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# T.F. Canal Co. remains neutral

## Other Idaho water users favor change in 'local public interest'

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The director of the Idaho Water Users Association said virtually all 20 of the group's irrigation districts endorse legislation that would make it more difficult to chal-

lenge water rights transfers for new dairies.

"It was absolutely unanimous," said Norm Semanko, referring to a recent voice vote of the group's legislative committee that has representatives from each of Idaho's canal companies and irrigation districts.

But Steve Alberdi, manager of the state's largest irrigation system — the Twin Falls Canal Co. — said his group has not taken a formal position on the issue.

Twin Falls County has been the site of the most contentious struggle

over the use of the "local public interest" wording in state water law. Over the past three years or so, local environmental activists and homeowners in or near western Twin Falls County have used the phrase successfully to slow down the water transfer process for operators of large dairies. They say that when water rights transfers are being considered by the Idaho Department of Water Resources, it should consider such concerns to local populations as dairy odor, traffic, noise and files.

Most of the protests have been about proposed dairies in or near areas irrigated with Twin Falls Canal Co. water.

"We represent approximately 4,000 users. Some of these folks are dairy owners, and some of these folks live by dairies, and many of the water users are neither, so for this company to take a position would be inappropriate," Alberdi said. "It's a no-win situation. We would divide the interests of our stockholders, and who are we to take a position that represents only part of

our stockholders?"

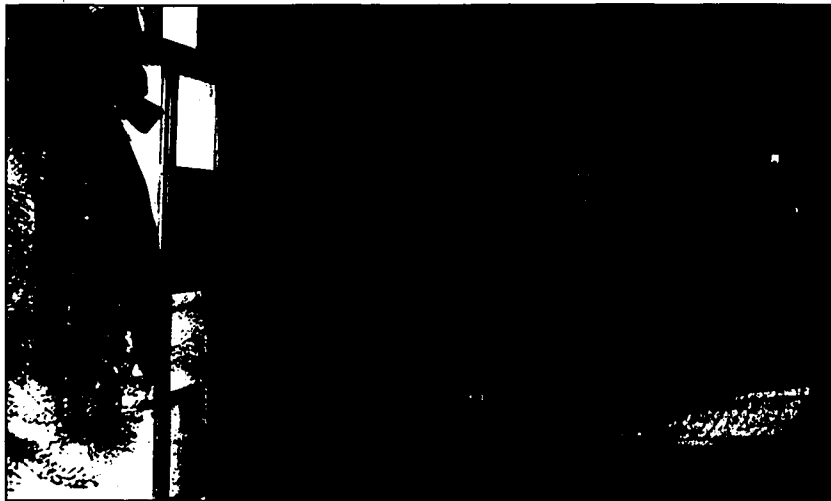
Managers of other Magic Valley irrigation interests say their stockholders don't know enough about the legislation to have taken a position, with the exception of the North Side Canal Co., which is backing it.

### Taking the lead

The words "local public interest" were incorporated into Idaho water law in 1978 as the environmental movement gained

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# DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?



MaryKay Bennett plays the keyboard that makes bell sounds at the Christ Episcopal Church in Shoshone. Bennett and about 50 other locals take turns playing bell chords once a day at the church from the week before Christmas to New Year's Day. The music can be heard all over Shoshone and has been a tradition there for almost 40 years.

## Sounds of holiday music resonate through Shoshone

By Mickey Walker  
Times-News correspondent

**SHOSHONE** — A "joyful noise unto the Lord" has been chiming through the city of Shoshone since 1963.

Starting a week before Christmas and ending on New Year's Day, members of the Christ Episcopal Church and the community take time to provide music that resonates through the small rural town.

Nestled along a tree-lined street, the church has festive holiday garlands with red bows to greet the small congregation of nearly 30. The exterior is well-cared for, and the interior is lined with stained glass windows and

*The congregation decided to try to secure a single carillon bell. However, before the bell could be obtained, a carillon set was donated to the church and the city of Shoshone on behalf of Edith Gooding by her nephews and nieces.*

wooden pews.

That wasn't always the case. An incredible lightning storm hit the small town about 1:30 a.m. Sept. 10, 1963. Lightning struck the bell tower and partially destroyed the church.

Church member MaryKay Bennett recalls the phone call she received as a child that fateful morning. "Tell your dad the

church is on fire," an excited Father John said. Bennett's father, Zane Alexander, was a firefighter and responded to the call.

The church's bell, which had hung in its belfry since 1905, was cracked beyond repair. At that time, the congregation originally sought to replace the old bell.

According to articles in the

church scrapbook, church members discovered bells were no longer cast in this country and the cost of importing a bronze bell from Europe was more than the church could afford.

The congregation decided to try to secure a single carillon bell. However, before the bell could be obtained, a carillon set was donated to the church and the city of Shoshone on behalf of Edith Gooding by her nephews and nieces.

On Nov. 17, 1963, the inaugural concert of the Edith Gooding Memorial Carillon was held at the church. Junior and senior high school students under the

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## Soldiers keep holiday spirit even in Gulf

The Associated Press

**PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, Saudi Arabia** — There was no Christmas break for U.S. pilots patrolling Iraqi skies from this Saudi base, and similar flights screeched off the deck of a U.S. aircraft carrier at sea.

But holiday spirit was plentiful Wednesday among the American troops stationed in the Persian Gulf region — a force of 60,000 and growing as the United States contemplates war with Iraq.

Football games, turkey and roast beef dinners, brightly colored gifts from home and phone calls to family brightened the day. Mess halls were decked with colored lights, garlands, shiny paper ornaments and elaborate cakes. Officers at Camp New York in Kuwait donned chef hats and dished out turkey with trimmings.

About 4,000 U.S. personnel are stationed at this desert base of semi-colored buildings from which U.S. commanders ran the 1991 Gulf War and new direct air patrols over southern Iraq.

Daily six patrols head from the base for southern Iraq, and Brig.



Soldiers of the 82nd Airborne stand in line to get a special Christmas dinner Wednesday at the U.S. base in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Gen. Dale Waters, commander of the 363rd Air Expeditionary Wing, said pilots have seen more attempts to shoot them down in recent months even though Iraq's air defense system is "fairly beat back."

"The situation in southern Iraq is always one with some inherent

risk because we're flying over hostile territory," said Waters, originally from East St. Louis, Ill.

"Now, virtually every time we go up there, there's some sort of engagement of our aircraft by ground fire. It's not real accurate, it's not real intense in numbers, but it's always some," he said.

## Nixon used 'madman strategy' to scare Soviets

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — President Nixon ordered a worldwide secret nuclear alert in October 1969, calling his wartime tactic a "madman strategy" aimed at scaring the Soviets into forcing concessions from North Vietnam, declassified documents show.

It didn't work, as Moscow displayed no concern. The reason is unclear. The Soviets may not have cared, may not have been as influential as Nixon believed — or, like the rest of the world, might not have noticed the alert.

The aim of the alert was kept secret from even the generals who put it in place.

The bluff was part of what Nixon described as a "madman strategy" to his new administration at the outset of 1969, ratcheting up military pressure on the North Vietnamese at unpredictable intervals to pressure them into concessions at peace talks in Paris.

Nixon believed this would accelerate accommodation by the North Vietnamese, forcing them into an agreement that would leave U.S. ally South Vietnam in place.

Among declassified documents published this week by the Independent National Security Archive is a memo to National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger from his assistant, Gen. Alexander Haig. It described plans to signal "U.S. intent to escalate military operations in Vietnam in the face of continued enemy intransigence in Paris."

Among the "signals" in Haig's March 2 outline: bombing enemy positions in Cambodia. On March 17, Nixon launched a massive secret bombing campaign against communist bases in that country. Despite such pressures, the Paris talks remained deadlocked, and Nixon began to contemplate the nuclear alert in the summer of 1969.

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## N. Korea moves fuel rods to reactor

Officials let more U.N. inspectors into country.

The Associated Press

**SEOUL, South Korea** — North Korea has begun moving fresh fuel rods into a reactor, a key step in reactivating nuclear facilities that could eventually produce weapons, a South Korean news agency said Thursday.

The move U.S. studies appeared to reflect the options — Communist north's determination to restart the dormant plant, the center of a diplomatic standoff with the United States.

The Yongbyon press agency, citing an unidentified South Korean government official, said the communist North began moving fuel rods into the five-megawatt reactor at its main nuclear center in Yongbyon, 50 miles north of its capital, Pyongyang.

The report followed an announcement Wednesday that officials in South Korea that the North has let the U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency send more inspectors to its nuclear facilities, even as communist engineers move forward around a reactor in violation of arms control agreements.

The agency has three inspectors staying in North Korea checking the activities of North Koreans. The number of inspectors was increased from two to three this week.

In a confrontation with the United States, North Korea on Dec. 12 decided to restart its nuclear program and then removed U.N. monitoring seals and cameras from the reactor and three other key nuclear facilities.

"We've confirmed through

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and cold with a good chance for snow showers developing. Highs in the 30s.

Tonight: Snow showers likely. Lows near 30.

Tomorrow: Cloudy and breezy with areas of rain and snow showers. Highs near 40.

BUILT UP/VRUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and cool with snow showers developing. Highs in the 30s.

Tonight: Snow showers. Lows under 20s to near 30.

Tomorrow: Snow likely. Highs in the 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A moist Pacific storm will bring very good chances for snow to Sun Valley and surrounding mountains.

BOISE Mostly cloudy with areas of snow showers likely, possibly mixed with a little rain. Snow and rain shower activity will persist into Friday and Saturday.

NORTHERN UTAH Turning cloudy with snow showers developing. Snow likely tonight, Friday and Saturday with accumulations likely.



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Nixon

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A memo telegraphed Oct. 19 from Gen. Earle Wheeler, the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, to all his commanders in chief ordered a series of actions during the period 13 October - 25 October to test our military readiness in selected areas worldwide.

Mideast and Europe.
The commanders carrying out the orders did not know the purpose of the exercise. Wheeler told them only that "we have been directed by a higher authority, an apparent reference to Nixon's immediate policy circle."
In an Oct. 17 diary entry, Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman wrote: "Kissinger has all sorts of signal-type activity going on around the world to try to get the Soviets and NVN (North Vietnam)."
Keeping the secret to a small circle of advisers prevented leaks as well as widespread panic and protest, anathema to Nixon's plans to tightly control the war maneuvering. But it may have backfired.

Music

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direction of Mrs. Howard Manning played the hour-long concert.
The company Schulermerich Carillons of Sellersville, Pa. made the 25-bell Coronation Carillon. The bells are actually small rods of bronze metal that, when struck by tiny hammers, produce the exact vibrations of perfectly tuned cast bronze bells.

keyboard near the church's new organ.
The keyboard is similar to an accordion, with keys ranging from low to high C.
"We've found that the simpler the songs, the better it sounds," said Helen Hopkins, a member of the church.
The melodic tones can be heard around town every Sunday before church, and during the holidays an hour each day sometime between 4 and 7 p.m.
"We may be a small church, but we're always busy," said church member Inez Crothers.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast for Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday with icons for snow, rain, and clouds.

High 35 Low 30 40/34 41/29 34/24 35/26

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP with a map of the United States showing weather patterns.

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Korea

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IAEA that North Korea began moving fuel rods into the reactor on Wednesday. Yonhap quoted its source as saying:
An IAEA spokesman at the agency's headquarters in Vienna, Austria, could not be reached for comment early Thursday.
The Yonhap report said that there were no signs that the North Koreans were using spent fuel rods, a step that could mark a move toward building a bomb. U.S. officials say that the North's 8,000 spent rods hold enough weapons-grade plutonium to make several nuclear bombs.

other friendly country to prevent the situation from further deteriorating into a crisis," Kim told a special Cabinet meeting.
In the Yonhap report, the South Korean official did not say whether North Korea has actually begun loading the fuel inside the Soviet-designed reactor core, which can produce weapons-grade plutonium.
North Korea's willingness to publicly flout its international commitments suggests it is trying to force itself onto Washington's agenda to win an oft-stated goal: talks with its longtime foe about a nonaggression treaty.
Possibly as part of that strategy, North Korea has stepped up its anti-American rhetoric in recent days, warning that U.S. policy is leading the region to the "brink of nuclear war."
The Bush administration, however, has rejected negotiations with North Korea unless it abandons nuclear activities and says the North's moves to reactivate

the nuclear reactor at Yongbyon would lead to blackmail.
The standoff has raised fears of another nuclear crisis on the Korean Peninsula like one in 1994 that some experts say nearly escalated into war.
The United States fears the plant - whose operations were frozen in a deal that averted the earlier crisis - could be used to make nuclear weapons and has urged the North not to reactivate it.
IAEA's director, Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei, has said that without the seals and other safeguards, his agency cannot guarantee that North Korea is not diverting nuclear material for the production of weapons.
Washington's preparations for a possible war with Iraq may have given new urgency to North Korea's demands for a nonaggression treaty, though the destitute North is also believed eager to extract economic benefits from any deal.

