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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Cloudy with a few snow showers. High 32, low 16.
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Christmas in City Park

Christmas in City Park concerts conclude today

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

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Panel forms over SIRCOMM

New group will look at 911 center problems

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A coalition of city officials and police chiefs from around Idaho might soon

start looking into lingering complaints about the workings of regional emergency dispatch centers.

And the group could take action - up to pushing the Idaho

Legislature to make it easier for cities and departments to walk away from agencies such as the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center.

The Association of Idaho Cities

has recently gotten requests from city officials around the state for some sort of inquiry into the apparent problems with 911 centers. Executive Director Ken Harward said.

The association has started

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Cancer's harsh message



Duffin's medication list takes up both sides of an index card, and it changes frequently.

LaMar Duffin prepares for a radiation treatment at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute in Twin Falls.

Disease deals sour blow to Shoshone man

SHOSHONE - When the biopsy comes back positive, you feel like you've been sucker-punched.

Your stomach does back-flips. Your palms feel damp. Your brain races.

LaMar Duffin knows the feeling. He felt it in February. Now he's bracing for another blow, waiting for the results of a CAT scan that will tell him whether cancer is renewing its assault on his body.

The calendar on the wall says it's Sept. 13, 2002. Friday the 13th. An apt day to ponder fate's harsh memo to us all. Life, it reminds us, is uncertain.

JANUARY 17, 2002

Surgery day. No big deal. LaMar signed the consent form at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls with hardly a second thought.

An enlarged prostate. An endoscopic procedure called "TURP" for "transurethral resection of the prostate."

Pretty routine for men his age.

Duffin feels the needle's sting as a nurse draws a blood sample for a seemingly endless series of tests.



This Fragile Life

A FATHER'S BATTLE WITH CANCER

Pancreatic cancer kills almost everyone it touches. Facing frightening odds, LaMar Duffin of Shoshone made an unusual decision: He would welcome a pair of journalists to witness and chronicle his painful struggle against death.

Photographer Bruce Shields and

reporter Denise Turner visited the Duffin family many times in the months to come. The resulting four-part story is a testament to a family's courage and faith - with a poignant conclusion.

Monday:
Tears and prayer

Yes, his father died of prostate cancer. But this isn't cancer.

At 66, LaMar is a healthy, vibrant 220 pounds. Retired from the Idaho Transportation Department after 35 years as a civil engineer, he has blessings to spare. His six children, all suc-

cess stories, have given him 14 beloved grandchildren.

Wife Barbara, his Ricks College sweetheart, is still pretty and youthful at 67. The couple is settled in a comfy, two-story home in Shoshone, with a red brick walkway and borders of carefully tended roses and columbine.

LaMar has never smoked, always lived right, has even been a bishop in the clean-living LDS Church. Favoring blue jeans and fleece vests, he is tall, 6-foot-3, with big, kind hands. Fatherly hands.

"When I was growing up and he was called away from home to assist (church) families, he set an example for me and also sent a message with his willingness to help other people and remain grounded in life-centering prin-

Story by Denise Turner
Photos by Bruce Shields

cles," son Kelly Duffin recalls. "He's always been like that."

Now the doctors are ready. LaMar surrenders to the anesthetic. Soon, everything will be fine.

FEBRUARY 5, 2002

Everything is not fine. LaMar is back in the hospital, with itching all over his body, and jaundice.

No, LaMar doesn't have prostate cancer. What he has is worse. The doctors' discovery of the truth is almost accidental.

FEBRUARY 6, 2002

Doctors are reading a CAT scan - "computed axial tomography." Computers generate a three-dimensional image from the X-ray pictures. There is an obstruction in LaMar's bile duct, the image reveals. Another endoscopic procedure is the treatment of choice. Doctors will place a stent in the duct and gather some tissue for a biopsy - a test for cancer.

They'll perform the procedure on Feb. 7.

"In celebration of my Jan. 7 surgery," LaMar says, trying to smile.

FEBRUARY 7, 2002

The stent is doing its job. LaMar will be released from the hospital tomorrow. But the surgeon is concerned.

"They suspected there was a tumor on the pancreas," LaMar

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Frist faces concerns

Lawmaker poised to replace Lott touts health care reform

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - Sen. Bill Frist, his first as children own millions of dollars worth of stock in HCA Inc., the country's largest for-profit hospital chain. Frist, poised to become Senate majority leader, is also promoting legislation to reshape the nation's health-care system.

In some circles, including the executive branch of the federal government, this would be considered a conflict of interest. But not in the U.S. Senate, whose mostly wealthy members have embraced ethics rules that enable them to hold on to their fortunes while they promote bills that affect their personal financial interests.

"The public should not expect any ethics committee proceedings regarding the new majority leader's role in health legislation because that's not the Senate's way," said Charles Tiefer, a University of Baltimore law professor and nationally recognized authority on congressional ethics practices.

Since his election in 1994, Frist - the Senate's sole physician - has been applying his experience as a heart surgeon to champion a long list of health-care issues.

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Sen. Bill Frist

Solstice serenade

Event marks start of more sunlight

By Robert Mayew
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - As the sun sets this evening, it will mark the first day of winter.

The winter solstice occurs at 6:13 p.m., the moment when the sun reaches its southernmost position in reference to Earth.

As such, today is the shortest day of the year.

The sun rose at 8:04 a.m. and set at 5:07 p.m., providing a paltry nine hours and three minutes of daylight; or conversely, 14 hours and 57 minutes of darkness.

That's in contrast with the summer solstice June 21, with its 15 hours and 20 minutes of sunshine.

Summer also has something winter doesn't have: a lingering dusk and dawn, which provides even more light, making the days seem even longer.

Because the sun resides so far south this time of year, when it sets, dusk is of short duration, plunging daytime quickly into nighttime.

From today forward, the days will gradually grow longer as

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7 days, 7 reasons to road

Echinacea doubts?

Study hurts claim that the supplement can ease colds.

Monday

Holiday spirit

The many faces of Christmas.

Tuesday

Peace on Earth?

Unheralded people try to reduce conflicts.

Wednesday

Climbing crystal

Frozen waterfall climbing in Snake River Canyon.

Thursday

Celebrate!

Where to go and what to see in 2003.

Friday

Story time

Which news stories garnered the most interest this year?

Saturday

Barry funny

Dave Barry looks at the high-lights and the lowlights of '02.

Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a chance for a few snow showers in the lower 30s.

Tonight: Partly cloudy and cold with a few flurries early.

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy skies and chilly. Highs in the upper 20s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Weather forecast grid for Twin Falls from Today to Thursday. Includes icons for clouds, snow, and sun, along with high/low temperatures.

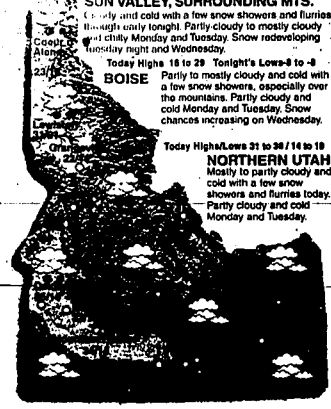
Table with weather icons and high/low temperatures for various locations including Boise, Idaho Falls, and Malad City.

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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Partly cloudy with a few snow showers and flurries through tonight. Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy on Monday and Tuesday.

Today Highs 18 to 29. Tonight's Lows 8 to 9. Partly to mostly cloudy and cold with a few snow showers, especially over the mountains.

NORTHERN UTAH: Mostly to partly cloudy and cold with a few snow showers and flurries today.

Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 42 at Boise. Low: 11 at Challis.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Almanac section including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, and Barometric Pressure data.

MOON PHASES

Moonrise and Moonset times for today and tomorrow.

SNOWPACK

Snowpack data including snow water equivalent and snow depth.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for today, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Sutton & Sons Auto Center advertisement with contact information for Haily, Idaho.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities including Boise, Burley, and Jerome.

NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for various states including California, Oregon, and Nevada.

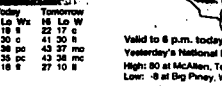
WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for various international locations including London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table for various Canadian cities including Toronto and Vancouver.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Inspectors press U.S. to offer asylum to Iraqis

United Nations - The U.N.'s chief weapons inspectors are pressing the United States to guarantee that any Iraqi scientist or government official...

The talks were followed by a U.S. campaign to persuade the inspectors to quicken the pace of interviews in an effort to elicit fresh evidence of hidden Iraqi weapons and test Baghdad's cooperation.

Frist

Smith said that because the holdings are being managed by others, it is impossible to know what they consist of. But Frist's Senate finance disclosure forms indicate that he, his wife and children have millions of dollars in HCA stock.

The early nights allow Tom Gilbertson, an amateur astronomer, to begin watching the stars as soon as he gets off work.

Solstice

Earth's axis begins its tilt in the other direction. The days grow slowly at first, but by April, the rate of the lengthening daylight will peak, expanding four minutes a day.

Circulation statistics for Daniel Walock, circulation director, including phone numbers and subscription rates.

Information Line 735-3350 advertisement for Ski, Lottery and Weather information.

Advertisement for Ski, Lottery and Weather information with a graphic showing three press buttons.

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putting together the Task Force for Regional Communications, which will likely be chaired by Twin Falls City Councilman Trip Craig, Harvard said.

Craig said he became interested when he started to find out that some of the concerns the city of Twin Falls has with regional dispatch aren't unique to SIRCOMM - issues including "more control over employees, more control over procedure, more control over the dollar-per-line bill that comes from the phone bill."

Twin Falls officials have been critical of the quality of service provided by SIRCOMM - which serves Twin Falls, Jerome, Lincoln and Gooding counties - and complain the city foots too much of the bill to operate the center.

Mountain Home Mayor Dave Jett said he will be involved, and he has concern over what happens to a city's money once it has pitched in for regional dispatch.

Police chiefs from across Idaho have said they're worried about the way 911 funding is being handled, said Blackfoot Police Chief Dave Moore.

The current law weighs heavily in favor of organized centers, he said. Basically, if a department joins a regional dispatch - but later becomes dissatisfied and 'wants to leave' - that department can't take its money with it, he said.

"It's an ad-hoc group. I'm sure part of the process would be talking to the county officials," he said.

IDaho Lottery advertisement with a graphic of a lottery ticket and winning numbers.

Times-News telephone directory listing contact information for various departments.

Pentagon has designs on Iraq's border with Turkey

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is drawing up plans to helicopter thousands of U.S. soldiers into Iraq from Turkey in the early days of an invasion, establishing a northern front that war planners increasingly see as a key part of any U.S. military action against Saddam Hussein's regime.

Designed partly to address Turkish opposition to basing

large numbers of U.S. troops on its soil, the plans call for ferrying soldiers into Turkish bases and transferring them quickly to helicopters that would deposit them in northern Iraq, senior defense officials said. There they would secure key oil fields and stabilize provinces already controlled by ethnic Kurds, who oppose the Iraqi president's regime.

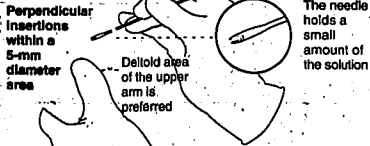
The still-developing plans for a northern front would use Turkish bases as staging areas for lightly equipped U.S. Army airborne units. The troops — most likely elements of the Army's V Corps, based in Germany, and the 101st Airborne Division, based at Ft. Campbell, Ky. — would be flown into Turkey a few thousand at a time, only long enough to be shut-

tled onto combat helicopters for deployment into Iraq.

An assault on Iraq from the north, in addition to much larger invasions planned from the west and the south, "will scare the bejesus out of Saddam," one military officer said, and force him to devote troops and resources to repelling U.S. advances on several fronts.

A BIOTERRORISM SAFEGUARD Giving the smallpox vaccine

The smallpox vaccine is given with a two-pronged needle that is dipped into the vaccine solution and then used to puncture the skin.



Alcohol should not be used to clean the skin prior to vaccination because it can disrupt the vaccine

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

President Bush gets smallpox inoculation

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Bush received a smallpox vaccination Saturday, fulfilling a promise he made when he ordered inoculations for about a half-million U.S. troops.

He showed no immediate ill effects from the vaccine, which can sicken and in rare cases kill those who get it. An hour after being inoculated in his left arm, Bush was carrying his dog in that arm as the president walked to his helicopter and left for Camp David.

Bush had announced on Dec. 13 that the vaccine would be mandatory for those forces in "high-risk" parts of the world.

"As commander in chief, I do not believe I can ask others to accept this risk unless I am willing to do the same," Bush said then.

Smallpox was eradicated in 1980, but with war in Iraq a growing possibility, the president said the United States was evaluating "old threats in a new light" after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Bush, 56, received the inoculation at 12:15 p.m. EST (10:15 a.m. MST) at the White House, before departing for the president retreat in Maryland.

It was administered in the White House's medical unit by a senior immunization technician from Walter Reed Army Medical Center, with White House physician Richard Tubb looking on, White House spokeswoman Jeanne Mamo said.

"He feels fine and there are no side effects," she said. Bush smiled and waved at well-wishers as he walked across the South Lawn and departed for a long weekend at Camp David.

He will be there for five days, accompanied by a doctor who can monitor him for side effects.

Experts estimate that 15 out of every 1 million people vaccinated for the first time will face life-threatening complications, and

one or two will die. Reactions are less common for those being revaccinated.

Typical side effects from the vaccine, which is made with a live virus, include sore arms, fever and swollen glands. In an experimental trial under way in Nashville, Tenn., about 10 percent of people experienced extreme discomfort, with fatigue, fever, loss of appetite and other flu-like symptoms that lasted a day or two.

The most common serious reaction comes when vaccinia escapes from the inoculation site, often because people touch the site and then touch themselves or someone else. The virus transferred to the eye can cause blindness.

The military inoculated more than 150 people in the past week against smallpox, but about 100 others were exempted because of medical complications, officials reported Thursday.

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BEST IN THE WEST

Politics in America is rife with slurs, gaffes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Loose lips have sunk or threatened many a political career before Trent Lott's self-inflicted wounds led to his resignation as the incoming Senate majority leader.



Former vice president Dan Quayle speaks during a Phoenix, Ariz., news conference 1999. Sen. Trent Lott isn't the first whose career has suffered over racial gaffes. Quayle was criticized for telling American Samoans, "You all look like happy campers to me."

that they are saying something they don't believe. They are probably saying something they do believe — but that they normally restrain."

In some instances, the utterances — such as Hillary Clinton's March 1991 lament, "I suppose I could have stayed home and baked cookies" — turn out to be more politically embarrassing than career-threatening.

When he became Ronald Reagan's running mate in 1980, George H.W. Bush had to renounce calling Reagan's tax-cutting proposals "voodoo economics." As president, his pledge — "Read my lips: no new taxes" — backfired when he backed a tax increase in 1990.

Gore in his 2000 presidential campaign suffered ridicule for his claim to a senior citizens' group that his mother-in-law paid more for arthritis medicine than it cost to treat his dog with the same drug. It turns out he was citing figures in a national study, not actual expenses.

Earlier suggestions that he helped invent the Internet and served with wife, Tipper, as the model for the book and movie "Love Story" also brought derision — and became the butt of many late-night comedy routines.

Clinton lied to a grand jury and the country about his affair with intern Monica Lewinsky, conduct that led to impeachment by the House. He was acquitted in a Senate trial. But history will remember his assertion, "I did not have sex with that woman."

Are public figures more prone to gaffes? "It's easy to make reasonable excuses for them: They're human, they get tired and distracted, and like the rest of us make mistakes," said University of Virginia political scientist Larry Sabato. "But, beyond that, they're in a cocoon, surrounded by supporters and aides who tell them how great they are, and they start to believe it."

Often, an open microphone is nearby — as Bush found at a September 2000 campaign rally in Naperville, Ill., when he used an obscenity to describe a

reporter for the New York Times. Running mate Dick Cheney seconded Bush's comments. Both Bush and Cheney thought their remarks were off-mike. They weren't.

Racial and ethnic slurs have spelled trouble for many politicians. Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., used a racial epithet — "white nigger" — in a March 2001 television interview. "The phrase dates back to my boyhood and has no place in today's society," he said later.

Jesse Jackson angered many Jewish voters with his 1984 characterization of New York as "Hymietown." Watt resigned his Interior Department post in 1983 after boasting, "I have a black ... a woman, two Jews and a cripple" on an advisory panel. Butz was forced out as agriculture secretary after an obscene joke that characterized blacks' preferences in shoes, sex and bath-

rooms. Agnew apologized for calling Polish-Americans "blacks" and a Japanese-American reporter a "fat Jap." Quayle drew criticism for telling American Samoans, "You all look like happy campers to me."

Ross Perot provoked complaints in 1992 by referring to his audience at an NAACP convention as "you people." He later said he was unaware his language was offensive.

In 1995, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, called openly gay Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., "Barney Fag." Arney later said he had misspoken. James Thurber, a political scientist at American University, said Lott's comments are particularly damaging because "they show consistency with his attitudes about race." Foot-in-mouth disease is not an American-only phenomenon. Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien's communications director, Francine Duroes, resigned last month after calling Bush "a moron." And Germany's justice minister, Herta and Paul Amirault, was sent packing for likening Bush to Hitler.

Race issue will challenge 'compassionate conservatives'

By Michael Tackett
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — For four years, Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., has invited members of Congress to join him for a guided tour of historic civil rights sites in Alabama as part of a campaign to improve racial understanding. In that time, only about a dozen of the more than 200 Republican members of the House have come to view iconic places like the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, where Lewis was among those beaten by white police officers while trying to cross on "Bloody Sunday" in 1965.

And there is a similarity to the attendees — most of them represent districts in Northern states. Some, like Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill., came more than once. No senator from either party has attended, though Lewis recently extended a public invitation to Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., when the congressman appeared on "Meet The Press."

While many Republicans talk about their being the party of Lincoln, it is clear that the issues raised in the resignation of Lott as their Senate leader have cast a harsh light on where the GOP stands on race.

How Republicans respond to Lott's demise will be of importance not only to those in Congress, but perhaps even more

so to President Bush, whose rhetoric about compassionate conservatism will face a new and more vigorous test.

Conservatives still expect Bush to nominate conservative federal judges, many of whom oppose the views of African-Americans on a host of issues. The Supreme Court has taken up a major affirmative-action case, and the Bush administration must decide what position the government will take. And Democrats can be expected to offer legislation on other racially sensitive issues.

For all of Bush's appeals to minorities in the 2000 campaign and during his first two years of office, he has little to show for it. Though the president enjoys high approval ratings overall, his marks from African-Americans tell another story. A poll published by "The Wall Street Journal" last week found 62 percent of blacks said they disapproved of Bush's performance as president, compared with 65 percent of Americans overall who approve.

Since the Democrats' embrace of civil rights legislation in the 1960s, African-Americans have become the most reliable component of the Democratic coalition. In many ways, those gains were

more than offset by whites aligning with Republicans, especially in the South. And despite many efforts at outreach, no Republican presidential candidate has made serious inroads in the African-American vote.

Race, more than even abortion or guns, divides American politics like no other issue, with Democrats consistently backing issues that favor African-Americans and Republicans consistently opposing them. Since 1964, Bill Clinton is the only Democrat to capture a majority of the white vote (46 percent to 45 percent over Bob Dole in 1996).

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Bush, who often talks about how his compassionate conservatism is a more inclusive philosophy, won only 9 percent of the African-American vote. But Lott's flamboyant over such a volatile issue shapes a different kind of problem for the president, namely that suburban white women might now have misgivings about him and the GOP.

It is the potential erosion of

that vote, said Republican strategist Scott Reed, that is "more damaging in the long term to the Republican Party. Bush had successfully brought moderate suburban women, soccer moms, along with his compassionate conservative message. This is ... real damage."

LaHood is among those congressional Republicans who also believe his party has a lot of

repair work to do, though he speaks more of making a connection with African-Americans. "Some of us have tried to make the point that we have to go the extra mile in the House and Senate to sensitize our party to this issue of race relations," said LaHood, who also plans to accompany Lewis on a trip to South Africa in March. "This is a huge setback for our party."

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Robert Shriver, of Absecon, N.J., purchases holiday-themed lottery tickets from Darshana Khatri, left, cashier at The Depot, Maya Laming, N.M., Wednesday. Shriver plans to give the holiday lottery tickets to his wife as part of her holiday gifts.

It's beginning to look a lotto-like Christmas

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — In New Jersey, it's "Jingle Bell Bingo," "Happy Holidays" and "Holiday Cheers." Pennsylvania has "Yule Win," "Holly Jolly Cash" and "Treasures Under the Tree." And in Wisconsin, the holiday season scratch-off lottery games include "Dashing thru the Snow."

Holiday-themed lottery games have evolved into gift-giving traditions as stocking stuffers, secret Santa gifts and tips.

Though usually instant disappointments, the possibility of riches — and the typically \$1 to \$5 price tags — make them appealing to shoppers looking for that not-so-special something.

"I give them to co-workers, because sometimes you have to give a gift of appreciation," said bank employee Rose Dallas, 71, of Trenton. "It's easy shopping for me and I know it would be a pleasant surprise if they had a winner."

All but a few of the 38 states that run lotteries offer some

type of holiday variations, said David Gale, executive director of the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries.

The New Jersey Lottery spends \$1-million on radio, TV and transit advertising to pitch the holiday-themed games, said marketing manager Foster Krupa.

"It's a fun, innovative gift, something people like because there's an element of surprise to it, which is a great addition to any gift," said gift-giving expert Robyn Spizman.

Lottery tickets aren't appropriate for everyone. Keith Whyte, executive director of the National Council on Problem Gambling, warned that giving the tickets to children introduces them to the culture of gambling, which can plant the seeds for problems later.

And only a precious few are worth the cardboard they're printed on.

"It's not a winner, the gift has sort of gone 'poof' into the air," said etiquette expert Hilka Klinkenberg.

Girl faces charges for serving 'bat-burger' to man as a joke

JACKSON, Tenn. (AP) — What would you like on your burger? Lettuce? Mayo? Pickles?

Perhaps some bat? A Lexington teenager faces up to six years behind bars for placing a dead bat on a bun as a joke and giving it to a man who took a bite, thinking it was a burger, police said.

The girl, whose identity is being withheld because she is a juvenile, will be charged with violating a new law that prohibits tampering with someone's food and giving it as a gift, according to Lexington Police Investigator Donna Hetherington.

"It appears to be a practical joke that went very bad. She just wasn't using a whole lot of common sense," Hetherington said Thursday.

Timothy Gooch, 21, went to a local hospital's emergency room after biting into the bat Tuesday night. He was not injured and the bat tested negative for rabies, state Health Department spokeswoman Diane Denton said Thursday.

Hetherington said the bat had been killed when someone ran over it and that the teen had never seen one before. "She thought this would be funny, but it wasn't," Hetherington said.

Fonda visits West Bank refugee camp

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Actress Jane Fonda visited a refugee camp and a hospital in the West Bank on Saturday, capping a three-day visit aimed at promoting peace.

Fonda, who was observing her 65th birthday, passed through a West Bank crossing point of Qalqilya, trudging through mud and clutching a bouquet of red roses given to her by a Palestinian women's group.

She toured West Bank villages and nearby Jewish settlements

and was led through a Palestinian refugee camp near Ramallah in a daylong tour by the Jerusalem Center for Women.

It was the final visit of a trip organized by a global movement to stop violence against women. The movement, called V-Day, was inspired by the off-Broadway hit "The Vagina Monologues" and its playwright, Eve Ensler. Ensler accompanied Fonda and led discussions with Palestinian women.

US Airways files bankruptcy reorganization plan

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — US Airways Group announced Saturday it had filed a proposed reorganization plan that hinges on the airline securing a \$1 billion federal loan guarantee — a \$240 million investment from the Alabama state pension fund and pay givebacks by the airline's employees.

The plan was filed in federal

bankruptcy court after two more labor unions accepted cost-cutting measures Friday.

Hard hit by slumping travel following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, US Airways in August became the first airline to declare bankruptcy following the attacks that had put the industry in a tailspin. The airline lost \$2.1 billion in

2001 and said it needed to cut costs by \$1.6 billion to remain a viable company.

US Airways on Saturday reiterated that it must receive \$1 billion in loan guarantees by the Air Transportation Stabilization Board, a reduction in its Alabama pension fund liabilities estimated at \$3.1 billion over the next seven years, and ratifica-

tion of all the pay giveback agreements it negotiated with its unions to emerge from bankruptcy.

Another provision in its reorganization plan calls for cancellation of its existing common stock and a \$240 million investment from the Alabama retirement system, which will retain ownership of 36.6 percent of new stock.

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Science magazine names RNA research breakthrough of the year

WASHINGTON (AP) — A molecule called RNA has long been regarded as a bit player in the drama of the cell, acting only as a helper for the more dominant DNA.

But new studies show RNA actually controls key actions by turning genes on and off, directing embryo development and, perhaps, playing a role in cancer. This new understanding, found through a series of laboratory discoveries, has been named the No. 1 scientific breakthrough of the year by the journal Science, one of the world's top research magazines.

The magazine, in an article in Friday's edition, also named nine other breakthroughs as runners-up. These range from discoveries about the mysterious elementary particle called the neutrino, to studies of the cosmic echo of the Big Bang, to a new fossil from an extinct of the most complex of creatures, modern humans.

The role of RNA, which stands for ribonucleic acid, has long been thought to be a sort of drone for DNA, which holds the cell's genetic instructions. Some forms of RNA collect the DNA commands and deliver them to the cell's protein workshop where other RNA follows the instructions in assembling amino acids into proteins.

But new discoveries show that RNA can actually take charge of the genetic process, commanding genes to turn on or off, or even delete entire sections of DNA. RNA can be particularly powerful during cell division, helping to go smoothly and unlogging the machinery when bits of DNA move into the wrong position. Disruptions of the RNA's work could play a role in cancer.

Some researchers are examining this new role of RNA in hopes it can be enlisted in the war against cancer and other diseases.

Following is a look at the other breakthroughs.

1. How neutrinos escaped notice: Researchers are finally learning more about the least understood of the elemental particles.

Looking back

Recent studies have shown that neutrinos have mass, long a debated point. Studies also have solved a puzzle about the flow of neutrinos from the sun's nuclear furnace. Physicists calculated that the sun should produce a certain number of electron neutrinos, one of the three types of the particle. But measurements of neutrino flow detected only a third of the expected number. Using new instruments, researchers determined that some electron neutrinos flowing from the sun changed into mu and tau neutrinos. When these were counted, the correct number of neutrinos were detected.

3. Genomes for the global good: With increasing skill and more precise equipment, researchers are rapidly sequencing the genes for dozens of life forms. Since the human genome was sequenced in 2000, gene sequencing has been completed on the malaria parasite and the mosquito that spreads it. Also complete are the sea squirt, two types of rice, the mouse, the rat and dozens of types of microbes. Gene sequencing projects planned or under way include the chimpanzee, corn, the honey bee, dog, cow, chicken and sea urchin.

4. Infant universe in view: Some 400,000 years after the Big Bang, the theoretical beginning of the universe, nuclei and electrons cooled enough to form atoms. This spanned high energy radiation that even now exists as a faint glow called the cosmic microwave background, or CMB. Studying this radiation has given new insights about the nature of the infant universe and about its future. CMB studies suggest the universe will expand forever instead of collapse back on itself in a "Big Crunch" as some earlier research had suggested.

5. The fastest film: Physicists, using laser light,

are now able to take pictures in times measured in attoseconds — billionths of a billionth of a second. They are using this skill to study the inner workings of the atom, a realm previously unseen.

6. Spicy hot and minty cool: Researchers have found proteins in the mouth and skin cells that cause spicy foods to taste hot and breath mints to taste cool. The proteins respond to both chemical flavors and to temperatures.

7. Cells in 3-D: Using electron microscopes, scientists can now make three-dimensional pictures of the molecular structure of single proteins at work inside a cell. This should give unprecedented views of the how cells function, knowledge that could lead eventually to new medical treatments.

8. Sharpened view of space: A new type of telescope is giving astronomers the clearest picture of the heavens yet from ground-based instruments. Telescopes on the ground must look through a constantly changing atmosphere which causes stars to twinkle and drop in and out of focus. A new technique, called adaptive optics, uses thousands of small, thin mirrors that are flexed hundreds of times each second by a computer to keep images in the distant universe in constant focus. The mirrors are warped slightly to compensate for the distortion caused by the atmosphere.

9. Look deep into the eyes: Science has known for years

that light entering the eye helps to set the body's clock, guiding the sleep-awake cycle. Researchers this year found a new class of cells in the eye's retina that are not part of the vision system. Instead, these cells, called retinal ganglion cells, send signals to the brain to set the body's clock.

10. Our oldest ancestor yet: A fossil discovery in Africa pushed the date of the earliest known human ancestor back by more than 3 million years. Previously a 3.2-million-year-old fossil called Lucy, unearthed in East Africa, held the record. This year, researchers found a nearly complete skull on the

shores of Lake Chad in western Africa and dated it at between 4 million and 7 million years old. The skull has some ape-like features, but the shape of the teeth and lower face suggests it is a human ancestor. It was nicknamed *Thamni*, which means "hope of life" in the Guran language of Africa.

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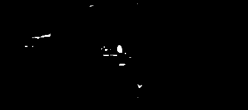
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Chopper crash kills seven; attackers kill U.S. soldier in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A military helicopter crashed in the Afghan capital Saturday, killing all seven German peacekeepers aboard and two children on the ground. In eastern Afghanistan, attackers killed a U.S. soldier in a firefight that underscored the dangers coalition forces face in the war on terror.

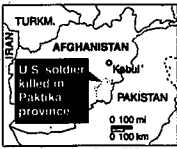
It was unclear what brought down the Sikorsky CH-53 helicopter in an industrial neighborhood on the eastern edge of Kabul, said Lt. Col. Andreas Stefan, spokesman for Dutch and German peacekeepers. Witnesses said it was not shot down.

In Berlin, the Defense Ministry said the crash would be investigated by German experts. The ministry confirmed seven German peacekeepers died and two Afghan girls were missing.

In Kabul, Police Chief Basir Salangi said the accident killed two Afghan children. The helicopter was on a routine patrol over the city, and crashed in an area where many refugees live. Meanwhile, attackers struck U.S. forces near Afghanistan's mountainous border with Pakistan in two separate assaults, U.S. military spokesman Maj. Steve Clutter said at Bagram Air Base, north of the capital.

An 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper died in a gunbattle in the eastern town of Shkinh. A U.S. Special Forces soldier was wounded in a rocket attack on a U.S. base in the northeastern city of Asadabad.

Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Richard Myers, on a one-day visit to U.S. troops at Bagram, called the American's



SOURCE: Associated Press; ESRI, AP

death "tragic." He said security in Afghanistan was improving — despite the violence — but conceded the country's volatile east would likely remain a problem "for some time to come."

It was the first U.S. combat death in Afghanistan since August, and brings to 16 the number of Americans killed in hostile situations here since the war on terror began late last year.

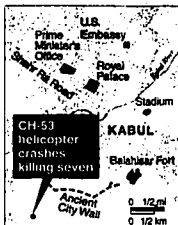
In Shkinh, American troops were observing a group of "seven to nine individuals" before dawn Saturday when troubles there began, Clutter said.

"They'd had these individuals under observation for a while, they were actually getting ready to approach them to investigate," he said. "As they got closer, they realized they were armed."

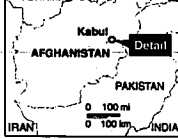
The unidentified men fled and opened fire on the American troops. Sgt. Steven Checo, 22, was shot, and died during surgery at a field hospital, according to an Army statement from Fort Bragg, N.C. Checo had been assigned to Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Clutter said there were no reports of enemy deaths during

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the gunfight. He said the group escaped into Pakistan.

In a separate incident Friday in Asadabad, also near the Pakistan border, a U.S. special operations soldier was injured when unidentified attackers fired three rockets at a U.S. compound.

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Bus bomb kills two, injures 18 in Pakistan

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — A bomb ripped through a passenger bus in southern Pakistan on Saturday, killing two people and injuring 18 just hours after police announced they had quashed a terror plot by arresting four Islamic militants armed with grenades.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the explosion aboard a local bus in Hyderabad, about 60 miles north of Karachi. It was the second bus bombing in as many months in Hyderabad, where attacks are largely fueled by ethnic and religious conflict.

In Karachi, the capital of Sindh province and the site of frequent violence against foreigners, police announced earlier Saturday that four suspects arrested late Friday had been planning to carry out suicide attacks. Pakistan has already been hit by at least 12 such attacks or plots this year.

The men told police they had

been recruited by two members of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network. All four suspects belonged to the outlawed Islamic group Jaish-e-Mohammed, and were looking to buy high-powered explosives.

"We swiftly took action when we received our information and were able to arrest all four terrorists with three hand grenades," said Shafi Rind, divisional police officer in eastern Karachi.

Police also announced Saturday they had confirmed the death of terror suspect Asif

Ramzi, linked to the killing of Wall Street Journal correspondent Daniel Pearl and a June bomb attack on the U.S. consulate in Karachi.

Rumzi died Thursday in the explosion of what police said was an Islamic militant bomb-making factory. His wife and mother identified his body.

In Saturday's arrests, Karachi police acted on a tip to collar the four suspects as they headed toward a major street where they were allegedly planning to blow up a bridge.

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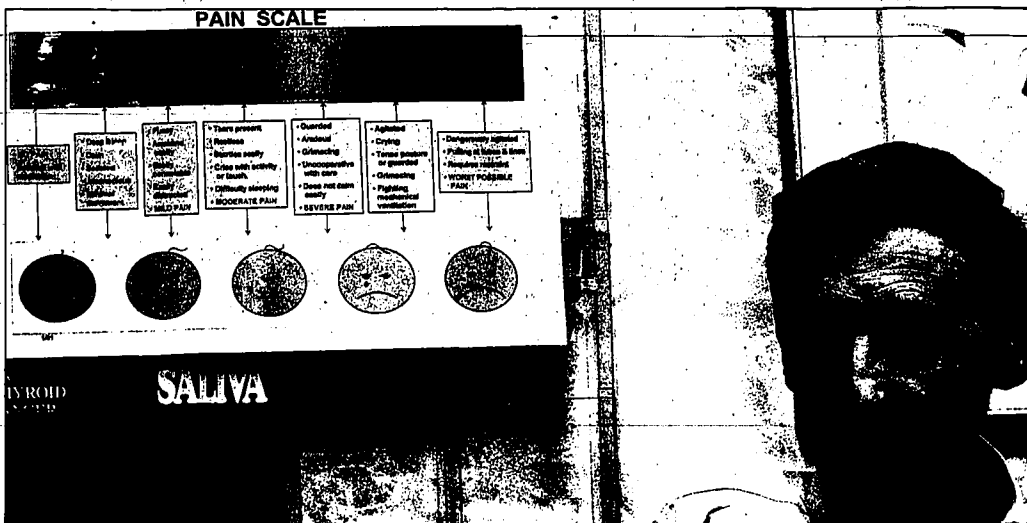
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Lamar Duffin waits for yet another medical procedure. The sign on the wall describes the 'pain scale' that measures a patient's discomfort.

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Duffin

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would later recall. But no one is saying the word "malignant" today.

"They called it an 'unknown mass,' but I think I knew," Barbara calls the kids. The news is a shock to all of them.

Lamar will be sent to Salt Lake City for further evaluation. Daughter Raelene, a registered dietician at Magic Valley Regional, will spend some extra time with her mom.

"I was pretty upset, seeing my mom struggle," Raelene later recalled, "and was realizing I am at the age where my parents are not completely old, but getting there, to a time when I start taking care of them like they took care of me."

At the hospital, Raelene offers to go home with her mother, but Barbara says she'll be OK. Then, on her way home, Barbara calls Raelene on her cell phone.

"Would you please come home with me?" she asks.

"I stayed three or four days," Raelene would later recall. Their long talks during those days help them both.

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Lamar e-mails his kids from home: "The good news is the stent was successful and my jaundiced condition has gone away. The itching condition is much relieved, and I am able to get three to four hours sleep at a time now. It just takes me two to



A technician at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute reads an X-ray to help determine the next course of radiation therapy.

three naps to get my sleeping in each day."

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The biopsy comes back positive. Lamar has pancreatic cancer.

The prognosis is grim: A 50 percent chance of survival for two to three years, a 10 percent chance for five years.

At the Huntsman Cancer Institute in Salt Lake City, the recommendation is surgery - ASAP.

Barbara is crying. Lamar is calmer, as is his nature. But inside, he is quickly processing the data:

Located deep in the abdomen,

the pancreas is a gland that makes insulin and other hormones. The American Cancer Society estimates that 30,300 people in the United States will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2002, and 29,700 will die from it.

Lamar's operation will last four to six hours, and his hospital stay will be about 10 days. Later, he probably will undergo radiation or chemotherapy. He'll find out after the surgery.

A thought keeps recurring:

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- LaMar Duffin

I want to fit everything and make it better, and this pushed me out of my comfort zone. I've found there are a lot of things I cannot fix. I know some things just happen that you don't plan on, but I still don't like it.

- Barbara Duffin

Above, a nurse records Duffin's weight during an appointment. The cancer and resulting treatments eventually will shave 40 pounds from his 6-foot-3 frame.

Left, Barbara Duffin visits her husband in the hospital, where he is treated with antibiotics for an infection that stubbornly hung on after his surgery.



What if Hillary Clinton ran?

She would lead field of Dem presidential candidates, poll suggests



Hillary Clinton

Twenty-four percent said they were unsure.

In an expanded field that included Clinton, the New York senator was the choice of 30 percent of Democrats and those who lean Democratic in a Time/CNN poll. Clinton aides have said consistently that she does not plan to run in 2004.

Trailing Clinton with 13 percent each were Kerry and Lieberman with others in single digits.

Previous polls of Democrats had put Al Gore, the 2000 Democratic nominee, at the top among potential 2004 candidates.

When Clinton was included in those early polls, she was not far behind. Gore announced last weekend he would not run in 2004.

Such early pulls are largely a measure of the public's familiarity with potential candidates.

Muslim-American leaders assail Patriot Act

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) - The USA Patriot Act passed in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks is the biggest threat to democracy in the United States, Muslim leaders and activists said Saturday.

The denunciation at a Muslim-American convention came days after vocal protests were held over the detention of hundreds of Middle Eastern immigrants who voluntarily registered with the Immigration and Naturalization Service under new federal guidelines.

Speakers at the Muslim Public Affairs Council convention called on the public to challenge the Patriot Act, which they called an unconstitutional law that violates basic civil liberties.

They also urged the roughly 1,500 people attending the convention to demand that the media provide diverse perspectives on the potential war with Iraq to complement the official government stand.

"The Patriot Act is the biggest attack on democracy in America right now," council board chairman Omar Ricci said in his opening speech at the two-day annual conference.

The Patriot Act, approved in October 2001, gave the government new powers to obtain personal information about U.S. citizens and allows the government to detain aliens deemed threats to national security and hold them without public acknowledgment.

It also has given federal law enforcement agencies greater wiretap authority, access to student and library records and new Internet wiretap powers.

The U.S. Department of Justice did not immediately return a phone call Saturday seeking comment.

Council board member Gasser Hathout compared the Patriot Act to the Sedition Act of 1798, which made it illegal to criticize then-President John Adams.

He said civil liberties also came under attack in the 1950s from the House Un-American Activities Committee and in the 1960s when the FBI investigated civil rights activists and Vietnam War opponents.

School cites privacy concerns in seizing newspapers

WOOSTER, Ohio (AP) - School officials in a district where the policy is to allow students freedom of speech confiscated thousands of copies of the high school newspaper after learning it contained an article in which students talked about drinking alcohol at a party.

Student editors said the article quoted the daughter of a school board member saying she had consumed alcohol, and they believe that was the reason about 4,500 copies of the bi-

weekly Wooster Blade were seized Thursday.

Superintendent David Estrop said the newspapers were taken on the advice of lawyers who said the publication had inaccuracies and was potentially libelous.

At least two students said they were misquoted with statements that "attributed to them acts of misconduct and potentially acts of criminal behavior," Estrop said Saturday.

James Jackson, the principal at Wooster High School, said the

papers were taken after a teacher told him about a possible confidentiality problem with the story.

Federal law forbids naming students who face disciplinary action without parents' permission, and at least one student claimed to have been misquoted, Jackson said. Violating privacy rights could leave the school vulnerable to lawsuits, he said.

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WORLD

U.S. Army stages biggest desert maneuver since the Gulf War

SOUTH OF KUWAIT-IRAQ BORDER (AP) - The U.S. Army launched its biggest maneuver in the Kuwaiti desert since the Gulf War on Saturday, throwing thousands of soldiers and hundreds of armored vehicles into live-fire exercises to sharpen their skills ahead of a possible new war with Iraq.

The operations got under way as the threat of war increased with declarations by U.N. arms inspectors that Iraq failed to fully account for its banned weapons, and the United States struggled for diplomatic support to declare Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in "material breach" of U.N. resolutions.

News of the latest diplomatic confrontations sharpened the expectations among soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division, as they rumbled forward in tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles Saturday for two days of live-fire maneuvers in the windblown sands a few kilometers (miles) from the Iraqi border.

"This is the biggest maneuver exercise since the Gulf War," Maj. Gen. Buford Blount, commander of the 3rd Division, told The Associated Press. "It really adds focus to our soldiers. They're already one of the best trained divisions in the army, probably in the world."

Blount didn't answer directly when asked whether the likelihood had increased that his men would put into practice the lethal skills they are refining in the Kuwaiti desert.

"We have to wait for the president to make that decision," he said. "I'd be out here training anyway."

The two-day war games under day and night conditions are one of a series of exercises carried out in the Kuwaiti desert in recent weeks, but these are by far the most intricate.

It seems no accident that reporters and TV crews have been invited along for the maneuvers, and some commanders have pointed out the military show of force was a warning to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein as well as a chance for soldiers to rehearse for combat.

While American officials have said President Bush has not yet decided to launch a war, it appears ever more likely he'll do so soon. One Friday, an administration official said on condition of anonymity that Bush had authorized a doubling of the 50,000 U.S. troops now in the Gulf.

The 2nd Brigade, the largest U.S. force deployed in what is expected to be the launch pad for any invasion into Iraq, sent its M1A1 Abrams tanks and other armor forward against positions prepared to resemble Iraqi trenches and minefields supported by armored vehicles.

Fire from 120mm cannons and mortars thudded down to kill theoretical enemy defenders, and 300-foot chains of linked explosives were fired onto minefields and barbed wire to open paths for the



U.S. Marines participate in a training exercise in the Kuwaiti desert near the Iraqi border Friday. Hundreds of troops from the Charlie company, 15th Infantry Regiment, have set up a command center in the desert of Kuwait. About 12,000 troops, including more than 7,000 Army soldiers, are deployed in the desert at multiple army and Air Force bases.

American armor to roll through.

Soldiers with M16s dismounted from their Bradleys to clear the trenches, and the phalanx of armor swept deeper into the desert as helicopters flew overhead.

Blount's initial judgment was that the operation was a success, and he said the tense regional context "adds a little realism."

The United States has kept a brigade-sized force in Kuwait as a deterrent against Iraqi attack since the end of the Gulf War in 1991. That mission officially has not changed, and no huge prewar buildup of forces has taken place similar to the Gulf War a decade ago.

Kuwaiti leaders have said they will allow U.S. forces to launch an attack on Iraq from their small, oil-rich state only if the use of force is sanctioned by the United Nations.

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Life goes on: Fear of war shadows everyday life in Iraq

By Charles J. Hanley
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD Iraq — Marriams land on Saddam Avenue here every night, on a mission to save mankind. The people of Baghdad love it.

The space aliens, in aluminum-foil suits, count a beautiful blonde, a sour-faced midget and a Darth Vader-like character among their crew. A "drunken" comedian speaks for humanity.

The laughs have rocked the Victory Theater for four years, as the surreal farce "I Saw It With My Own Eyes ..." has played to sold-out crowds and delivered a "message from Mrs. Hanley" that, for these particular Earthlings, strikes an all-too-real chord.

"People of Earth," the extraterrestrials advise, "you must unite against your planetary superpower."

As spirits have sunk and fortunes flagged through years of war, isolation and the cold embrace of a police state, Iraqis' appetite for diversion has grown. Baghdadis with spare cash can spend it on a proliferation of stage comedies, amusement parks, television channels — even, for a wealthier few, in a car showroom.

"You have to get on with your life," businessman Ali Widad, 33, said as he eyed a sparkling white BMW at a dealership he haunts these Baghdad evenings.

But then the fear surfaces, and the message hits home. For Widad, it comes each morning, when he awakes and looks at his 6-month-old daughter. "And I say: 'Thank God. We haven't been hit.'"

Ordinary Iraqis can be reluctant to open up to foreign journalists with government escorts, but their fear of a new U.S. war, the dread that doesn't go away, draws them out at length, especially about the ones they love.

"I'm a mother," said Suad Jumrah, 42, buying thread in al-Shorja, a jostling open-air market. "Naturally I'm afraid — for my children. Of course we're afraid."

Baghdad, a sprawl bisected by the slow and winding river Tigris, is a city in constant motion, and a city of light. Wheezing old automobiles, rusted Renaults and dented Volkswagens, jam the broad avenues, burning Iraqi gasoline at 10 U.S. cents a gallon. Electricity, steadily restored since the 1991 Gulf War, now powers holiday-style lights that drape public buildings and red glowing "hearts" strung over boulevards. Fruits and vegetables, sweets and meats are piled high in market stalls. Appliances and other consumer goods, smuggled past a U.N. embargo, fill storefronts.

Overseeing all, at every turn, Saddam Hussein smiles benevolently on his people — Saddam in desert headscarf, Saddam with shotgun, Saddam in trademark white suit, Saddam from a bridge archway, Saddam in an alleyway, hundreds and thousands of portraits, reminders to subjects who don't need reminding who rules them, a president rarely seen in the flesh in public.

But Saddam smiles on a sad city, of people who have lost fathers and sons and brothers to two disastrous wars or to political prisons, who have sold off heirlooms and household valuables to survive under international sanctions, whose cars are rattletraps and whose clothes are worn.

"I'm sewing more than ever to make clothes for the kids," said — he veiled Jumrah, mother of five.

Mary Gharib, 58, also is sewing more. She was a teacher, a profession whose typical salary dropped to \$10 a month from \$500 when sanctions devastated the Iraqi currency. Now she's a seamstress, making a "fine living," she told a reporter as she entered her Christian church one evening in



An Iraqi nun prays during a service in November at our Lady of Deliverance, a Catholic Church in Baghdad.

smart dress and hat.

But she, too, is afraid, and for her and her husband the message comes regularly with the ring of the telephone. "My son calls from Germany and says he's worried about us because of all that he's hearing," she said.

"We're always afraid. The Americans are always saying they'll make war on us."

Long ago she and her husband would holiday in Italy or Greece, but now Gharib simply works, and her husband, a retired soldier, retreats to his garden. "If the Americans leave us alone, we'll be OK."

Tending rose bushes or filling front-row seats, watching TV sports or cruising car showrooms — Baghdadis find retreats where they can.

"There are more comedies playing now," said Abdel Elah

Kemal, 47, director of the "men from Mars" farce. "People need it, to have a good time, to enjoy themselves."

Others needing a quiet time may answer the muezzin's call, slipping into one of Baghdad's stately mosques to pray. Still others retreat within themselves and their work.

"Twelve hours a day. Every day. No holidays," Abdullah Jabir, 31, said as he scooped rice at his al-Shorja bazaar stall. "Nowadays we just work, eat and sleep."

But sometimes he stops and thinks, too, about his baby daughter's future. "Her name is Fatima. I hope she becomes a teacher. Or a doctor. Maybe. That's up to destiny, to God."

Trust in God, Iraqis say — "Khalihla ala Allah" — even if American bombs are falling, as they did four years ago in the last

major U.S. attack on Baghdad. "Even during the air raids in 1998, we were open," boasted Adham Hamza, 32, who owns an al-Shorja candy stall. "People were shopping. People get used to things."

People adapt and life goes on. But life, squeezed by trade sanctions, doesn't get better. "Business is weaker. Every year it gets weaker," Hamza said.

At the car dealership, late-model Jeep Cherokees, driven in over the desert from Jordan, sit gathering dust, with asking prices around \$35,000.

"I'm going down, down," said car salesman Mohammed Ahmed Sardiq, 47. "I have two kids and I can't afford what they need. One's in the university. He needs a car. He needs books. I can't afford it."

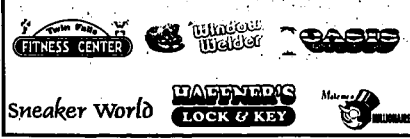
Widad's import-export business is also "pretty dead," the reason he was bargaining hard on the

BMW's price. But the car's unimportant, said Widad, the British-educated son of an Iraqi diplomat.

"What's most important is that

she — his daughter — grow up in a nice environment, away from this climate of war, be left alone. Iraqi children are hardly able to enjoy life."

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EDITORIAL

Lawmakers should block abuse of water protests

When you fiddle with Idaho's water laws, you'd better not make any mistakes. Water defines the state's economic survival. The laws that regulate water rights in Idaho have the status of secular scripture. So when politicians discuss possible changes to water right transfer laws, they're bound to catch people's attention.

Our view: Idaho's water right transfer law should be rewritten - carefully - to eliminate broad permission for legal challenges. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Legislators are studying whether to tighten the legal language that lets citizens challenge transfers. Members of agricultural groups, including the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation and the Idaho Cattle Association, say the law is too broadly written. They argue that letting protesters cite "local public interest" to prevent water transfers invites abuse.

Some opponents of these proposals say rewriting the law would shut the public out of decisions that can endanger public health. Others, such as water-law connoisseur Sen. Laird Noh R-Kimberly, have long-term concerns about amending the laws. If local interest is written out of the decision-making process, will Idaho risk losing control of its water to outsiders? Lawmakers taking up this issue next month should move carefully on any changes, so that the protest process remains fair and effective, but is no longer abused. Dairy opponents have taken to protesting water right transfers as a means to halt the expansion of dairies. Dissatisfied with the siting decisions made by county zoning boards, they take their

case to the Department of Water Resources. There they can cite quality-of-life issues to argue against dairies. To stop this misuse of water law, legislators should narrow the language permitting challenges, so that they deal directly with local water concerns. As Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, has noted, "Water should have to do with water, not social issues." The language also needs to be tightened so that a generic environmental protester outside the immediate area isn't able to dictate water use. Still, the legislature should take care to protect legitimate protests based on relevant local issues. Tighter water right transfer legislation should be based on two goals:

- Water right transfer protests should be centered on water concerns - not odor, waste or lighting concerns. Don't allow environmental opponents to bring in other factors that have nothing to do with water diversions. Environmentalists commonly exploit loopholes in statutes to prevent activities they want to stop.
- Recognize only those challenges made by individuals with standing on the issue. Don't allow individuals from outside county and is not affected by the transfer, the protest should be denied. Keeping these two issues in mind, legislators should craft guidelines that clarify "local public interest." Until they do, challengers who have no real interest in the activity will be able to continue abusing the process.

No one notices drop in teen drug use

JANE EISNER

The latest news about smoking, drinking and the use of illegal drugs among teenagers is actually good news. Perhaps that's why it got so little attention.

The highly reputable annual survey conducted by the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research was released Monday, to scarcely an approving nod, when it should have received sustained civic applause for what it showed:

The use of tobacco, alcohol and illegal drugs fell simultaneously among 8th, 10th and 12th graders for the first time since 1989. Monitoring the Future project began tracking teen-age substance abuse in 1975. Even the use of ecstasy declined after several years of surging popularity. The truth can't be expected: American teens are no longer Young Men (and Women) Behaving Badly.

Add those facts to a few other remarkable trends in national teen culture. Teen birthing rates, which began dropping in the late 1980s, are continuing to plummet. The teen abortion rate is also dropping, more dramatically than the waist on their low-rise jeans. And - are you ready? - the number of high school students who say they've never had sexual intercourse rose by almost 10 percent between 1991 and 2001.

This is not supposed to happen in the age of Britney and Buffy and Eminem and Columbine. Teen-agers are supposed to be sullen, promiscuous, alienated - or a lethal combination of all three. We grown-ups expect them to reflect all of James Dean's lower armance, tinged with a deep distrust of authority left

over from the 1960s and a flippancy of regard for Daddy's rules (if not for his money).

Throw in a tongue ring or two, and the picture is complete. In "The Rise & Fall of the American Teenager," Thomas Hine writes: "The mere presence of teen-agers threatens us ... and the degree to which adults fear them as a group has unquestionably increased."

"The result has been the enactment of laws that deny them, as minors, freedom to move, gather and express themselves, and of other laws that require states to prosecute them as adults for a wide variety of crimes."

Why this yawning disconnect? Partly because today's teen-agers spend less and less time in the company of parents and other adults. They're living on Mars while Mom and Dad are on Pluto, and everyone's got too busy and stressed to figure out how to occupy the same planet, let alone communicate in the same language.

Besides, it's much easier to detect the kid with the spiky purple hair than to try to understand him. The latest avalanche of unexpectedly good news can't be traced to a single magic factor, but scientific studies do point to one thing: Teen-agers will change their behaviors when they perceive the risk of continuing is too steep.

That, researchers believe, is what propelled the stunning and welcome decrease in cigarette smoking. (This week's survey found that the proportion of

eight-graders who have ever smoked dropped by half since 1996.) Armed with the facts, hammered home by the dramatic anti-smoking ads forced on the defenseless tobacco industry, teen-agers actually are making wise, informed decisions.

Even the percentage of teens who prefer to date nonsmokers is increasing. Soon they'll be nagging their parents to break the habit. You never know where rebellion will lead.

Other recent surveys have shown that teens disapprove of casual sex more than they did a decade ago - an attitude adjustment propelled by fear of AIDS and sexually transmitted disease, but also by public exhortations toward abstinence, privacy and restraint.

"It signals a deep, broad and profound change," says Sarah Brown, director of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. "We should give a celebratory party for all teens in America to say, 'You're doing the right thing, so don't stop!'"

"We should celebrate these achievements - and then, after the party is over, concentrate on a little attitude-adjustment of our own."

Perhaps we adults tend to demonize teenagers to persuade ourselves that our own growing-up years were not nearly so bad. "Why can't they be like we were, perfect in every way?" the song asks of kids today. Yeah, right.

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Race plays awkward role in GOP's past

Neither major political party can claim a monopoly on moral superiority in its handling of racial problems.

John F. Kennedy, who may have owed his election to black voters, was a reluctant convert to civil rights. And while most segregationist Democrats have left the scene, Sen. Strom Thurmond of West Virginia was a Ku Klux Klan member as a youth and stirred a flap with a racial epithet last year.

But civil rights issues in recent years have been a problem mainly for Republicans, who benefited as the party of Abraham Lincoln among black Americans until Democrats began to push for civil rights measures. As late as the 1950s, Mississippi's Republican national committee man was a black who lived in Washington.

But the modern Southern GOP, composed mainly of economic conservatives in the 1950s, gained an influx of white Southerners, many of whom rejected the Democrats over racial issues.

Retiring Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, whose 100th birthday celebration was the occasion that set off the controversy surrounding Sen. Trent Lott, epitomized the South's political transformation: A supporter of New Deal economic policies in the 1930s, he became the States' Rights Party's segregationist presidential candidate in 1948 and a Republican senator in the 1960s.

But Lott also embodies that transformation. He served as an aide to Rep. William Colmer, a segregationist Democrat who ran with Thurmond in 1948 and was one of two Southern Democrats on the House Rules Committee when the subsequent party split over election and civil rights.

When Colmer retired in 1972, Lott switched parties and won his House seat. The same year, Republican Tom Cochran won a seat in the Senate, and in 1978, moved to the Senate.

The two provide an interesting juxtaposition that exemplifies the GOP's twin Southern roots. Unlike Lott, Cochran campaigned for the start for black votes and has no ties to the segregationist past.

And with the retirement of Thurmond and North Carolina Sen. Jesse Helms, neither do any other senators or senator-elect from either party, except Bayh.

President Bush, too, always has stressed the need for a more inclusive GOP, a viewpoint that he pushed as governor of Texas and that represents his family's heritage.

His grandfather, the late Sen. Prescott Bush of Connecticut, was a civil-rights backer. His father, former President George Bush, marked the 25th anniversary of the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act in the White House, though he campaigned against it as a Texas Senate candidate in 1964.

This disparity illustrates the occasional awkwardness in the GOP's efforts to bridge the racial divide.

For example, in 1960, Ronald Reagan gave a widely publicized speech stressing his support of states' rights at the Neshoba County Fair in Philadelphia, Miss., where three Northern civil rights workers were murdered in 1964. It was seen as an effort to tap into anti-civil-rights attitudes.

Immediately afterward, he flew north, where he called out the troops and deeded areas of the south Bronx and addressed one of the nation's top civil-rights groups, the National Urban League.

Now, after a slow initial reaction, but with the party's past in a more clear understanding that the flap around Lott can damage the GOP's efforts to reach out to the black community.

That is because Lott represents the worst of what the party's past is at odds with the progress that Bush hopes to achieve in making the Republican Party more acceptable to a minority population that is becoming larger and more politically potent.

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Temple plaza lawsuit joins the legal fray

JONATHAN TURLEY

For me, a constitutional law professor, it is the best time of year. Houses are festooned with lights and decorations with the promise of Christmas. 'Tis the season to be so generous.

Across the United States, groups are fully engaged in the annual battles over creches, crosses and other religious symbols appearing on public property. In the case of the Alabama Supreme Court, public officials first defiantly place a creche on public land and then wrestle with the dark forces of the American Civil Liberties Union until some federal judge ends the matter with the predictable court order to remove the display.

This year, one of the most notable cases involves a 5,300-pound monument to the Ten Commandments on the front of the Alabama Supreme Court. Alabama's chief justice, Roy Moore, stated that the monument was meant to remind all citizens of the "sovereignty of God over the affairs of men." In case of any uncertainty as to which "God," Moore said he was referring to Jesus Christ and that other deities would deny our freedoms and specifically would "not allow for freedom of conscience."

Unpersuaded, a federal court recently ordered the removal of the monument and noted that Moore's views came "uncomfortably close to a theocracy." In the spirit of the season, Moore is appealing with the financial support of a religious group.

Yet there's something new in this year's list of the nativity and the nice of state-church entanglements. Cities have hit on an idea of how to allow religious displays on public land:

They are simply selling or giving public land to religious or civic organizations. Under this theory, a city could have a permanent creche with "Christ is the Light of the World" across its display in the middle of the court complex, so long as the 10-foot space was the property of a local church.

If the federal judge viewed Alabama's display as suggesting theocracy, he might want to visit Main Street Plaza in Salt Lake City. This plaza is city property connecting the main temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to its administration building. The church has long chafed at the conduct of the public there, conduct that it felt insulted Mormon values.

In 1999, the city agreed to sell the entire block to the church, with the stipulation that the sidewalk remain open for public traffic. The church proceeded to enforce its ban on such things as smoking, sunbathing, playing music, distributing literature and a catchall category of "disorderly speech, dress or conduct." One Baptist was arrested by city police for passing out literature. A federal court ruled that the sidewalk remained a protected public forum. The church is appealing.

Other recent transfers are more modest. For example, the city of San Diego thought the transfer of a small part of its 173-acre Mount Soledad park could preserve the 43-foot cross. After it was sued by the

ACLU, the city arranged the transfer of the property under the cross to a civic group. But the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the deal as rigged for other organizations that wanted to preserve the cross.

In Wisconsin, 400 square feet of a tiny one-acre park may be transferred to protect a Ten Commandments monument. Theoretically, any religious endorsement could then be shown in the center of the park.

With all of these transfers, it is no wonder that the original set of Commandments was made portable so Moses could carry them on his person.

Carving off parts of public land is hardly an answer to church-state tensions. The Ten Commandments can be shown in public buildings (like the display in the U.S. Supreme Court) only if part of a display of early legal sources.

Ironically, for those who view the Ten Commandments as one of the foundation stones for law, it is the American constitutional system that is its greatest expression. The courthouse itself, not the specific display, is the greatest testament to the pursuit of justice and tolerance embodied by Moses as law-giver.

Those looking at the empty space in the Alabama Supreme Court may want to consider the Latin inscription above the tomb of Christopher Wren, in his magnificent St. Paul's Cathedral: "Si monumentum requirit, circumspecto." If you seek his monument, look around you.

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LETTERS

SIRCOMM and Ada County Dispatch aren't the same

To Pat Montgomery, reference your letter of Dec. 2 on SIRCOMM: First of all, thank you for remembering Pat Jeffrey; it means a lot to those of us who missed it. I have been keeping up with the situation with the Ada County Dispatch. I try to stay informed about anything to do with our local law enforcement. It is my understanding that Ada County's problems are technical - its computers just go down for no reason. Their system just doesn't work. That isn't the case at SIRCOMM, as far as I know. SIRCOMM's problems seem to be some departments claim they had better dispatch services in their own departments and that they need at least an equal system to their own to properly do their job. I tend to agree with you on your opinion that the problems need corrected, quickly. And yes I do listen to our dispatch center often! More people need to. **DANNY CRAFTON**

(Editor's note: Danny Crafton is a retired police sergeant and has served on the SIRCOMM Law Enforcement Advisory Board.)

Acts of good neighbors are in abundance

Scambox in the scheme of life, we often get a jaded view of what is actually happening in our land. We are constantly bombarded with the ugly, sensational and depressing happenings which give the

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impression that nothing is good. Although the following information is not sensational, it shows a different true picture of real happenings right here locally.

Traveling down South Lincoln in Jerome on a rainy day, I noticed a small crowd of people at a live-traffic with its emergency flashers on. I observed a Hispanic mother with four little children starting to cross the road because the 4-by-4 had stopped traffic. There were three teenagers in the pickup. Where was the teen-ager out of control scenario; also the racism we are always talking about?

Waiting in the post office lobby, I smiled at a small, brown-eyed Mexican boy as his mother had to disengage his arms because he came and hugged my legs.

In Twin Falls, a gracious lady, seeing that I could not get into a busy street, stopped and let me in with my vehicle.

I could go on and on, but I just wanted everyone to know that the Second Commandment of "Love thy Neighbor" is alive and well in the Magic Valley.

Merry Christmas, everyone!
GLENN CAPPS
Jerome

U.S. firms who fought apartheid face lawsuits

File this recent news item under "N" for "No good deed goes unpunished."

A group of U.S.-based multinational corporations — all signers of the Sullivan Principles that hastened the downfall of South Africa's apartheid government — now are being sued by black South Africans who suffered during that period.

The lawsuit seeks multi-billion dollar damages from such giants as IBM, General Motors, Citigroup and ExxonMobil — all among the first to agree to honor the 1977 Sullivan Principles of non-discrimination in hiring and employment practices in South Africa.

The principles were drafted by the late Philadelphia minister Leon Sullivan, a member of GM's board of directors, who saw them as a way of creating a peaceful workplace revolution that eventually would end minority white rule in South Africa. Sullivan's vision paid off in the mid-1990s, when apartheid ended and Nelson Mandela was elected president of a new, democratic government.

Sullivan himself praised the American companies who signed the agreement "as pioneers for progress" who put "humanitarian principles before profits." At the time, he noted, no European-based corporation was willing to risk the wrath of South Africa's apartheid regime.

Ironically, a lead lawyer in the case is Damisa Ntsebeza, a South African human rights lawyer, who is waging his legal assault on American business as a visiting professor at the University of Connecticut's main campus in Storrs. Ntsebeza and his allies in the United States already have filed apartheid reparations lawsuits in New Jersey, New York, California, Texas and Louisiana arguing that the U.S. multinational companies "profiteered unduly" as a result of the apartheid system.

But that claim conveniently ignores the fact that the Sullivan signatories were the very companies who forced up wage-scales and improved working conditions for black workers throughout South Africa — eventually pressuring reluctant South African and European corporations to follow suit. The lawsuits were filed under Alien Tort Claims Act (ATCA), a little-known 210-year-old law that is imposing a heavy — and in many cases, unfair — burden on Corporate America after

KATHY READ

remaining essentially unused for two centuries.

But ATCA's original purpose was to prevent privateers and pirates from disposing of goods confiscated on the high seas in American ports. It allowed foreign citizens standing in U.S. courts to sue and recover their property, but was never intended to allow foreigners to sue U.S. corporations for the actions of government in countries where they happened to be doing business.

Ntsebeza, a self-described Marxist, says he hopes such lawsuits will spread to other African countries where multinational corporations did business under oppressive regimes. What he really wants, he says, is for "a legal precedent to be created that brings down international capitalism."

The Washington Post, in an otherwise glowing article in early December, pointed out that Ntsebeza has been criticized from the legal community here and in South Africa for "hitching himself" to Ed Fagan, the controversial personal injury lawyer who is the lead attorney in a major U.S. slavery reparations case.

American personal injury lawyers who are joining Ntsebeza and Fagan in the lawsuits literally stand to rake in billions of dollars if the actions are successful. The companies being targeted are dumbfounded, however. "We were on the right side... we adamantly opposed apartheid," observes Jay Cooney, GM's director of legal communications.

Being right, unfortunately, doesn't trump greed when it comes to lawyers looking to make quick mega-bucks. In the meantime, U.S. companies who did the right thing may find themselves having to shut down operations in any developing nations, laying off employees and — in some cases — even staving off bankruptcy.

When the 108th Congress convenes, one of the first things it should do is revisit the outdated Alien Claims Tort Act and amend it to conform to today's reality.

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LETTER

Dairies present problems for local water users

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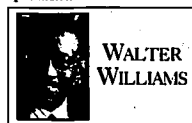
Of what use will \$2 billion and 15,400 jobs be to Idaho when the citizens who pay the taxes have no water to drink?

The water supply for our retirement home comes from springs under Gooding County's 70,000 plus cows. Odor is not the only environmental catastrophe caused by the dairies.

**JEANNE ALBAN
KEN LATIMER
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Dems are guilty of double standard

During World War II, ex-Ku Klux Klanman, now U.S. senator, Robert Byrd, D-W.V., vowed never to fight "with a Negro by my side. Rather I should die a thousand times, and see Old Glory trampled in the dirt never to rise again, than to see this beloved land of ours become degraded by race mongers, a throwback to the blackest specimen from the wilds."



WALTER WILLIAMS

Just a couple of years ago, Byrd lectured us on the floor of the Senate that "there are white niggers. I've seen a lot of white niggers in my time," whether he was talking about whites who act like blacks.

San Francisco's esteemed mayor Willie Brown once described a successful legislative battle this way: "We beat these old white boys fair and square."

Spike Lee said in disapproval of interracial marriages: "I give interracial couples a look. Diggers. They get uncomfortable when they see me on the street." The National Association of Black Social Workers drafted a position paper calling white adoptions of black children "cultural genocide." They warned against "assimilation... when one dominant culture overpowers and forces another culture to accept a foreign form of existence."

Donna Brazile, Al Gore's presidential campaign manager, called Republicans "white boys" who seek to "exclude, denigrate and leave behind."

At a celebration for retiring Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., said that Mississippians were proud to have voted for Thurmond in his 1948 presidential campaign "and, if the rest of the country had followed our lead, we wouldn't have had all these problems over all these years."

Which among the above statements are the most racist, which have received the most media coverage and which caused the most angst? Clearly, Lott's statement received the most media coverage and created the most angst, but it doesn't begin to equal as the most racist.

You say "Williams, that's different. High officials shouldn't honor and praise racists or ex-racists." Then what about Bill Clinton's acknowledged political mentors — former Arkansas Sen. J. William Fulbright and former Arkansas Gov. Orville Faubus — who were both racial segregationists? Yet the former president highly praises Fulbright and bestowed upon him the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award.

By the way, Fulbright was one of 19 senators who issued a statement titled, "The Southern



Manifesto," condemning the 1954 Supreme Court decision of Brown vs. Board of Education and defending segregation. That's a bit more recent than Thurmond's run for the White House. Does Clinton's praise of Fulbright mean that he supported "The Southern Manifesto," just as the assertion that Lott's praise of Thurmond means he supported Thurmond's segregationist stand in 1948? If so, why not also condemn Clinton?

I have several possible theories on the responses to Lott's rather stupid remarks — stupid in the context of our politically correct world. My first theory is that conservatives are held to higher standards of decency, conduct and decorum than liberals. In other words, it's like behavior that's tolerated in the case of children but ostracized when adults do the same thing. That theory might also explain why racist statements made by blacks are excused.

Another theory is that since 9-

11 and President Bush's public popularity, both appointed and unappointed black leaders have had no platform and been paid no attention. Lott's gaffe gives them platform, voice and mission.

Finally, the Democrats, having lost all branches of national gov-

ernment in the recent elections, are desperate to get something on Bush and the Republicans, and Trent Lott's statement is the answer to their prayers.

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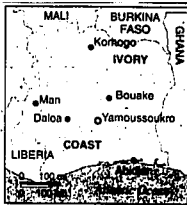
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French forces open fire on rebels in Ivory Coast

DUEKOUÉ, Ivory Coast (AP) — French forces opened fire Saturday on rebels in western Ivory Coast, trying to stop the insurgents from pushing past them toward the commercial capital Abidjan, the prize in the fight for control of West Africa's key nation.

Fighting reached within a half-mile of the western city of Duekoué, and residents could hear gunfire in the distance. French forces had set up a major position on the city's outskirts to block the rebel advance.

In the first minutes of fighting, witnesses saw French guns hit three cars of rebels. At their base



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at a school, French troops loaded mortars on trucks to rush to the

battle. Ivorian soldiers were also fighting the rebels.

The battle appeared to be the gravest engagement by French forces sent to intervene in the rapidly escalating three-month conflict in Ivory Coast, a former French colony.

Rebels, divided into factions in the north and west, at first hoped to force the resignation of President Laurent Gbagbo and his southern-based government, which they accuse of discrimination. But western rebels, bolstered by success in recent days in seizing key cities, now say they want to capture Abidjan and control

the country — the world's largest cocoa producer and a vital West African economic hub and port.

Ivory Coast, for decades West Africa's most prosperous and stable nation, has fallen into chaos since a late 1990s economic downturn followed by a 1999 coup, the country's first-ever.

Gbagbo took power in 2000 for a five-year term. Gen. Robert Guéi, who came to power in the 1999 coup, tried to steal the vote, and violence cut short the election. A people's revolt put Gbagbo in power, and rebels now want his resignation.

Police recover stolen paintings from Irish housing project

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Police have recovered five stolen paintings, including two by the Flemish master Peter Paul Rubens, from the attic of a public housing project and arrested three people, they said Saturday.

Detectives found the hidden artworks Friday night, nearly three months after they disappeared from Russborough House,

the home of the late English art collector and philanthropist Sir Alfred Beit. It was the fourth time thieves had targeted the house south of Dublin, which is open to the public.

Police found the paintings when they raided a house in the Clondalkin section of Dublin and said the paintings were in excellent condition.

Assistant Commissioner Joe Egan said the three people arrested — two women and a man, all in their thirties — had not been charged, but added that he expected more arrests. He did not release the suspects' names.

"This is not the end of the investigation into the disappearance," Egan said. "We would hope at this stage that the people

and criminals engaging in this type of activity would at last see the folly of their ways."

The stolen works were "Portrait of a Dominican Monk" and "Venus Supplicating Jupiter," both by Rubens; Willem van der Veldt the Younger's "Calm Sea," Adrien van Osade's "Adoration of the Shepherds" and Jacob van Ruisdael's "The Cornfield."

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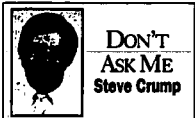
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When does a family member deserve to graduate from the card table to the adults' table at Christmas dinner?

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DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

Among the Crumps, there's a rather elaborate protocol for passage to the big table. Graduating from the kids' table is a privilege that's earned, and we don't cut you any slack just because you're an in-law.

- The rules are several:
- You must have attained at least your 37th birthday, be finished with or given up on college, and have had a job or a child—or both—within the past five years.
 - A spotless record on Aunt Chloe's Bruges-lace tablecloth.
 - Conversational skills in a broad range of subjects, including impromptu, the dubious character of the ex-husbands of Cousin Flora and Aunt Eunice, and the relative merits of chestnut vs. sausage stuffing.
 - Nostalgia for the work of the late Lawrence Welk and a disgust that there's nothing decent on television anymore.
 - The capacity, regardless of the amount of food you have just ingested, to choke down a piece of pan de ple.
 - A working knowledge of family-dinner etiquette, including when to offer to help and when to respect the obvious limitations of Aunt Chloe's one-burn kitchen.
 - Fact enough never to point out that Cousin Donna's Yam Surprise isn't anymore.
 - An ability to sit, without complaining, through four hours of Christmas music by the Ray Coniff Singers, the Bert Kaempfert Orchestra, and Mr. Acker Bilk.

To be sure, Christmas dinner is a bit less formal among the Crumps than Thanksgiving. One elbow is permitted on the table, kids are allowed to crawl across the grown-ups' legs to retrieve their Matchbox cars and rubber-tipped arrows, and girlfriends and boyfriends are invited to dine on a space-available basis. (They have seniority in the table hierarchy over unmarried second cousins.)

But hormones have often bedeviled our Christmas dinners, what with the chronic difficulty of preventing public displays of affection among in-laws.

Hand-holding is acceptable at table, as long as both of the hands involved are on the table, and discreet, fleeting kisses are tolerated but not encouraged. However, the touching of noses is right out, and anyone who removes a shoe under the table for unsavory purposes is facing a lifetime ban.

This rule arose from the notorious Christmas of 1967. My Uncle Jack brought his then-girlfriend, Myra, to dinner, and Myra sat across the table from Jack, next to Jack's sister-in-law, Juanita. Juanita, who is married to Jack's brother, hap-

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Idaho Power questions snail data

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — How significant are aquatic snails to the relicensing of Idaho Power Co.'s four dams between Shoshone Falls and Bliss?

They can't block Idaho Power from receiving its federal license, but they can affect how much power the company generates.

"What we stand to lose is peak generating capability," said Jeff Beaman, director of corporate communications.

Idaho Power has asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to delay taking action on relicensing the dam licenses until the company has time to re-evaluate its data on the small species, Beaman said.

The snails, listed as endangered species, are one of the final issues to be resolved in the

company's lengthy mid-Snake River dam relicensing process.

From Idaho Power's point of view, the worst-case outcome would be losing the ability to

From Idaho Power's point of view, the worst-case outcome would be losing the ability to increase power production during peak customer demand periods, Beaman said. The company's reservoir storage on the mid-Snake is minor, but the economic ramifications are unknown.

The mid-Snake reservoirs are nowhere near the capacity the company has at Brownlee Dam in the Hells Canyon complex, where the company can use nearly 1 million acre feet of water for power generation.

But both the company and an

Idaho conservation group say the mid-Snake snail issue is still significant.

"This is a huge issue for the relicensing of the mid-Snake and

C.J. Strike dams," said Sara Denniston Eddy, director of hydropower and energy programs for the conservation group Idaho Rivers United.

The four mid-Snake dams are at Shoshone Falls, Bliss and Upper and Lower Salmon Falls. The other dam involved is C.J. Strike near Mountain Home.

The snails live in fresh water springs along the edges of the river and are inundated when the dams ramp up at various times of day to meet peak power

demands, Eddy said. The artificial changes in the river affect water quality and water temperature, she said. C.J. Strike, Bliss and Lower Salmon Falls ramp up and down to meet peak power demand. The other mid-Snake dams are tied to the Bliss and Lower Salmon Falls relicensing process.

Idaho Power Co. petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to delist the Bliss Rapids snail and Idaho springsnail. But the company announced this month that it would withdraw the petitions after company biologists discovered inconsistencies in the data.

The data were collected by Idaho Power over an eight-year period, said Dennis Lopez, company spokesman. Inconsistencies surrounded issues of small population and population density, he said.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service's Snake River Basin office, based on Idaho Power's initial data, recommended a status review to determine whether the species should be delisted, said Bob Ruesnik, office supervisor. But he would have included an analysis of the company's study and a call for any other research that might be available. But the Fish and Wildlife Service had made no recommendations, yet, about whether the species should be delisted.

"People tend to snicker when you talk about endangered snails," said Steve Sedivy, executive director of Idaho Rivers United. "But they are indicators of environmental problems."

Idaho Power's initial findings challenged the premise that the pinhead-sized snails require pristine environments for survival, concluding water quality on the

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AN ENDURING TRADITION



Twin Falls City Councilman Howard Allen, left, Chuck Perkins, and city parks and recreation director Dennis Boyer fix the angels' trumpet into place while setting up the nativity scene in City Park Saturday. Allen donated the nativity scene, which was replaced last year, to the city in 1964. It has been on display every year since.

Councilman returns each year to set up nativity scene

By Julie Ponce
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In 1985, Twin Falls City Park lit up for the first time.

City leaders came together that year to outfit the park with Christmas lights. And brothers Howard and Chuck Allen donated a nativity scene to be displayed in the band shell.

Chuck Allen died four years ago, but Howard Allen, who has been on the City Council for 11 years, was at the park for the 18th

time Saturday to set up the nativity scene he and his brother ordered from Italy almost two decades ago.

But Howard Allen doesn't want to talk about his role in turning the park into a Christmas wonderland.

"It's really Mary McClusky, Donna Brizee and Dick Stowell who drove this thing," he said.

McClusky, a former city councilwoman who died in 1999, headed

a committee to furnish lights and wiring for City Park. Brizee and Stowell were on the committee.

Every year Allen returns to the park on the Saturday before the last Sunday in Advent to assist in setting up an almost life-size nativity scene. The tradition has been that the director of the city's parks and recreation department helps Allen.

Allen recalled the first time the figurines were set up.

Making spirits bright

A 12-day series about the people behind Christmas

"The first night the lights were up and the nativity scene was up, it was snowing like crazy," Allen said. "It really added to it."

Then the day after Christmas, the baby Jesus was stolen.

"Three days later he showed up at the police department," no questions asked, Allen said.

The figurines became weathered over time, so last year the city hired local artist Chanty Ward to spruce them up.

"She really did a nice job," Allen said. "They look good as new."

Tripping the lights fantastic

The Times-News

Where to find colorful Christmas holiday light decorations this season (as submitted by readers):

- Bliss**
 - 362 E. 1750 S.
- Burley**
 - 100 E. 75 N. Highway 30
- Gooding**
 - 1125 North Ave. E.
- Hansen**
 - 2534 Crook Creek Road.
- Harrison**
 - 220 Second St.

Heyburn

• 469 W. Quarterhorse Road.

Jerome

• Jerome Cheese Company, 49 W. 100 S.

• 908 N. 100 W.

• 473 Valley View Circle

Rupert

• 223 N. Meridian

• 400 W. 75 S.

Twin Falls

• Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 650 Addison Ave. W.

• 1572 Cottonwood St.

• 1250 Aspen St.

• 403 Second Ave. W.

• 2428 Pembrough Drive.

Snowpack levels

Waterhead	% of Avg.	% Norm.
Upper Snake River	77%	34%
South Falls	72%	22%
Stiffion	69%	22%
Oskey	68%	17%
Big Wood	69%	29%
Big Hole	112%	30%
Oneida Fork/Teton	60%	30%
Big Lost	102%	32%
Little Lost	68%	24%

*As of Dec. 21. A comparison of basin snowpack with pack with a 50-year

Standoff suspect avoids life in prison

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After sitting in jail for nearly two years, a Twin Falls man accused of holding a gun to his wife's head while keeping police at bay for several hours finally had his day in court.

Last week a Twin Falls jury found Sergio Arroyo, 33, guilty of aggravated assault and false imprisonment against his estranged wife Heidi Arroyo, now Heidi Woodridge.

Arroyo's punishment could be up to 20 years in jail. Sentencing is expected within six weeks.

However, Arroyo did escape possible life in prison on a first-degree felony kidnapping charge. Jury members struggled with the definition of kidnapping and instead convicted him of false

imprisonment, a misdemeanor, which carries a maximum of six months in jail.

An aggravated assault conviction normally has a five-year maximum sentence. But because Arroyo used a firearm, an additional 15 years can be tacked on.

The case started Jan. 26, 2001, when Arroyo broke into his estranged wife's home near Lincoln Elementary School and threatened her with a gun, resulting in a six-hour standoff with police and the SWAT team.

That day had begun in court, when Woodridge filed a 90-day civil protective order against Arroyo. Already upset with a child custody suit, Arroyo followed her home, a place unknown to him at that time. Arroyo then broke the protective order, breaking into Woodridge's home and

threatening her with a firearm, which started the standoff. Arroyo surrendered peacefully.

For nearly two years Arroyo has been sitting in jail. Normally, the accused receives a trial within six months. But on several occasions Arroyo switched defense attorneys, always at the last minute, thus waiving his right to a speedy trial.

"That's a pretty big deal when you change attorneys on the day of the trial," Twin Falls County Chief Deputy Prosecutor Suzanne Craig said Saturday.

Arroyo's current attorney, Ray Pena, said he "was hired on the expressed condition that I'd get him to trial."

The trial began on Monday and ended Thursday. The verdicts

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DEATH NOTICES

Shirley L. Story
TWIN FALLS - Shirley Lillian Story, 72, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
 Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Lloyd T. Johnson
BELLEUE - Lloyd Thomas "Pete" Johnson, 83, of Bellevue, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum.
 Arrangements will be announced by Wood River Chapel in Hailey.
Elizabeth Davis
SIERRA-VISTA, Ariz. - Elizabeth Davis, 13-month-old infant daughter of Thomas and Lisa Davis of Sierra Vista, Ariz., died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.
 There will be no service in Jerome. A service will be held at a later date in Arizona.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

William C. Baker
BURLEY - William C. Baker, 82, of Burley, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002, at the Burley Care Center.
 Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Alexander R. Garcia
GLENNS FERRY - Alexander

R. Garcia, 13, of Glens Ferry, died Friday, Dec. 20, 2002, at the Elmore Medical Center in Mountain Home.
 The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Our Lady of Limerick Catholic Church in Glens Ferry. Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until time of the service Tuesday at the church. Burial will follow at Glenn Rest Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, McKinley Chapel in Mountain Home.

Elleen Tussey of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Christian Church in Buhl.
 May Brehmer of Rupert, service at 3 p.m. Monday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call from

6-8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Monday at the mortuary.
 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.

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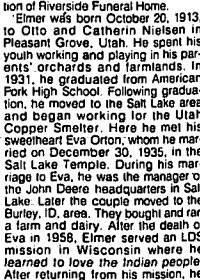


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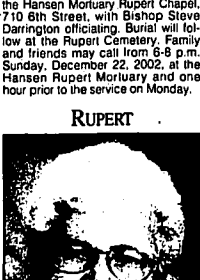
For obituary rates and information, call 733-9931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.



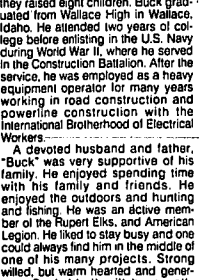
BURLEY
Gertrude E. Eckley
 Gertrude Ester May (Shepard) Eckley, 87-year-old Burley resident, died Wednesday, December 18, 2002, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley, of natural causes. She was born August 20, 1915, in Wood Lake, Nebraska, the daughter of Harry Monroe and Ella May (Jackson) Shepard. She attended school in Brown County, Nebraska. Gertrude married Albert Clay Eckley in Valentine, Nebraska, in 1935. They lived in Nebraska, and Payette, Idaho, before moving to Burley. She worked for Ore-Ida until her retirement. Gertrude enjoyed being with family and friends, loved to fish and go dancing. She also loved going to Jackpot.
 Survivors include her children, Albert Leslie Eckley of Nysa, Oregon, Eleanor Elberta (Bil) Durley of Declo, Donald Clay (Kathy) Eckley of Burley, two daughters, thirty-two great-grandchildren and two on the way, and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1979; two sons, Arthur Lloyd Eckley, Alfred Kenneth Eckley, and Keith Monroe Eckley, one daughter, Orvella Lee Eckley Peterson, and two great-grandchildren.
 Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, December 23, 2002, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 West Main Street in Burley. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary on Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. and from 1 to 4:45 p.m. prior to the funeral on Monday.



HEYBURN
Vernon Carl Merz
 Vernon Carl Merz, an 81-year-old Heyburn resident, passed away Wednesday, 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 nieces and nephews. On November 16, 1966, he married Beatrice Oenslager and they built a home on his farm in Heyburn. He enjoyed his stepchildren, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He worked two years at Simpson before he retired. After retirement, Vernon and Beatrice traveled extensively in the US, Canada, and Alaska. They built a home in Yuma, Arizona, called Snowbirds. Vernon could hardly wait for October 1st each year so they could go to Yuma.
 He had many hobbies he shared with family and friends. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, traveling, being with friends and playing cards. He was a 50-year-plus member of Paul Brown Lodge #17.
 He is survived by his wife, Beatrice, his stepchildren, Lawrence (Marcy) Boldt of Rupert, Pamela (Steve) Darrington of Declo, and Diana (Dennis) Montgomery of Rupert; sister, Wanda Garlock of Portland, Oregon; 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; nephews Gordon (Marsha) Garlock and Devon (Jan) Garlock of Oregon; and niece, Susan (Jim) Robertson of Oregon. He was preceded in death by his parents and one niece.
 He was our "Grandpa." We love him and will miss him.
 Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, December 23, 2002, at



RUPERT
Clayton 'Buck' M. Gulbranson
 Clayton "Buck" M. Gulbranson, an 83-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Wednesday, December 19, 2002, at the Madakoa Memorial Hospital.
 "Buck" or "Shorty" as he was affectionately called by those who knew him, was born December 15, 1919, in Colgan, North Dakota. He was raised on a farm near the Canadian border in North Dakota. On July 12, 1954, he married Elvira (Holte) Gulbranson in Miles City, Montana. He moved to Idaho in February of 1958, where



McCLEARY, WASH.
J. Crandall Peterson
 Joel Crandall Peterson, 61, former Clinton, Idaho, resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002, at the Evergreen Nursing Home in Olympia, Washington, of an extended illness. He was semi-retired at the time of his death.
 He was born August 22, 1941, in Logan, Utah, the son of J. Suel and Constance Webb Peterson. He spent his youth growing up on the farm in Clinton, Idaho. He was active in sports all his life and passed away talking of the great times on the golf course wearing his Seattle Mariners shirt. He was an executive of Blue Cross of New Mexico for much of his adult life and working with his father in business in McCleary, Washington, when he became ill and subsequently passed away.
 He is survived by his daughter, Chris Peterson, Sylvania, Ohio; his son, Corey Peterson, Alexandria, Virginia; a brother, Webb Peterson, Millersburg, West Virginia; and a sister, Carolyn Boyle, Las Vegas, Nevada; and by a granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his parents.
 Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 28, 2002, at 2 p.m. at Webb Funeral Home, 109 E. Oneida, Preston, Idaho. Friends may call Saturday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the mortuary. Interment will be in the Preston Cemetery.
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they raised eight children. Buck graduated from Wallace High in Wallace, Idaho. He attended two years of college before enlisting in the U.S. Navy during World War II, where he served in the Construction Battalion. After the service, he was employed as a heavy equipment operator for many years working in road construction and pipeline construction with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.
 A devoted husband and father, "Buck" was very supportive of his family. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed the outdoors and hunting and fishing. He was an active member of the Rupert Elks, and American Legion. He liked to stay busy and one could always find him in the middle of one of his many projects. Strong willed, but warm hearted and generous, Buck (dad) will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.
 Buck liked to make crafts, games, and toys for his friends and family to enjoy. He was a member of Rupert Elks Lodge #2106 and the Paul American Legion.
 He is survived by his children, Sonja (Gary) Larson of Eugene, Oregon, Carme (Jerry) Harman of Rochester, New Hampshire, Linda (Will) Delaney of Rupert, Carleen Dewi of Estes Park, Colorado, Penny Gulbranson of Orlando, Florida, Steve (Peggy) Gulbranson of Rupert, Tim Gulbranson of Billings, Montana, and Rocky (Kalhy) Gulbranson of Rupert. 9 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brothers, Wilbur (Jean) Gulbranson of Sacramento, California, and Wade (Rita) Gulbranson of Portal, North Dakota, and sister, Loraine (Emery) Schmidt of Sacramento, California. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Elvira; brothers, Harry Gulbranson and Ray Gulbranson; and sisters, Thelma Johnson and Fern Olson.
 Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 23, 2002, at the Twin Lutheran Church, 900 8th Street, Rupert, with Pastor David Poovey officiating. Family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, December 22, 2002, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 6th Street, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

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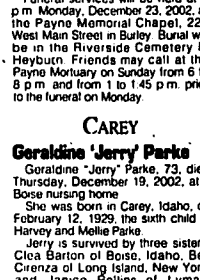


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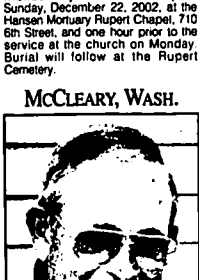
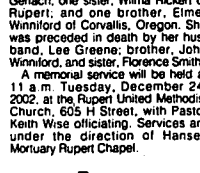
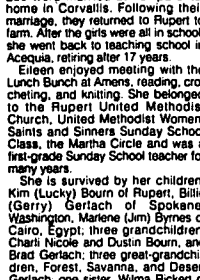
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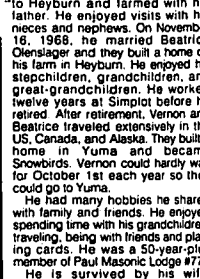
CAREY
Geraldine 'Jerry' Parks
 Geraldine "Jerry" Parks, 73, died Thursday, December 19, 2002, at a Boise nursing home.
 She was born in Carey, Idaho, on February 12, 1929, the sixth child of Harvey and Malita Parks.
 She is survived by three sisters, Clea Barton of Boise, Idaho, Bea Cienza of Long Island, New York, and Janice Rollins of Lyman, Wyoming; her brother, Curtis Parks of Carey; and twenty nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister Dolis Aiken and one brother John Parks.
 Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, December 23, 2002, at the LDS Chapel. Friends may call at the church one hour prior to services. Interment will follow in the Carey Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey, Idaho.



EAGLE
Elmer Ray Nielsen
 Elmer Ray Nielsen, 89, of Eagle, passed away Saturday, December 21, 2002, at his home of natural causes.
 Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, December 23, 2002, at the Eagle LDS Stake Center on N. Eagle Road. Bishop Robert G. Southworth will preside. Burial will follow services at Dry Creek Cemetery. A viewing will be held tonight from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Eagle Stake Center. Services are under the direc-



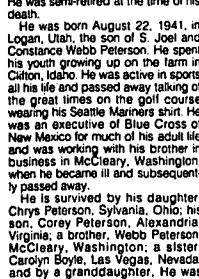
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Hagerman hires public works employee

By Sandra Wisocover
Times News correspondent

HAGERMAN — Taking care of the city's business must be Casey Kelley's priority, the City Council told him this week.

Kelley will be Hagerman's new public works department employee starting Monday, Jan. 6. A resident of Hagerman, Kelley is also a volunteer firefighter.

As a member of the fire department, "You are there to save lives and protect property," Councilman Pete Weir said. "Now you are taking on another responsibility, taking care of 600 water and sewer systems. I see no problem with your responding to fire calls, but I feel your obligation should be with us first. That should be your priority."

Kelley said his job with the public works department would come first. In six months, Kelley will write a job description to include what he considers his responsibilities to the city. The council will also authorize a job description with a formal personnel policy and job description formulated from these two documents.

He will train under Public

Works Superintendent Richard Scroggs and will be in line for Scroggs' position when he retires. Scroggs tentatively plans to retire in January 2004.

"The city is evolving and personnel descriptions and job descriptions are something that have not happened in the past," Councilman Jim Scott said. "We will be getting a little bit more formal. We would like to see our personnel policies evolve so that wages are tied to that schedule and employees are rewarded for becoming more qualified. As you successfully complete required course work, that would all be tied to pay."

Other council business this week included:

- **New cable franchise** — The council passed a resolution approving a franchise transfer for Hagerman cable service, Cable One of Magic Valley is finalizing an agreement with Millennium Digital Cable to take over services for Magic Valley communities.
- **Russ Young**, general manager for Cable One, said the goal is to provide 150 channels plus high-speed Internet services. If the paperwork can be finalized

before the first of the year, Cable One will take over as service provider on January 1, 2003.

- **License approval** — The council approved beer and wine licenses for 2003 for Hagerman Buy Way, Chappell's Food Mart, Fossil Foods, Larry and Mary's and Snake River Grill. Wine, beer and liquor licenses were approved for Angler's and Wilson's Club.
- **Building ordinance** — Ordinance No. 1017, adopting the International Building Code, was unanimously approved.
- **New committee** — The council approved Resolution 2002-08, appointing the Hagerman Improvement, Development, Education and Appreciation committee as the liaison organization for the Idaho Department of Commerce Gem Community program.
- **Returning councilman** — Councilman Robert Petronek was in attendance at the meeting, his first since undergoing heart surgery last month.

American Eagle pulls out of Boise

BOISE (AP) — American Eagle Airlines will no longer offer flights from the state capital.

Just eight months after coming to town, the regional affiliate of American Airlines will be shutting down its Boise operations and laying off its 11 local employees.

The airline blamed a lack of passengers on its two daily round-trip flights between Boise and Dallas and the airline industry's poor financial standing for the closure.

"Unfortunately, we've not been able to get a satisfactory revenue stream out of the Boise market," company spokesman Gus Whitcomb said. "The Airline industry is having a very difficult time making money right now and is having to move its planes to more lucrative markets."

John Anderson, manager of Boise Airport said the airline did not give the new route much of a chance to become profitable. It started business here May 15, with the two Dallas flights.

"That's really short timing," Anderson said. "One would have to think there's more behind this decision besides the lack of Boise traffic."

Whitcomb said only 54.6 percent of the seats on its two daily

round trip flights to Dallas were occupied in November. Those flights were made with 70-seat regional jets.

The airline's final day of business in Boise will be Jan. 31.

Whitcomb said local American Eagle employees will be given an opportunity to transfer to other American Eagle cities where there are job vacancies. Otherwise, they will be given a severance package and laid off at the end of January.

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N.J. moderate may head lands committee; Western representatives try to prevent it

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time in a quarter century, the House committee in charge of hundreds of millions of acres of Western land could be led by an Easterner, not a Westerner, worrying some Western Republicans and causing a revolt among others.



Rep. Jim Saxton

New Jersey Rep. Jim Saxton has more seniority than any other Republican on the House Resources Committee, and is therefore first in line for the split.

But Western representatives complain that Saxton — an Easterner with a moderate voting record on environmental issues — doesn't understand issues like grazing, mineral and land management decisions made by the committee shape the West's wide-open expanses.

Now some Westerners are pushing House leadership to skip Saxton in favor of less-ensured committee members, such as Rep. Elton Gallegly, R-Calif., or Rep. John Duncan, R-Tenn. One relative newcomer, Rep. Richard Pombo, a conservative rancher from California, is aggressively campaigning for the job.

"Jim's a good friend and a great guy, but he doesn't live in the West and may not understand some of the issues," said Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah.

The last Resources Committee chairman from east of the Mississippi River was Rep. James Haley, a Democrat from Florida, who held the post from 1973 to 1977.

The committee has jurisdiction over all of America's public lands. It oversees national parks and forests, regulates energy development on federal land, manages U.S. rivers, waterways and fisheries, and supervises issues relating to American Indians and U.S. territories.

Saxton has been most active in fisheries issues, spending six years as chairman of the fisheries subcommittee from 1994 to 2000.

Saxton's spokesman, Jeff Sagitt, said his boss has always been fair to Western members during his years on Resources, and he has made it clear to House leaders that he wants a chance to lead the committee.

"He's been very loyal to the Republican Party and to the leadership and he has been letting them know over the past couple months that he's very interested in working on Resources as a

chairman," Sagitt said.

House committee chairmen have immense power to decide what bills make it to the floor and what ones don't, so persuading House members to speak publicly about the Resources contest is difficult. House leaders have also told members and staff in recent weeks not to discuss the race.

But opponents have two knocks against Saxton: where he's from and how he votes.

His New Jersey district has hardly any public land that falls under the committee's jurisdiction, compared to 80 percent of Nevada, two-thirds of Utah and more than 60 percent of Idaho that are under federal control.

And Saxton has frequently voted with the environmental community, most notably as one of 16 Republicans who voted against the House energy bill that included oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. He also voted to strip the refuge drilling authority from the bill.

The League of Conservation Voters said Saxton cast environmentally friendly votes on 59 percent of the key issues in the 107th Congress, compared to 18 percent for Gallegly and Duncan and 9 percent for Pombo.

Rep. Jim Hansen, R-Utah, the retiring current chairman, voted with environmentalists in 5 percent of key votes. By comparison, the senior Democrat on the panel, Rep. Nick Rahall of West Virginia, sided with environmentalists on 86 percent of key votes.

Saxton boasts of his environmental credentials in his official biography, saying he has worked to build a reputation as a bipartisan conservationist dedicated to expanding protected federal lands, stopping ocean dumping and restoring fisheries — and has worked hand-in-hand with the Sierra Club, Audubon Society, and other environmental groups.

"It would be a delightful surprise if Jim Saxton were to become chairman of that committee," said Dave Albereworth, public lands specialist for the Wilderness Society. "But it's pretty clear the Western Republican members of that committee wouldn't even allow that to happen. He's too green."

Rep. John Shadegg, R-Ariz., one of the Western members on the

House Steering Committee, which will decide committee assignments when representatives return in January, said he will take a close look at Saxton's record, as well as the others interested.

"For me to give serious consideration to someone who's not from the West, I would both personally look at their voting record and listen to what they say," Shadegg said. "Jim Saxton's voting record, I don't think is going to make Westerners very comfortable with him."

If House leaders are persuaded to look further down their depth chart, they come to Gallegly and then Duncan. Both have voting records that are more palatable to Western conservatives.

Gallegly has the benefit of being a Westerner, but Duncan has been more active on the committee and won backing from several Westerners on the committee, despite being from Tennessee. His district includes

Utah's first wolf in 70 years rejoins Yellowstone pack

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two months after being caught in northern Utah, the first wolf found in the state in more than 70 years is again running with his Yellowstone pack.

The 2.5-year-old male wolf, known as "253" was spotted at dawn Friday in the Lamar Valley, a region in Yellowstone National Park's northeastern corner.

"We heard howling, roughly south of Lamar ranger station," said Rick McIntyre, a park ranger who monitors the pack. Wolf 253 "was right in the middle of his Druid Peak pack. He had that very characteristic bad limp in his hind leg."


It also had a limp in its right front leg, probably from an injury suffered since it struck out on its own in mid-October.

The wolf was caught in a one-trap Nov. 30 about 25 miles north of Salt Lake City. A second set of wolf prints was found nearby, leading biologists to speculate that and a mate were attempting to start a pack in Utah.

Identified by his radio collar number, 253 became the first confirmed wolf in Utah in more than 70 years. It also reignited the debate over whether the state should allow the creature to re-establish itself.

State officials notified the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which dispatched an officer to take custody of 253, which was released in Grand Teton National Park, southwest of Yellowstone, on Dec. 3.

Last week, 253's signal was picked up east of Yellowstone Lake, indicating it was trying to return to Lamar Valley.



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Religious leaders rap street preachers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Local religious leaders from various Christian faiths apologized Friday for obnoxious preachers who have confronted visitors on the Main Street Plaza.

The group also urged so-called "street preachers" to act with respect and civility when conveying messages about their beliefs.

Standing on the plaza, the Christian leaders asked for forgiveness for speaking out so late and for the "rude," "offensive" and "destructive" comments made by the preachers.

Such behavior has been all too frequent, they said, since the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints could not regulate behavior on the swath of Main Street it bought from the city in 1999 and turned

into an ecclesiastic park.

"We denounce the mean-spirited manner in which a handful of individuals has used the name of Jesus Christ to attack and insult the members of the LDS Church," Ken Muholland, president of the Salt Lake Theological Seminary.

The pastors — including those from Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran and Presbyterian churches — declined to take any stand on a solution to the plaza debate, but pleaded for everyone to calm the divisive rhetoric.

On Tuesday, a group of men on the plaza held signs with dis-

paraging remarks about the Mormon church, including "Jesus Saves, Joseph Enslaves," a reference to Mormon prophet and church founder Joseph Smith.

The Rev. Mike Imperiale of the First Presbyterian Church in Salt Lake City encouraged preachers on Friday to communicate beliefs in a more friendly manner.

"We certainly want to stick to what we believe is true and right and good and helpful and holy, but to share it in a way that's winsome and helpful for people to consider."

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Many remember family killed in accident

ROOSEVELT, Utah (AP) - During funeral services for four members of a Roosevelt family, a leader in the Mormon church told the youngest surviving family member that the spirits of his family will always be with him.

President Boyd K. Packer of the Quorum of the Twelve of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints told 14-year-old Trevor Hunt through his faith, he can remain close to his family.

"The spirits of those who have departed are among us, and if we are spiritually minded we can hear them," Packer said. "In your own private way, in a way you will not be able to explain, you will not be alone."

Packer was the main speaker at services Friday afternoon for the Hunt family.

Bruce Hunt, 55; his wife, Sandra, 51; and their two sons, Tyler, 19, and Bryson, 21, were on their way to Salt Lake City Monday night so Tyler could catch a plane Tuesday for the Mission Training Center in Brazil.

Their car lost control on slick roads on U.S. 40 near Strawberry Reservoir. All four were killed instantly when the vehicle was struck by an on-coming car.

The Hunt family was eulo-

gized as continually optimistic, close, fun-loving, intelligent and willing to serve in whatever capacity they were called to in the church.

Bruce was the operations manager for Moon Lake Electric Association and served in the bishopric of the Roosevelt First Ward. Sandra was a homemaker who taught piano, violin and guitar lessons.

Bryson had returned home in

June from serving in the Oakland, Calif., mission and was attending Utah State University on a presidential scholarship. He was two years away from receiving his master's degree in computer science.

Trevor, who attends eighth grade at Roosevelt Junior High, will stay with neighbors so he can finish the rest of the school year. He is staying with the same family where his parents had

left him when they went to see Tyler off on his mission.

The Hunts are also survived by three grown children.

