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Drought payouts exceed budget

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Some 550 livestock owners in Twin Falls County availed themselves of drought relief dollars through a federal program that ran from Oct. 1 to Dec. 13. The area continues to be threatened with dry soil conditions and parched reservoirs. But elected officials from other areas

Overrun casts doubt on future of controversial program, some say

of the country are saying program cost overruns might compromise the ability of livestock producers to get money for drought relief in the coming year. In addition, there has been a strong undercurrent of criticism on how the money was dispersed. Some say the money went to people who didn't really need it and

that the selection process was arbitrary. Members of Idaho's congressional-delegation are taking a "wait-and-see" stand on appropriating more money. The Livestock Compensation Program that ended on Dec. 13 has so far put \$937 million in producers' pockets in 37 states, but

that amount is expected to grow, as the final sum has not been tallied yet. The program was intended to cost only \$752 million. In the meantime, the extra \$185 million is coming out of nutrition programs aimed at feeding kids, something that Eastern Democrats criticize. The program has paid out

about \$10 million to producers in 27 Idaho counties, said Wayne Hammond, the state director for Farm Service Agency, which distributed the money. Idaho comes in 26th for the amount of money paid out.

But many say the money — which was available to anyone in the state's six southern counties who had goats, sheep, beef or

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LOTT ENDS LEADERSHIP BID



Tiffany Strunk of Pascagoula, Miss., looks toward reporters Friday after she hammered a sign showing her sentiments into the front yard of the home of U.S. Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Colleagues ready to elevate Tennessee senator

Sen. Frist will take over leadership role; Lott says he'll keep his Mississippi senator seat

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott, who unleashed a national furor with a remark considered racially divisive, resigned his post Friday as GOP senators rushed to anoint Sen. Bill Frist of Tennessee his successor.

In a rapid end to a lingering controversy, Frist is expected to be named Senate majority leader on Monday by his Republican colleagues for the Congress that convenes in January. Lott, 61, had maintained for days that he would survive the controversy that engulfed him, encouraged by several prominent senators who stuck by him. But on Friday morning — less than 24 hours after Frist publicly announced a bid for the leadership post — Lott abruptly abandoned his fight to retain the job.

"In the interest of pursuing the best possible agenda for the future of our country, I will not seek to remain as majority leader of the United States Senate for



Sen. Trent Lott

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the 108th Congress," Lott said in a statement. He added that he will keep the Senate seat from Mississippi he has held for 14 years.

The White House was given no advance notice of the announcement, reflecting the strains that had developed between the Bush administration and Lott since the remark by him that seemed to embrace segregation.

President Bush last week had sharply criticized the remark as

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Craig says he advised Lott of difficulties

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho senior Republican Sen. Larry Craig said Friday that he was one of a few key senators who advised Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott on his decision to resign his leadership post.

Craig, at one time the No. 4 ranking Republican under Lott's leadership, counseled Lott "that it was growing increasingly difficult for him to continue as leader of the Republican conference," Craig told The Associated Press.

"My opinions are respected and trusted by Trent," Craig said in an interview. "He said he was going to stay and fight. ... It was my job to get him beyond that, to see a greater sense of reality."

But Craig, who has been in contact with dozens of other senators each day during the past few weeks, was careful to point out

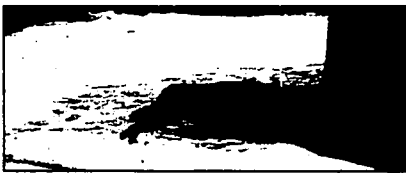
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Reintroduction foes want wolves out of Idaho — now

The Associated Press

BOISE — Seven years ago next month, a male wolf burst out of its opened travel crate and bounded into the snowy wilderness along the Salmon River, the first of 35 released in Idaho through a federal reintroduction process.

The gray wolf remains on the Endangered Species List to this day and the Central Idaho Anti-Wolf Coalition wants the estimated 260 descendants from the 1995-96 releases out of the state immediately, calling them "land pranhas and wildlife terrorists." "The feds had no plan. They



The first wolf released in Idaho leaps across a road into the wild of its new home Jan. 24, 1995, near Salmon. The population has grown from 38 to 260.

just dumped them off and they've taken off like rabbits in Australia," said Stanley hunting outfitter Ron Gillett, an impediment

coalition founder. "Let's say this drags on for another 10 years. Do you know how many wolves we're going to have in 10 years?"

Organizations in the other Rocky Mountain reintroduction states of Montana and Wyoming share that sentiment and opposition is emerging in Utah and Wyoming as wolves disperse there.

The Idaho group is gathering funds, running anti-wolf newspaper ads and cornering political leaders to talk.

Such activity is going on across the West. Wyoming officials propose allowing wolves to be shot as

predators, except for national parks and wilderness areas where they would be trophy game animals.

Friends of the Northern Yellowstone Elk Herd want their federal protection lifted, claiming they threaten elk in Montana's Paradise Valley.

A wolf was caught 22 miles from Salt Lake City last month, the first proof they have returned since being eradicated 70 years ago. The Utah Farm Bureau Federation says there is no space in the state where wolves will not clash with agriculture.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Areas of freezing rain and light snow developing. Highs near 35. Tonight: Cloudy with scattered snow showers possible. Lows near 22. Tomorrow: Chilly with a declining chance of winter precipitation. Highs near 32.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy with brisk winds and a chance of snow. Highs in the lower to middle 30s. Tonight: Continued cloudy and brisk with light snow possible. Lows in the upper teens to lower 20s. Tomorrow: Scattered clouds and a declining threat of snow. Highs in the 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cold with scattered snow showers expected. Accumulations of 1" to 2" possible. A slight chance for snow will continue on Sunday.

Today Highs 18 to 29. Tonight's Lows 4 to 14. BOISE Freezing rain and scattered snow showers expected. The chance for snow will continue tonight, tapering off through Sunday.

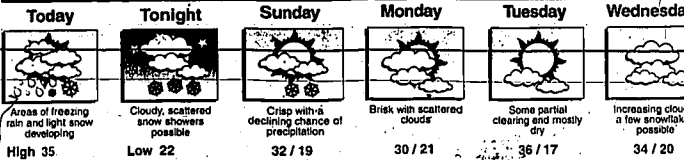
Today Highs/Lows 30 to 40 / 19 to 29. NORTHERN UTAH Cloudy with a chance of snow showers today and tonight. Snow possibilities will decline on Sunday.



Yesterday's State Estimation - High: 46 at Lewiston. Low: 6 at Statley weather bay. Snowy, pc-party cloudy, mc-moody cloudy, c-cloudy, b-brombustion, dr-showers, r-rain, s-snow, h-haze, w-wind, m-misting

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST



Temperature Precipitation Humidity Barometric Pressure. Today's High 35, Low 22. Precipitation: Trace. Humidity: 69%. Barometric Pressure: 30.22 in.

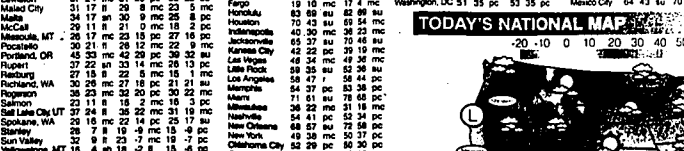
Yesterday's High 41, Low 26. Normal High/Low 53 in 1979. Record Low -2 in 1960. Temperature & Precipitation valid through 6pm yesterday.

Moon Phases: Dec 27 Last Qtr, Jan 2 New Moon, Jan 10 Full Moon. Sunrise and Sunset: Today Sunrise: 8:04 AM, Sunset: 5:06 PM.

Regional Forecast: Today Tomorrow Monday. Boise: High 24, Low 12. Burley: High 28, Low 16.

National Forecast: Today Tomorrow City. Atlanta: High 42, Low 32. Chicago: High 38, Low 28. Dallas: High 40, Low 30.

World Forecast: Today Tomorrow City. London: High 10, Low 7. Moscow: High 10, Low 7. New York: High 40, Low 30.



Canadian Forecast table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, High, Low, Wind, and Rain.

Wolves

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Oregon Fish Bureau Federation and Oregon State Game have petitioned the state to remove wolves from the state's list of endangered species. Gillett outfits for elk hunters and wildlife watchers. He contends wolves are hurting moose and pop businesses across central Idaho, including his own.

determines there are 30 or more breeding pairs of wolves for five consecutive years in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, it can move to delist them. Those requirements have been satisfied and delisting will begin soon, said Ed Bangs, federal wolf recovery coordinator in Helena, Mont. Idaho has written a necessary managing plan, while Montana and Wyoming are working on their own.

Dr. Bill Frist's second career took off quickly after arriving in D.C.

By Edwin Chan and Doyle McManus. Washington - As he prepares to become the next Senate majority leader, Bill Frist is on the cusp of another milestone in a second career that already has included a run for the White House in 2008. "Fristy" to his ally, President Bush, the heart-and-lung transplant surgeon-turned-senator from Tennessee had already been mentioned as a possible secretary of the new Department of Homeland Security, a future party leader in the Senate, even Bush's running mate in 2004.

that he was one of several senators who helped Lott reach his decision. Craig and Lott's decision to step down was regrettable, "but it was the right decision for the nation." Idaho Sen. Mike Crapo said a week ago that he was disappointed by how quickly Lott's remarks became a divisive and politically charged issue. "But on Friday, Crapo called Lott's resignation 'the right thing to do.' ... In light of the serious issues that his remarks have raised, I am pleased that he will remain in the U.S. Senate and know that he will continue to make important contributions to our country," Crapo said in a prepared statement.



Sen. Larry Craig

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Lott

Continued from A1 "offensive" and "wrong," seriously undermining any chance Lott had of riding out the controversy. Responding to Lott's resignation, Bush said: "I respect the very difficult decision Trent made on behalf of the American people. Trent is a valued friend, and a man I respect." Within hours of Lott's announcement, all significant opposition to Frist's candidacy melted away.

Carolina. There was a Marilyn Monroe impersonator and jokes and laughter aplenty. Lott spoke after former Sen. Bob Hain, Hain's long-time legislative predecessor, as majority leader. Lott noted that Thurmond carried Mississippi in 1948 when he ran for president as a Democrat. He added: "And if the rest of the country had allowed Hain to run, he would have had all these problems over all these years, either."

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CORRECTION

A story in Thursday's Paper contained incorrect information about a request for a permit to plow and maintain a section of the Greening Gulch Road near Ketchum for winter access and parking. The multi-use permit is being sought from the U.S. Forest Service by the Committee for Public Access to Full Lands, Inc. The Times-News regrets the error.

Lott resignation helps Bush's goal of remaking GOP image

By Steven Thomas
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — It wasn't the kind of fight George W. Bush would have wanted. But the first term that ended with the forced resignation of Trent Lott as Republican leader in the Senate helped Bush move closer to his goal of remaking the image of his party.

The political blondetting signaled first that the Republican Party was simply not willing to abide a leader who appeared to endorse a 1948 segregationist presidential campaign.

Republicans knew that Lott as leader threatened to reinforce a Democrat-and-media-fueled image of the party as hard-edged or intolerant. That profile had been sculpted over the years with help from Richard Nixon's Southern Strategy to lure angry white voters, Patrick Buchanan's declaration of an us-vs.-them culture war with liberals, and New Gingrich's shutdown of the federal government in a battle with Bill Clinton.

Lott's toppling also cleared the way for the ascension of Bill Frist of Tennessee to become the new Senate Republican leader. Frist is a heart surgeon with a voting record similar to Lott's, but a vastly different personal story, epitomized by his volunteer medical work for the poor in Africa.

That is the image of the conservative yet compassionate party that Bush says he wants. It is one that does not turn away from the poor or smother them under big government, but rather one offering vouchers to poor kids trapped in bad schools and federal aid to faith-based charities to help the needy.

It's very good for the Republican Party," said Betty Glad, a political scientist at the University of South Carolina. "If Trent Lott had stayed in, his statements (about Strom Thurmond's 1948 campaign) would have been used constantly as the image of the party. Frist is more moderate, a much better front-person. It's a very different image."

Bush has known it for years. Bush, then governor of Texas, had opposed the measure.

As a presidential candidate in 2000, Bush vowed to tailor the



President Bush
Lent Sen. Lott no hand

party to fit a changing country, where racial and ethnic minorities are en route to becoming the majority.

He went to minority neighborhoods, spoke Spanish, and became the first Republican candidate since his father in 1988 to address the NAACP. "For my party," he said there, "there is no escaping the reality that the party of Lincoln has not always carried the mantle of Lincoln."

As president, Bush continued his outreach, hoping that winning a greater share of minority voters would not only propel him to a second term in 2004, but would help him turn Republicans into the country's majority party for years to come.

Then came Lott. "It's exactly what President Bush has been fighting," said Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, a political scientist at the University of Southern California.

Even many Republicans who initially thought Lott was being hounded by Democrats and the news media came to agree that he had to go if Bush is to succeed at his broader goal for the party.

"When you're trying to take your message to minority communities, you don't want to be tied up politically in the past," said Greg Mueller, a conservative strategist.

"Bush has done an effective job at broadcasting a conservative message that is appealing and attractive to Latino voters and African

American voters."

One such success was Bush's push for the No Child Left Behind Act, which boosts the federal role in local education. Despite Democratic complaints that Bush has not fully financed the education law, his advocacy helped push Republicans into a virtual tie with Democrats on education in the eyes of voters, according to polls.

Bush also endorsed the use of vouchers to help families finance taking their children out of public schools to attend private schools, though he later abandoned the proposal in negotiations with Congress. Polls show the issue is popular with African-Americans.

All that would have been overshadowed if Lott had remained Senate Republican leader. As Bush heads toward the 2004 election campaign planning an aggressive campaign for minority votes, Mueller observed, "You don't want to get all tied up with a majority leader seen as representing in the politics of the past."

"The party of Lincoln is healed," said Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., adding, however, that the Republican Party needs only to change its appearance, not its policies. "The message doesn't have to change much."

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U.S. shares Iraq weapons intelligence with U.N.

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The United States on Friday began sharing highly sensitive intelligence about Iraq's weapons programs with the United Nations, as the White House agreed to nearly double the number of U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf region next month, according to U.N. officials.

The Pentagon is preparing to deploy as many as 50,000 troops, bringing the total to almost 100,000, Pentagon officials said. Both steps will increase the pressure on the regime of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in

preparation for a tough new round of inspections that are set to begin in the new year, according to U.N. and U.S. officials.

The hand-over of data of sites suspected of being connected to chemical weapons production is

meant to test what happens to information provided by the United States — and to see if it falls into Iraqi hands before U.N. weapons inspectors can check out the facilities, a common problem in the past.

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Drought

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dry, some are insufficient — was not really needed, especially in light of the fact that even someone with one or two animals could sign up. In addition, drought was not a serious problem for Idaho during 2002, and as a result, the price of hay has dropped by about 25 percent since 2001.

And that's not to mention the grumbling from producers who live in Jerome, Minidoka and Gooding counties who didn't get any money while producers in Twin Falls, Camas, Lincoln, Cassia, Blaine and Owyhee counties were eligible.

Why the money's short

Don Dixon, a staffer for Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, noted the money that producers got from the Farm Service Agency made up for lost revenue for the more pronounced drought years of 2000 and 2001. Technically, however, the assistance was for 2001 and 2002.

But also, Dixon was actually in Washington, D.C., as a first-hand witness to negotiations between the House and Senate as committees that tried to come to a compromise on drought relief for farmers and ranchers in general, not just livestock producers, in the new farm bill. The Senate wanted \$5 billion; the House had not figured on anything, Dixon said. And in the end, no agreement was reached, so the legislation for drought relief went unpassed, he explained.

Then, as drought conditions in the Midwest became severe, the

Whether there are additional dollars or not will depend on supplemental appropriations in the spring.

—Mike Tracy,
 Sen. Larry Craig
 spokesman

Bush administration hurriedly designated \$752 million, based on estimated profit losses to producers across the country during 2000 and 2001, Dixon said.

"When I heard they were going to pay so much per head, I wondered, 'Where is this going to go?'" Dixon said, explaining he could see it wouldn't be enough money.

He admitted that allowing everyone who had animals to tap into the fund might seem illogical, but, "It was a quick way to get money into the community. Hopefully these programs help a lot more people than just livestock producers."

Jim McLaughlin, Farm Service Agency director in Twin Falls, said the money was a godsend to owners of smaller dairies. Dairymen with 900 or fewer animals who grossed less than \$2.5 million in 2001 could apply for up to \$40,000 in drought relief.

"With \$9 milk, many are just hanging on," McLaughlin said. "I

don't know how some of them could survive without this money."

Hammon said he liked the program because it was the first time livestock producers got some help instead of just the crop farmers. He also said he didn't mind giving to folks who have just a few animals.

"It's discriminating if you cut out the small guys," he said.

In this particular program, however, the big producers were excluded.

As for why Jerome, Minidoka and Gooding counties were left out, Hammon explained the program called for a specific formula those counties couldn't meet. A county had to prove 40 percent less rain or a 30 percent loss in production of a major crop, or producers had to prove they were denied loans because of the drought. No matter how he tried to work it, Hammon said those counties just couldn't meet the criteria.

In fact, none of the Magic Valley counties met the criteria during 2002, but meeting at least one during 2001 was enough to snag the money for the six southern counties. Reduced production on dry-land farms and reduced irrigation water pulled them into the program, Hammon said.

Future payments?

Luci Willits, a spokeswoman for Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, warned that next year's federal budget is bound to be pinched. "Mike supports relief for those

who have been hurt by drought, but there are extemporaneous factors to be considered, such as the cost of a program or if there is even a bill to vote on," she said.

The fiscal 2002 spending bills were supposed to be completed this year, but disagreements over spending priorities prevented Congress from funding the drought assistance in the new farm-bill this year. Those disagreements will still exist next session, Willits pointed out.

Mike Tracy, spokesman for Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, is non-committal about more drought relief, though he said he suspects there will be more by spring if the drought worsens.


"Whether there are additional dollars or not will depend on supplemental appropriations in the spring," Tracy said. He explained

that Congress always takes a look at natural disasters about midway through the fiscal year that

begins on Oct. 1. "There is no doubt that money is tighter," he said.


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NATION

New fact sheet plays down condom use

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government fact sheet that long promoted condoms as "highly effective" in preventing HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases now offers a more neutral summary of the pros and cons of condom use.

Congressional Democrats

'Simply put, information that used to be based on science is being systematically removed from the public when it conflicts with the administration's agenda.'

—Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif

HHS officials say the revisions are consistent with the science. They deny any political interference.

On the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site, the condom fact sheet had said that refraining from sex was the best way to prevent transmission of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and other sexually transmitted diseases. The old version went on to say: "But for those who have sexual intercourse, latex condoms are highly effective when used consistently and correctly."

The recently posted version focuses on HIV along with other sexually transmitted diseases. In its introduction, the fact sheet now says that condoms "can reduce the risk of STD transmission. However, no protective method is 100 percent effective, and condom use cannot guarantee absolute protection against any STD."

The fact sheet goes on to analyze the effectiveness of condoms versus a variety of sexually transmitted diseases.

Dems, GOP tussle over jobless aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats on Friday pressed for immediate congressional action to ensure that hundreds of thousands of laid-off workers don't lose their unemployment benefits just days after Christmas.

Incoming House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi said extension of those benefits could be approved in minutes if Republican leaders called the House, which adjourned a month ago, back into session.

Congress' failure to reach agreement on extending unemployment benefits will strand some 820,000 people who stand to lose their benefits when the current program expires on Dec. 28.

"It's just unconscionable," said Rep. Robert Matsui, D-Calif. Republicans are preparing their own plan, and there's little chance of any action before the new Congress convenes on Jan. 7.

President Bush, in urging Congress to extend the benefits, said they should be awarded retroactively for those who have exhausted their financial aid.

Bush, after weeks of criticism from Democrats, ended his silence on the issue in his radio address last Saturday and said extending benefits for the unemployed should be the "first order of business" for the new Congress.



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Should FCC reinstate Fairness Doctrine to even bias?

Yes

Restore balance against zealots

WAYNE MADSEN

It can be argued whether the right-wing hosts are actually helping to destroy America's way of life rather than claiming to protect it.

Daschle said the talk-show blatherers create "an emotional movement in this country among some people... who are then so energized as to go out and hurt somebody."

Daschle, it should be noted, was a recipient of deadly anthrax in the mail soon after Sept. 11 when the radio waves were flooded with invective tones of hate and retribution.

Rush Limbaugh may be, as Sen. John McCain claimed, a mere "circus clown," but we must recall what happened to one of America's last liberal radio talk show hosts.

In 1984, Alan Berg, who had infurated a number of neo-Nazis, was shot to death by them in front of his Denver home.

It's not so much the Limbaughs that are the problem but the people they tend to incite to violence.

The talk-show hosts who consistently call for "rounding up" foreigners are playing into the hands of many racists and xenophobes and that is what Daschle was talking about when he talked about enraged listeners going out and hurting

somebody. Democratic Sen. Richard Durbin of Illinois told National Public Radio that there is "station after station of right-wing screamers."

With Gore, Daschle and Durbin all finally aware of the misuse of the public commercial airwaves by the Republican Party and its rightist allies, the FCC's commissioners must revisit the Fairness Doctrine.

However, time is of the essence because the FCC, under the leadership of Michael Powell, the son of Secretary of State Colin Powell, is considering scrapping even more FCC regulations over OUR airwaves.

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No

Liberals should stop whining

AMY RIDENOUR

repeal - essentially a conservative position - what's the other side?

If politics were as straightforward as Fairness Doctrine proponents like to think, the obvious answer would be opposition to the permanent repeal.

However, that position maintains the status quo, which is President Bush's 10-year temporary estate tax reduction plan. That's a conservative position as well.

If our mythical program director decides fairness requires broadcasting the liberal position, he's still stymied. Some liberals want to increase the estate tax. Others are content to let Bush's temporary reduction expire as scheduled at the end of the decade.

Still others want to counter conservative calls for estate tax reduction with an appeal for other tax cuts, figuring that it is politically unviable for liberals to oppose all tax reduction.

What are program directors to do? The only thing they can do is stick to bland issues that engender no controversy - to stop discussing the issues people care about most. In a nutshell, that's why the FCC decided to repeal the

Fairness Doctrine, saying: "We no longer believe that the Fairness Doctrine, as a matter of policy, serves the public interest. The Fairness Doctrine in operation actually inhibits the presentation of issues of public importance to the detriment of the public and in degradation of the editorial prerogative of broadcast journalists."

The FCC wasn't staking out an extreme position. In 1974's Miami Herald Publishing Co. v. Tornillo, a unanimous Supreme Court said, "Government-enforced right of access inescapably 'dampens the vigor and limits the variety of public debate.'"

In 1984's FCC v. League of Women Voters, the Supreme Court noted FCC concerns that the Fairness Doctrine was "chilling speech" and said the court would be "forced" to revisit its constitutionality if it did have "the net effect of reducing rather than enhancing speech."

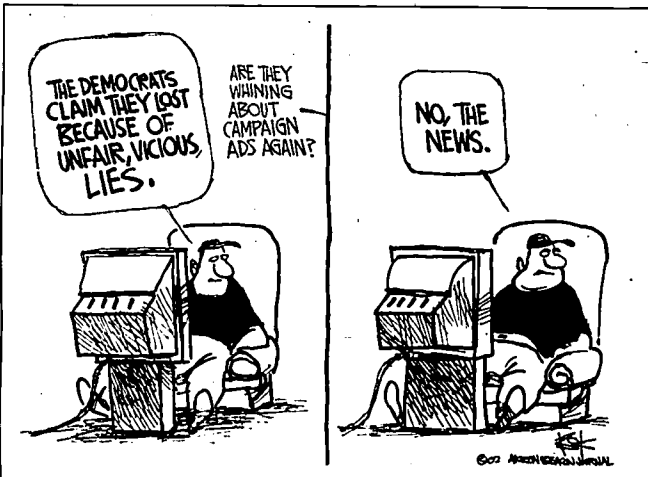
The ACLU has pointed out that the federal government may not make its support - as in the awarding of a broadcast license - contingent on the surrender of one's First Amendment rights.

Much support for reinstating the Fairness Doctrine comes from those who believe talk radio is too "right wing."

These folks should recall that when the FCC discarded the Fairness Doctrine, Newt Gingrich and Jesse Helms immediately voted for a bill to reinstate it.

Not everyone believes the Fairness Doctrine would help the left. The best way to minimize the influence of radio hosts of any political persuasion is to rebut them, not silence them. Thomas Jefferson wrote: "Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost." Whether promoted by Newt Gingrich or by frustrated left-wing activists, the Fairness Doctrine is a bad idea.

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The Saudis still play Santa to Yasser Arafat

ZEV CHAFETS

Israel isn't going to let Yasser Arafat celebrate Christmas in Bethlehem this year. That's because the Palestinian leader has been a very bad boy. But don't worry, Santa is coming - and not from the North Pole, either.

Since Arafat walked away from a peace deal with Israel and started a war in September 2000, the Saudi Santa and his little helpers have given the Palestinian leader vast sums of money. One of those helpers is Ahmed Mohammed Ali, president of the Saudi-based Islamic Development Bank.

The other day, he told an Egyptian newspaper that his bank has channeled hundreds of millions of dollars to the Palestinian Authority and to special funds whose purpose is "extending support to the Palestinian intifadah."

Recently, Mahmoud Abbas (known as Abu-Mazen), Arafat's chief deputy, gave an amazingly candid analysis of what this money has bought.

He told an audience in Gaza that the intifadah has led to "the complete destruction of everything we have built (under the Oslo Agreement with Israel)... our people are in a situation of loss, starvation and suffering" (translation by Middle East Media Research Institute).

The Palestinians don't need Abu-Mazen to tell them the intifadah has been a failure. For that, they can look out the window. But until now, no senior official dared utter this simple truth in public.

"This is a tragedy," Abu-Mazen said of the Palestinian miscalculation that Israel wouldn't fight back. "We must ask ourselves why."

Why? It is the most charged word in political Arabic. The only acceptable answer is: Because of them. The Jews are always responsible. Or the Americans. The Arab world is a fault-free zone.

The Palestinians who heard Abu-Mazen or read his remarks in al-Hayat understood that he was pointing an accusatory finger at his boss. Arafat is the man who gave the order. Abu-Mazen wants that order rescinded. He proposes going back to the negotiating table - and, according to recent polling, a majority of Palestinians tend to agree with him. But Arafat is no longer interested in public opinion. He and his Hamas and Islamic Jihad allies evidently intend to go down fighting. This scenario is being under-

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written by outsiders. Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein sends millions to pay the pensions of suicide bombers. Iran, via Hezbollah, provides training and whoops of encouragement. Syria shelters Islamic Jihad and other Palestinian factions. Lately, even Osama bin Laden has been trying to get in on the action. In the Arab world, no one can resist jumping on a bandwagon, especially when it's

headed over a cliff. But if the intifadah has many foreign benefactors, the Saudis are still the Great Santa. Thanks largely to the House of Saud and its charitable bankers and donors, every day is Christmas for Arafat - and the rest of the Palestinian people get a stocking full of coal.

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WORLD

Korea leader seeks to reassure U.S.

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's President-elect Roh Moo-hyun went out of his way to set a positive tone for working with the United States on Friday just hours after an electoral victory that capitalized heavily on rising anti-U.S. sentiment in his country. In a phone conversation with President Bush, in a news conference and through aides, Roh said it would be business as usual between the two close allies, in spite of the sometimes sharply anti-U.S. tone of the campaign. Policy coordination between Washington and Seoul is essential for security in northeast Asia, amidst increased concern over North Korea's nuclear weapons and missile programs.

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Family, protesters defend suspects arrested by FBI

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — Protesting doctors chanted anti-American slogans along a main Lahore road Friday demanding the release of a prominent physician and his relatives suspected of being al-Qaida supporters. Several of the some 50 doctors complained that FBI agents participated in the raid Thursday on the home of naturalized American citizen Javed Ahmad, arrested with eight family members. Police released four of the relatives Friday. Those still in custody

with Ahmad include his sons, also naturalized Americans, and Ahmad's brother and his son, naturalized Canadians. Pakistani police arrested the nine men after a brief exchange of gunfire in the raid aimed at discovering whether Ahmad and his family helped smuggle weapons for possible terror attacks. Police said Friday they found \$109,500 and an assault rifle at the home. FBI agents Thursday seized computers and computer disks.



People offer flowers to Dr. Amer Azaz, right, who was arrested for treating Osama bin Laden, at a rally to condemn the arrest of a fellow doctor Friday in Lahore, Pakistan.

Security forces, al-Qaida suspects clash in Yemen

SANA'A, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni security forces fought a gunbattle Friday with suspected members of al-Qaida holed up in a building in the southern port of al-Mukalla, a security official said. The al-Qaida suspects are believed to have taken part in the Oct. 6 attack on the French oil tanker Limburg, which killed a crew member. The attack on the Limburg was carried out by an explosives-packed boat that was detonated next to the tanker's hull. The damaged tanker, discharged about 90,000 barrels of oil into the Gulf of Aden. A similar attack on the destroyer USS Cole, in which 17 U.S. sailors were killed, was also blamed on al-Qaida, the terror group blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks. Al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden has Yemeni origins.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

I'd go to Alcatraz to play a bowl game.

Iowa State coach Dan McCarney, on the perception that the Cyclones were unhappy about playing in the Humanitarian Bowl in Boise Dec. 31

TRIVIA

QUESTION: How many Washington State players have been Rose Bowl player of the game?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball
Raft River at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.
Declo at Snake River, 7:30 p.m.
Buhl at Middleton, 7:30 p.m.
Shoshone at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
Burley at Century, 7:30 p.m.
Jerome at Filer, 7:30 p.m.

High school girls basketball
Raft River at Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m.
Oakley at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.

High school wrestling
Bear-Cat Invitational, at Jerome, 10 a.m.
Declo Duals, at Declo, TBA

IN BRIEF

Pomerelle offers free lessons today

ALBION - Pomerelle Mountain Ski Resort is holding its annual Free Learn to Ski/Board Day today starting at 10:30 a.m. Anybody age 7 or older is eligible for the lessons.

Valley-Wood River boys game rescheduled

HAZELTON - The boys basketball game between Valley and Wood River originally scheduled for Friday has been rescheduled for Feb. 10. Well problems resulted in no available water at Valley High School, cancelling Friday's classes and the game, according to boys head coach Bernard Mussmann.

Former Rupert boxer spars with Boise's Keene

BOISE - Former Rupert resident Daniel Barrera was scheduled to spar with former boxing champion Kenny Keene on Friday. Barrera, 21, is a senior airman assigned to Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. He joined the Air Force in 1999 and served as an information manager. He has been on the Air Force boxing team since December 2001 and is currently training to fight for the United States in Olympic Trials.

NFL will begin rules to increase minority hiring

NEW YORK - The NFL will begin a program to promote diversity in league hiring practices, including modifying a rule to allow assistant coaches on playoff teams to interview for head coaching positions.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

One, fullback Carl Dietz, in 1916. He rushed for 105 yards and a touchdown in the rain at Washington State beat Brown, 3-0.

Challis takes early command at Bear-Cat

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

JEROME - It's early in the wrestling season, so there's a lot to learn. Such as whom the top wrestlers in each class are and eventually which classes each grappler will settle into.

al Bear-Cat Invitational, everyone soon learned that defending Class 2A champion Challis is the team to beat. If they didn't know it already.

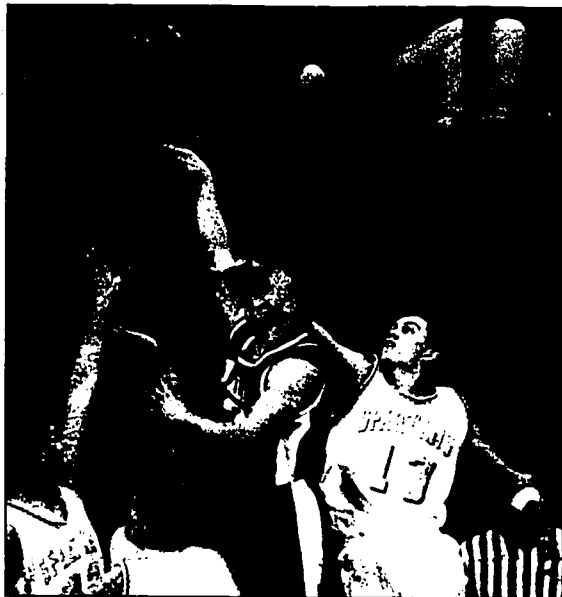
day lead at the Jerome High School gym, leading the field with 74 points. Meridian climbed past Minico into second place thanks to a strong showing in the late consolation round. The Warriors recorded 60.5 points to 57 for Minico. American Falls with 54 and Kimberly, 41.5, round out the

top five. The semifinals will be big tomorrow," said Challis coach Scott Brower. "It's going to be a battle."

while Meridan has six semifinalists. This entire senior season will be a learning experience for Wood River's Matt Conover, said coach Danny Turner.

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Bruins maul Spartans



Twin Falls guard Brett Miller is fooled going up for a shot by Minico's Travis Noble Friday in the Bruins' 69-65 Region III conference-opening victory at Minico High School.

Twin Falls' Stokes leads team with 20

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

RUPERT - The Twin Falls Bruins nearly shot Minico out of its home gym early, but Spartan guard Travis Noble tried valiantly to get his team back in it late.

Noble finished with 28 points, including 20 in the second half, but it was the balanced attack of the Bruins that came out on top Friday in a 69-65 boys basketball victory and Region III opener for both the teams.

Twin Falls guard Brent Stokes led the way with 20 points for the Bruins (4-3 overall, 1-0 Region III) followed by sharpshooter Chris Herzinger with 14 and Luc Martin with 11.

score in the 20s and 30s and not much else," first-year Twin Falls coach Matt Harr said. "Tonight, it was a total team effort."

The Spartans (3-3, 0-1), on the other hand, didn't have anybody besides Noble with more than six points. And he came alive only after Twin Falls started the game with an 11-0 run that put Minico on its heels immediately.

"We just didn't show up," Minico coach Mike Graefe said. "That was embarrassing for everybody from the coaches to the last guy on the bench."

Twin Falls came out firing immediately, with Herzinger burying a pair of 3s in the early going, Stokes nailing a couple more in the second quarter and

Martin knocking one down at the halftime buzzer to put the Bruins up 42-25.

"They were wide-open shots," Graefe said. "When you don't have a hand in your face, they're just horse shots."

Twin Falls also controlled the interior, outbounding the Spartans 28-14 for the game and never allowing the Spartans interior position.

Still, Noble cut the Bruin lead down to 10 twice in the second half on two of his seven 3s. But the Bruins were ready for it.

"We talked about it at halftime," Harr said. "We knew they were going to make a run at us, and they did. But we had the answer for it."

And that answer, more often than not, came from the free

throw line as the Bruins shot 23 of 27 from the stripe in the game.

Both teams head into the Christmas break.

"We couldn't have picked a better game to go into the break off of," Harr said. "Teamwise, we're right where I thought we would be. We're just getting to know each other."

Twin Falls 69, Minico 65
Final Score: Twin Falls 69, Minico 65.
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Atlanta deals Millwood

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The NL East race just got a little more competitive. The Phillies and Mets kept up their offseason dealing Friday, with Philadelphia acquiring right-hander Kevin Millwood from Atlanta and New York agreeing in principle to a \$26 million, four-year deal with outfielder Cliff Floyd.

It was a busy day in baseball. Fred McGriff agreed to a one-year deal with Los Angeles, Sandy Alomar Jr. signed a \$700,000 deal with the Chicago White Sox, shortstop Mike Bordick agreed to a \$1 million deal with Toronto, lefty Shawn Estes signed a one-year, \$3 million deal with the Cubs, and Charles Nagy signed a minor league deal with San Diego.



Kevin Millwood

Also, All-Star Robert Fick, World Series champion designated hitter Brad Fullmer, Jose Cruz Jr. and Shane Spencer all became free agents when their teams did not offer them contracts for 2003.

But the biggest news came in the NL East. After watching the Braves run away with yet another division title this year, the Phillies and Mets have been two of the busiest teams this offseason.

The Phillies finished just two games behind Atlanta in the NL East in 2001, but faltered last year, finishing 21.5 games out.

Philadelphia already committed \$102 million to free agents first baseman Jim Thome and third baseman David Bell, but missed out on pitcher Tom Glavine and Jamie Moyer.

With the Braves looking to shed salary and unload an extra starter, the Phillies gave up catcher Johnny Estrada for Millwood.

Millwood was 18-4 with a 3.24 ERA last season, helping the Braves win an unprecedented 11th straight division title.

"It's a shock," Millwood said. "But I'm excited to be going to a team that wants to win."

Floyd batted 288 with 28 homers, 43 doubles and 79 RBIs last season for Boston, Montreal and Florida. He will be a major upgrade over Roger Cedeno or Jeremy Burrett in one of the corner outfield spots.

Floyd, who declined salary arbitration from Boston on Thursday, must pass a physical Saturday to make the deal official.

PLUMMER'S FINALE?

Jake might be playing last home game for Cards

By Bob Eason Associated Press writer

TEMPE, Ariz. - A decade ago, a skinny freshman named Jake Plummer became Arizona State's starting quarterback. He has called Sun Devil Stadium home ever since.

That could end today against the San Francisco 49ers, when Plummer plays what might be his final home game for the Arizona Cardinals.

"I've probably played the most games of anybody at Sun Devil Stadium, if you think about it," Plummer said. "So that's not a bad thing to take with me there."

Plummer is in his sixth season with Arizona and in the final year of his contract. He's been the starter since the eighth game of his rookie season. In 1998, his second year, Plummer led Arizona to its first playoff victory in half a century.



Arizona quarterback Jake Plummer picks up yardage Dec. 8 against Detroit at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz.

not been kind. He has heard boos frequently this year from the sparse crowds in a stadium

that once was packed to watch him direct Arizona State to an undefeated regular season and a Rose Bowl berth in 1996.

He says he wants to come back, and hasn't thought much about whether this will be his last home game with the Cardinals.

"There is that possibility," Plummer said, "but all that's going to take care of itself in the offseason. All I can worry about is going out and playing against San Francisco in Sun Devil Stadium and hopefully getting a win. I hope it's not my last game in Sun Devil Stadium. We'll just have to wait and find out what happens."

Plummer has played in 82 NFL games, 80 as a starter. He's completed 56 percent of his passes for 17,388 yards - third-most in franchise history behind Jim Hart and Neil Lomax. He has thrown 87 touchdown passes and has been intercepted 113

Iowa St. coach rips column saying he was a no-show

The Associated Press

AMES, Iowa - For about two minutes, it was just your routine pre-bowl news conference.

Iowa State coach Dan McCarney talked about practicing for his team's game in the Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, Idaho, he mentioned how well recruiting was going and gave reporters an update on injuries.

Then he went off. In the harshest tone anyone could remember McCarney using in public, he criticized a newspaper column suggesting he had snubbed the Humanitarian Bowl because he did not attend a press conference in Boise on Dec. 9, the day after the Cyclones were invited to the game.

"It's really disappointing..."

McCarney said Friday. "There was never any invitation. There was never any knowledge. There was no press conference."

McCarney said that when Iowa State was invited to the bowl, he asked the game's executive director, Gary Beck, if he had to be in Boise for any official function before the team arrived for the Dec. 31 game with Boise State.

"He said absolutely not," McCarney said. "There's no function here for you. We'll look forward to having you when you come out with your team. Period. End of story. I would have gone out there for anything had he asked me."

"How do you no-show something you're not invited to?" The column, by Mike Prater in the Dec. 10 edition of the Idaho

Humanitarian Bowl

Who: Boise State (11-3) vs. Iowa State (7-6)
When: Dec. 31, 10 a.m.
Where: at Bronco Stadium, Boise
TV: ESPN

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SPORTS

Bulldogs thwart Senators' upset bid

The Times-Herald
GOODING - Kimberly rallied from a six-point deficit with 2 minutes to go to thwart Gooding's 42-21 bid to bow Sawtooth Central Idaho conference basketball in Gooding on Friday.

Local sports
who defeated Bliss 53-37 in Northside boys basketball on Friday.

quarter, where Burley outscored Filer 23-10.
"The fourth has been killing us and we just never got it back," Filer's Jennica Meach had 13 points.

Natalie Green scored 13 points to lead the Wolverines (7-2, 3-1), and Emily Smith had 12. Cecily's Whitney Anderson netted 16 points, and Meagan Webb followed with 11.



Columbus' Grant Marshall falls as Chicago's Phil Housley (8) and Alexander Kaprizov (28) gain control of the puck Friday in the first period in Chicago.

"We let one slip away," Gooding coach Joe Messinger said. Gooding hosts Declo on Jan. 4.

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Sho-Ban 52, TFCA 36
LATE RESULTS
Girls basketball
Madison 66, Minico 40

Castelford 78, Hansen 65
CASTLEFORD - Benji Graybeal and Elvis Medina each scored 20 points to lead Castelford over Hansen 78-65 in boys Southside conference basketball in Castelford on Friday.

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MAGIC VALLEY - Alex Nelson scored 21 points to lead Raft River over Magic Valley Christian 64-39 Friday in Southside boys basketball.

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REXBURG - Joni Mitchell led all scorers with 20 points and Madison built a 35-17 halftime lead to cruise past visiting Minico 66-40 in girls nonconference basketball in Rexburg last Thursday.

Blackhawks shoot past Columbus

CHICAGO (AP) - Steve Sullivan scored twice, and Jocelyn Thibault stopped 28 shots as the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 3-1 Friday night.

Ron Francis scored with 6:14 left in the game and then set up Jeff O'Neill for the tying goal with 53 seconds left.

Hansen's Tyrel King led all scorers with 21 points. Mitch Teves added 16 and Chase Funk 14 for the Huskies, who played without two starters on Friday.

Nick Proost led the Conquerors with 14 points. Raft River (7-0, 3-0 MVC) travels to Denair today and to Coeur d'Alene Friday.

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Junior Kabree Dayton scored eight points and Monica Jensen added seven to lead the Lady Spartans (2-9), who travel to Twin Falls next Saturday.

Sullivan, who recorded his second two-goal game this season, beat Columbus' Marc Denis twice in a 301-point of the second period.

Buffalo, N.Y. - Florida goal-tender Roberto Luongo made 30 saves in his 12th career shutout and the Panthers defeated Buffalo.

"Benji Graybeal was the player of the game," Wolves coach Andy Wiseman said. "He worked hard on rebounds, steals. We kind of got on his back tonight."

Glenns Ferry 59, Rimrock 44
GLENN'S FERRY - Thanks to improved team defense and Zach Simmons' 24 points, Glenns Ferry defeated Rimrock 59-44 Friday in Clatskanie.

Buhl 51, Wendell 18
BUHL - A 10-2 first quarter run helped Buhl put away Wendell 51-18 in girls nonconference basketball on Friday.

Oakley 51, Castelford 37
OAKLEY - Junior All Cranney scored a game-high 19 points as Oakley downed Castelford 51-37 in girls Southside Conference basketball in Oakley last Thursday.

Atlanta - Aaron Ward scored with 1:04 left in overtime as the Carolina Hurricanes rallied for a 3-2 victory Friday night over the Atlanta Thrashers.

Marlin Biron stopped 28 shots for Buffalo, 1-3-1 in its last five games. The Sabres have been blanked four times this season.

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touchdowns with 19 interceptions. His best game was last Sunday night when he threw for 141 yards and 3 touchdowns.

has brought the Cardinals back from a fourth-quarter tie or deficit to win 21 times, including all five of Arizona's victories this year.

Running back Marcel Shipp wants Plummer to return, noting that the scrappy quarterback has attributes beyond his statistics.

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unable to continue in the tournament. The injury kept Wolf out of district and state last season after earning the No. 10 ranking.

Arizona Falls, the Ryan Shroyer High School 147-pounder, won the state title in 2001.

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"There's a lot of good wrestlers out there," Conover said. "I'd never call myself the best."

Conover will likely settle into the 145 class this season. He dropped to 140 for a dual against American Falls Thursday and lacked energy, he said.

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Conover knows he has a ways to go before he can be considered one of the top wrestlers in his new class.

The tournament resumes with the fourth round starting at 10:30 a.m. The championship round is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

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"I'd ought to see more of the Conover we've used to," Turner said.

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Basketball

College, Georgia Tech at Syracuse, ESPN, 10 a.m.

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College, Stanford at UNV, ESPN, 10:30 p.m.

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Jazz pull road upset of mighty Mavericks

DALLAS (AP) - Matt Harpring scored 19 points and Calbert Cheaney had a season-high 18 as Utah ended a four-game losing streak and handed the Mavericks their first home loss.

Karl Malone had 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Greg Ostertag added a season-best 16 points to help the Jazz end the Mavericks' club-record 12-game home winning streak.

Dallas was the league's last unbeaten team at home. Coach Don Nelson and his top assistant, coach Donnie, weren't around to see the end of it. Both were ejected in the second half.

Dirk Nowitzki had 28 points and 11 rebounds, and Steve Nash added 25 for the Mavericks, who still have the league's best record (22-4).

76ers 107, Lakers 104, OT PHILADELPHIA - Allen Iverson had 32 points and nine steals as Philadelphia sent Los Angeles to its third straight loss.

Keith Van Horn added 20 points and 11 rebounds for the Sixers, who have won three straight after losing five in a row.

Kobe Bryant had 44 points and 10 assists, and Shaquille O'Neal added 26 points and 14 rebounds.

Pacers 101, Bulls 86 INDIANAPOLIS - Brad Miller had 24 points and 14 rebounds, Ron Mercer added 16 points and Kobe Bryant had 44 points and 10 assists.

Heat 97, Raptors 77 TORONTO - Rookie Carlos Butler scored a season-high 25 points and put Miami ahead of good midway through the second quarter.

Magic 89, Nuggets 80 DENVER - Pat Garrity and Shawn Kemp scored 17 points each as the Orlando Magic overcame the absence of NBA scoring leader Tracy McGrady to defeat Denver on Friday night.

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Memphis won't lead the Timberwolves with 27 points.

Grizzlies 95, Bucks 84 MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Wesley Person scored 23 points, including 12 straight in the final period, as the Grizzlies overcame a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

Memphis won its fifth straight home game. The Grizzlies are 8-7 since losing their first 13 games.

Pistons 109, Cavaliers 107, OT AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Corliss Williamson scored four of his 19 points in the final minute of overtime as the Detroit Pistons overcame Ricky Davis' 42 points.

The teams also played an overtime game Wednesday in Cleveland, with the Pistons winning 111-106.

Rockets 101, Hawks 82 HOUSTON - Glen Rice Cuttino Mobley and Yao Ming led a third-quarter turnaround as Houston had its highest-scoring period of the season.

After trailing 49-38 at the half, the Rockets outscored the Hawks 37-19 in the third quarter. Rice had 11, Mobley had 10 and Yao nine in the period.

Francis scored 23 points, Renee Jackson had 12 points and eight rebounds - only the second time in nine games he has missed a double-double.

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Grant Hill had 16 points and Mike Miller 15 for the Magic, who have beaten Denver 11 straight.

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For a moment, close to the finish line, OneWorld edged ahead. But Oracle thrust its bow ahead to cross only three seconds ahead in the closest race of the Cup challenger series.

My goal is to put my stamp on this place and take it to a higher level," Hauck said Friday. "I am excited as I can be to be back here."

About 40 players attended a meeting with Hauck, who was based in Missoula, on Saturday.

Hauck said he plans to coach Washington in the Sun Bowl against Purdue on Dec. 31 in El Paso, Texas.

Glenn's first Montana last week to coach Division I Wyoming.

The deal came a day before the 11th-ranked Tigers (6-0) played No. 10 Illinois in the annual Braggin' Rights game.

Snyder, 36, is 68-38 at Missouri.

Compiled from news reports

SPORTS

Loss to Raiders could bury Broncos

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

Denver was 6-2 when Oakland came to town for a Monday night suspense Nov. 11. The Raiders won 34-10, and the Broncos also lost three of their next four games before rebounding to beat Kansas City last week.

On Sunday, the Broncos visit Oakland: If the Raiders (9-5) win, they'll be in great position in the AFC West, and Denver (8-6) will be close to elimination from the playoffs.

Oakland, which had a five-game winning streak broken in Miami last week, is a four-point favorite.

If this is a reprise of the first game, the Broncos are in trouble — they allowed Rich Gannon to throw for 352 yards. Until last week in Miami, when he was held to 204 yards passing, Gannon had a good shot at breaking Dan Marino's single-season record of 5,084.

"He has just an unbelievable feel for what's going on," said Denver coach Mike Shanahan, who thinks Gannon should be the league MVP. "If you give him time, he's going to pick you apart, which he's done the majority of the year. You've got to keep him off-balance and you've got to out-execute him."

The Broncos probably can't hold down Gannon the way the Dolphins did. But Brian Griese could have more success against the Raiders' banged-up secondary. Charles Woodson, one of the NFL's best cornerbacks, says he'll play this week despite a broken right leg that's kept him out of the last two games.

So this could be a shootout. **RAIDERS, 34-28**

• Pittsburgh (plus 4.5) at Tampa Bay (Monday night)
Jon Gruden isn't worried

Pro picks

about home-field advantage for the playoffs. But playing at home will help his defense in this one. **BUCS, 17-7**

• New York Giants (plus 5) at Indianapolis
The Giants moved last week from the brink of elimination to legitimate contention. They move back this week. **COLTS, 22-16**

• Cleveland (plus 3) at Baltimore
The winner might have a legitimate shot at winning the AFC North. **RAVENS, 16-14**

• Tennessee (minus 3) at Jacksonville
The Titans are the AFC's best team right now. **TITANS, 24-20**

• Miami (minus 3) at Minnesota (Saturday)
Cris Carter returns. **DOLPHINS, 27-22**

• New York Jets (plus 4) at New England
The Jets are resilient, if nothing else. **PATRIOTS, 21-20**

• Philadelphia (minus 6.5) at Dallas (Saturday)
The Cowboys are usually tough at home. But have they given up? **EAGLES, 20-3**

• San Francisco (minus 4.5) at Arizona
The Cardinals are trying. The 49ers are just about locked into

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the NFC's fourth seed. **49ERS, 27-25**

• Detroit (plus 11) at Atlanta
It's hard to see the Falcons blowing this one. **FALCONS, 30-13**

• Buffalo (plus 6.5) at Green Bay
At least the Bills won't suffer from weather shock. **PACKERS, 31-20**

• San Diego (off) at Kansas City
The Chiefs need a Priest (Holmes) to win this one. **CHARGERS, 27-20**

• Houston (plus 6) at Washington
Houston GM Charley Casserly was fired by Dan Snyder. **TEXANS, 12-11**

• St. Louis (plus 1) at Seattle
Marc Bulger to 7-0? **RAMS, 24-23**

• Chicago (plus 3) at Carolina
John Fox has done a good job with very little. **PANTHERS, 20-19**

LAST WEEK: 7-9 (against the spread), 10-6 (straight up)
SEASON: 110-109-5 (ATS), 142-81-1 (SU)

Saturday, Dec. 21

NFL WEEK 16

Miami at Minnesota
4-10
Cris Carter returns to the Metrodome, looking to help the AFC East-leading Dolphins clinch a playoff spot. QB Jay Fiedler, also a former Minnesota player, threw for 237 yards and a touchdown last week in a victory over Oakland. The Vikings come off their first road win in two years. **11:30 a.m.**

San Francisco at Arizona
9-5
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5-9
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Buffalo at Green Bay
7-7
The Bills need an upset to remain in the playoff picture. Buffalo's defense will have its hands full with RB Adrian Peterson, but last week held down LaDainian Tomlinson. The Packers are the only team in the league undefeated at home, but need Philadelphia or Tampa Bay to lose once more to secure more than a first-round playoff game at Lambeau Field. **11 a.m.**

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The Bears try to break a six-game road losing streak, while the Panthers look to even their home record at 4-4, a year after going winless in Charlotte. Carolina quarterback Rodney Peete needs 79 yards passing to break his season-high mark of 2,326 yards. **11 a.m.**

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Tennessee at Jacksonville
9-5
The Titans clinch a playoff berth with a victory and can win the AFC South with a victory and an Indianapolis loss. Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin is fighting to save his job. His team is 2-0 vs. Tennessee at home since Titans coach Jeff Fisher famously proclaimed before the 2000 Super Bowl that Aflac Stadium was like another home field for the Titans. **11 a.m.**

St. Louis at Seattle
5-9
Rams coach Mike Martz expects Marshall Faulk to play despite a high ankle sprain. After an inconsistent start in the past month, Matt Hasselbeck is averaging 327.5 yards passing and Shaun Alexander is averaging 117.3 yards rushing over the past four games. **2:05 p.m.**

Cleveland at Baltimore
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Both the Ravens and Browns are tied for second place in the AFC North Division. 1 1/2 games behind the Pittsburgh Steelers. The loser of this contest will be eliminated from playoff contention. **2:15 p.m.**

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With two weeks left, no team in the AFC has yet to qualify for the playoffs. In the AFC, New Orleans, Atlanta and the New York Giants are contending for two wild-card spots.

All times MST

Irregular heartbeat sidelining Joey Harrington, backup QB Mike McMahon will make his first start since Week 2. The Lions rank near the bottom in most offensive categories, has lost six straight overall and hasn't won on the road since Dec. 17, 2000, a 15-game stretch. **11 a.m.**

Houston at Washington
4-10
The Texans can become only the second first-year expansion team to win at least five games. David Carr will set an NFL record for getting sacked if he goes down three more times. The Redskins don't want to lose to an expansion team whose GM, Charley Casserly, once worked for them. **11 a.m.**

New Orleans at Cincinnati
9-5
The Saints can clinch a playoff spot if they beat the Bengals and the Giants lose. Evening about this matchup favors the Saints, who have scored the second-most points in the NFL, 413. The Bengals have given up the most. Cincinnati has yet to win a game at home this season. **11 a.m.**

N.Y. Giants at Indianapolis
8-6
The Giants have yet to beat a team with a winning record and a loss would likely end their playoff hopes. The Colts, meanwhile, have been mediocre at home, going 7-7 the last two years. They're battling for one of the AFC's top two seeds — or they could miss the playoffs altogether. **11 a.m.**

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Neighbors fight
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Section C

AROUND THE VALLEY

'A Christmas Carol'

What: Actors Robert Rais and Jason McCune will present Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" improvisational style.
Where: Ketchum's nextStage Theater.
When: 7:30 p.m. today and Sunday.
How much: Tickets, which are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students, are available at the door.

Christmas in the Park

What: The last of four Advent season Christmas in City Park concerts, sponsored by the Twin Falls Chapter of Soroptimist International, will be held.
Where: Twin Falls City Park.
When: 5 p.m. Sunday.
How much: Free.

The Lamphouse Theatre

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

Planetarium show

What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present "Steamrolling Through the Holidays."
When: 8:15 p.m. today.
Where: Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.
How much: Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens \$0 over \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children 4 and under are not admitted.

Herrett Center art

What: The Herrett Center for Arts and Science will host the Albertson Figures, a collection of art from Albertson College of Idaho that includes works by Goya, Hogarth, Lichtenstein, Picasso and Andy Warhol.
Where: The Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.
When: 1-9 p.m. today.
How much: Admission is free.

Barn dance

What: Dusty and the Nomads will play.
Where: Spanbauer's Barn on U.S. Highway 93, east of Jerome.
When: 8 p.m. to midnight today.
How much: The cover charge is \$7.

Karaoke contest

What: Karaoke contest will be featured with cash prizes awarded.
Where: Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder, Jerome.
When: 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.
How much: No cover charge.

Cold Shot

What: Cold Shot will play.
Where: The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.
How much: No cover charge.

DJ entertainment

What: DJ music by The Buzz 99.9 will be featured.
Where: Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls.
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.
How much: The cover charge is \$3.

For more Your WeekEnd

Please see page C-7.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake River	89%	24%
Blaine Falls	73%	22%
Blaine	67%	22%
Dakota	57%	17%
Big Wood	60%	23%
Little Wood	110%	38%
Virgie Fork/Teton	98%	20%
Big Lost	102%	32%
Little Lost	98%	24%

*As of Dec. 20. A comparison of basin snowpack, as of this day, with a 30-year average.

County employees get raise

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

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TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County eliminated a research and development position, trimming \$36,732 which was redistributed into raises for county officials, department heads and employees.

Most county officials, department heads and other employees received a 4 percent raise for the 2002-03 fiscal year, which began Oct. 1. The largest salary increase went to Jury Commissioner Jerry Woolley,

whose annual salary increased by \$2,080, or 7.4 percent. Jail Administrator Capt. Bob Wright received the next largest salary increase, adding \$2,001, or 5.3 percent to his annual salary.

"It had been approved by commissioners that if a department had an employee leave and replaces them with someone at a

lower salary, officials could use some of that to give merit increases," County Clerk Bob Fort said.

The county saved some money not recouping the grant-writing position vacated by Teddy Keeton, who accepted another job in Nevada.

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KEEPING CHILDREN SHOD



Holiday shoppers Eileen Hein and Brenda Draper put money in a jar designated for the Quarters for Shoes for Children program begun eight years ago by Linda Petersen, pictured at left. Some 200 jars are distributed each Christmas to local businesses to raise money to buy shoes for children whose families can't afford them.

Quarter donations buy shoes for kids

By Amie Thompson
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Eight years ago Linda Petersen saw an opportunity to help children and she jumped at it.
After seeing a drive to collect money to buy shoes for children work well in Salt Lake City, she decided to make it happen in Mini-Cassia.
Every Christmas, Petersen, who is married to Dr. Joseph Petersen, with the help of other physicians' wives, distributes 200 jars to local businesses.
The hope is, as people are doing their Christmas shopping, they will drop some change or



how special that was," Petersen said. "Kids know that there are people that care about them."
Although the money is collected around the holidays, Petersen distributes certificates for shoes year-round.
The program gives away about 75 pairs of shoes each year, but this next year Petersen wonders if the need may be greater.
"I'm getting so many more requests," she said.
The program has no overhead, so all the money donated goes directly to the cause. Families who receive a certificate for a pair of shoes have the choice of shoe shopping at four

stores. The amount of the certificate depends on the age of the child, Petersen said.
"I think it's a wonderful program that Linda and her husband do," said Daniel McCarty, service coordinator in the Cassia County School District. McCarty recommends children for the program when teachers tell him of a need for shoes.
"She never says the fund is low or, 'I'll get back to you,'" McCarty said. "They've never denied a request. She doesn't even hesitate."

Times-News correspondent
Amie Thompson can be reached at 678-0025.

Well problem temporarily closes Valley School Friday

HAZELTON - Valley School was closed Friday after a well went out.
The school lost its water around noon Thursday and workers believe the problem is in the pump wiring, said Superintendent Laurel Nelson. Workers will have to remove the pump Monday to determine what exactly went wrong.
But since winter break begins Monday, students won't likely miss any more school due to the problem, Nelson said.
The elementary students' holiday concert that had been planned for Friday was rescheduled for 11 a.m. Jan. 10, Nelson said.
Friday's basketball game against Wood River High School was also canceled.

Magic Valley in brief

Blaze destroys shop near Paul; no one was injured

PAUL - A shop at the Travelube in rural Paul burned down Friday morning, according to a West End Fire Protection District official.
Firefighters were notified of the fire at 8 a.m. at 124 S. 1350 W., Assistant Fire Chief Randy Sutton said.
The metal building was a total loss, Sutton said. However, firefighters were able to contain the fire to the shop and prevent it from spreading to a nearby building. The building had oil filters and service equipment inside.

No one was injured in the fire, Sutton said. Firefighters left the scene about noon.
The cause of the fire hasn't been determined, Sutton said. It remains under investigation.
Firefighters responded when it was snowing pretty heavily and the road to the fire was pretty slippery, Sutton said.

West End firefighters were assisted by firefighters from the East End and Heyburn fire protection districts. The mutual aid agreement was put into effect because West End crews were called to a second fire at the same time. However, that fire turned out to be a controlled burn. The landowner had failed to notify the sheriff's office dispatcher in advance, so firefighters didn't know it was a

controlled burn, Sutton said.
He reminds people of the importance of making that notification in advance. That way, if a neighbor calls to report a fire, the dispatcher knows it's a controlled burn and the fire department isn't sent out in error.

BLM slates wind project meetings for January

BURLEY - The Bureau of Land Management has scheduled public meetings to discuss a proposed wind energy project on Cottoner Mountain.
Meetings are planned in Albion, Burley and Boise in January.
Officials from Windland Inc. have proposed building 130 wind turbines on the mountain.

As part of the review process, the BLM has scheduled public hearings, will accept public comment and will have an environmental impact statement prepared.

All three public meetings run from 4 to 8 p.m. The Albion meeting is Jan. 7 at the Marsh Creek Event Center. The Burley meeting is scheduled for Jan. 8 in the cafeteria at Burley High School, and the Boise meeting is Jan. 9 in the BLM's Four Rivers Field Office.

Comments submitted on the proposal may be submitted to the BLM through Feb. 18.
For more information on the proposal or the meetings, contact Scott Barker at the BLM Burley Field Office, 677-6678.
- compiled from staff reports

Sun Valley officials: Janss Activity Center needs indoor pool

By Karen Boesick
Times-News correspondent

About the YMCA

The YMCA, which is based nationally in Chicago, is not a franchise. The Boise Y pays about 1 percent of its revenue to be part of the national organization. This, in turn, affords it training and other perks. But it's up to local residents what they want in their facility, said Boise Y Director Jim Everett.

About 60 people turned out at the nextStage Theatre this week to hear what a possible partnership with the YMCA could mean for the Janss Center.

Basically, 150 years of experience, as well as programs local residents haven't yet dreamed of, said Janss Center Campaign Coordinator Mike Walter, after listening to the presentation. Janss Center organizers have planned to bring in someone from the Y all along, he added.
Boise YMCA Director Jim Everett and Board Member Jennifer Casey pushed the idea that the Y is all about kids and a sense of community. In that

vein, the Y provides scholarships so that no one is ever turned away for inability to pay. Twenty-six percent of the Boise Y's members get financial aid, Everett said.
Everett said the Janss model is consistent with the Y model in that it's not just for hockey kids or swim kids - it's for all kids.
But, he added, it needs to drop any idea of collecting revenue from child care because that turns people away. "You can't give a family membership

and nickel and dime them."
Caldwell Mayor Garret Nancolas said that, like the Wood River Valley, Caldwell residents had a wide variety of opinions about where the new Caldwell Y should be sited. Once a site near the high school was selected, the donations started pouring in.
Transportation is being provided for children as part of their membership, he added.
Caldwell has been guilty of talking and talking and never

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Educator will teach in space

BOISE (AP) - Now that Barbara Morgan is scheduled to fly in the space shuttle next November, the McCall teacher is preparing her lesson plan.

Morgan is the only Idaho resident who is an astronaut, but she left no doubt Thursday night that she is first and always a teacher.

"Education is a major part of what I'll be doing on the space shuttle," she told a capacity crowd at the Discovery Center of Idaho. "I don't know exactly how it will work or what it will look like yet, but I'm a teacher, and a

big part of my job will be to teach."

Morgan will be aboard the shuttle on its Nov. 13 flight. She was the backup for teacher Christa McAuliffe, who was killed in the 1986 Challenger disaster.

Morgan has been training at the Johnson Space Center in Texas since 1998.

She said she hopes to make as many flights as NASA will let her.

Morgan's duties during her 11-day flight to the International Space Station tentatively will

include caring for the shuttle's television and photography equipment, directing space walks and serving as a flight engineer during the trip back to Earth.

Her teaching format is still to be decided.

"I'm sure it will be something interactive between me and the students. I still don't know how it will work, but with things like the Internet and e-mail, the capabilities become endless."

Morgan said her training is hard work, but no tougher than being a teacher.

SERVICES

Lillie Jane 'Lil' Janousek Simmons of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at the Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; interment at 3 p.m. at the Mountain View Cemetery in Mountain Home (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Donald Bedke of Oakley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, Oakley; burial in the Bain Cemetery, Oakley; friends may call one hour before the service today (Hansen Mortuary Burial Chapel).

Stella L. Thornberry of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 North Ninth Ave., Buhl; burial in the West End Cemetery, Buhl; (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Duncan Bruce McIntyre of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Bill Lee Dorman Sr. of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls Cemetery; inurnment will follow the service (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Reah Child Best of Paul, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Emerson 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 127 S. 95th W., Paul; burial in the Paul Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Orval K. Wall of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. today in the Spring Glen, Utah LDS

Chapel, 1985 W. 4000 N., Spring Glen, Utah (Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome).

William Greenwood Carlson of Arco, service at 12 p.m. today at the Arco LDS church; family will meet with friends from 7-8 p.m. today at the Simpson-Marvel Memorial Chapel in Arco and one hour before the service today at the church; interment will follow the service at the Carey Cemetery.

Edna Rasmussen of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. today at the Heyburn 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints, 530 Villa Drive, Heyburn; burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Eileen Tussey of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Christian Church in Buhl.

Lundy Lynn Evans of Rupert, service for family and friends at 1 p.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery, Rupert.

DEATH NOTICES

Eileen A. Greene RUPERT - Eileen A. Greene, 86, died Dec. 19, 2002, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Arrangements will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Geraldine 'Jerry' Parke CAREY - Geraldine 'Jerry' Parke, 73, of Carey died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002, at a Boise nursing home.

The service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at the Carey LDS Chapel in Carey. Friends may call one hour before the service at the church.

Gene A. Grill FILER - Gene A. Grill, 68, of Filer died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Lorena E. Dellinger JEROME - Lorena E. Dellinger, 92, of Jerome died Friday, Dec. 20, 2002.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Gertrude E. Eckley BURLEY - Gertrude Eckley, 87, of Burley died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, at Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 West Main St. in Burley. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday and from 11-1:45 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.



Muslima Yaqub and her son, Umaid, 2, look out at Boise from a bus window on the way home from daily English classes earlier this month.

Afghan family adjusts to Idaho life

BOISE (AP) - Four years ago, Ismail Yaqub and his family fled Afghanistan and the Taliban. Ismail had spent his days working as a manager on projects to build reservoirs and schools in the struggling country, but he decided the family could not live under the repressive Taliban.

He and his wife took their family to Pakistan in 1998, where they waited to come to the United States. Then, with the help of Boise's chapter of World Relief, an international evangelical organization that helps refugees, the family came to Boise in July.

"They are very eager to do whatever is required of them," said Dawn Rice of World Relief. "I was very impressed by the children when they had to wait hours outside my office. They played quietly. They colored. They were kind to each other. They are very well-mannered children."