The nuclear facilities were sealed under a 1994 agreement in which North Korea agreed to freeze its nuclear development in exchange for all from the United States and its allies.
North Korea moved swiftly to restart the reactor after the United States cut off oil shipments to the energy-starved nation in an effort to pressure the North into abandoning its nuclear weapons program based on uranium enrichment.
U.S. officials say North Korea's claim that it needs the facility to generate electricity is false because there is no use for plutonium other than trying to build a nuclear bomb.
In Russia, which has maintained friendly ties with the North Korean regime in Pyongyang, Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Losykov expressed concern over the North's nuclear program, saying it "negatively affects the situation on the Korean Peninsula."

Water

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momentum across the nation.
According to a 1985 Idaho Supreme Court decision, the words seem to have broad application. The high court said the director of the Department of Water Resources was to consider "any locally important factor" that could have an impact on people who live in an area to which a water right is to be transferred.
"To my knowledge, every protest has resulted in, at least at a minimum, better permit conditions that protect the community, and the air and water quality, or both," said Rich Carlson, an attorney who has been involved in eight protests.
Agricultural groups, however, have grown impatient with the use of the phrase they say was originally intended to make sure other water rights do not suffer adverse environmental effects by a transfer. They say protesters' abuse of the language is causing

an already-taxed Department of Water Resources to delay routine transfers for years.
To restore what it says is the original intent of "local public interest," the Water Users Association is taking the lead with the legislation. And so far the group has the blessing of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, the Idaho Cattle Association, Milk Producers of Idaho and the Idaho Dairymen's Association, Semanko said. He has been working with the Legislature's natural resources committee chairman - Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, - and Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly - in addition to Chief Deputy Attorney General Clive Strong and Water Resources Director Karl Deering.
'A learning process'
During the 2001 and 2002 sessions, the Idaho Dairymen's Association spearheaded legislation to change the use of the

wording. In 2001, the Dairymen's Association tried to give the Water Resources director the ability to penalize "frivolous" protests. Then-director of the Dairymen's Association Lewis Eilers recalled the bill made it through the House of Representatives with only two dissenting votes. But it never even got a hearing in Noh's Senate resources committee, Eilers said.
Eilers was back in 2002 with the same bill and another, which would be called upon by the Water Resources director to weigh projected negative environmental impacts against projected economic gains in making decisions about water transfers. That time the "Water Users Association" has its name on the bill as a co-sponsor. Agasin, Noh's committee didn't move on the proposed legislation.
Noh said he didn't want to put the director in the position of acting as judge and jury. Also, as the example of a possible coal-fired, water-cooled power plant, Noh pointed out that last year's bill would have allowed a multi-

billion-dollar corporation to overwhelm a small community such as Gemma Ferry, for example - a place being eyed by a Fortune 500 company for such a plant. That legislation would have opened the way for the energy giant to acquire all the water rights it wanted with no community input to be explained.
Semanko acknowledged that last year's legislation had problems.
"But this year we have a much broader group working on it," he said. "There's no reason to apologize. It's not unusual for a bill to go through two or three evolutions. It's a learning process."
Noh said he has in recent days been talking to Semanko about what he thinks should be done. Included in those discussions is how to ensure input from people whose drinking water could be affected by agricultural practices.
Both Noh and Semanko say this year's proposal is a completely different proposal. But it is necessarily ready to back the coming proposal.
"Whether it will come to fruition remains to be seen, but at least it's encouraging to see a broad base of informed individuals as working on it," Noh said.
Though complimentary of Noh's expertise with water law, Semanko warned, "We in the water community are quite fearful of delays. If the local public interest gets so overwhelmed with odor and noise and traffic complaints, it's not going to be very long before someone just wipes it out."

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IDAHO LOTTERY, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26, 2002

# Snowstorm hammers Northeast

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — More than two feet of snow fell Wednesday in parts of upstate New York as a powerful Northeast storm moved up the Atlantic Coast, setting Christmas snowfall records at airports and bringing an unexpected holiday spectacle of lightning and thunder.

The Mohawk Valley was blanketed with up to 30 inches of snow Wednesday that fell as fast as 5 inches per hour, said Evan Heller, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Albany.

The New York State Thruway closed off more than 100 miles Wednesday evening because crews couldn't keep up. "The snow is coming down so hard that we're struggling to clear it," said spokesman Terry O'Brien. Parts of three Pennsylvania interstates also closed.

For Albany, it was the first heavy Dec. 25 since 1985, and a likely record Christmas snowfall.

"Everybody's ready for it," said Jamie Georgelos, a manager at Alpin Haus ski shop in Amsterdam, about 30 miles northwest of Albany. "I think a lot of people have been missing the snow for the past few years, and they're really glad it's finally here."

The snowstorm, blowing out of the Plains, was blamed for at least 18 deaths since Monday, mostly related to traffic accidents. It moved east Tuesday night, from the Midwest into Pennsylvania, West and New England, then reformed Wednesday off the East Coast as a nor'easter.

Maine was expected to see up to 18 inches of snow in places and wind gusts up to 45 mph, the weather service said.

The storm was punctuated in Connecticut with lightning and thunder. "Anytime you have anything as strong as this, a lot of precipitation and wind, you're going to get these anomalies," Heller said.

All three of New York City's airports were affected, with John F. Kennedy International and LaGuardia airports closing Wednesday evening and flights delayed at Newark Liberty International Airport. Flights were also canceled or delayed at airports in Albany, Hartford and Boston.



Members of the Woodcock family and a neighbor try to get the family car unstuck from an intersection in Ocoona, N.Y., Wednesday. The Woodcocks were returning home from another family member's home after Christmas dinner only a few blocks away. More than two feet of snow fell on the area and a countryside state of emergency was declared.

To the south, Baltimore saw a morning mix of rain and sleet replaced later with cottonball-sized flakes of swirling snow that turned to thick slush as it hit the ground. Slush forced officials at Baltimore-Washington International Airport to close the two major runways temporarily. Six inches fell on parts of western Maryland.

Virginia was spared the brunt, but strong winds blew between 40 and 50 mph in some areas. In Roanoke, Va., convenience store employee Bessie Bates finally brought in a wrought iron sidewalk sign after the wind knocked it down four times.

"It's very, very windy, and I finally just got tired of putting it back up," said Bates.

The storm brought snow Monday to Texas and Oklahoma, which got more than a foot in some areas; Oklahoma City had its first white Christmas in 27 years. It brought 15 inches of snow to parts of Kansas by Tuesday morning and parts of southwest Missouri in the Ozarks had 14 inches.

Michigan caught the northwest fringe of the storm Wednesday, reporting as much as 9 inches of snow in the southern part of the state.

Snow was expected to fall in parts of Massachusetts and New Hampshire on Wednesday at the rate of 3 inches an hour for several hours, bringing near whiteout conditions, said National Weather Service meteorologist

Walter Drag.

"If you're safe inside and not on the roads ... then it's going to be a winter wonderland," Drag said. "If you're out traveling alone, you're not going to be happy."

In Fitchburg, Mass., where forecasters are calling for up to 15 inches, workers began sanding local roads early Wednesday and expected to work until about noon Thursday. They were upset, despite being called in on the holiday.

"It's public safety, so it doesn't bother me that way, we keep things safe out there for the people," said dispatcher Bob Lafountain. "The family might even bring me down a plate of food."

# U.S. governors face tough calls on taxes

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Republican Gov. Mike Huckabee shocked legislators recently with a proposal to raise the general sales tax to five-eighths of a cent.

He called a tax increase "an anathema," but said that with recent court rulings and federal mandates to provide certain services, he had no option.

In December, New York Republican Gov. George Pataki warned that he couldn't rule out layoffs, tax increases or postponing already approved tax cuts to meet the state's multibillion-dollar deficit. This from a governor who, in 1994, defeated Democratic Gov. Mario Cuomo with a promise to cut taxes and turn the economy around.

Governors across the nation who never thought they would find themselves advocating tax increases are now facing budget holes that they say leave them with little choice.

"We have state after state underperforming on the revenue side of the ledger such that there is growing concern and evidence that shortfalls will be plentiful in the upcoming year," said Arturo Escobar, a senior fiscal analyst at the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Critics say there's always an alternative to raising taxes. Pete Sepp, a spokesman for the National Taxpayers Union in Alexandria, Va., nonpartisan anti-tax group, said governors should look at cutting services.

"Governors do have a choice when it comes to closing budget gaps. Resorting to tax hikes as opposed to spending restraint may actually deepen the hole they have already dug for themselves," he said.

But Steve Cochrane, a senior economist for Economy.com, an economic analysis service, said states sometimes have little choice.

"The most important thing is to get that budget-in-balance as quickly as possible," he said. "If a state is up against a wall and cut to bare bones and the budget still looks bad, raising taxes may be a painful but necessary act."

He said states could raise taxes temporarily and hope revenues will improve by the time the tax expires.

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— John G. Rowland, Connecticut governor

In Arkansas, where recent court rulings point the way to more spending on education and Medicaid, a legislative panel has rejected Huckabee's tax increase proposed in November. It prefers an increase in spending over the next

two fiscal years, which would require a cut in the governor's budget request. Huckabee says legislators are making a mistake.

"Our state agencies have cut and cut and cut. They cannot make additional cuts without affecting essential services," Huckabee responded.

In Connecticut, Republican Gov. John G. Rowland is supporting a Democratic plan to raise the tax rate on people who earn more than \$1 million per year from 4.5 percent to 5.5 percent. The tax would raise about \$164 million in one of the country's wealthiest states.

Rowland vetoed the tax this summer, but reversed himself this month with the state facing a \$500 million deficit this fiscal year and a \$1.5 billion gap in the next budget.

"This is not an action that I want to take," Rowland said. "But as governor, I must do what is best for the state and all of its citizens."

In July, when most state fiscal years begin, states had taken measures including laying off workers and spending reserves to erase most of a cumulative gap between revenues and budgeted spending of about \$49 billion, an NCSL report said.

# Airline troubles may overload FAA resources

WASHINGTON (AP) — When an airline is in financial distress, the Federal Aviation Administration increases vigilance to ensure maintenance isn't compromised. But with two huge airlines in Chapter 11 and the FAA facing criticism for not doing enough to monitor a third, some lawmakers question whether the agency is up to the task.

Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., and chairman of the House aviation subcommittee, said the FAA needs more money to do the job. He also said he may write legislation ordering that FAA personnel be shifted to that task.

"There have been many more people killed due to maintenance defects and lack of inspection and oversight than in all the terrorist acts combined in this country," Mica said. "We do have some airlines in deep financial trouble, and it's important we have inspections to make certain they're operating safe aircraft and that proper maintenance is adhered to."

The FAA has 3,300 aviation safety inspectors to monitor 139 airlines, 537,000 active pilots, 23,000 mechanics, 17,000 commercial aircraft, 11,000 charter aircraft and 220,000 private planes, according to an April audit by the Transportation Department's inspector general.

FAA inspectors analyze data, review paperwork and conduct spot checks of airlines' maintenance programs. Labor unrest,

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financial problems and rapid growth are among the things that prompt increased supervision.

Many U.S. air carriers have struggled financially since the Sept. 11 attacks. Major airlines expect to lose about \$10 billion this year, according to Leo Mullen, Delta Air Lines' chief executive.

And they have cut about 100,000 jobs since the attacks.

United Airlines, the second-largest U.S. airline, and US Airways, the fifth-biggest, declared bankruptcy this year. The FAA was faulted by the National Transportation Safety Board for its supervision over Alaska Airlines.

Sull, FAA spokeswoman Diane Spitaliere said the agency believes it has enough people to monitor maintenance at all airlines.

Greg Martin, another FAA spokesman, said the cyclical nature of the aviation business has conditioned the agency to deal with a number of troubled airlines at once.

"We've been here before so there's nothing particularly extraordinary that would leave us unprepared," Martin said.

Nonetheless, the bankruptcies have some worried. "The FAA is stretched pretty thin," said Bill Waldock, professor of safety science at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz.

**Magic Valley Mall**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
10-10	9-10	8-8	Closed	8-8	10-9	10-9	10-9

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NATION

# Filipino-Americans work to preserve history

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) - Confronted with signs that warned, "No Dogs and No Filipinos Allowed," immigrants carved out a downtown enclave of this Northern California city that eventually became known as Little Manila.

By the 1930s, Stockton was home to the largest Filipino population outside the Philippines. But a cross-town freeway cut through the neighborhood in the early 1970s, and the once-vibrant enclave is now just a shadow of what it once was.

The Little Manila Foundation has been fighting to save the district's remaining buildings from demolition, hoping to preserve them as a reminder of their role in Filipino-American and city history.

Up and down the West Coast, Filipino-Americans are waging similar efforts to reclaim pieces of their history.

"Filipinos are the second-largest Asian-American community, but so little is known nationally about our history. Our historic districts have been chipped away," said Dawn Bohulano Mabalon, 30, chairwoman of the foundation.