Funeral services for the Hunt family are also scheduled Saturday in Enterprise, Washington County, where the family will be buried. Bruce and Sandra Hunt met in Enterprise and raised their family in Cedar City before moving to Roosevelt about 20 years ago.

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High-tech firms take a vacation

BOISE (AP) - Many areas high tech workers will be home for the holidays this year, but not by choice.

More than 7,000 area workers are being sent on mandatory vacations so their companies can save costs during a traditionally slow period.

"I think it truly reflects how weak the markets are for electronics and high-tech products at the moment," John Church, a regional economist in Boise, said. "That area is still not recovering substantially."

Still, holiday furloughs are not as widespread this year as they were last year. In 2001 Micron Technology cut all of its 10,100 employees through a mandatory two-week vacation schedule. This year Micron will continue with regular operations through the holidays.

But with some workers taking vacation without pay during shutdowns, there is sure to be an impact on the Treasure Valley economy.

In an unusually long shutdown, Zilog Inc. will close its Nampa plant for two full weeks. "This is definitely a longer shutdown than usual," Zilog corporate spokeswoman Diana Vincent said. "We're simply anticipating next year's economy and preparing for that."

The Zilog shutdown affects about 200 local workers. Hewlett-Packard will have the largest shutdown in the area, sending a most of its 3,700 local employees and about 2,000 contract workers home.

MicronPC in Nampa will send most of its 1,000 employees home from Dec. 23 through Jan. 1, with some staying at work to handle critical business needs, a company spokeswoman said.

"We do it for two reasons," said MicronPC spokeswoman Elissa Reid. "It's a benefit to employees to have the time off when typically it's a slower time, and it's helpful for the company to shut down for expense reasons."

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Mining industry combats decades-old images

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Mining, long one of the dirtiest and most dangerous jobs in the country, is trying to clean up its image.

A recent survey for the National Mining Association found that Americans have a generally favorable opinion of mining, the Washington, D.C.-based trade group said.

Part of the reason is the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, which made many people realize the country is vulnerable to outside forces, said Carol Raulston, vice president of communications for the association. While the poll did not specifically ask about terrorism, the association is making that deduction, Raulston said.

"There is very strong support across the country for using minerals found here in this country," Raulston said. "There is no support for relying on international sources for those."

The March survey of registered voters was the association's first national look at attitudes on mining, Raulston said. The industry will use the survey to better tailor its messages with the public and politicians.

"We hope to build support for mining," Raulston said.

"In the past we were putting out information that people were not interested in, or using a lot of technical industry terminology that was not meaningful to people," Raulston said.

Mining has long been an industry on the decline in the United States, with many companies going overseas to find and develop new mines. High costs and tough environmental rules are the main reason for the exodus.

Among the key findings of the survey, people who do not live near mining sites base many of their attitudes on conditions in the 1930s or 1940s, on old labor disputes, or from movies like "Coal Miner's Daughter."

"They are really wedded to old images," Raulston said. That undercut support for mining, but also provided opportunities to educate the public, she said.

People who live in mining districts, which are popular with the area, are more familiar with technological improvements and environmental reclamation work, she said. They are more



The Barrick Goldstrike Mining rescue team, from Nevada, check their breathing apparatus during the National International Mine Rescue Contest in Reno, Nev., Aug. 21. A recent survey for the National Mining Association found Americans have a generally favorable opinion of mining but those unfamiliar with modern mining techniques base many of their attitudes on conditions in the 1930s or 1940s, on old labor disputes or old movies like "Coal Miner's Daughter."

supportive of the industry.

There is wide understanding across the country about the importance of products that are mined, such as gold, copper and titanium, to computers, aerospace and a wide range of high-tech industries.

"People don't have to be educated on that, they understand it," Raulston said.

The association has already redesigned its Web site to reflect lessons from the survey, she said. New advertising is also being developed.

The survey found that radio ads pointing out all the products made possible by mining, and which focus on hardships people would suffer without those products, were not popular with the public because they were considered threatening, Raulston said.

"The survey opened a lot of eyes," said Laura Skær, head of

the Northwest Mining Association in Spokane, to which convention many of the findings were released earlier this month.

Clare Davis, a Sierra Club representative in Spokane, said any improvement in the public image of mining does not mean Americans want to return to the devastating practices of the past.

"Clean air and water and public lands are still going to be valuable Americans hold dear to their hearts," Davis said.

The survey was conducted by telephone in March by Market Strategies of Alexandria, Va. The company questioned 800 registered voters nationwide by telephone and had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

In addition, a subset of 200 people in mining districts around the country was also polled, with a margin of error of plus or

minus 6.9 percentage points, the association said. Finally, another subset of 100 people living in the District of Columbia was also polled, with a margin of error in their responses of 9.8 percentage points, the association said.

All of the people polled were registered voters who were college educated and had incomes of at least \$50,000 per year.

The survey found that 65 percent of people nationwide support mining, but support fell to just over 45 percent in Washington, D.C., and rose to about 75 percent in mining districts.

More than 55 percent of people surveyed in mining districts thought mining had a good to excellent environmental record over the past five years, compared to about 28 percent nationwide and about 12 percent in Washington, D.C.



Students in Stacey Hunsaker's third-grade class at Big Valley Elementary School listen as she reads to them. The third grade has the smallest class size at Big Valley, with an average of 22 students per class.

Big Valley focuses on students, staff

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Teachers weren't introduced as third-grade teachers or fifth-grade teachers at a special school board meeting last week at Big Valley Elementary School.

Rather, Big Valley teachers were introduced as part of one of three teams — a student team, a staff team and a community team. The team strategy came from in-service activities this fall, Principal Alan Cardon said.

The student committee is focusing on giving students recognition, refining the Accelerated Reader program, providing academic support and support to stresses outside of school.

Vickie Neibert talked to school board members about support groups at Big Valley. The groups help students tackle topics such as anger management.

Along with an anger management group, the school also has a mediation method where students involved in a disagreement can come up with a solution. That helps angry feelings to stop along with the angry actions, Neibert said.

In 1995-2000 Big Valley saw 38 fights, Neibert said. In 2000-2001 the number of fights dropped to eight.

Members of the staff committee are planning staff events and a bulletin board for the staff to get to know each other and students to get to know staff.

E-mail is a focus of the community committee. They are planning to be able to communicate with parents through e-mail and adding other adults to the school environment.

A parent is a child's first teacher and the child's continuing teacher, committee chairman John Jenkins said.

School Board Chairman Randeec Martin said the staff shows concern for the students even outside the academic realm — caring about students' home life and social aspects of school.

State pushes for Palouse Byway

SPOKANE (AP) — A series of highways through Whitman County will be the state's newest scenic byway if the Legislature follows a recommendation from the Washington State Transportation Commission.

The proposed Palouse Country Scenic Byway rolls through 160 miles of the sparsely populated region where the endless undulating hills resemble ocean waves.

"What I see coming out of this is a chance for the state to show off areas that are off the beaten path," Commissioner Ed Barnes said Thursday. "This gets tourism dollars into smaller communities and helps the economic development of those communities."

With a scenic byway designation, the highways become eligible for federal funding for transportation and traveler improvements.

Snails

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mid-Snake River is more than adequate to sustain the snails.

The company said it would contract with an independent scientist to review procedures used to collect the snail data, the field data used to create the database, the database itself and its use.

"Upon completion of this independent review the company, in conjunction with the state, will decide whether to once again petition for delisting," John

future of their towns and way of life," said Michelle Poesy, of the Pullman Chamber of Commerce. "It provides us with a diversification strategy that complements our agricultural and education industries."

The routes traverse Whitman County and feature many of the attractions and unique landscapes found in the Palouse Region.

Highways proposed for inclusion in the scenic byway designation include: U.S. 195, from Pullman south through Colton and Uniontown, to the Idaho border; Washington 27, from Pullman north to Palouse, Garfield, Oakesdale, and Tekoa; Washington 271, from Oakesdale north to Rosalia; U.S. 195, from Rosalia south to Colfax and Pullman; Washington 25, from Colfax west through Dusty and LaCrosse, ending at the Palouse River at the Whitman County border.

Prescott, Idaho Power vice president for power supply, said in a statement issued the day the company announced it would withdraw its petitions.

"We're committed to ensuring the best science available is used to determine the impacts of our projects on the environment," he said.

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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The head of the Bonneville Power Administration said Friday that the agency lost more than \$300 million last year and that chances of a spring rate increase for Northwest utilities are increasing.

Administrator Steve Wright said BPA's financial condition "fragile" and the agency could end up with 20 percent less water than normal in reservoirs this winter, hampering its ability to recover by selling surplus power.

Deal lets ski resort open new terrain

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. (AP) — The nation's second-busiest ski resort opened new terrain Friday under a deal worked out in Mayor Sam Mamula's kitchen.

"We got some very significant concessions before endorsing the resort's long-term plan for \$400 million in improvements, Mamula said.

Friday, Breckenridge opened seven trails served by a six-seat, high speed lift. The expansion increases the resort's intermediate-skill trails by 30 percent.

Sixty percent of the resort's visitors are intermediate skiers or snowboarders, said Roger McCarthy, Breckenridge's chief operating officer.

"Long-term expansion plans include a gondola, parking and condos. Negotiations between Vail

Standoff

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came that day.

A pre-empting investigation is under way to help the judge deduce a fair sentence by factoring in Arroyo's background. The

resorts, which owns the Breckenridge ski area, and the city began about five years ago.

Some residents of Breckenridge, an old mining community, objected to the plans because of concerns about the environment and fears that commercial development close to the ski runs would take away business from the town.

Vail Resorts eventually agreed to reduce the number of planned housing units by 110. Each would likely have sold for \$400,000 or more.

"We worked out the deal in Sam's kitchen," McCarthy said. Mamula praised Vail Resorts for opening the new terrain well before selling any real estate.

"They invested a lot of money even before they had a written agreement. They did it on a hand-

shake," he said.

The new ski trails, on U.S. Forest Service land, attracted little opposition. "It is a model for putting a set of ski trails and lifts on the land in a sensitive way," said Rick Cables, regional forester for the Forest Service.

Vail Resorts CEO Adam Aron said the number of skiers at Breckenridge is increasing and the resort needed more terrain.

"We sell twice as many lift tickets per acre at Breckenridge as at Vail," he said. Vail, the nation's busiest ski resort, has more than twice as many acres of skiable terrain.

Aron said Vail Resorts, which took over Breckenridge in January 1997, has spent \$12 million on improvements at Breckenridge this season.

Obviously he'd like to be out," Pena said. "We're trying to convince the court that he's a good candidate for probation."

But Craig maintains that Arroyo is a "dangerous guy" and

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pened to be the best friend of Jack's former girlfriend, Heidi.

Jack had dumped Heidi, earning the everlasting enmity of Juanita, who was horrified to find herself next to her friend's rival. The two women ignored each other, sitting elbow-to-elbow, through the entire meal.

Understandably, Myra took the earliest opportunity to excuse

herself and help clear the dishes, a feat that Jack — with his head turned toward the football game on the TV in the corner — failed to notice.

Meanwhile, Juanita — in an effort to converse with Aunt Chris, who was sitting at the far end of the table — slid into the chair previously occupied by Myra. Jack, still watching the game, picked that exact moment

to slip out of his penny loafer and run his arroyo-stockinging toe up and down the horrified Juanita's shin.

Jack didn't just get demoted to the kids' table for the following Thanksgiving; He was exiled to the back porch — and it's not a covered back porch — with a TV tray.

Things didn't work out with Myra, either, and Jack ended up

Teens face charges in pot sales at school

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Two teenagers have learned that drug dealing is not a good way to make up for lost allowance money.

The pair are facing charges in juvenile court for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

A 14-year-old boy and 13-year-old girl are accused with bringing pot to school to sell.

Reports said the boy told police he found a marijuana cluster while walking down Boulevard.

The 14-year-old girl, who suggested they sell it because they no longer had an allowance. Police said the boy filled pens and markers with it and put it in the girl's backpack to take to Taylorville Junior High School to sell.

She has had a seat of honor at the homeowners' table ever since, while Jack eats dinner in the kitchen.

Whenever he finishes the dishes.

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SPORTSQUOTE

That's how they are in Canada. They don't really know basketball. They just come out and watch. They don't know if they're watching polo or lolo.

— Washington forward Charles Oakley, on his reaction to Raptors fans failing to give Michael Jordan a standing ovation on his last appearance in Toronto.

TRIVIA QUESTION:

Who is the only coach to have won the Rose Bowl game with both a Pac-10 team and a Big Ten team?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

ISU women storm past Boise State

BOISE — Burley's Ashley Toner scored 22 points and hauled down 14 rebounds as Idaho State cruised by Boise State, 63-49, in women's nonconference college basketball Saturday at the BSU Pavilion.
Toner, a senior, had 11 defensive rebounds and shot 9-of-16 in 35 minutes. Former Ricks College transfer Merrilee Uday added 13 points and Cristy Fernandez had 12 for the Lady Bengals (3-4), who trailed 32-25 at halftime.
Mandy Welch scored 11 points and Jamie Hawkins had 10 points to lead the Broncos (3-6), who shot a woeful 19.2 percent (5-of-26) in the second half and 30.5 percent for the game. ISU shot 41.4 percent in the second half to finish 34.4 percent (22-of-64).
Idaho State doubled up their in-state rivals, 32-16, on points in the paint and had 17 points off turnovers.

Robert Stuart announces holiday open gym dates

TWIN FALLS — Robert Stuart Junior High School will host several open gymnasium dates over the holidays. Admission is free and open to all members of the public.
The gym will be open today, from noon to 4 p.m. It will open Monday, Dec. 23, from 1-7 p.m. and again on Thursday, Dec. 26 and Friday from 1-7 p.m. The following Saturday and Sunday will open again from noon to 4 p.m. and from 1-7 p.m. on Dec. 30 and Jan. 23.
Open gym dates are sponsored by Twin Falls Parks and Recreation and School District No. 411.

Oracle again beats OneWorld in semifinal

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Oracle of San Francisco moved within one victory of the America's Cup challenger final Sunday when it took a 3-0 lead over Seattle's OneWorld Challenge in the semifinal regatta.
OneWorld incurred an early penalty for a right-of-way infringement and fouled again when it crossed the startline before the gun.
Those errors gave OneWorld little hope of saving the race and preventing Oracle from taking a big lead in a best-of-seven series. It followed Oracle around the 18.5 nautical mile course and, when it had discharged its penalty at the finish line, trailed by 55 seconds.

Compiled from wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

John Cooper, with Arizona State in 1987 and Ohio State in 1997.

Challis romps to Bear-Cat title

Minico rallies for second with three individual champs

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

JEROME — "Challis is for real," Minico wrestling coach Brad Cooper said Friday night.

The defending state Class 2A champion Vikings did little to contradict that statement during the second day of the seventh annual Bear-Cat Invitational, clinching the team title before the finals began Saturday afternoon.

Challis won easily with 236.5 points.

In the team trophy race, it was soon just a battle for second place. One that saw Minico prevail behind three individual championships and a total of nine place winners compared to two titles and eight placings for Meridian and a points margin of 174-172.5.

Minico's individual champions included Gene Hammond at 103 pounds, Eric Adams at 112 and Joey Vail at 171. Vail was picked as outstanding wrestler for 140 pounds and above for the tournament. Challis

135-pounder Tad Berry won for the lighter weights. Berry recorded his 100th and 101st career varsity wins on Saturday.

"We talked about (taking second) coming into today," Minico's Cooper said. "Overall, the kids wrestled well. Our younger ones got some wins (in consolation). I'm pretty happy for them."

Other area winners included Buhl's RC Sisson at 140 pounds, Matt Conover of Wood River at 145, Will Baggs of Buhl at 152, Burley's Gerardo Vega at 160, Vail at 171, and

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Minico's Joey Vail, top, dominated his semifinal match against Kimberley's Joey Silva, pinning Silva at 3 minutes, 39 seconds, at the seventh annual Bear-Cat Invitational on Saturday at Jerome High School. Vail went on to win the 171-pound division and was named outstanding wrestler for the upper weights.

DALE H. COLLARD
For The Times-News

GOT YOUR BACK



Brothers Aking Elting, left, and Sakrid Dent were reunited this season at CSI.

CSI's Sakrid Dent, Aking Elting enjoy college season together

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They may be brothers, but they don't share much in common.

Not the same haircut. Not the same dorm room. Not even the

same last name.

But what they do share, no one can take away.

Sakrid Dent and Aking Elting were reunited this basketball season at the College of Southern Idaho where Dent, a year older, is in his sophomore year and Elting

is a freshman. Though the reunion has been more off the court than on, both say they're happy to be playing basketball together again — if only for a season.

"All our life we've been playing ball together," Dent said. "So

there is a lot of chemistry in between the both of us on the basketball court. Like, he know what I'm gonna do before I even know what I'm gonna do, or I know what he gonna do before he even know what he gonna do."

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Vikings hamper Dolphins' playoff hopes

Anderson boots 53-yard game winner

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings had nothing to lose. So why not let Randy Moss throw the ball, and send a 43-year-old kicker out for his longest field goal attempt in four years?

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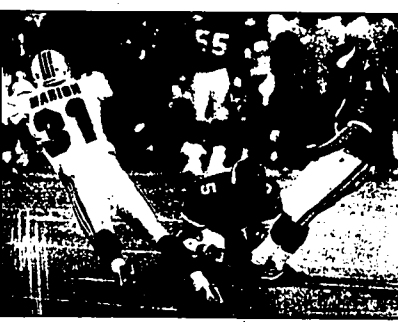
Moss threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to give Minnesota the lead early in the fourth quarter, and Gary Anderson's 53-yard kick with 17 seconds left gave the Vikings a 20-17 victory over the Miami Dolphins on Saturday.

Anderson's previous long this season was 44 yards, and his last make of 50 yards or more was a 53-yarder on Dec. 20, 1998 against Jacksonville.

Even though Anderson hadn't tried a field goal as long as 53 yards since that game against the Jaguars, the NFL's all-time leading scorer was confident.

"You've got to bring your driver out," Anderson said with a laugh. "It's not a 5iron shot."

The defeat prevented the Dolphins (9-6) from clinching a playoff spot. They lead New England by a half-game in the AFC East and can win the division by beating the Patriots in Foxboro, Mass., next week. A loss could leave them out of the playoffs.



Minnesota Vikings kicker Gary Anderson kicks the winning 53-yard field goal with 17 seconds remaining to beat the Miami Dolphins 20-17, Saturday in Minneapolis. Dolphins' Brock Marlon defends as Vikings' Kyle Richardson holds.

"Life is simple for the next seven days," said defensive end Jason Taylor, who had 1.5 of his league-leading 18.5 sacks. "Win, or we're home for New Year's."

Moss, named to his fourth Pro Bowl this year after being left off last season, had seven receptions for 110 yards. He has 100 catches this season, 18 more than the career high he set last year. The Vikings (5-10) continued taking risks, six days after

Daunte Culpepper ran for a 2-point conversion with 10 seconds left in a 32-31 victory at New Orleans. A kick would've sent the game to overtime.

Culpepper kept the pivotal drive going Sunday by running 3 yards on fourth-and-2 at the Miami 45. Minnesota coach Mike Tice sent the punt team out, but he called timeout and changed his mind as Vikings fans urged them to go for it.

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USC wins volleyball championship

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Katie Obrovsky had 16 kills as top-seeded Southern California defeated Stanford 3-1 in the NCAA women's volleyball championship on Saturday.

It is USC's second title, since winning the inaugural championship in 1981.
Obrovsky led a balanced attack as Keao Burdine and April Ross each had 15 kills and Emily Adams had 12 for USC, which won 30-27, 23-30, 30-24, 30-26. Burdine also had a match-high 15 digs.

Oganna Nnamani led defending champion Stanford (33-5) with 19 kills. Logan Tom had 16 and Sara McCone added 11.

The teams met twice during the Pac-10 season, with each winning a five-game match on the other's court. It was the fifth all Pac-10 final since 1992.

USC (31-1) took control of the match midway through the third game on an 8-2 run to take an 18-9 lead. The Cardinal closed the gap to 24-21, but USC won three straight points to keep control. After a Stanford point, USC scored the last two.

In the fourth game, USC scored the first four points and took a 9-3 lead.

Stanford got to 23-22, but USC scored three straight points. After two kills by Logan, USC scored four of the final six points, ending it on Obrovsky's kill.

USC won the first game with Ross and Burdine each getting 6 kills.

Stanford evened the match at 1-1 in the second game with Nnamani's 9 kills.

'Jail Blazers' show little remorse for latest trouble

NBA suspends Wells for two games, fines Wallace \$15,000

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bonzi Wells drew a two-game suspension from the NBA on Saturday for fighting at the end of the Portland-Golden State game, while Rasheed Wallace was fined \$15,000 for attempting to go into the stands.

Wells' suspension began with Portland's home game Saturday night against Seattle. He also will miss next Friday's game against Utah.

"He was disappointed," said Trail Blazers coach Maurice Cheeks, who said Wells found out about the suspension about 3.5 hours before the game against Seattle.

Penalties for the Golden State players who took part in the altercation were expected to be announced today.

Wells was punished for throwing a punch at Chris Mills, who reportedly tried to get into the Blazers' locker room but was restrained.
Later, as the Blazers' bus tried to leave the arena, Mills parked his car in front of it, got out with several friends and challenged the Blazers. The bus wasn't able to leave until Oakland police arrived

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to provide an escort.

"I've never seen anything like that, that's for sure. I've never seen a guy do anything like that," Cheeks said. "That can be kind of scary, because you don't know what's going through a guy's mind."

The brawl started seconds after Rasheed Wallace made a buzzer-beating jump shot to give Portland a 113-111 road victory.

The situation was made worse by fans throwing wads of gum and plastic beer bottles at the Blazers as they headed for the locker room. One man was handcuffed and subdued by four security officers. He threw a gum at Wallace, sparking another confrontation with several Blazers.

In November, Wells was suspended for one game by the NBA for spitting on San Antonio's Danny Ferry during a game. Later that month, Blazers general manager Bob Whittist apologized to fans on behalf of him and owner Paul Allen after a series of run-ins with the law by Portland players.

SPORTS

Greenwood nets 32 in Raft River win

DIETRICH Bryce Greenwood stole the game with 32 points as Raft River pounded Dietrich, 82-61, in boys nonconference basketball Saturday in Adair.

Dietrich coach Wayne Dil did not play for Raft River, including two 3-pointers. Tyler Brown scored 16 points to lead Dietrich (1-6, 1-2 Northside) and Vance Diddled 10.

Dietrich coach Wayne Dil said the Blue Devils played solid defense, but that Raft River (7, 0) outshot them.

Dietrich travels to Garden Valley Jan. 4.

BLACKFOOT Declo 76-61 Declo in a rematch of the 2002 Class 3A state championship in Blackfoot.

Declo's Marc Christensen put in 28 points to lead all scorers, and Trace Jones capped in with 10. Preston Kelly netted 22 points for Snake River.

The Hornets came out ready to play and were down only two points, 32-30, at the half. Declo assistant coach Val Christensen said there was a lot of emotion and not everyone played as well as they could have.

Declo (5-1, 1-0 SCIC) plays Jan. 2 at Gooding.

KIMBERLY Aaron Osborne scored 21 points to lead Kimberly over Shoshone, 59-40, Saturday in Kimberly.

Tony Ferreira netted 16 points to lead the Indians (3-3, 2-0 Northside), scoring 12 in the fourth quarter. Kimberly coach Roger Keller said he was happy with his team's defensive effort.

Kimberly (3-2, 1-0 SCIC) hosts Buhl Jan. 3.

Hornets struggle at own Declo Duals

DECLO First-year Declo wrestling coach Ben Merrill has a plan - cut up 140-pound Jeremy Osterhout's heart and spread it amongst the rest of his team.

The senior trailed late in his match against Bear Lake's Colton Ward at the Declo Duals Saturday, but, after trying one move after another, he finally scored a takedown with seconds remaining to pull out a 9-7 victory and secure a second-place individual showing for his weight class.

"I'm pretty good at leg rides," Osterhout said. "But I couldn't get one because he had such short legs but finally I got him."

Osterhout, who is just a sophomore, was nearly as successful as the team went 1-5 in the two-day tournament at Declo High School.

Bear-Cat

Continued from C1 Jerome's Tyler Thiessen at 189 pounds.

Challis winners were Drew Lattimer at 130, Berry at 135 and ... Corrihan, Meridian winners were Joe Smerthorn (125) and Andy Patrick at 215.

Minto's Adams prevailed in one of the more entertaining championship matches of the day, taking down Kimberly's Sonny Silva in the final 10 seconds for two points in a 4-3 decision.

Adams knew he had to make a move to prevail with the score at 3-2 in Silva's favor and the mat finally headed out to stop the match.

"It was a very tough match," Adams said. "It took a little more effort than I was giving. Sonny's real tough. He's helped me learn how much harder I have to work (this season)."

Another thrilling match turned again an area wrestler as Buhl heavyweight Russell Wiersma's bid for the Bear-Cat title fell short in dramatic fashion.

Late in the second period, Wiersma took down Challis' Corrihan, only to see the Vikings cruise to a split off a sudden reversal, putting the Buhl heavy-

weight on his back for the pin with 3 minutes, 41 seconds elapsed. It was an exceptional move by Corrihan, which used the aggressive Wiersma's momentum against him just as Corrihan's shoulders hit the mat.

Another sudden stunner came in the 189-title match when Jerome's Thiessen caught Twin Falls' Dustin Scott leaning too far, turning the Bruin grappler onto his back for the pin only two seconds into the second period of a match he had dominated to that point, 6-0.

He got too high and I just slammed him and that was it," Thiessen said.

The sudden loss was one of the few negatives for the small Twin Falls High squad, which saw three of its five entrants place in the top four match short of a third-place match. Scott pulled off an upset Friday, knocking off No. 1 seed KC Hurless of Challis. Hurless cruised to a third place on Saturday.

"That was a big win for Dustin," said Bruins coach Chad Ryan. "The kids are in as good a shape as anyone here and it shows."

It was a tough weekend for Challis' team performance this weekend was impressive. Of its 11 semifinalists, seven made the finals, where three prevailed. The Vikings also won the junior varsity tournament held at Twin Falls High School the past two days, defeating Eagle 4-2. The Meridian took third with 179.5 points while Minico took fourth at 154 and Jerome fifth with 134.

Note: Rumors about this being the final year of the Bear-Cat Invitational are wrong, said longtime tournament director and Jerome athletic director John "Skip" Andrew, who is retiring. Even if Jerome were to drop its association, Filer has expressed interest in taking over part of the tournament, Andrew said.

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followed by Justin Megham with 11 for Filer.

Wildcats coach Jim Annala said it was a rough game, with three Jerome players fouling out.

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Brothers

That connection clicked in the 2001 Class 2A North Carolina state championship, where the brothers shared co-MVP honors in East Bladen High School's title victory.

"I was so excited to be MVP," Dent said. "I knew it was going to be (MVP) but he thought I was going to get it. But both of us were going to it, so it was perfect."

Alas, that symbiosis hasn't carried over to junior college. The two haven't shared the floor in a game but once this season.

Dent, who averaged 11.4 minutes in 31 games last season, has seen those minutes cut in half because of a deep rotation at the guard position, while Elting played in all 14 games - averaging 4.6 points and 2.4 assists - and started Dec. 7 at North Idaho College.

Dent said sitting on the bench has been a painful lesson.

"I'm dealing with it," he said. "Everything is for a reason. I haven't been playing, but I'm still there backing my team up. And when the minutes come up... I'm going to make the best out of it."

It's a lesson softened by watching his little brother perform.

"If he's out there playing, I'm out there playing," Dent said. "I'm behind him. And when he misses a shot, I'm on him more."

Elting said it's not about playing time as long as the Golden Eagles (12-2) keep winning.

"It's about winning, it isn't about me playing," Elting said. "If I can't play, I'll sit and watch. I'm going to play hard. It ain't about minutes. I would love for my brother to be out there with me... because something good is about to happen."

That hasn't always been the case, however.

"When we were younger, I couldn't stand for him to beat me," Dent said. "We always went in it, I won most of the games but it's his little brother - can't let the little brother win. We got the best of each other."

"Playing against each other made it easier to play against other people," Elting said. "It helped me a lot. To get together, to get that jumper over people, guard hard and not crying all the time."

One wouldn't know the two men were brothers by watching them in practice.

Dent is vocal - castigating himself out loud after a missed shot and praising his teammates in their efforts. Elting prefers to go about his business, tight-lipped.

"He speaks by playing ball," Dent said of Elting. "And if you talk to me, that's how I'm going to get started."

Dent usually sports black headbands and white sneakers. Elting the opposite: white headbands with black adidas. Dent wears braids. Elting keeps his hair close-cropped. The two started the year sharing a room, but Elting's late hours clashed with Dent's want to sleep, forcing a change.

Though they have different first and last names, they do share the same middle name of Messiah.

Dent admits the two don't have a lot else in common, except: "We don't like to lose."

But it doesn't keep them apart. In fact, the two are especially close despite coming from two extended families of over 20 brothers and sisters growing up in both New York and North Carolina.

Mariarch Sandra Dent wouldn't have it any other way.

"She's the glue," Dent said of his mother, who always asks how the grades are before the basketball.

"He has my back... and I have his."

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Twins Falls Christian 77, Sho-Ban 75

TWIN FALLS Senior forward Austin Nickens knocked in an offensive rebound with 7 seconds left to lift Twin Falls Christian to a 77-75 win over visiting Sho-Ban Friday night.

"It was just well-played game," said Warriors coach Brent Walker. "The lead changed hands a dozen times or more."

It was an incredibly fast-paced game with big plays. We just wanted a little more."

Nickens scored 16 points while Raymond Miller scored 34 points, including eight 3-pointers, for Twin Falls Christian (4-2). Jacob Miller added 19 points in the nonconference boys basketball game.

The Chiefs were paced by Alex Graves with 21 points.

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Century 54, Burley 53

POCATELLO - Century overcame a 16-point deficit to narrowly defeat Burley, 54-53, in both teams' Great Basin Conference opener in Pocatello on Saturday.

Scott Burns netted 15 points to lead winless Burley (0-6, 0-1 Great Basin), and Geoff Herzog scored 16 for Century (2-3).

Burley coach Jack Bagley said he was pleased with the improvement of Burley's scoring, and he is hoping the second half of the season will continue to improve.

Burley travels to Skyline Jan. 2.

Girls basketball

MURTAUGH - Tanny Perkins scored eight of her 16 points in a 24-point second quarter to lead Murtaugh over visiting Raft River 57-39 in girls Southside Conference basketball on Saturday.

Lacey Perkins added 11 points and Jenilyn Perkins contributed 10 points for the Red Devils (9-2, 3) Southside.

Jill Harper had 10 points and Summer Hansen added nine for the Trojans (11-0, 0-3).

Middleton 71, Buhl 69

MIDDLETON - Jordan Hammond scored a game-high 18 points and Sam Kirsch and Chance Davis added 12 points apiece as Middleton kept Buhl winless with a 71-69 nonconference boys basketball victory Saturday in Middleton.

Tim Bourner scored 12 points to lead the Indians (0-6, 0-2 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference), who visit Kimberly on Jan. 3.

Spring Creek, Nev. 52, Jackpot, Nev. 37

JACKPOT - The Spring Creek junior varsity took advantage of 1-7 Jackpot's poor shooting to lead the Jaguar girls 52-37 Saturday afternoon in nonconference Nevada high school basketball. Melissa Hof, Leslie Smith and Rosy Salas all scored seven in the loss.

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SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

Remaining Five Agents
NEW YORK - The 10 remaining big agents based on average salary per year are listed below through Jan. 10.

Table with columns for Player Name, Team, and Salary. Includes names like Alex Rodriguez, Derek Jeter, and others.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

Table showing NBA game results and statistics for various teams like Boston, Miami, and Chicago.

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Table showing Western Conference game results and statistics for teams like Los Angeles, San Antonio, and Houston.

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Table showing Eastern Conference game results and statistics for teams like New York, Philadelphia, and Detroit.

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Boxing scores and statistics for various fights and events.

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Table showing NCAA basketball game results and statistics.

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Table showing hockey game results and statistics for various leagues.

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Area ski report

Ski conditions and reports for various areas including Idaho, Utah, and Colorado. Includes details on snow cover, lift operations, and weather.

Provisional Standings

Table showing provisional standings for various sports leagues and events.

Saturday's NFL Summaries

Table summarizing NFL game results from Saturday.

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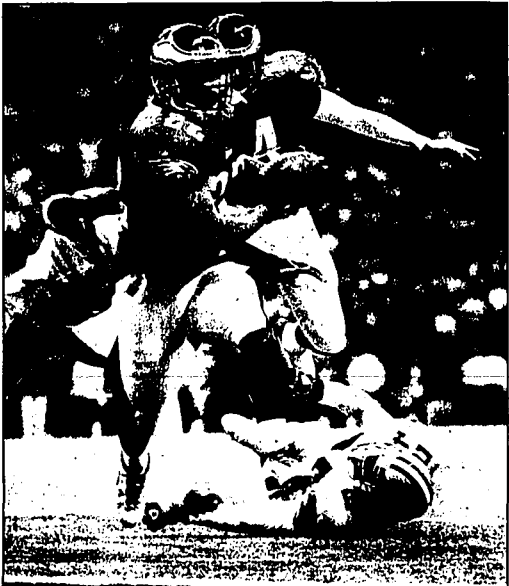
Table showing wrestling match results and statistics.

SPORTS

Eagles trample Dallas with 27-3 win

IRVING, Texas (AP) — In matching the most wins in team history and closing in on home-field advantage in the playoffs, the Philadelphia Eagles sure made it look easy Saturday night.

Duce Stanley ran for a touchdown and A.J. Feeley threw for one, then Shawn Barber returned an interception 80 yards in the fourth quarter to send the soaring Eagles past the reeling Dallas Cowboys 27-3.



Eagles running back Duce Stanley runs into the end zone to score a first touchdown after breaking away from Cowboys safety Tony Dixon Saturday in Irving, Texas.

If this was the last time Emmitt Smith and Dave Campo called Texas Stadium home, it was a miserable way to say goodbye.

Smith had just 30 yards on eight carries and was only a decoy in the goal-line situation that used to be his specialty, marking one of many questionable coaching moves Campo made.

Smith said that might have prompted owner Jerry Jones to meet with Bill Parcells this week.

The Eagles (12-3) won their sixth straight to reach 12 wins for the first time since the 1980 season that reached the Super Bowl. More importantly, Philadelphia can clinch home-field as soon as Sunday if Green Bay and Tampa Bay lose.

If either lose, the Eagles lock up a first-round bye. They can secure home-field on their own with a victory in the finale next Saturday against the New York Giants.

Dallas (5-10) lost its third straight to reach double-digit losses for the third straight year, a first in franchise history. This also was the Cowboys' sixth straight loss to the Eagles and the third straight time Philadelphia won them from scoring an offensive touchdown.

Campo's job already was in jeopardy and his status seemed even more shaky when it was learned Saturday that Jones talked to Parcells for five hours Wednesday. Both sides insisted no job offer was made, or even discussed.

Despite seemingly having nothing to lose, Campo called a conservative game. His riskiest call was an inside kick after a 42-yard field goal by Billy Cundiff early in the fourth quarter that made it 17-3. Philadelphia recovered.

His strangest decisions came a few minutes earlier when a 71-yard punt return by Joey Galloway gave the Cowboys first

down at the 9. Smith ran for 6 yards, but he didn't get the ball on the next three snaps. All were pass attempts, including a poorly thrown fade to Galloway on fourth down.

This could've been the last home game for Smith, who is under contract for \$7 million next season. While the NFL's top career rusher is willing to renege

on his contract, Jones is likely more concerned with Smith turning 34 in May.

The team encouraged fans to wear No. 22 jerseys and many obliged. There also were plenty of signs urging for Smith's return, including one person who held up a giant check for \$7 million that had "loyalty" in the memo section.

Cowboys, Parcells mull a future together

By Bob Glabauer
Newsday



'Jerry (Jones) ... has some concerns about his team and he asked if I would consider going back to pro football. I said I would consider coming back, but only if the situation was right.'

— Bill Parcells

When Bill Parcells stepped down as coach of the New York Jets in January 2000, he attended his farewell news conference. "Write it on your chalkboard, fellas, I've coached my last game."

Hold that thought.

A nearly six-hour meeting this week with Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones might be turning his head and Parcells acknowledged Saturday that he would consider a return to coaching if the right situation came along.

"I'm a coach," Parcells told Newsday Saturday. "I'm a football guy, and I like football. I like things that intrigue me, and I like things that are challenging."

Parcells, 61, said such a challenge could come from any level.

"If the right college deal came along, or even high school," Parcells said. "It's just got to be the right situation."

Parcells said he and Jones and a handful of other Cowboys executives met on Wednesday, but Parcells said he's uncertain whether Jones will first re-embellish Coach Dave Campo, although there will be overwhelming sentiment for the owner to make a move, especially if he has a chance to land Parcells.

"I don't know what he's going to do with his coach," said Parcells, who won two Super Bowl championships with the Giants and went to a third Super Bowl with New England. He was the Jets' coach from 1997-99. "I give you my word. It's not a done deal."

Asked if he would be interested in the Dallas job if it were offered, Parcells said: "A lot of things would have to be discussed. I don't know whether (Jones) has any intention of discussing it. Whatever he does, he does. That's the way it is."

Parcells acknowledged before Saturday night's Cowboys-Eagles game at Texas Stadium that he met with Parcells, but said no offer had been made.

Jones said that he has often spoken to several influential people around the league, including former San Francisco 49ers Coach Bill Walsh. He declined to say whether he had decided to fire Campo.

Parcells was courted in January by Tampa Bay and San Diego, and had extensive discussions with both before turning them down. Parcells acknowledged that the probability of him having been the San Diego job had it not been on the West Coast. Parcells was uncomfortable with the Bucs because of the age of the team, salary-cap situation and front-office structure.

Parcells vehemently denied

interest in the Alabama coaching job when reports surfaced two weeks ago that he had contacted the school.

Parcells has spoken about college coaching and recruiting with Virginia coach Al Groh, a long-time Parcells assistant before being elevated to the Jets' head-coaching position in 2000.

"Al likes it, and he's doing pretty well," Parcells said. "I don't think (recruiting) is that big of a deal, really. There's a lot to like about coaching in college. The money's pretty good, and the stability is very attractive."

Parcells has been offered as many as six coaching jobs in the last three seasons, including the Jets' job in 2001. Telem owner Woody Johnson accepted Parcells' resignation, then hired Herman Edwards as Groh's successor.

Parcells said he has spoken on several occasions with Jones, though Wednesday's discussions were far more extensive and raised the possibility for the first time that the Cowboys' owner would consider hiring him.

"Jerry approached it more like philosophically," Parcells said. "He has some concerns about his team and he asked if I would consider going back to pro football. I said I would consider coming back, but only if the situation was right. I like things that are challenging. It's an interesting situation."

But hiring Parcells means Jones would have to consider accepting a major financial operation of the club, since Parcells would almost certainly demand full control over all personnel issues. Jones has said several times this season that he had no intention of altering his role as general manager.

San Francisco holds on against Cardinals

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — While Tom Owens rested, Jeff Garcia put in a full day for the San Francisco 49ers in a game that meant nothing against a team headed nowhere.

Garcia completed 23 of 39 passes for 49ers yards and a touchdown, and Garrison Hearst ran for a score Saturday as the 49ers held on for a 17-14 victory over the Arizona Cardinals.

It was a difficult game to decide how to use the team for how long, and all the reasons why and why not," 49ers coach Steve Mariucci said.

With the 49ers' playoff position locked — a first-round home game against a wild-card team — Owens took the day off because of a sore groin.

"He hadn't practiced all week, and I want to freshen him up for the playoffs," Mariucci said.

The NFC West champions (10-5) weathered two missed 42-yard field goals by Jeff Chandler, a lost fumble at the Arizona 17 and a late Cardinals rally.



49ers wide receiver J.J. Stokes makes a reception in front of Cardinals cornerback Renaldo Hill during the third quarter Saturday at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz. The 49ers won 17-14.

Jake Plummer, in what might have been his last home game for Arizona, nearly engineered his 22nd fourth-quarter comeback.

After Renaldo Hill intercepted Garcia's deflected pass at the San Francisco 33, Kevin Kasper caught his second touchdown pass of the day, and of his career, from 6 yards to cut the lead to 17-14 with 4:08 to play.

But, as was the case in last week's 30-28 loss at St. Louis, Arizona's defense couldn't stop an opponent's last drive. The

49ers got a first down at the Cardinals 33 at the two-minute warning, then ran out the clock.

"We couldn't get their offense off the field," Arizona coach Dave McGinnis said. "Garcia made some plays."

Plummer, whose contract runs out after the season, completed 16-of-26 for 109 yards and two scores. He was intercepted once. Plummer said he treated it like any other game and repeated his desire to re-sign with the Cardinals.

"If you want to know the answer, call Miss Cleo," Plummer said, referring to the notorious fortune teller who used to be seen on late-night television. "Whatever is going to happen will happen."

Marcel Shipp rushed for 84 yards on 20 carries and caught four passes for 31 yards but fumbled the ball away at the 49ers 9.

The Cardinals (5-10) wore red pants with their red jerseys for the first time in the team's history. But they were the same players who have lost eight of nine.

San Francisco led 10-7 at halftime on Chandler's 24-yard field goal. He missed one 42-yarder to the left and another to the right earlier in the game.

Arizona tied it at 7 on a 15-play, 68-yard drive that ended with Kasper catching a 4-yarder for the score. The Cardinals converted five third downs on the drive, including Plummer's 14-yard scramble on third-and-9 from the San Francisco 18.

The 49ers went 63 yards in eight plays on their opening possession of the game. Garcia connected with Fred Beasley on a 25-yard touchdown play on third-and-1 to put San Francisco up 7-0.

After Cedrick Wilson returned the second-half kickoff 37 yards to the Cardinals 47, San Francisco needed just three plays to score. Garcia threw 33 yards to Tai Streets, who had eight catches for 90 yards. Hearst ran for 6 yards to the 8, then scored on a 6-yard run to make it 17-7.

Mount Union wins third straight Stagg Bowl, 48-7

RB Pugh sets or ties two Division III records

SALEM, Va. (AP) — Dan Pugh ran for 253 yards and four touchdowns and set a slew of records Saturday as Mount Union won its third straight Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl and seventh in 10 years, beating Trinity 48-7.

The Purple Raiders (14-0) made the Division III championship look too easy, taking a 28-0 halftime lead as Pugh ran for 148 yards and two touchdowns, and Rob Adamson threw for two second-quarter touchdowns.

Trinity (14-1) played without suspended quarterback Roy Hampton, who was arrested last week on public intoxication. The Tigers struggled to get their passing game going in wind gusting to 30 mph. They had 46 scoring passes coming into the game, but got just one against the Purple Raiders.

Pugh set Stagg Bowl records with 49 carries and scored on runs of 19, 2, 1 and 1 yards, tying another Stagg record. The third

touchdown was his 40th of the season, breaking Barry Sanders' all-divisions record of 39 set at Oklahoma State in 1988. He finished with a record 15 possession TDs.

Pugh also set a Division III record, breaking Barry Sanders' season with 3,192, breaking Dante Brown of Marietta's record of 2,973, set in 1996. Only Sanders, with 3,250 yards for the Cowboys in 1988, had more.

Adamson also had the Tigers, completing 12 of 23 passes for 222 yards and three touchdowns, all with the wind at his back. He teamed with Derrick Leach for TDs of 19 and 55 yards and Randall Knapp for 9 yards.

Trinity, making its first appearance in the Stagg Bowl, missed Hampton and his nearly 4,000 passing yards. His replacement, Dan DesPlaines, had his first pass intercepted at the Trinity 24, setting up the Purple Raiders' first touchdown, and DesPlaines managed only one scoring drive, hitting B.J. Smith from 18 yards out to make it 28-7 in the third quarter.

Carroll College captures first-ever NAIA crown

SAVANNAH, Tenn. (AP) — Robb Latrielle passed for 264 yards and three first-half touchdowns as Carroll College defeated Montana won its first NAIA title by defeating two-time defending champion Georgetown (Ky.) 28-7 Saturday.

The Saints (12-2) lost in the semifinals the last two years to the Tigers (12-1), who had won 53 of their previous 55 games.

Georgetown gave up 417 total yards, while gaining on 198. The Tigers' only touchdown came in

the first quarter, on a 35-yard pass from Neil Warren to Cody Brown.

Warren, who had averaged 224 yards passing per game with 22 TD passes this season, completed just 4 of 16 passes and finished with 38 yards. He also ran for 77 yards.

Latrielle took over as quarterback when Tyler Emmert was injured in a quarterfinal victory over Southern Oregon. Latrielle threw for 271 yards and two TDs in the Tigers' semifinal win over

top-ranked Sioux Falls, S.D., and he never missed a beat against Georgetown.

He helped the Saints gain 258 first-half yards against a defense that had been allowing an average of 224 a game. The Tigers gave up 20 points just once all season.

Throwing to five different receivers, Latrielle completed 14 of his first 19 passes for 182 yards. He threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Zack Zawacki in the first quarter, and in the second

period he connected with Cory FitzSimmons for 13 yards and Mark Gallik for 16 yards.

Georgetown tied the game in the final seconds of the opening period when Warren connected with Brown. Warren was sacked three times, however, and he completed just 3 of 8 passes for 42 yards in the period.

The Saints ate up much of the fourth quarter with a closing 76-yard drive, capped by a 1-yard run by Heath Wall, who gained 89 yards on 21 carries.

joined Miami in November. As the Dolphins' third-down receiver, he was only on the field for a handful of plays.

Four first-half trips by Minnesota to Miami's 30-yard line or further yielded only three points, because of three turnovers.

But the Vikings ate up the third quarter with a 78-yard drive

that Moe Williams capped with a 3-yard touchdown run to give them a 10-7 lead.

Fiedler hit tight end Jed Weaver for a 3-yard touchdown pass to make it 14-10 Miami.

Ricky Williams had 43 of his 67 yards in the first quarter, ending a streak of five straight 100-yard games.

Vikings

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"I heard them," Rice said. "What the heck. They deserve some fun. They've been through a long season."

The Vikings reached the 35, and Anderson made the line-drive kick that cut the lead in half. The right upright and sneaked over the crossbar.

"Everyone said he didn't have the leg," center Matt Birk said. "But he showed he had it, boy."

Three plays after he caught a 60-yard pass from Daunte Culpepper, Moe took the handoff, fumbled safety Shawn Wooden and threw the TD pass to D'Wayne Bates, giving the Vikings a 17-14 lead with 11:53 remaining.

Culpepper was 20-for-29 for 244 yards and two interceptions.

Jay Fiedler was 15-for-21 for 177 yards passing and two touchdowns for the Dolphins, who were outgained 368 yards to 239.

Cris Carter's return to the Metrodome was a dud until he caught a wide-open 15-yard pass — his only reception of the game —

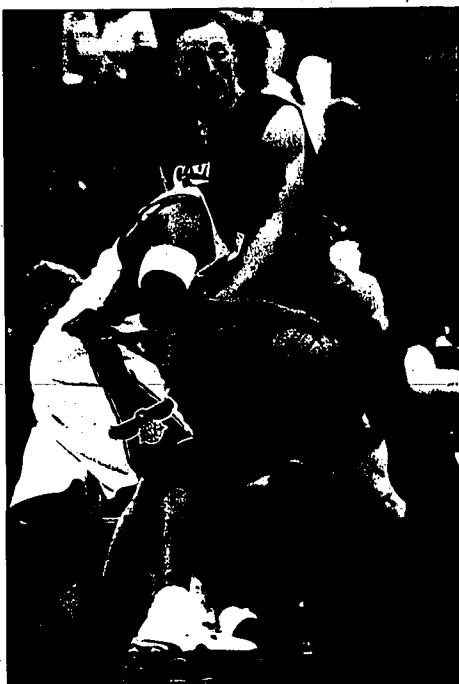
Suns duo burns Webber, Kings

PHOENIX (AP) — Shawn Marion and Stephen Marbury scored 28 points apiece, negating Chris Webber's first triple-double in nearly two years as the Phoenix Suns defeated the Sacramento Kings 110-101 Saturday night.

In the final 56 seconds, Marion had a basket and two free throws, a defensive rebound and a steal off an inbounds pass to snuff out Sacramento's attempt to rally.

Marbury, who had 10 points in the fourth quarter, completed the scoring with four free throws in the last 38 seconds as the Suns won for the sixth time in seven games. Their only loss in that span was at Sacramento on Tuesday.

Webber had 29 points, 15 rebounds and 11 assists. Mike Bibby added 19 points and Peja Stojakovic had 16 for the Kings, who lost for only the fourth time in 19 games.



Atlanta's Shaheed Abdul-Rahim drives against Philadelphia's Keith Van Horn Saturday in Atlanta. The Hawks won, 79-77. Abdul-Rahim had 28 points.

Hawks 79, 76ers 77

ATLANTA — Shaheed Abdul-Rahim scored 28 points as the Atlanta Hawks overcame the absence of Glenn Robinson and a season-ending injury to Emanuel Davis to defeat the Philadelphia 76ers 79-77 Saturday night.

Atlanta ended its five-game losing streak and snapped Philadelphia's three-game winning streak.

Allen Iverson, who played 48 minutes Friday in an overtime victory over the Lakers, shot just 6-of-28 to finish with 13 points.

Philadelphia had two chances to tie it, but Eric Snow missed a driving layup and Keith Van Horn got the rebound but rimmed out a 15-footer just before the final buzzer.

Celtics 89, Cavaliers 82

CLEVELAND — Antoine Walker scored 23 points to help the Celtics overcome a 19-point deficit and the ejection of Paul Pierce.

Cleveland shot just 1-for-17 in the fourth, and Walker scored six consecutive points to run an 80-79 deficit into an 85-82 lead with 40 seconds to play.

Pierce and the Cavaliers' Zydrunas Ilgauskas were ejected for fighting with 11:15 remaining.

Rookie Dajuan Wagner scored 25 points and Ricky Davis had 21 to lead the Cavs, who did not make a field goal over an 10:07 span of the third and fourth quarters.

Timberwolves 98, Houston 86

MINNEAPOLIS — Troy Hudson hit five 3-pointers in the first half and Kevin Garnett dominated the second half.

Garnett had 27 points, 11 rebounds and five assists. He scored 13 of Minnesota's 21 points in the third quarter, then combined with Gary Trent for 16 points in the fourth as the Wolves used a 16-7 run over the last 8:47 to close out the second half.

Steve Francis led the Rockets with 24 points and Yao Ming finished with 12 points and 12 rebounds after struggling in the first half.

Nets 100, Pistons 92

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jason Kidd had 27 points, 12 assists and five steals to help the New Jersey Nets overcome the league's longest winning streak.

Richard Jefferson added 19 points as the Nets won their ninth straight at home and ended the Pistons' season-high six-game winning streak.

Freshman's buzzer-beater sinks No. 4 Tennessee

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Freshman Nina Norman hit a 3-point shot with 1 second left to sink No. 22 Texas a 63-62 upset of No. 4 Tennessee on Saturday.

The wins tighten the race to 600 career victories between Longhorns coach Jody Conradt and the Lady Vols' Pat Summitt.

Norman's 3-pointer gave Texas (6-2) a 63-60 lead, but the Longhorns were hit with a technical foul when they ran onto the court in celebration thinking time had expired.

Heather Schreiber scored 18 points for Texas. Her 3-pointer with 1 minute left tied it at 60. Lawson had 24 points for Tennessee.

Summitt and Conradt rank 1-2 in career wins in a coaching rivalry that dates back nearly 30 years. Summitt, the winningest coach in women's basketball, is 796-160 in 29 years. Conradt is 794-260 in 34 seasons. They started the season tied at 782.

Norman, who is in the starting lineup because Jamie Carey is out with mononucleosis, grabbed the rebound off a Tennessee miss and ended up with the ball in the final seconds for the last shot.

No. 2 LSU 91, Southwest Texas 40

BATON ROUGE, La. — Temeka Johnson scored all 15 of her points in the first half to lead LSU (9-0). The Tigers scored 61 points in the first half on 69 percent shooting and are off to their best start since 1996-97.

Jessilyn Dewey had 12 points and KeKe Tardy and Patty Hauten each added nine for LSU. Kisha James had six assists and seven points.

Alcise Johnson and Julie

line. Boston College was only 7-for-10.

Cheryl Ford grabbed 18 rebounds to lead Louisiana Tech.

The Lady Techsters (7-2) trailed 36-33 one minute into the second half, then used a 13-1 run over the next five minutes to take a 46-37 lead.

New Mexico (8-3) got no closer than eight points the rest of the way.

Jordan Adams led New Mexico with 19 points, while Chelsea Grear scored 16 and had 10 rebounds.

Bucks 94, Knicks 90

MILWAUKEE — Sam Cassell scored 25 points, including two key jump shots in the closing seconds.

Cassell sank a jump shot from the top of the key with 58 seconds left and a 3-point 35 seconds later.

Michael Redd had 21 points for Milwaukee, Anthony Mason matched his season high with 16 and Joel Przybilla tied his career high with 14 rebounds.

Allan Houston led the Knicks with 17 points. Kurt Thomas had 16 and Latrell Sprewell 13.

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker scored 21 points, including back-to-back 3-pointers in the final minutes.

Spurs 92, Wizards 81

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Women's Top 25

Brooks each had 10 points for Southwest Texas (1-7). The Bobcats shot 26 percent and turned the ball over 29 times. Southwest Texas was held scoreless for almost the first seven minutes of the second half.

No. 5 Stanford 69, Boston University 55
BOSTON — Chelsea Trotter scored 16 points to carry Stanford. The Cardinal (6-1) bounced back from their only loss of the season, a 71-56 defeat at No. 4 Tennessee on Wednesday.

The Terriers cut Stanford's lead to 45-36 with 11:48 left, but Stanford responded with a 16-3 run highlighted by 3-pointers from Kelley Suminski and Schenay Kinnycioglu.

Katie Terhune scored 19 points to lead Boston U., and Marissa Moseley added 11 points. T'Nae Thiel added 10 points and 15 rebounds for Stanford.

This was the first time in 20 years the Terriers had faced an opponent ranked as high as Stanford.

No. 6 Purdue 70, No. 19 Boston College 54
WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Shereka Wright scored a season-high 27 points and Erika Valcik added 15 points and nine rebounds to lead Purdue.

The Bobcats (8-1) led by five midway through the second half before a 15-0 run put the game away.

Becky Gottstein led Boston College (6-2) with 22 points and Jessilyn Dewey added 13. Amber Jacobs, its second leading scorer at 14.3, was held to two points and missed all nine shots before fouling out.

Purdue shot 19-for-31 from the

line. Boston College was only 7-for-10.

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No. 12 Notre Dame 82, Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne 54

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Courtney Laysey and Alicia Ratay scored 20 points each and Jacqueline Bateast added 16 as Notre Dame dominated inside.

Notre Dame (6-1) held IPFW (2-8) to eight points inside.

Teresa Barton had three of Notre Dame's eight blocks and added 11 rebounds for Irish, which out-rebounded the Mastodons 46-33.

The Mastodons (2-8), in their second season in Division I, were led by 17 points from Amy Geardis, who missed two games with a separated left shoulder.

Geneva Murdock had 12 points and Courtney Nicley added 11.

The Irish shot 50 percent to 32 percent for the Mastodons.

SMU 71, No. 15 Oklahoma 68
NORMAN, Okla. — Andrea Cossey made a 3-pointer with 9 seconds left to lift SMU.

The loss snapped Oklahoma's 25-game home winning streak.

The Sooners' last loss at home was Jan. 6, 2001 against Iowa State.

With 30 seconds left and the Sooners (8-3) trailing 68-66, Diannah Jackson was fouled as she made a turnaround jumper. She missed the free throw and the game remained tied at 68.

The Mustangs (5-3) brought the ball up court and called time. They then worked the ball to Cossey, who caught it on the left wing, squared up and sank the shot. The Sooners had a chance to tie but Laura Andrews missed a 3-pointer as time expired.

No. 17 Louisiana Tech 67, New Mexico 54
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Trina Frierson scored 17 points and

Kentucky rallies past sixth-ranked Hoosiers

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — No. 18 Kentucky made five free throws with 2.6 seconds left after Indiana coach Mike Davis was ejected and beat the sixth-ranked Hoosiers 70-64 Saturday.

Davis ran on the court during play to protest a non-call on a possible game-winning layup by freshman Bruce Wright.

The Wildcats (6-2) took a 65-64 lead on a layup by Marquis Estill with 12.8 seconds left, the sixth lead change over the final 2:16.

The Hoosiers (8-1) didn't call a timeout in the closing seconds and the ball ended up in the hands of Wright, Indiana's leading scorer.

He drove to the basket, but missed a layup off the side of the backboard.

Kentucky rebounded, but Davis exploded off the Indiana bench and ran to confront referee Bert Smith near the free throw line. He slapped his forehead and screamed that Wright was hit in the face by Kentucky center Jules Camara.

Television replays showed that Indiana's Jeff Newton, not Camara, inadvertently grazed Wright.

Smith gave Davis plenty of leeway before calling two technical fouls as the furious coach followed him to midcourt.

Kentucky's Keith Bogans, who finished with 17 points, made five of the six ensuing free throws for the final margin.

Newton had 24 points — one off a career high — and Wright added 18 for Indiana.

LSU 66, No. 1 Arizona 65

BATON ROUGE, La. — Jaime Lloreda had 19 points and 13 rebounds and LSU held on for a 66-65 victory over No. 1 Arizona on Saturday night.

LSU's defense frustrated the Wildcats for much of the game and controlled the tempo until the first minute of the second half.

Arizona led 15-13 at the end of the first quarter, but LSU held on for a season-long 33 percent from the field, including 18 percent (4-of-22) from 3-point range.

LSU (7-1), which had won four straight games by 20 or more points, led 15-13 at the end of the second half and were up six with about a minute to play. But Arizona had a chance to win with two possessions in the final seconds.

It was the second straight loss for Arizona to LSU as the Tigers beat the Wildcats 86-60 in 2000.

No. 2 Alabama 69, Providence 61

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Erwin Dudley and Mo Williams each scored 19 points and No. 2 Alabama beat Providence 69-61 on Saturday.

The Crimson Tide (8-0), which had to overcome a 3-point assault from Romauld Augustin, went 7-of-8 from the free throw line over the final 1:34.

Fritz (4-3) trailed 64-59 with 1:13 left after Augustin hit two 3-pointers in a nine-second span. Providence didn't score again until Augustin's scoop shot with 18 seconds left.

Antoine Pettway hit two free throws with 26 seconds left and Williams and Earnest Shelton combined to make three of four after that.

Ryan Gomes led Providence with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

No. 4 Pittsburgh 87, Rhode Island 71

KINGSTON, R.I. — Brandon Knight scored 23 points to lead No. 4 Pittsburgh to an 87-71 victory over Rhode Island on Saturday night.

Knight scored 16 points as Pittsburgh (8-0) took a 47-31 halftime lead despite playing without leading scorer Julius Faye for most of the opening 20 minutes.

Page picked up his second foul just four minutes into the game and didn't play the rest of the half.

Knight picked up the slack though, hitting four 3-pointers in the half.

Ontario Lett had 14 points and seven rebounds for the Panthers.

Dustin Hellenge led Rhode Island (5-3) with 17 points, all in the second half.

No. 7 Oklahoma 89, Georgia St. 62

NORMAN, Okla. — Hollis Price had 22 points and seven assists to lead the Sooners (6-1) to their 28th straight win at home, the third-longest current streak in Division I.

Leroy Davis led Georgia State (3-5) with 22 points, while Nate Williams, Panthers' top scorer, finished with just six points.

No. 8 Connecticut 117, NC-Asheville 67

HARTFORD, Conn. — Ben Gordon scored 29 points and

Top 20 college basketball

Emeka Okafor added 19 for Connecticut.

The Huskies (7-0) ran up their largest point total of the season. Gordon was 5-of-10 from 3-point range and had nine assists.

The 6-foot-9 Okafor had 10 rebounds for seventh double-double in as many games. He also had four blocks.

Alex Krangel had 15 points for the Bulldogs (3-4).

No. 11 Missouri 70
ST. LOUIS — Freshman Dee Brun had 21 points, seven assists and five rebounds to lead the Illini in the annual Braggini Rights game.

Illinois (8-0) has won the last three games in the neutral-site series, which again plays out a sellout crowd of 22,153 at Savvis Center.

Ricky Clemons had 16 points, including four 3-pointers, and three assists for the Tigers (6-1).

Illinois outrebounded the Tigers 42-32 as Brian Cook had 17 points, hitting all 10 free throws, and nine rebounds.

No. 13 Florida 94, Miami 93, 2 OT

MIAMI — Justin Hamilton made a free throw with six seconds left and freshman Matt Walsh scored a career-high 33 points as No. 13 Florida ousted Miami 94-93 in double overtime to win the Orange Bowl Classic on Saturday.

The game was tied nine times in the overtimes before Hamilton gave the Gators the final lead.

Miami (4-4), without a timeout, worked the ball quickly upcourt but could do no better than an off-balance 25-footer by Armando Surratt that bounced off the backboard.

Flak (8-2) took a 93-91 lead in the second overtime on David Lee's baseline drive with 1:02 left. Miami's James Jones scored on a short jumper inside the lane to tie it with 35 seconds to go.

The Gators worked for the final possession, and Hamilton drew a foul to earn a trip to the line.

Walsh also pulled down 11 rebounds and added five assists for Florida, besting the national champion Maryland one week earlier.

Matt Bonner scored 16 points and had 12 rebounds, and Hamilton added 15 points for Florida, which had its last 17 games against in-state opponents.

Darius Rice scored 32 points and Jones had 26 for Miami.

No. 14 Marquette 89, Elon 57

MILWAUKEE — Dwyane Wade scored 29 points on 11-of-16 shooting and had three assists, two steals, two rebounds and a blocked shot for the Golden Eagles.

Roby Jackson had 20 points and eight rebounds for Marquette (7-1), which extended its home winning streak to 22 games.

No. 15 Michigan St. 65, South Florida 56

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Chris Hill and Alan Anderson each scored 12 points as Michigan State registered its 35th consecutive win over a non-conference opponent.

The Spartans (7-2) held South Florida without a field goal for the opening 11:25 as they took a 22-4 lead.

Will McDonald and Brian Swift led South Florida (5-3) with 15 points apiece.

No. 19 Kansas 87, UCLA 70

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kirk Hinrich hit five 3-pointers and scored 27 points — one shy of his career high for the Jayhawks.

UCLA (5-3) had 19 points and 10 rebounds and Nick Collison had 18 points for Kansas (6-3), which won its third straight.

Dijon Thompson had 21 points for UCLA (2-4), which trailed by as many as 26 points in the first half and got within 77-66 with 3:01 left.

No. 20 Creighton 81, Nebraska 73

LINCOLN, Neb. — Kyle Korver scored 25 points, including six 3-pointers, as No. 20 Creighton beat Nebraska 81-73 Saturday night.

Korver hit three of the 3-pointers in the opening eight minutes as the Huskers took 26-9 lead.

Creighton is off to a 9-0 start for the second time in four years and the seventh time in the 85-year history of the program.

DeAnthony Fowles added 11 points and Tyler McKinney had 10 for the Bluejays.

Relievers deserve recognition

Three bullpen aces are on ballot for Hall of Fame

By Hal Bock
Associated Press writer

In the beginning, there were no relief pitchers. There were quality starters and there were broken-down starters. The poor souls no longer capable of throwing nine innings became relievers.

Then one day, baseball figured out that the bullpen might be more than just a place that provided shade on sunny, hot summer afternoons. In the right spot, the right relief pitcher could make a difference.

And that is when relievers began to get respect.

Credit came grudgingly. There were no official saves registered until 1969. The save rule then was changed several times, clouding the significance of the statistic.

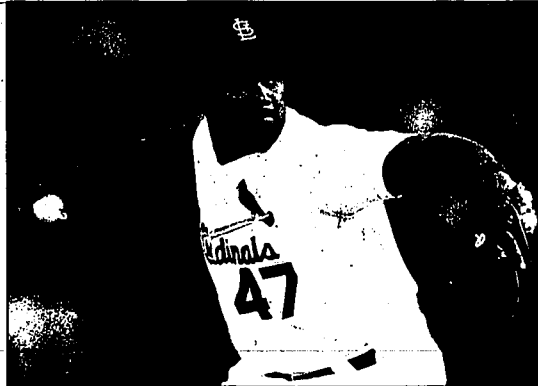
The bottom line for relievers, however, has always been nailing down wins, and now three relievers were especially good at that task are on the current Hall of Fame ballot, candidates for Cooperstown.

Start with Lee Smith, because he was the ultimate finisher. In 18 years, Smith saved 478 games, more than any reliever in history — 137 more than Rollie Fingers and 251 more than Hoyt Wilhelm, the only bullpen occupants in the Hall of Fame.

Care to challenge him? By all means, try. Step into the batter's box with the hulking Smith staring down from the mound, his face curled in something between a snarl and contempt. Then watch one of his high hard ones snap across the inside corner.

Smith caught the attention of hitters sort of the way Goose Gosage did.

Gosage is on the ballot for the fourth year with credentials that include 124 wins, 310 saves and



Former St. Louis reliever Lee Smith throws a pitch in 1993.

one of the most intimidating presences any pitcher ever possessed.

Gosage would trudge in from the bullpen, his menacing Fu Manchu mustache seeming to quiver as he prepared to confront an overmatched hitter. He'd swing into the windup and uncork a pitch that arrived at somewhere between 95 and 100 mph.

Let the batter beware.

One of his fastballs clanged off Ron Cey's helmet in the 1981 World Series, and the Dodgers' third baseman lay in the batter's box motionless for a while, checking to make sure all his parts were still in the right place.

Then there's Bruce Sutter, less intimidating than Smith or Gosage — unless a batter was determined to hit that newfangled pitch he invented.

The split-fingered fastball was a quirky curiosity that changed the baseball landscape. It looked like an innocent fastball as it made its way toward home plate, maybe with a tad less velocity

than the ones Smith and Gosage threw, but with every bit as much bite.

Then, at the last moment, it would dart away, a little tail attached just to keep things interesting. The splitter seemed to taunt batters, saying, "Here, hit me, you can."

Not many could, which is why Sutter had 300 saves, a 2.84 earned run average and led the National League in saves five times in 12 seasons.

The Hall of Fame ballot has plenty of other worthy Cooperstown candidates.

Start with a couple of no-brainers, each in his first year of eligibility.

Ryne Sanberg won nine Gold Gloves and holds second base-man records for most consecutive errorless games in a season (90) and over two seasons (123). He also had 277 home runs, more than any second baseman in history and a .285 career batting average.

Eddie Murray reached two statistical milestones that usually identify automatic choices

— 500 home runs and 3,000 hits. Murray reached those plateaus by playing 21 seasons and more games (2,413) at first base than anybody else. But he wasn't just banging around. His .287 career batting average and 19 career grand slams complete an impressive set of credentials.

Gary Carter is an important candidate because the three relievers will need somebody to catch them. And he did hit 324 home runs, no small consideration.

Jim Rice and Dave Parker were carbon-copy sluggers in opposite leagues who shared the ability to scare pitchers.

Rice hit 382 home runs and drove in 1,451 runs in 16 seasons with a .298 batting average. Parker played 19 seasons and had 339 home runs, 1,493 RBIs and batted .290. Remarkably close numbers for a pair of similar sluggers.

This, though, is a Hall of Fame election to recognize relievers. The results will be announced Jan. 7.

Braves blunder through a December to forget

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press writer

Commentary

ATLANTA — John Schuerholz is a GM with Hall of Fame credentials. He muddled World Series champions in Kansas City and Atlanta. He's kept the Braves on top of their division for 11 seasons running — the longest streak of any team, in any sport.

Schuerholz can only hope that Cooperstown will overlook what happened during the final month of 2002.

Regarded as one of the shrewdest general managers in baseball, Schuerholz looked more like a front office nook in this December as he struggled to cope with a slashed payroll for the first time in his 12-year tenure with the Braves.

Just about every move he made appeared to backfire, leaving the Braves extremely vulnerable to an overthrow in 2003.

The nadir came Friday, when Schuerholz basically gave away one of baseball's best starting pitchers — to a division rival, no less.

Eighteen-game winner Kevin Millwood went to Philadelphia, while minor-league catcher Johnny Estrada came to the Braves — one of the more lopsided trades in team history.

"The deal was put together to unload salary and get back the best player we could," Schuerholz pleaded in his defense.

Actually, Millwood would still be wearing a Braves uniform if not for a chain of events that began with the botched attempt to re-sign Tom Glavine, a five-time 20-game winner who had spent his entire 16-year career in Atlanta.

Glavine was willing to stay with the Braves for less money than others were offering, but Schuerholz and team president Stan Kasten miscalculated in their negotiations. They started out with a ludicrous series of one-year offers, trying to pass it off as a "lifetime commitment." At the end, they consented to a deal that could have paid \$40 million for four years of work. But only if Glavine agreed to defer a good chunk of the money.

He refused, signing instead with another NL East rival, the New York Mets.

That bet of the downward spiral: Greg Maddux was offered salary arbitration, but the Braves didn't know until Thursday whether he would accept. So they felt pressured to make a couple of moves Tuesday, acquiring Ryan Lundy from the Giants and Damian Moss, then signing Paul Byrd as a free agent. When Maddux agreed to arbitration, the Braves knew they couldn't stay within their reduced budget for next season without riding the roller coaster.

Schuerholz basically admitted he went into panic mode at the start of the week, having already lost Glavine and key relievers Mike Remlinger and Chris Hammond through free agency.

"We saw our pitching staff

falling apart before our eyes," Schuerholz said. "If we had waited until after the Maddux decision, (Ortiz and Byrd) may have been gone."

So while the Mets and Phillies have gotten stronger, the Braves are left with a rotation that is slightly older, more expensive and doesn't have the potential of the group that could have been in place for '03 — Glavine, Millwood, Mike Hampton, Moss and Jason Marquis.

Instead, the Braves have Maddux, Ortiz, Hampton, Byrd and Marquis. And, get this — those five will probably make more next season than the other group.

Millwood was sacrificed without providing any help to an offense that did its usual playoff disappearing act, and a bullpen that is now very shaky beyond closer John Smoltz.

"You can fairly assume that we did the Estrada deal because the other options we thought were there really weren't," Schuerholz said. "We worked the phones pretty hard."

Maddux, who was 16-6 with a 2.62 ERA last season, can expect to earn at least \$15 million through salary arbitration. Big money for a pitcher who struggled with all sorts of physical ailments, averaged fewer than six innings per start and missed just two weeks into next season.

Glavine, who's also losing in on his 37th birthday, went 18-11 with a 2.96 ERA. He would have worked for less next season and has kept himself in better shape than Maddux. But the Braves didn't want to commit to the long-term deal because their payroll will remain in a downward mode for several years to come.

Glavine was less expensive and scuttled Maddux, they probably would have been willing to go to arbitration with Millwood, expected to command \$8-10 million after losing 18-8 with a 3.24 ERA last season.

Also, with Glavine under contract, the Braves wouldn't have felt the need to trade the promising Moss for the more expensive Ortiz (\$4.6 million in '03). They wouldn't have needed to sign the 32-year-old Byrd to a two-year, \$10 million deal.

If nothing else, the Braves have shown they have no intention of remaining in baseball's payroll purgatory. Gone are the days in which Atlanta simply traded for or signed whomever it needed to stay on top. That's no longer acceptable to AOL Time Warner, the struggling parent company of the Braves, that allegedly lost tens of millions of dollars.

Schuerholz's first salvo of the offseason was a good move financially. He got Florida and Colorado to pick up a huge portion of Hampton's salary in a three-way, as interim coach, in Braves responsible for just \$5.5 million over the next three years.

But the past couple of weeks proved that Schuerholz is only human in this not-so-Brave new world.

Former high school star has advice for James

The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — Kwame Brown has never met LeBron James, has never swapped stories or traded sneakers, but few people know the whirlwind school James may be headed for more than Brown does.

—Brown, the second-year power forward for the Washington Wizards, was the first player chosen in last year's NBA draft, as well as the first high school player ever taken first overall, and he has an idea what's in store for James, the presumed first pick in June.

"I think (the media) are putting him in a situation where he's going to fail," Brown said. "He's not going to be able to live up to the hype. To say that he's MJ (Michael Jordan) in his prime is retarded. He's still going to have to go through a transition, and if

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Of course, Brown has had a few advantages not available to James. First, Brown, one of three high school players drafted in the first four picks last year, largely came in under the radar screen of most league observers before being drafted, while virtually every move James has made has been greatly scrutinized, thanks

to overwhelming newspaper, television and magazine coverage.

In addition, Brown had the great benefit of playing his game alongside Jordan, the ultimate satellite dish during Jordan's comeback year, no less, when he could play without drawing so much attention. And Brown's team was respectable, battling for a playoff spot into early April.

For James, things will be quite different. He will be the focus of local and national notice, no matter where he goes, and, barring

some miraculous trade, he won't be playing with anyone of Jordan's caliber.

But, as Brown found out from his own roller-coaster experience, where he has played sensationally for a few games and looked lost in others, James' game isn't likely to immediately inspire many favorable comparisons to Kevin Garnet, Kobe Bryant or Tracy McGrady, three others who took the immediate leap to the NBA from high school.

"I liked what I saw when I saw him," Brown said of James' recent ESPN appearance. "But it's high school. It's a lot different game, but I think he'll do fine. I don't think he'll be a bad player at all. I don't think he's in for a rude awakening so much as the scouts that are saying that he's ready for the NBA game are. He's definitely going to have to learn to play this game."

NCAA looks toward different Brand of leadership

By Michael Martot
Associated Press writer

Incoming president plans to take a new approach

INDIANAPOLIS — Myles Brand expects the NCAA to govern and listen. He wants athletics and academics to go hand-in-hand, and he insists not everything can be mandated by college sports' largest governing body.

"I don't want to be like the inflexible NCAA of the past, that's because Brand doesn't want it to be. When he takes over as president Jan. 1, Brand intends to bring a more unifying message and a more inclusive environment to the organization."

He wants to see more dialogue among athletic directors, coaches and university presidents. "I think it will be necessary to make sure that everyone with information is involved as much as possible in the decision-making process," he said.

But his resume is not long on athletics. He has never been a coach or served as an athletic director. His playing days ended more than 40 years ago at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

His gray hair, glasses and dark suit seem tailored more to a college administrator rather than someone running the NCAA, but that's just what the NCAA's Executive Committee wanted — to send a message with a different kind of leader.

The committee sought someone who would emphasize reforms and academics, which meant looking outside the sports world.

Brand fit the model. He has been Indiana University's president since 1994, the first university president cho-

sen to lead the NCAA, and his colleagues have big expectations.

"I'm hoping he really takes the initiatives that we've begun on academic reform, where academics are really meaningful, and moves it forward," said Tulsa president Bob Lawless, chairman of the NCAA committee that chose the new president.

Brand understands. He would like to increase the required number of high school core courses from 14 to 16 and devise a semester-by-semester measure of academic progress for college athletes.

He also believes his background as a president will help force consensus on a variety of difficult topics such as Title IX and additional academic reforms.

It won't be easy.

"The plus is that he's part of the presidential fraternity," said Cedric Dempsey, the outgoing president. "The weakness is the learning curve of background and experience."

While presidents talk about academics first, those in athletic departments are pushing for changes in other areas, such as the definition of amateurism.

Brand agrees changes are needed, but he's not willing to support a "pay-for-play" proposal that would allow athletes to compete professionally for one year and then return to college with eligibility.

Dempsey believes the biggest problem with today's rules is that international athletes begin playing club sports, where they are paid, when they are teenagers.

He believes Americans should not be held to a different standard, so if presidents support international recruiting, Dempsey said, the rules will have to be changed.

"I think that's going to come back because the world is changing," Dempsey said. "We're recruiting more international students and at some point, you have to adjust our rules to be more current."

St. Louis athletic director Doug Woolard, who helped draft last year's amateurism package, hopes the issue will be revisited. The NCAA approved some of the changes, but rejected the most controversial proposals, such as "pay-for-play" and allowing top student-athletes in some sports to take out loans of up to \$20,000.

The difference of opinion illustrates just how tenuous running the NCAA can be, and there may not be any honeymoon once Brand takes office.

Dempsey fears Brand's early days in office could be tested quickly if there is a lack of honesty hiring. The main issue is football, where only three black coaches finished the 2002 season in Division I-A.

Brand said the "Black Coaches Association's proposed goal of increasing minority football hires to 20 percent of all openings is reasonable."

But if no progress is made in the next month, which is the key hiring time for NCAA football, Brand could find himself in the middle of another battle with the BCA.

The BCA has said it would wait until 2005 before taking action but expects to see progress. By August, it intends to have a report card on minority hiring, and executive director Floyd Keith has not minced words.

"The rhetoric I hear doesn't impress me," Keith said. "What I want to see are results."

Brand's critics question his commitment to athletics, citing a speech he gave at the National Press Club in Washington in January 2001.

During the address, Brand denounced the seven-figure salaries of some coaches, warned against celebrity coaches and urged caution in what he described as college athletics' "arms race."

He also suggested conferences take more control over lucrative TV deals by dictating times and dates of games.

Brand claims his speech has sometimes been misinterpreted, and those who have worked closely with him at Indiana, dispute the notion Brand does not care about having programs at a high level.

"Just because he wants to raise the standards for academics and cut the pay scales of coaches, does that mean he's not committed to athletics?" Indiana basketball coach Mike Davis said. "I don't think so."

Brand is convinced he understands the nuances of college sports after being in charge of two major universities, Indiana and Oregon, since 1989. And his record indicates, he will fight for his beliefs.

It was Brand who fired Bob Knight on

NATION

Army of admirers helps Mauldin remember

Veterans' letters bring memories back to beloved cartoonist battling Alzheimer's

By Chelsea J. Carter
Associated Press Writer

It began with a call to arms from one soldier to others — help one of their own fight Alzheimer's by writing memories from another great battle.

The letters came by the thousands, from soldiers who survived World War II and the widows of those who did not. They came from children who had never seen war and soldiers embroiled in today's fight against terrorism. Some were personal notes, sharing stories of survival and redemption with a man they never met. Others offered thanks to a man who brought laughter in dark times.

The letters were to cartoonist Bill Mauldin, who became the voice of the World War II infantry soldier with his characters Willie and Joe.

From 1940-45, Mauldin drew the two disheveled riflemen who lampooned the military in Stars and Stripes and other military journals. Mauldin also fought alongside soldiers, earning their respect as one of their own.

Today, Mauldin, who is 80, no longer remembers his military career, even his two Pulitzer prizes. But he remembers the war, and those who fought in it are helping him keep those memories alive with their letters.

Read one: "From one old dogface to another. Thanks for the memories."

In the introduction to "Up Front," a wartime compilation of his cartoons in 1945, Mauldin described the infantry soldier for whom he drew: "If he is looking weary and resigned to the fact that he is probably going to die before it is over, and if he has a deep, almost hopeless desire to go home and forget it all; if he looks with dull, uncomprehending eyes at the fresh-faced kid who is talking about all the joys of battle and killing Germans, then he comes from the same infantry as Joe and Willie."

Mauldin enlisted in the Army in 1940 and, assigned as a rifleman to the 180th Infantry, started drawing cartoons depicting training camp life for the Division News, the newspaper for the 45th Division, known as the "Thunderbirds."

With Willie and Joe, Mauldin turned the foot soldier's miseries and the horrors of war to humor. Once Mauldin was shipped overseas with the 45th, Stars and Stripes and The Yank, the service-wide newspapers, began publishing his drawings. Later, he was assigned to Stars and Stripes but continued to spend most of his time with the 45th Division where he once said he received his inspiration.

In 1945, at age 23, Mauldin won his first Pulitzer — for Willie and Joe. He won the second in 1959 for an editorial cartoon in the St. Louis Post Dispatch. His best-known postwar cartoon came on Nov. 22, 1963 — the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated: in it, a grieving Abraham Lincoln covered his face with his

hands at the Lincoln Memorial. But for old soldiers, it was Mauldin's Willie and Joe that reverberated through the years.

It started with 77-year-old Jay Gruenfeld, who spent years wondering what happened to the man who had made him laugh in a foxhole under fire.

Gruenfeld first read the cartoons in The Yank, the Army newspaper, as an infantry soldier in the battle for the Philippines. Gruenfeld was recovering in an Army hospital from wounds when his father sent him a copy of "Up Front."

With most of his squad killed, his future uncertain, Gruenfeld was grateful for the humor. He marveled at how Mauldin's Willie and Joe really lived the infantry did most of the fighting and the dying. They knew how young men felt so old.

More than five decades later, Gruenfeld is publishing his memories of the war, in which he mentioned Mauldin's uplifting cartoons.

He tried twice to send his book to Mauldin. Twice it was returned. The last thing he remembered hearing about Mauldin was that he retired to New Mexico. He called a friend there and asked him to check a telephone book and see if any Mauldin were listed.

He found the cartoonist's son, Dave Mauldin. "When he called," the younger Mauldin said, "I had to tell him Dad was not doing well."

His father was suffering from Alzheimer's, he said. The family does not want to disclose Mauldin's specific location, but says he is living in a care home in Orange County, Calif.

"I heard that and said, 'Well, I have to go see him,'" said Gruenfeld, who days later made the four-hour drive from his home in Lompoc, along California's Central Coast. He spent hours with Mauldin, telling stories about the war and the life after. He brought him his infantry patch and other memorabilia.

"He smiled this big, beautiful smile," he said. "You have to understand, Mauldin was just a paragon for us ... He needed to know he wasn't forgotten."

Gruenfeld returned home from that trip last spring with an idea: Get other veterans to write letters and visit.

He wrote to veterans organizations and contacted newspaper columnists. The word spread. Soon Mauldin was receiving hundreds of letters a day.

"Dear Bill," a typical letter begins. "I want you to know what Willie and Joe meant to me in that damned foxhole."

This letter is from Ed Trumble of Bowler, Colo., who, like many others, thought Willie and Joe could be in his unit.

Now 78, Trumble shared his story of survival during the Battle of the Bulge in 1944, one of the bloodiest battles of the war. He told Mauldin how he and a buddy had just read a cartoon in which Willie and Joe were under enemy fire and one said to the other:



Nat Mauldin sorts mail for his father, Bill, who suffers from Alzheimer's, at a California convalescent hospital Nov. 24. Bill Mauldin, 80, the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist, has received thousands of letters.

"They are trying to kiss us today."

"We were under an artillery attack and my buddy was digging in right beside me and he said, 'Well Trumble, they are trying to kiss us today!'"

John Schaefer, 87, of West Chicago, Ill., sent Mauldin a May 15, 1945, copy of the Stars and Stripes with headlines that read: "Reich War Cost U.S. 750,000 Casualties" and "Russians Say Bullet-Torn Body In Berlin Is Hitler's."

Inside the paper, Willie and Joe were searching homes for renegade Nazis. The caption read: "I see here, 'Beware of the dog!'"

Joe Carrigan, 77, of Lombard, Ill., told Mauldin how he worked at field hospitals, the first stop for wounded soldiers, in France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany.

"You can't believe how the men wounded or slighted would look forward to Willie and Joe because that was their life at the time," he wrote. Carrigan said he used to read the cartoons to those who were blinded in battle.

"First, I would describe the cartoon to them. Then I would read the caption," he said.

Letters, cards and drawings cover the walls and ceiling of Bill Mauldin's room at the convalescent home. For months, son Nat Mauldin has been reading letters to his father, standing at his bedside.

On a recent visit, he brought vanilla ice cream, his father's favorite, to ply him for a possible word or two. "It's a bribe," he said.

But mostly Mauldin remains silent.

Nat Mauldin, 49, brushed the hair from his father's forehead, looked into his eyes and fed him a few spoonfuls of ice cream.

He picked through a stack of mail at the foot of his father's hospital bed. Many letters bear the shaky scrawl of an aging veteran; some have a child's broken handwriting.

"Hey Dad," this looks like a good one," he said.

The letter is postmarked Tucson, Ariz. It's from John S. Barker, a 78-year-old former corporal who served in Italy during the war.

Nat read: "Dear Mr. Mauldin, I have half-a-dozen grandsons, all



This editorial cartoon titled 'Lincoln Memorial,' was authored by Bill Mauldin on Nov. 22, 1963. Mauldin's best-known postwar cartoon illustrates the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. In it, a grieving Abraham Lincoln covers his face with his hands at the Lincoln Memorial.

in their early 20s, and all members of that generation that guesses Dec. 7, 1941, is somebody's birthday. Anzio is a viral disease and Cassino is a card game. They've asked about the war, but I lack the skills to make it come alive for them," he wrote.

Barker said he recently began trying to explain his war experience to his grandchildren by using Willie and Joe cartoons.

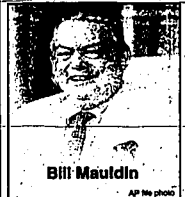
"They are beginning to get insights into the personal side of war, insights that might just work to minimize their chances of getting caught up in a similar adventure," the letter said.

Nat put the letter down, looked at his father and asked if he was feeling OK.

"Yeah," Bill Mauldin said. The son beamed at the first word he'd drawn from his father in months.

It was one of four responses that day as the elder Mauldin heard more veterans' letters.

Later, Nat Mauldin pondered whether it was just a brief, random moment of clarity or whether — as "part of me wants to believe" — the letters, the memories, helped break through. "Whatever it was, I'll take it," he said.



Bill Mauldin

AP Photo

Letters to Bill

Excerpts from some of the letters sent to cartoonist Bill Mauldin: "Dear Bill, Willie and Joe were like a secret weapon on our side. Our platoon driver brought out chow to our gun section in big green containers. He also brought us the Stars and Stripes that was far more popular ..."

— Carl Siegel, Carol Stream, Ill.

"My grandfather had been on a destroyer in WWII and to a young boy, that was heady stuff. However, my mother staidly forbade me from ever asking him about it. Even then, I understood that war was not like the movies where you could close your eyes during the scary parts and go home to your own bed afterwards."

"One summer, I discovered a copy of your book 'Up Front' on my grandparents' bookshelf and read it cover to cover in an afternoon. I must admit it was the cartoons that attracted me at first. But once I read the text, I felt like I understood a lot of what my grandfather had been through."

— Mark R. Richardson, 31, Raleigh, N.C.

"One thing about the U.S. Army — they never change. It took me 56 years to get my veteran Star medal which I earned in 1945. The Army advised their records were destroyed in 1976 in a fire in St. Louis. I had to enlist the services of my congressman ... to the aid. They had months later they sent me duplicates of all the medals to which I was entitled. This is the kind of stuff that Willie & Joe is up to."

— Patrick Rooney, Ambler, Pa.

"From one 80-year-old G.I. to another 80-year-old G.I. — just to let you know I was one of the G.I.s who always looked forward to your cartoons in Europe. I was in a 2nd mortar battalion that supported the 3rd Division infantry many times, especially on Anzio and southern France. I always admired your Willie and Joe because I think every combat unit had the Willie and Joe's including myself."

— William Gallagher, Philadelphia

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MONEY



Matt Quinton puts cheese on a pizza at Papa Murphy's Pizza in Twin Falls. Consumption of cheese is higher during the holidays and the peak football season, but that demand alone is not expected to boost milk prices.

Holiday demand fails to boost cheese market

TWIN FALLS - At holiday parties, friends and family are digging into cheese logs and football fans are passing the pizza and cheesy chips. But if dairymen break into a sweat, it might not be from the spicy nachos. It could be the price of cheese blocks and barrels.

Without better cheese prices, milk producers have little hope of getting a return on uncontracted milk above the cost of production. But the market went into the holidays with extra inventory, and the season's heavy consumption of cheese has not nudged the market for blocks or barrels.

"Even if people increase (cheese consumption) over the holidays there is enough extra supply that I don't think the holiday demand is going to completely eliminate the surplus," said Wilson Gray, University of Idaho extension economist, Twin Falls. "We are still increasing milk production. We are still adding to the surplus at this point."

Bush signs bill to extend farm bankruptcy protection

WASHINGTON - President Bush on Thursday signed legislation giving farmers who file for bankruptcy an extra six months of special protection so they can keep their land and assets while reorganizing debts.

The measure extends Chapter 12 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code for an additional six months beyond its expiration on Jan. 1. It was originally enacted in 1986, but has been extended five times.

The new law applies to farmers with debts of less than \$1.5 million if 80 percent of the debts arose from the farming operation. The debtor must get at least 50 percent of gross annual income from farming.

Congressional supporters estimated that about 800 to 1,100 farmers apply for Chapter 12 bankruptcy each year.

R-CALF says cost of labeling is not so high

BILLINGS, Mont. - Estimated costs to U.S. cattle producers to implement country-of-origin labeling have been largely exaggerated, according to a report

Farmbeat
Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

generated, according to United Stockgrowers of America R-CALF USA.

R-CALF challenged cost estimates of \$120 per head of cattle announced by beef industry organizations at the recent Colorado Cattlemen's Annual Convention. R-CALF USA, Billings, Mont., represents cow/calf producers across the nation and was a strong force in securing mandatory country of origin labeling legislation for meats and vegetables. According to Bill Bullard, R-CALF CEO, those who have opposed the legislation labeling from the start are "continuing to mount a concerted effort to rescind country-of-origin labeling."

Dry peas, lentils reap good prices in spite of bean prices

TWIN FALLS - Though dry bean prices have dropped in recent months, the opposite is true for dry peas and lentils. Prices for those pulses in the Gem State are up as much as \$2 per hundredweight since Oct. 1.

Dry peas and lentils are having a good year.

Prices in North Dakota, however, where a similar mix of legume classes are grown, is not enjoying prices as high as Idaho's. Todd Scholtz of the Dry Pea and Lentil Council said that the state's prices are strong in part because Canada's supplies are weak.

PGI passes two resolutions at annual member meeting

POCA TELLO - Potato Growers of Idaho passed two new resolutions and covered a number of issues at its recent annual general membership meeting.

The group officially endorsed Idaho potato industry participa-

tion in the National Potato Improvement Plan. Members also endorsed several recommendations regarding potato mop top virus.

While mop top has been found in some eastern states and so far Idaho has tested negative, it doesn't mean Idaho is out of the woods, said Keith Espin, executive director of PGI.

"It doesn't mean we're clear," Espin said.

Beet growers keep on target at national level

RUPERT - While a lot of sugar policy progress has been made this past year, there is still plenty of work ahead.

That was the word from Perry Meuleman, president of Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association, as he gave an overview last week of accomplishments and challenges facing the American Sugarbeet Growers Association.

A year ago, the association faced the challenge of getting an oversupply market back in balance, he said.

Several factors helped the Association get that done. Getting the farm bill finished was one factor. Legislation that passed to stop circumvention of sugar tariffs was a second factor that has helped strengthen the U.S. sugar market, he said.

The third factor, which is still being worked on, is trade issues with Mexico. The task force working on sugar issues with Mexico could get an agreement by the end of the year, Meuleman said.

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Food gift boosts temp worker's family

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — Candy Sanchez said thank you, but that didn't seem to her sufficient.

The Heyburn mother's dilemma — as she struggles with debts she can't afford and wonders when another layoff will fall — inspired a Lincoln County man to a sizable gesture of kindness.

"Nothing that I can do will get her out of the bigger financial challenge she faces, but I'm interested in helping to raise the spirit of her holiday," the man wrote to a Times-News reporter. He asked not to be named.

He dropped off nearly \$400 worth of food last weekend to the house where Sanchez, 25, lives with her three children —

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Simplex workers
Jacqueline, 2, Juan, 3 1/2, and Casandra, 6 — and a cousin.

"It was very exciting. I don't know how to say thank you to (him)," Sanchez said last week. "I never thought there would be anybody nice to help us out. But I think there is nice people."

The gift included cereals, cookies, lollipops for the children, a big box of oranges. "Lots of things," Sanchez said. "All kinds of food."

A whole turkey, too. "That's for Christmas," she said.

"Juan and Jackie, they really like the lollipops, and Casandra, she like everything," Sanchez said.

The Lincoln County man stayed for a visit with Sanchez that day.

"We had a nice visit though she worked 4 p.m. to 4 a.m. the night before and was quite tired. I sure admire her for trying," he told a reporter later.

"He seemed like a nice guy. Like a really nice guy," Sanchez said.

Her family is looking forward to a big Christmas dinner it wouldn't have had otherwise. And Sanchez has a toy for each child hidden away for Christmas, sent earlier this month by motorcycle enthusiasts.

But Sanchez has more substan-

cial worries, as well.

Cash concerns

She brought her car payments up to date this month and paid the mortgage bill that was due Nov. 1. But she still owes the mortgage payment due Dec. 1 and is behind in paying hospital and furniture debt. Since she last appeared in a Times-News article, a delinquency notice arrived regarding the kitchen table.

"Maybe they're going to come and take it, I don't know," Sanchez said.

Sanchez worked her last day as a packaging operator on J.R. Simplex Co.'s regular shift Oct. 31, after almost five years with the company. Simplex's Heyburn spud plant is headed for closure,

and its first phase of shutdown displaced Sanchez and 167 others. A week later, a temporary-labor firm supplying workers to Simplex called Sanchez back to the same swing-shift job at the same pay — but made no promise how long the work will last.

Sanchez lost that week's pay at the beginning of November, then lost another week of work when Simplex's demand slowed at the end of the month. This month, her income swung in the other direction.

"I've been working very long hours this week," Sanchez said Tuesday.

As regular employees took vacations timed for the holidays, she had put in 12-hour days the previous Friday and Monday. That will fatten her paycheck.

"But it gets me tired."

And it takes her away from the children for long stretches. Since Thanksgiving, Sanchez said, she has allowed her job-seeking cousin to live in her home without contributing to household expenses, in exchange for free babysitting.

With zero savings and too much debt, Sanchez winces at every jarring dip in her cash flow.

She expects to hurt as Simplex's two-week Christmas shutdown, which starts today, trades her temp-job paycheck for lesser unemployment benefits. And she's worried by rumors that temps won't be needed after the plant restarts.

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Simplex waste worker builds her resume

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Mary Lou Herbert is ready to relax.

The Christmas gifts for her three military sons — two out of state, one out of country — and for her grandchildren are all in the mail.

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Simplex workers
And the college "Math in Modern Society" class she took with a couple of her Simplex waste-treatment co-workers is over.

"It was kind of a tough class, but I think I managed to manage through it," Herbert said.

She suspects the grade won't be what she hoped.

Next she'll tackle an English class that starts in January at the College of Southern Idaho's Burley center — this time, without her colleagues.

The 55-year-old is on her way to an associate's degree in water resource management and hopes to have it in hand by the time Simplex shuts down its Heyburn plant.

"I don't know how much good it's all going to do, but I'm going to get it," she said.

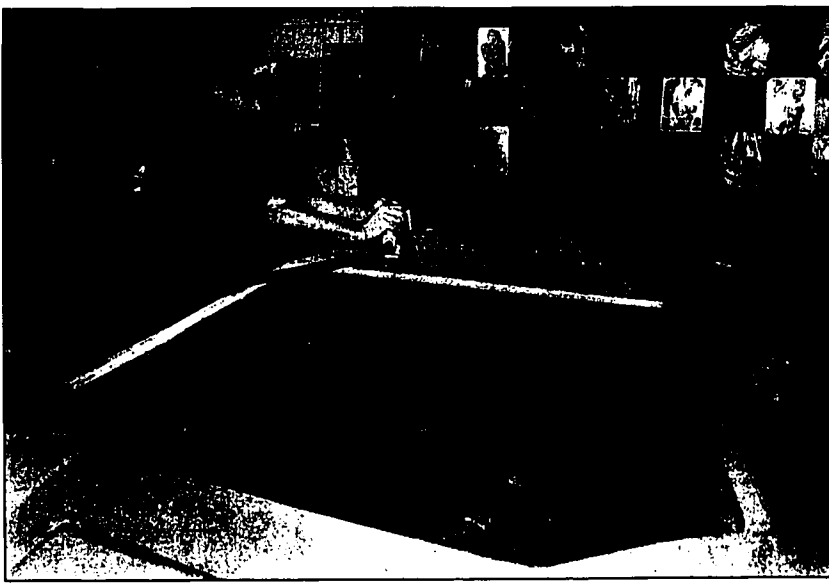
Herbert isn't out searching for a new job yet, but she is building her resume.

Last week, after studying on her own, she took the test for level-one certification in water distribution, the delivery of drinking water. Until results arrive in January she won't know whether she did well.

"I'm hoping, but I do not know."

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Find updates for Maria Rivera and Cindy Gierisch on page D5



Louis Gonzalez sands the body of his kit car Lamborghini in his garage in Rupert. Gonzalez hopes to get his GED before he is laid off from the J.R. Simplex Co. in 2004 so that he can enroll in the auto body program at the College of Southern Idaho and have a career that he truly enjoys.

Would-be businessman progresses toward GED

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Louis Gonzalez is eager to scratch two GED exams off his become-a-businessman agenda.

The forklift driver for Simplex is readying for his **STARTING OVER** event into a conference room at the Heyburn spud plant a couple of evenings each week to study algebra and adverbs. With his eye on college entrance, auto-body certification and an auto-body business of his own, Gonzalez needs a GED first.

Last week, Gonzalez reported satisfactory results on two pretests.

"I got a 96 on my math and an 86 on English," the Rupert resident said, expressing particular pleasure with the 96 percent. "I was glad with that grade."

After the new year, Gonzalez expects to pretest again, then take the real-deal math and English tests. That will leave exams in three more subjects before the 46-year-old captures the high school standing he missed by half a government credit a few decades ago.

"It'll be kind of nice to get these over with and move on to the next ones. I've been kind of enjoying the math class," he said.

Workforce Investment Act money pays Gonzalez's GED book and test expenses. That frees a few more of his dollars for paying the debts that Gonzalez wants to eradicate — or whittle down as much as possible — before his eventual college enrollment.

"That way I can put 100 percent into my studying instead of worrying about bills," he said.

Debt payment is a higher priority than saving money for his likely unemployment.

"Don't have any to save," he said. "Wish I did."

GED teacher Susan Bedke, who instructs Simplex workers and their laid-off former colleagues in classes at the spud plant, gave Gonzalez a paying

job recently. Her van's hood, door and fender were smashed, and the headlight and grill were broken.

"So I straightened it out," he said.

Gonzalez's appearance in newspaper articles this fall brought some business his way, too. He already does some auto painting on the side, and that fact drew inquiries about painting jobs from people who saw the articles.

In a store, a stranger recognized Gonzalez as one of the Times-News' Simplex profiles and proffered a possible investment when Gonzalez goes into business.

Gonzalez just might look him up when the time comes.

Questions mark couple's future

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Tony Cuellar and Belinda Naranjo are doing a good deal of waiting.

Waiting for calls on the Twin Falls apartments they're interested in.

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Simplex workers
Cuellar — whose job history is complicated — will qualify for unemployment pay.

Waiting to see whether they'll receive schooling benefits under the federal Workforce Investment Act.

The married Burley couple lost two jobs during Simplex's end-of-October layoffs at a Heyburn potato plant. Naranjo, 26, was an employee-services clerk. Cuellar, 28, trimmed spuds.

Both have registered for College of Southern Idaho classes that begin in January on the Twin Falls campus. They hope to line up a Twin Falls apartment by then.

Some of the delay is of their own doing.

The couple applied in early November at an apartment complex close to CSI and was put on a waiting list. By Dec. 9, the two had not made another trip to town to look for others.

"We really haven't done nothing yet. We're just waiting," Cuellar said that day.

They did place calls about apartments Monday and Tuesday, he said last week.

Cuellar hadn't yet turned in his application for WIA career-training benefits. His wife's WIA application, already submitted, requires a little market research in her chosen field, accounting. She'll have to ask three companies whether they're hiring and at what wages. She said she hadn't done that yet.

Both Cuellar and Naranjo, already a CSI student in Burley, want to be college students in January. But Cuellar will opt for

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Candy Sanchez, Mary Lou Herbert, Louis Gonzalez, Maria Rivera, Tony Cuellar, Belinda Naranjo, Candy Sanchez

About this series

By the time potato processor J.R. Simplex Co. shuts down its Heyburn plant in 2004, it will directly eliminate something like 650 jobs.

Writer Virginia S. Hutchins and photographer Lisa M. Collard are putting a human face on that job loss as they follow seven of the displaced or soon-to-be-displaced workers through the process of starting over.

The Simplex seven

Hutchins and Collard in August introduced readers to Simplex forklift driver Cindy Gierisch and to waste-treatment worker Mary Lou Herbert. Readers met forklift driver Louis Gonzalez in October. They met four more people in November: quality-assurance lab tech Maria Rivera; former spud trimmer Tony Cuellar and his wife, former employee-services clerk Belinda Naranjo; and packaging operator Candy Sanchez.

Today, Hutchins presents updates on all seven.

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What's to come

The Times-News will check in with the workers periodically as they ponder their options and chart their futures over the coming months or years.

YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES

Education group calls Idaho Power programs exemplary

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Power Co.'s community education programs were called exemplary by the National Association of Partners-In-Education during the organization's international conference, in Washington, D.C., in November, Idaho Power said.

The NAPE also highlighted the company's programs during a series of best-practices forums conducted during the conference.

Citing what he called Idaho Power's long-standing reputation for excellence in community education, NAPE Chief Executive Officer Dan Merenda said: "Idaho Power's community education efforts have proven to be exemplary. In fact, we would like to share them with as many as possible at the international summit," the company reported.

Merenda's comments were in response to a paper written by Idaho Power community education representative Russ Weedon. The paper can be viewed on the NAPE Web site, www.partnersineducation.com under the "2002 - Global Partnership Summit" link, then the "Submitted Papers" link. Idaho Power has five communi-



At Renaissance Illuminations' ribbon cutting are, from left in back, Shanna Walsh, Dale Whipple and Jon Anderson; and in front, Pat Campbell, Bjorn Leedom, William Leedom, owners Judy Carder and Lori Hagan, Nikki Mulligan, Tyler Earl and Barbara Rendklev.

ty education representatives working with schools in the company's Idaho and Oregon service area. In addition to Weedon, they are Claudio Tremelling, Linda Garcia, Chris Bell and Pam Compton.

Sonic Corp. offers online earnings release Webcast

TWIN FALLS - Oklahoma City-based Sonic Corp. - a restaurant chain with franchised locations in Twin Falls and Jerome - will provide an online Web simul-

cast of its first-quarter earnings release conference call Jan. 7.

During the call, management will comment on Sonic's financial and operational results for the first quarter, which ended Nov. 30, and review the company's earnings guidance for the second quarter.

First-quarter results will be released following the market's close Jan. 6.

The live broadcast will begin at 8 a.m. Go to the investor section of the company's Web site, www.sonicdrivein.com.

Candle, bath product store holds ribbon cutting event

BURLEY - Renaissance Illuminations, at 1232 Overland Ave. in Burley, held a ribbon cutting recently.

The store has a selection of gel candles, soy candles, bath bombs, salts, scrubs, shower gels, hand-crafted items and gifts.

Candles and bath products are available in 140 scents. The store also features custom candle making. Business hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The phone number is 878-GELL (4355).

Figaro's Pizza in Burley hosts open house for dining room

BURLEY - Figaro's Pizza, at 1011 E. Main St. in Burley, held a ribbon cutting and open house to commemorate its new dining room.

Previously, Figaro's Pizza was available only for pick-up of its product, which could be baked there or taken home to cook.

Those options are still available, but now customers can also dine in.

The new dining room features a salad bar and ice cream counter. A variety of pizzas, lasagna, salad and ice cream are available.



Figaro's Pizza in Burley holds a ribbon cutting and open house to commemorate its new dining room. From left are Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce members Lex Kusau, Angela Garcia, Jon Anderson, Ward Maxfield, Jayne Runyon, Pam Gee, Dale Whipple, Figaro's owner Miguel Farfan, Jack Bell and Audrey Newirth.

Business hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The restaurant can be reached at 677-9999. Miguel Farfan has owned the

business since September. Shantel Hollins is manager. Other employees include Rachel Jensen, Matt Schenk, Chance Topfitt, Tami Robinson, Ainzlee Brower, Zack Rowe and B.J. Crystal.

CAREER MOVES

Glenn Arrington

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Associated General Contractors recently bestowed its SIR Award on Glenn Arrington, owner and president of Starr Corp. in Twin Falls.

The AGC SIR Award is the highest honor an individual in the construction industry can attain within the association. It takes its name from the AGC motto, "Skill, Integrity, Responsibility." The award trophy is a 15-inch golden statuette modeled from Norman Rockwell's painting, "The Spirit of Construction."

Cindy Garcia

BURLEY - Cindy Garcia, a teacher's assistant at the Newcomer Center, was selected as an Outstanding Paraprofessional by the Magic Valley Chapter of the Idaho Association of Professional Education.

Garcia has been with the Cassia school district for eight years. She was an educational assistant at Springdale Kindergarten before moving to the center when it began five years ago. She has been involved with migrant education for more than 15 years.

Born in Texas, Garcia was raised in the Burley area, where she still lives. She graduated from Burley High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho for two years.

Laura Drake

TWIN FALLS - Laura Drake

of Laura Drake Insurance and Financial Services was recently honored by the Southern Idaho Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors' as the Adviser of the Year 2001-02.

Drake is also a member of the Idaho Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and the Million Dollar Round Table, as an insurance agent.

In the community, Drake is president of the board for Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services. Drake lives in Filer with her husband, Randy, and their two children.

Cindy Collins

TWIN FALLS - Cindy Collins of Twin Falls, co-owner of Prudential Financial Inc. in the Prudential Real Estate Affiliates business unit in Twin Falls, received a Prudential Community Champions Rising Star Award.

The award program is recognizing 853 Prudential employees and retirees for volunteer leadership and service in their communities. The Prudential Foundation is providing \$613,000 in grants to the organizations in which they volunteer.

Collins devoted an average of 250 hours per month as a volunteer with the Magic Valley Regional foundation in

2001. She has been a member of the foundation for more than a decade and served on the board during 2001.

The Prudential Foundation is the nonprofit grant-making organization of The Prudential Insurance Co. of America.

Byra Lou Darrington

DECLO - Byra Lou Darrington, the Spanish and family and consumer science teacher at Declo High School, was honored as October Employee of the Month by the Cassia school district.

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Laura Drake

of Laura Drake Insurance and Financial Services was recently honored by the Southern Idaho Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors' as the Adviser of the Year 2001-02.

Drake is also a member of the Idaho Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and the Million Dollar Round Table, as an insurance agent.

In the community, Drake is president of the board for Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services. Drake lives in Filer with her husband, Randy, and their two children.

Collins devoted an average of 250 hours per month as a volunteer with the Magic Valley Regional foundation in

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■ The Idaho Migrant Council received \$500 from The Fred Meyer Foundation for the Felipe Cabral Migrant Seasonal Head Start that provides early childhood education, health and nutrition, parent involvement and social services to families in the community.

The foundation's community grant program is driven by 32 local advisory committees made up of local Fred Meyer employees who research nonprofit organizations within their communities and then award grants.

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Neva McGregor, left, and Lao Jaramillo, right, both of Fred Meyer, present a \$500 donation to Mariela Lee of the Felipe Cabral Migrant Seasonal Head Start.

committees as community grants in the five Western states where we have stores," said Mary Loftin, vice president of community relations for Fred Meyer and store executive director of the founda-

tion. "In the most recent quarterly grant cycle, \$100,262.51 in grants were presented to 81 nonprofit organizations using this advisory committee process."

■ U.S. Bank announced recent U.S. Bancorp Foundation grants totaling \$6,500 made in southern Idaho.

● Mountain Home Arts Council Inc. received program funding to support The Clark and Lewis Show, a comedy based on the Lewis and Clark expedition. Actors from the company will give a workshop to about 50 junior high and high school students.

● South Central Community Action Agency in Twin Falls receives funding to support its low-income housing development program. Long-range goals include operating and expanding transitional housing, developing low-income, multifamily and senior housing, helping families become self-sufficient; and expanding homeownership programs for low-income families in Magic Valley.

■ Zions Bank invited local elementary school students to decorate a Christmas tree with homemade ornaments in the lobby of each Zions Bank branch.

In Burley, Heyburn Elementary first-graders and Declo Elementary's student body decorated two trees inside Zions Bank's Burley office Dec. 5. More than 75 students, teachers, parents and Zions employees gathered in the branch's lobby for the "Lights On" ceremony. Heyburn first-graders provided 213 ornaments for one tree, and Declo's student body created 610 decorations. In return, Zions Bank presented a contribution of 35 cents per ornament to each school.

In Twin Falls, Morningside Elementary second-grade students decorated the tree inside Zions Bank's Canyon Park office. Dec. 6, nearly 40 students and their parents gathered to light the tree, meet with an unsavory relationship with their investment-banking colleagues.

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The Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers and other state regulators also were involved in the negotiations that led to the settlement.



Brynlee Banks gives a bag at Zions Bank's "Lights On" holiday celebration in Twin Falls.



Students from Tara Cotton's first-grade class at Heyburn Elementary sing Christmas songs for employees of Zions Bank before the lighting of the trees decorated by them and students at Declo Elementary. From left are Astynne Chase, Stephanie Granillo, Zach Terry, Shane Anderson, Shane Despain, Naomi Koye and Kamal Blacker. Leading the music is Renee McJury, music teacher at Heyburn Elementary.

Forklift driver takes steps toward new career

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

PAUL — Christmas won't be all cookies and carols for Cindy Gierisch.

She'll use part of her vacation from Simplot's Heyburn potato plant this week to prepare for the day Simplot bids her goodbye for good.

Gierisch plans a Monday visit to Job Service in Burley, where she'll navigate a computerized career aptitude test. The results ought to give Gierisch, 49, a few ideas about fields that would fit her skills.

As a materials handler-operator on Simplot's day shift, she drives a forklift, loading and unloading trucks in the dry-warehouse receiving department.

She relishes the work. But she has something else in mind for that inevitable layoff day.

With the Job Service's recommendations in hand, then, Gierisch will head for the College of Southern Idaho's Burley center to check out

Simplot workers STARTING OVER

January class offerings. Computer courses are high on her list, and she suspects she'll have to brush up on some basic skills.

But she'll start small. "I don't want to get really bogged down," Gierisch said last week.

As a member of a peer group set up by the Idaho Department of Labor and the local Job Service office, Gierisch is keeping track of 25 or 26 former workers already laid off by Simplot. She calls them periodically, encouraging them to sign up for benefits such as interviewing-skills workshops or one-on-one job-search help, and reports to them often.

"Some of them have found other jobs," Gierisch said. Just three in her group have

landed full-time positions elsewhere, and a couple of others return now and then to Simplot as temps. The rest are still jobless.

Some are chasing GEDs, and five or six will start college classes full time in January, she said.

A lot are "just looking."

Those don't seem discouraged or depressed when they're on the phone with Gierisch.

"Holidays are stressful enough without all of that — being without a job that can get a lot of people down," she said. But, emotionally, "all of mine" seem to be doing pretty good.

And the laid-off workers in Gierisch's peer group are working evening preparations for Christmas celebrations. Most will host their out-of-town grown children, or travel to see them, and they welcome the extra free time for visiting.

"They're just going on with the regular thing that they've always had," she said. "They're just getting ready for the holidays."

Employer, professors help worker finish college classes

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

BURLEY — It wasn't the way Maria Rivera wanted to do it. But she did make it through fall semester at the College of Southern Idaho, finishing all four of her classes — English, math, computer science and psychology.

The Burley 27-year-old, a quality-assurance lab tech for Simplot, kept her job following the Heyburn potato plant's first round of permanent layoffs at the end of October. But the

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pared-down plant switched Rivera from days to swing shift at the first of November. Her work attendance at some of her college classes and eliminating evenings with her husband and 6-year-old son.

Long hours and the new shift complicated her effort to prepare for her own eventual layoff.

Rivera has her eye on a new career in pharmacy and was taking evening classes at CSI's Burley center. Last month, she was worried about keeping up with her schoolwork.

By the end of the semester, Rivera was having an easier time coping with her new schedule.

"My professors allowed me to turn work in late and skip some classes. And Simplot, my supervisor, would let me out during my work hours. I had to leave like twice to hand in some work," Rivera said Friday.

Cuellar

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a job instead if he doesn't qualify for enough WIA and unemployment insurance money. He contacted some employers listed in newspaper ads (they had already filled the positions) and applied at a staffing agency.

"They haven't called me yet," Cuellar said.

The couple's only income now is Naranjo's severance pay from Simplot. As a salaried office worker, she was one of the few

who qualified.

The severance checks are equal to her former earnings and — based on her length of service — will continue until the beginning of January.

She said she collected one week's unemployment benefits in November before learning her severance pay disqualifies her.

The jobless life involves some television and lounging, visits with one or the other of

Naranjo's parents, and the now successful pottery training of 2-year-old Inak.

"Nothing much. Just here at home, going to school," Naranjo said.

She goes to her mom's or dad's to do laundry, and the couple often eat supper with relatives.

The couple went to Nampa for a few days at Thanksgiving and started shopping at 5 a.m. the day after Thanksgiving. Without putting stuff on credit.

Simplot

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Simplot's staffing

Today's scheduled closure is typical in the potato-processing industry, Simplot spokesman Fred Zerra said Tuesday. It's largely to accommodate employees' vacation plans (many chose to burn up accrued vacation days instead of collecting unemployment checks) but also allows some plant maintenance.

When work resumes Jan. 6, all three production lines that survived the late-October cutback will restart at the same level of operation as last week, Zerra said.

He said the Heyburn plant employs approximately 287 hourly and 30 salaried workers, as it did following the end-of-October layoffs. But temporary workers supply some of that labor now. Simplot intends to keep job numbers steady after Jan. 6.

Zerra said he was unable to pinpoint how much of the plant's work is done by temp workers. Simplot has used temps to fill in for regular employees on vacation and for special projects. Also, temps take up the slack left by continuing attrition. Less than a dozen employees have left the

plant of their own accord since October's layoffs, he said.

Simplot is still projecting April 2004 as the Heyburn plant's final shutdown date. Market conditions will determine whether the company can keep all three production lines operating until then, as it currently intends to do, Zerra said.

"A lot of people need to eat more french fries," he said.

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Brokerage settlement — imperfect but reasonable

By Jeff Brown
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Whenever you combine lots of money with lots of greedy people, sleazy things will happen.

But Frida's conflict-of-interest settlement involving major Wall Street firms, though imperfect, gets at the root of the problem that cost investors trillions during the Internet bubble in the late '90s.

The settlement would shine light into Wall Street firms and force analysts from an unsavory relationship with their investment-banking colleagues.

Frida's announcement followed five months of talks arising from an investigation by New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, who unearthed internal e-mails that showed some Merrill Lynch analysts sneering at the very stocks they were urging investors to buy.

Numerous studies have shown that, because of a variety of conflicts of interest, analysts issue far more recommendations for investors to "buy" than to "sell."

The headline grabber is the price tag — \$900 million in fines for the firms plus \$535 million to pay for investor education and outside investment analysis. The outsiders' work will be distributed side-by-side, for comparison, with the reports produced by the firms' in-house analysts.

To such enormous firms as Salomon Smith Barney, Credit Suisse First Boston and Merrill Lynch, the money is chicken feed. The embarrassment suffered during the investigation has been far more important.

Requiring that customers be furnished with reports from outside firms that do not have investment-banking conflicts could be useful. Obviously, the in-house analyst who has a different take on a stock from the outsiders will have some explaining to do. It could help keep analysts honest.

But the most promising settlement provision is an idea that has long intrigued me — to require that analysts' predictions be posted on the Internet for all to see within 90 days of their original publication.

By then, the analysts' views are pretty stale, which is why the firms aren't giving up anything of monetary value when they agree to this. But this data will

make it much easier for investors to identify analysts with the best track records.

The agreement also stipulates that analysts won't participate in the sales effort for new blocks of stocks and bonds their firms are underwriting. In the past, analysts were an integral part of this process, and Spitzer's investigation made it clear some Internet analysts had pulled their punches on lousy stocks to curry favor with investment banking clients, who pay enormous fees.

Wall Street firms will now be prohibited from promising investment-banking clients favorable reports from in-house analysts. Investment bankers will be barred from pressuring the analysts working for their firms and from participating in decisions about analysts' compensation.

All this comes on top of rules approved by the SEC last spring requiring analysts to disclose in their reports any conflicts of interest, such as whether their firms had underwritten or other business relationships with the companies covered. Those rules imposed quiet periods during which analysts are barred from issuing reports on investment-banking clients that are selling new blocks of securities.



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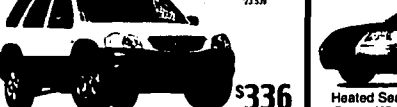
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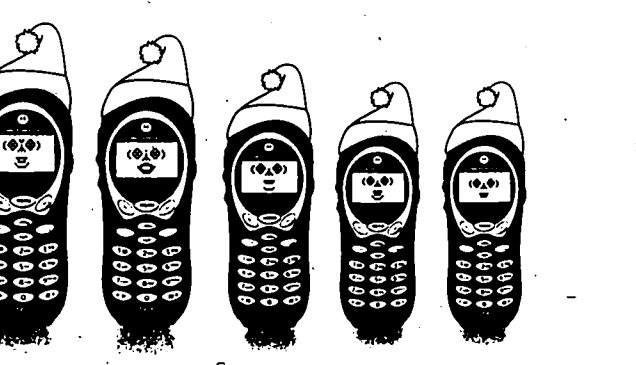
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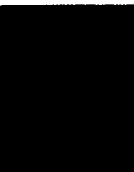
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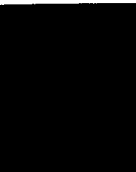
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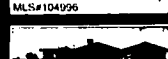

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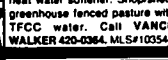

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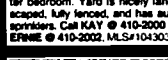

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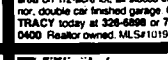

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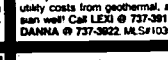

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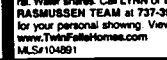

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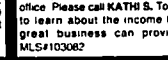

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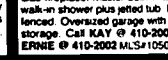

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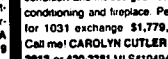

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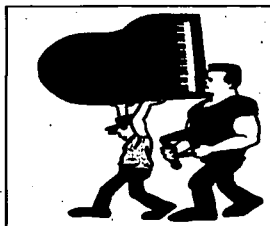
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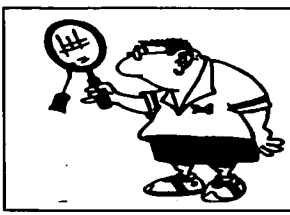
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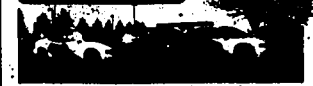
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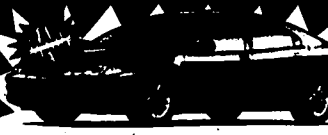


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Section F

Time and again: The lost art of anniversaries

Happy anniversary to me! Yes, it's today. No, I'm not saying how many. I was a child bride.

Speaking of children, my husband likes getting anniversary gifts that are fun. I didn't always know that.

A few years ago, I happened upon a toy called "K'nex," a construction set that looks like it could be a distant cousin of Lego. "I have doctors in their 40s buying these sets," the sales clerk told me.

Since we got married right before Christmas (my mother still hasn't forgiven me for spilling that holiday), I reasoned that a toy would be the perfect anniversary gift.

Problem 1: It wasn't the right metal.

But I never can remember which anniversary represents what anyway. Gold, silver, bronze (or maybe that's the Olympics). The way I see it, plastic is a pretty safe compromise.

Problem 2: It wasn't romantic.

But who says romance has to be about candles and flowers?

I'll never forget my 17th wedding anniversary, in Ohio, at an elegant restaurant.

At the table next to us sat another couple - feeding each other. Their motions were amazingly well synchronized, especially since they were gazing into each other's eyes instead of looking at their food.

"Do you think they've been married 17 years?" I whispered to my husband, who almost didn't hear me because he was concentrating so hard on his at-this-price-I'm-going-to-enjoy-it prime rib.

"Not even 17 months," he mumbled.

The cold, hard truth, according to a study conducted by the American Museum of Natural History, is that more American marriages break up around anniversary 2 than at any other time throughout the year. And lifestyle never seems to coordinate with conjugal longevity.

Of course, kissing doesn't ever go out of style: I once read that the longest real-life kiss clocked in at 17 days 10 1/2 hours in 1984 between Eddie Levin and Delphine Crha of Chicago. I wonder if they are still together.

"The Guinness Book of World Records" also charted the longest movie kiss ever filmed - a three-minute-plus smooch shared by Jane Fonda and Burt Reynolds in the 1940 flick "You're in the Army Now." But they were paid to do that.

I think I'd rather put my money where my mouth isn't.

As I remember the year of K'nex, we went out to dinner and got home around 8 o'clock (don't even say it). I opened my present, a basket of goodies from Bath and Body Works, and was happy I had finally gotten my husband trained. Then it was my turn. At first, when he looked at his noisy new K'nex, he thought he had opened one of our son's gifts by mistake. When he realized the toy was for him, he began to laugh.

By the time the evening was over, he was out to dinner and got home around 8 o'clock (don't even say it). I opened my present, a basket of goodies from Bath and Body Works, and was happy I had finally gotten my husband trained. Then it was my turn. At first, when he looked at his noisy new K'nex, he thought he had opened one of our son's gifts by mistake. When he realized the toy was for him, he began to laugh.

My husband moved around some lamps to power his K'nex, since the sun isn't shining at 10 p.m. The house was a mess. Good sport that I am during the holiday season, I pretended not to notice. The anniversary was a success.

Soon he would construct the model titled "sismo," my husband announced.

"That's good," I thought to myself. "I won't have to try and figure out what that one is, because a gift isn't supposed to look like anything."

I don't know exactly what I'm going to do tonight, but I think it will probably be fun.

Happy anniversary to me!

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Great expectations

How not to be disappointed by Christmas

"Scrooge, this night you will be haunted by three spirits. The first is the spirit of Christmas past."

"Long past."

"Your past."

- Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol"

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Americans are forever celebrating last Christmas.

"A lot of people's expectations about Christmas are based on nostalgia, good and bad," said Evelyn Mallee, a Twin Falls family counselor. "We think every Christmas should be as good as we remember, or we're afraid it will always be as bad as we remember."

"The secret to being happy at Christmas is living in the moment."

Much easier said than done for many people, who surround themselves with mementos of yesterday - tree ornaments, Christmas stockings, recipes from Grandma - and try to rediscover the alchemy of comfort and joy.

"It's an ordeal for a lot of people," Mallee said. "They feel that they always have to do more, and do it perfectly, for this Christmas to be the way it was in the past. It probably won't be, but that doesn't mean it can't be wonderful."

Christmas for most folks is about family, and family is a delicate organism, made up of unpredictable individuals each with his or her own hopes, fears and expectations.

"The problem with idealizing Christmas is that you expect it to be like you remember it," Mallee said. "It's not real."

That's especially true if a loved one has died since the last Christmas - or if there's less money to spend this year.

According to a recent American Express study, the average household is expected to spend \$1,556 this year on holiday gifts. While that's a 5 percent increase over last year's figure, it doesn't meet the 2002 survey's expectation of \$1,684.

The survey goes on to say that 65 percent of consumers plan to use a holiday shopping budget this year compared with 60 percent in 2001.

"If a child is expecting a lot of elaborate gifts from Santa Claus, then you need to tell them that sometimes Santa doesn't bring us everything we want," Mallee said.

"Many people are having this conversation with their children," Andrea Barbalich, executive editor of Child magazine in New York, told the Detroit Free Press.

"People definitely have less money to work with this year," said Betty Taylor, president of the Center for a New American Dream, a Maryland-based organization that promotes consumer responsibility.

Instead of allowing children to



Paige Allred, 6, is a little shy and apprehensive about what her visit with Santa at the Magic Valley Mall will bring. Many children have high expectations of what Santa will bring, and some are disappointed.

bring a list to Santa, Barbalich suggests asking kids narrow their requests to a single item.

This year when there are fewer toys made the tree, "It's not a great choice," she said.

"Four kids will be OK," Richard Bronovick, a psychologist with the Oakland Schools in Detroit, told the Detroit Free Press. "It breaks my heart to see so many parents go into debt because they are afraid of disappointing their kids."

If a recent death in the family overshadows Christmas this year, Mallee recommends making new traditions.

"If everything you do at Christmas reminds you of sadness and loss, what's the point of celebrating Christmas?" Mallee asked.

Instead, be patient and realistic: Prioritize things and decide what is important to you during the holiday season and scratch the rest off the list so you're not overwhelmed by responsibilities.

Listen to your heart and acknowledge your limits: Spend some quiet time before the holidays listening to your heart. Become aware of your needs and express them to family and friends. Encourage others to share their feelings too. It's OK to say no.

Allow the tears to come but look for joy amidst the pain: Don't be surprised if you find tears coming when you first expect them. Just try to remember the wonderful moments of your loved one's life.

Focus on the spiritual dimension of the holidays: When it feels right, focus on the underlying religious meaning of the holidays. Light a special candle as a celebration of a life and a

Gifts that aren't possessions

By Steve Crump

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me... a gift of chickens in my name to a needy Haitian family.

On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me... two foot massages and the Port-a-Prince poultry.

On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me... three cello lessons, two foot massages, blah blah blah.

These gifts may be hard to wrap, but for some they are a welcome antidote to stuff-lock the household equivalent of gridlock. Many celebrants - already tripping over furniture, knick-knacks, books, toys, auntie's china and grandpa's piano - are less than eager for yet another round of seasonal object juggle. It is not that the recipients lack gratitude for this bounty, or awareness that there are many less fortunate. They simply feel overwhelmed by possessions.

Somewhere around age 40, our desire to acquire the ordinary stuff of life begins to peak, which explains why advertisers so aggressively target the 18-to-35 set. Subsequent decades are spent gradually downsizing and simplifying, says Jim Taylor, a

life coach. For those who will keep Christmas in happier circumstances this year, Mallee recommends the gift of perspective.

"The more you make out Christmas to be something it isn't, the worse you'll be dis-

sappointed by the gifts you don't want or need another thing. Clearly this requires thinking outside the gift box. We took to the streets to ask a few folks what they'd like to receive that can't be plugged in, put on or relegated to a shelf. Their choices tended to fall into three categories: personal pampering, household services and good deeds.

"A driver," fantasizes Sue Carmody of Silver Spring, Md. Small wonder. The at-home mother of five children, ages 1 to 7, has no household help and no relatives in the area. "Just as I get the 1-year-old twins down for their naps, I have to drive to school to pick up the older kids."

"Wellness acupuncture," suggests Nathan Hammons, now in his last year at Boston University working on a dual degree in law and philosophy. His student budget won't allow many of these \$65 chiro sessions. "If you had a mother living on a retirement income and you gave her a year's worth of cable TV, that's a fabulous gift," says Jim Taylor. "It isn't cheap, but it says you understand what she wants and needs."

And you can make new memories. - The Detroit Free Press and the Columbus, Ga., Ledger-Enquirer contributed to this report.

pointed," Mallee said. "The same applies if you've had a bad experience with Christmas in the past. If you're depressed, change the way you go about doing Christmas," she continued. "If you're stressed, make a con-

scious effort to do less. It doesn't have to be perfect. And you can make new memories."

- The Detroit Free Press and the Columbus, Ga., Ledger-Enquirer contributed to this report.



Explain fewer presents with these tips

Need to cut back on your holiday spending, but worried your kids will freak out? Here are a few suggestions to ease the pain:

• Be frank, but don't scare your kids. Explain that you need to scale back but that you still plan to celebrate and have presents.

• Ask kids to pare their Santa wish lists to just one item. Remind them Santa doesn't have room on his sleigh for too many toys.

• Commit to special outings with your child.

• Start new family traditions such as potluck caroling or tree-trimming parties.

• Use time around the holidays to play family games.

• Don't forget giving to charities if you can. The effort will take the focus off your own family's troubles.

- Source: Detroit Free Press

Planetarium offers holiday shows

Ongoing
TWIN FALLS - The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrert Center for Arts and Sciences on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present "Season of Lights" at 1, 3 and 7 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday. Other shows are "Stargazing through the Holidays" at 2 and 8 p.m. on Friday, 8:15 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets, which are \$4 for adults,

\$3 for senior citizens 60 and over, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children 4 and under are not admitted. The Herrert Center will close at 4 p.m. on Tuesday and will be closed Christmas Day.

Every week, To Do for Families lists family oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

FAMILY LIFE

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SCHARNHORST-POORMAN

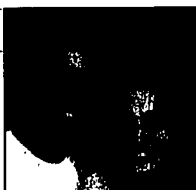
KIMBERLY - Robert and Louise Scharnhorst of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Nicole Scharnhorst, to Nathan Benjamin Poorman, son of Dennis Poorman and Lynne Hammond of Springville, Utah. Scharnhorst is a 1999 graduate of Kimberly High School and also a graduate of Brigham Young University-Idaho. She is attend-

ing Idaho State University, where she is pursuing a registered nursing degree.

Poorman is a 1997 graduate of Springville High School. He served an LDS mission in Thailand and attended Utah Valley State College.

The wedding is planned for Jan. 3, 2003, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 3 at the White House in Twin Falls.

The couple will reside in Pocatello, where they will be attending ISU.



Nathan Poorman and Jill Scharnhorst

WEDDINGS

KOROM-EVANS

HAILEY - Terra Lynn Korom and James Michael Evans were married Dec. 3 at the Little White Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev. Officiating was the Rev. Ron Parras. Tammy Handly served as soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Susan Sandau of Filer.

The bridegroom's parents are James Len Evans and Bonita Hadley of Bellevue, Wash.

The bride is attending the

College of Southern Idaho and is a homemaker.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Washington State College. He owns Katco Excavation and Paragon Properties Real Estate Brokers in Bellevue.

The couple will honeymoon for two weeks in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and one week in Las Vegas.

They reside in Hailey.

A wedding reception is planned in Sun Valley in the spring.



Terra and James Evans

JERKE-SCHMIDT

BUHL - Victoria Lyn Jerke and James Paul Schmidt were married Oct. 26 at King's Mountain Fire Station in Woodside, Calif. Officiating was Pastor Kempton Segerhammar. Hugo Wainzinger was the guitarist.

The bride is the daughter of Marion and Sue Jerke of Buhl.

The bridegroom is the son of Laura Schmidt of Fremont, Calif.

Louisa Jerke, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor. Jessica Lundeen, friend of the bride, was the bride's matron.

Duane Buckler, friend of the groom, served as best man. Hugo Ramirez, friend of the groom,



Victoria and James Schmidt

was the groomsmen. Nathan Jerke, brother of the bride, was the usher.

Special guests included aunt and uncle of the bride, Jerry and Sally Andrews of Wendell, and grandparents of the bridegroom,

Wallace and Luette Schmidt of Fremont, Calif.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Serving was Jennifer Kelley, cousin of the bride.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Buhl High School and a 1999 graduate of Concordia University in Seward, Neb. She is a kindergarten teacher at St. Paul's Early Childhood Development Center in Mountain View, Calif.

The bridegroom is attending San Jose State University in San Jose, Calif.

The newlyweds reside in San Jose. An open house to honor the couple will be held at 5 p.m. Friday at the American Legion Hall, 610 W. Main St., Wendell.

ENGAGEMENTS

ROGERS-SHEFFIELD

HAZELTON - Kenneth and Cheri Rogers of Hazelton announce the engagement of their daughter, Tegan Amiel Rogers, to Mark Anderson Sheffield, son of Stephen and Cheryl Sheffield of Albuquerque, N.M.

Rogers graduated from Valley High School in 1999 and from College of Southern Idaho in 2002. She is currently studying psychology at Utah State University. Sheffield graduated in 1995

from Los Lunas High School in Los Lunas, N.M. He served an LDS mission in the Oregon Eugene Mission. He attended Ricks College from 1999-2000. He is employed by Icon Health and Fitness and is attending Utah State University, studying business information systems.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 4, 2003, at the Jerome Country Club.

The couple will reside in Logan, Utah.



Mark Sheffield and Tegan Rogers

WILLIAMS-BROWN

HEYBURN - David and Lynne Williams of Idaho Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Marie Williams, to Eric Lee Brown, son of James A. and Carolyn Brown of Heyburn.

Williams is currently attending Brigham Young University-Idaho. Brown is a 1998 graduate of Minico High School. He served an LDS mission in San Bernardino Calif. He is employed by Dave Anderson Tile in Rupert.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday at the Woodville Ward building, 155 N. 700 E., Shelley. The couple will be also



Eric Brown and Katherine Williams

honored at an open house from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Paul 4th Ward building, 300 S. 500 W., Heyburn.



Justin Marriott and Megan Johnson

JOHNSON-MARRIOTT

BURLEY - Gary and Lovanna Johnson of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Sarah Johnson, to Justin Kenneth Marriott, son of Chris and Dennis Marriott of Turlock, Calif.

Johnson is a 2001 graduate of Burley High School. She is currently attending Brigham Young University-Idaho, studying social work. She is employed at BYU-Idaho.

Marriott graduated from high school in 1999 in Turlock, Calif. He is employed at BYU-Idaho, while studying pre-dentistry.

The wedding is planned for Friday at the Logan LDS Temple.

A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the Burley 3rd and 7th Ward building, 2200 Oakley Ave., Burley.

MILLER-WYATT

EDEN - Rex E. and Linda Miller of Rigby announce the engagement of their daughter, Angie Miller, to Don Wyatt, son of Roy and Brenda Wyatt of Eden.

Miller is a graduate of Rigby High School and Ricks College in the nursing program. She is employed at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center in Provo, Utah.

Wyatt is a graduate of Valley High School and Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, with a degree in finance. He will be attending dental school in Nebraska. He served a two-year mission in Lisbon, Portugal. He is employed at the Missionary Training Center in Provo.



Angie Miller and Don Wyatt

The wedding is planned for Friday. Receptions to honor the couple will be held Friday in Rigby and from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 11, 2003, at the Hazelton 1st Ward building.

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Means Unforgettable Time With The Grandkids

If you were to ask the average North American grandparent how much time they spend with their grandkids on a yearly basis, the likely answer from most would be "not nearly enough!" The weekend visit, or perhaps some babysitting, is normal for many, but only if they live close by. For those who rely on e-mailing grandchildren to keep in touch, it's certainly far less. This year, Grandma and Grandpa, talk your kids into taking a vacation...while you take your grandchildren on one of your own.

With great rates on airlines, trains, buses and even cruise ships, a vacation for grandparents and grandchildren is possible for almost any family. It doesn't have to be a grand whirlwind tour, or involve strange ports or places. For a grandchild, a few days with their grandparents in a new place is plenty to forge a lifelong memory. Here are just a few ideas for grandparent/grandchild vacations that are sure to be a success.

Take them back to their roots. That doesn't mean to where they were born, but to where you came from, Grandma. Return to the city or community where you grew up, and even if it's changed a great deal over the years, take your grandchildren down familiar streets. Tell them, "This is the

address where I grew up," even if there's a 25-story office building now in its place. Tell them what was there, who you knew, what the sounds and sights were like, and how it compares to their world now. Take some pictures, and compare them later with the ones in your scrapbook.

Take trains, so the grandkids get an idea of what "between here and there" looks like. Kids today are already so used to traveling the length and breadth of the country in airplanes that they rarely see what's in between their departure and arrival points. A train trip is an economical, historical, visual and social way to vacation, for anywhere from a day to weeks at a time. And as many a parent and grandparent has found, that rolling rhythm of a train makes sleep come pretty easily to tired young eyes.

Kids love to camp, and it doesn't matter if Grandpa and Grandma just take their RV to a deluxe pull-in spot with hookups, a pool and clubhouse. To the grandkids, that's still real camping, especially if you say it is. Take them on flash-light-led walks around the grounds at night, watch them splash in the pool or lake during the day, and cook over a real wood fire (even if it's only the marshmallows after a microwaved dinner in the RV). Whatever and wherever, they'll always remember camping with their grandparents in their big RV.

by Dan Aspell



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Combine: 5 tsp flour, 2 cups chicken broth, 2 tsp wine vinegar, 2 tsp dijon mustard and 1/4 tsp pepper

Mix with chicken, onion, mushroom mixture and cook until thick. Just before serving, add 1/3 cup fat free sour cream. Serve over rice or yolk-free noodles.

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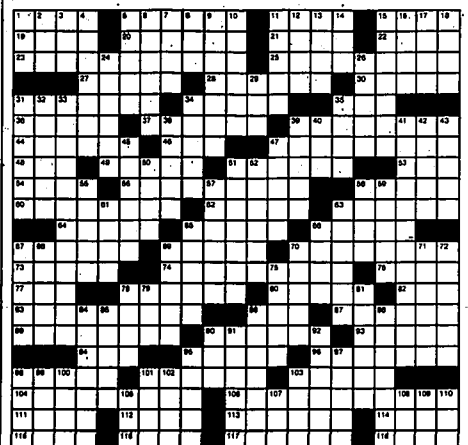


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Dear Abby letters open window on human nature

DEAR ABBY: What on earth has become of college education when professors and teachers write that they use Dear Abby for English courses? I am horrified that an English as a Second Language teacher uses your column to teach foreign students our customs. What customs? Unresolved anger? Sibling rivalry? Mistrust of spouses? Broken homes? Drunk driving? Homosexuality? Sexual abuse? Internet pornography? It is insane that this is what foreign students use to gauge American culture.

Abby, what about the monogamous marriage that has endured hardships? The couple still devotedly loyal and faithful to each other? Kids who still have the same mother and father and are contributing to society? What about the people who give 100 percent of themselves for community involvement with no thought to themselves? You have even said yourself that some people accuse you of making up the letters because they are so bizarre. Some are R-rated at best. And this is what teachers use to teach English? God forbid!

No wonder people in other countries think Americans are idiots. If they get all their information from Dear Abby, they are too stupid to be a mark. You may print my name.

—MICHELLE CRIPPEN,
HARPER FERRY, W.VA.
DEAR MICHELLE: Ouch! I cannot agree with you that the people who write to me are



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idiots. The problems they write about are human relations problems—and not necessarily unique to the USA. Furthermore, they make interesting reading—and that, I think, is what motivates the teachers to use my column. By the time people reach adulthood, "See Spot Run" and "The Adventures of Dick and Jane" no longer hold their interest. Face it, my column has it all—drama, human interest, comedy, sex, drugs—and solid information that many people relate to.

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 and dream of becoming a voice for a Disney animated film. This is not some silly phase, Abby. I really want to do this. The only problem is, I have no clue how to get the attention of Disney. I have had little theatrical experience, and my school's drama program isn't the best. I have a good singing voice but have had no lessons.

I need your advice on what to do here. I have sent letters to Disney, but no response has ever come. Any suggestions you might offer would be great. Thanks.

—DISNEY DREAMER
IN CONCORD, CALIF.
DEAR DREAMER: You're welcome. I checked with my

friend, Tress MacNeill, who does voice-overs for "The Simpsons" and is the classic voice of Daisy Duck and Chip 'n Dale. She asked me to tell you that "longevity in a show business career can be measured by the amount of time spent preparing for it."

Do not attempt to do this straight out of high school. Study drama and music in college, and then try to sharpen your improvisational skills. Take every acting class you can. Be a reader and an observer, so you can pick up nuances of language in the mold of Robin Williams and Nathan Lane. And most important of all, remember this is not a part-time effort. Keep your eye on your goal. Good luck.

DEAR ABBY: Is it rude to open drawers or medicine cabinets in the bathroom of someone's home?

—SNOOPY
IN PORTLAND, ORE.
DEAR SNOOPY: It certainly is, although many people do it anyway. It's also nasty—and it's wrong. (But fascinating.)

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

Don't permanently chain dogs

Every time I drive the 16 miles from our ranch to my hometown in northern Idaho, I pass dogs along the side of the road that are chained to a tree, a doghouse or just to a stake that's been driven into the ground.

Make no mistake. These aren't loving, responsible pet owners with outdoor dogs who want to make sure they're safe at night or when unattended, so they secure them temporarily. These dogs are imprisoned within the chain's radius, 24/7/365.

In fact, in the six years I've lived here, I've never seen them run free. Sadly, millions of other pets across this country share their fate.

I seldom catch their gaze but I always feel sadness in my heart for their plight and frustration at their caretaker's lack of understanding that chaining a dog up all the time can have serious consequences for both the pet and the pet's guardian.

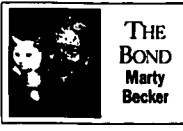
Experts agree that chaining increases aggression in some dogs.

"Rather than protecting the owner or property, a chained dog is often fearful for itself, particularly poorly socialized dogs, or those with a previous negative experience," says Dr. Roland Tripp, affiliate professor of animal behavior at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Colorado State University.

"When tethered and exposed to a potentially threatening stimulus, such as the dog definitely knows is 'I can't get away.' In that circumstance, a reasonable response might be, therefore, I'm going to try and scare you away by growling or worse yet, biting."

Dr. Myra Milani, a veterinary ethologist and author of several books on animal behavior agrees. "I specifically see increased aggression when a dog feels responsible for protecting the owner and that person's belongings. Under those circumstances, restraint of any kind makes it impossible for the dog to freely explore any perceived threat to determine whether it poses any danger or get away from it if it does."

Finally adding to this chorus is Elizabeth Shull, DVM, President of the American College of



Veterinary Behaviorists and a board certified neurologist from Knoxville, Tennessee. Dr. Schull gave an enlightening presentation on this subject at the 2002 American Veterinary Medical Association Meeting.

"In addition to frustration, the constant physical restraint promotes excessive territoriality, which may be manifested as aggression. These attacks are completely unnecessary as they are easily preventable by using a secure fence for containment," says Shull.

"This leaves the dog with the option of making a lot of noise (barking their head off) and looking as scary as possible (lips curled, teeth showing, coat fluffed) in hopes of frightening the perceived threat or to bite when that threat gets too close. Thus, too often, biting becomes the chosen response when a good old bark would have done."

Sadly, the person on the other end of the leash is often a young child, a delivery person, or another dog that just wanted to play. Dog bite statistics show that children are the most common victims. This then becomes a tragedy for all involved: the victim, the dog and the owner who is now liable for those injuries, which could have been avoided from the start.

"Another thing to consider is that dogs are social animals," says Janice Willard, veterinary ethologist from Moscow, Idaho. "They need to have company to live normal, healthy lives. Most dogs live

in a human family which fills their biological need for companionship."

Willard continues: "But a chained, solitary dog is in the worst of circumstances. Not only are they starved for social contact but often have poor social skills from lack of experience. And they often live in a state of sensory deprivation. Their environment is barren and they have nothing to explore or play with. They have no space allocated to them. Or they become frustrated by the increasing world just out of their reach, increasing their anxiety and agitation."

The worst punishment for people in prison is solitary confinement, while the military uses the silent treatment as a nonviolent but highly effective means of reprimand. But these are only temporary measures; while a dog may be content with the silent punishment for most of its life, these punishments are only evoked on humans for terrible crimes; but what crimes did these poor dogs commit to deserve such a fate?

Think what happens to a dog's physical being and spirit if they never know freedom, companionship, play, joy?

If you need to secure your dog, get a big fence. If you need a security system, then install an electronic one. If you want a dog, but aren't willing to love it and consider its needs, get a stuffed one.

Chaining a dog up all the time is no way to treat a thinking, breathing, loving, loving creature.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is a resident veterinarian on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" and the author of "The Healing Power of Pets: Write to him in care of Knight Rider/Tribune News Service, 790 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

Parents must master 'act' of discipline

Many, if not most, of today's parents are convinced that nearly every child-rearing circumstance is fraught with apocalyptic psychological ramifications.

As a consequence, they tend to agonize over things that parents of 50-plus years ago would have reacted to calmly, even dismissively.

The modern parent's proclivity for "psychological thinking" also paralyzes her ability to effectively discipline, the secret of which is to act as if you are in complete control.

How to stop worrying? Act like you are in control. That may sound contradictory, but it is not.

Shakespeare said the world's a stage upon which each plays many parts, many roles. Parenting is one of the roles.

The way to stop worrying is to master the "act" of discipline.

Every so often, a parent shares with me a story that confirms this simple principle.

Here's one, in a mother's words.

"About six months ago, my 5-year-old suddenly became afraid of the dark and of being by himself (in the yard area of the house).

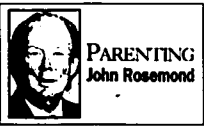
"I'd ask him to take a towel to the laundry room, and he'd become panic-stricken. He'd beg for his younger brother to accompany him.

"Depending the day, he would walk behind me through the house, telling me he was afraid of me to leave him by himself.

"At bedtime, he insisted on a night light. That sufficed for a few days, after which he began insisting that the hall light be on. Soon, he would not stay in bed unless the whole house was ablaze.

"If I accidentally turned out the light in, say, the family room, he would scream.

"When you have no more tickets, you have no permission to be scared. If you tell me you're scared, you can't give me a ticket, because you've already given them, sit in a com-



fortable chair in the den for the rest of the day.

"It is your job to figure out a way to stop being scared."

"When I was 5, I was scared of the dark, too. I figured out a secret way of not being scared, and I expect you to do the same."

"Also, when you go to bed, you may have one night light in your room and one night light in the hall. It is a waste of energy to keep all the lights on, and we are not wasteful in our family. Got it?"

"I wasn't upset, but it was stern. The result? I never had to take a single ticket away. He stopped being afraid immediately. Unbelievable."

Not really. The fact is a child cannot have faith in a parent—the foundation of a sense of security—unless the parent has faith in herself.

This is not so much a story of a child who stopped being afraid as it is a story of a mom who lost her faith in herself and found it again.

Hallelujah!

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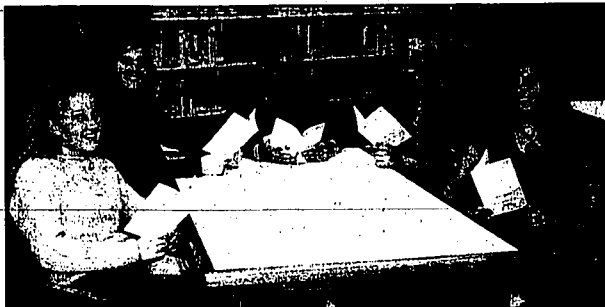
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Students from Pam Young's Junior U.S. History class at Declo High School look at copies of the book that students researched and published about World War II. Around the table are, from left, Hollie Garner, Meagan Webb, Dustin Grant, Ashley Petersen and Melissa Webb.

Book records war memories

DECLO - Declo High School students not only learned about U.S. history, but wrote a book about it.

Under the direction of teacher Pam Young, the students have produced a book, "Bravely They Lived, Memories of World War II." The students researched and published the paperback, which sells for \$5. The project is not a fundraiser - the \$5 covers the cost of printing.

The students interviewed family members and local residents, mostly veterans of World War II.

There also are stories about the home front and comments by the high school faculty and staff members about what Americans should have learned from the

Want a last minute Christmas gift or enjoy history?

Call Pam Young at 654-2030 to purchase "Bravely They Lived, Memories of World War II."

generation that endured World War II.

Each student has at least one entry in the book, either a composition, patriotic poem, and/or an original drawing.

"As the years march past, the number of people who lived through World War II continues to decline. The opportunity to take advantage of this rich

resource has nearly passed," Young wrote in the preface. "With that in mind, we ventured into the homes of our neighbors and family members to ask them about the Great War. May the pages that follow reaffirm our good fortune, living in the United States of America, made possible by those who endured World War II."

Young also reflected on the experiences of her own family.

Young and her students say they were grateful to those who willingly shared their memories. "History is always learned best from those who care the most," Young stated. "We appreciate the time spent in our behalf."

YOUNG EINSTEINS



Students at Lincoln School in Twin Falls who earned their Einstein Awards for the month of September are Caleb Faulkner, Victoria Pamparau, Sydney Bergan, Brandon Michael and Madison Dahlquist.

Photo courtesy of Lincoln School



Lincoln Elementary Students who earned the Einstein Award for the month of October are, from left, top row: Ashleigh Michael, Justin Scheer, Denim Kerr, Adana Delic, Cody Ottersburg, Colton Whittamore, Kevin Brown, Tyler Terrero, Abby Bledenbach, Nichole Montano, Erick Saldívar and Kadrija Haracic; middle row: Olivia Humberger, Tony Cuellar, Jenika Chubb, Chase Smith, J'Lynn Scheer, Sabina Sabic, Anna Koister, Olivia Nielson and Joey Benitez; bottom row: Storme Janason, Kennedy Bell, Samantha Jackson, Bo Petterson, Gabriel Lopez Perez, Ashley Cox, Katie Loya, Hannah Bledenbach, Nicole Michael, Breonna Bailey, Daisy Hulzar, Stormy Jasper, Tristen Pamparau and Jonathan Schroeder.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Kimberly City Library announces new books

KIMBERLY - Kimberly City Library, 120 Madison W., announced the following new adult fiction books:

- "Hope to Die" by Lawrence Sanders
- "The Christmas Train" by David Baldacci
- "Danger in the Shadows" by Dee Henderson
- "The Thousand Orcs" by R. A. Salvatore
- "The Songcatcher" by Sharyn McCrumb
- "The Last Hostage" by John J. Nance
- "Marrying the Mistress" by Joanna Trollope
- "Once a Thief" by Kay Hooper
- "Eclipse Bay" and "Summer in Eclipse" by Jayne Ann Krentz
- "Chasing the Dime: A Novel" by Michael Connelly
- "Going Home" and "Table for Two" by Nora Roberts
- "Blood Orchid" by Stuart Woods
- "Answered Prayers" by Danielle

Steel, "Visions of Sugar Plums" by Janet Evanovich, "Quintessence" by Maeve Binchy, "Q is for Quarry" by Sue Crawford, "Catherine's Heart" by Lawana Blackwell, "A Time to Embrace" by Karen Kingsbury, "Not a Sparrow Falls" by Linda Nichols, "The Covenant" by Beverly Lewis, "Bloody Merchant War" and "Echoes of Vengeance" by Roland Cheek, "Wanting You" by Nan Ryan, "The Carriage House" by Carla Neggers, "Killing Grounds" by Dana Stabenow and "The Gazebo" by Emily Grayson.

For more information, call 423-4556.

College of Southern Idaho offers clogging class

TWIN FALLS - The Community Education Center at

the College of Southern Idaho will offer a new workshop designed to teach students the basics of clogging and percussive step dance.

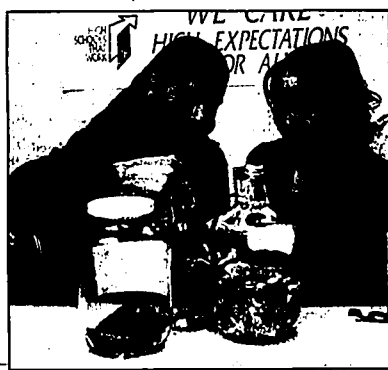
The class will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 15 through March 19 at 222 Main Ave. N. The cost is \$50.

Students will learn square formations and dance percussive through their formation. Performing is optional. Students are encouraged but not required to purchase clogging footwear, which costs approximately \$70.

Instructor Shannon Edwards is a certified clogging judge with a background in traditional mountain clogging and contemporary buck styling with Canadian and Irish step dance variations.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

PENNY WARS



Lupe and Marisella Fregoso do their part in the penny wars for charity at Jerome High School. Students, faculty and staff added pennies and other change to jars for each class. More than \$1,023 was raised with proceeds going to helping families during Christmas time.

Photo courtesy of Jerome High School

SERVICE NEWS

Day graduates from training in San Antonio

Air Force Airman Adam R. Day has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and spe-



Adam Day

cial training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Day is the son of Debra

Karlson of Pocatello and Sam Day of Twin Falls. He graduated in 2002 from Century High School in Pocatello.

Paucar reports for duty on assault ship USS Wasp

Navy Seaman Ronald Paucar, son of Carmen Broxson of Ketchum and Fredy Paucar of Shoshone, has reported for duty aboard the multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, which has its home port in Norfolk, Va.

Paucar is a 2002 graduate of Wood River High School in Halley, and joined the Navy in June 2002.

Tucker wins competition, continues for soldier title

Sgt. William Tucker of Jackpot competed in and won the CECOM Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter board at Fort Monmouth, N.J. on Nov. 7. He will now compete for soldier of the year in July 2003, his

family reported. Tucker graduated from Jackpot in 1997, and joined the Army that same year. He is stationed at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa. and works as an electronic tech. His parents, Gerald and Nancy Tucker, reside in Jackpot.

Faught graduates from basic combat training

Army Pvt. Brent M. Faught has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill in

Lawton, Okla. During the eight weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, and received instruction in drill and ceremonies, rifle marksmanship, weapons, map reading, tactics, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and special training in human relations. Faught is the son of Corine and Rick Faught of Twin Falls. He is a 2002 graduate of Twin Falls Senior High School.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Matthew Dalton Thompson, son of Cora Lynn Stapleton of Boise, was born Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002.

Ezekiel Thomas Briggs, son of Elisha Marie and Randy Lynn Briggs of Jerome, was born Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002.

Destiny Nicole Bellevue, daughter of Tiffany E. Bellevue of Castelford, was born Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002.

Aubrey Arlene Peters, daughter of Brittany Jean and Jake Thomas Peters of Eden, was born Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002.

Alexis Anyona Flores, daughter of Jamie Marie Ceja of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002.

Whydie Benton Bishop, son of Nichole Anne and Charles Jason Bishop of Hagerman, was born Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002.

Guadalupe Guillermin Ramirez, daughter of Victoria Marie and Reyes Ramirez-

Castillo of Jerome, was born Friday, Dec. 13, 2002.

Dakota Ryan Anthony Morris, son of Leana Kaye Compton and Derrick Lee Massie of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002.

Seneth Michael Ward, son of Ladora Dawn and Michael Seth Ward of Buhl, was born Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002.

Jaycee Michelle Massie, daughter of Sundee Kaye Compton and Derrick Lee Massie of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002.

Austin Dakota Ryan Rydalch, son of Renee Fay Rydalch of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002.

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Siera Andrianna Douglas, daughter of Paul and Sarah Douglas of Jerome, was born Friday, Dec. 6, 2002.

Emily Rebecca Romero, daughter of Eduardo and Carle Romero of Jerome, was

born Monday, Dec. 9, 2002.

Joshua James Farnsworth, son of Randy and Jordan Farnsworth of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Dec. 9, 2002.

Natasha Alexis Segura, daughter of Norma Segura of Jerome, was born Monday, Dec. 9, 2002.

Korbin Daniel Ewing, son of Scott Ewing and Deanna Akala, was born Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002.

Jesse Alan Driesel, son of Larry and Chanel Driesel of Wendell, was born Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Annelise Marie Jennings, daughter of Kathleen and Christopher Jennings of Sun Valley, was born Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002.

Hunter William Pearce, son of Amanda and William Pearce of Halley, was born Friday, Nov. 23, 2002.

Adam Richard Blankenship, son of Rhonda Blankenship of Ketchum, was born Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2002.

Oliver James Long, son of Jessica McLean and Matthew Long of Bellevue, was born Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002.

Nayrell Chavolla, daughter of Rosario Hurtado and Salvador Chavolla of Halley, was born Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002.

Alexis Marie Fuchs, daughter of Katie and Ryan Fuchs of Halley, was born Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-6638. Deadlines: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

Declo students get festive.

Monday in School Days

Aries: Highlight intellectual curiosity

IF DECEMBER 22ND IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you were separated psychologically or otherwise from parents while still young. Your thoughts are original, and you are drawn to ancient wisdom, including astrology. You have natural inclination for design, decoration and architecture. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio persons play unorthodox roles in your life, could be these letters in names: D, M, V.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You will be celebrating this day; for you it will be a combination of luck, talent and sex appeal. Highlight diversity, versatility and intellectual curiosity. Gemini involved.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You are on solid ground; begin building program. What has been rejected could now be accepted. You will be involved in sale or purchase of home, property, Scorpio represented.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be sure to highlight instructions. Scenario highlights change, travel and variety of experiences. Written word will play major role. Set thoughts on paper. Virgo figures prominently.

HOROSCOPE

Sydney Omarr

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will "like" this day. Focus on where you live, marital status. You receive gift, a luxury item that brightens home. This could be start of something big. Libra featured.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Lunar cycle high; circumstances turn in your favor. Events transpire to bring you closer to success, happiness. Judgment, intuition will be on target; you're at right place at critical moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look behind scenes; a secret will be revealed, and this will prove to be beneficial. Exercise care in clandestine relationship. Organize, line up priorities and proceed accordingly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Many of your desires wishes come true; don't wish for more than you can handle. Look beyond the immediate; you will win friends and influence people. Aries, another Libra plays roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You

will be active in community affairs. Highlight original thinking. Emphasize innovative procedures. You gain added recognition for "direction" of your life in new direction. Leo involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Attention revolves around where you live, marital status. In meditating, you discern the "direction of your life." Focus on advertising, publishing. Cancer native plays role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have reason to celebrate; your possessions will prove valuable, more so than you anticipated. Humor wins you make people smile if even through moments of grief. Sagittarius involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Spotlight on proposals that include career, marriage. Check details, especially fine print. Be thorough; obtain answers, not evasions. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio play amazing roles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Be ready to read and write and to submit special report. Relationship is serious, could lead to partnership or marriage. Filtration lends spice, but know when to say, "Enough!"

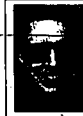
See Saturn all night long

Last Tuesday, Saturn reached opposition, meaning it sits opposite the sun in the sky.

That's good news for telescope owners, because Saturn rises just as the sun is setting (and lies well above the horizon by the time twilight ends) and stays up all night, fading into the western haze at the onset of morning twilight. With last night having been the longest of the year, it's a real bonanza for anyone who wants to spend hours examining the ringed planet's visual glory.

Even better, the rings are near their maximum tilt, making it easier to spot the dark gaps that separate them. If there's a downside, it's that with the sun at our backs, the rings' shadows are hidden behind the rings themselves. In a couple of months, the shadows will stand out against the planet's face.

Galileo was the first person to examine Saturn with a telescope, in the early 17th century. With crude lenses in his homemade instruments (no more powerful than a low-power spotting scope), he couldn't tell he



SKYWATCHER
Chris Anderson

was seeing rings - to him they looked like large moons that flanked the planet, never changing position. Later, when Saturn's thin, flat rings had turned edge-on, to Galileo they seemed to disappear. Knowing his mythology - wherein Saturn was associated with Kronos, a jealous god who devoured her own offspring to prevent being usurped by them - he recorded in his notebook, "Does Saturn eat her children?"

To find Saturn, look to the east starting around 7 o'clock in the evening. Orion will just be clearing the horizon, with his three-star belt standing almost vertically. Look about one wide-hand-span at arm's length to the upper left of Orion's belt. There, golden-yellow Saturn shines

Sky calendar (through Saturday)

- Planets:
One hour before sunrise: Venus: SE, low
Mercury: SSE, low
Jupiter: WSW
One hour after sunset: Saturn: ENE, low
- Moon:
Third quarter, Thursday, 5:31 p.m.
Near Jupiter Monday morning.

steadily. As the night goes by, Saturn arcs high into the south, standing directly above Orion's head at midnight. In the early morning hours, it slides to the northwest, where it sits low on the horizon when the first glow of morning twilight appears.

Next week: What is a leap second?
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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.
Monday: Chicken fried steak, potatoes, gravy, broccoli, bread, beef salad, fruit pie
Tuesday: Center closed
Wednesday: Center closed
Thursday: Cook's choice
Friday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, green beans, tossed salad, roll, fruit cake
Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Barista Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Foot clinic; make appointment
Tuesday: Center closed
Wednesday
Center closed

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Bush.
Monday meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.
Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3.50 and evening meals will be \$2.50. Sunday dinners are \$4. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Call the center by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.
Sunday: Christmas dinner
Monday: Hot turkey sandwich
Tuesday: Ham dinner
Wednesday: Center closed
Thursday: Center closed
Friday: Center closed
Activities
Thrift shop open every day. Quitting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$4.
Sunday
All-you-can-eat Christmas dinner buffet, \$4 for seniors, \$4.25 for non-seniors and \$2.50 for children under age 12.
Monday
Exercise from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Smorg at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.
Quitting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Bingo from 1-3 p.m.
Smorgy at 5:30 p.m.
Cards at 6 p.m.
Friday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.
308 Senior Ave.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.
Monday-Thursday: Center closed

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.
Monday: Chili, pickled beets, fruit cinnamon rolls
Tuesday: Center closed
Wednesday: Center closed
Thursday: Meatloaf, potatoes, gravy, green beans, carrot raisin salad, blueberry cheesecake, juice
Friday: Baked pork chops, macaroni and cheese, peas, Jell-O with fruit, cake, ice cream
Activities
Monday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Zora's Band
Friday
Aerobics at 11 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center
Monday: Baked turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce, homemade rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee
Thursday: Center closed

Shoshone Senior Center
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone
Tuesday-Friday: Center closed

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens
203 Wilson, Eden
Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days. Home delivered meals are delivered Monday through Friday.
Tuesday-Thursday: Center closed

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center
140 E. Lake, Hagerman
Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Suggested donation for seniors is

green beans, cole slaw, apricots, cookie, coffee, milk
Wednesday: Center closed
Friday: Spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, garlic bread, peaches, cookie, coffee, milk
Activities
The thrift store is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday and from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Monday
Board meeting at 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Bingo at 7 p.m.
Friday
Board elections from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bingo at 11:55 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Halley
Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals
Tuesday-Friday: Center closed

Mindoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.
Monday: Best stew, fruit bowl, biscuits, beverages, juice
Tuesday: Enchiladas, tossed salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, sherbet
Wednesday: Center closed
Thursday: Cream of chicken soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, cherry pie, macaroni salad, juice
Friday: Smorgasbord
Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Quitting and pool table daily during center hours. Craft every day. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Rideleys at 436-1200
Activities
Monday
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
Songfest from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Bridge
Tuesday
Quitting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Bingo from 1-2 p.m.
Thursday
Exercise from 10-11 a.m.
SHIBA Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwinderman at 436-9107.
Friday
Pinocle from 1-4 p.m.
Bingo at 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland, Burley
All dinners are served at noon.
Monday: Chicken strips, baked potato, broccoli, bread, salad, orange sunshine cake
Tuesday: Center closed
Wednesday: Center closed
Thursday: Ham and macaroni bake, sugar snap peas, biscuit, fruit cup, ice cream sundae
Friday: Meat loaf, parsley potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, pineapple, pumpkin or cranberry pie
Activities
Monday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11:15 a.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.
Thursday
Pool at 10 a.m.
Exercise at 11 a.m.
Bingo at 1 p.m.
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Bridal Registry
Jennifer Burton & Lake Hennes
December 28th
Tiffany Cooper & Michael Carrigan
December 28th

Recollections
1238 Overland Blvd., Burley
877-8854

ANNIVERSARIES

THE MILTONS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Milton of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2-4 p.m. in the Sawtooth Room at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N., Twin Falls. The couple requests no gifts, just the pleasure of your company.
Milton and Betty Medley were married Dec. 28, 1952, in Pine Bluffs, Wyo.
He graduated from Pine Bluffs



Ralph and Betty Milton

High School in 1948 and served in the Marine Corps for 20 years before retiring in 1970. He

worked for the Idaho State Department of Law Enforcement as a driver's counselor and retired from there in 1984.

She graduated from Kimberly High School in 1950 and worked for Sears before their marriage. She was a Realtor in Vista, Calif., and Twin Falls from 1969 until retirement in 1984.

The event is being given by their children, Paul and Debby Ronan of Tazarkana, Texas, Judy and Brett Downs of Smithfield, Utah, and Todd and Joy Kuck of Baker City, Ore.
The couple has eight grandchildren.

THE NEUWERTS

MERIDIAN - Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Neiwert of Meridian, and formerly of Twin Falls, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day, Neiwert and Delone (Dee) Aslett were married Dec. 25, 1952, in Twin Falls.
After leaving Twin Falls, they have lived in various locations and now reside in Meridian.
He worked as a flight traffic controller for the Federal

Aviation Administration before his retirement.

She had a business making custom wedding gowns and now creates wedding veils.
The couple was honored this summer with an anniversary party at Redfish Lake.

The event was given by their children, Barry (Barbara) Neiwert of Halley, David (Lisa) Dowling of Seattle, Becky (Hilse) Spiker of Boise and Eric (Trish Snyder) of Portland.
The couple has six grandchildren and one on the way.

Delone and Leonard Neiwert

Declo students get in holiday spirit.
Monday on the School Days page.

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To advertise in the Bridal Registry call 735-8838

FAMILY LIFE

Company of Fools presents 'A Christmas Carol'

THEATER



Today
Company of Fools will present Douglas Jones' adaptation of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'...

Jan. 28-30 - Boise
The national touring production of the musical 'Saturday Night Fever'...

Jan. 30
Seattle Mime Theater's Amnodon, an Arts on Tour event, will play the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center...

Today
The last of four Advent season Christmas in City Park concerts, sponsored by the Twin Falls Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America...

Monday
The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra will present its Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. in the King Pinz Arts Center...

ROCK 'N' ROLL

Tonight
A Brief Case Full of Blues, a Blues Brothers tribute act, will play two shows tonight in Casca Pines Resort Casino in Jackpot...

Dec. 29-30 - Utah
Leftover Salmon will perform at the Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 10 p.m. nightly...



TDXC The Zephyr Club is located at 301 South West Temple.

Dec. 31 - Boise
The Young Dubliners will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827...

Dec. 31 - Utah
Faster Pussycat will play The Element Lounge in the Salt Lake City suburb of Murray at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$18, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX...

Jan. 14 - Utah
Henry Rollins will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$17.50, can be reserved by phoning Art Tix at (801) 355-2787...

Jan. 15 - Boise
The Wallflowers will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827...

Jan. 17 - Boise
Papa Roach and Blindside will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827...

Jan. 19 - Boise
Fiebold and Noise Ratchet will play JD & Friends at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4826...

Jan. 22 - Boise
Seether will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4826...

Jan. 25 - Boise
Something Corporate and Julianna Theory will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827...

Jan. 27 - Utah
Juliana Theory and Something Corporate will perform at the X-Scape in Salt Lake City at 7:15 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX...

Jan. 29 - Utah
Alkaline Trio, One Man Army and Paris, Texas will perform at Brick's in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX...

ed at 579 West 200 South.

Jan. 31 - Boise
Insane Clown Posse will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$23, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827...

Feb. 7 - Utah
Coldplay will perform at the Saltair Resort in Magna, Utah, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$22, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX...

Feb. 13 - Utah
The Reverend Horton Heat will play Salt Lake City's Club X-Scape at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX...

Tonight
Pocketchange will play classic country music from 7-11 p.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

COUNTRY

Saturday - Boise
Leftover Salmon will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827...

Dec. 30-31
Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers will perform two shows a night at Cactus Pines Resort Casino, at 8 and 11 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, \$25 and \$30, can be reserved by phoning (801) 821-1103.

Dec. 31 - Utah
Jesse Drayton will play Salt Lake City's Zephyr Club at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$30, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX...

Jan. 27 - Utah
Stobberbone will perform at the Zephyr Club in Salt Lake City at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$5, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX...

Feb. 1 - Utah
Toby Keith and Rascal Flatts will play the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$37.75, \$27.75 and \$10, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT...

Feb. 15 - Boise
Toby Keith and Rascal Flatts will perform at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$36.75 and \$46.75, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1766...

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday
DJ music by The Buzz 99.9 will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Muggers Brewpub, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$3.

Jan. 3
Evan-Ziporyn and Todd Reynolds will present the world premiere of Ziporyn's work 'No Return - River Impressions 2002'...

Jan. 17-18 - Utah
Doc Severinsen will perform with Utah Symphony in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall at 8 p.m. nightly...

Jan. 7 - Utah
Herbie Hancock will perform at 7:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$25, \$35 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787...

HIPHOP

Jan. 3 - Utah
Lil Flip, Cilipse and Cam'ron will perform at the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, \$30, \$35 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX...

Jan. 21 - Boise
Das EFX will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827...

CLASSICAL OPERA

Dec. 31 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform its New Year's Eve concert at 10 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall.

Jan. 10-11 - Utah
Utah Symphony will present Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4 at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall...

Jan. 23 - Utah
Utah Symphony will present Beethoven's Fourth Symphony at 8 p.m. at the Libby Gardner Concert Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City...

Jan. 24
The Eroica Trio will perform at 8 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum, the fourth in the Sun Valley Center for the Arts Chamber Artist Series...

Jan. 31-Feb. 1 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform Brahms' Symphony No. 4 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787...

Feb. 7-8 - Utah
Utah Symphony will perform Franz Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$16, \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787...

Jan. 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 - Utah
Utah Opera will sing Giacomo Puccini's 'La Boheme' at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 18, 20, 22 and 24 and 2 p.m. on Jan. 26 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater...

Jan. 17-18 - Boise
Idaho Dance Theater will present its winter performance, 'Hot Blooded,' at 8 p.m. Jan. 17-18 and 2 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Boise State University Special Events Center...

DANCE

Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - Utah

Ballet West will perform 'The Nutcracker' at 2 and 7 p.m. today, 7 p.m. on Monday, noon on Tuesday, 7 p.m. on Thursday, 7 p.m. on Friday and 7 p.m. on Saturday in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater...

Thursday
Dance to DJ music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bar Bonz, 1639 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$5 for 18 and older.

Feb. 7-8, 12-15 - Utah
Ballet West will dance Ronald Hindy's 'Rosolinda' at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 7-8 and 12-14 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 15 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater...

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Black Canyon Quarterly advertisement featuring 'Secrets of the Magic Valley' and 'hagerman's horse' by secrets hagerman's horse. Includes contact information for Black Canyon Quarterly.

ANNIVERSARY

THE SCHOETTIGERS
GOODING - Mr. and Mrs. John F. Schoettiger of Gooding will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 60th anniversary...



John and Patricia Schoettiger
Springview, Neb., from 1946-1948. On Dec. 3, 1948, they purchased the Western Auto Store in Gooding and operated the store until their retirement in 1961.



Their children include Carol Schoettiger (deceased) and Jim (Becky) Schoettiger. The couple has two grandchildren.