Ismail and his wife, Muslima, spend three hours a day learning English. The older kids have started going to school.

Recently, four of the kids spent the day in a dentist's chair getting their teeth cleaned for the first time.

Refugees like the Yaqubs get federal money for eight months to help them resettle and to keep them from becoming a financial liability to the states in which they live.

For the Yaqubs, that money is about to run out. While Ismail is willing to work, he has got more than just a language barrier to overcome.

In 1980, Ismail was tortured and strangled by a group of pro-Soviet Union soldiers. His voice box was crushed, and it has taken several surgeries for him to be able to speak. Today, he manages to speak in a whisper.

Ismail is worried that he won't be able to get a job to support his family.

"It's something I always think a lot about," Ismail said through an interpreter.

In Afghanistan, he helped manage construction projects, including rebuilding schools burned by Muslim extremists.

He's not sure what he'll do in Boise, but he said he is willing to do anything he can to support his family.

The family has had other



Ismail Yaqub, right, checks his e-mail and news of the world at a language center in Boise while his wife, Muslima, left, and their two youngest children, right and center, wait earlier this month.

struggles, too.

"They don't have a car. Their tiny apartment is small and has just one bathroom. It's been a hard adjustment in other ways."

"The culture is very new for us," Ismail said. "Everybody here is looking to learn more and get a job and have a better life. It's not like that back there."

At home in Afghanistan, the Yaqubs could rely on a host of relatives to help with parenting.

"I had help back there, my mom and my sisters," Muslima said. "Now I have to do it all myself. Of course it's hard."

Still, the first thing you notice when meeting the Yaqubs is how

well-mannered all seven children are.

"I have very calm kids," Ismail said. "They are very good."

There's Aziza, 13, who is bent on learning good English and getting good grades. Her sister Farishta, 11, helps around the house and tends her 2-year-old baby brother, Umaid.

Bushra, 10, is feisty, and likes to stay busy. Afshan, 7, likes to play by herself, while Beenish, 5, works hard at school. Three-year-old Andalib likes to play with Umaid.

The family admits they spoil Umaid, because he is the only boy.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadlines are 4:30 p.m. for next-day publications. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 9 p.m. every day.



May Brehmer

May Brehmer, an 88-year-old Rupert resident passed away Thursday, December 19, 2002, at the Mindkoda Memorial Hospital Extended Care.

May was born April 25, 1914, in Rupert, Idaho, the daughter of Hartsell Arthur and Alma Alice Andreasen Phillips. She attended schools in Rupert and graduated from Rupert High School where she played on the basketball team. She married Arlo Kent April 16, 1931, and was later divorced. She married Melvin L. Brehmer in February of 1954, and moved to Denver. They moved back to Rupert in 1972, where she has lived up until the time of her death. May loved gardening, reading and writing poems, stories, and letters and loved reciting them to others.

She was a member of the LDS church.

She is survived by her husband Melvin of Rupert; her children, RudDean Kent of Rupert, DeVere Kent of Salt Lake City, Utah, Myrna Gillies of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Arvon Kent of Salt Lake City, Utah; 18 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Hazel, of Boise, Idaho; and one brother, Chester Phillips of Burley.

RUPERT

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, December 23, 2002, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, with Bishop Kevin Bessie officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call Sunday evening from 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Monday.

HEYBURN

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice, his stepchildren Lawrence (Marcy) Boldt of Rupert, Paul (Dorothy) Boldt of Declo, and Diana (Dennis) Montgomery of Rupert. Sister, Wanda Garlock of Portland, Oregon, 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, nephews, Gordon (Marsha) Garlock and Devon (Jan) Garlock of Oregon and niece, Susan (Jim) Robertson of Oregon.



Vernon Carl Merz

Vernon Carl Merz, an 81-year-old Heyburn resident, passed away December 18, 2002, in Yuma, Arizona.

He was born April 15, 1921, in Heyburn, Idaho, to Carl and Marie Merz.

Vernon grew up in Heyburn and attended school there. He graduated from Heyburn High School. He was drafted into the Navy during WWII, serving in the CB's in the Pacific. After the war, he came back to Heyburn and farmed with his father. He enjoyed visits with his grandchildren. On November 16, 1966, he married Beatrice Christagard and they built a home on his farm in Heyburn. He enjoyed his stepchildren, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister and brother.

JEROME

Jay Hightower

Jay Hightower, a longtime resident of Jerome and Twin Falls, passed away Dec. 13, 2002, at his home in Sussville, Ca., of a short fight with cancer. He was a cobbler in Twin and Jerome for many years and he also played in a country music band.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; three sons and six daughters; all of Reno, Nev. and Sussville, Ca.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister and brother.

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Rec district searches for board members

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District extended its deadline for applications to sit on the board of directors.

Board member Dave Davis said at Tuesday's board meeting he didn't think potential board members have had enough time to really think about applying. The new deadline is Jan. 17.

The board will set selection criteria at its Jan. 7 meeting and may select two new board members at February's meeting.

On Nov. 19 the board of directors voted to expand the district

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from three to five sub-districts. The board is taking applications from interested people who live in either sub-district 4 or sub-district 5 to serve on the board. Those new sub-district boundaries are:

- Sub-district 4 encloses the 1-mile square north and west of Main and Lincoln streets to 100 North and 100 West, and the

land south of Main Street to 200 South and west of Lincoln Street to the Gooding County line.

- Sub-district 5 extends west of Lincoln Street to the Gooding County line and from 200 South to the Snake River Canyon rim, and from 200 South along the interstate east to 900 East.

The board member appointed from sub-district 4 will serve a two-year term initially and may be re-elected to a four-year term. The representative from sub-district 5 will serve a four-year term initially and may be re-elected to a four-year term thereafter, said district Director

Wendy Davis.

The board is fiscally responsible for the district and sets policy for the administration of the district, Wendy Davis said.

Applications can be picked up at the district office at 2032 S. Lincoln St. Applications must be returned by noon Friday, Jan. 17.

The board currently consists of Dave Davis representing sub-district 3, Lorri Prescott representing sub-district 2 and David Parrish representing sub-district 1. Brian Craig will take office in January to replace Parrish.

The board meets on the third Tuesday of the month.

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Filer schools approve addition to the budget

By John E. Swazey
Times-News correspondent

FILER - The School Board approved an amendment to the district's \$8.9 million budget for the 2002-03 school year.

An additional \$124,301 in carry-over from the previous year will be used to compensate for shortfalls in salaries, benefits and supplies. The increases will be distributed as follows:

- A salaries budget of \$4,100,220.89 will increase by \$25,777, or about 0.6 percent.

- Benefits of \$1,347,958 will see an increase of \$84,325, about 6.3 percent.

- A supplies budget of \$287,618 will increase by \$14,199, about 4.9 percent.

"This is revenue that we didn't anticipate," said district business manager Justin Lanning.

A change was also made to a 1997 district policy that has prohibited electronic communication devices on campus. The change will allow students to have mobile and cell phones as long as they are kept turned off and in lockers.

In other action Wednesday, the board heard a request that a committee of parents, board members and coaches be formed to review the disciplinary section in the extracurricular activities code.

Some parents are concerned that the existing policy is too broad and should be re-written with tighter standards that assure equal and fair punishment for all athletes.

Under the existing policy, students who participate in extracurricular school activities and are caught in an environment where underage drinking or illicit drugs are being used or are present are suspended from participation for the season.

Parent Hal Garner said giving athletes a second chance to improve their behavior before being suspended from a team is a form of intervention that parents and coaches can use.

"I don't want a softer policy," he said. "What we're trying to do is find a fine line of how we can help them and also give them consequences."

The School Board will not participate but suggested that committee members get together and define what their goals are and come back with ideas on how to improve the policy.

"Other than those present, I haven't seen a ground swell of parents who don't like the policy," said board chairman Bill Blitzenberg.

The School Board will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 15 in the Filer Elementary School library.

Three confess to beating death

CALDWELL (AP) - Three young men charged in the beating death of a Colorado man confessed the day they were arrested, court documents show.

The suspects said the Dec. 6 assault in Pioneer Park started as a beating and robbery and turned into a killing of Cary Sturgis, 41, formerly of Caldwell.

Eric Owen, 20, Dane Lawson, 18, and Cole Scott, 16, are charged with first-degree murder, robbery or aiding and abetting robbery. All three signed confessions.

Lawson wrote that at an underage drinking party, the three spotted Sturgis, 41, formerly of Caldwell, and discussed robbing him.

"Then he heard us and turned around," Owen wrote.

"He was speaking in a threatening manner at us, and that is when we punched him in the

face one time."

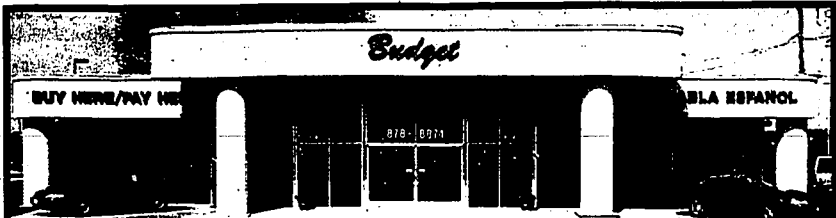
All three said they hit and kicked Sturgis several times in the back, stomach and head. Owen took \$20 from his wallet and tried to buy cigarettes, according to court records.

"I never meant for any of this to happen," Lawson wrote. "I'm ashamed of who I was that night and am willing to do whatever I need to help clear this up."

More than 100 people gathered Thursday night at Pioneer Park to remember Cary Sturgis.

"Not only was a human life needlessly taken that day, but several people knew that this person had been assaulted and made no effort to try to save his life," Police Chief Robert Sobba said.

Cole Scott's father, Jimmie Scott, apologized to and shook hands with Gene Sturgis, the father of the slain man.



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MORNING BREAK

Idaho extends jobless benefits

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has directed the state Department of Labor to continue extending unemployment benefits to jobless recipients through the week of Jan. 4.

Federal Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation benefits originally approved by Congress in March are scheduled to expire Dec. 28.

Kempthorne directed the department to continue paying these claims, based on the president's appeal to Congress this week to reauthorize the benefit program as its first priority when it reconvenes Jan. 7.

Recognizing that this is a difficult time of the year for un-

New deadline goes a week into January

employed workers, we want to minimize the interruption of federal extended unemployment benefits as much as possible," Kempthorne said.

"Because President Bush has made it a priority for Congress to retroactively reauthorize this important program, I feel it is appropriate for the state to provide this extra week as a bridge for unemployed workers in Idaho until Congress has the time to act."

The department will notify the

2,900 claimants receiving benefits to continue to file weekly as if the program were continuing.

To date, about 16,000 Idahoans who had exhausted their regular unemployment insurance benefits after March 17, 2001 and were still unemployed, have received almost \$31 million in temporary extended benefits.

If Congress does reauthorize the program, it could mean up to \$9 million in additional benefits for 4,800 to 5,800 Idahoans depending on how the extension is structured and what type of economic growth the state experiences in the first quarter of 2003.

Governor: My daughter will fill post

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) - Gov. Frank Murkowski Friday appointed his daughter to replace him in the U.S. Senate, saying he wanted the person who succeeded him to share his beliefs in the future of the state.

"I felt the person I appoint to the remaining two years of my term should be someone who shares my basic philosophy, my values," Murkowski said in naming his daughter, Lisa, to the seat he held for 22 years.

Lisa Murkowski, 45, is a Re-



Gov. Frank Murkowski congratulates his daughter State Rep. Lisa Murkowski, R-Anchorage, after he appointed her Friday in Anchorage. Murkowski is a Republican state representative who was re-elected last month to

a third term and was selected as House Majority leader. She will serve through 2004.

"We have a great deal in common besides sharing a name," Lisa Murkowski said of her father. "We share the same vision for the state. We share the same values."

Frank Murkowski resigned the Senate seat he held for more than two decades when he was sworn in as governor Dec. 2. At a news conference Friday in Anchorage, he said he whittled his list of potential candidates from 26 to 11 since becoming governor and conducted interviews.

Among the candidates considered was GOP state Sen. Ben Stevens of Anchorage, the majority leader and son of Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens.

Seven designs describe human face

How would you describe the shape of your face? Seven face shapes are generally recognized: oval, round, square, pear, oblong, diamond and heart.

The U.S. Supreme Court used to meet in a tavern. No, you can't tell when by reading the judges' decisions. In the early 1800s, it was:

Q. How many mortars are in Palm Springs, Calif?
A. None so called. A city ordinance prohibits identifying any place there as a "motel."

Long-distance running in competition used to be called "pedestrianism." First such runner of renown - in the 1860s - was an American Indian named Deerfoot. It was he who fixed the



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long-held conviction that Indians could outrun whites anywhere anytime.

Q. Who invented buttons?
A. The Chinese, names unknown: About 2000 B.C. First buttons were carved seashells. Decorations, not fasteners.

Do you have any idea how many imperfect wooden nut bowls are stashed away as keep-

sakes in homes nationwide? Neither do I. But quite a many. The wooden nut bowl was long said to be the most popular project in junior high school, shop classes.

Prize: Everything the sloth does worth doing - including giving birth - is done while upside down.

Q. You said no U.S. law ever required a wife to take her husband's name. Wasn't it the law in Hawaii once?
A. When Hawaii was a monarchy, yes, but not since.

Those who know their mockingbirds say that if a mockingbird wants to sound like a frog, no way are you going to think it's anything but a frog.

In Beatles battle, McCartney defends decision to switch songwriting credit

LONDON (AP) - Paul McCartney defended his decision to reverse the order of the famous Lennon-McCartney songwriting credit and on Wednesday urged Yoko Ono not to overreact.

After 40 years of second billing to John Lennon, McCartney has turned the tables on his late Beatles collaborator in his new project, "Back in the U.S. Live 2002," a two-CD live album, includes 19 classic Beatles songs billed as written by "Paul McCartney and John Lennon."

"There's no question this is an attempted act of Beatle revision-

ism," said Elliot Mintz, spokesman for Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono. "And it does appear to be an attempt to rewrite history."

McCartney's spokesman Geoff Baker also defended the switch

on Tuesday, saying it was not divisive. On Wednesday, the former Beatle spoke out himself.

"I think it is fair and accurate for the songs that John declared were mine to carry my name first," said McCartney. "This isn't anything I'm going to lose any sleep over, nor is anything that will cause litigation. But it seems to be harmless to me, after more than 30 years of it being the other way."

"The truth is that this is much ado about nothing and there is no need for anybody to get their knickers in a twist."

- Paul McCartney

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December 25th Christmas Day 10 am - Mass 8 pm - Bilingual Mass
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Christmas Worship Service
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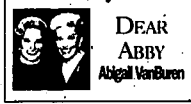
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Friday's Puzzle Solved
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Holiday talk leaves Hindu with little joy

DEAR ABBY: I am a Hindu woman living in the Bible Belt. Many of my friends and acquaintances are Christian, and they are all wonderful - except for one thing. Some try in small, subtle ways to convert me to their faith.

With Christmas approaching, I know what's coming - boxes of baked goodies with little brochures and pamphlets tucked inside all about Jesus and the Christian faith. I wish you would remind people that all of us in this diverse nation should respect the faiths of others. To try to convert someone to your faith implies that you consider your religious beliefs superior, and that is just plain wrong.



DEAR ABBY
Abby VanBuren

I don't plan on applying to an Ivy League school, but Mom

thinks I won't get accepted anywhere without at least a 3.5 GPA. She won't let me get a part-time job until I raise my GPA to 3.5 - which means I am totally dependent on her for spending money.

Mom complains that I'm not putting in enough time on my schoolwork and that she spends too much money on me. I'd be glad to cover my expenses if she'd let me get a part-time job.

It may sound like it would be too hard to improve my GPA, but I'm working at it and I'm proud of my grades. I just don't know what to do about my mom.

- TROUBLED IN MISSOURI

DEAR TROUBLED: If there is a counselor at your school, ask him or her to speak to your mother about your grades as well as your prospects. Your mother is trying to be a conscientious parent and to see to it that you have a successful future. However, if you are working at your capacity, a compromise is in order.

CONFIDENTIAL TO DONE WRONG IN WICHITA: Take the high road. Do nothing impulsive. Remember the words of Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626): "By taking revenge, a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing over it, he is superior."

I know these gestures are well meant, but I wouldn't dream of sending Hindu brochures with my holiday goodies. Abby, what is a tactful, but firm, way of dealing with this?

- HAPPY HINDU IN THE BIBLE BELT

DEAR HAPPY HINDU: Much as you would like, you are not going to change people who feel it's part of their religious commitment to "save" you. Ignore the brochures and enjoy the goodies - unless you have lost your appetite. If that's the case, donate the treats to a homeless

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Sagittarius makes discovery

IF DECEMBER 21ST IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you have unusual sense of humor, are versatile and possess gift of being able to entertain. You have learned difference between illusion and reality; you are capable of making people smile if even through moments of grief. You are attractive and dynamic and know how to "wear your clothes."

GEMINI, Sagittarius play major roles in your life.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Attention revolves around home, family, where you live and marital status. Keep resolutions concerning diet; it is imperative that you say, "Enough is enough!"

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Short trips involve fashion, dealings with relatives. You get proverbial "lucky break."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Chuck details, study fine print. You will beat the odds and win the game - if patient. Finances will show marked improvement. Revise, do more research and tear down in order to rebuild.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be ready for last-minute instructions. Keep options open and plans flexible. Flirtation lends spice, could be more serious than anticipated. Emphasis on reading, writing and teaching.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emphasis on where you live, marital status. Much occurs behind the scenes; someone you only mildly know will reveal secret. Gift you receive is more than a gesture of friendship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Define terms; someone is deceiving you. Insist on answers, not evasions. You require additional

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information. Get it and proceed accordingly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your value will be acknowledged. You get promotion and additional compensation. Pressure is on; people rely on you for their emotional-financial welfare. Capricorn is in picture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keynote is universal appeal; you will deal favorably with people in foreign lands. Write, advertise and publish. Your words will be quoted; make yourself crystal-clear. Aries represented.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You discover what previously was out of sight. Individual close to you had hidden assets that will now be revealed. You will be enlightened and provide knowledge for others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Spotlight on partnership and marriage. Some people question, "How could you ask for anything more?" In your mind, the answer will be, "A little more!"

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will have more fun as result of what you do. Close associate sits your interest in art, entertainment. You will make a true friend and ally.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Lunar position places emphasis on creativity, sex appeal. Be careful, discriminating. Don't lower standards for temporary pleasure. Following delay, you overcome obstacles.

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Day care raises neighborhood ire

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

PAUL - Residents in a Sunnyslope Drive neighborhood say they're concerned a day care on their street is changing their way of life.

The Paul Planning and Zoning Commission heard from people on both sides of the issue Thursday night and will meet again Jan. 7 before making a recommendation about the situation to the Minidoka County commissioners.

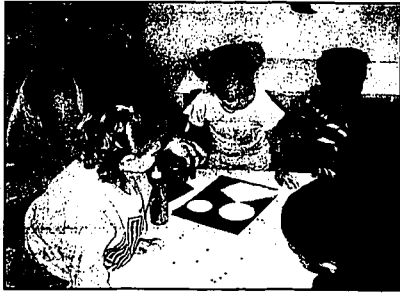
Kristina Rogers applied for a special-use permit to expand a day care, currently operated in her home on Sunnyslope Drive. The Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission denied the permit and Rogers is appealing the decision to the county commissioners.

The Paul Planning and Zoning Commission heard about the issue because the day care is in the city's area of impact. That commission will not make a decision to the county commissioners, but will offer a recommendation to the county commissioners, said Paul Aston, Minidoka County Director of Community Development.

After two hours of public comment this week, members of the Paul Planning and Zoning Commission decided to table the matter until they had a chance to go out to the property and think about the proposal.

Neighbors' biggest concern was increased traffic and speeding cars on the dead-end street.

When parents drop off their children, they travel on the road



Children at Sunnyslope Child Care near Paul make snowmen during a Friday activity. Many neighbors oppose the location of the day care center.

four times - once up and back to drop them off and once up and back to pick them up, resident Shirley Wrenz said. That quadruples the traffic on the road.

Gary Dayley said he was concerned for his son who can no longer ride his bike on the road due to increased traffic.

Mary Mallory noted residents who walk along the road for health benefits also have concerns about increased traffic.

Along with increased traffic, speeding cars were noted by neighbors as a problem. Aston pointed out speeding and speed limits are a highway district and law enforcement problem, not a zoning problem.

Rogers has talked with parents

about slowing down; she has also begun to do more transportation herself.

Jackie Hinrichs said a way of life changed with the day care in the neighborhood. "I don't want to stop Mrs. Rogers from making a living, but I don't want my way of life interrupted," Hinrichs said.

Wiv should like change to accommodate Rogers' business, Wrenz asked. The day care could move to a new location.

"The source of the problem is the day care," Wrenz said.

Some neighbors were also worried the zoning would be changed, allowing more commercial businesses in the neighborhood.

If you're interested

Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. - The Paul Planning and Zoning Commission expects to make a recommendation to the Minidoka County commissioners regarding Sunnyslope Child Care's special-use permit application.

Jan. 23 - Minidoka County commissioners expect to make a decision about Sunnyslope Child Care's special-use permit application.

Aston said the zoning would not change; the area would remain a low-agriculture zone. The special-use permit would allow the day care to continue, but would not necessarily allow any other businesses in the neighborhood.

Rogers has operated the day care in her home for about a year, she said. She is licensed through the state. The day care is out of compliance with the county zoning ordinance because Rogers takes care of more than six children, Aston noted.

The special-use permit she is applying for is for a new building to house the day care, allowing her to move it out of her home.

Rogers said there are neighbors who support the day care. Planning commission members asked for documentation of the support. They also wanted to review minutes of the zoning planning and zoning meeting when the application was denied.

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Planners scramble in review process

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Minidoka County planning and zoning officials admit the review process for items in a city's area of impact might be backward this time, regarding a permit for a day care near Paul.

But they will work to improve it before the next time.

When the new unified county planning and zoning ordinance was approved throughout Minidoka County earlier this year, a change was made regarding the county's authority in cities' areas of impact. The county makes final decisions about zoning matters in the areas of impact, but city officials have the opportunity to review requests in their areas of impact.

The ordinance didn't specify how that review process would work, Minidoka County Director of Community Development Paul Aston said at a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Thursday.

"We messed up," Aston said. A special-use permit application for Sunnyslope Child Care in Paul's area of impact came before the county planning and zoning board in November.

Aston explained. The city had the right to review the application but didn't because no review was in place for such a process.

The special-use permit applica-

tion was denied by the county planning and zoning commission and is being appealed to county commissioners.

Eventually, county officials denied the application, Aston told Paul's Public Works Director Rich Ru the city had the right to review the permit application.

Paul Mayor Randy Jones gave the directive for the city planning and zoning commission to review the application and make a recommendation to the county commissioners, who are next in the appeal process, Aston said.

Eventually, city officials in Paul, Rupert and Heyburn will all need to set up a policy of how to handle the review process, Aston said. The application in Paul's area of impact was the first one from any city's area of impact to be considered since the ordinance was approved.

Issues in the areas of impact could be reviewed by the City Council, city staff or city planning board, Aston said, with whatever review process is established, can make recommendations, not decisions, Aston stressed. County officials will make decisions regarding issues in the areas of impact.

"The county is going to make the decision," Aston said.

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YOUR WEEKEND

Company of Fools

What: Company of Fools will present Douglas Jones' adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

Where: Liberty Theater, Hailey.

When: 7 p.m. today and 3 p.m. Sunday.

How much: Tickets, which are \$10, by phone at 579-9122 or at www.ticketweb.com.

Child-safte comedy show

What: Comedian/hypnotist

Appeals court reverses decision to allow whaling

SEATTLE (AP) - A federal appeals court ruled Friday that the Makah Tribe could not resume gray whale hunts, agreeing with whaling opponents who argued that the government must study the hunt's impact more thoroughly.

A 9th Circuit Court of Appeals panel in San Francisco rejected as inadequate a federal environmental assessment showing the hunt caused no significant impact. The court said the assessment did not adequately determine the hunt's effect on the local whale population and the precedent the hunt could set in other areas.

Questions remain "as to whether the tribe's whaling plans will have a significant effect on the

Steve Bayner will present kids-safe shows.

Where: Ketchum's next Stage Theater.

When: 5 p.m. today and Sunday.

How much: Tickets, which are \$15, are available at the door.

To have an event appear in "Your Weekend" send your information to: Melissa Morgan, PO Box 549, Twin Falls, ID 83303, e-mail her at mmorgan@magicvalley.com or fax it to 734-5538.

environment," said Judge Marsha S. Berzon, writing for the panel.

Overturning a lower court, the panel ordered the National Marine Fisheries Service to create an environmental impact statement, a document more extensive than an environmental assessment.

"We are extremely excited about the court's decision," said Michael Markarian, president of the Fund for Animals.

A lawsuit filed by the New York-based group, the Washington, D.C.-based Humane Society of the United States and others contends that Makah whaling would endanger public safety and harm gray whales that linger in Washington's Strait of Juan de Fuca.

LAS VEGAS (AP) - A new report by Nevada's Nuclear Projects Commission concludes that no amount of federal compensation could resolve safety concerns at the planned Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository, and urges officials to keep fighting on behalf of the cash-strapped state.

"State leaders should not even consider throwing in the towel," Brian McKay, commission chairman, said in a report submitted to Gov. Kenny Guinn and the state Legislature.

McKay dismisses calls for the state to end its fight and begin bargaining for federal perks, saying "the only acceptable and responsible course of action is to

stay the course and avoid even the appearance of receptivity to any negotiations with regard to Yucca Mountain."

An Energy Department official in Las Vegas insisted Friday that the site 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas is being designed to safely contain the nation's most radioactive material for centuries to come.

"Safety is our primary concern, and we will comply with all procedures and standards established by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency," said Allen Benson, spokesman for the Office of Repository Development. Guinn was wrestling this week

with a plan to raise bonding and other taxes to close a growing two-year budget deficit he projects at \$370 million. Nevada's current general fund budget is \$1.8 billion.

Yet aides said the Republican governor is committed to funding the continuing legal fight against the nuclear dump that he vetoed and state lawmakers oppose.

"People in Nevada are overwhelmingly against this project and believe that Nevada should continue the fight," Guinn spokesman Greg Bortolin said. "The playing field is level now that we are in court. We feel that we have more than a fighting chance."

Nevada vows to keep up fight against dump

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Conservationists are offering a \$4,000 reward for information on the killer of a snow-travelled grizzly bear found shot to death west of Priest Lake.

Defenders of Wildlife and Idaho Citizens Against Poaching offered the reward to solve the Oct. 4 shooting of a collared bear whose radio transmitter tracked his range across Idaho and Washington for 19 months.

"Weather depending, I tried to follow it once a week," Idaho Fish and Game biologist Wayne Walkinshaw said. "The Washington

"Illegal killing can have a major impact on grizzly populations because bears reproduce slowly."

- Minette Johnson, of Defenders of Wildlife

folks monitored him when he was in their territory." The bear, a male, was three

years old and appeared healthy, he said.

Walkinshaw trapped and collared the young bear near his winter den in May 2001. The bear roamed the northeastern Washington and across the Pend Oreille River. It spent much of the summer of 2002 around the 49 Degrees North side area.

In the fall, it came back across the Pend Oreille River and trekked into Idaho.

"Every collared bear is pretty important as far as gaining information, especially a bear like this that exhibits long-range move-

ments," Walkinshaw said.

He estimated the grizzly population in the U.S. portion of the Selkirk Mountains at between 30 and 40 bears.

Mike Johnson of Defenders of Wildlife said 2002 has been a bad year for grizzlies.

A poacher killed a female and her cub near Yellowstone National Park. Another grizzly was shot on the Cabinet-Yaak area of northwestern Montana.

"Illegal killing can have a major impact on grizzly populations because bears reproduce slowly," she said.

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"Commissioners filled the administrative position but not the grant-writer position," Fort said.

All told, the county will spend \$941,317 on salaries for county officials and department heads in 2002-03, which with the one eliminated position is up just 0.8 percent from the previous year.

The county appropriated \$8,143,603 for other county employees, up from \$7,677,318, or 6.1 percent, from the previous year.

There are 275 full-time and 58 part-time county employees. County employees received a 4 percent raise - 3 percent and Oct. 15 pay raise - 1 percent merit.

That 3 percent cost-of-living increase brings the annual salary of a new sheriff's deputy to \$26,987, said Nancy Howell, the sheriff's department's public information officer.

County commissioners in September approved the county's 2002-03 \$23.1 million budget, and every penny is earmarked.

The county estimated it will bring in almost \$23.1 million through Oct. 1, 2002, and Sept. 30, 2003, a 2.6 percent increase from the previous fiscal year.

The county will spend the same amount - 3 percent more than it spent last year.

Twin Falls County government salaries

* Total wage and salary appropriation for all Twin Falls County employees:			
2001-2002	\$7,677,318		
2002-2003	\$8,143,603		
Increase	\$466,285	6.1 percent	
* Wages of county officials and department heads:			
2001-2002	\$940,538		
2002-2003	\$941,317		
Increase	-.08 percent		
Elected officials			
Position	2001-2002	2002-2003	Pct. Increase
Assessor			
Gerald Bowden	\$40,976	\$42,619	4%
Chief Clerk			
Robert Fort	\$40,976	\$42,619	4%
Commissioner			
Bill Brockenman	\$40,976	\$42,619	4%
Commissioner			
Gay Grindstad	\$40,976	\$42,619	4%
Commissioner			
Kevin Hamplman	\$40,976	\$42,619	4%
Coroner			
Dennis Chambers	\$19,096	\$19,885	4.1%
Promoter			
Christi Loebe	\$63,143	\$65,696	4%
Sheriff			
Wayne Touseley	\$43,591	\$45,365	4.1%
Treasurer			
Christie Hamman	\$40,976	\$42,619	4%
Department heads			
Position	2001-2002	2002-2003	Pct. Increase
Executive Director			
Larry Haycock	\$28,704	\$29,848	4%
Emergency Services Director			
Tom Miksa	\$28,704	\$29,848	4%
Fair Manager			
Position	2001-2002	2002-2003	Pct. Increase
John Pitz	\$35,500	\$36,629	3.2%
Housing/insp Supervisor			
Key Anne Edwards	\$20,924	\$21,757	4%
Human Resources Director			
Elsie Molignon	\$30,035	\$31,242	4%
Job Administrator			
Jeff Johnson	\$37,679	\$39,680	5.3%
Jury Commissioner			
John Harrison	\$28,038	\$30,118	7.4%
Juvenile Delinquent			
Chris Tallington	\$47,000	\$48,880	4%
Juvenile Probation			
Kevin Sandau	\$36,000	\$37,419	3.9%
Maintenance Supervisor			
Mike Miller	\$28,496	\$27,208	4%
Parks and Recreation Director			
Jimmy Nice	\$32,760	\$34,070	4%
Planning and Zoning Administrator			
Lee Taylor	\$38,884	\$40,414	4%
Public Defender			
John Harson	\$60,091	\$62,504	4%
Research and Development			
Teddy Keaton	\$86,732	\$88,000	1.5%
Safe Place Director			
Vai Stotts	\$35,006	\$36,525	4.3%
Narcotics Wds Director			
Kelli Rude	\$27,822	\$28,725	4%
Veterans Administrator			
Cheryl Ringenberg	\$24,939	\$25,938	4%
** These positions were held by different employees in 2001-2002.			
** Tompleman will retire in January, and his seat will be filled by Tom Miksa.			
*** This position has been eliminated.			

Sources: Twin Falls County Clerk's Office

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getting anything done, he added. The key to getting the Y built was keeping focused on the fact that they wanted a recreational facility with a focus on the family, he added. Kids got excited when they were asked to write essays on programs they wanted at the Y and that got their parents excited.

"We're trying to do something that creates a better future for our families," Nancolas said. "The problems with transportation, etc., can be overcome if you get the thing built."

Everett added that he is "extremely impressed" with the Janss Center plan to date but thinks making it a Y would make it better.

Earlier in the day, the Ketchum City Council agreed to hammer out a resolution next month that would indicate some sort of support for the Janss Center. Council member Chris Potters volunteered herself and councilman Randy Hall to act as liaisons between the council and Janss board to improve communication.

Janss board member Tom Prout said he is a Sun Valley attorney, said organizers have fundraising capabilities but can't fund-raise right now because there's a sense that the project

is up in the air. Fund-raising organizers need to ascertain that the city is still willing to give the center the park 'n' ride lot, he said. If the center isn't built, the property would be the city's to do with what it wants.

Fraggus added that organizers have been under the assumption that the city would make available some sort of financing for the \$15 million project. If the city doesn't, the project can still get built - but perhaps not on the scale currently being contemplated.

Councilman Maurice Charlus said he had concerns about the project's original financial plan and what role the city would be asked to play in covering any losses. He added that he would not support the use of city funds for debt service without the support of the electorate.

"I want to see some action," he said. "This has been going on a long time in the minds of our citizens."

Mayor Ed Simon tried to lay to rest any idea that he was trying to torpedo the project.

"I've been accused of prejudging the Janss Center - and I don't think that's accurate. But before I can voice support for the project I need to have some serious concerns about funding addressed."

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

IRS, AARP seek volunteers for program

TWIN FALLS - The Internal Revenue Service and AARP are seeking volunteers with computer expertise to assist the Tax-Aide program in the Twin Falls area with electronically filing tax returns during the upcoming tax-filing season.

Tax-Aide volunteers prepare federal and state returns for individuals who need help the most - seniors, the disabled, non-English speakers and those with limited incomes.

Volunteers with computer skills will install and update software and upgrade computer memory. They also will deal with hardware and software issues and communication problems that may arise before and during the tax-filing season. Training specific to Tax-Aide software will be provided. Tax law knowledge is beneficial but not necessary.

To volunteer or to get more information, call the IRS at 334-5086, Ext. 302, or send e-mail to victoria.wanacott@irs.gov.

Coldwater announces 50 percent stock dividend

SANDPOINT - Idaho-based retailer Coldwater Creek Inc. on Friday announced a 50 percent stock dividend on its common stock, having the effect of a three-for-two split.

Stockholders of record Jan. 8 will be entitled to one additional share of common stock for every two shares held on that date. Cash paid in lieu of fractional shares will be based on the closing price that day, as adjusted for the stock dividend.

The payment date for the stock dividend will be Jan. 30.

Coldwater Creek executives this week reported net income for the fiscal 2002 third quarter nearly tripled to \$5.7 million, or 54 cents per diluted share, compared with a net income of \$1.6 million for the fiscal 2001 third quarter.

Net retail sales increased 81 percent to \$33.2 million over the \$18.3 million from the previous year's quarter.

"Our strong performance for the fall season was the result of putting the right merchandise in front of the customer at the right time," said Dennis Pence, chairman and chief executive.

"Looking ahead to 2003, we plan to accelerate the rollout of new retail stores and test a smaller store footprint in select markets," Pence said.

Online net sales increased 10.9 percent to \$50.0 million for the third quarter from \$45.0 million a year earlier.

Slow holidays lower Barnes & Noble outlook

NEW YORK - Barnes & Noble Inc., the world's largest bookseller, said it expects profits for the fourth quarter and full year to be lower than expected due to disappointing holiday sales.

The New York-based retailer, which has a Twin Falls store, said that bookstore earnings are expected to be in the range of \$1.19 per share to \$1.31 per share in the fourth quarter and \$1.53 per share to \$1.65 per share in the full year.

The company projects that sales at stores open at least a year will be anywhere from unchanged to up 3 percent in the fourth quarter, which ends Feb. 1.

Mining company chief plans to step down

BOURBONDALE - Arthur J. Brown, chief executive officer of Hecia Mining Corp., announced he will retire next spring and be replaced by Phil Baker, the current president and chief operating officer.

Brown, a 62-year-old native of South Africa, said he will retain his seat as chairman of the board of directors.

"I have been fortunate enough to assemble an executive team of talented young people who are very capable of moving this company forward under the leadership of Phil Baker," he said.

Brown joined Hecia in 1967 as an engineer and worked his way through the ranks to his appointment as president in 1986, chairman and chief executive in 1987.

Compiled from staff wire reports

Area business leaders expect good year in '03

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Leaders of Magic Valley's premier business organization are heartened by positive economic signs locally, and their own budgeting for 2003 reflects that optimism.

"The economy is really in pretty good shape," said Kent Just, executive of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

He offers this evidence: New jobs at Dell Computer Corp. and other expanding local employers. A bit of recent mountain snowfall. Retail sales, in general,

heartier than many firms had predicted. Good farm commodity prices overall.

The exception is milk prices. Just said.

"Furniture stores and auto dealers are selling big-ticket items at a healthy clip, and the Christmas shopping season seems to be holding up very well in retail stores around the community," he said.

Chamber leaders this week spent a day in a planning session and a big chunk of that day talking over the Magic Valley economy. Just said they concluded the Twin Falls area is enjoying a

pocket of economic well-being that's as good as anywhere in Idaho and perhaps in the rest of the country.

"So we think that the year ahead should be, really, a pretty darn good one in Twin Falls," he said.

But that's a very general observation.

"There still are businesses who would disagree with that," Just said.

Of the 57 chamber members who responded to a recent survey, 54 percent said 2002 overall had been good for their businesses. Another 21 percent said

excellent, 20 percent said so-so, and 3 percent said poor.

Businesses expect better things to come.

Sixty percent said they expect 2003 to be good for their business; 26 percent said excellent, and 13 percent said so-so. None expected a poor 2003.

Twin Falls can look forward to some job growth from existing employers.

Among the survey's respondents, 57 percent expected employment in their firms to be unchanged next year at this time, but 34 percent expected to see their staffs grow. Seven percent

said their employment will likely be down in a year.

In that business environment, Twin Falls chamber leaders this week adopted an ambitious budget of \$400,000, a 10 percent increase over the \$360,000 of the past year because the chamber staff has grown by half a position, Just said.

The organization this month hired operations director Marie Sharp, replacing Mary Brand who resigned in June, and hired Suzanne Todd, who handles membership sales and relations.

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TAMALE TRADITION



Andy Cardon, owner of The Tamale Man, toasts tamales along the assembly line in his kitchen Dec. 11 in Scottsdale, Ariz. In the days before Christmas, The Tamale Man's kitchen wends around the clock to produce about 7,200 tamales a day.

Restaurants race to meet demand for Mexican holiday favorites

The Associated Press

PHOENIX - For many Mexican families, Christmas marks the time for a traditional feast of tamales like those that have graced numerous dinner tables for generations.

Enjoying this tradition, however, used to mean gathering the family days beforehand to grind the corn, cook the meats and wrap the tasty treats in corn husks.

"Those days are gone," said Martin Alvarez, a Scottsdale general contractor who recently bought 20 dozen tamales for his job sites and his family. "The culture will never really die, but Hispanics have changed. People work now, and we don't have the time. We used to make tamales and now we eat tamales."

That's been good news for Mexican restaurants and businesses that make the traditional staple in bulk when the holidays roll around.

In the days before Christmas, stoves are cooking tamales around the clock to fill

the orders that flood in before big family get-togethers or office parties.

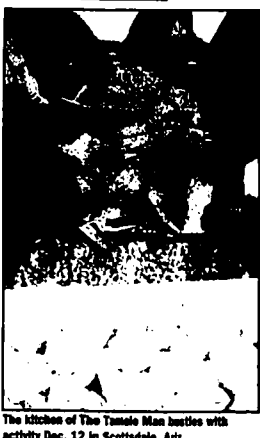
"December is one-third of our business," said Art Pesqueira, co-owner of Gran Torrija Factory in Tucson. "We make tamales as we need them, which is about every week. But in December, we make them every day."

In addition to cooking up to 70 dozen tamales a day, the company also sells its ingredients, which include meat, cornmeal, olives, paste, lard, chili and corn husk, for those who want to make the tamales themselves.

But many now would rather let restaurants handle the time-consuming and labor-intensive meal.

"In every Mexican family, their grandmother makes the best tamales, that's just for sure," said Andy Cardon, owner of The Tamale Man in Scottsdale. "But people have come to realize that grandmas really doesn't want to make the tamales, and when they

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The kitchen of The Tamale Man bustles with activity Dec. 12 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

High demand, low supply may drive up potato prices

The Associated Press

BLAKEFOOT - Potato prices may be headed up as already low stockpiles continue to dwindle following the fall harvest.

An industry group says North American stockpiles are up only 2 percent, and Idaho stocks are up by less than five million hundredweight. A hundredweight is the equivalent of a 100-pound sack of potatoes.

This fall's harvest yield was up about 5 percent over last year, Potato Growers of Idaho Executive Director Keith Espin said. And early-season drawdowns of stored potatoes following the 2001 growing season have created upward pressure on the commodity.

The net effect is that farmers who grow potatoes for fresh shipments will enjoy higher prices throughout the year, and growers who contract before the season for french fry processes may see contract prices increase for next year's crop.

"We would hate to see growers

with a good offer on the table hold back expecting to see a \$12 market, but growers should be in a fairly strong position for the New Year," Espin said.

Meanwhile, potato processing continues at a brisk pace as french fryers continue to try to build stocks they say depleted by last year's short supply.

In November alone, processors hauled and dried 7.6 million hundredweight of Idaho potatoes. One processor recently paid \$6.35 per hundredweight for spuds, Espin said.

Potato processors in the nine major potato-producing states have used up nearly 78 million hundredweight of potatoes so far this season, Espin said. Overall processing is up 18 percent over last season.

A University of Idaho study in the mid-1990s estimated that all aspects of potato production and processing in Idaho made up 11 percent of state's economy. Espin said that figure was probably more like 7 or 8 percent today.

ConAgra Foods reports better second-quarter profits

Knight Ridder News Service

OMAHA, Neb. - ConAgra Foods Inc. of Omaha this week reported second-quarter profits up 1.8 percent from a year ago. That number reflects improving packaged food sales but also the loss of revenue from the sale of the company's fresh meats business.

In Magic Valley, ConAgra has the Lamb Weston Inc. potato-processing plant in Twin Falls and various other business operations around the valley.

ConAgra's packaged food division accounts for the lion's share of company earnings now that it is largely out of the fresh meats business. That division saw operating profits grow 10 percent for the quarter ending Nov. 24 compared with the second quarter of 2001. Sales for the division were essentially flat.

The company as a whole reported net income of \$235.8 million, or 44 cents per share, for the quarter, up slightly from \$231.6 million, or 44 cents per

share, in the same period a year ago.

Analysis survey by Thomson First Call had expected earnings of 46 cents per share.

Sales fell 19 percent to \$5.96 billion from \$7.36 billion, reflecting the sale of the meat business. ConAgra has increasingly focused on high-margin branded, packaged foods over the past two years, a transition that included the \$1.4 billion sale of a majority stake in ConAgra Beef in the September and the change of the parent company's name from ConAgra Inc. to ConAgra Foods Inc.

The company maintains a stake in the former ConAgra Beef, now called Swift & Co., as well as a fresh poultry division and other basic food commodity businesses.

"Our plans over the next several quarters are to reduce the amount of capital in those," said ConAgra Foods CEO Bruce Rohde.

Operating profit from meat

Nevada passes new rules for gambling work cards

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - The Nevada Gaming Commission voted this week to implement a statewide casino work card law that the American Civil Liberties Union has decried as potentially invasive and unconstitutional.

"I do believe we have provided safeguards," Chairman Peter C. Bernhard said. "I'm very concerned about the time and money."

The commission's decision to approve the new system means that people working in the gambling industry, from change makers to dealers, eventually will have to apply for work cards that go into effect beginning Jan. 1. The cards, which will cost up to \$75, enable a person to work at any gambling establishment in the state.

Nevada casinos in Jackpot, just south of the Idaho border, are major employers of Magic Valley residents.

In the past, those in the casino industry obtained a work card in the city in which they worked but were required to obtain a new one when moving to a new jurisdiction. The Legislature passed a law last year ordering the new system to save workers time and money.

The background check that must be completed to obtain work cards remains unchanged, Bernhard said. Law enforcement authorities will still check criminal records and verify an applicant's identity.

Bernhard said applicants will not have to provide financial and medical information unless they volunteer it or a judge grants the commission a court order to obtain it.

The board also voted to create a confidential database to maintain all applicant records that law enforcement agencies will be able to access.

Gary Peck, executive director of the Nevada ACLU, said his organization objected to police having unfettered access to applicant information.