Now, there's a movement to reclaim history that's been physically destroyed and largely ignored and forgotten," she said. "This generation is poised to reclaim it."

In Los Angeles, activists hope to build a Filipino cultural center and attract more businesses to an area west of downtown that was recently designated Historic Filipinotown by the city council.

In San Francisco, a new Manilatown center that will house photos of the old 10-block Filipino community, plus a performing arts and gallery space, is scheduled to be built by late 2004 or early 2005.

The Filipino American National Historical Society also has been advocating for recognition of Filipino-Americans' long history in the United States. In a museum outside New Orleans, a plaque now recognizes the first Filipino settlement in 1763. And on a beach in Morro Bay, Calif., another plaque marks the first documented presence of Filipinos in the continental United States in 1587.

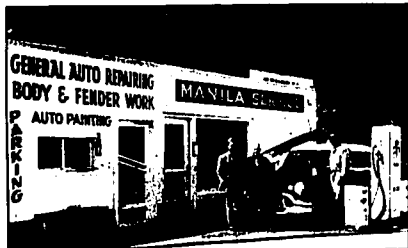
"What if there's nothing about you?" said Dorothy Laigo Cordova, 70, the society's founder. "That means you are nothing."

With the society's oral histories, letters, photographs, memorabilia and other documents, she said, "we finally have something about us."

Just one by one, Filipino-American enclaves have mostly disappeared. Like Stockton's Little Manila, many have been almost erased by redevelopment.



Agnes Entesado, at right, checks out groceries at the Island Gourmet Market in downtown Stockton, Calif., on Monday.



This is an undated handout photo of the Manila service station in Stockton, Calif., owned by the Livanag family in the 1940s and 50s.

Advocates fear the story of Filipinos in the United States may fade away along with them. Many of the areas formed in the 1920s and 1930s as immigrants came to the United States in search of opportunity.

Denied other jobs, many Filipinos worked in agriculture, fishing and canning, and as domestics, dishwashers and janitors. Discrimination forced them to live in enclaves, which grew into bustling clusters of barber shops, restaurants, pool halls, clothing stores and other businesses.

"We were pretty much relegated," Cordova said. Others were drawn by a "spiritual need to identify a place of our own in this country because we were newcomers."

In Stockton, the city council voted to designate a four-block area the Little Manila Historic

Site, at the urging of the historical society's local chapter. Today, cars and trucks rumble past a McDonald's and gas station that have replaced the old neighborhood.

The foundation recently received a \$4,000 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to help save the Emerald Restaurant, plus two boarded-up buildings that were once the Rizal Social Club and a residential hotel that was home to hundreds of Filipinos.

The foundation and historical society hope to build a national Filipino-American museum on that block.

In Los Angeles, Susan Espiritu Maguindang, executive director of the Filipino American Service Group Inc., hopes more Filipinos will move into the Filipinotown area and open businesses.

It was the first place her aunt

*"This is all a way of fighting back to regain our past."*

— Emil De Guzman, president of Manilatown Heritage Foundation

took her when she arrived in the United States in 1973, Maguindang remembers. "They were so proud to show me," she said.

San Francisco's Manilatown was gradually displaced by high rises as the city's financial district expanded. Its last building, the International Hotel, was demolished 25 years ago after police evicted the mostly elderly Filipino and Chinese tenants.

The new Manilatown center will be built on the old hotel site. "This is all a way of fighting back to regain our past," said Emil De Guzman, president of the Manilatown Heritage Foundation. "We have to have reference points for these generations, young as well as unborn, so that they have a way of understanding proudly their heritage in this country."

# Wal-Mart pulls Barbie's pregnant friend off shelves

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - She's Barbie's oldest friend, happily married and visibly pregnant - which, some parents complain, makes her unfit for children.

The pregnant version of Midge, which pops out a curled-up baby when her belly, attached by a magnet, is opened - has been pulled from Wal-Mart shelves across the country following complaints from customers, a company spokeswoman said Tuesday.

"It was just that customers had a concern about having a pregnant doll," Wal-Mart spokeswoman Cynthia Illick said.

She said the retailer would no longer sell the "Happy Family" set, which included pregnant Midge, her husband and her 3-year-old son.

Illick said the decision was made in mid-December. "What we try to do is listen to what our customers want," she said.

Messages left for representatives of the toy's maker, Mattel Inc., were not returned Tuesday.

Midge was introduced in 1963, the first of a slew of friends and family members for Barbie, who first appeared four years earlier and has been one of the world's top-selling dolls ever since.

The pregnant Midge wears a wedding ring and comes with doll-sized crib, cradle, changing table, baby toys and a baby monitor. The husband and son are sold separately.

Mattel posted an article on its Barbie Web site by University of Southern California psychology professor Jo Ann Farver saying



The pregnant version of Midge, Barbie's oldest friend, which some parents think is a little too real for their children, has been pulled from Wal-Mart shelves across the country following complaints from customers, a company spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The doll as a "wonderful prop," particularly for families expecting a new sibling.

Manager Bill Boehmer of the KB Toys store in Philadelphia's Roosevelt Mall said he had heard only positive responses from customers.

"I've had people laugh, but I haven't had anyone say this was ridiculous or 'What are we trying to tell these kids?' or anything like that," said Boehmer.

# Police say L.A. woman set up fake marriages for immigrants

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A woman pleaded innocent to charges that she brokered dozens of fake marriages for men from the Middle East and North Africa seeking U.S. citizenship.

Sharon Whiteside, 45, of Los Angeles, was arrested Thursday by police detectives and FBI agents assigned to a Joint Terrorism Task Force.

"We have no indications that any of these people have terrorist connections," police Lt. Adam Bercovici said. "But it is

an area we are looking at because we know other people, with similar operations, have been linked to terrorism."

Authorities believe Whiteside, who was charged with three counts of filing a false document and held on \$100,000 bail, arranged phony marriages between low-income women in the United States and foreign men, most from the Middle East and North Africa. Some 200 marriages may have been set up by her over several years, authorities said.

# Hangar still holds WTC wreckage

Preservationists create catalog for museums

NEW YORK (AP) - Preservationists are cleaning and photographing hundreds of burned, battered and twisted World Trade Center relics at an isolated airport hangar to create a catalog for museum curators and memorial planners worldwide.

About 700 objects were plucked from the 1.6 million tons of debris by a team of architects working for the trade center owners, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Among them: five floor slabs compressed into a 3-foot-thick pancake, a bus-sized chunk of the north tower antenna, a crushed fire truck with its ladder twisted into a candy cane shape.

In a parking lot outside the former Tower Air hangar, at Kennedy International Airport, several crushed cars covered in tarps sit next to more piles of twisted steel, an elevator motor the size of a refrigerator and the common trash cans that were found buried in the seven-story-deep pit that was the trade center basement.



A twisted beam sits among relics plucked from the 1.6 million tons of debris from the World Trade Center Monday in a storage hangar at Kennedy International Airport in New York.

Shortly after the terrorist attack that killed nearly 2,800 people, museums around the world began requesting items from the disaster.

"There are a lot of things that are very evocative of the life of the World Trade Center as it existed, and of course, a lot of material that documents the day of September 11th," said Sarah Henry, vice president for pro-

grams at the Museum of the City of New York. "The tremendous physical forces unleashed that day are frozen in time."



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# Civil rights groups sue to prevent arrests of Middle Eastern men

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Groups representing Middle Easterners are suing the government seeking an injunction to bar future arrests under rules adopted in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The suit, which seeks class-action status, also asked a federal court to prevent the detention without bond or deportation of detainees who "have avenues available to them that are not available to the 400 men who are detained

in Southern California for visa violations when immigrants from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria went to Immigration and Naturalization Service offices last week to register as required under the new policy. Many claimed the violations were due to slow paperwork processing by the INS.

Most of those arrested were in Southern California, where all but 23 had been released by late Wednesday.

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# Bush faces choices on N. Korea situation

## Nuke plants could survive plane attack, report says

WASHINGTON (AP) - North Korea's decision to abandon its policy of nuclear restraint leaves the Bush administration with a range of options, none of which is guaranteed to stem the threat from Pyongyang.

Distracted by its fixation on Iraq and that country's suspected caches of biological and chemical weapons, the administration is trying to regroup and sort out its choices of the escalating North Korea crisis.

They range from a U.S. military attack to full-fledged unconditional negotiations. Top administration officials are signaling in a number of directions as the debate continues about how to handle what could become President Bush's toughest foreign policy problem.

Typically, Secretary of State Colin Powell is offering public assurances to North Korea that the United States has no plan to attack. In fact, Powell said last week, the administration was ready to move forward and forge a better relationship with North Korea's communist government.

At the same time, Powell is ruling out rewards for North Korea to reverse its decision to restart a nuclear reactor and resume plutonium production, which U.S. officials say is a step toward building new atomic weapons.

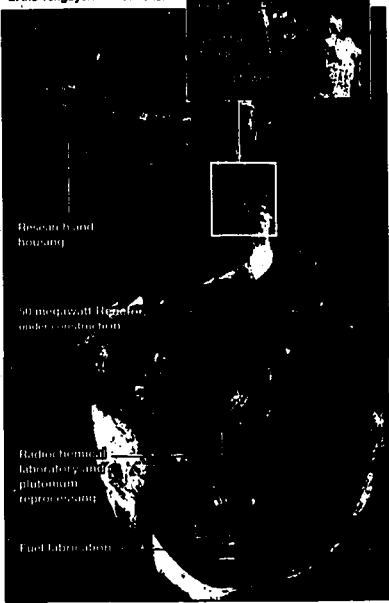
Over the weekend, Kim Jong Il's government began removing U.N. seals and surveillance cameras from three Soviet-designed nuclear facilities. The State Department and the South Korean foreign ministry said Tuesday that North Korea technicians removed seals and cameras from a plant that makes fuel rods.

The department, offering no concessions, said, "Pyongyang needs to completely and verifiably dismantle its nuclear weapons program and abide by existing commitments." Powell is rejecting North Korea's bid for a nonaggression pact with the United States and comparing notes by telephone with officials in Japan, Russia, China, South Korea, Britain and France.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, by contrast, is taking a tough public stand, warning North Korea it would be a mistake to feel emboldened because the United States was focused on Iraq.

### North Korea plugs in nuclear program

On Dec. 23-24, North Korea cut U.N. seals and removed surveillance equipment at facilities at the Yongbyon nuclear site.



Research and development laboratory and plutonium reprocessing plant at Yongbyon nuclear site.

The U.S. military has the might to counter threats from North Korea and Iraq simultaneously, Rumsfeld said Monday, and "we are perfectly capable of doing that which is necessary." North Korea's decision to stop honoring the agreement it reached with the former Clinton administration in 1994 to freeze its nuclear weapons program poses two main dangers: North Korea might add to the one or two nuclear bombs it is believed already to possess; and it might supply nuclear materials to terrorists or other hostile states.

Robert Einhorn, a former assistant secretary of state who negoti-

ated missiles with North Korea in the 1990s, said Tuesday, "One might be tempted to use the military option if North Korea were seen moving toward reprocessing 5,000 spent nuclear fuel rods that contain enough plutonium for an additional five or so nuclear weapons."

But Einhorn, now with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank, said North Korea could respond to an attack by firing thousands of already deployed weapons at South Korea and cause mass casualties in the first few hours.

A second option, Einhorn said in an interview, is to negotiate direct-

ly through third parties to have North Korea terminate its enrichment program in a way that can be verified by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

In exchange, the United States would assure North Korea that it had no designs on its sovereignty or security, Einhorn said.

That, he said, could lead to broader negotiations to deal with other U.S. concerns about North Korea's missiles and about its energy and food shortages.

A third option, Einhorn said, is pressure and isolation, which the Bush administration is pursuing now.

"It assumes the North Koreans would eventually capitulate without U.S. security assurances," he said. "This is a risky approach," he said, noting that China and other neighbors do not seem willing to apply strong pressure on Pyongyang. Also, Einhorn said, North Korea might go ahead and reactivate its plutonium program anyway.

### North Korea's nuclear weapons

How the Socialist nation obtained nuclear reactors and later agreed to limit their use:

- 1960-70** Soviet-made reactor set up at Yongbyon research complex
- 1977** Allows some international inspections at Yongbyon
- 1980s** Begins work on weapons: uranium processing, detonation testing
- 1985** Agrees to Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty but refuses to allow safeguards
- 1994** Free plutonium for one or two nuclear weapons, but may not have built them
- 1994** Make agreement with U.S. to freeze nuclear program, allow more inspections
- 1994** U.S. shut down its obsolete reactors, make bomb material, in exchange for nuclear nuclear plants and temporary oil aid
- 1997** Work begins on new, safer nuclear power plants
- 2000** Confirms it is enriching uranium for use in nuclear U.S. stops shipments of nuclear materials
- 2002** Discovers inspectors' estimate of 10,000 nuclear weapons

Wendy Sherman, special adviser on North Korea policy to former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, said one option is a unilateral, pre-emptive U.S. attack on Pyongyang. That probably would start a war with catastrophic consequences for hundreds of thousands of South Koreans and the 37,000 U.S. troops in South Korea, she said.

Or, Sherman said, the administration could try to contain North Korea by keeping it from "going over the edge."

Yet another option, she said, would be to ignore the North Koreans and let them have their nuclear weapons, as the United States has not acted to remove nuclear weapons from Pakistan. Sherman agrees with Einhorn that full-fledged negotiations is an option that must be considered. She suggested they could be conducted even in secret. If necessary, to stop the crisis from escalating.

The Washington Post

American nuclear power plants would survive a direct hit by a fully fueled passenger airliner piloted by suicide hijackers bent on repeating the catastrophic attacks of Sept. 11, according to a new scientific study by a utility industry research group.

Critics of the nuclear industry said the study released earlier this week by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) was skewed to draw a pre-ordained conclusion proclaiming the safety of the nation's 103 nuclear power plants. The danger exists that a direct strike could cause the meltdown of a plant's nuclear core that would spread wind-borne radiation to thousands of people, skeptics of the report said.

"They knew the answers they wanted and worked backwards," said Edwin Lyman, president of the Nuclear Control Institute, an organization critical of the industry's safety claims. "We can't take anything the industry says at face value."

Nuclear industry officials insist the study was scientifically sound, and was conducted by highly reputable engineering consultants using realistic scenarios involving a terrorist strike on a nuclear plant. Only a 10-page summary of the lengthy study was released publicly, with the rest withheld for security reasons.

"The results of this study validate the industry's confidence that nuclear power plants are robust and protect the (nuclear) fuel from impacts of a large commercial aircraft," said Joe E. Colvin, president of the Nuclear Energy Institute, a trade association of utilities and nuclear energy firms that asked the research institute to conduct the report. "Public health and safety would be protected" in such an attack, he said.

"Confidence is predicated on the fact that nuclear plant structures have thick concrete walls with heavy reinforcing steel, and are designed to withstand large earthquakes, extreme overpressures and hurricane force winds," the EPRI report said.

# Controversial military aircraft will face tough tests

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The future of the V-22 Osprey, one of the most controversial aircraft in U.S. military history, likely will be decided over the next few months in a series of unusually rigorous tests at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

"This is really the 'make or break' time for the V-22," Gen. James L. Jones, the Marine commandant in a recent interview. The Marine Corps is deeply committed to the novel hybrid aircraft, which can take off and land vertically like a helicopter but when in flight can forward its two big rotors and fly like a regular airplane.

Compared with the workhorse CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter, the V-22 program manager can fly twice as fast, at more than twice the altitude, with three times the payload and four times the range. What's more, it boasts aircraft acceleration that is 50 percent faster than the CH-46's, and is 220 knots in 18 seconds, handy for getting out of a hot landing zone. To the Marine Corps, the plane is absolutely essential to operating in the 21st century.

The problem is that the Osprey, after nearly two decades in development, suffered two high-profile crashes in 2000, killing 23 Marines and casting some doubt over the future of the program. A subsequent scandal involving doctored maintenance records resulted in three Marine officers being found guilty of misconduct.

But the Osprey program has been financially costly. Current plans call for the Marines, Special Operations Command and Navy to buy a total of about 450 aircraft at a cost of \$40 billion, for a cost per plane of about \$80 million, according to GlobalSecurity.org, a defense consulting group.



Marines stand at Camp Pendleton in April of 2000 in tribute to 13 comrades killed in the crash of an Osprey during a training exercise in Arizona.

Some are designed to ensure that problems such as troubled flight-control software have been fixed. Other tests, such as flying in formation, are aimed at proving to critics that perceived problems - such as the concern that the planes cannot descend closely together in safety - actually don't exist. The program is also testing changes that resulted from studies of the crashes, which found, among other things, that parts of the engines were difficult for maintenance crews to reach and that chafing rendered some hydraulic lines dangerously thin.

"We have spent a lot of time trying to fix what's wrong with this airplane," Schultz said in a recent interview. "We have front-loaded the test program. We have all of the really hard stuff up front."

Probably the most important series of tests will be the "high rate of descent" program - that is, coming in toward the ground fast. "This has had more press than 'just about anything,'" Schultz noted.

Next year the Osprey will be put through months of testing of fast descents. Eventually some will be flown downward at 1,500 feet per minute while maneuvering. Then, to answer the concern of critics that the dangerous vortex ring state can be caused by the wake turbulence of one V-22 flying in front of another - a view Schultz rejects - there also will be multi-aircraft tests of fast descents. "No one has ever done a year of high rate of descent testing on helicopters," he said.

A review of the December 2000 crash that killed four Marines in part blamed an error in the flight control software that Marine Lt. Col. Kevin Cross, the chief government test pilot, said that the software has been reviewed, and some has been redesigned or modified.

Some skeptics have expressed concern that the V-22 would only be deemed airworthy by placing new constraints on its operations that would reduce its usefulness. But Cross said they are not finding new limits on how it is flown. "I believe we will take the

already large flight envelope and expand it further," he said.

Addressing another concern, they also are finding ways to make the aircraft less of a target for the enemy. Schultz said the V-22's engines have heat suppressors. He also disclosed that newer versions of the aircraft are being painted with a new kind of paint that disperses heat and reduces the ability of heat-seeking missiles to acquire them as targets.

At the end of the testing, the Marines are confident they and their partners will have convinced skeptics that the aircraft is safe and capable of conducting combat operations.

The most important of the doubters is Pentagon acquisition czar Edward "Pete" Aldridge, an aerodynamicist by training who is said to have grave doubts about the feasibility of the aircraft. Aldridge said at a Pentagon briefing last month that the V-22 now has "a good flight test program, but he quickly added, 'I still am as concerned about the program as I have always been.'"

The next year's intense series of tests raises the question why it wasn't all done before, in 1997 through 1999, when the Osprey supposedly was tested and certified ready to go - and then had two high-profile crashes. Schultz said he does not try to answer that question. "My job is: What is wrong, and how do you fix it?" Jones, the Marine commandant, said that "there are several things that in hindsight we wish we had been done better." Among other things, he said, "we weren't quite as rigid as we should have been, in hindsight, in demanding that the quality be there."

This time, Schultz said, they are aware that the program is on the reactor's edge. "There's no margin of error for us, or for the V-22. We've used up all our chances."

# Reports: Israel, U.S. will develop missile defense for civilian planes

The Washington Post

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel and the United States will develop a system to protect civilian airplanes from missile attacks, Israeli radio stations reported Wednesday.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon decided on the joint project in a

meeting Wednesday with Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz, the reports said. They did not describe the U.S. position on the issue.

Sharon's office and the Defense Ministry refused to comment.

## TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY NOTICE OF REGULAR ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on Tuesday, the 14th day of January, 2003. The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at 9:00 am in the Fine Arts Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Directors from District 1 (Murtzough, Hansen and Kimberly) and District 5 (Castleford) will be elected for three-year terms. Petitions of Candidacy for Director must be filed by December 1, 2002.

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2003 water supplies, water quality issues, Snake River Aquifer studies, the Endangered Species Act, the SRBA, and other matters of interest.

Notice is given that a stock vote will be taken to amend the By-Laws of the Company to provide for the realignment of the five (5) director districts to create more uniform and clearly defined districts. (Copies of the full text of the proposed amendment to the By-Laws are available for the stockholders to review at the Company Office, 357 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, during regular business hours.

The corporation books will close for the transfer of stock on January 3, 2003.

The polls shall be open at the office of the Company at 357 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm on January 14, 2003.

Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company office on or before January 10, 2003.

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# Fear hinders drug-making crops

The Washington Post

**KNIERIM, Iowa** — One spring day, just outside this hamlet in northern-central Iowa, two brothers named Joe and Bill Horan tore open a big wooden crate to find a lot of paperwork and some bags of seed corn. They planted the corn and watched it grow up in the rich black earth of their native state, one of the best places in the world to grow that grain.

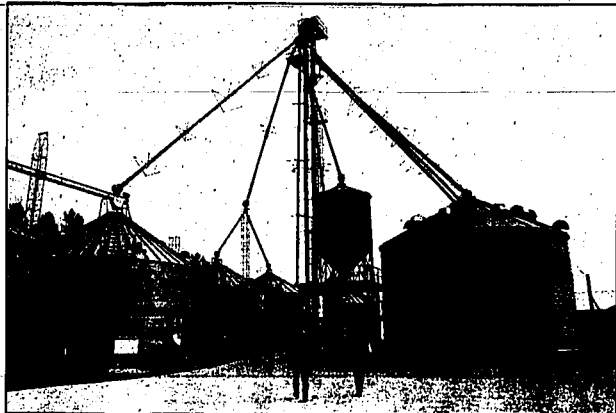
The Horan brothers were happy, for this wasn't just any old corn: The plants were genetically altered to produce a drug in their kernels that might prove useful for people with the life-threatening ailment cystic fibrosis.

The crop was the culmination of a half-dozen years of effort by the Horan brothers, who felt they were well on their way to establishing a new industry for the Corn Belt and its sophisticated but hard-pressed community of farmers. Fields of food plants would become living factories capable of churning out as many as 400 new drugs and industrial enzymes. New laboratories and workers would be needed to purify the drugs. The investment could ultimately be worth billions.

"You can see what this starts to look like to a place like rural Iowa," Bill Horan said.

But today the Horan brothers' dream is suddenly up in the air, as biotechnology industry and the United States is in turmoil. Errors by a small biotech company in College Station, Texas, called ProdiGene Inc. have called into question the whole idea of growing drugs in food crops, seeming to vindicate years of warnings from environmental groups and more recent concerns from big food companies.

ProdiGene's mistakes led to potential grain adulteration in two states. No suspect grain reached the food supply, but the errors have nonetheless set off a behind-the-scenes political struggle in Washington, with farm



Bill Horan, left, and his brother Joe walk their Iowa farm. They have pulled together a group of farmers to work with drug-producing crops.

interests, food companies, biotechnology companies and three government agencies debating what to do next. One question is whether to impose geographic restrictions, moving drug-producing crops away from places like the Corn Belt, where much of America's food is grown, to more remote areas.

New rules to regulate "pharming" have been in the works at the Agriculture Department for a while, but now they are likely to get tougher, and two other agencies — the Food and Drug Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency — also appear ready to take a stronger approach. Bills to strengthen regulation are pending in Congress.

Broad public interests are at stake. Plants may be the cheapest way, or in some cases the only

way, to produce a slow of proteins that would be useful as drugs, industrial compounds or even renewable sources of fuel. It is a nascent, potentially valuable industry in which the United States is poised to lead the world.

Yet the recent problems raise questions about whether these unusual crops, if planted widely, could be properly confined, or whether they would inevitably make their way into the distribution channels that put corn flakes and baby food into American pantries. That could provoke expensive product recalls and undermine public confidence in the food supply.

The stakes are highest, perhaps, in rural America, where a generation of farm families is fervently looking for more valuable crops to help them preserve a way of life many feel is under

siege. Foreign countries with lower costs are competing with them to supply the world's commodity crops, such as corn, wheat and soybeans.

"Iowans are concerned about the future of family farms, the value system that is represented by family farms and rural communities," said Thomas J. Vilsack, a small-town lawyer who worked closely with Iowa farmers before he became the state's Democratic governor. "We believe one future option is to turn grain into cures for cancer and other illnesses and diseases."

But if that is going to happen at all, it won't happen easily. Recent events in two adjacent states, Iowa and Nebraska, illustrate why many people are intrigued by the idea of pharming — and why so many others are alarmed.

# Alarm bells ring over crops that contain vaccines

Los Angeles Times

**ST. LOUIS** — The field had just been planted, the soybean plants cut down to brown stubs, when a federal inspector arrived. He paced the small plot in southeastern Nebraska, eyes on the furrows.

Then he saw them: a few crumpled corn stalks strewn among the brittle bits of beans.

The discovery rattled America's food industry, for this was not ordinary corn. It had been genetically engineered to produce an "edible vaccine" to protect piglets from diarrhea. And now the stubble on the ground suggested that it had been swept into the stream by harvest — mixed with beans that would soon be processed into dozens of groceries, from ice cream to salad dressing.

The manufacturer that make those groceries have been staunch supporters of engineered food. But the mix-up last month in Nebraska infuriated them. And a year of backing biotechnology, they drew the line — and raised an alarm.

Joining forces with the anti-biotech activists they have long viewed as the enemy, food lobbyists are pushing for much tougher

## Ag Department considers biotech food industry regulations

**ST. LOUIS** — Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman is requesting comments on a 15-page list of proposed guidelines for the bioengineered food industry, all phrased as suggestions, not mandates.

Among the proposals under consideration: moving experimental fields out of the Midwest's Corn Belt; marking bioengineered plants by dyeing their leaves a different color, and setting aside fields and equipment exclusively for experimental crops.

Biotech companies could support some of those measures "to make sure these plants stay where they belong," said Lisa Dry, a spokeswoman for Biotechnology Industry Organization, a Washington-based industry trade group.

The one proposal they refuse to consider: requiring scientists to use nonfood crops for their experiments.

Some biopharm engineers are testing tobacco, cotton, even weeds. But corn is by far the most common medium.

"It's considered the easiest to work with because its seeds are stable, it's easy to store and its biology is so well understood. Several companies, including ProdiGene, say they will not give it up."

"That's a nonstarter," Dry said. "We believe these crops can be managed."

Biotech crops sound a bit freakish: The beans, for instance, are spliced with DNA from a cauliflower virus and a peanut plant. But they are extensively tested and approved for human consumption.

Corn that produces a swine vesicular disease, for example, is spliced with DNA from a cauliflower virus and a peanut plant. But they are extensively tested and approved for human consumption.

"We're one of the strongest defenders of using biotechnology in agriculture. But this is something different," said Rhona Applebaum, executive vice president of the National Food Processors Association.

Scientists tinkering with DNA transfers are developing crops that will produce insulin, chemotherapy drugs, herpes treatments, blood thinners — even

enzymes used to make laundry detergent. They're testing them in dozens of "biopharm" fields across the country, from California to Maryland, North Dakota to Texas.

The experimental crops look in every way like normal corn, rice or barley. And that makes them "an intolerable risk" to the food supply, said James Bair, vice president of the North American Millers' Association, which represents grain processors.

That's the most strident critique of "biopharming" — the idea that in most cases, consumers would probably suffer no ill effects if trace amounts of these new crops made their way into groceries.

# Study questions effectiveness of Celebrex in blocking ulcers

The Associated Press

The blockbuster arthritis drug Celebrex doesn't protect the stomach from dangerous bleeding ulcers as well as thought, a study suggests.

Celebrex and two similar new anti-inflammatory drugs are heavily advertised as being safer for arthritis patients based on earlier research that found they caused fewer ulcers and other gastrointestinal complications than older anti-inflammatory medicines. Together, the three new drugs have annual sales exceeding \$6 billion.

But their safety has been called into question recently. The new study, which focused on arthritis patients at high risk of recurrent ulcers, escalates the controversy involving Celebrex, showing nearly 10 percent each year would develop another bleeding ulcer.

The study found the same thing for an older anti-inflammatory drug combined with ulcer medicine Prilosec, which doctors often give arthritis patients to protect their stomachs. In addition, neither treatment protected as many patients from dangerous kidney complications as past studies showed, the researchers said.

The Hong Kong researchers and some other experts said the results, while showing the treatments work the same, indicate more study is needed on preventing bleeding stomach ulcers in vulnerable people who for years ease joint pain with nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs.

"I think patients and doctors need to be aware — there is a risk of gastrointestinal bleeding and there is a risk of renal toxicity," so high-risk patients should be monitored closely by their doctor, said Dr. John H. Kippel, medical director of the Arthritis Foundation.

A spokesman for Pharmacia Corp., which makes Celebrex, said the company interprets the findings as showing Celebrex and Prilosec have similar risks of gastrointestinal complications in high-risk patients.

"It is our feeling that these findings should guide future research in the area," spokesman Paul Fitzhugh said Wednesday.

Representatives of AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, which sells Prilosec, did not return calls seeking comment Wednesday.

The study, reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, included 287 patients who had a previous bleeding ulcer and so were at very high risk of developing another, potentially life-threatening ulcer.

Half took the anti-inflammatory diclofenac together with Prilosec, half received Celebrex. It is one of three brand-name NSAIDs in a newer class called cox-2 inhibitors because they block the cox-2 enzyme. It produces chemicals called prostaglandins that cause pain and inflammation in the stomach as part of the body's repair process.

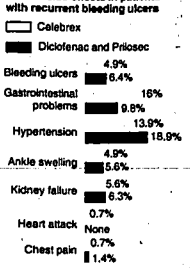
These drugs, which also include Vioxx and Rocefin, do not block action of the cox-2 enzyme, which protects the lining of the stomach. Older NSAIDs such as diclofenac block both cox enzymes, and so can cause stomach irritation and bleeding ulcers.

Complications from taking older anti-inflammatory drugs hospitalize about 107,000

## Risks of arthritis medications

The arthritis drug Celebrex works about as well as older arthritis drugs when combined with the ulcer medicine Prilosec for preventing recurring bleeding ulcers in patients who have a past history with bleeding ulcers, a new study shows.

Rate of side effects in patients with recurrent bleeding ulcers



SOURCE: New England Journal of Medicine

Americans, and ulcer complications kill an estimated 16,500 each year.

Of the study patients receiving Celebrex, about 5 percent had recurrent bleeding during the six months of research, compared with about 6.5 percent for those getting diclofenac and Prilosec.

However, that equates to annual rates of about 9 percent and 11 percent, respectively, said David Y. Graham of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston wrote in an accompanying editorial.

"The results were unexpected. Neither regimen provided a good or even acceptable level of protection from recurrent bleeding," Graham wrote.

Both treatments did a good job in reducing pain and allowing patients to perform daily activities over the six-month experiment.

But about 25 percent of those in the Celebrex group and 31 percent in the diclofenac/Prilosec group suffered kidney complications, including high blood pressure and swollen ankles; about 6 percent in each group suffered life-threatening kidney failure.

Kippel said that shows doctors must monitor high-risk patients on these anti-inflammatory drugs for increased pain and bloody stools indicating ulcer flareup. They also should watch for swelling in the extremities and elevated blood pressure — signs the kidneys can't excrete enough fluid.

"Physicians should avoid prescribing these drugs to patients with known kidney diseases, poorly controlled hypertension and heart failure," said the lead researcher, Dr. Francis K.L. Chan. "Previous studies reported a very low incidence of kidney side effects because they excluded patients with major medical illnesses."

Still, the study backs up the American College of Rheumatology's current guidelines for treating arthritis and gives doctors options, said Dr. Todd Stoltz, associate professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.

# Criticized physician joins FDA panel

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A physician who has been criticized for his views on birth control was named to a Food and Drug Administration panel on women's health policy.

Dr. W. David Hager, a University of Kentucky obstetrician-gynecologist, was among 11 physicians appointed Tuesday to the FDA's Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs.

Hager has questioned the safety of the abortion pill, RU-486, and accused judges he is anti-abortion.

Abortion-rights activists are concerned about Hager's appointment because he participated in a Christian Medical Association campaign this year that attempted to overturn the FDA committee's 1996 recommendation that led to RU-486 being approved.

The National Organization for Women and six other groups have called Hager's selection a conflict of interest because of his role in the Planned Parenthood Federation of America issued a statement Tuesday calling the appointment of Hager and other doctors to the panel a "frontal assault on reproductive rights that will imperil women's health."

It said Hager and his wife,

Linda, have recommended "specific scripture readings and prayers for such ailments as headaches and premenstrual syndrome."

But Hager, a part-time professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, said his beliefs won't compromise his judgment.

"Yes, I believe in life," he told The Courier-Journal of Louisville, Ky. "But that's not going to keep me from objectively evaluating medication. I believe there are some safety concerns (about RU-486) and they should be evaluated."

Hager also has condemned the birth-control pill, used by an estimated 10 million American women, saying it has provided a convenient way for young people to be sexually active outside of marriage.

But Hager said he does not deny birth-control prescriptions to unwed women.

The advisory committee has not met for two years, and its entire membership had lapsed. Its job is to review and evaluate data — and make recommendations — on the safety and effectiveness of marketed and experimental drugs for use in obstetrics, gynecology and related specialties.

It will be chaired by Dr. Linda C. Giudice, the chief of reproductive endocrinology and infertility for the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at the Stanford University Medical Center.

FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan said the panel "will provide sound, science-based advice on reproductive health issues that will improve women's lives across the country."

In addition to Hager and Giudice, the other physicians appointed were Leslie Gay Benintyre, a urologist from Albuquerque, N.M.; Susan A. Crockett of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; Nancy Dickly, chancellor of the Texas A&M College of Medicine; Scott Shildknecht, a pediatrician at the University of Washington; Michael Furman Greene of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston; Vivian Lewis of the University of Rochester Medical Center in Rochester, N.Y.; George A. Marcones of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Valerie Montgomery Rice of the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City; and Joseph Barney Stanford of the University of Utah, Salt Lake City.

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## Turner Field hosts public holiday meal

ATLANTA — Anthony Nelson hasn't had a home or a haircut in nine months. Stanley Craigwell sleeps most nights in an unheated abandoned warehouse.

The two were among thousands of hungry and homeless people who came in from the chilly weather to celebrate Christmas Day at baseball's Turner Field, the venue for one of the largest public holiday meals in the nation.

Nelson, 44, headed straight for a makeshift barber shop set up next to the Atlanta Braves locker room. Craigwell, 52, started with dinner — turkey, ham, stuffing, cranberry sauce, cake and orange soda.

A record 22,000 people were expected to have a meal at the annual event, which was put on by Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless, a humanitarian group named after the late civil rights leader Hosea Williams.

### Barbecue owner feeds needy people on Christmas

OKLAHOMA CITY — After a stroke and a string of heart attacks, Cecil Clay would go to sleep wondering if he would ever open his eyes again.

"I had nights when I prayed I would see daylight," Clay said.

Since then, renewed health has helped Clay build a thriving business. He now owns Be-B-Q restaurant in Oklahoma City, success he remembers on Christmas Day by preparing free dinners for hundreds of the city's less fortunate residents.

"I enjoy life very much, and I enjoy this," said Clay, 64, who has hosted the event for 22 years. "This barbecue is one thing that keeps me alive."

Clay was among hundreds of Oklahomans who donated their time, talent and energy on Christmas Day to provide food, toys and clothing for Oklahomans who struggle to provide for themselves.

### Former homeless man takes to feeding homeless

PITTSBURGH — After 16 years, chef Lorenzo Johnson cooked his final Christmas meal at the Light of Life Rescue Mission on Christmas Day.

Johnson, known as "Chef Lorenzo," has seen life from the other side of the kitchen. A drifting problem in the early 1980s took him from some of the city's top restaurants to being homeless before finding the shelter.

"If I didn't stop drinking, I would have ended up dying in the street somewhere," Johnson, 63, said Tuesday, when he was doing prep for the Christmas meal. "I love giving back what has been given to me."

Johnson plans to retire in January, slowing somewhat because of kidney problems that require dialysis three times weekly.

Johnson has prepared about 1.5 million meals since taking over the kitchen at the mission, said Terry Molyneux, director of church and community relations. Johnson is also a drug and alcohol counselor.

### Groups squabble over river crossing re-enactment

WASHINGTON CROSSING, N.J. — George Washington's Christmas crossing of the Delaware River led to critical battles in Trenton and Princeton. Its annual re-enactment is now the subject of a legal fight.

But modern skirmishers were able to put aside their differences Wednesday to conduct the 49th re-enactment.

The ceremony was held on the Pennsylvania side of the river, but its rowing to New Jersey was stopped because of strong winds and currents amid sleet and rain that rivaled the conditions during the original event 226 years ago.

"But the truce is temporary. The group that has conducted the event for the past 35 years, the Washington Crossing Re-enactors Society, is upset with Michael Fitzhead, site administrator for Washington Crossing State Park in Pennsylvania.

The society says he's not recognizing re-enactors who play key roles to Washington, including figure presidents James Madison and James Monroe, complained a society spokesman.

Commission spokesman John Robinson acknowledged that the agency had worked with the society for many years but stopped the right of re-enactors to have more of a choice to play more visible roles.

— compiled from wire reports

## Bush family celebrates Christmas

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Bush worked out in the gym with his father and walked through the snow with his daughters as the first family celebrated Christmas at Camp David.

Three generations of the presidential family woke up Wednesday morning and exchanged presents, then sat down for a brunch of pancakes and waffles, White House spokesman Taylor Gross said.

Before brunch, the president and his father, former President

Bush, worked out in the gym at the presidential retreat. He then took a walk through the snow with his twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara.

Gross declined to reveal any details of the gift-giving, saying it was private.

Other family members at Camp David were Bush's sister, Dorothy Koch; brothers Neil and Marvin Bush, and their families; his mother, Barbara Bush; Laura Bush's mother, Jenna Welch; and the first family's cat and two dogs.

## Powerball jackpot draws hopeful throngs

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A \$280 million Powerball jackpot lured throngs of hopeful players to buy lottery tickets from the few retailers still open on Christmas Day — convenience stores and gas stations.

Wednesday's Powerball jackpot was the third largest since the game started and the fifth largest payoff in the world. The largest Powerball jackpot was \$297.5 million on July 29, 1998; last summer it reached \$295 million.

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"That's about all I'm selling today," said Mike Green, manager of a QuikTrip in Des Moines. "A lot of people are buying them for gifts."

At a Kum & Go convenience store in Des Moines, customers bought as many as 100 tickets

apiece, including Richard Nichols, who stopped by before Christmas dinner. He didn't think it was a big purchase.

"When you don't buy them very often, it's not that much," said Nichols. "We're just about ready to eat, so I said, 'I got to do an errand here.'"

Powerball, the nation's largest lottery game, is run by the Multi-State Lottery Association and is played in 23 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



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## EDITORIAL

### Judge's ruling erases line between land, multiple use

A federal judge's decision to block oil exploration near a national park shows once again there are no limits to the grand environmental movement sweeping across the West.

Arches territory, the court is going overboard. Where is the line that divides protected lands from lands allowing multiple use? Apparently, there is no such line anymore.

**Our view:** Extending federal land-use restrictions outside the boundaries of protected areas will damage the Western economy.

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

Having millions of acres mapped out for national parks, monuments, and wildlife preserves simply isn't enough for some environmentalists. They have to protect the land near the parks as well.

U.S. District Judge James Robertson ruled this week that the Bureau of Land Management broke the law by allowing an exploration company to test for oil deposits on the Dome Plateau, a few miles from the northern border of Arches National Park.

The judge overruled an Interior Department appeals board decision permitting WesternGeco to use "vibrocasts" a process in which 26-ton trucks drive across the desert, pounding the earth to locate oil deposits.

The permit involved 23,000 acres of private, state and federal lands outside the National Park Service's legally designated territory. But groups such as the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, the Sierra Club and The Wilderness Society sued. They argued that the land was habitat for endangered species, including Mexican spotted owls, bald eagles and black-footed ferrets.

By extending the realm of protected habitat outside the

Eco groups accuse those who oppose new national parks and monuments of caring little for precious natural wonders. But the environmental lobby's attitude toward the West's economy is more troubling. Most Westerners and many conservatives agree sensitive natural areas should be preserved, but eco groups exploit legal loopholes to distort the process.

Thus, protected areas become superzoned, excluding multiple uses not only inside the monument or park, but now, outside as well.

The real goal of many environmental groups has nothing to do with the land, and everything to do with stopping President Bush's energy plans. If a public-lands proposal involves oil, coal or timber, it's regarded as catastrophic for Arches National Park. (You have to wonder if the environmental lobby would prefer bolting solar panels or wind turbines to the face of Delicate Arch.)

Protecting geological wonders and their surroundings makes sense - when it deals with the "smallest area compatible with the proper care," as described in the Antiquities Act. But when a judge blocks multiple use outside that zone, an equitable standard for public land is abandoned.

## Purging Lott strengthens the GOP position

In making my list of what I thankful for this holiday season, I added something I would not have considered during this normally politics-free time of year: being conservative. As one who believes in compartmentalization during the season when we at least try to set aside our differences,

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exalting pride in politics seems like a particularly inappropriate in divisiveness. But not this year. Don't get me wrong. I've long been proud of my conservative principles - limited government, maximal freedom, equal opportunity - but I've never been "grateful" for them or for the ideological company I keep. But I am this year.

I consider myself a conservative before a Republican, and the whole Trent Lott imbroglio reminds me why. While opinion among Republicans was roughly evenly divided, reaction from conservatives was not. Almost every major conservative thinker or pundit, from Thomas Sowell to Charles Krauthammer to Bill Bennett, blasted Lott - rightly - for the inexcusable comments he made in praise of Strom Thurmond's 1948 Dixiecrat presidential candidacy. There was precious little such response, however, from elected Republicans inside the beltway.



conservative. Disciples of the right cut - and to - come to different sides of the same issues sometimes. Not on race, though. Conservative philosophy on race is simple: all people are created equal under God, and God-willing, under the law as well. Conservatives abhor not just segregation of the 1940s premised on an intrusive police state but also segregation of the modern era founded upon political correctness.

Colorblindness is not just some utopian ideal, but the goal upon which our eyes are fixed. Criticism from Lott's right was so strong and unrelenting that it practically drowned out the rebukes from the left. Not that people were missing much, though. Conservative criticism was principled and sincere.

importance of color of skin, the idea of a minority endorsing colorblindness is inimical to the left's belief system. But there is one "get out of racism free" card available: Be a liberal. Witness Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., who used the N-word twice in an interview last year. Criticism he received was scant - and fleeting. A couple of days and a few obligatory press releases later, the fellow was content to let the matter drop. Democrats did not censure or reprimand the man who just months later became third in line to the presidency. But the former Ku Klux Klansman had taught himself with Teflon by fully supporting the Democratic Party's agenda, thus he could not possibly be a racist.

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Some naysayers on the left were also genuine, of course, but far too many were not. Some - including Bill and Hillary Clinton and Jesse "Hymietown" Jackson - decided to exploit the situation as an opportunity to smear all Republicans as racist.

But before making such unfounded leaps, they should have remembered their own glass houses.

If Lott had praised black-only proms or graduations at "mixed" institutions instead of a century-old campus of five decades ago, he would have been hailed as a leader - by the left. Leftist philosophy openly rejects the tenets of equal opportunity and colorblindness. On college campuses across the country, die-in-the-wool liberals espouse the "virtues" of each race - blacks are more "creative" and Latinos more "passionate," for example - and systematically attempt to balkanize the student body along color lines.

No such luck for Lott - nor should there have been. And that's why I'm thankful I'm a conservative.

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### Find the right chairman

Western states that vigilantly protect their public land interests never had much to worry about with U.S. Rep. Jim Hansen chairing the House Resources Committee. Hansen, R-Utah, can be accused of many things, but bowing to environmental interests wasn't one of them.

### Avery puts heavy slant on genetic food discussion

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### LETTERS

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### level. I've had many discussions with O'Leary's principal, Bill Brulotte, and in talking to Twin Falls High School and Robert Shurtz, Junior High, the decision was made not to include Youth Alive this year.

It was, however, in the 2001-2002 yearbook last year. This was made as a last-minute decision and didn't involve the yearbook staff as it does this year. According to my fellow students, many of our peers were upset and offended by this inclusion.

### circle of hell for those who ask us to experiment on our own children") and "Genetically Engineered Food: A Self-Defense Guide for Consumers" by Cummings and Lulliston. To become informed, you will need to read more than just the one-sided articles presented by our local newspaper.

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### Excluding club from O'Leary yearbook was shameful

When I look at our public school system today, it is fairly disappointing to me. I am a 15-year-old freshman and I attend O'Leary Junior High School. I am on the yearbook staff at my school and also a part of our campus Christian Bible club called Youth Alive.

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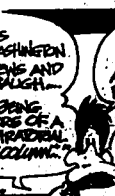
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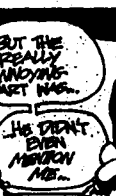
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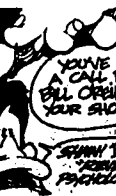
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# Golden State offers valuable lessons as its economy turns to rust

**W**here California a private business, it would be in bankruptcy court and its leaders would be on their way to jail.

They should be.

California's mess is a capital political crime that more than just tarnishes the Golden State. The Sacramento gang has created a fiscal mess more than 20 times worse than anything Congress could manufacture.

California's budget deficit works out to more than \$1,000 per resident and makes New York City look fiscally responsible.

California's deficit is 20 percent of state spending and a third of its operating budget. If every state worker were fired, California would still be at least \$10 billion in the red.

Although the fiscal mismanagement will doom the state to a not-so-golden future, there are lessons for those of us who live

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elsewhere:

- Economics may not be an exact science, but those who disregard its laws pay dearly.
- Progressivity may be the fairest way to collect taxes, but it doesn't necessarily ensure the needed revenue surrain.
- "Public investment" is good rhetoric, but, in practice, it's just plain old, economically inefficient government spending.
- Good intentions responsible for that spending are admirable, but often are sidetracked by unintended, although predictable, consequences.
- Those consequences stem from people and their money going where they feel they are best protected.

For decades, California drew investment that created jobs and lured the people to fill them. It

was business friendly; the climate was wonderful; the scenery was beautiful; land was cheap for a time; the state's services were very good; and the tax structure wasn't viewed as punitive.

Much of that has now changed, and 2 million U.S. citizens migrated from California in the past decade.

It's especially ironic because the environmental movement, which believes one crosses Mother Nature at his or her own peril, was born in California. Yet, few in authority there understand that crossing the marketplace is just as risky.

The state's political leaders have been living in a financial fantasyland. Not only did they spend tax dollars like drunken sailors, but they assumed that the bar would never close.

Yes, the state has attracted immigrants, many of them uneducated, who drain public services and whose low-cost labor

helps fuel the economy. But so have Texas and Arizona, which know how to say no and aren't fiscal wrecks.

California's economy would be among the world's six largest if it were a nation. It faces a projected budget deficit of almost \$35 billion in the next 18 months. To put that in perspective, California's government spends about a sixth of the total outlays by states nationally, yet its deficit is more than a third of the total of the other 49 states.

All states now face tough times, but California's per-capita deficit dwarfs the others. Other megastates, such as Florida and Texas, with less-generous government programs, proportionately smaller work forces and no income tax, are much better off. Their income is based on sales taxes, which might not be progressive, but their revenues have been more reliable.

California's population is more

than twice Florida's, but its budget shortfall is more than eight times as large.

The federal government for 2003 is likely to have a deficit of \$150 billion to \$200 billion, yet that's less than 1 percent of its budget. Comparatively, California's deficit is more than 20 times larger.

Remember the talk in the 1990s about how government should "invest" in infrastructure? In "La La Land," they swallowed the line whole. Lawmakers spent for schools, health care and highways and increased state hiring 15 percent.

Now the deficit is so large that the speaker of the state Assembly told the New York Times that even if every state employee were fired, California still would be \$6 billion in the hole. And that was before the projected deficit jumped \$14 billion.

Class warriors who think the rich "should pay their fair share"

and favor high income and capital-gains taxes might want to consider what happened in California, where the top 10 percent of taxpayers provided 75 percent of the state's revenue. The stock market losses hit the wealthiest hardest, leading to a steep drop in state revenues.

But while the wealthy and upper-middle class are tightening their belts, those lower on the totem pole—and not just the poor—will seriously suffer from the upcoming massive cuts in government programs.

And it's only going to get worse. The deficit is going to require even more taxes and cuts that will renew the vicious cycle, making the state even less attractive.

Be happy you live somewhere else.

*Peter A. Brown is an editorial page columnist for the Orlando Sentinel.*



## Al-Qaida remains a threat

**W**hen the fighting started last fall in Afghanistan, al-Qaida's leaders genuinely expected to mire our coalition down in a reprise of the Soviet experience. They were just as genuinely surprised. And then sorely disappointed.

Since then, more than a third of the top leadership that had been identified before the war has been killed or captured. Almost half of our successes against senior al-Qaida members have come in recent months, during which time we've netted:

- Al-Qaida's operations chief for the Persian Gulf, who also helped plan the 1998 East Africa embassy bombings and the attack on the U.S. destroyer Cole in 2000;
- A principal al-Qaida planner who was also a conspirator in the 9/11 attacks;
- Numerous operations officers and facilitators;
- And a trove of information that is helping us to press the hunt further.

We are still in the "hunt" phase of this war — the painstaking pursuit of individual al-Qaida members and their cells. This phase is paying off, but it is manpower intensive and will take a long time. There are no set battles against units of any size. We are tracking our enemies down, one by one.

In all, more than 3,000 al-Qaida operatives or associates have been detained in more than 100 countries since September 2001. Not everyone arrested was a terrorist. Some have been released.

**GEORGE TENET**

But this worldwide "rousting" of al-Qaida has definitely disrupted its operations. And more than 166 countries worldwide have seized more than \$121 million in terrorist-related financial assets.

The United States has had a lot of partners in this fight. Without them, we could not have accomplished what we did. Most governments around the world understand that al-Qaida poses a threat to them as well. The notion that the Muslim world has "lined up" against us is a myth. The fact is, after a few initial turnouts, the Muslim "street" never really showed up.

But let's be very clear: There is no lull in the threat at the moment. Despite the loss of several senior lieutenants and the security worries of the remaining leaders, intelligence clearly shows al-Qaida is still preparing terrorist attacks.

Indeed, every al-Qaida operations officer and facilitator we have captured so far was in the midst of preparing attacks when captured. Recent tapes by al-Qaida leaders threatening the U.S. economy and our coalition allies were unprecedented in their bluntness and urgency.

We would be foolish to take these threats in any way other than with utmost seriousness.

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## Coming Friday

The final installment of the NASCAR series.

The Times-News

Thursday, December 26, 2002

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### MORNING LINE

#### SPORTSQUOTE

“Sometimes, there were better fights in the dressing room than there were in the ring.”

—Former pro wrestler “Rowdy” Roddy Piper

#### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:** What school has the most Las Vegas Bowl games?

.....answer below

#### IN BRIEF

### Robert Stuart J.H. releases 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 Thursday and Friday from 4-7 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.

### Doomed ballpark awaits destruction

**CINCINNATI** — The Cincinnati Reds won their third World Series championship, where the place was known as Riverfront Stadium. The Cincinnati Bengals made their way to two Super Bowls from there.

The ballpark was often featured in photographs of Cincinnati's skyline because of its prominent location along the Ohio River.

Hank Aaron tied Babe Ruth's career home run record and Pete Rose broke Ty Cobb's career hit record there.

Now, Cinergy Field is destined for oblivion, just like similarly designed stadiums in Atlanta and Pittsburgh demolished to be replaced by new ballparks.

Cinergy's will come down Sunday morning. The 32-year-old stadium has been stripped of its seats, light fixtures and anything else the demolition contractor could use as memorabilia.

In all, 2,000 pounds of explosives are being distributed among 2,500 drilled holes throughout the stadium.

### Kicker becomes first woman to play D-I football

**LAS VEGAS** — Katie Hnida became the first woman to play in a Division I football game when she attempted an extra-point Wednesday following a New Mexico touchdown in the Las Vegas Bowl.

Hnida, a walk-on junior, had her kick blocked but by then she had already made history. Hnida kicked the ball low allowing a UCLA player to block it.

The 5-foot-9, 150-pound Hnida was on Colorado's roster in 1999 and suited up for the Buffaloes in the Insight.com Bowl. She joined New Mexico's team before this season.

Heather Sue Mercer earned a spot on the Duke roster as a walk-on in 1995 but was cut from the team by then-coach Fred Goldsmith before the 1996 season.

Mercer, who graduated in 1998, claimed she was dropped from the team because she is a woman, and said Goldsmith wouldn't let her suit up for games or practice on a scrimmaging team against Duke's first-string players.

She won a \$2 million sex-discrimination lawsuit, but lost the money on appeal two years later.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

#### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Nevada Las Vegas and Utah each won twice as of 2001.

# Sacramento takes first rematch

The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** — The Sacramento Kings are the new rulers of California — at least for now.

Peja Stojakovic equaled a season high with 26 points, and Chris Webber had 25 points, 15 rebounds and six assists as the Kings beat the slumping three-time defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers 105-99 Wednesday night.

Mike Bibby added 14 points, and Bobby Jackson had 11 for the Kings (23-8), who won for the 11th time in 14 games.

The stumbling Lakers (11-19) lost four of five and are 9-10 since Shaquille O'Neal returned after missing the season's first 12 games while recuperating from surgery on his right big toe.

O'Neal had 27 points and a season-high 17 rebounds and six assists, but shot just 8-of-19 and made 2-of-8 after halftime — both after the outcome had been decided.

Kobe Bryant also had 27 points for the Lakers along with 15 rebounds and six assists, but he made only 7 of 24 shots and went 2-for-12 in the second half.

The Lakers outrebounded the Kings 61-42, but shot 36.7 percent to 46.3 percent for the Kings.

Baskets by Jackson and Webber triggered a 10-2 run that gave the Kings a 92-84 lead.

Bryant's 3-point shot and a jumper by Derek Fisher drew the Lakers within three points with 3.5 minutes to play, but that's as close as they would get.

Bryant committed a turnover that led to a basket by Jimmy Jackson, making it 95-89, and Webber slipped downcourt after making a jumper with 2:12 left, giving the Kings an eight-point lead that proved insurmountable.

The game was the first that counted between the rivals since the Lakers beat the Kings in the Western Conference finals last June, winning the seventh and deciding game in overtime at Arco Arena.

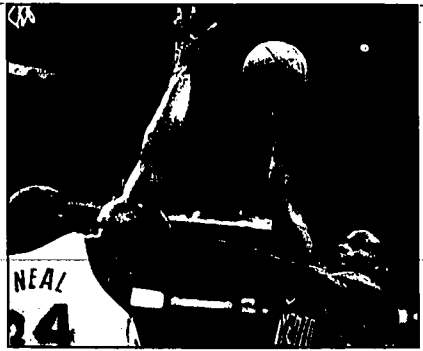
It marked the third straight spring the Lakers eliminated the Kings on their way to their three-peat.

The teams bickered through the media during the offseason, with O'Neal saying in early October he "wasn't worried about the Sacramento Queens."

Then, on Oct. 25 in the final preseason game, Sacramento's Doug Christie and Los Angeles' Rick Fox were ejected after getting into a fight early in the first quarter.

The fracas continued in a Staples Center tunnel, with Fox initiating it, and he was suspended for six games, contributing to the Lakers' poor start.

Starting players usually acknowledge each other by shaking hands or touching fists before a game begins, but that didn't occur on this night.



Sacramento's Chris Webber attacks the basket while Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal defends during the first quarter Wednesday at the Staples Center.

# UCLA cruises past Lobos

The Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS** — Ed Kezirian's brief time in the spotlight went much better than Katie Hnida's.

Kezirian won his only game as UCLA coach as he led the Bruins to a 27-13 victory over New Mexico in the Las Vegas Bowl.

Hnida made history, however, becoming the first woman to play in a Division I-A football game. She attempted an extra point after New Mexico's first touchdown but the try, which sailed low, was blocked.

"I can replay in my mind seeing that hand block the kick, and that's going to be what I think about before I go to bed tonight," Hnida said. "It's been a very long road to get here and I thought about it many times, but I really had no specific expectations as to what it would be like."

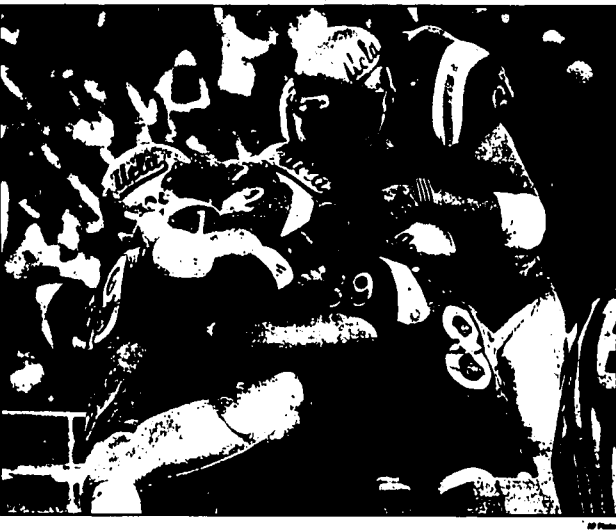
UCLA (8-5) got the big plays and defensive stops it needed in the second half to beat New Mexico, making just its second bowl appearance in 41 years.

The Bruins played under Kezirian, who took over the team after Bob Toledo was fired at the end of the regular season. Toledo, the wide receivers coach for the Denver Broncos, but Dorrell has not yet taken over the team.

Sophomore wide receiver Craig Bragg helped the Bruins win for their fill-in coach.

His 74-yard punt return early in the third quarter broke a 6-6 tie. Bragg was recruited by Toledo.

Bragg had seven touchdowns this season of 30 yards or more and has a career average of nearly 42 yards on his touchdowns. He fielded the punt at the 25, broke a tackle and raced up the left sideline.



UCLA running back Tyler Ebell is mobbed by teammates after he scored a touchdown on fourth down during the fourth quarter of the Las Vegas Bowl on Wednesday.

"I thought our miscues on special teams and on offense and the big punt return were obviously the difference in the game," New Mexico coach Rocky Long said.

The Bruins put the game away with Bragg's punt return and two touchdowns in the fourth quarter off New Mexico turnovers. Page

scored one minute into the fourth quarter on a 29-yard return after he picked the ball out of the air off a pass from Casey Kelly that hit Zach Crespan in the back.

Freshman halfback Tyler Ebell scored with 10:40 left after New Mexico's third turnover of the game — a fumble by wide receiver

Joe Manning that was recovered by linebacker Brandon Chillar at the Lobos 31.

Bragg's punt return was the Bruins' first for a TD since 1998.

New Mexico (7-7) has played in only seven bowl games since 1939 and has not won one since 1961.

# NASCAR seeks own 'Tiger'

**Sport's redneck, southern image makes it a hard sell to blacks**

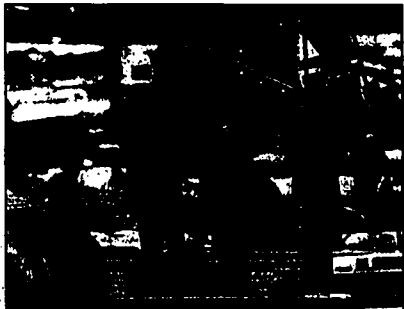
By Eddie Peck  
 Associated Press writer

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** — The only black driver to win at NASCAR's highest level never got a proper celebration in Victory Lane.

Wendell Scott beat the field in a 200-mile race in 1963, but as the story goes, NASCAR officials were worried about how the predominantly white crowd in Jacksonville might react to seeing a black man hoist the winner's trophy.

Black Baker was declared the winner, and only after two hours of review — with the crowd long gone — was a "scoring error" detected and Scott named the official winner.

"It was a night my dad said was a very good feeling, but a frustrating feeling because he couldn't get the full enjoyment from his victory," says Tybil Scott, the daughter of the late NASCAR pioneer.



NASCAR marshals are trying to attract blacks to the sport, but must battle common sights such as this that turn off Wall Street advertisers.

Nearly four decades later, NASCAR still hasn't seen a black driver celebrate in Victory Lane, mostly because blacks remain a rarity in stock-car racing.

Two years ago, NASCAR signed a \$2.5 billion TV contract. With that growth, the lack of a black presence is no longer just a

# MLB free agents face 'bear market'

By Ronald Blum  
 Associated Press writer

**NEW YORK** — The bear market isn't just on Wall Street anymore. Just ask baseball's free agents.

In a sport where prices have skyrocketed since 1976 — except for the collusion years and the fallout of the 1994-95 strike — players have seen prices stagnate, then drop since Alex Rodriguez signed his record \$252 million, 10-year contract with the Texas Rangers in December 2000.

"It comes as no surprise, and for a variety of reasons, that it is some kind of a buyer's market," agent Tom Reich said Wednesday.

Among the 157 players who filed for free agency following the World Series, 61 have agreed to new contracts, ahead of last year's pace on Christmas Day (50 of 154) but behind two years ago (75 of 136).

Here's the telling sign: Just 18 players have gotten deals for \$5 million or more total, down from

25 last year and 35 two years ago. Only six players have gotten \$20 million or higher, down from nine last year and way below the 15 at this point following the 2000 season.

And among the superstars? Jim Thome is the only player to top \$40 million, agreeing to an \$85 million, six-year contract with Philadelphia. Last year, New York Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi (\$120 million for seven years) and Texas pitcher Chan Ho Park (\$65 million for five years) topped that level.

Taken in 2000, one of the most talented free-agent classes ever, seven players were over \$40 million, a group that included Rodriguez, Manny Ramirez (\$150 million for eight years), Mike Hampton (\$121 million for eight years), Mike Mussina (\$88.5 million for six years), Darren Dreifort (\$55 million for five years), Denny Neagle (\$51 million for five years) and Kevin Appier (\$42 million for four years).

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SPORTS

Magic hold off Pistons

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tracy McGrady scored 46 points in his first game back in making the Orlando Magic to a 104-99 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday.

McGrady was sidelined him for all but a half of Orlando's last game because of a knee pain making him wince and once forcing him to lay face-down on the floor during a timeout, McGrady made 14 of 26 shots and 18 of 21 free throws.

The NBA's leading scorer was elbowed in the lower back by the Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant on Dec. 15. Since then, McGrady played 17 minutes in a win at Utah last week ago.

Mike Miller scored 15 points for Orlando, which won for the third time in four games. Grant Hill had 10 points and 15 rebounds for his fifth double-double of the season and Steve Nash Armstrong added eight points, seven assists, six rebounds and a season-best five steals.

Detroit, which lost its second straight after a tie game winning streak, got 22 points from Richard Hamilton. Corliss Williamson came off the bench to score 17, but missed three shots down the stretch, while Ben Wallace had 17 points and seven assists on 13 3-point attempts, the Pistons climbed within 86-84 on Chucky Atkins' try with 7:19 to go.

McGrady scored six points, a jumper and four free throws, in a little more than a minute to put Orlando up 96-88 with 4:21 remaining, and Detroit never again made it a one-possession game.

Fiesta reunites Miami and Ohio St. Programs change directions after last meeting

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Miami and Ohio State last met on Dec. 14 and it may be the last time they meet in New Jersey more than the 1990s, a game that looms large as the teams prepare for a rematch in this year's national championship game.

Miami's 23-12 victory in the 1999 Kickoff Classic hasn't been forgotten by either side heading into the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 3.

"I remember it like it was yesterday, in that locker room everything was running and everybody together, 'Let us out of here, let us out of here!'" said former Miami running back James Jackson, now with the Cleveland Browns. "Then coach (Butch) Davis and the other coaches went out. And then once we got out, it was, oh, man. We started it, and we finished it."

Current Ohio State free safety Donnie Nickey played his first game this day. "It was kind of a wide-eyed freshman," he said. "Now I've been around. I'm looking for some retribution."

NASCAR

Continued from B1 into the fold isn't all coming from the outside. There's money to be made by attracting black participants and more black fans.

And out of a newly formed black fan base, NASCAR just might discover its first black superstar driver — the stock car driver of Tiger Woods fame. In the past few years, NASCAR has stepped up its efforts to diversify a sport that was born and raised in the South, and still often seems stuck there.

At the start of 2002, NASCAR hired Taylor to spearhead the NASCAR Diversity Initiative. Taylor previously worked for Denny's restaurants when they were faced with a series of discrimination lawsuits.

When she came to NASCAR, she was confronted by an organization that was willing to change but didn't really know how.

"We've got a diversity program working, but this is a very difficult sport," NASCAR chairman Bill France Jr. said. "You don't see it in school. If you're a good athlete, a good basketball player, the basic equipment you need is a ball. That's not the case here."

Through the years, a smattering of black drivers, owners and crew chiefs have raced in NASCAR. The first was Jesse James, Reggie

NBA

He hit three of four foul shots in the final 1:07 to set career bests in foul shots made and attempted.

McGrady scored 12 points in the final quarter, shooting 10-for-12 from the foul line.

Orlando wasted little time in establishing a lead it would never surrender, opening the game on an 18-4 run that McGrady capped off with a steal for a breakaway dunk. McGrady had six points in the outburst, while Miller added five.

McGrady had 20 points in the first half on 7-of-13 shooting with six free throws.

Nets 117, Celtics 81

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New Jersey Nets didn't take a break from winning on their court, even while playing at home on Christmas for the first time.

The Nets, the NBA's best home team, won their 11th straight game in New Jersey by beating the Boston Celtics 117-81 Wednesday in a rematch of last season's Eastern Conference finals.

"The thing we want to do first and foremost is protect our home," said Richard Jefferson, who scored 22 points. "That's the key. We have to protect where we play."

The victory, the Nets' fourth straight, enabled New Jersey (20-9) to extend its Atlantic Division lead over the Celtics (18-10) and the Philadelphia 76ers to 1.5 games.

New Jersey improved to 16-1 at home.

"I think this was the best timed effort we've had all year," Jefferson said. "We needed a big win and offensively and defensively, we did what we had to do."



Orlando's Shawn Kemp goes up for a shot against Detroit's Ben Wallace Wednesday during the first quarter of the Magic's win.

It was a great win. They looked a little flat and we were ready. That's a lethal combination.

The Nets had lost four straight to the Celtics in the regular season.

"This effort we gave here was the best we played this season," Scott said. "It's just a great win against a great team like the Celtics. We played solid defense for 48 minutes. We did everything we wanted to do in terms of

our game plan."

The Nets shot a season-high 65 percent in the first half and a season-best 54 percent for the game. Jefferson and Lucious Harris (17 points) each made their first four shots.

"Boston definitely gives you open shots, so it's important to get the first couple down," said Harris, who has averaged 17 points in 12 starts in place of injured guard Kerry Kittles.

Free agency weakens cross-NYC rivalry

NEW YORK (AP) — When two teams compete in the same market, there is usually grudging acknowledgment between them and sometimes, not even that. Nowhere do the feelings run deeper than in New York, where the Giants once returned mail from the Jets unopened and Ranger fans still jeer ex-lander Denis Potvin, 14 years after he retired.

Now, though, an era of good feeling has emerged between the baseball Mets and Yankees, generated by free-agent signings.

The Yankees' brain trust is headed by Joe Torre, who first managed the Mets, pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre, who had the same job at Shea Stadium and dugout coach Don Zimmer, forever a footnote in Mets history because he went 0-for-34 in his first season.

Robin Ventura was traded by the Mets to the Yankees last year, the first deal between the teams in eight years, and then re-signed with the Yankees during the offseason.

Then the Yankees signed Todd Zile, who was Ventura's best friend with the Mets. Not to be outdone, the Mets scooped up ex-Yankees reliever Mike Stanton, who joined ex-Yankee Al Leiter on the pitching staff.

The Ventura trade was a landmark deal because it marked just the sixth time the teams had exchanged players.

No major league players had passed between the teams since 1992.

"There's a reason it takes eight years to make a deal," Yankees GM Brian Cashman said then. "We're in competition with each other. You always treat carefully with each other and respect each other from afar. It could be another eight years, who knows?"

Baseball

There have been no other trades, although the Stanton signing was somewhat related to the Ventura deal. The Mets acquired David Justice for Ventura and then almost immediately traded him to Oakland for reliever Mark Guthrie. After one year, Guthrie was not offered arbitration and his spot in the bullpen went to Stanton.

Mets GM Steve Phillips noted the cross-pollination of players, between the teams.

"It's hard to think that the rivalry could be fueled any more than it already is," he said. "But it may be. We'll see what happens."

Relations between the Mets and Yankees have always been frosty, ever since spring training 1962, when Casey Stengel used his best two pitchers, Roger Craig and Al Jackson, to win the first exhibition game between the teams.

The expansion team's triumph over their haughty neighbors was a benchmark, especially in Toots Shor's Manhattan saloon, where the proprietor catered to the patrons were celebrating like it was New Year's Eve.

Ever since George Steinbrenner took over stewardship of the Yankees in 1973, spring training games between the teams have been treated like Armageddon. Lately, though, each team has been attracted by the other's players.

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Iowa St. happy to be H-Bowl bound

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa State is off to Boise and the Humanitarian Bowl, and the Cyclones insist they're excited to be going.

Really, they are. Honest. No kidding. Forget what you might have heard. They can't wait to play.

"A couple of us said some things they didn't mean. They were just speaking without thinking," center Zach Butler said. "I agent I'm excited. As soon as the UConn game got over, I didn't care where I was going to play. I wanted to play again, whether it was Boise or whatever."

Six weeks ago, the Cyclones had expressed their hope to play in a warm-weather bowl. Boise? Brrrrr. Tigh end Kyle Knock had said going there would be a "disgrace" to everything the Cyclones had accomplished. But after losing five of its last

36 games, including a humbling 37-20 loss to Connecticut, Iowa State ended up in the Humanitarian Bowl, which has the last pick from bowl-eligible Big 12 teams.

The Cyclones (7-6), who leave Tennessee with a 18 Boise State (11-1) on its own field, a tough assignment for any visiting team. Still, going anywhere for a bowl beats the alternative, which is staying home.

"There's a lot of coaches and players out there that would like to have this opportunity we have right now, to be able to recruit and coach," Iowa State coach Dan McCamey said.

McCamey stressed that he can tell his players are excited about the game because they've been that way in practice. He gave the team a week off after the Connecticut game and said they came back refreshed and ready to work.

Free agents

Continued from B1 "There's a heightened awareness on the part of teams about player compensation issues," says Joe Posner.

NASCAR cites a recent ESPN poll that shows trends are changing in the sport. The poll says the black fan base rose 17.8 percent between 1995 and 2001, a remarkable shift considering the number of black drivers and owners hasn't really changed at all. That same poll says NASCAR has added about 2 million black fans since 1999.

NASCAR doesn't keep track of the number of minorities it employs, a situation Taylor says she plans to change. In recent years, racing teams have done a better job bringing more blacks and minorities onto pit crews.

Car owner Rick Hendrick has helped with the launch of BH Motorsports, a team to be run by Sam Belinas and Tinsley Hughes, who are both black. They intend to run a full schedule next year. They know they're trying something that has never been successful before. Race fan Wilson would love to see blacks in the sport, as well. "It would be nice, but I don't want to see a black driver in there because he's a black driver," he said. "It's on merit — not on anything else."

priced free agents — except when two foreign stars came on the market, giving Cuban pitcher Jose Contreras \$32 million over four years and Japanese outfielder Hideki Matsui \$21 million over three years.

Atlanta, Texas, Boston and Los Angeles, all not wanting to spend big, didn't go after premier free agents. The Braves even dealt pitcher Kevin Millwood to Philadelphia for minor league catcher Johnny Estrada to save money. Mid-level veterans have agents who want a year or two with the Yankees gave reliever Steve Karsay a \$22.45 million, four-year contract, yet Stanton go, and the left-hander's agents pushed hard until they got a \$9 million, three-year deal from the Mets.

Twelve of the players who filed for free agency have agreed to minor league contracts. Except for the 32-year-old Thome, all the big-name free agents were either over 35 or coming off injuries. Teams are punting more players on the market, refusing to give contracts to 46 players by the Dec. 20 tender deadline, up from 34 last year and 27 two years ago. "There are still a huge, huge number of players out there unsigned," Texas Rangers GM John Hart said earlier this month. "Maybe there is a buy out there, a bargain for a guy on a short term that can come in."

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Motor City Bowl, Boston College vs. Toledo, ESPN, 3 p.m.
Insight Bowl, Pittsburgh vs. Oregon St., ESPN, 6:30 p.m.

Basketball

Pistons at Wizards, TNT, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, TNT, 9 p.m.

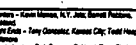
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Anavanche at Blues, ESPN2, 8 p.m.



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Sanders can't play for Oakland this season

NEW YORK - Deion Sanders will not become a member of the Oakland Raiders. Nor will he return to the NFL this season.

The San Diego Chargers, one of five AFC teams to put in claims, were awarded the former All-Pro cornerback, according to a source within the league who requested anonymity.

Nor can he play for the Chargers because he will have to be placed on its reserve-retired list, the same list he was on with Washington, which released him Monday.

The only way Sanders could clear waivers and then sign with the team of his choice, presumably the Raiders.

This weekend's game could be the last time Smith and Campo are employed by the Cowboys.

Team owner Jerry Jones is considering firing Campo and releasing Smith. If Smith is back next season, he'll have to take a pay cut from the \$7 million he's due.

Boston College is wary of Toledo in Motor City Bowl

DETROIT - After playing powerhouse like Miami, Notre Dame and Virginia Tech, it would be understandable if Boston College had a hard time taking little-known Toledo seriously.

But the Eagles are insisting that they know just how tough their Motor City Bowl opponents will be. The teams meet each other in the first college football game at Detroit's new Ford Field.

The biggest challenge for Boston College (8-4) will be to stop Toledo's spread offense, which features the most creative number of formations and options.

And, unlike most teams that run a wide-open attack, the Rockets (9-4) have one of the nation's best defenses. Toledo coach Tom Amstutz was a long-time defensive coordinator before assuming the top job in 2001, and his first move was to put in the offense that he had faced in the first college game at Detroit's new Ford Field.

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SPORTS

# 'The Freak' is back

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Jevon Kearse is still working himself back into shape. But make no mistake, he's having fun.

The Tennessee Titans' defensive end almost skipped off the field in Jacksonville last weekend.

"I still have a whole lot panned up, but it's not going to all come out at once," he said.

Kearse missed all but two plays of the first 13 games this season because of a broken left foot. Now the Titans' sack leader in each of his first three years is showing perfect timing as Tennessee (10-5) tries to secure at least the AFC's No. 2 seed in the playoffs.

In two games he already has two sacks. His presence has forced opponents to double-team him in his limited duty, and his enthusiasm has energized teammates, who have seven of their 37 sacks since his return.

When he finally returned Dec. 16, he walked on the field and tossed off his helmet before stumbling to his knees and pointing toward, seeking in the roaring approval of a sold-out crowd

at The Coliseum.

Against the Jaguars, the 6-foot-4, 265-pound Kearse was euphoric following his sack of Mark Brunell, his first this season. He added a second sack in the fourth quarter against backup David Garrard.

"I just line up and play," Kearse said. "I can't tell during the week because I'm getting in a certain number of reps. I think I'm in good enough shape to go out there and give them all I have."

Kearse is only the third player in NFL history to record double-digit sacks in each of his first three seasons.

He has several incentives to boost his pay through playing time and sack totals this season.

The Titans and Kearse thought he might return in six-to-eight weeks. That was too optimistic. Kearse was slowed by soreness and swelling in the foot in which he pushes off. He chose to be cautious, wanting to make sure the fifth metatarsal, which needed a screw, was sufficiently healed.

The rush to return eased when the Titans went on a tear, win-

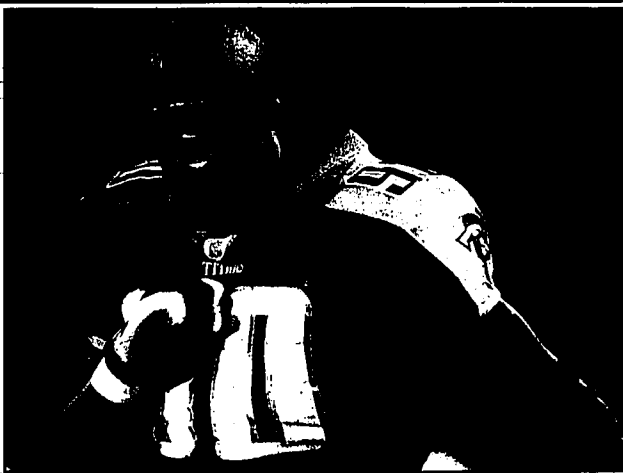
ning nine of their last 10. