of about 7 percent.

But before investors start making any changes, financial planners say investors should examine medical goals and consider how much risk they can take to determine how much to invest in stocks and bonds and how much to keep in cash.

"They should invest in a way that makes them feel comfortable," said Patricia Jennerjohn, financial planner and head of Focused Finances in Oakland, Calif. "It has a lot to do with their risk tolerance."

And, investors should keep in mind that not all of Wall Street is so gung-ho on stocks. This week, Merrill Lynch & Co. strategist Richard Bernstein lowered his recommended stock allocation to 45 percent from an already low 50 percent.

The bullish move from S&P and the upbeat sentiment among many Wall Street analysts reflects the growing belief that earnings and the economy are improving and will be even stronger next year. In August, S&P increased its equity allocation recommendation to 60 percent from 55 percent.

"We think that the economy and corporate profits will improve and that stocks came down to levels that were not justified by the fundamentals. (Investors) over-shot the fundamentals," said Arnold Kaulman, editor of S&P's weekly newsletter "The Outlook."

Kaulman also said, "Given the continued high productivity and the likelihood that companies will be able to raise profits even in the

face of continued competitive pressures on prices, we believe the market can move up at a decent percentage rate from the current depressed level."

But investors should also remember that appropriate asset allocation varies by individual. For investors who are five to 10 years away from needing to draw on their investments, whether for retirement, paying children's college bills or buying a house - Jennerjohn recommends having 65 to 70 percent invested in stocks and the rest in bonds and cash.

As investors near the time when they need to cash in some investments, Jennerjohn said they should simply adjust their equity allocation downward.

But she cautions against getting entirely out of stocks, no matter how old an investor is or even if the investor is in retirement. Growth in the stock market historically has been the best way to protect against the ravages of inflation, Jennerjohn noted.

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Meg Taylor, 42, goes through a stack of her past phone bills as her 21-month-old daughter, Victoria, looks on Dec. 2 at her home in San Jose, Calif. In the past Meg was getting bills from five different service providers for her various phone and Internet needs. Now she is joining a growing trend by consolidating her bills.

Bills besiege baby boomers

NEW YORK (AP) — Baby boomers grew up watching their parents pay the bills: phone, gas, electricity, mortgage, probably a car and credit cards.

Now that boomers are heads of households, they find their stacks of bills significantly larger, thanks to cable TV, Internet access, cell phones, plus separate local and long distance calling plans.

The number of monthly statements has burgeoned in recent years, not only because of the pervasiveness of technology, but also because deregulation in the telecommunications industry introduced hundreds of new service providers into the consumer landscape.

That affects anyone who uses multiple means of staying connected, but the biggest impact is on baby boomers — many Americans in that age range, 38 to 56, not only pay for such proliferating services for themselves but often for teenage children or small businesses as well.

Between herself, her husband and her partner in her small public relations firm in Arlington, Va., Robin Buckley, 40, has to pay 11 separate phone bills each month.

"I thought the Telecom Act was supposed to make bundling services easier — so much for that theory," she said. "I would definitely prefer to have one bill."

For people who see all these bills as a time-wasting hassle — even if they can pay some online — the good news is that telecommunications companies increasingly are lumping services together, which the industry calls "bundling."

The caveat, though, is that telecom companies have been trying this for years and it isn't always seamless for them or a good enough deal for consumers.

In fact, AT&T spun off its wireless and cable divisions after deciding that most people don't care about having one all-purpose telecom bill.

"As soon as somebody can save \$5, they'll take a bill," said Matt Coffin, founder of LowerMyBills.com, which helps people hunt for bargains.

Still, bundled services are on the rise largely because of tougher telecom competition these days: Providers of local phone service are breaking into the long-distance business and long distance players are selling local service. Many players in both categories also offer wire-

less phone service and Web access as well.

Plus, cable TV companies also offer some one-stop shopping with high-speed Internet access and local phone service in some areas.

"I think the act of putting your eggs in one basket is not as risky as it used to be," said Phil Jacobson, a telecom consultant for Network Concepts LLC in Vienna, Va. "It used to mean encountering some service problems."

Many new packages promise discounts on the cost of buying the services a la carte. However, a study last summer by Horowitz Associates Inc., a communications market research firm in Larchmont, N.Y., found that half of consumers would be willing to buy bundled phone services even if the plans wouldn't save them any money.

Other services get around bills altogether by offering "prepaid" plans, which let customers buy a chunk of wireless airtime or long-distance minutes and refill them whenever they want. TracFone Wireless Inc., which targets

seniors and families with children, sells phones that display the number of minutes remaining before a customer has to refill.

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Boom in fur sales boosts demand for wild pelts

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — With fur sales strong and fur prices rising, Alachach rapper Brian Latham has every reason to be smiling about his season — if only winter would begin.

"It's 40 degrees and sprinkling," he said late last week from his home on the lower Kuskokwim River near Bethel. The warm winter is making the ice soft and the travel treacherous.

The unusual weather is balanced, however, by the best fur prices in years, making it worthwhile for Latham to keep setting traps and snaring for red fox, river otter, lynx, mink and other fur bearers. It's not like the heyday of the 1970s, Latham said, but prices have improved steadily the past several years and the upward trend is continuing.

The New York Times reported last week that fur sales are booming in New York City, Dallas and other fashion centers, in spite of the tepid U.S. economy and continued protests by animal rights groups. The year is poised to set new records for domestic sales, topping the highs set in the extravagant 1990s.

"We're having a banner year," said Perry Green of David Green Master Furrrier in Anchorage. "People are bringing me in pictures from Vogue (magazine) and asking can I make it. We're getting tremendous calls from all over the U.S. saying, 'What're you doing?'"

Alaska has always had a strong fur-buying tradition, merchants say, though Europe is the real capital for fur fashion. But Asian markets are at least partly responsible for surging sales, said Irwin Goldberg, owner of H.C. Goldberg and Co., a Seattle-based company that buys and sells raw pelts.

The fur industry in this coun-

try is good, but the main markets are in Russia, Korea and China," Goldberg said. "Right now, anybody who can get their hands on wild otter are going to be extremely happy because the Chinese are vowing to buy all they can get."

River otter pelts that sold for an average of \$60 to \$80 apiece in recent years are commanding \$100 or more this winter, he said.

China's small but growing upper class is demonstrating its new-found wealth by buying fur, Goldberg said.

"The same in South Korea. They've developed a wealthy class that is fur-conscious," Goldberg said.

Russia, too, has not only an affluent upper class but the cold weather that traditionally drives fur sales.

"It's almost everybody (in Russia) has been raised with the idea that it's essential to have something made of fur on your head or your back," Goldberg said, and now that they can afford furs, they're buying.

Fur trim is a particularly hot item right now, Goldberg said.

"A slip around the sleeves, down the front, scarves of artificial fur — it does give the feeling that fur is in in spades," he said. "It's being picked up on by women of all ages. They have to have some kind of trimming."

Red fox is one of the more popular trim furs, according to several buyers, and Alaska prices reflect the increased interest. Latham

said he remembers getting \$100 for fox pelts in the late 1970s. The price dropped as low as \$11 a decade later, he said, as animal rights activists took their opposition to trapping public and fur consumption plummeted. This year, Latham said, the price is up to \$40.

Lynx and marten demand is also up, while wolf and wolverine prices remain strong.

Mink and fox ranching has taken its toll on fur prices, Latham said. Minks that used to bring him \$90 apiece are now worth less than \$20, and sheared, ranch-raised minks have reduced beaver pelt values by half.

Luckily, said Keith Curtis, owner of Arctic Midnight Furs, "you can't ranch wolves and can't ranch wolverines."

Those two species are the most valuable animals trapped in Alaska and together make up as much as half the total value of the trapping industry.

Arctic wolf pelts, with their long, silky hair, can fetch more than \$400 each, though the average price paid for the 1,500 or so wolves taken every year in Alaska was closer to \$225, according to the most recent figures available from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Retailers worry about consumers' behavior

NEW YORK (AP) — With eleven days until Christmas, the holiday season is again turning out to be a nail biter.

After a better-than-expected buying spree over the Thanksgiving weekend, sales dropped off more than expected the next week. Then, this past week, they showed only a little improvement, according to analysts.

So retailers are now in the same spot they were last year, dependent on a late buying spree to lift them above our expectations.

Can consumers save Christmas again? Not everyone's hopeful.

A bus and subway strike is threatened by transit workers in New York, and could keep tourists from the city's shops during the most important week of the season. That would hurt sales of national chains, which count on their New York business for as much as 35 percent of total revenues.

And some industry watchers are simply losing faith in shoppers.

"People are going to stores, and getting free cosmetics and other giveaways, but we are not seeing big bags at the escalators," said Burt Flickinger 3rd, managing director of Reach Marketing.

"Even customers that can afford to spend are outsmarting the stores by waiting for the best deals," he said.

Retailers want to see more shoppers like Lenora Carter, 42, of Richmond, Va., who loves a bargain, but would "forgo discounts to not be in the last-minute rush."

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Same-store sales — sales at stores opened at least a year — are considered the best indicator of a retailer's health. And Niemann said those sales for November and December combined could fall below the low end of its range of a 2 percent to 3.75 percent gain.

According to the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi's store index, same-store sales fell 2.3 percent during the week ended Dec. 7.

Jal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, said Monday that same-store sales for December are currently at the low end of its range of a 3 to 5 percent gain.

Bucking the trend was J.C. Penney Co. Inc., which reported same-store sales for its department store business were beating its projections for a low single-digit percentage gain for the month.

A bright spot has been online sales, which continue to surge.

Online sales soared 43 percent, from November 1 through Dec. 11, compared with a year ago, said Biz.Rate.com, a comparison shopping site that also tracks sales at 2,000 Web sites.

But, just like brick and mortar stores, online merchants have to lure shoppers with bargains, particularly free shipping deals. Currently, there are about 155 free shipping offers, compared to 120 a year ago, Biz.Rate.com said.

The average purchase has dropped to \$138, from \$145 a year ago, Biz.Rate.com said.

Retailers are used to a roller coaster ride during the holidays. Last year, Thanksgiving weekend's sales weren't as strong as expected, and sales limped along until a last-minute shopping spree helped save the season from being a disaster.

During the holiday 2000 period, sales sharply fell off after a strong Thanksgiving weekend. The last-minute sales surge came too little and too late, resulting in disappointing sales.

This year, merchants are facing a season that is six days shorter, adding more pressure to generate sales. And while there are numbers of very pop-up items, including such top sellers as Real Robotic Fluffy cat and Fleish-Price's Chicken Dance Elmo, there are no must-haves, which could help fuel excitement.

Stores have tried to protect themselves with leaver incentives, to avoid getting stuck with too many leftovers on Dec. 26. That has led to frustration on the part of some shoppers, who can't find some of the hot sellers.



Kathleen Beachamp, right, purchases a gift from Assaf Talmor's stand at Willowbrook Mall Thursday in Houston. Shoppers pushed sales at the nation's retailers up by 0.4 percent in November, the best showing in three months.

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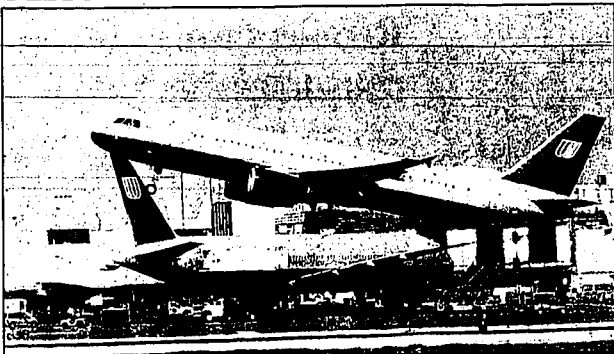
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A United Airlines plane takes off from Los Angeles International Airport's United terminal Dec. 9. United Airlines made the largest bankruptcy filing in aviation history, saying it was the only way to keep the world's No. 2 airline flying after two years of heavy losses. The Chapter 11 filing was the sixth-largest ever as measured by assets.

United Airlines' employee stock program was doomed from start

By Rachel Beck
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — United Airlines didn't have a chance.

The struggling carrier was counting on its employee stock ownership plan to help lift it out of its financial mess eight years ago. But how could it, when just about every aspect of the ESOP — the design, execution, membership — was all wrong?

Now, United is the blueprint for what not to do when creating an ESOP. Too bad it failed, because history shows that employee ownership can be a key driver to a company's success.

"It had some fatal flaws from the start," said Patricia Kelo, who heads the Kelo Institute, named after her late husband, Louis. He is credited with creating the ESOP in 1956.

Louis Kelo believed that the capitalist system would be stronger if all workers — not just executives and outside stockholders — could share ownership of capital-producing assets.

His hope was that employee ownership would raise morale and productivity. Some evidence shows he was right. Companies with employee ownership grow on average 2.4 percent faster than they would have without the ESOP, according to the National Center for Employee Ownership in Oakland, Calif.

"And that growth rate jumps as high as 11 percent at companies where management and employees work together on decision making. Among the most successful ESOPs: Procter & Gamble and Publix Super Markets."

In a typical ESOP, a company creates a trust to which it makes annual contributions of stock. Then the stock is allocated to individual employee accounts within the trust.

Employees get their payout when they retire. At privately held firms, which make up 91 percent of the 11,000 ESOPs today, workers can sometimes claim the money earlier if they are leaving the company.

Analysis

It was back in the early 1990s when talk first began about an ESOP at United. At the time, the airline had huge losses and worries were rising about its future.

While the pilots pushed the plan, other labor groups weren't so keen. But they felt it might be their only option to keep the airline alive.

The deal went like this: United workers agreed to substantial wage cuts and work-rule changes in exchange for a \$4.9 billion loan to buy a 55 percent stake in the company.

The ESOP was launched in 1994, and was one of the largest ever. It was greeted with much fanfare, even lauded by the Clinton administration.

But there were problems. Big problems.

"The ESOP was bad by design. The United model was a poor model," Kelo said. "It was a last-ditch effort to save jobs."

To start, it wasn't a full employee buyout. The flight attendants did not join because of some wrangling with management, and that created factions among rank-and-file workers, which linger even today.

Tensions became more strained as a result of a time limit on the ESOP, which is not often seen in ownership programs. Contributions to employees were only made through 2000, so any one joining United after that couldn't participate.

How the ESOP was funded was also troublesome.

Workers were asked to give wage concessions, and that money was used to create the fund. The usual way is to fund ESOPs through corporate profits.

When times were good in the mid-1990s and the stock price soared, the sting of the salary cuts didn't seem as important. But then concerns were heightened by the bear market on Wall Street.

Another problem: The ESOP was introduced at a turbulent

time for United. "United was trying to save the company from bankruptcy back then with its ESOP," said John Menke, protégé of Louis Kelo and president of a San Francisco firm that specializes in ESOPs. "That's not the way ESOPs usually work."

All those problems were only exacerbated by strains long brewing between management and labor.

At first, it looked like the two sides might resolve differences. Employees were grouped in teams across different business functions, working together to boost efficiency and cut costs. Management seemed open to ideas from workers up and down the ranks.

The initial efforts paid off. Absenteeism was down, and productivity went way up. United was soon being touted as a turnaround story.

But that all-together-now mentality soon fizzled, and the strife between sides resumed by the late 1990s when new management came in and the open relationship with workers ceased.

"Neither side had a complete buy-in," Menke said. "It was a shotgun kind of wedding to begin with, and everyone hoped they would get familiar with each other. They didn't."

Now, United's ESOP will likely be wiped out when it emerges from bankruptcy. Workers will likely lose everything.

In more ways than one, it was a marriage doomed.

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Grocers turn to scientific methods

The Baltimore Sun

Most grocery shoppers don't give a second thought to where Frosted Flakes cereal or Green Giant peas sit on their supermarket's shelves.

But for grocery managers, deciding which products to sell and how to arrange them is a highly specialized science that can boost profits or hurt sales.

In a recently published study, researchers specializing in company operations say they've found a better way to manage categories of food products. Professors at three universities say grocery stores that use the professors' new models — based on information from consumers and grocery managers — can boost profit by as much as 25 percent.

"A lot of stores struggle with the issue of limited shelf space and try to figure out what kind of products to carry on the shelves," said Christopher S. Tang, a professor at the Anderson Graduate School of Management at the University of California, Los Angeles and one of the study's authors. The research looked at "how to utilize the shelf space optimally to generate the highest profits," Tang said.

Doings so effectively has become more crucial because of the explosion of new products, Tang said. Shelf space has grown as supermarkets have gotten bigger, but the number of products introduced each year has grown much faster. The average grocery store carries 30,000 different items, but "there are hundreds of thousands to choose from," Tang said. "If you have the wrong products, customers don't come in, and products sit on the shelf."

Food retailers have relied on what is known as "category management" for items such as soft drinks, bottled water and salad dressing to determine which products to stock, which to remove, how much to carry and where to put them, according to the Washington-based Food Marketing Institute. The 8-year-old practice has become more sophisticated over the past few years, thanks to improved technology.

"It's a way for retailers to differentiate themselves from their competitors, but also to position themselves with the consumer," said Patrick Walsh, director of industry relations for the FMI. "If consumer needs are not met, it won't translate into sales."

Retailers track what is selling by scanning products at checkout. Information goes to databas-

es, then into category management software programs, which analyze what shoppers are buying and what they're leaving on the shelves.

But that's often the wrong approach, argued Tang and the other researchers. Teck-Hua Ho, of the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and Jun-Kuan Chong, of the Business School at the National University of Singapore.

About 70 percent of the time, supermarket chains manage categories by pulling slow-selling items from the shelves.

"They're not thinking about the relationship of one product to another product," or realizing that removing one item could affect the sales of remaining, related items, Tang said.

For example, if a brand of lobster bisque happens to be a slow seller, most category management models would direct store managers to remove it in favor of a better-selling soup. But if the bisque has a unique quality, for instance, that it can be mixed with other soups to make a sauce, removing it could hurt sales of remaining soups. It might make more sense to remove one of two brands of, say, cream of chicken soup, the researchers show.

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WORLD

Afghanistan refugees who returned face cold reality: Winter

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - It has been a cold welcome for many of the 1.8 million Afghan war refugees who streamed home after the fall of the Taliban last year. The luckier ones spend freezing nights in bullet-scarred ruins in Kabul. The unlucky sleep huddled together under frail plastic tents.

Returning after years in squalid camps in neighboring Pakistan and Iran, the refugees hoped for a better life here. But with few jobs and fewer places to live, many are now hoping just to survive Afghanistan's harsh winter.

"At night the cold is so bad, it's frightening," said Taza Gul, the elderly head of a family of 11 that lives under a tiny roadside tent. "It may get worse, we don't know. Our fate depends on Allah."

The U.N. refugee agency estimates 560,000 people will be particularly vulnerable this winter because they lack adequate housing, food and the means to keep warm, the agency spokeswoman Maki Shinohara said.

Many are in danger simply because they live in remote rural



Burka-clad women wait outside the government municipality building on the outskirts of Kabul Thursday to receive blankets and coal. Insufficient rain has left many of the country's farmers with little to eat or to sell. At right, Omar Shah, 6, a mechanic helper, warms himself by a bonfire in a light rain in Kabul.



AP photo

areas where roads will likely be cut off by snowfall blocking most emergency aid from getting through.

The United Nations has been trying to head off any crisis by distributing tens of thousands of blankets, wood stoves, fuel and

plastic sheeting, Shinohara said. The U.N. World Food Program has delivered 51,000 tons of food nationwide, 95 percent of its win-

ter target. The rest is expected to be delivered before the end of December.

Authorities hope those sup-

plies will get desperate families through January and February - the harshest winter months.

Shinohara said the United Nations was holding the bulk of its winter stockpile in reserve in case of emergencies, such as a severe drop in temperature or a new conflict that would displace more civilians.

Shinohara said the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was especially concerned about the snowy central highlands, where temperatures could drop to minus 22 degrees.

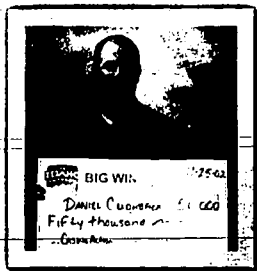
Southern Afghanistan, though warmer, was also a concern because of some 400,000 internally displaced refugees there, Shinohara said.

This weekend, 10 children died in the southern border town of Spinboldak during what the refugee agency called "unusually cold weather."

Rural Development Minister Hanif Amar told The Associated Press those most at risk this winter were families like Gul's - returnees living in destroyed houses, tents - or worse. He estimated their numbers at 240,000 across the country.

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From prison to paradise

Rusted cells, overgrown ruins, off-limits sign of infamous Devil's Island add to tourist draw of nearby resort

By Ian James
Associated Press Writer

OFF THE COAST OF DEVIL'S ISLAND, French Guiana — Once there was no escape from Devil's Island. Now there is no access. The irony may be unintended, but visitors to what used to be the world's most infamous prison are now warned off by a sign saying: "Access to Devil's Island is strictly forbidden."

Year after year, from the 19th century and well into the 20th, inmates dreamed in vain of leaving the tiny island of palm trees and jagged volcanic stone and returning home across the Atlantic to France.

Now the ruins of their stone houses lie crumbling, but the island remains a byword for cruelty, immortalized in the memoirs of Henri "Papillon" Charriere and the notorious, anti-Semitism-driven miscarriage of justice against Alfred Dreyfus, a French army captain.

Devil's Island and its two sister islands are each separated by about 250 yards of water and lie eight miles off the South American mainland. Until 1946, they were the most isolated penitentiary in the French empire. Today the Iles du Salut, or "Islands of Salvation," are the most popular tourist destination in French Guiana. Each year thousands visit Royale, the largest island, once the administrative center and first stop for convicts. The tourists step off ferry boats within sight of a channel where jailers threw dead prisoners to the

Prison's past raises tourists' interest

Devil's Island, once France's most famous penal colony, is now French Guiana's most popular tourist attraction.



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sharks, not bothering to give them a proper burial. Of the three islands that rise from the Atlantic in a snug triangle, only Ile du Diable — Devil's Island — is closed to the public. There is no dock on the rugged shore that gave the island its

name, and administrators say swift currents make boat landings too hazardous.

"I think it's better nobody goes," tour guide Bernadette Harlepp says as she sails past the island on a catamaran. "It has a very bad history. It's out of respect for the past." During nearly a century starting in 1852, some 70,000 convicts were sent to the "bagne," or penal colony, in French Guiana. Diseases such as yellow fever and dysentery killed thousands. Many died without ever seeing France again.

"Devil's Island and the 'bagnes' will always remain a shameful, indelible stain on France's history," says Denis Senecq, whose grandfather, Guillaume Senecq, was imprisoned on Royale for 14 years. "The cruellest thing about the islands was that they mixed the worst criminals with all the rest. Savage murderers were put together with petty thieves and those arrested for being vagabonds."

His grandfather was convicted of murder but proclaimed his innocence until his death in France in 1954. Senecq, 55, says the history of the islands is "a reminder that the greatest countries — and the greatest ideas — can produce horrible monstrosities."

Charriere, or "Papillon" (butterfly for the tattoo on his chest, recalled the horrors of prison life in his 1969 autobiography, which later became the movie "Papillon" starring Steve McQueen and Dustin Hoffman.



The Devil's Island is seen in the background from Royale Island, off the French Guiana coast Aug. 28. Until 1946, France used Devil's Island and its two sister islands, Royale and St. Joseph, as the most isolated and infamous penitentiary in its South American penal colony.

Papillon described sharks answering a ringing chapel bell by rushing to the channel to devour convicts' corpses as they slid off the boat. The few burial plots were reserved for guards and their families. Nowadays tourists bathe in the waters and sharks are seldom seen.

The French National Space Agency assumed ownership of the islands in 1971 and launches Ariane rockets from the mainland carrying satellites. Infrared telescopes on Royale track the rockets as they arc toward space. As a safety measure, all 15 employees of the inn on Royale are evacuated to the mainland during launches.

There are no such uses for Devil's Island, which lies abandoned, thickly covered with coconut palms. And there are no plans to open it to tourism like that other famous island prison, Alcatraz.

Pierre Moskwa of the Guiana Space Center says Devil's Island should stay off-limits to visitors

and serve as a monument to the past. "It's a sanctuary," he says. Across the water, on Royale, is a sanctuary of a different kind, where tourists sleep comfortably in jailers' homes that have been converted into holiday cottages. At Royale's prison compound, rust crumbles from cell bars and iron shackles rings. In a courtyard, four concrete blocks that used to support a guillotine lie on earth once stained with blood.

At that time all of French Guiana was a penal colony, and many prisoners never left the South American mainland, but hundreds of serious offenders were sent to the islands.

Devil's Island, the smallest of the three and most exposed to waves and wind, was reserved for political prisoners. Many were free to move about the island, a 15-minute walk from end to end.

Incurable convicts were sent to St. Joseph Island for solitary confinement in a compound that prisoners called "mangeuse d'hommes," or devourer of men. Perhaps the most famous of

those held on Devil's Island was Dreyfus, a Jew falsely accused of spying for the Germans and imprisoned alone on the island from 1895 to 1899. The victim of a paroxysm of French Jew-hatred and an army too proud to admit its mistake, he was isolated in a small stone house, tormented by mosquitoes, ravenous ants and loneliness.

"Impossible to sleep," Dreyfus wrote in his diary the night of April 14, 1895. "This cage, in front of which the watchman walks like a phantom that appears in my dreams, the itch of all the beasts that run across my skin, the anger that roars in my heart."

Dreyfus eventually returned to France when evidence pointed to another officer, and he was exonerated. His tiny house of raw stone still stands near the southern tip of Devil's Island.

His case brought infamy to the island, and its name became synonymous with the horrors of the penal colony. But the prison continued to function until public opinion finally forced its closing.

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\$28,000 Excellent as an investment property or a first time home buyer. Home rents for \$350.00 per month. For more details call ALEX CASTARDEA @ 737-3987 or 538-5796. #103098

\$36,900 Excellent for investors or first time home buyers. Property is currently leased for \$450.00 per month. Property has just been repainted, has new kitchen, and living room floors. Very sharp! For more details call ALEX CASTARDEA @ 737-3987 or 538-5796. #103487

LOTS OF EXTRAS \$39,900 In this unique 3 bedroom, 2 bath home-atrium of master bedroom, hot tub room, antique wood cooking stove in kitchen. Over-sized lot with a beautiful fenced back yard that includes a garden area and a dog run with kennel, gas heat and RV parking. Call DOROTHY or KEN to see 734-8480. #103573

\$24,900 Great starter home on a quiet street in Eden. New carpet in living room, and hardwood floors in bedrooms. Home sits on extra large lot with detached garage. To see call DIANNE ODMAN @ 737-3918 or 733-1428. #104857

\$44,900 Sharp 2 bedroom on a corner lot, fenced yard. Newly remodeled kitchen, newer carpeting, gas heat - large master bedroom, & much, much more. Call LEXI @ 737-3918 or 734-8753. #102056

INVESTORS \$72,500 This cute 2 bedroom home with 1.5 baths could provide the returns that you have been missing in other investments. Located in a quiet, well maintained area. This home has many appealing features including metal siding, a new gas furnace with central air, full basement with large egress windows. Detached garage. Call DOROTHY or KEN 734-9488. #104558

\$72,500 Great property for this price. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. New windows throughout. Give us a call to see this property. Call RON FREEMAN 737-3918 or KATHY PARTNIBONE 737-3929 to see this one before it's gone. #101774

\$78,500 On the President streets, this 3 bedroom, 1 bath home sits on an extra large lot 1500 sq. ft. Includes forced air gas heat, screened, enclosed front porch, and metal siding, with oversized double car garage. For more details visit TheRealEstate.com or call WALY 737-3939 or TAMI 737-3848. #102312

\$86,900 This 1620 sq. ft. brick home with 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths, has a large family room in the basement. Covered deck, garage, and is close to schools. Call VANCE WALKER @ 428-6284. #105342

\$92,500 Just like new! Newly remodeled home in Filer - 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, custom kitchen has built in cabinets, granite floors, new dishwasher, electrical, electric hot heat, new electrical and plumbing throughout. 2 car detached garage, new carpeted floors. New vinyl & linoleum, patio, utility room and unfinished basement. Call DIANA WHITNEY @ 737-3948 or 731-3588. #104861

\$94,900 New construction - 1310 sq. ft. 3 bedroom 2 bath home - includes central air, forced air gas heat, oak cabinets, walk-in closet in master bedroom, pantry, and vinyl siding. For more details visit TheRealEstate.com or call WALY HESS 737-3929 or TAMI GOODING 737-3948. #104956

\$95,000 Super affordable home in the Park View Estates Subdivision. This is a two story, with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas heat, air conditioner, covered porch, very! exterior! Choose your lot, many more floor plans available. Call THE RASMUSSENS TEAM @ 737-3988 or 737-3925. #101359

\$99,999 Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath on large lot. Also has 1 bedroom, 1 bath home that rents for \$375.00/mo. Call JUANITA MYERS @ 721-9623. #104996

\$102,000 Not your average Ranch Style! This home on 301 Diamond features-3 BR, 2 bths, gas heat, central air, plus a great family room. Built in 1995, with a 2 car garage and fenced yard. Call PEGGY CONNALLY @ 737-3925 or 428-3337. #104862

SHOWHOUSE PERFECTION! \$184,900 Beautifully decorated home features set this home apart from others in its class. Four bedrooms and two full baths, 1,688 square feet of lovely living space. Double garage, large shaded deck, sprinkler system, and fenced yard. Corner lot. Close to schools. Call KEN or DOROTHY 734-8480. #104867

PRICE REDUCED! \$119,900 Move right in. The very sharp split floor plan home has three bedrooms & 2 baths. Includes all kitchen appliances. Other features include Pergo flooring in kitchen, gas fireplace, walk-in closet in master bedroom, pantry, and vinyl siding. Yard is nicely landscaped, fully fenced, and has auto sprinklers. Call KAT @ 418-2999 or ERNE @ 418-3981. #104503

\$124,999 New to Market. This is a sharp acreage with nice home. 3 bedroom, 2 bath with open living, dining area. 1.25 acres with park like grounds. Call RON FREEMAN 737-3918 or KATHY PARTNIBONE 737-3929 ask about #103342.

\$129,999 4 bedroom 2 bath home with all the amenities. Family room, living room, computer room, wood floors. To see please call JAMES at 484-9337 or 423-6188. #103568

PRICE REDUCED! \$134,999 Brand new custom home in great M.E. area on private lot. This large, spacious home has 1,824 sq. ft. with granite master bedroom suite, ceramic tile in kitchen and bathrooms, large walk-in pantry, exterior air ducts, breakfast bar, and many more extras. The 4 bedroom 2 bath home has an extra large lot with finished double car garage. Call TRACY today at 325-9989 or 734-9488. Realtor owned. #101946

\$136,999 This home has all the room you need and then some. Six bedrooms, 2.5 baths, beautiful Master Suite and great floor plan. Two car garage and upper floor deck in backyard. Energy saving heat pump, central air, lots of extras. Call THE RASMUSSENS TEAM at 737-3939 or 737-3923. Or view at www.TheRealEstate.com. #103678

380 EAST HIGHWAY 26 - SHOSHONE
\$136,999 Reverse side! Heavy 2007 of creative log living on 5 acres invites you to relax. Enjoy the views from the porch of this lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with shop. Call KATHY SCHWADER to view this lovely home 737-3918. #104504

\$149,999 Nice brick home with possibilities of 3 rentals. The home has a large 2 car garage plus a nice large shop. Property also has fruit trees, a grape arbor and a nice garden spot. Auto sprinklers are another nice feature. Call LOUISA @ 288-8822. #105332

\$158,000 This is a one of kind property with lots of possibilities. 5 bedrooms, 3 bath home, with a Mother-in-law apartment 4 car garage/shop & workshop, two room. Property is zoned commercial, professional, & residential. For more details visit TheRealEstate.com or call WALY 737-3939 or TAMI 737-3848. #104501

\$189,000 RELAX!!!! At home and feel as though you are vacationing in the hills. This 4 bedroom, 2 bath home is nestled in the trees @ Kanaka Rapids Ranch just 20 short minutes from Twin Falls with year-round fishing and golf. Live in your vacation home. For more details call DORIS BARKER @ 737-3918. #102243

\$189,999 Known as the Canyonside School. This property has had extensive remodeling including: wading pool, dog awnings. Sit on 3 acres. Could have many uses with over 5,000 sq. ft. Call BRENDA CARTER @ 418-5474. #101412

\$179,999 Darling home in Candleridge subdivision - Four bedrooms, two baths, lovely master suite with jacuzzi! Fourth bedroom would make a cute nursery or development room. Sunny open kitchen with breakfast bar and eating area. Triple garage, fenced back yard. Call me! CAROLYN CUTLER 737-3918 or 429-5381. #103365

FLY CAST FROM THE PATIO \$185,999 Price reduced to \$185,999 on the beautiful home on its own prime pond & landscaped Ranch 2 large bedrooms, 2 baths and an office. Stunning 360 degree backdrop in a panoramic view. Light and bright throughout. Energy efficient geothermal heat pump. Southern style's premier gated community at Kanaka Rapids Ranch, ponds, clubhouse, RV parking and playground. Call KEN or DOROTHY @ 734-8480 to see the wonderful light, bright home. #103845

\$199,000 Incredible 4 bed 2.5 bath home located in Candleridge Subdivision. All the extras - The car/jarport throughout the home - Gas fireplace - Master bathroom, walk-in shower plus jetted tub. Fully fenced. Oversized garage with attic storage. Call KAT @ 418-2999 or ERNE @ 418-2982. #105006

\$199,999 Located in a quiet, gated community near Clear Lakes Golf Course, the elegant home has all the country features that you have been looking for. This one is quality and good taste! Geothermal hot water keeps the comfy and economical. 3,352 square feet of living space. 3 large bedrooms and 3.5 baths. A stunning 1.8 acre site with frontage on its own. If you must see this home call Call ERNE or DOROTHY @ 734-8480. #102218

\$199,999 Construction to begin soon on this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. 2256 sq. ft. includes a finished bonus room, gas forced air heat, central air, triple car garage, gas fireplace, garden tub, auto sprinklers & front & rear sod. For more details visit TheRealEstate.com or call WALY HESS 737-3929 or TAMI GOODING 737-3948. #103564

\$219,999 Fulfill your dreams in this exceptional 2000 sq. ft., 8 bedroom home! A sole owner, three-car garage, entertainment area, oak flooring, formal dining room, central air, and finished basement. Deck, mature landscaping, and underground sprinklers. Call to see this wonderful home. KATHY PARTNIBONE 737-3929 or RON FREEMAN 737-3918. #105315

\$247,000 Golf Course & Canyon Views - 2350 sq. ft. all on one level, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, central air, heat pump, wood burning fireplace. Covered patio, auto sprinklers, brick. For more details visit TheRealEstate.com or call WALY 737-3939 or TAMI 737-3848. #101077

\$339,000 Dairy Farm in Rupert on 80+ acres. Lease to own available. Double 4 Horseshoe with 80 lockups, 48 shares of water, 3100 sq. ft. home - 4 bedrooms, 3 bath and 2 car garage. For more details, please call LORETTA THOMPSON @ 791-1778. #103173

ELEGANT HOME \$279,999 Located in a quiet, gated community near Clear Lakes Golf Course, the elegant home has all the country features that you have been looking for. This one is quality and good taste! Geothermal hot water keeps the comfy and economical. 3,352 square feet of living space. 3 large bedrooms and 3.5 baths. A stunning 1.8 acre site with frontage on its own. If you must see this home call Call ERNE or DOROTHY @ 734-8480. #102218

\$289,999 Beautiful ranch style brick home. Features 6 Bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, formal air, two fireplaces, two family rooms, formal dining area! Pasture area, 2-40' horse lots of 1/2 acre & 1/2 acre approx. area. Lots more. Call THE RASMUSSENS TEAM @ 737-3939 or 737-3923 or view at www.TheRealEstate.com. #100553

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 2 bath, vintage home. No smoking/pets. Refs. req. \$500/dep. \$43-6999.

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath country home, no smoking/pets. \$800 + \$600 dep. 734-9877.

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm. bath. 1111 S. Incl. \$855/mo. + \$400 dep. 686 Adclison Ave. 731-9930.

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm. 1 bath. 611 garage, fenced back yard, all appls. new. No smoking/pets. NW of Utl. Call 731-0516 or 677-4766.

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TWIN FALLS Great neighborhood near City new, spacious, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, inside laundry, tile & AC, efficient central heat and AC, RV parking, fenced yard. \$725 per mo. + deposit credit check. No pets or smoking. Must see. Call now 736-6007.

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TWIN FALLS Nice 1 bdrm. References. Available now. 733-8582.

TWIN FALLS Quiet 1 bdrm incl. some utls. \$325 + deposit. Call 733-5038.

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JEROME Nice 2 bdrm. townhouse, all appls. No smoking/pets. \$495. 206-324-3213 ext. 106.

SHOSHONE 2 bdrm. stove & ref. On site laundry, no pets. \$600/mo. 362-8201 or 861-0733.

"Hear the quiet!" Laurel Park Apartments 176 Maurice Street Twin Falls 734-4198.

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TWIN FALLS (2) 3 bdrm, 2 bath, w/garage. Upstairs 3700. Downstairs \$740. Please call 734-6243.

TWIN FALLS "FALLS APTS." and Pleasant View Territorial. 1,2,3 Bdrms. \$349-495. Some DW & W/D hookups. Spacious and clean. No pets. 734-6007.

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm. 1 bath, attached garage. W/D hook-up. DW, gas heat. No smoking/pets. \$550/dep. Call 735-0473.

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm., garage, appls. No drugs/pets/smoking. \$400/mo. + dep. Avail. Dec. 20th. Please call 735-4594.

TWIN FALLS townhome, 1 bath. Stove, ref. DW & W/D. No pets. 732-0856.

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, no smoking/pets. No smoking/pets. \$600/dep. 423-6631 by msg.

TWIN FALLS Attached 2 bdrm, w/dep. No smoking. \$325. 734-5483.

TWIN FALLS AVALON 3 bdrm, 2 bath, \$410 per mo. \$200 dep. Some utls. incl. No pets. Please call 735-2218. Credit check required. Call 206-733-2218.

TWIN FALLS Let's get a 1 bdrm, w/bonus room, appliances, garage, W/D hook-up, no smoking. \$450/dep. Call 735-0473.

TWIN FALLS Large, clean 2 bdrm, 1 bath, \$550 + \$300 dep. No smoking/pets. \$450. Water/sewer paid. Please call 423-9845.

TWIN FALLS Lg. 2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, new paint/carpets. No smoking. \$325/mo. Call 734-4120.

TWIN FALLS Nice 2 bdrm, 2 bath, family room, appliances, AC, gas heat, large 2 car garage, no pets. \$650/dep. Call 734-7437.

TWIN FALLS New & like new. \$650/dep. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, garage, tile, appls. DW, W/D hook-up, AC. Model open 378 Lakes Apt. 1, Chuck 738-8507 or Tony 734-9122.

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TWIN FALLS Quiet, nice (2) 2 bdrms lg. 1 bath, DW, W/D hook-up, yd, \$440. Call 735-4191.

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TWIN FALLS Motel Daily and weekly rates. 2152 Kimberly Rd. 735-0473.

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TWIN FALLS Shop/Office/Warehouse. 2-New units. Now available for lease. 2 @ 2,400 Sq. Ft. Or can be converted to 1 @ 4,800 Sq. Ft. Next to the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course. 732-7178 for more info. After 6pm 734-9861.

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610 WANTED TO RENT. TWIN FALLS Storage unit 5000 sq. ft. with upper storage and office space. Located at 1020 Highland Ave. E. \$1250 a month. Veronica Roland Parkson 734-1908 or 308-3580.

614 WANTED TO RENT. TWIN FALLS 1 bedroom with fenced yard and W/D, near C-51 for 45 yr. old student, non smoker. Call 206-400-4822 Mark.

616 BOBBY HOBB SPACES. BREAKDOWN & SETUP 6 years experience. Free Estimate. 324-5202.

BURLEY Double-wide space available in "55 + over" super nice park. \$185/mo. with free RV storage plus 2 months free rent. Call 735-8522.

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616 ROOMMATES WANTED. TWIN FALLS Roommate wanted. \$250 month, utilities paid. Call 733-0072.

TWIN FALLS Roommate wanted, no pet/smoking. \$350-\$100 dep. Includes utilities except phone. Call Cary at 736-4471.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. On March 19, 2003, at the hour of 1:00 am, of said day, at the FRONT ENTRANCE OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, 260 THIRD AVENUE NORTH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a State or National Bank, a check drawn by a State or Federal Credit Union, or a check drawn by a State or Federal Savings and Loan Association, Savings Association, or Savings Bank, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of IDAHO, and described as follows, to wit:

LOT 2 IN BLOCK 4 OF OLDEN ADDITION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 4 OF PLATS, PAGE 13. "LOAN MODIFIED 2/27/2002 AS INST #2002-0036". Commonly known as 1130 4th Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by CHAD E. HENKE AND STACEY HENKE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to TWIN FALLS TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, recorded April 25, 2000, as Instrument No. 2000-008199", Mortgage records of TWIN FALLS County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due July 1, 2002 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said deed of trust.

The estimated balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$73,377.77 including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation hereunder or in this sale, and trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: November 15, 2002. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY C/O CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE CORPORATION PO Box 22004 El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 (619) 590-9200. A/Usa Corde.

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Sunday, noon on Thursday; Monday, noon on Friday; Tuesday, noon on Saturday; Wednesday, noon on Monday; Thursday and noon on Tuesday; Friday and Saturday; Holiday deadlines may vary. If you have questions call Ruby at 735-3324.

Loan No. 517820700. T.S. No. 1047918-09. Parcel No. 90702.

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THE NORTH 50 FEET OF LOT 19 AND THE NORTH 50 FEET OF THE EAST ONE-HALF OF LOT 18 ALL IN BLOCK 28 OF FILER TOWNSHIP, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 29. IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Commonly known as 410 Park Avenue, Filer, Idaho 83401.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by CARL M. MILLARD, A SINGLE PERSON, as Grantor, to TWIN FALLS TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, INC. SOLELY AS A BENEVOLENT TRUSTEE FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, as Beneficiary, recorded August 15, 2001, as Instrument No. 2001-014880, Mortgage records of TWIN FALLS County, Idaho.

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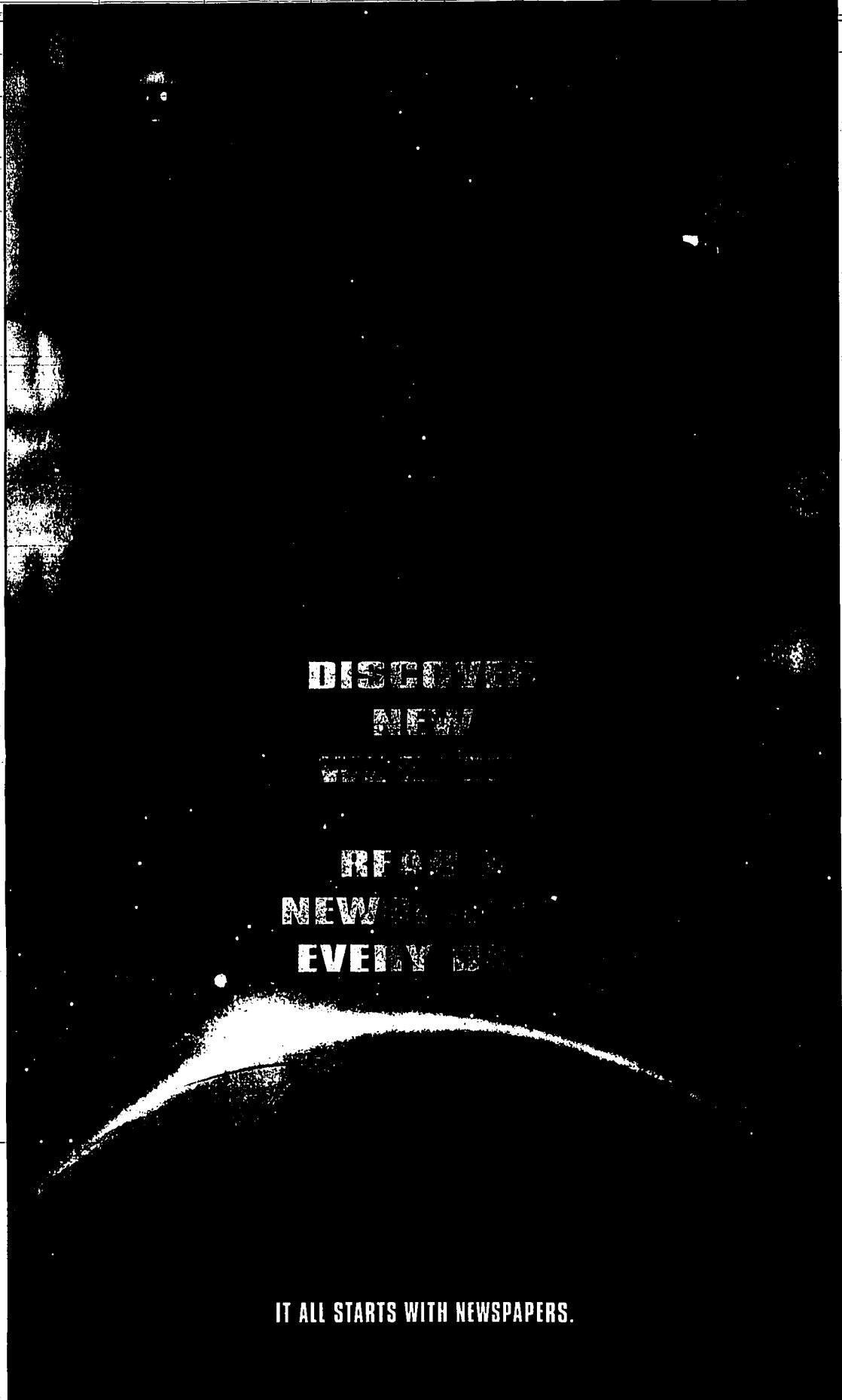
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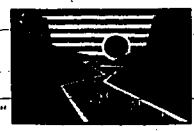
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: Don't change for a one-no-trump overcall in balancing seat compared to second seat — and if so, why?

suit, double suggests the unbid suit AND support for partner with a fair hand again. This convention is an excellent idea — penalty doubles in this sequence are almost irrelevant.

ANSWER: Whereas in second seat most people play one no-trump to be 15-18 in fourth seat in balancing position the range is closer to 11-15. The reason is that second hand may have stayed silent with as much as a flat minimum opening, so if fourth hand cannot reopen with moderate hands, your side may miss a game or a partscore.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Do you play suits with strong two- and three-suiters with two clubs, or do you recommend bidding the long suit first at the one-level? I've always been taught to open low, but I seem to be missing game whenever I do this.

ANSWER: With a 4-4-4-1 shape and a singleton heart, one can sometimes cheat and open two no-trump, but I tend to open at the one-level with 21 or fewer points. On two-suited hands, I open with the longer one, but with a longer minor I play it by ear and open whatever seems right at the time!

Dear Mr. Wolff: Playing negative doubles, I opened one heart and heard my LHO overcall two clubs, passed back to me. What should I have done, holding ♠ Q-4, ♥ A-Q-10-4, ♦ Q-8-4, ♣ K-10? (By the way, reopening was NOT a success!)

ANSWER: With a 4-4-4-1 shape and a singleton heart, one can sometimes cheat and open two no-trump, but I tend to open at the one-level with 21 or fewer points. On two-suited hands, I open with the longer one, but with a longer minor I play it by ear and open whatever seems right at the time!

ANSWER: Your clubs are so good that partner probably does not have K spades. So he just has a weak hand — and who has the spades? I'd pass, worried that the opponents might make game in either black suit.

ANSWER: Passing now seems a little wet to me. The choice is a simple raise to three clubs, or the more ambitious call of two no-trump. With so much in both red suits, I'd stretch to bid two no-trump. This sounds more genuinely invitational than the club raise.

Dear Mr. Wolff: How do Snardragon doubles work exactly? Are they a good idea?

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ANSWER: When your LHO opens a suit and partner overcalls, then whatever your RHO bids, doubles are for takeout. Doubling the suit LHO opened and RHO raised shows both unbid suits and a fair hand. If RHO introduced a new

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FULL OF MY DREAMS
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SWF, 38, 5'10", 140lbs, blonde hair, mother of three, loves sports, bowling, simple night at home or around the house. Seeking a man with similar interests. #728368

A TRUE LADY
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ARE YOU THAT SOMEBODY?
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SINGLE MOMMY
SWF, 27, mother, 125lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, fishing, nights in, Seeking gentleman, 30-40, who shares my interests. #728368

LET'S MAKE A DATE!
SWF, 43, enjoys dancing, movies, horseback riding, farm life, animals, painting, shopping, travel. Seeking a man, 30-40, who shares my interests. #728368

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SWF, 23, 5'2", single, with a variety of interests. #728368

CIRCLE THIS AD
Outgoing, quiet SWF, 30, 5'2", 125lbs, blonde/blue, MS, enjoys reading, camping, family activities and country life. Seeking honest SWM, 30-45, who is family-oriented. #728368

NEW TO THE AREA
Fun-loving, carefree but careful SWF, 25, cheater hair, from CA, enjoys dancing, conversation, movies, outdoor fun, fishing, camping. Seeking SWF, 25-35, to share interests with. #728368

PERSONALITY PLUS
SWF, 59, enjoys camping, going for drives, traveling, family life, good conversations, quality times. Seeking funny, sensitive, honest, sincere SWM, 40-50, for companionship. #728368

LIFE TO GO SHORT!
Honest, 40, 125lbs, blonde/blue SWF, 48, enjoys cooking, reading, quiet evenings. Seeking passionate SWM, 42-52, who shares his adventures with. #728368

SEEKING A FRIEND
Voluptuous SWF, 39, enjoys camping, line dancing, good beer, cool beer, travel, animals, movies, beaches. Seeking honest SWM, 40-50, MS, good conversation, for friendship. #728368

ARE YOU THAT SOMEBODY?
Friendly, outgoing, SWF, 42, no dependents, teacher, enjoys movies, music, the outdoors, sports, new things, nights out, times home. Seeking SWM, 35-50, for friendship. #728368

SINGLE BOYS
SWF, 57, enjoys movies, dancing, hiking fun. #728368

FAMILY-ORIENTED
WF, 50, 125lbs, blonde/blue, likes music, the outdoors, sports, new things, cooking, outdoor, more. Seeking honest man, 30-38, to develop a real relationship. #728368

COUNTRY SWEETIE
SWF, 37, mother, 180lbs, blonde/blue, nurse, with grown children, Gemini, enjoys the outdoors, sports, new things, country music. Seeking man, 35-65, who shares my love of country life. #728368

DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION?
Secure, SWF, 53, enjoys conversation, hiking, fishing, and more. Seeking versatile SWM, 48-54, for a relationship. #728368

WORTH THE CALL
Blue-eyed brunette, 35, 130lbs, enjoys almost everything, movies, dining, and more. Seeking a romantic, affectionate man, 35-50, who shares my interests. #728368

SEEMS OUTGOING
SWF, 31, 125lbs, blonde/blue, likes the outdoors, camping, hiking, horse-back, and more. Seeking a man, 30-40, who shares my interests. #728368

SINGLE MOMMY
SWF, 27, mother, 125lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, fishing, nights in, Seeking gentleman, 30-40, who shares my interests. #728368

LET'S MAKE A DATE!
SWF, 43, enjoys dancing, movies, horseback riding, farm life, animals, painting, shopping, travel. Seeking a man, 30-40, who shares my interests. #728368

SOMETHING NEW
SWF, 23, 5'2", single, with a variety of interests. #728368



NO HEAD GAMES FOUND HERE

Looking for a WF, 24-26, who doesn't play games. I'm an employed SWM, 26, Gemini, MS, who enjoys outdoor activities (hunting, fishing, hiking, hunting amongst others). You have similar interests? #728368

DO YOU WANNA TALK?
Taunus, 22-year-old SWM, smoker, enjoys sports, fishing, hiking, camping, children, and any outdoor activity. Dog love lover. #728368

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
A sweet, simple SWF, 18-22, for the tall, dark, 20, who wants to take you out. #728368

SINGLE DAD
Camping, 40, MS, single dad, enjoys camping, hiking, the outdoors, family, church, seeking woman, 30-40, who welcome friendship first. #728368

SHORE WHITE COWBOY
SWM, 22, MS, seeks honest, caring WF, 21-27, MS, for LTR. #728368

FIREWORKS
Light up my night and days too! The SWM, 28, would like to find that spark in a non-smoking SWF, 29-30, who is fun, caring, and more. #728368

MY TYPE...
A naturally beautiful, 6'2", 18-22, MS, who has a great personality. I'm a SWM, 5'11", 140lbs, MS, and hope I'm your type. #728368

FATHER OF THREE
True blue country SWM, 37, 6'11", 180lbs, long brown hair, enjoys hunting, fishing, the outdoors, kids. Seeking SWF, 25-40, for good—some—times—together. #728368

SEND ME AN ANGEL
SWM, 38, farmer/lancer, single dad, loves animals, hiking, hunting, banking, the outdoors, camping, watching horses, entry for the tri-state. Seeking SWF, 25-42, with similar interests, for casual dating. #728368

HEART'S BELONGS
Outgoing hard-working SWM, 54, 5'4", 160lbs, Libra, teacher, three children enjoys sports, beach, dancing, long-term, seeking woman, 40-50, to dance the night away. #728368

MEET ME, ROGEO
Attractive, fun SWM, 19, blonde/blue, no children, enjoys hiking, camping, horseback riding, fishing, the outdoors, country music, by truck, late, and more. #728368

TRUE ROMANTIC
SWF, 33, 5'2", 125lb, blonde/blue, seeks honest female who enjoys the outdoors, movies, dining out and more. #728368

SEEKING HIS RIGHT
Fun-loving, adventurous, smart, happy, outgoing, hard-working SWM, 43, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, snowboarding, hiking, and more. #728368

GIVE IT A CHANCE
SWM, 34, MS, single, father of 4, dog lover, self-employed, loves being outdoors, camping, and more. Seeking SWF, 25-35, who shares my interests. #728368

MOVING ON
I'm looking for a beautiful woman, with a wonderful face, because I have a wonderful heart. #728368

CHALLENGE
Laid-back, original SWM, 26, loves a challenge. Seeking SWF, 21-30, for romance. #728368

RANCHER
SWM, 62, MS, travel, outdoor activities, horseback riding, fishing, and more. Seeking a woman, 40-50, who shares my interests. #728368

LET'S MEET
SWM, 42, 5'11", 180lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, snowboarding, hiking, and more. Seeking a woman, 40-50, who shares my interests. #728368

EVERYTHING YOU
SWM, 30, Cancer, smoker, would enjoy a woman, 30-40, who is fun, outgoing, and more. #728368

LIVES SIMPLE, HONEST LIFE
I'm a rural, 40-year-old SWM, 40, MS, who loves the outdoors (especially fishing and golf). #728368

LOVE FATHER
SWF, 27, 6'11", 200lbs, love rights in the wild, mountain, fishing, camping. Seeking SWF, 25-35, with similar interests. #728368

LOOKING FOR THE ONE
SWF, 19, self-employed truck driver, 5'11", 180lbs, blonde/blue, seeks a man who is fun and fun and companionship. #728368

CHRISTIAN WANTED
SM, 41, 120lbs, earthy, enjoys fishing, hiking, and more. Seeking a man, 35-45, who shares my interests. #728368

No Hits, No Strikes, BIG ERROR!

GUYS, if you only tell her your height, she's not gonna call!
Women like detail: tell her your favorite bands, what sports you play, the name of your dog, the gift that makes you unique. Where do you spend your Saturdays: biking, in used record stores, or reading? Do you make a mean spaghetti sauce? Give her a conversation starter, a question or a sentence she can respond to. When you write your ad and when you leave your message, it's with the effort to make your message appealing.

ARE WE COMPATIBLE
SWM, 33, enjoys country music, bowling, old television shows. Seeking SWF with similar interests for companionship. #728368

LEND ME YOUR EYES
Blond SWM, 39, enjoys country music, fishing, hiking, and more. Seeking a woman, 35-45, who shares my interests. #728368

LOOKING FOR YOU
SWM, 28, self-employed, enjoys fishing, camping, sports, movies, chit-chat, and more. Seeking a woman, 25-35, who shares my interests. #728368

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY
Young-couple SWM, 63, 6'10", 170lbs, Scorpio, MS, enjoys fishing, camping, golf, traveling, and more. Seeking a woman, 45-65, who shares my interests. #728368

CALL ON ME
SWM, 43, 6'7", 180lbs, blonde/blue, social drinker, enjoys fishing, boating, camping, the outdoors. Seeking honest, caring, romantic, easygoing, slender SWF, 33-38, HW proportionate, for companionship. #728368

THE RIGHT ONE
SWM, 21, seeking to start relationship with SWF, 20-30, good sense of humor, friendly, fun-loving, and more. #728368

LOVELY IN ELKO
SWM, 43, seeks SWF for romance and shared times out in country. #728368

LOOKING FOR HIM/HER?
SWM, 48, has car race, dancing, fishing, and more. Seeking a woman, 40-50, who shares my interests. #728368

DO ME UP BYS ALWAYS
Blond, brown-haired, 34, 5'4", 125lbs, brown/blonde, MS, enjoys parties, dancing, and more. Seeking a woman, 30-40, who shares my interests. #728368

LOOKING FOR HIM/HER?
I'm an independent, 40-year-old SWM looking for a friend and possibly more. #728368

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Honest, sincere, trustworthy, confident, independent, single, fun, outgoing SWF, 37, seeks SWM, 32-38, who shares my interests. #728368

SEEKING A FRIEND
DWM, 40, enjoys the outdoors, hiking, camping, walks, sunsets, and more. Seeking SWF, 35-45, who shares my interests. #728368

WHERE ARE YOU?
SWM, 47, 5'10", 210lbs, enjoys family, friends, hiking, fishing, camping, the outdoors. Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 28-34, to spend time with, possibly LTR. #728368

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Genuine, curious SWM, 42, likes learning new things. Seeking wonderful, outgoing, fun-loving, and more. #728368

LIVE TO RIDE
SWM, 39, 5'11", 180lbs, brown/blonde, likes Hareys and horvods, rock-roll, quiet nights at home, companionship, seeking strong, independent female, 21-40, who likes to do variety of things. #707718

OUTGOING GUY
WFL, 40, 6'11", 220lbs, truck driver, likes the outdoors. Looking for a lady to start a friendship, maybe leading to more. #728368

BE MY BEST FRIEND
SWM, 40, 6'2", 220lbs, brown/blonde, easygoing, romantic, loyal, enjoys outdoors, sports, movies, evenings at home, and more. Seeking a woman, 35-45, who shares my interests. #728368

NEV MEV, MAY I?
SWM, 22, 5'11", 180lbs, blonde/blue, truck driver, enjoys fishing, hiking, and more. Seeking a woman, 18-24, who shares my interests. #728368

TAKE A CHANCE
SWM, 40, 6'11", 220lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, dancing, and more. Seeking a woman, 35-45, who shares my interests. #728368

SEND ME A MESSAGE
SM, 18, 5'11", 180lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, dancing, and more. Seeking a woman, 18-24, who shares my interests. #728368

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SM, 18, 5'11", 180lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, dancing, and more. Seeking a woman, 18-24, who shares my interests. #728368

Hard to find a girl you can bring home to mom?

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Take Yuletide joy where you can find it

Ah Christmas time! Twinkling trees, mountains of walnut fudge, a crackling fire, snow softly blanketing the roof.

Bah Christmas time! Too much to do in too little time. Too many futile attempts to bring back the good old days. Too many cranky kids who don't even come close to grasping how much you do for them. Too many relatives who could be poster children for "too many cooks spoil the gravy."

Which one is it, really? You have less than 10 days until Christmas. Your daughter has choir practice, and your son needs a ride to the Cub Scout party.

The toy they want most is on sale at Shopko one day only, and you're invited to an open house at 4 p.m. - and you still haven't mailed the Christmas cards!

Sound familiar? An amazing number of people tell me that their favorite day is any day but Dec. 25. They understand the problems, they say, but it's so hard to change things.

No one ever accused me of being a quitter. Every Christmas, I try harder to keep everything organized, and within reason.

One year, I tried the Martha Stewart on-a-budget approach, only to discover that there is no Martha Stewart on-a-budget approach.

Another year, I tried blocking out one night for everyone to stay home and "communicate." That was the night when some woman found my husband's name on a hospital chaplain list and called the house to ask him a "theological question."

She wanted to know if it's sinful to go dancing at Christmas time.

My nothing-if-not-helpful spouse sputtered around for a few minutes and finally said, "I guess I don't know if it's sinful or not, because I don't know how good a dancer you are."

Last month, I ran across a story titled "Forty ways to Subtract Hassle and Add Joy to the Season," in a book called "Traditional Holiday Recipes."

I thought about trying a couple of the suggestions. Like "Don't bake your cookies too early. They'll all get eaten, and you'll have to bake more."

But I think everyone would rather have more cookies. In fact, someone once told me that if you took all the cookies baked during the holidays and stacked them end to end around the earth, you'd have a wall of cookies 3 feet thick and 12 feet high.

Then there was, "Spread your shopping throughout the year."

And it's not my fault. By nature I am extremely well-organized. It's life that isn't organized. Especially at Christmas time.

I like No. 30 on the "40 ways" list, but it doesn't sound very realistic: "Hide out in the bathtub. Buy holiday magazines and read them while you're soaking in a nest of warm bubbles."

Just don't get suckered into making one of those "Easy Gingerbread Houses" that starts with graph paper.

If anybody figures out how to keep the kids occupied while you do this, let me know.

Meanwhile, I'll concentrate on some of the more "doable" ideas on the list.

"Involve your kids in charitable giving."

"If this has been a sad year for you, don't try to pull off your usual festivities. Make a different, but still special, holiday."

And my favorite: "Accept joy when and where you find it. Buy holiday cards during present-opening or sitting at the holiday table. You and your child may be out walking the dog one evening - and that's the moment you look up and see a star."

May your holiday season this year hold lots of magical, star-gazing moments.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Beneath narcissism lies fear and self-loathing

By Steve Crump
Times-News Staff

TWIN FALLS - He's 7, his face is bright red, and tears are rolling down his cheeks.

He's fumbled the football, or struck out with the bases loaded, or missed the game-winning basket, and his dad is standing over him scolding him.

"Sometimes, that's how narcissists are made," said Dr. Eric Heidenreich, a Twin Falls psychiatrist. "They learn that it's just too painful to make a mistake, that they have to be perfect."

Maybe this kid will grow up to think much too highly of himself - and at the same time, much too little.

"Narcissism is a problem of perception," Heidenreich said. "Of how you perceive yourself and everybody else."

Seemingly overconfident people are sometimes in considerable psychological trouble, suffering what psychiatrists call narcissistic personality disorder, one of the most self-destructive conditions in the lexicon of mental illness.

For contrary to Narcissus of Greek legend, who was enthralled by his own reflection in a pool of water, researchers say that roughly 1 million Americans with this personality disorder act not from self-love but from a kind of self-loathing, a dread of failure and an inability to endure its emotional fallout: shame.

Millions more are thought to suffer from narcissistic tendencies, based on similar but less extreme fears.

"Having a big ego isn't the same thing as narcissism," Heidenreich said. "A lot of people with a lot of self-confidence live quite happily. The problem with narcissists is when things go wrong."

"When I see them, it's usually because there's a problem with a relationship or a problem with a job," he said. "I see them when things fall apart."

For narcissists are, to put it mildly, not good with people.

They tend to have a grandiose sense of self-importance, in which talents and personal achievements are vastly exaggerated; a desperate need for admiration; an almost absolute blindness to the needs and feelings of others; and continual fantasies of power, ideal love and success that far outstrip the ordinariness of many narcissists' lives.

"At some point they look around and realize that at home, and at work, everyone hates them," Dr. Robert Neborsky, a San Diego therapist, told the Los Angeles Times. "The narcissistic longing for admiration has brought loathing instead, and they don't know why."

"It's not always obvious," Heidenreich said. "People who are going through a crisis of some kind and come for counseling sometimes reveal narcissistic tendencies."

When deprived of across-the-board success in the outside world, narcissists' need for attention may turn inward, causing depression, mood swings, even exacerbating physical pain. Marc Schoen, a UCLA School of Medicine psychologist, told the L.A. Times. "And of course their pain is always much, much worse than anyone else's," he said.

Marriages often wither under such selfish complaint. Alcohol and drug problems sometimes crop up. Usually it's only a matter of time, therapists say, before there's trouble in the arena that's often the most gratifying, work.

"I don't think alcohol or drug problems are any more commonplace with narcissists than with anyone else," Heidenreich said. "But that's sometimes what provokes a crisis."

Recent research suggests that this anguish develops in early childhood. Researchers don't know exactly why the development goes awry. Some - in a revival of what has become an out-of-fashion point of view - attribute the problem to parents who can't or don't properly



Photo courtesy of the Metropolitan Institute of Technology

Giuseppe Caravaggio's 1597 painting of Narcissus, the mythological Greek who fell in love with his own reflected image.

soothe their toddler's disappointments: teaching the child, in effect, to avoid failure at all costs, rather than learning to cope with it.

Other theorists are convinced that parents' indulgence of their child's moods and demands freezes the boy or girl in a state of childlike grandiosity. Either way, brain imaging studies suggest that deficits in the emotional connection between small children and their mother (or primary caregiver) appear to affect the development of right-brain areas involved in empathy and compassion.

Although speculative, this notion is influential in the way some therapists think about narcissism, and places the disorder

in the context of some cutting-edge research.

What is clear is that therapists can help put the anguish to rest. New treatments combine advice on handling everyday situations - so-called cognitive therapy - with emotional forays into the unconscious more typical of psychoanalysis.

"Many of the narcissists I've worked with have had good success with cognitive therapy," Heidenreich said.

The integration of biology and psychology amounts to a "paradigm shift" in the way that therapists understand conditions such as narcissism, Allan Shore, a UCLA behavioral specialist and expert on the origins of personality disorders told the L.A. Times. "The essential thing seems to be that the patient not only see their narcissism, and talk about it," he said, "but also that they have a physical experience of the emotion that underlies it - rage, shame, sadness, whatever it is."

When an emotional connection to the therapist is made, patients become more open to practical advice they can use to regulate their behavior day to day, mental health experts say. A patient learns to spot the destructive pattern as it develops and to defuse it.

"You're talking about the kind of person who might be standing in the check-out line, and suddenly have a flash of disrespect, a real hurt, because he doesn't feel he's being waited on properly - and now wants to punish someone for that," Judith Beck, director of the Beck Institute for Cognitive Therapy and Research in suburban Philadelphia told the L.A. Times.

One of Beck's recent patients, a retired corporate executive, was so accustomed to star treatment at work, and at home that he became furious whenever he was

repeated normally, whether at the dry cleaner or library checkout counter. Before attending social events the man would prepare himself to be pre-emptively nasty toward strangers he assumed would not appreciate his specialness.

Beck had him trade those put-downs for questions: What kind of work do you do? How did you get involved in that area?

"He was flabbergasted at the response," Beck said. "No one attacked him; people reacted very positively. This went a long way in changing his idea that he had to always be on guard."

Techniques like this also can help narcissists avoid outbursts at friends or family members, psychologists say. When it comes to romantic relationships in particular, many patients consider their spouse or partner as an extension of themselves, there to provide admiration and support and nothing else, Marion Solomon, a Los Angeles therapist, told the L.A. Times.

"Sometimes all it takes is for the wife to be late to a dinner party," she said, "and now he's yelling at her. How could you do this to me?"

"For the true narcissist there's no acknowledgment that this is a separate person, with their own needs and thoughts and desires. Just getting a patient to see that can make a difference in a relationship."

"Part of it is just showing them what's necessary to conduct a successful relationship with others," Heidenreich said. "It's something they have to learn in order to alter their behavior."

- The Los Angeles Times contributed to this report

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Gifts don't have to break the bank

The following are a few alternatives to traditional holiday presents that are inexpensive and promote family fun.

Put together a basket of favorite ingredients and cook together. Think cookies, pancake breakfasts or pizza.

Consider a board game. For about \$10 you can buy a classic like Clue, Sorry or Scrabble.

Create a budding artist's dream with crayons, markers, paints, papers, glitter, stickers and glue. Drugstores, dollar stores and discount stores often



run sales on such items.

Little kids love playing dress-up. Visit a local thrift store and search for outrageous ties, nightgowns, dresses, shirts, jewelry and shoes.

Sock puppets can easily be made with a few buttons, some plastic eyeballs and glue. Find an old cardboard box and

you've got a theater too.

Give kids coupons for special outings such as ice skating, one-on-one breakfast with a parent or a movie night.

Retro looks are hot with teens. Check out local thrift stores or vintage shops for good bargains on well-worn jeans, funky tops and classic athletic shirts.

Many independently owned record stores sell used compact discs. Epe the price of one new CD you may be able to buy two or three CDs.

-Source: Detroit Free Press

Faulkner Planetarium presents Christmas tribute

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TWIN FALLS - The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present "Season of Light" at 7 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Tuesdays. Other shows are "Steamrolling through the Holidays" on Fridays, Saturdays and Tuesdays at 8:15 p.m. "WSKY Radio Station in the Stars" at 2 p.m. on Saturdays; and "Saving the Night/Sky Quest" at 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for

To do for families

senior citizens 60 and over, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children 4 and under are not admitted.

Every week. To Do for Families lists family oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

FAMILY LIFE

Sylvia will perform at Cactus Petes

COUNTRY

Tonight Sylvia will do two shows a night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices for the 8 p.m. dinner show start at \$14.99. Tickets for the 11 p.m. cocktail show are \$7.50 tonight. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Tonight Pocketchange will play classic country music from 7-11 p.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Friday - Utah The Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash will play at Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

Dec. 28 - Boise Leftover Salmon will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Jan. 27 - Utah Slobberbone will perform at the Zephyr Club in Salt Lake City at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$5, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

Monday - Utah ROCK 'N' ROLL Def Leppard will play the E Center in suburban Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$32.50 and \$42.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

Wednesday through Nov. 22 A Brief Case. Full of Blues, a Blues Brothers tribute act, will play two shows a night in Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices for the 8 p.m. dinner show start at \$19.99 on Saturdays and \$14.99 on weeknights and Sundays. Tickets for the 11 p.m. cocktail show are \$10 on Saturdays and \$7.50 on weeknights and Sundays. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Thursday - Utah The Boneshakers will perform at the Zephyr Club in Salt Lake City at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

Dec. 31 - Boise The Young Dubliners will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Jan. 14 - Utah Henry Rollins will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17.50, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Jan. 15 - Boise The Wallflowers will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Easy Concert House. Tickets, which are \$23.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4826, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. JD & Friends is located at 1519 W. Main St.

Jan. 19 - Boise Plead and Noise Ratchet will play JD & Friends at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4826, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. JD & Friends is located at 1519 W. Main St.

Jan. 27 - Utah The Juliana Theory will perform at the X-Scap in Salt Lake City at 7:15 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. X-Scap is located at 115 South West Temple.



Jan. 29 - Utah Alkulline Trio, One Man Army and Information, will perform at Brick's in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

Jan. 31 - Boise Insane Clown Posse will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$23, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Feb. 13 - Utah The Reverend Horton Heat will play Salt Lake City's Club X-Scap at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. Club X-Scap is located at 115 South West Temple.

MISCELLANEOUS

Wednesday - Boise Cher will sing at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7:30 p.m. Sold out.

Wednesday Three Blocks from the Edge will play a variety of dance music from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Thursday DJ music by 99.9 The Buzz will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday Kings Jim Beckman will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on Thursday and Dec. 20 and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 21. Tickets, which are \$29.50, \$39.50 and \$44.50, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Jan. 3 Evan Ziporyn and Todd Reynolds will present the world premiere of Ziporyn's work "No Return - River Impressions 2002," 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, Ketchum. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning 726-9491 or purchased at the Sun Valley Center for Arts, 191 Fifth St. E.

Jan. 17-18 - Utah Doc Severinsen will perform with Utah Symphony in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$22, \$29, \$36 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

H I P - H O P

Jan. 7 - Utah Herbie Hancock will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$25, \$35 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

H I P - H O P

Jan. 3 - Utah Lil Flip, Clipse and Cam'ron will perform at the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, \$35 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

C L A S S I C A L

Saturday - Boise The Boise Master Chorus will perform at 7:15 p.m. in the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766 or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

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Dec. 31 - Utah Utah Symphony will perform its New Year's Eve concert at 10 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$26, \$32 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Jan. 10-11 - Utah Utah Symphony will present Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Jan. 23 - Utah Utah Symphony will present Beethoven's Fourth Symphony at 8 p.m. at the Libby Gardner Concert Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$27 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Jan. 24 The Eroica Trio will perform at 8 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum, the fourth in the Sun Valley Center for the Arts Chamber Artist Series. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning 726-9491 or at the Sun Valley Center, 191 Fifth St. E.

Jan. 31-Feb. 1 - Utah Utah Symphony will perform Brahms' Symphony No. 4 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Feb. 7-8 - Utah Utah Symphony will perform Franz Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

K A R A O K E

Today *Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 6-10 p.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont, Rupert.

Tuesday Krokera's Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the George's East Restaurant, 325 E. Third N., Burley.

Tuesday through Saturday Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main N., Twin Falls.

Tuesday and Wednesday Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside Bar, 197 W. Highway 30, Burley.

Wednesday Rabid Dog Entertainment will feature karaoke from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Wednesday Three's Company Karaoke will be featured at 7:30 p.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Wednesday Krokera's Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Office Lounge, 118 E. Idaho St., Paul.

Thursday Karaoke will be featured at 8 p.m. at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Thursday Krokera's Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside, 197 W. Highway 30, Burley.

C O N C E R T S

Jan. 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 - Utah Utah Opera will sing Giacomo Puccini's "La Boheme," 7:30 p.m.

on Jan. 18, 20, 22 and 24 and 4 p.m. on Jan. 26 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$12 to \$60, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South. A Jan. 29 performance is planned for 7:30 p.m. in the Val A. Browning Center in Ogden, Utah. The Browning Center is located on the campus of Weber State University.

L A T I N O

Wednesday - Utah El Vez will perform at the Zephyr Club in Salt Lake City at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

D A N C E

Tonight The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a dance with music from 6-8 p.m. at the center, 616 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

Thursday Dance to DJ music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bar Bonz, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$5 for 18 and older.

Friday A Christmas dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. at the Marsh Creek Event Center, 899 S. Highway 77, Albion. Music will be provided by The Bronsons. The event is for those 21 and older. Cover charge is \$5.

Saturday and Dec. 22-24, 26, 28 - Utah Ballet West will perform "The Nutcracker" at 7 p.m. on Dec. 21, 2 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 22, 7 p.m. on Dec. 23 and 2 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 28 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. Tickets, which are \$10, \$17, \$32, \$40, \$50 and \$55, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. The Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

FESTIVALS Today The Magic Valley Chorus will present its annual Christmas Concert at 3 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for senior citizens and students, are available at the door.

Friday and Saturday - Utah Utah Symphony will perform its Yuletide Joy pops concert, narrated by former Utah Jazz star Tom Bailey, is scheduled for 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$22, \$29, \$36 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

THEATER Today, Thursday, Friday and Saturday Company of Fools will present Douglas Jones' adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," 3 p.m. today and 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Libretto: Theater, Haley. The production continues Dec. 20-22. Tickets, which are \$10, are old from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 409 N. Main St., Hailey, by phone at 578-9122 or at www.ticketweb.com

Jan. 29-30 - Boise The national touring production of the musical "Saturday Night Fever" will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$25, \$35 and \$46, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766, or at Albertson's in Twin Falls.

Jan. 30 Seattle Mime Theater's Animation, an Arts on Tour production, will play the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Season tickets are \$50 for adults, \$40 for students and \$45 for senior citizens (60 and over). Reserved season tickets are \$60 for adults and \$50 for students. Available by phoning 723-6288 or 733-9554.

Ext. 6288. Individual event tickets are \$14 for adults, \$10 for students and children. Ticket outlets include Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark; Crowley's Old Time Soda Fountain, The Magic Valley Arts Council; Sav Mor Drug in Buhl, Arlene's Flowers in Jerome, the CSI Community Education Center, and the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Hailey and Gooding.

C O M E D Y

Jan. 10-11 - Utah Margaret Cho will perform at the Wise Guys Comedy Club in Salt Lake City at 8 and 10 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The Wise Guys Comedy Club is located at 3500 South 2200 West.

FIGURE SKATING

Jan. 8 - Utah Smuckers Stars on Ice, featuring Tina Lipinski, Jamie Sale and David Pelletier, Katarina Witt, Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharidze, Kurt Browning and Steven Cousins, will play the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$29.50, \$39.50 and \$54.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX. The E Center is located at 3200 S. Decker Lake Drive.

PLANETARIUM

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will present "Season of the Light" at 7 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Tuesdays. Other shows are "Steamrolling through the Holidays" on Fridays, Saturdays and Tuesdays at 8:15 p.m.; "WSKY: Radio Station to the Stars" at 2 p.m. on Saturdays, and "Sawitz: The Night/Sky Quest" at 4 p.m. on Saturdays. Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens 60 and over, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children 4 and under are not admitted.

A C R O B A T I C S

Jan. 20 - Utah Peking Acrobats will perform at 7 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$12, \$16, \$18 and \$21, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

A R T S H O W

Through Dec. 31 - Utah "In Response to Nature: Photographs from The Nature Conservancy's Last Great Preserves," featuring the work of 12 photographers, will be on display from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays at the Utah Museum of Natural History on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children and senior citizens. For more information, call (801) 585-3948.

Through Jan. 25 The Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will host The Albertson Foundation's collection of art from Albertson College of Idaho that includes works by Goya, Hogarth, Lichtenstein, Picasso and Andy Warhol. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is free.

Through Feb. 2 - Boise "Beauty in All Things: The Imperial and Folk Art of China," is on display at the Boise Art Museum. BAM is located downtown, 715 Davis Park. Hours are Tuesday through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. Extended Thursday hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors (62 months) and college students; \$1 for children grades 1-12.

Leave more than you have taken

We arrive a small bundle of potential, partially restricted by genetics and environment. By the time we leave, if given a normal life span, we've had the opportunity and choice to give and receive many times. Shouldn't we take less than we give? And, leave more than we arrive? Isn't it better to work to increase the earth's store of knowledge and prosperity, than simply to take from it without replenishing? Isn't being a part of the solution better than either being a part of the problem or indifferent to it?

Should we work to improve ourselves and help others as part of the rent for our place in life and the resources we use? Isn't gratitude to others the proper way to acknowledge our prosperity and their part in making it happen in our life? Doesn't being a part of it improve many while selfishness helps only a few? Doesn't sharing include our resources, time and talents, and not only money?



STRESS Tim O'Brien

When should we share? For whom should we care? What should we leave in return for what we've received? What should we learn? How should we improve? How much is enough? Where should we begin? Let's share at every opportunity we can, within reason, and sensibly. Let's include everyone in need within our ability and capacity.

Let's include everyone in need within our ability and capacity. Let's leave an example of a life well lived. Let's leave the memory of an attitude always tilted toward the positive and that questioned the idea of impossibility. Let's leave behind intelligent, well-adjusted, morally strong children and grandchildren. Let's leave behind endowed scholarships if that is within our ability. Let's leave a legacy of love, laughter, compassion and acceptance.

Let's learn about what interests us. Let's learn how to care for ourselves and look out for others. Let's learn how to stretch our minds, weaken our opinions and set aside our preconceptions. Let's learn how to have fun at no one's expense. Let's laugh at ourselves and the funny side of life. Let's learn "into each life a little rain must fall. And let's use the rain to water our hopes, dreams and aspirations.

Let's improve our attitude. Let's increase our patience and decrease our impetuosity. Let's improve our health, attain and maintain our ideal body weight. Let's improve our compassion by helping others in need privately. Be a ninja giver. Enough is when you have all you need to prosper and share without greed or hoarding. Enough friends are the number you can lovingly remember and correspond with regularly. Enough is when you've done your best consistently. Enough is when we go to sleep feeling caught up and even.

Let's begin right now, right where we are. Let's commit now to trying each day to learn something new. Each day let's do an act of unexpected kindness; Each day let's give someone, exercise some, share some, care some and be grateful for all we have, right here, right now. Where'd be when else is a better time?

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Woman loses daughter again after missed call



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Thirty-six years ago, I gave birth and named my baby girl for adoption. The father was going away to school and had no interest in me or the child. My parents were about to divorce; the law, I know there was no way I could keep my daughter, so with a heavy heart I signed away my parental rights and tried to go on with my life. Eventually I married and had a son, who is now 32.

My mother has since moved in with my husband and me. Two weeks ago, a call came to the house while I was at work. Mom answered the phone. The woman calling was looking for her birth mother, and had information that I was, indeed, that woman!

Mother explained all this to me when I got home. As I was becoming more and more excited, she gave me the devastating news that she had told the woman that I had only one child — a son — and that I was not the person she was looking for. The caller continued to ask questions, but Mother denied all of the facts, and finally ended the call by hanging up on her.

I am crushed. For years, I have hoped for a call like that, but had not searched for my child because I did not want to invade her life or the lives of her adoptive parents. My mother was extremely judgmental and non-supportive when I was pregnant that first time, and the day my daughter was born, she pointed at my baby and said, "She is not

coming home with us. I am not raising any more children."

Now I am desperate for my daughter to call again. I must find her! I have filed with the state adoption registry and private bureaus, called an attorney, and searched online. I pray that she will call back, so I can assure her that I love her and have thought about her every day since her birth.

My husband is anxious to welcome her into our lives. We are both heartbroken we may never have the chance. Mother has since come to understand what a grave injustice she performed — for a second time.

Abby, please help. What more can I do?

—HEARTBROKEN IN EAST KANSAS
DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Unfortunately, there is nothing more you can do. I hope your daughter sees this letter, puts two and two together and calls you again.

DEAR ABBY: Every year as the holidays roll around my husband and I get the same speech from certain elderly relatives: "You have to spend the holidays with us because it might be our last." I am so tired of this guilt!

Write to Abby

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trip being laid on us — and I'm sure a lot of other people are, too. Just because someone is old doesn't mean he or she is next in line to kick the bucket. When I explain to relatives that my husband and I wish to stay home and make only short visits to them during the holidays, someone always guilt-trips us and we cave in.

—TRAPPED IN BRANDON, FLA.
DEAR TRAPPED: I have a response for the people you feel are manipulating you, but before I offer it, I should remind you that what they are saying will at some point be true. When that happens, can you handle the guilt? If the answer to that is yes, then proceed!

The response to the statement, "You have to spend the holidays with us because it might be our last," is "Then it's all the more important that we start now to establish our own holiday traditions, because it will lessen our heartbreak when that happens. Please join us at our home."

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Kids see too much of dad



PARENTING
John Rosemond

Q: We have two children, a 3-year-old girl and a 5-year-old boy. My husband dines around the house dressed in more than underwear. If anything is to be seen, he please put clothes on, he grumbles that he hasn't had time to dress (after being naked for perhaps three hours, while he switched the television and read the newspaper). It is not unusual for him to sit down to the dinner table in his underwear. I can't stand this, not even if I just he and I in the house. I think people should be dressed. He says he is more comfortable this way and should be allowed to be comfortable in his own house. I can't argue this when we are alone, but since the children are around, I have concerns about them seeing their father nude or almost nude on a regular basis. I have brought up these concerns, but he says it doesn't matter with our son because they have the same parts. He grudgingly admits that when our daughter is older, he will need to wear more clothing around her. I think older is here. What do you think?

A: For your daughter, older is now. Children are curious. Their fourth birthdays, they begin realizing that boys and girls are anatomically different. At that point, if not before, children need to be taught modesty — to cover their bodies when they are around other people. This is the first step in a child's sexual education, the first preventive. Modeling modesty is impor-

tant to teaching modesty. In other words, modesty should be a family affair. To be blunt, your husband needs to shelve his penchant for exhibitionism (which I suspect is not simply a matter of comfort) until his children are grown and out of the house. If nothing else, he's teaching his son that it's perfectly all right for men to be slob, and he's teaching his daughter that men are, in fact, slob. As a man who is not a slob, I object to the fact that your husband is reinforcing this unflattering stereotype.

Then there's the respect issue. One demonstrates respect for others by dressing modestly, by not exposing "skin" unnecessarily. Your husband's nudity is a somewhat provocative, arrogant way of saying he doesn't care what other people think about him. In this case, the people are members of his own family. This reflects not only a lack of respect for others, but a lack of respect for himself. That's somewhat sad.

I can't ignore the fact that this is not just a parenting issue, but a marital issue. Good manners are not something you suspend inside the walls of your home. Good manners are always and

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forever, and they are as important within the context of a marriage as they are in public. Clothes are important to your children's respect for their father. You don't respect someone who is naked, even if he's the president of the United States. Your children need to respect their dad. Therefore, Dad needs to get dressed. He needs to sacrifice his comfort level for the sake of his kids. Besides, he can be dressed and comfortable by wearing a nice pair of lounging pajamas around the house. Or is this, as I suggested earlier, not about comfort at all, but about arrogance? Adam and Eve were ashamed of their nakedness, and God made clothing for them. The message: All of God's children should be wearing clothes, unless they're in the bathroom or in bed.

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Make your tree safe for pets



THE BOND Marty Becker

The chainsaws are done roaring and millions of trees are migrating from tree farms to the family room. Or, you've been up in the attic or out in the garage dusting off the four trees and getting ready to foist it upright in shiny splendor.

Either way, these towering traditions of the holiday season can pose a real risk to pets.

"Last year, I heard a crash during the middle of the night," said Frey Johnson of Reno, Nev. "I awoke out in the living room expecting to find a cat burglar, instead I found a cat burglar who'd climbed the Christmas tree and knocked it over.

Luckily for her cat, Tiger, the only thing hurt was his feelings. But if he had have several broken ornaments, spilled water and some unexpected tree repairs to do in the middle of the night.

So before you place the tree stand, have the tree and foist the angel-on-top, follow these safety precautions for a pet-friendly tree:

- Select an area carefully — The tree should be located near a wall, close to electrical outlets, and away from a fireplace. If the tree is already leaning in place where the cat already likes to climb, for example, don't move the cat's carpeted climbing/scratching tree and replace it with a pine version.
- Make cleanup a cinch — Place the tree stand and tree in a large tree bag (a tree bag is a large bag) that way, when the celebration is over, you can simply pull the bag over the tree like you're pulling up your pants, cinch the top, and haul it to the recycling bin. Needles on the floor means no problems with having a pet swallow them.
- Secure the tree — Cats, but especially kittens, love to climb trees. It's amazing how many trees have been toppled by a curious kitten swaying near the tree topper. "Put the tree in a corner and cross-tie the tree to two small eye bolts with fishing line," recommends Dr. Roland T. Miller, a professor of animal behavior at Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine. "Or, secure the tree to the ceiling."
- Consider your cat's safety — If you have a cat, it's a good idea to rush to the emergency vet with severe burns on their tongue from

biting into a holiday tree extension cord. Biting into the cord can cause severe injury or death. Use as short an electrical cord as possible, secure cords above the reach of inquisitive puppies, or secure them within protective covers such as a piece of PVC pipe. Also for fire and pet safety, don't leave the tree lights plugged in when you aren't in the room to enjoy them.

"The one of us last holiday season I did two surgeries to remove ornament hooks from the intestines of dogs who couldn't resist swallowing this shiny piece of wire," said Dr. Steve Garner, a board-certified veterinarian and owner of Safari Animal Care Centers near Houston, Texas. "It could have been prevented if the ornaments had been secured with a loop of string or ribbon rather than plastic ties in the box."

• Pet friendly ornaments on lower branches — Place pet friendly ornaments, like those made of plastic or wood on the lower branches where pets can reach. Place glass ornaments that can be broken and cut sensitive mouths and feet if knocked down on upper branches. Be especially careful to not put ornaments made of food where hungry mouths can reach. Best leave those in the box.

• Toss the tinsel — Some pets, especially cats, are attracted to bright, shiny tinsel. As such, many a cat has found themselves in a veterinary emergency room with tinsel in the tummy. Kittens can also be attracted, but unsafe dinner fair for a cat with adventurous tastes. Keep track of them on Christmas morning so that a feisty feline doesn't carry one off to a corner for a snack.

• Don't open until Christmas — You can't smell the fruitcake that's been passed around unseen for three years, but Fido can. Wipe glass ornaments that can be broken and cut sensitive mouths and feet if knocked down on upper branches. Be especially careful to not put ornaments made of food where hungry mouths can reach. Best leave those in the box.

up the new catnip filled cat toys on Christmas morn; but can't believe your eyes when you come home from work and find the cat's package ripped open two weeks early? Place food gifts in a safe place of your home, and your ready to open presents; same for any pet gift that has an irresistible odor.

• Block the water hole — Next to toilets, pet love to drink out of tree basins. Not only do many people use tree preservatives that water that can irritate sensitive stomachs, an 80-pound dog that's trying to squeeze under a branch and between a pile of presents can knock ornaments off or a tree over. "Like to put the tree stand inside a smaller garbage bag inside the larger tree bag," informs Marci Roberts of Bonners Ferry.

• Between waterings, I keep the smaller garbage bag tied around the tree with a large twist tie thus denying my pets access to this watering hole.

• Like some kids, there are pets that can't keep their noses out from under the tree. Those pets might be encouraged to flee the tree. You might consider spraying it with Keep Away by Millennium Labs. Available at all pet stores, it is a spray that, safely, gently annoys most pets.

"Climbing and exploring are natural behaviors for cats, as is exploring for dogs and as such, they are self-rewarding behaviors," says Janice Willard, veterinarian and author of "The Healing Power of Pets." Write to him in care of Knight Rider/Tribune News Service, 730 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045

Celebrate birthdays astronomically

Last month, I celebrated my 40th birthday. OK, perhaps "observed" is more accurate; nobody celebrates the dreaded four-oh, do they?

Astronomy provides a philosophical perspective on birthdays. Since a year is the time it takes the earth to orbit around the sun, then a birthday is simply another lap. Seen in this way, 40 complete circuits don't seem much more than 39. For that matter, since the earth actually takes 365.256 days to complete an orbit, the days in your actual birthday are not quite a year. Usually finish another lap may or may not fall on the calendar day of your birth, depending on when we are in the four-year leap-year cycle. For example, once I was born at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 22, 1962, I didn't actually complete my first annual cycle until approximately 1:39 a.m. on Nov. 23, 1963.



SKWARK II
Chris Anderson

Admitted, such horological accuracy is probably of little interest to astronomy like yours truly, but there are other less esoteric astronomical ways to observe a birthday. Consider that the light we see form a star start-

Sky calendar
(through Saturday)

- Planets: One hour before sunrise: Mars; SE, low. Jupiter; WSW. Saturn; WNW, very low. One hour after sunset: Saturn; ESE, very low.
- Moon: Full moon Thursday, 12:10 p.m. Near Saturn Thursday pre-dawn. Omega Centauri, 1:16 a.m. Saturday, 6:14 p.m.

on a star map with a felt-tip marker and "rename" the non-existent star, relying on the fact that the average customer has no way to catch their deception.

Next week: Saturn returns to the evening sky.

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TWIN FALLS OPTIMIST RECOGNITION



Photo courtesy of Twin Falls Optimist Club

The Twin Falls Optimist Club recognized the positive contribution of young people during Youth Appreciation Week. Each year, a senior male and female student are selected who represent positive attributes. On Nov. 14, Barry Knoblich presented a plaque to this year's Youth Appreciation winners, Brandon Field and MaryAlice Lopez. Field likes to camp, fish, run track and play soccer and football. Lopez enjoys teaching in her church, plays soccer, works at Hastings and won a National Hispanic Scholar award. From left are Field, Twin Falls High School counselor Bill Hartley, Optimist President David Maestas, Lopez and Knoblich, chairman.

Jerome Optimists honor young people

JEROME - The Jerome Optimist Club honored young people with its annual Youth Appreciation awards.

They are students from Central Elementary School, Jerome Middle School, Jerome High School, Northside High School and home schooled.

The students were honored Nov. 13 in the Central Elementary auditorium. Thomas H. Borresen, Jerome County magistrate judge, presented each recipient with a certificate and gift.

Young people were nominated for accomplishing "great things," volunteering in the community or going out of their way to help others.

The winners are:

- Alissa Carnell
- Cody Davis
- Morgan Farnsworth
- Erica McKay
- Michael Koorat
- Clarisa Sandoval
- Heather Sturgeon
- Melissa Alarcon
- Shelby Allen
- Rosa Bravo
- Elena Dean
- Jonny Diaz
- Emeline Dolcini
- Christina McFarling
- Nathan Stein

- Maria Garibay
- Emmanuel James
- Thomas Crozier
- Jared McKay
- Joey Arilla
- Karen Gomez
- Aimee Hiebert
- Kimberly Baxter
- Marin Hardy
- Ana Mireles
- Ramiro Rodriguez
- Kelsey Wilcox
- Joseph Stewart
- Kenisha Kestle
- Cynthia Alfaro
- Caitlin Bailey
- Whitney Boston
- Jordan Geist
- Jennifer Hope
- Shane Murphy
- Cade Nelson
- Joshua Praegitzer
- Baylie Smith
- Danielle Thompson
- Robyn Thompson
- Brittani Walter
- Josh Walgamott
- Jandina Fink
- Melissa Mendoza
- Mackenzie Ingraham
- Christian Juarez
- Chase Nicholson
- Jacob Rambough
- Challis Lewis
- Jade Jackman
- DJ Sawyer
- Mackenzie Chojnacky
- Brady Craig
- Rachel Nicholson
- Jacob Markus
- Sara Valdez
- Megan Traugher

- Candice Seibold
- Christina Shisler
- Tyler Elwell
- Andrew Shotswell
- Keenan Allen
- Emily Bluck
- Kally Calton
- Cameron Cooper
- Yancy Farfan
- Joshua Floyd
- Tyler Goodiezer
- Zack Ingraham
- Lizbet Jauregui
- Jake Lammers
- Taryn Larsen
- Ulises Ramirez
- Breanna Robbins
- Shelby Walters
- Yasmina Zuniga
- Danny Nunley
- Jason Borba
- Taylor Potter
- Jessica Lee
- Emily Dean
- Dagne Pittman
- Melora Poree
- Lauren Hull
- Brenae Boesiger
- James Ralls
- Nilo Thomas
- Ricky Parrish
- Jake Powell
- Joe I Vargas
- Jacob Worthington
- Nicole Ridgway
- Richie Pagan
- Jonty Garrard
- Zachary Bennett
- Sean Stadelman
- Sarah Stadelman
- Michelle Wells
- Olivia Baxter

- Christopher Beadz
- Levi Bothof
- Melissa Danielson
- Brandy Davis
- Kayla Dick
- Paul Donat
- David Fetterly
- Brett Hendricks
- Joshua Hensley
- Jessica Lopez
- Patrick Lough
- Antonio Martinez
- Ballie Meservy
- Justin Mulligan
- Sarah Nutsch
- Jordan Powell
- Jake Ruby
- Kaycie Smith
- Casey Stone
- Corey Mustrave
- Alma Lopez
- Jed Seamon
- Brett Hamilton
- Brianne Boesiger
- Brandon Patterson
- Shelby Walters
- Erick Perrella
- Amanda Egan
- Alex Hernandez
- Leticia Mortensen
- Tori Agee
- Michael Zepeda
- Raphael Zepeda
- John Zepeda
- Patrick Zepeda
- Joseph Zepeda
- Leo Luis
- Kevin O'Connell
- Riley Davis
- Matt Lohspeich
- Tony Lohspeich
- Cord McDowell
- Holly Mactee

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Marla Paublina Solorzano Cardenas, daughter of Maria del Carmen Cardenas of Jerome, was born Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002.

Elaina Mercedes Garza, daughter of Eloisa Martha Quintana of Buhl, was born Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002.

Deante Jordan Long Crowley, son of Crystal Lynn Long and Charles Edward Crowley of Buhl, was born Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002.

Bethany Adeline Flores, daughter of Cheryl Louise and Bradley Huntington Flores of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2002.

Hunter Thomas Hill, son of

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
Melissa Morgan
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P.O. Box 548
Twin Falls, ID 83303
Or fax to: 734-5538
Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.
More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Logan Gabriel Lybbert, son of Darren and Heather Lybbert of Wendell, was born Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002.

Matthew Seth Hess, son of Jared and Christine Hess of Wendell, was born Monday, Dec. 2, 2002.

Corbin Skye Tappan, son of Shawna Wood and Justin Tappan of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002.

Home births

Nayara Lorraine Caells Libella Simon, daughter of Kristen Marie and Simon York Andreas Simon of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Nov. 25, 2002.

SERVICE NEWS

Webb completes Navy training at Great Lakes

Seaman Recruit Burton F. Webb III, son of Burton F. Webb Jr. of Twin Falls and Iona Dye of Boise, has graduated from the Navy RTC (Recruit Training Command) in Great Lakes, Ill.

Webb successfully completed nine weeks of basic military training. He has been transferred to Pensacola, Fla. for further training and will be stationed in Whidbey Island, Wash. as a structural engineer on aircraft.

Webb is a 2001 Twin Falls High School graduate.

Silva reports for duty to Marine base in Hawaii

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Julio A. Silva, son of Lydia M. Solis of

Twin Falls and Julio I. Silva of Twin Falls, has reported for duty at the Marine Corps Air Facility, Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Silva is a 2001 graduate of Twin Falls High School and joined the Marine Corps in September 2001.

Frett completes Marine Corps training in California

Marine Corps Pfc. Kyle R. Frett, son of Kerry L. Tucker of Elkof, Nev. and Timothy J. Frett of Price, Utah, has completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Frett successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits physically and mentally.

Frett also spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field

training. Frett is a 2002 graduate of Elko High School.

Wiersema is deployed to Western Pacific, Gulf

Navy Fireman Vincent A. Wiersema, son of Estelle Wiersema of Twin Falls and Lloyd Wiersema of Jerome, is more than halfway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, home ported in Everett, Wash.

Wiersema is a 2000 graduate of Jerome High School, and joined the Navy in December 2000.

He is one of more than 10,000 Pacific Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Battle Group and USS Belleau Wood Amphibious Ready Group. During the first half of the deployment, Wiersema's ship made a port visit in Hong Kong. The crew had the opportunity to shop, and enjoy the culture and cuisine. Volunteers aboard Wiersema's ship also made repairs to the Salvation Army headquarters.

Twin Falls seniors celebrate Christmas

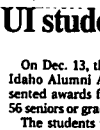
TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will serve its Christmas dinner on at noon Thursday at the center, 616 Eastland Drive.

For a ride to the center or for more information, call 734-5084.

Area man celebrates 80th birthday on Saturday

TWIN FALLS - Bob Downing will celebrate his 80th birthday with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Elmer's Pancake and Steak House, 1824 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Downing was born Dec. 22, 1922 in Jerome and graduated from Jerome High School in 1941. He served in the U.S.



Bob Downing

Marine Corps from 1943-1946. He married Doris Cocannouer on April 21, 1946.

They have one daughter, Donna (Kew) Christensen and two grandsons.

The family requests no gifts.

Big Valley Elementary presents holiday program

RUPERT - Big Valley Elementary School will have its Christmas program at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the school, 202 18th St. in Rupert.

The fifth-graders will present a musical play, entitled "Santa Rock," where Santa becomes a rock star. The play and music were written by Big Valley music teacher, Stan Bruns.

Buhl Arts Council offers concert, Italian dinner

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council will present Johann Helton's classic guitar concert and an Italian style dinner Friday at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth Ave. in Buhl.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m. The concert will be held at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each.

The dinner will be prepared by LuAnn Sitter and Pandora Lenardi. Cindy Scott will prepare dessert. Trouts Saloon and Hayden Beverage will feature a no-host specialty beverage menu. The performance is made possible in part by a program grant from the Idaho Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information or reservations, call 543-2888.

Historical society meetings resume in new year

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Valley Historical Society's regular monthly meetings will resume at 7 p.m. Jan. 14 at the National Park Service's Visitor Center, 221 N. State St. in Hagerman.

The program will feature actor, writer and historian Tim McNeil, who will perform his one-man show, "Letters Home."

The public is invited.

UI students earn alumni honor

On Dec. 13, the University of Idaho Alumni Association presented awards for excellence to 56 seniors or graduate students.

The students were nominated by faculty or staff members for their academic excellence.

Then, factoring in their activities, they were selected by a committee of faculty, staff and alumni association members.

They represent the top 10 per-

cent of students in their disciplines, and were chosen from 225 nominees. Their grade-point averages exceed 3.50.

The area students and their majors are:

- Glenns Ferry - Matthew Wayne Benke, computer science and mathematics
- Mountain Home - Sarah Hoffman, biology and Spanish
- Twin Falls - Kari L. Miller, public communication.

Artists earn American Mothers top rating

BURLEY - Two local artists received top ratings at the Idaho Association of American Mothers art competition at the North Bingham County Library.

Top winners go on to compete at a national contest in 2003.

June Carey of Burley received first place in oils for her painting, "Sara."

Carey is the mother of nine children. She has lived in Burley since 1960 with her husband, Kenneth Carey. After a 25-year career in real estate, she retired and attended art classes at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, with her husband. They also took classes at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls and Boise State University. They make bronze sculptures, including those of children.

Claudette Bray of Burley received awards for her oil paintings, "Strimming with Style," received third, and "Planting Patriotism" received honorable

On display
Claudette Bray and June Carey will be featured at an art show Monday through Jan. 2 at Zion's Bank, 102 W. Main St. in Burley. On display will be paintings and sculptures by the women.

ment. Bray sketches, sculpts and works in watercolor and oil. She is the mother of seven children, and known for her paintings of children modeled by her grandchildren, organizers say.

Bray received an associate's of art degree from CSI and bachelor's of music degree from Utah State University. She was a music teacher in Mini-Cassa schools, received a master's of education degree from the University of Idaho, and worked with special education students and as an educational consultant for the school district until she retired.

Bray was an art student of Carey's.



"Strimming with Style," an oil painting by Claudette Bray, won third place at a state art competition. Honorable mention also was given to Bray for her oil painting entitled, "Planting Patriotism."



June Carey's painting, "Sara," won first place in oils at a state art competition.

Photos courtesy of CLAUDETTE BRAY

ANNIVERSARIES



Derl and Elaine Mason

THE MASONS
TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Derl Mason of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2-4 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N., Twin Falls.

Mason and Elaine Richmond were married Dec. 21, 1952, at the home of her grandparents, George and Grace Stoddard, in Twin Falls.

They have lived in Twin Falls since 1963.

He retired from farming in 1998 but continues to be involved in the trucking business as co-owner of Apex Transportation.

She worked many years in the bakery department at Buttrely Foods and Lynnwood Market as a baker and cake decorator. She also worked as a floral designer at Western Nursery and Fox Floral. She continues to work part-time at Windsor's Honeysuckle Garden and Nursery. She is a member of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Auxiliary.

The event is being given by their children, Randy (Delma) Mason of Boise, Rocky (Debbie) Mason and Becky (Bob) Jensen, all of Twin Falls.

The couple has six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



Juanita and Joe Pavkov

THE PAVKOVs
GOODING - Joe and Juanita Pavkov of Gooding will be honored at an open house Dec. 22 for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2-5 p.m. at the home of Joe D. and Joan Pavkov, 1962 E. 2100 S., Gooding.

They were married Dec. 23, 1942, in Gooding. They have lived and farmed in Gooding for many years.

The event is hosted by their children, Joe D. (Joan) Pavkov of Gooding, John (Twyla) Pavkov of Wendell and Julia Ravenscroft of Gooding.

The couple has 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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Jean and Ivy Tverdy



Summer Callen and Taylor Guymon

THE TVERDYS
BUHL - Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Tverdy of Buhl will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and family are invited to attend from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church hall. The couple requests no gifts, please.

Tverdy and Jean Reynolds were married Dec. 27, 1952, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Buhl.

He served in the Air Force for four years and Air Force Reserves for four years, farmed in the Castleford area for 12 years, worked for Green Giant for 28 years and retired in 1995. She worked at Industrial Equipment for eight years and retired from the license bureau.

The event is hosted by their children, Tim Tverdy of Buhl and Mike and Treva Miller of Filer.

The couple has six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



Callen-Guymon

HAZELTON - Tim and Gayelynn Callen of Hazelton announce the engagement of their daughter, Summer Marie Callen, to Taylor Dean Guymon, son of Dennis and Aseanth Guymon of Blanding, Utah.

Callen graduated in 2000 from Valley High School. She graduated from Dixie State College in Utah in 2002 with an associate degree of science.

She is currently attending Brigham Young University-Idaho, where she is studying secondary math.

Guymon graduated in 1999 from San Juan High School in Blanding, Utah. He served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Philippines Naga Mission. He is currently attending Dixie State College in Utah, studying sports medicine.

He is employed by Intermountain Concrete Specialties in St. George, Utah.

The wedding is planned for Dec. 27 in the Mt. Timpanogos LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 4, 2003, in the Hazelton LDS Church.

The couple will reside in St. George.

ENGAGEMENTS



Craig Taylor and Zan Mickelson

MICKELSON-TAYLOR

TWIN FALLS - Alfred and Tessa Nickels of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Zan Marie Mickelson, to Craig W. Taylor, son of Robert and Susan Taylor of Caldwell.

Mickelson graduated from Kimberly High School and the American Institute of Health Technology in Boise. She is employed at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise as a phlebotomist.

Taylor graduated from Caldwell High School and served a two-year mission to Venezuela. He is attending Boise State University, studying dentistry.

The wedding is planned for Dec. 27 in the Boise LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. Dec. 28 at the Kimberly Stake Center.

The couple will reside in Boise.



Dan Armstrong and Tara Piper

PIPER-ARMSTRONG

BURLEY - Johnny and Karen Piper of Cambridge announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Lee Piper, to Dan E. Armstrong, son of Mark and Teena Armstrong of Burley.

Piper attended Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Armstrong attended Idaho State University. He is employed by Jones Construction in Burley.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the Burley Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.

HENDRICKSON-SANDRIDGE

JEROME - Ron and Toni Hendrickson of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Hendrickson, to Mark Neul Sandridge, son of Art and Debbie Sandridge of Memphis, Tenn.

Hendrickson is attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and is employed at BYU catering in Provo. She served an LDS mission in Valencia, Venezuela.

Sandridge is attending Brigham Young University in Provo and is employed at the BYU Mission Training Center in Provo. He served an LDS mission

HERNANDEZ-WESTENSKOW

HEYBURN - Eduardo and Tina M. Hernandez of Heyburn announce the engagement of their daughter, Olivia Alvorna Hernandez, to David Robert Westenskow, son of Edward and Carol Westenskow of La Grande, Ore.

Hernandez is a 2001 graduate of American Heritage Academy. She is currently attending Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

Westenskow will graduate from Brigham Young University-Idaho in December. He served an LDS mission in Chihuahua, Mexico.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Portland LDS Temple.

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6-8 p.m. Dec. 28 at the Heyburn LDS Church, 530 Villa Drive.



Mark Sandridge and Sarah Hendrickson in Nagoya, Japan.

The wedding is planned for Dec. 27 in the Bountiful LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah. A reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. Dec. 28 at the Jerome 1st and 3rd Ward LDS building, 825 E. Ave. B.



David Westenskow and Olivia Hernandez

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Portland LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6-8 p.m. Dec. 28 at the Heyburn LDS Church, 530 Villa Drive.



Elizabeth Kieffer and Kyle Millard

KIEFFER-MILLARD

BURLEY - Elizabeth Kieffer and Kyle Clark Millard announce their engagement.

Kieffer is the daughter of Ken and Mary Lee Kieffer of Kansas City, Mo. She is a 1996 graduate of Park Hill High School in Kansas City. She also graduated from Peace College in Raleigh, N.C., with a degree in anthropology and a minor in theater performance.

Millard is the son of Helen and Steve Jensen of Burley and Clark and Peggy Millard of Meridian. He is a 1999 graduate of Burley High School and is currently attending Idaho State University. He will continue his education at Boise State University, studying political science.

Both Kieffer and Millard served LDS missions in the Canada Toronto East Mission.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Bountiful LDS Temple. Receptions to honor the couple will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Parise Ave., and Dec. 28 in Kansas City, Mo. The couple will reside in Boise.

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WEDDING

PECK-PATTERSON

PAUL - Robb and Kathi Peck of Carey announce the marriage of Kami Dawn Peck to Frank David Patterson, son of David and Cindy Patterson of Paul.

The bride is the daughter of the late Scott and Janice Peck. She is a 2000 graduate of Carey High School and a 2001 graduate of the College of Technology at the Idaho State University in the cosmetology program.

She also attended a semester at Brigham Young University-Idaho. She is currently working in Idaho Falls.

The bridegroom is a 1998 graduate of Mexico High School. He served an LDS mission to Sofia, Bulgaria. He attended college at Brigham Young University and is currently attending BYU-Idaho, studying business management. He is also working in Idaho Falls.

The wedding was held Nov. 22 in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple was held Nov. 23 at the Carey LDS Church.

Friends and relatives are invited to an open house in their honor from 7-9 p.m. Friday at the Patterson residence, 875 W. 300 S., Paul.



Kami and Frank Patterson

ed to an open house in their honor from 7-9 p.m. Friday at the Patterson residence, 875 W. 300 S., Paul.

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FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

Scorpio: Give full rein to intellectual curiosity

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors over 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Monday: Hawaiian chicken, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, fruit salad, roll, cake
Tuesday: Sweet and sour pork, rice, Oriental vegetables, Jell-O salad, cinnamon rolls
Wednesday: Goulash, carrots, cottage cheese salad, bread, fruit, cookie
Thursday: Ham or turkey, potatoes, gravy, dressing, roll, sweet potato, Jell-O, vegetables, roll, pie
Friday: Fish or chicken, art grain potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, corn bread muffin
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Foot clinic; make appointment Tuesday
Blood-pressure check
Wednesday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Elks card game

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3.50 and evening meals will be \$2.50. Sunday dinners are \$4. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Call the center by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.
Sunday: Roast beef
Monday: Hamburger party
Tuesday: Meat loaf
Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken
Thursday: Meatballs, gravy
Friday: Malibu chicken
Activities
Thrift shop open every day. Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$4.
Sunday
All-you-can-eat roast beef dinner buffet; \$4 for seniors, \$4.25 for non-seniors and \$2.50 for children under age 12.
Monday
Exercise from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Smorga at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.
Quitting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Treasure Tuesday
Crafts from 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.
Tuesday: Pork chop
Thursday: Turkey, stuffing, gravy
Monday: Sausage, french toast, tomato juice, hash browns, applesauce, coffee, milk
Wednesday: Chicken pot pie, relish tray, fruit, cookie, coffee, milk
Friday: Pork chops, potatoes, gravy, corn, tossed salad, roll, cake, ice cream, coffee, milk
Activities
The thrift store is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays,

Ageloss Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
Monday: Sausage, french toast, tomato juice, hash browns, applesauce, coffee, milk
Wednesday: Chicken pot pie, relish tray, fruit, cookie, coffee, milk
Friday: Pork chops, potatoes, gravy, corn, tossed salad, roll, cake, ice cream, coffee, milk
Activities
The thrift store is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays,

Wednesdays and Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Tuesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Crafts at 1 p.m.
Friday
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield
Meals served at 12 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The suggested donation for seniors is \$2.50. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under age 10. To eat a meal at the center, call ahead at 764-2226.
Tuesday: Meat loaf, potato wedges, beets, waldorf salad, bread, cream cheese, berries
Wednesday: Clam chowder or potato soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, green salad, cookies, fruit
Friday: Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, green salad, pumpkin pie
Activities
Tuesday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Blood pressure check from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Thursday
Quitting from 1-3 p.m.
Art class from 1-3 p.m.
Friday
Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Christmas party

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.
Monday: Salisbury steak, potato, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit, bread, cake
Tuesday: Pizza, apple juice, green salad, custard
Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich, potato, corn, Jell-O, peach cobbler
Thursday: Baked ham, art grain potatoes, carrots, cole slaw, roll, cake
Activities
Monday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Pinocle at 1:30 p.m.
Hand and foot at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m. at Shoshone Bridge at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Energy assistance. For an appointment, call 736-0676
Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 9:30 a.m.
Fiddlers at 12:30 p.m.
TOPS at 5 p.m.
Pinocle at 7 p.m.
Friday
Bridg at 1 p.m.
Hand/foot at 1 p.m.
Bowling at 1:30 p.m.
Bingo at 6:30 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Monday: Spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans, tossed salad, fruit, cookies
Tuesday: Chicken a la king, potatoes, gravy, broccoli, fruit salad, lemon bars
Wednesday: Soup and sandwich, fruit, cream puffs
Thursday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, winter mix vegetables, green salad, apple crisp
Friday: Turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, yams, cranberry salad, pumpkin pie
Activities
Monday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Tuesday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Snack bar at 5 p.m.
Early bird bingo at 6:45 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Friday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Sausage, gravy, biscuits, mashed potatoes, beets, ginger bread with lemon sauce, orange juice, milk, coffee
Tuesday: Creamed cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, sweet potato pie, orange juice, milk, coffee

Shoshone Senior Center

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green salad, homemade garlic sticks, ginger bread with lemon sauce, orange juice, milk, coffee
Wednesday: Beef stew, grilled cheese sandwich, apple pie, orange juice, milk, coffee
Friday: Baked turkey, stuffing, hot rolls, mashed potatoes, gravy, five way mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce, birthday cake, ice cream, orange juice, milk, coffee
Activities
Monday
Exercise from 9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Christmas light and dinner tour at 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday
Lunch at noon
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Wednesday
Lunch at noon
Early bird at 6 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 9:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:30 a.m.
Volunteer Christmas party from 12-4 p.m.
Friday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.
Tuesday: Stew, tomato cup, fruit salad, salad, biscuits, cookie
Wednesday: Bake day
Thursday: Christmas dinner
Activities
Wednesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Gift exchange

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coffee, tea, juice and bread served with all meals.
Monday: Menu not available
Wednesday: Menu not available
Friday: Menu not available
Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals.
Tuesday: Spaghetti, mozzarella nuggets, garlic bread, green beans, fruit salad, brownies
Wednesday: Fish or chicken, macaroni and cheese, lunch puppets, peas, carrot raisin salad, lemon bars
Friday: Turkey and ham, coconut cake or pumpkin pie
Activities
Monday
Twin Falls shopping at 9 a.m.
Tuesday
Blood-pressure check
Cookie exchange; sign up
Wednesday
Poetry group meeting at 12:30 p.m.
Friday
Christmas party

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.
Monday: Clam chowder, assorted salads, peas, carrots, pudding, Texas toast, juice
Tuesday: Macaroni salad, french dips, carrots, fries, ice cream, juice
Wednesday: Birthday and anniversary dinner
Thursday: Tossed salad, spaghetti, carrots, tapoca pudding, garlic bread
Friday: Christmas dinner
Center gift shop is open from

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Quitting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Ridelays at 436-1200
Activities
Monday
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
Songfest from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Bridge
Tuesday
Quitting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bingo from 1-2 p.m.
Wednesday
Pinocle from 1-4 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
SHIBA Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwinderman at 436-9107.
Friday
Pinocle from 1-4 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland, Burley
All dinners are served at noon.
Monday: Tater tot casserole, hard roll, beet salad, chocolate cake
Tuesday: Vegetable beef soup, barbecue rib sandwich, cole slaw, peaches, assorted dessert
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, gravy, roll, summer vegetables
Thursday: Pork noodles, oriental vegetables, boiled egg, Jell-O
Friday: Oven fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, roll, Jell-O, peas, strawberry shortcake
Activities
Monday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Tuesday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11:15 a.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Wednesday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Bingo at 1 p.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

IF DECEMBER 15TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you have unusual voice, appreciate drama and music. You are affectionate and cannot imagine life without love. It's important to keep diet restrictions relating to sugar intake. Taurus, Libra and Scorpio individuals play active roles in your life, could have these letters in names: F, O, X. Before December is completed, an obstacle to your progress will be removed. March and December of next year will be your most memorable, romantic and profitable months.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You add to financial potential via the written word. Filtration lends spice, could become hot and heavy. Be ready for change, travel and variety of experiences. Virgo involved.
TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Circumstances turn in your favor; you get proverbial "lucky break." Domestic adjustment could include actual change of residence, marital status. Libra figures prominently.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't fear the unknown; what was faced with apprehension could turn out to be a laughing matter. Feeling of restriction, confinement is temporary. Pisces plays clandestine role.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Many of your fondest hopes and wishes could become realities. Don't wish for more than you can handle. Popularity increases; you win friends and influence people. Capricorn represented.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Unique honor received. You complete important mission - your value is acknowledged. Look beyond the immediate; you can predict your future and make it come true. Aries figures prominently.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

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Make fresh start, give serious consideration to going into business for yourself. Imprint style, do not follow others: Wear bright colors, make personal and professional appearances.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Propriety related to concerning business, career and marriage. If you meditate, you will discern the "direction of your life."
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You exude aura of personality and sex appeal. Be careful, selective and discriminating; don't become too available. Avoid individual who takes you for granted. Gemini plays role.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Beautiful surroundings, including home. You receive gift of luxury item; this is a gesture of reconciliation. Broken relationship can be mended, if you so desire. Taurus figures prominently.
PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Attention revolves around trips, visits and relatives. Element of deception exists, deliberate or otherwise. Tonight you learn a secret - quite romantic! Virgo, another Pisces figure in scenario.

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