"There is absolutely no limit on what can happen to the information," he said. "No limits on what can be investigated. That remains our concern, trusting law enforcement. Now police have a backdoor for getting that information."

Bernhard said he was confident that there were existing laws to discourage potential abuses. It's a gross misdemeanor to use the applicant information for purposes other than valid ones.

"We've struck an adequate balance," he said.

The new rules state that "information contained within the system of records is confidential and must not be disclosed except in the necessary and proper administration of the Gaming Control Act."

Peck also was concerned about how long the information would be stored.

The ACLU will lobby the Legislature to establish rules to ensure files are purged after a period of time and to set standards for gaining access to the material, Peck said.

"Imposing some limits isn't unreasonable," he said. "What's the criteria or standard that they use to make those kind of decisions? What can they go after and when they can go after it?"

Lt. Stan Olsen of the Las Vegas Police Department said Peck's concerns were unwarranted.

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MONEY

Rent-A-Center will buy rival's stores

PLANO, Texas — Rent-A-Center Inc., the largest rent-to-own retailer in the United States, announced a \$101.5 million cash deal to buy 285 stores from rival and No. 2 player, Rent-Way Inc. and its subsidiaries. Plano-based Rent-A-Center, which already owns 2,404 stores in the United States and Puerto Rico including one in Twin Falls, will get Rent-Way stores in Indiana, Illinois, Mississippi, New York and Georgia, among other states. "This helps solidify our position in the industry," said Mark E. Speese, chairman and chief executive of Rent-A-Center. "It brings significant opportunities to us." The acquisition will help Rent-A-Center to grow from 29 percent to 32 percent in market share in the rent-to-own industry based on the number of stores, Speese said. The deal, which is subject to regulatory approval, is expected to close in the next 45 days. The purchase price could be adjusted based on store performance prior to closing.

Business brief

H&R Block hires former Pepsico executive KANSAS CITY, Mo. — H&R Block Inc., which has offices in Magic Valley — announced the appointment of a former Pepsico Inc. executive as president of the company's U.S. tax operations. Nana Mensah, who now leads his family's export business in Kentucky, will become president of H&R Block Tax Services Inc. on Jan. 6. He succeeds Tom Zimmerman, who retired in July. Mensah has been president and chief operating officer of Long John Silver's Restaurants Inc., where he was in charge of more than 1,200 restaurants in 36 states.

Before that, Mensah was at Pepsico as senior vice president of operations and strategic development. In that post, he directed operations and expansion of Pepsi's 8,000 Kentucky Fried Chicken, Hut Hut and Taco Bell restaurants in 93 countries outside the United States and Canada. Mensah is chief executive officer and chairman of Xports Inc. The family firm based in Lexington, Ky., sends agricultural and food products, pharmaceuticals, building materials and construction equipment to Africa. Block's U.S. tax operations cover 9,015 tax offices, some of which open only during the tax season.

Burger King names new CEO with impressive past MIAMI — Less than a week after it officially changed owners, Burger King named a new CEO, an executive who helped turn around the Olive Garden restaurants. Bradley D. Blum, 44, will try to reverse the fortunes of the Miami-Dade-based company, which is in a fierce price war with McDonald's as the fast-food chains try to boost declining sales. Both names are on restaurant in Magic Valley. Blum, who was recruited by the

company, will speak at the chamber's 84th annual meeting Jan. 21. The event begins with 6 p.m. cocktails at the Turf Club in Twin Falls, with dinner following at 7 p.m. For \$37 tickets, call the chamber at 733-2974.

During Luke's years studying pharmacy at Idaho State University, he and Don Aslett developed and managed a regional cleaning company composed of college students. Varsity Contractors Inc. of Pocatello

new owners: a consortium led by Texas Pacific Group, said the job holds "a tremendous amount of challenge but a lot of upside."

Before he makes any specific suggestions, Blum — who starts officially Jan. 6 — said he's going to visit the restaurants and franchises throughout the country and listen to suggestions.

Burger King has strengths that need to be emphasized, Blum said. Among them: the flame-broiled concept and the Whopper. "I think the category is ripe for innovation," he said, shortly after being appointed Thursday night.

Economy grew at 4 percent rate over summer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy grew at a healthy 4 percent rate from July through September, the government said Friday, but analysts remained concerned that rising unemployment and weak consumer spending will trim growth to just half that amount in the current quarter. — Compiled from wire reports

Jack in the Box warns it expects much lower first-quarter profits

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN DIEGO — Jack in the Box's ambulatory pingpong ball continues to take a beating from a widening price war in the fast-food industry.

The San Diego-based company warned that it expects first-quarter profit to be 22 percent lower than last year, as \$1 menus pushed by bigger competitors and the sluggish economy cut into same-store sales.

Jack in the Box said it forecasts earnings in the quarter ending Jan. 19 of \$21 million, or 55 cents a share. That compares with earnings of \$26.8 million, or 67 cents a share, a year earlier.

Moreover, same-store sales are expected to dip 2.7 percent from last year, down from an increase of 0.7 percent a year earlier.

Jack in the Box operates or franchises 1,860 fast-food outlets in 17 states, including ones in Burley and Twin Falls.

The quick-service industry "is experiencing unprecedented price competition, which is only expected to intensify as the year progresses," said Robert Nugent, Jack in the Box chairman and chief executive. "Additionally, we believe that more conservative sales expectations are prudent in view of the nation's continuing economic weakness."

Jack in the Box has been losing market share of late as competitors such as McDonald's and Burger King emphasize meal deals to attract penny-pinching consumers.

Indeed, when it issued a wide-ranging strategic plan in September, the company said it would not be caught up in the low-margin promotions.

But Jack in the Box recently changed battle recipes by introducing a Jr. Bacon Cheeseburger and a Jr. Bacon Cheeseburger with its relatively skimpy value menu. The company has also been heavily advertising a new Chipotle Chicken sandwich and a new Philly Cheesesteak product.

On Monday, Jack in the Box said it would also increase the size of its smallest hamburger patty by 66 percent without raising prices.

President Larry Everton, Treasurer Lisa Donnelly, Assistant Treasurer Mary Shaw, and Past President Dan Olmstead.

• Bipecklet raffles — At next summer's annual Hot August Nite picnic and auction, the chamber plans to separately raffle off a couple of major attractions.

One is a Twin Falls County commemorative Winchester .45-caliber rifle with gold inlays and carving. The other is a new vehicle used by the chamber will start peddling raffles tickets for each in January.

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Economy

Continued from D1 The latter previously was a half-time position and the employer made it full-time and moved the employee who did it half time to other duties. Chamber leaders expect to be able to collect more money next year through membership dues and through sales at the visitor center at the north end of town. The organization also plans a new money-maker. Just a description of the still-vague plans "Some kind of a spring cleaning sale where members bring their surplus items to a central location." Leaders envision an opportunity for

chamber members to dispose of slow-moving stock, surplus equipment and like. The sale will likely be a member-to-member event for a day, then open to the public.

The chamber might rent booth space or, perhaps, collect a percentage of sales. The organization hopes the sale will net it at least \$50,000, just said.

Here's a roundup of other news from the Twin Falls chamber: • Banquet speaker — For the first time in something like a decade, the chamber plans a featured speaker at its annual banquet. Twin Falls native Arlo D. Luke, chief of a Pocatello-based national cleaning



Arlo D. Luke

company, will speak at the chamber's 84th annual meeting Jan. 21. The event begins with 6 p.m. cocktails at the Turf Club in Twin Falls, with dinner following at 7 p.m. For \$37 tickets, call the chamber at 733-2974.

now employs more than 5,000 people in 46 states, with Luke as president and chief executive, the company said. To thousands of facilities, building sites and grounds, it provides construction, cleaning, waste management, security, grounds and landscape maintenance, snow removal, energy maintenance and other services.

• New leaders — The organization's board this week chose the 2003 executives along with its ranks.

Janet Neel, a certified public accountant, is president, with Bob Seamstrom of Seamstrom Manufacturing Co. Inc. as president elect. The other officers for 2003: Vice President Jeff Duggan, Vice

President Larry Everton, Treasurer Lisa Donnelly, Assistant Treasurer Mary Shaw, and Past President Dan Olmstead.

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Tamale

Continued from D1. Arizona in Mexican-American tradition, agree while the stock market's time to cook tamales anymore, she continues to make them a part of her holidays.

BEANS

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CHEESE

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POTATOES

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COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



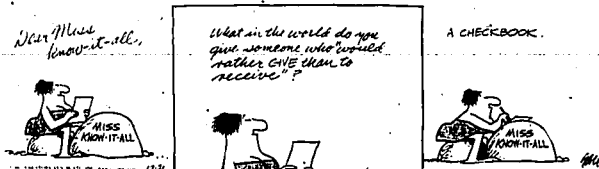
Dilbert

By Scott Adams



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



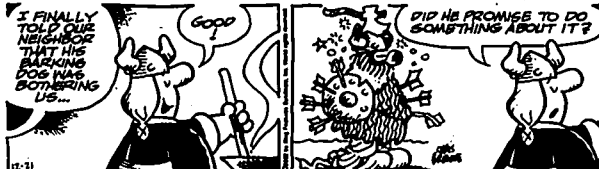
The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Denise the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



Rose Is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Loann

By Greg Evans



Strange Brew

By John Deering



Non Sequitur

By Wiley



Of the Nativity and seasons greetings

In a 1984 landmark case, the Supreme Court decided that the city of Pawtucket, R.I., may not violate the religious-establishment clause of the U.S. Constitution when it displayed a Nativity scene on public property. Chief Justice Warren Burger, writing for the majority, argued that cracker's intent was secular, not religious: "The display is sponsored by the city to celebrate the Holiday recognized by Congress and the national tradition to depict the origins of that Holiday; these are legitimate secular purposes."

Burger noted that Pawtucket's total display included many other figures and decorations traditionally associated with Christmas, "including among other things, a Santa Claus house, reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh, candy-striped poles, a Christmas tree, carolers, cutout figures representing such characters as an elephant, and a teddy bear, hundreds of colored lights, a large banner that reads 'SEASONS GREETINGS,' and the creche at issue here."



LEO SANDON

While I disagree with the decision itself, I cite it because it is based on two assumptions that are worth remembering these days: (1) Christmas is a national holiday. (2) With its celebration, as Burger stated, "in a pluralistic society a variety of motives and purposes are involved."

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote in a concurring opinion, "The display celebrates a public holiday... (which) itself has very strong secular components and traditions." Please note that these views are not those of multicultural liberals or of folk overly concerned with political correctness.

Justices Burger and O'Connor insist that "less is the reason for the season" bumper stickers oversimplify what is going on here. The birth of Jesus on Dec. 25 is, of course, an arbitrary designation. It is grounded in neither historical fact nor the earliest Christian calendars.

Liturgically, Easter and Epiphany were the major holy days for first- and second-century Christians. Observing Dec. 25 as the date of the Nativity of Christ happened no earlier than 200 years after Jesus' birth and didn't become widespread until the fourth century. The date probably was chosen because of its proximity to Epiphany and possibly because of its closeness to the winter solstice, an event widely celebrated in ancient cultures. But we know this:

It is our ancestors regarding the sources of the American Christmas that leads us to imagine that at one time its focus was celebrating the birth of Jesus. Not so one can notice. Puritans certainly were not high on Christmas observance. Neither were Scotch-Irish Protestants. The 19th-century invention of Christmas as we know it was quite commercial and "Moravian in nature, emphasizing family gatherings and gift giving."

As it evolved into a general and official public holiday, it also developed many secular dimensions. Don't blame our Christmas obsessions with snow and window displays on recently arrived Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists. As a national public holiday, the American Christmas involves many non-Christian religious and secular people. They are expected to have themselves a merry little Christmas. Of some kind. Merry do. As a matter of fact, most Christians mix religious with secular customs—often with equally large doses of "secularity." Merry Christmas to you. On one level we all are in this roasting of chestnuts on an open fire together.

"We can't say 'Merry Christmas' anymore; we now have to use the word 'holiday,'" goes the crackly lament. Well, yes and no. As an observant Christian, I have nothing constraining me from keeping a rather austere and disciplined Christmas season and from meditating on the mystery of the infant Jesus during Christmastide. I can participate in a plethora of religious services. It is easy enough to wish my fellow Christians a "Merry Christmas" and my non-Christian friends "Happy Holidays."

Leo Sandon is distinguished teaching professor of religion and American studies at Florida State University.

The first Christmas



Several churches from the Mini-Cassia Ministerial Association are providing actors for this year's live Nativity in Rupert Square. Shown here in rehearsal are Mike Gill, Tracy Haskins, Steve Worthington, Amanda Jarvis, Laura Zielkowski, Mistie McClure, Matthew Schenk, John Lovelace and Aaron Lovelace.

Twin Falls church offers live Nativity

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Try to picture a long-ago Christmas with Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus huddled in a manger surrounded by animals, shepherds and wise men. Or visit the stable outside First Christian Church to see a reenactment of the Nativity, with real people and animals.

According to George Walton, chairman of the church's board of elders, the annual tradition probably started in 1959. At that time, the people who played the parts had to remain in place for up to three hours each night. "Most of them wanted to be Mary and Joseph," he said. "Those were the ones that were allowed to be seated."

Kath Jensen, vice chairman of the board of elders, has worked with the Nativity for more than 30 years. Today, he said, up to 30 people take their turns in the manger. "They're basically motionless out there for the period of time they're there, so the scene looks serene and looks real," he said. "We discourage talking and stuff like that."

Jensen said the church built an enclosed stable for the display. The animals, this year, will include a small donkey, goat and sheep.

Until last year, Leo Schmidt had worked with the Nativity scene almost every Christmas since the 1950s, when he was in Boy Scouts. Please see TWIST, Page E2

Live Nativity

When: 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday
Where: First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N.
More information: 733-2209

Rupert volunteers act out Nativity scene

By Coraean Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Masquerading as a pop-up Christmas card, volunteers will pose in the time-honored scene of Christ's birth this weekend in Rupert Square.

The presentation, by the Mini-Cassia Ministerial Association and South Central Community Action, is both a reminder of the meaning of Christmas and a food drive. "We'll have backdrops painted

Live Nativity
When: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today, 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday
Where: Rupert Square
Times: 6:30, 7:10 and 7:50 p.m. today; 5, 5:40 and 6:20 p.m. Sunday
No charge.
Bring canned food for the needy

to look like Christmas cards," said Mike Gill, assistant pastor at Paul First Baptist Church, which will

provide one set of actors for the Nativity. "The actors will be the pop-ups."

He said there also will be carolers moving around the square, offering 20-minute tours.

"We're inviting people to really experience those moments that inspired the songs of Christmas," Gill said, "and we hope they'll bring a can of food to benefit those who are needy."

Visitors can see and hear either Anglo or Hispanic reenactments

of the Christmas story. Spanish-speaking actors are scheduled for today.

"We hope this will bless people in two ways," Gill said. "First and foremost, to connect with our spiritual roots. Secondly, to gift the Community Action with enough canned food to help a lot of needy folks."

Several of the ministerial association's member churches will provide choirs and actors for the event.



Hanneke Ippolich, with her husband, refurbished the Nine Mile Schoolhouse and Teachersage in Huson, Mont., and turned it into a bed and breakfast. For 25 years, they've also held a Christmas market — and their popular Nativity scenes have a different theme each year.

Christmas market ends

By John MacDonald
The Associated Press

HUSON, Mont. — The really sentimental ones have been here awhile already. They are lined up at the heavy iron gate in the cold and fog, waiting for Hanneke Ippolich and her quiet husband, Leo, to emerge from the yellow schoolhouse and let them in.

It is part of the tradition. It has been this way at the Ippolichs' Schoolhouse and Teachersage every Christmas season for the

past quarter-century. For three weeks before Christmas, the place swarms with people who come to buy their handmade wooden toys and ornaments, to see their Nativity scenes and to visit with the quirky couple behind it all.

But this year, the Ippolichs say, is their last. The Schoolhouse and Teachersage, which is their home and a bed and breakfast the other 49 weeks of the year, is for sale. The Ippolichs are retiring.

"We just don't have any time of

Church relives Moravian tradition

By Bill Broadway
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Churches, like families, develop their own holiday traditions, giving a personal touch to broad-reaching celebrations.

So it has been for a Bethesda, Md., congregation that, for the 29th year, has built in its sanctuary a massive Moravian tableau of driftwood, moss, sand, palm trees and white porcelain figures to tell the story of Jesus' birth.

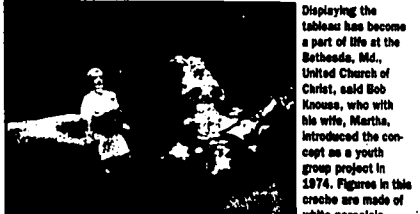
Every Christmas Eve, the overhead lights glow down at Bethesda United Church of Christ and Scripture readers recount the sequence of events — from the prophet Isaiah's foretelling the Messiah's coming to the escape of Mary, Joseph and Jesus into Egypt. As each passage is read, small lights illuminate a corresponding scene so that worshippers, especially the children, can relive the dramatic events as told in the Bible. At the end, all the vignettes glow simultaneously.

Bob Knouss and his wife, Martha, introduced the concept as a youth group project in 1974. Growing up in Bethlehem, Pa., he was part of a Moravian community that constructed similar Nativity scenes in their homes and churches using moss collected from forest floors, freshly cut evergreen trees and wood figures carved in Germany.

Moravians, who trace their lineage to 15th-century Protestant Reformers John Hus, brought the tradition — along with the 26-point Moravian star and wafers-thin ginger cookies — when they emigrated to America in the 18th century. They call the Nativity scene a "putz," from the German word



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Displaying the tableau has become a part of life at the Bethesda, Md., United Church of Christ, said Bob Knouss, who with his wife, Martha, introduced the concept as a youth group project in 1974. Figures in this creche are made of white porcelain. Because it offended neighbors more familiar with the Yiddish putz, meaning to decorate, Bethesda UCC had to stop using the word on its outdoor sign. Please see MORAVIAN, Page E2

RELIGION

Provo's Monday night policy concerns ACLU

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Civil libertarians are questioning a city policy barring public events on planning events on the night that the Mormon church has directed its followers to stay home with their families.

School officials this month barred all activities on Monday nights in support of the policy. Gordon B. Hinckley, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to keep that evening free for Mormon families. Dan Eyer, executive director of the Utah American Civil Liberties Union, said she believed the policy may violate the First Amendment.

Richard Sheffield, president of the school board, argued there was broad support for the policy within the city.

"We realize the importance of the separation of church and state, but felt as a board that we needed to respond to the groundswell no matter where that groundswell was coming from," Sheffield said.

How should we deal with anger?

The Kansas City Star

The Rev. Holly McKusick, pastor of St. Andrew Christian Church, Olathe, Kan., in the early '60s, as the Arch was beginning to rise over St. Louis. Percy Green, a young black man, went down to the riverfront. He looked around and noticed that among the many workers on the construction site, none was black. Angered, he went to a hardware store and bought four big section cups. The next morning before the workers showed up, he used those suction cups to climb up the gigantic metal Arch, and

Twin

In 1974, his wife, Bette and her brother, Don Norris, started helping. As a church youth leader, Schmidt recruited youth to play the parts. He said the only participant who wasn't live was the Baby Jesus doll.

"We tried to get a few live babies, but their mothers wouldn't give them to us," he said.

Before the mall opened, when there was more traffic down-

Moravian

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word "putz," an offensive term often used to describe a person as an "idiot" or "jerk."

"Now we tend to call it a creche," Knapp said. The number of Moravians is small, with 160 congregations and 50,000 members in the United States and Canada, said David Wickmann, president of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America.

The traditional method of gathering live moss and logs is labor intensive, and the large putzes common in Moravian communities can take days or weeks to construct, said the Rev. Jeffrey Gehris, pastor of 345-member Graceham Moravian Church in Thurmont, Md.

To save time, Bethesda UCC buys dried moss from Georgia and reuses the same set of base materials, including driftwood and wooden crates, year after year. And today's putz, though the dimensions of a small bedroom (about 12 by 12 feet), is much smaller than earlier putzes that spanned the front of the sanctuary.

Collins "Sarg." Helms
December 21
80th
Birthday
American Legion Hall
Open House
1-4 PM

MISSIONARIES

Several Magic Valley-area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve

Elder Shawn C. Williams will serve in the Australia Melbourne Mission. Williams is a graduate of Provo High School and an Eagle Scout. His parents are Cynthia Wilcox-Williams of Provo, Utah, and Kim Williams of Burley. He is the grandson of Carl and Donna Williams of Ogden, Utah, Jean Wilcox of Rupert and the late Wally Wilcox.



Shawn Williams

Elder Shaun David Godfrey will serve in the California Sacramento Mission. Godfrey is the son of Dave and Stacey Godfrey of Burley. He graduated from Jerome High School in 2001, worked



Shaun Godfrey



Betty and Stan Snow

for TDK Automotive and has served as a ward missionary. Elder Stan Snow and Sister Betty Snow will serve in the Africa Southeast Area in Johannesburg, South Africa. They will serve in the mission office for 23 months with Stan working as an auditor.

Returned from serving

Elder Stephen R. Hurst, son of Rick and Trish Hurst of Burley, served in the London South Mission.

The Times-News welcomes news of church missionaries, published free. Send to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Tina Tegen, The Times-News, Burley Bureau, 1263 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday.

Jerome church plans events

JEROME — The Jerome First Church of God, 131 E. Ave. F, has planned several holiday events.

The Christmas program will be presented during 11 a.m. worship Sunday. A caroling party will begin at 5 p.m. at the church.

A Christmas Eve candlelight service is set for 6-7 p.m. Tuesday. On Wednesday, church members will prepare a Christmas dinner for anyone at noon at the church. A baptism service will be held during 11 a.m. worship Dec. 29; a Fifth Sunday Sing is set for 6 p.m. A go-together with games and food is set for 7 p.m. Dec. 31, with a service at 11 p.m.

The church food pantry is open every Thursday from 1-7 p.m. For more information, call Pastors Peter or Karen Page at 324-5341 or 429-9814.

Baptist church presents 'Upside Down Christmas'

TWIN FALLS — The Upside Down Christmas will be presented at 3:30 p.m. today and 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Grace Baptist Church, 798 Eastland Drive N.

Local nursing homes have been invited to bring their residents to the Saturday performance, but the public is invited to either program. For information or transportation, call 733-1452.

The annual Christmas Eve candlelight service is set for 7-8 p.m. Tuesday. The public is invited to join in singing hymns of the season, lighting candles and hearing a rendition of "O Holy Night."

United Methodist church choir will sing cantata

GOODING — The Gooding United Methodist Church Choir will present a Christmas cantata, "A Journey of

Market

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our own anymore," says Hanneke, 77, who is also an author and public speaker.

The Ippiches' popular Nativity scenes have a different theme each year. This year, the figurines are characters from Hans Christian Andersen stories. Last year, after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Hanneke created a small series of "Afghanistan" figurines and ornaments, honoring religious traditions of that country, in addition to their regular Nativity scene.

The hand-painted ornaments depict Christmas characters from other countries and heritages, or even celebrate another religion

Church news

Promises," at 11 a.m. Sunday at the church, 808 Main St. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Donald Larson at 934-4887.

Hollister Presbyterian church schedules events

HOLLISTER — Hollister Community Presbyterian Church has scheduled several Christmas events.

The all-church program is set for 11 a.m. Sunday, with a message by the Rev. Robert Van Nest. Dave and Dorothy Bass are in charge of treat sacks. The Christmas Joy offering will be received. A chili and oyster stew dinner will follow the program. Van Nest will conduct a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Refreshments will be served.

The regular schedule will resume Dec. 23 with Van Nest leading worship at 11 a.m. Visitors are invited to all events. For more information, call Dorothy Bass at 655-4246 or Mildred Jones at 655-4216.

Christmas concert will take place in Burley on Sunday

BURLEY — The Burley Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints annual Christmas concert is set for 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the church, 2020 Normal Ave.

Those performing include the stake choir, under the direction of Jeff Rasmussen and Helen Bovecut; soprano soloist, Jana Waters; the Wymonts; the Variations; a violin, flute and piano trio consisting of Jolene Hobson, Colleen McCall and Marilyn Wasing; and Maya McCall and Jeff Rasmussen performing a

piano and organ duet. Gary and Ciara Turner have written and will present the narration. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

KMVT will air Christmas special 'God is Near'

TWIN FALLS — A Christmas special, "God is Near," is set for 8:30 p.m. Sunday on KMVT Channel 11 (check listings for local cable numbers).

Clifton Davis, known for his role in the TV show "Amen," will host. Soloists include Ray Boltz and Jennifer LaMountain and The Harlem Boys Choir. The special is sponsored by Seventh-day Adventist churches and groups. For more information, call 753-0799 in Twin Falls, 825-5324 in Hazelton and 678-3995 in the Burley-Rupert area.

Baptist church will hold candlelight service

BURLEY — A Christmas Eve candlelight service is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland. Everyone is welcome.

Presbyterian church offers Christmas Eve service

BURLEY — A "Celebration of Lessons" candlelight Christmas Eve service with choir and organ is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave. The Bill Stables family will light the Advent candle. Everyone is welcome.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Tina Tegen, The Times-News, Burley Bureau, 1263 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday.

Faith Q&A

there he stayed, with a sign on his back that said "Equality." By the end of the day, there was an agreement to hire skilled black workers for the job.

Jesus himself felt anger. Anger an unjust, apathetic ruler; anger at systems that shut people out. Yet, like Percy Green and countless other leaders, he used his anger for change, not revenge. Driving the money-changers from the temple and challenging the Herods of

the world, Jesus used his anger to transform a system that said "these people belong; those people never will."

Certainly for us, anger is the appropriate response to a system where many children receive an inferior education, where many languish in foster care and where many carry their belongings from one homeless shelter to another.

Anger is a tool far too precious to waste on revenge and destruction. Jesus used every gift he had, including anger, to bring God's peace and justice. So must we.

town, the church kept the Nativity on display almost a week, including Christmas Eve. Still now, there are families who make it their Christmas tradition to see it every year, Schmidt said.

Now adults play some of the

roles, along with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The Anchor Sunday School class, with young to middle-aged adults, will take part this year.

It's a tradition of the church, and we've always had lots of participants," Walton said.



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Think about meaning of Christmas carols

Christmas carols can be sweet and airy or rich and filling. They can tease us with a promise that "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," or they can satisfy our deepest longings for that "Silent Night."

More often than not, carols are seasonal wallpaper, nothing more than backdrop for holiday hustle and bustle.

Leaving aside the songs that focus on the secular aspect of the season ("Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Jingle Bells," "White Christmas," to name only three), spiritual carols tell a different story. In "The Savior is Born," Mary, the mother of Jesus, embraces the Son of God. Heaven and Earth rejoice.

As we close in on Christmas, is it possible for us, Christians and non-Christians alike — to hear these spiritual carols in new and challenging ways? Let me suggest four to ponder:

• "O Come All Ye Faithful!" RSVP: It's the bottom line of most invites. Someone wants you there, to be part of a group, a party, a celebration. Do I or don't I accept?

The holy season also extends an invitation: Come and find a greater meaning to life, a deeper faith, a lasting hope. (Holiday sales, colored lights and meals cannot fill the longing that the season engenders.)

If you haven't visited a church or other house of worship, take time next week to reconnect with the spiritual side of life. If you're already part of a group, be open to new messages. Listen to the prayers — whatever spiritual guidance you're willing to accept.

All that's required is that you faithfully respond to the One who invites you.

• "Silent Night" In all the confusion, noise and frenzy of the season, is it possible to experience silence?

Joseph Mohr's carol depicts such a moment. No piped-in music, no frantic shoppers, no jouncing deadlines for gifts or food preparation, no darning down rows of cars, waiting to pounce on an open parking spot.

Silence. Holiness. Who can find either today?

If you haven't allowed your spirit to be refreshed, decide on a time — early in the morning, late at

Services offer holiday blues comfort

By Caryle Murphy
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — They sang "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," lit Advent candles and listened to St. Luke's story about the birth of Jesus. But the 20 Presbyterians who gathered recently for a service in the name of worship for Christmas also recalled lost loved ones, the trauma of losing a job and the pain of poor health.

"Perhaps the empty chair at the table is too much to bear — perhaps the illness has just taken too much of a toll on your body — perhaps the fog of depression has returned," the Rev. Diane Walton Hendricks suggested to her subdued audience. "And in this time of celebrating and revelry, when everyone else is ho-ho-hoing, the pain and loss is even harder to bear."

The worshippers then rose one by one, took fire from the Advent wreath to light their green candles and placed them upright in a box of sand. As the tiny quilt of flames formed on the table, a deep silence, broken occasionally by soft sobbing, filled the small chapel.

The service at Little Falls Presbyterian Church, where Hendricks is associate pastor, is part of a spreading Christmas tradition in Protestant churches. More quiet and reflective than the traditional liturgies of Christmas Day or Christmas Eve, these so-called Blue Christmas services are for people often overlooked at this time of year: those who just can't get into the merriment of the season for one reason or another.

Whether it is the first Christmas after the death of a beloved spouse, a recent divorce, a diagnosis of cancer, deep family rifts or unemployment, at least one to the Middle East, many people find the holidays a time of distress. Blue Christmas services are intended to acknowledge that sadness and to offer comfort.

Some say they are drawn to such services because they are overwhelmed by holiday stress and fatigue, or alienated by the commercialization of the season. The origins of Blue Christmas services are not clear. They seemed to gain steam after 1956, when a prototype liturgy for such services was included in "Whole People of God," a Sunday school curriculum used by many Protestant churches in Canada and the United States.

Many churches prefer to call them "Longest Night" services because the gatherings are usual-

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night, sometime in between — to create personal space that opens up to the sacredness of silence.

Mediate. Pray. Read the spiritual writings that are holy to you. All can be calm, all can be bright.

• "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" They were heavenly messengers on a mission that first Christmas night. Today, angels come from earthly venues to bring glad tidings.

Last week, I overheard a woman at a store talking to a friend about the prognosis of her cancer. "It just doesn't look good," she said despondently.

"Don't give up," her friend insisted. "Stay positive. Talk to my nephew. He's been through it."

The tidings we bring might not always be joyful, but they can be supportive to those in need.

Is there a neighbor to whom you can bring holiday cheer? A charitable organization you can help with a donation of your time or money? A distant family member who would enjoy a phone call?

Angels come in all ages and human conditions. Wings are optional.

• "Joy to the World" Joy is profound, moving, spiritual. It's not giddiness over a trinket or toy under a Christmas tree.

Joy comes from someone, not something. It radiates from the presence of others — and the Other.

The season shouldn't begin and end with the anticipation and hasty departure of Santa. It shouldn't hold out the promise of happiness when relationships are broken and loneliness is intense.

Joy flows steady and sure, the opposite of an ocean wave that swells then crashes on the shore.

Starting today, search like a Bethlehem shepherd for that deep-running, life-affirming, spiritually enriching joy that the carols of Christmas herald.

Heaven and nature will surely sing.

Tom Schaefer writes about religion and ethics for the Wichita (Kan.) Eagle.

Report: Religion doesn't mean as much in other countries

By Richard N. Ostling
The Associated Press

Religion is much more important to Americans than people in other wealthy countries, according to an international poll released Thursday which found the United States is more spiritually akin to many developing nations.

In the United States, 59 percent of poll respondents said religion is "very important" in their lives.

That was well above the numbers for other industrialized nations including Britain (33 percent), Canada (30 percent), Italy (27 percent), South Korea (25 percent), Germany (21 percent), Japan (12 percent) and France (11 percent).

The poll was sponsored by the Washington-based Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, which previously issued data comparing 44 nations' political attitudes. Andrew Kohut, the center director, said previous international polling by the Gallup organization found similar religious patterns. Kohut said he would leave it to historians and sociologists to explain why America is distinct, but stressed the political impact of the findings.

"It's who we are, who we've always been," he said, and this "represents an important divide between the United States and our traditional allies" on matters like abortion and use of new biological technologies.

Religiosity in the United States was exceeded by that in all 10 Latin American nations which were polled, six in Latin America and six in Asia (including Turkey, which lies partly in Europe). Senegal (97 percent) was the most religious country while France and the Czech Republic were the least (11 percent each).

Muslim nations ranked high in religiosity. Among traditionally Christian countries, the United States was the only Western nation with numbers similar to those in the Philippines and most of Latin America.

The survey also showed the apparent continuing impact of formerly atheist regimes. Only 35 percent of respondents in Poland, the pope's home country, said religion was very important to them. The numbers were even lower in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Russia, Slovakia, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. Vietnam, the only currently communist country surveyed, posted 24 percent. China did not allow pollsters to ask a religion question.

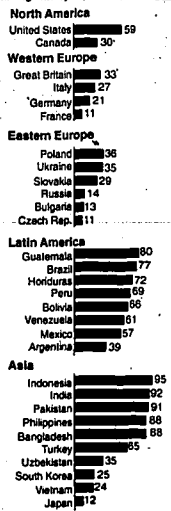
The project polled 38,000 people in 46 languages between July and October. The margin of error varied by country from 2.1 percentage points to 4.4 percentage points.

On the Net: <http://www.people-press.org>

Keeping the faith

Americans find religion more important in their daily lives than citizens of other industrialized countries.

Percent of people who find religion very important in their life



SOURCE: Pew Research Center for the People and the Press

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Religious leap of faith is not logical act

I sympathize with Mr. Haffner's yearning for a rational approach to religion, but I feel that it is futile because the religious leap of faith is not a logical act but an emotional one.

After choosing a given faith, one cannot apply reason to questions of Scripture and religious doctrine, but the catch is that this kind of reasoning only makes sense to other believers. To someone outside the faith, faith-based certainties have no substance. Sometimes, the believers' arguments are amusing, as when Ms. Keck stretches the modern word "science" to cover Paul's theology. At other times, serious social damage is done when people like Falwell and Robertson use doctrinal logic to prop up their self-righteous ideas.

A rational alternative is to look for meaning in philosophy, particularly in ethics. While philosophers can be as dogmatic as anybody, within philosophy there is currently a boomlet of writing on medical, legal, environmental, and social ethics.

Lots of food for thought there. STEPHEN POPPINO
Twin Falls

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship embraces beliefs

My unorthodox belief is incompatible with the dogma of most churches. Therefore, I attend the Magic Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship because

it embraces all belief. This truly democratic institution is in harmony with the political democracy our nation aspires to attain.

To illustrate the dedication to diversity, I'll outline part of my Christian belief. Contrary to the traditional, fundamentalist dogma learned during my upbringing, I am extremely dubious that Jesus was a divine being. He was probably so perceived by only a few of his contemporaries who told stories about him and the stories remained undocumented for many years; the telling and retelling probably changed the actual facts of the life of a man called "Jesus." The mythology may have evolved about a particular person or no particular person (a non-existent person) or several persons.

If Jesus existed, and he said what was said he said, he was a great man. But isn't the actuality of a "Jesus" superfluous? Aren't the great moral questions examined in the written stories enough? In fact, is it possible these questions were the reason the stories survived over the many years before being written?

I enjoy the camaraderie of a genuinely democratic congregation.

JACK HARTLEY
Twin Falls

The Times-Herald welcomes letters on religious topics of 200 words or less. Include signature, address and phone number. Letters considered libelous, obscene or in bad taste will be rejected, and The Times-Herald reserves the right to edit letters.

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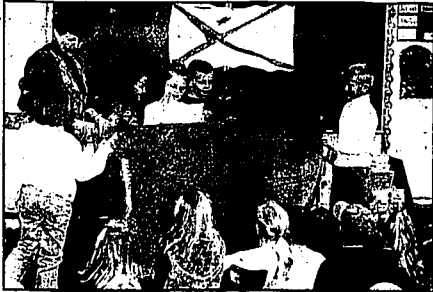
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HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Students in Peggy Price's second-grade reading class at Decio Elementary School worked in groups to write their own plays, telling a story about the first Thanksgiving. They practiced their computer skills to create scripts. Costumes and props were handmade. The day before Thanksgiving, the groups performed for the other two classes of second-graders. This group's play is about pilgrims sailing from England in the Mayflower as the Indians wait on the shore.



This group of second-grade students present a humorous story about turkeys.



Dietrich FFA experiences learning and fun at confab

DIETRICH - From mountain sagebrush and small towns to valleys, big trees and huge buildings.

That was the change in scenery that the Dietrich FFA Chapter experienced as its members traveled to Louisville, Ky. to attend the 75th annual National FFA Convention this fall.

The FFA members who attended included Stewart Bingham, Chase Krapf, Cody Telford, Brian Foote, Sheena Bingham, Jessica Helsley, Bryoni Southwick and Shaneen McDaniel. They were chaperoned by adviser Charlie Fennell and his wife, Charlene.

The Dietrich FFA forestry team made it to the national competition. The members included Jessica Helsley, Cody Telford and Brian Foote. They brought home 26th place and a bronze plaque.

The chapter flew out of Salt Lake City, Utah, into Atlanta, Ga. then on to Louisville.

Before the conference, members traveled to Nashville, Tenn. where they toured the Country Music Hall of Fame Wax Museum, the Grand Ole Opry Country Music Hall of Fame and Belle Meade Plantation south



Dietrich FFA members enjoyed their trip to Louisville, Ky. for a national convention, including a stop at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

Nashville.

At Lexington, Ky., they visited the Clairmonte farm, petted the Kentucky Derby winner Monarchs, and saw the grave of Secretariat and other world famous racehorses, chapter members reported.

Mammoth Cave, the largest

single cavern in the United States, and Six Flags were more stops.

FFA members from the east coast to the west coast, from Alaska to Hawaii attended, and it was a great experience with lots of fun and exciting activities to do, the chapter reported.

LEGION CONTRIBUTION



Will Barth, bingo manager at the American Legion Twin Falls Post 7, presents a \$500 check to Major Eddie Patterson with the Salvation Army based in Twin Falls. The presentation was made on Dec. 10 at the Legion's annual Christmas celebration. Major Patterson expressed appreciation for the contribution, saying that the money will be used to purchase food for needy families. This is the second contribution by Post 7 to the Salvation Army in 2002 bringing the total to \$1,000.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Hospice volunteers - Idaho Home Health and Hospice needs volunteers for patient/caregiver support, clerical duties and assistance with fund-raising activities. Volunteers are especially needed in Rupert, Jerome, Buhl and Twin Falls. Hospice and OSIA training are offered each month. Call Susan or Grace at 734-4061 or 1-800-540-4061.

Volunteer drivers - Volunteers age 55 and older are needed to drive clients to doctors and grocery shopping. Volunteers will be reimbursed mileage and are covered by excess insurance. Call Edith or Judy at 736-2122 or Kitty at 436-0727.

Winter clothing, Christmas gifts - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs winter clothing, Christmas items, gifts and toys. Items may be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of region with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call Judy Tipton, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Please submit a request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Please call weekly to retain request.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Jerome High School announced its perfect attendance winners for October. Each student received \$10 cash. They are Toasha O'Toole, Zach Butkley, Jessica Tello and Georg Hilscher.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced its weekly winners.

Dec. 12: first, Mike Noss and Max Thompson; second, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey; third, Marilyn Botkin and Doris Watts and flight B, Dick Kevan and Leona Watson.

Dec. 14: first, Nathan and Kay Higer; second, Renee Bulcher and Riley Burton; and tied for third, Herb Burgess and Tom Schmidt with Dick and Mary Cook.

BRIDGE NEWS

Dec. 16: first, Nancy Strand and Dar Wagner; second, Sidonia DiCostanzo and Betty Sabo; third, Doug Strand and Tom Wagner and fourth, Mary Ferrell and Steve Hale.

Dec. 17: first, Mary Lee Pfeiffer and Madeline Sawaya; second, Joye Astorquia and Betty Frantz; third, Betty Grant and Jessie Lingnav and fourth, Sam Smutny and Lee Woods.

Dec. 18: north/south: first, Beverly Burns and Bobette Plankey; second, Harold and Renee Bulcher and third, Linda Fix and Edna Pierson. East/West: first, Elaine Bowen and Ruth

Skeem; second, Kay Higer and Max Thompson and third, Dick and Mary Cook.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Refreshments are served. For a partner, call 324-2000.

B.J. Bridge Club announces results

RUPERT - Results for the B. J. Duplicate Bridge Club for Dec. 17 were, north/south first, Pat

Stephensen and Mildred Wolf; second, Mary and Howard Tucker; third, Billie Park and Xana Brice; and fourth, Dor Creason and Norma Goodman. East/west winners: first, Barbara Carney and Eunice Merrigan; second, Marion Snow and Shirley Harris; third, Dee Keicher and Leo Moore; and fourth, Nanette Woodland and Vera Mai.

This was the last play of the year. Play will resume at 1 p.m. Jan. 7 at the Rupert Elks, and at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the same location.

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Jerome High School academic team sharpens skills.

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- Hot Chick (13) 12:00 - 2:15 - 4:30 - 7:10 - 9:20
- Lord of Rings: Two Towers (13) TC #6 - 2:00 - 7:45 pm Digital
- TC #6 - 12:45 - 5:00 - 9:00 Dolby Digital
- TC #6 - 12:00 - 3:30 - 7:15 Dolby Digital EX

Jerome Cinema 4

- 8 Crazy Nights (13) 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:40 - 9:50
- Two Weeks Notice (13) 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:30 - 9:45
- Wild Thornberry Movie PG 12:00 - 2:15 - 4:30 - 7:00 - 9:10
- Maid in Manhattan (13) 12:45 - 3:00 - 5:15 - 7:40 - 9:50
- Harry Potter 2 (PG) 12:00 - 3:30 - 7:15 - 9:10
- Santa Clause 2 (G) 12:00 - 2:15 - 4:30 - 7:00

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- Shrek 2 PG 12:00 - 2:15 - 4:30 - 6:45 - 9:00
- Die Another Day PG 12:00 - 2:15 - 4:30 - 6:45 - 9:00

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Twin Falls County Fair announces 2002 open class livestock results

FILER — The Twin Falls County Fair announced open class results.

Hampshire

Class 1 - Individual Barrow
 First, Mike Cree, Camper Dale
 Second, Thomas Hanson, Bull
 Third, Keith Pyle, Twin Falls
 Fourth, Thomas Hanson, Bull
 Fifth, Thomas Hanson, Bull
 Sixth, Thomas Hanson, Bull
 Seventh, Joe Ann Moom, Kimberly

Class 2 - Individual Gill
 First, Joe Ann Moom, Kimberly
 Second, Joe Ann Moom, Kimberly
 Third, Arby Min, Homeport
 Fourth, Arby Min, Homeport

Class 3 - Individual Gill
 First, Megan Mervenson, Hagerman
 Second, Mark Cree
 Third, Keith Pyle, Twin Falls
 Fourth, T & H Showings, Blain
 Fifth, T & H Showings, Blain
 Sixth, Mark, Hagerman, Blain

Yorkshire

Class 1 - Individual Barrow
 First, Mark Buggan, Twin Falls
 Second, Ray Everett, Sampa
 Third, Mark Buggan, Twin Falls
 Fourth, Nicholas Dime, Kimberly
 Fifth, Mitchell Haver, Kimberly

Class 2 - Individual Gill
 First, Megan Mervenson
 Second, Mark Buggan
 Third, Megan Mervenson
 Fourth, Megan Mervenson
 Fifth, Megan Mervenson
 Sixth, Garrett Guerin, Bull

Cross Breeds

Class 1 - Individual Barrow
 First, Larkie Schutte, Twin Falls
 Second, Mike Cree
 Third, Shelly Henshaw, Hagerman
 Fourth, Logan Haver, Bull
 Fifth, Joseph Elmer, Hagerman
 Sixth, Joseph Elmer, Kimberly
 Seventh, Samantha Breeding, Kimberly

Class 2 - Individual Barrow
 First, Noah Buggan, Twin Falls
 Second, Mike Cree
 Third, Mike Cree
 Fourth, Mike Cree
 Fifth, Chance Requa

Class 3 - Individual Barrow
 First, T & H Showings
 Second, T & H Showings, Twin Falls
 Third, Larkie Schutte, Camper Dale
 Fourth, Andrew Grubbs, Twin Falls
 Fifth, Jonathan Alexander, Blain
 Sixth, Trevor Zahler, Twin Falls
 Seventh, Samantha Breeding
 Eighth, Jonathan Alexander, Blain
 Ninth, Larkie Schutte, Twin Falls
 Tenth, Larkie Schutte, Twin Falls

Class 4 - Individual Barrow
 First, Chris Spivey, Twin Falls
 Second, Mark Buggan
 Third, T & H Showings
 Fourth, T & H Showings
 Fifth, Amanda Flinn, Hagerman
 Sixth, Mitchell Dime
 Seventh, John Cree, Twin Falls
 Eighth, Jay Newson, Twin Falls

Class 5 - Individual Barrow
 First, Mark Buggan
 Second, T & H Showings
 Third, Mark Buggan
 Fourth, T & H Showings
 Fifth, Mark Buggan
 Sixth, Harvey Black, Camper Dale
 Seventh, John Cree, Twin Falls
 Eighth, Jared Wick, Camper Dale
 Ninth, Kristine Peterson, Bull

Class 6 - Individual Gill
 First, Joe Ann Moom, Kimberly
 Second, Megan Breeding, Kimberly
 Third, Megan Breeding, Kimberly
 Fourth, Megan Cree

Class 7 - Individual Gill
 First, Megan Mervenson
 Second, Mark Buggan, Hagerman
 Third, Sara Gambert, Twin Falls
 Fourth, Jonathan Dime
 Fifth, Aimee Schwander, Twin Falls
 Sixth, Nicholas Dime

Class 8 - Individual Gill
 First, Travis Hanson, Bull
 Second, Mark Buggan, Twin Falls
 Third, T & H Showings
 Fourth, A.J. Schwander

Class 9 - Individual Gill
 First, Mark Buggan
 Second, Chris Spivey, Twin Falls
 Third and fourth, Megan Mervenson
 Fifth, T & H Showings
 Sixth, Seth Black, Camper Dale
 Seventh, Travis Hanson, Bull

Class 10 - Individual Gill
 First, Mark Buggan
 Second, Chris Spivey, Hagerman
 Third and fourth, Megan Mervenson
 Fifth, T & H Showings
 Sixth, Seth Black, Camper Dale
 Seventh, Travis Hanson, Bull

Class 11 - Pair Of Three Market Hog
 First, Mark Buggan
 Second, Megan Mervenson
 Third and fourth, T & H Showings
 Fifth, T & H Showings
 Sixth, Travis Hanson, Bull

Class 12 - Pair Of Two Market Hog
 First, Mark Buggan
 Second, Megan Mervenson
 Third and fourth, T & H Showings
 Fifth, T & H Showings
 Sixth, Travis Hanson, Bull

Class 13 - Pair Of Two Market Hog
 First, Mark Buggan
 Second, Megan Mervenson
 Third and fourth, T & H Showings
 Fifth, T & H Showings
 Sixth, Travis Hanson, Bull

Class 14 - Pair Of Two Market Hog
 First, Mark Buggan
 Second, Megan Mervenson
 Third and fourth, T & H Showings
 Fifth, T & H Showings
 Sixth, Travis Hanson, Bull

Class 15 - Pair Of Two Market Hog
 First, Mark Buggan
 Second, Megan Mervenson
 Third and fourth, T & H Showings
 Fifth, T & H Showings
 Sixth, Travis Hanson, Bull

Class 16 - Pair Of Two Market Hog
 First, Mark Buggan
 Second, Megan Mervenson
 Third and fourth, T & H Showings
 Fifth, T & H Showings
 Sixth, Travis Hanson, Bull

Rambouillet
 Class 1 - Fall Ram Lamb 3-1001-1101
 First, Wayne Olin, Cottonwood, Calif.

Class 2 - Fall Ram Lamb 3-1001-1101
 First, Wayne Olin, Cottonwood, Calif.

Class 3 - Fall Ram Lamb 3-1001-1101
 First, Wayne Olin, Cottonwood, Calif.

Class 4 - Fall Ram Lamb 3-1001-1101
 First, Wayne Olin, Cottonwood, Calif.

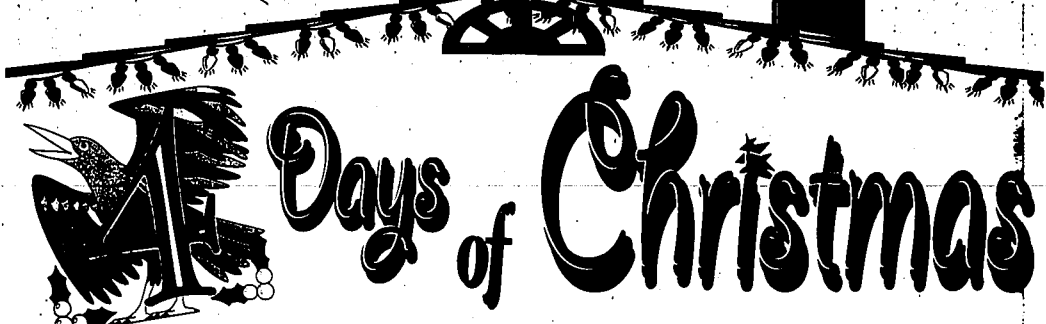
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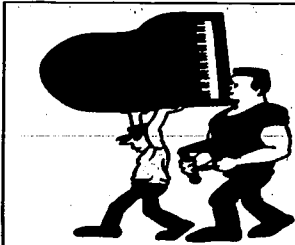


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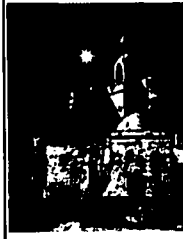
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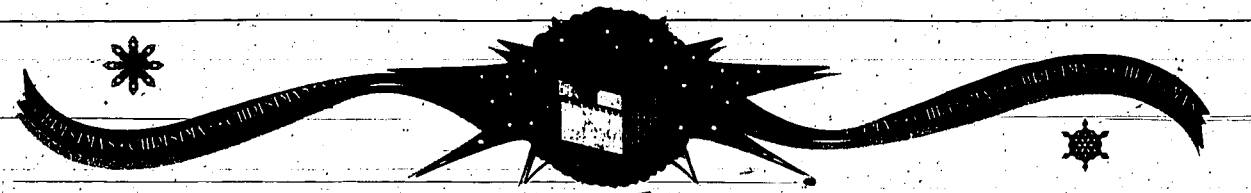
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from

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Love, Michel

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LOVED, Shawntell

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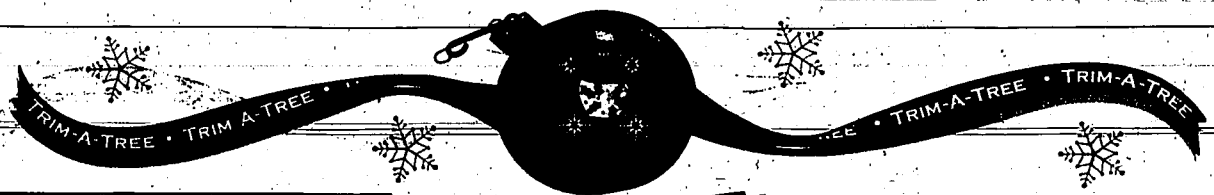


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Dear Kris Kringle,
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 world. I feel that the world needs peace because there is
 too much violence and it doesn't seem safe. I think people
 are scared and it would be nice if everyone could just live in
 harmony.
 The second gift I would like is to be reunited with my relatives
 in Mexico. I miss my relatives because they are far
 and I rarely get to see them. My grandpa, aunts, uncles
 and cousins all live in Chihuahua, Mexico. I really miss them
 like some game discs. A lot of kids have Playstations, and it
 I hope the gifts I asked for are possible for you to grant.
 I am looking forward to this holiday and I wish you a joyful
 holiday season.
 Sincerely, Briana Castillo
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Dear Santa,
 Hi I am Kayla Burt I am in 6th grade. I am 11 years old and
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 I wish I had a new computer. I really want to have a new
 car but I really really want to get a shopping cart for Wal-
 Mart and have \$100.00 on it. So I can use \$50.00 for a car
 and \$50.00 for college and save more money for it. I also
 wish I could get a new pair of tennis shoes and dress shoes. I
 wish I had new skirts and pants for school and also some
 shirts too. I would like to go to Wal-Mart and Old Navy to
 get my skirts, pants and shirts. I would like to have some
 Cabbage Patch dolls too. I would want a radio or CD player.
 Also a bunch of small and big stuffed monkeys to sleep and
 play with when I am bored. I would want a \$50.00 card for
 the Magic Valley Mall. So I can buy other things. The mall is
 really really cool. There is a lot of cool stuff in the mall. It is
 really fun.
 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
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 Cokeville WY. Now I live in Buhl ID. I go to Buhl
 Middle School. I am in 6th grade.
 In my free time I like to watch T.V. My favorite
 subject in school is math. It is fun. My favorite sport
 is soccer. I also like basketball. In the summer I like
 to ride my bike.
 I have four sisters zero brothers. I have already
 got Tiffany who is 12 and Tia who is 9 an early
 Christmas present. I got Tiffany a bottle of lotion.
 and Tia a beanie baby horse. She is crazy about
 horses.
 There are only a few things I want for Christmas. I
 want a new watch, and I want everyone to be happy!!!
 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
 Love, Tara Bailey

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Dear Saint Nick,
My Name is Kayla Neumeyer and I go to Buhl Middle School. I'm eleven years old.
For Christmas I don't care what I get. I just won't be with my family. If I got some presents I would want a cd player. I would want a glass doll to. That is all the things I want.
I like all the food and lights. I like all the decorated trees to. I put all the lights on the tree. I put on all the colorful bubs. My mom helps me put the angle on the top of the tree.
Sincerely,
Kayla Neumeyer

Dear Saint Nick,
Hi, my name is Shantel. I'm 12 and I've lived in Buhl my whole life. I go to Buhl Middle School. I'm in the 6 grade.
These are a few things I really want to get, new riding clothes, new horse to get, new horse blanket, and saddle with a new horse blanket, and I would like a new horse.
I would like these things because I like horses and I also like to ride them.
That's why I would like to get them.
Always and Forever,
Shantel Whitte

Dear Saint Nick,
I am from BMS Buhl Middle School Raiders. Live at 20072 HWY. 30 West. I am in the 6th grade. I have been wanting a lot of things. They are mainly CD's and horse related stuff. Cause I am a fan.
My life is made for dreaming on lots of stuff. The CS's that I want are: Shaina Twin with Up, Aaron Tippien with Stars, Strips, and the Eagle Fly, Toby Keith with Unleashed, and more.
The horse stuff is saddles, bridle, pads, racks, covers and model horses. Some clothes that I want are some bell-bottoms, hip huggers, and some long levi skirts with slits up to about my knees.
My Christmas is very easy. But there is a lot of stuff. Some people may think I am nuts, but I too bad about that.
Sincerely, Ashley Hahn

Coloring Contest

Rules:
Crayons, markers or colored pencils may be used.
Decorate and color the tree.
Draw what you would like Santa to bring you for Christmas in the present and color it.

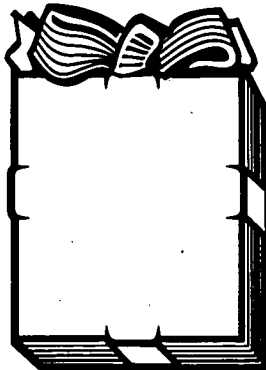
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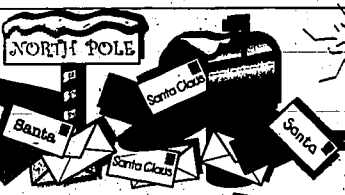
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Love Hayley

Dear Santa,
I would like a red and black and orange and tan high heel boots and portable radio and hair gel and black and orange cheerleading outfit and black and orange shoes size 13. I have been oikos this year. I hope I been good.
Love, Larissa
PS I forgot to ask

Dear Santa,
if I have been good heres wat I wot imagenex stuff pinball machine three walkie talkies and Crash Bandicoots a remot control motorcycle
Love, Kade

Dear Santa,
I would like a gumball machine and a nerf football. I have been good I think you should get my things.
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Letters to Santa...

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I would like a bobble train and a castle something nice for my mommy
K.C. Levey, age 6
Twin Falls

I would like a new dress some shoes and some new lights and a magic wand.
Savanah Gill, age 4, Jerome

I'm not totally sure if you are real. If you are real, please bring me a T.V. and a snowboard.
Zach Morryna, age 8

I want a Barbie singer and airplane, gold necklace for Mom, Santa hat for Dad, spinning thing for Rylie, new shirt for Jessi.
Jacob Kahn, age 4, Jerome

Please bring me a desk, school stuff for home. I like cars, motorcycle, a Scooby Doo for Jackie and a Star Wars movie for daddy.
Andrew Bell, age 6, Twin Falls

I'm going to stay up all night. I'm going to sleep on the couch waiting for you.
Amy Futner, age 7

I love you. Bring me a lot of Barbies. I have been really good this year. All we want for Christmas is a Dare Doll, Bob the Builder toy, Spiderman and trucks.
Samantha O'Neil, age 11
Twin Falls

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Jacob Kahn, age 4, Jerome

I want a train, a microscope, a race truck and the Harry Potter Chamber of Secrets movie.
Wyatt Wood, age 7

I would like rollerblades or Powerman type pump or black boots like girls wear or flure jeans.
Samantha O'Neil, age 11
Twin Falls

I would like a remote control car, a computer with internet, a play station 2, a cd's, a B.Z. Pink & New IO, Oh, and a new blue coat. Thank you
Carlos Garcia-Garcia, age 7, Twin Falls

I want some more CDs, clothes, jewelry, DVD player, and a movie called Spirit.
Destiny Kaler, age 9

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I have been a good boy this year. All I want for Christmas is a robot, trucks & cars, Spiderman, Scooby Doo toy and makeup & razors please.
Anthony Palf, age 5, Heyburn

I want some new clothes. I want some blue sandals. I want a new blue swim suit.
Marcelle Morales, age 6

I love you and I hope you bring me a dirt bike and a new toy. I hope you bring me a B.B. gun, Good-bys, I love you, Dustin McColeman, age 7

I want a X box for xbox. I would really like these. Thank you, Santa.
Cody Papp, age 7, Jerome

I want a coal Power Ranger toy. I have a learner bike. I want a Buzz and Woody. I like Santa Claus.
Jada Larson, age 7

This is what I would like for Christmas: I would like a package of Polaroid cards, you give something to my mom and dad? What I would like for my mom and dad is a secret present. DD Malt, age 7

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I want a transformer and also a shorts board. Please bring me these. Thank you.
Jordan Papp, age 6, Jerome

I want a Bratz doll for Christmas. It has a car. I want a purple backpack like my sister's. Too.
Maya Lopez, age 6

I want a bike. Santa, I hope you like my name. I would like a jumbo boy and a shully name.
Malissa Buckingham, age 8

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Anthony Palf, age 5, Heyburn

I want 2 multi-tablets and remote control race car. I want a black Ferrari remote control truck. It has a sticker on the top of the wheel.
Daniel Curtis, age 6

I'm from Cheshire. What are you doing? I want some good clothes. I want a blue and red remote control truck. Daniele Atlanta, age 7

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Nathaniel Morrison, age 2, Hallett

I'm not sure what I want for Christmas. But more than anything I want my family. I love my family. I want a party of you and the reindeer. Thank you
Brooklyn Hope Brookins, age 8

I would like some pajamas cards and a CD player and a Sideman some Cd
Jen Jun

Last year I loved the presents you got me. I loved the movie Wizard of Oz. I wish it all the time. I love you!
Jessy Arnie Covey, age 9, Jerome

I believe in you. Do you have baby reindeer? Do you have Rudolph the red nose reindeer? My brother believes in you a lot.
Aleah Lieberman, age 7

I would like a Bratz doll. And a Shogun. And a Mummy's little princess. And a Game girl color. Fern Ariane

I want a football, a bike, a model car, and a battle ship advanced game. Have a merry Christmas.
Boo J. Verner, age 8, Wendell

I want a remote control motorcycle like at Wal-Mart. I want a red goldfish. I want a starting mower/shrub of Oasis.
Dakota Turner, age 7

I would like a Barbie doll CD player pony
From Holly

I would like to have a chuchu from for Christmas. Trons are my favorite things.
Scotty Jones, age 7, Twin Falls

I want a red wagon. I want a little black remote control car.
Marlene Royce, age 7

I would like a Barbie doll CD player
From Holly

I have been really good this year. could you please send me a baby doll, a toy truck, and baby doll accessories, and books.
Morgan Kester, age 5, Buhl

there are some lights that are not going to be on Christmas, so will you give them some of my toys.
Shane Wilson, age 8

I would like a Barbie doll CD player
From Holly

I want a Playstation 2 for Christmas, some cars, and some games.
Chance Nisbacher, age 7

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Dakota Turner, age 7

I would like a Barbie doll CD player
From Holly

I don't know what I want my sister said some new pants and shirts and toys.
Breanna Bell, age 2, Jerome

I want a model and a transform. C.C. A remote control jet and a big huge club house. A peluchak costume and a tiny dinosaur. That is all I want for Christmas.
Wade Kulp, age 7

I would like a Barbie doll CD player
From Holly

For Christmas I would like a bike. Please Santa and I am a good girl. I do good in school also I want a transformer Santa.
Sandra Garibaldi, age 9, Buhl

Do you really love it the north pole? We'll just tell you what I want. I want a Leap Frog And a Modison Doll.
Madison Nancy Fisher, age 8

I would like a Barbie doll CD player
From Holly

I have been a good boy this year so could you please send me a bike? I want a Transformer. The biggest present I want is Spiderman and power Rangers.
Anthony Joy Lugo, age 4, Twin Falls

May I have a Play Juice potion maker? I have been writing one of them. May I have a beer? so I can drive it? And a phone so I can fly. Also two playstations.
Logan Eswall, age 7

I have been as good as an angel. I would like a computer. I wish I could get a trampoline or bounce at 1500.
Your Friend Senah, age 10, Malta

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For Christmas I would like a cd player with these cds. Spice girls, Shania Twain, Sherrie Austin, all the new cds, and Garth Brooks.
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My name is Erika Hoover I live in Buhl, Idaho, I have three dogs, one cat, and three goldfish, and one trout.
Thank you for all these toys.
your Friend
Erika Hoover

Dear Saint Nick
Hi my name is Diane Delgado and what I want for this holiday is gifts lots of gifts first I want to go to Mexico and see my grandma and grandpa and my aunts and uncles. Then I want clothes and a bike.
New I will tell you how I wish this holiday would be. I wake up, and see my beautifully decorated holiday pine with gifts all around. Then I want my mom to start making the food for this holiday, I want my mom to make Tamales and rice for desert I want flan and cheesecake, then when every thing is ready I want my mom to invite our relatives and have a beautiful dinner after that go out-side and sing ceadles then we come in and open our gifts and have fun after we open our presents and hug everyone good-bye we go to sleep waiting for it to be another day that's how I want this 25 of December to be.
Thank you.

Dear Jolly Old Saint Nick
Hi my name is Tel L. Clark. The L is my first initial of my middle name. Anyway, I have blondish brown hair. I'm about 4'9" inches tall and I'm like the nicest kid in school as you should give me let's of gifts and by the way Christmas Rules!!
What I really deeply want for Christmas is a Nintendo Game Cube and NBA game. So after school I could just go home after school and sit on the coach and play it all day.
I would have so much fun kicking my dad's bum in the Wizards. I would be the Lakers and my dad would be. Sincerely,
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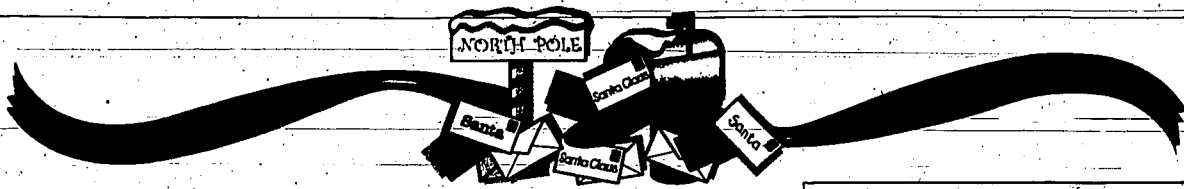
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movies, totaling hits 2002. Alli Karleen Moore, age 10, Twin Falls

I want a John Deere tractor, a Scooby Doo Taddy bear & more trucks, toy guns, a square gun tractor with grain drill, new rope, a pogo stick. Cody Surrett, age 7, Buhl

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I would like some accessories for my fish aquaria. I have 5. a new guitar. A great color for Mance. The year I've had done a few good things if I have helped in the let's change. help out the kids. And don't mind I want you some cookies and milk. I would say Hey to the Elves and Blinky. Surrett, your friend Wynter

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Do you remember that Play Station. Well I wanted to say Thanks a lot. May I have a bear? I like your red shirt. My brother James. Strasser, age 9, Subert

I have been good this year. I feed my chickens full of corn. Yoo-Yo, Johnson and Drew. I want a dog. My name is Jason Hurst, age 10, Jupiter

I may have not been a good as gold, but I've tried not to argue with Billy. Thank for the gift last year. I want a stuffed doll, a guitar, and a new shirt. And a new Joshua Rigby, age 9, Melts

Thank you for all the presents last year. I love I have been good this year. Al I want if my papa Jo Jo buys for Christmas. Al

Al I've been as good as a new-born baby. Thank you for the book and what a DVD player for my cousin Jennifer. I also want Thomas the Tank Engine. Hannah B. Hest, age 10, Malta

Thank you for the big car set. It is so cool. I wish I could have another like a new car. I'd like my unbreakable fused and my brother to get hearing his up. Be Remembered, age 9, Subert

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I want The Power audit. Leah, Age 6, Wendell

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I have been good this year. I feed my chickens full of corn. Yoo-Yo, Johnson and Drew. I want a dog. My name is Jason Hurst, age 10, Jupiter

I may have not been a good as gold, but I've tried not to argue with Billy. Thank for the gift last year. I want a stuffed doll, a guitar, and a new shirt. And a new Joshua Rigby, age 9, Melts

Thank you for all the presents last year. I love I have been good this year. Al I want if my papa Jo Jo buys for Christmas. Al

Al I've been as good as a new-born baby. Thank you for the book and what a DVD player for my cousin Jennifer. I also want Thomas the Tank Engine. Hannah B. Hest, age 10, Malta

Thank you for the big car set. It is so cool. I wish I could have another like a new car. I'd like my unbreakable fused and my brother to get hearing his up. Be Remembered, age 9, Subert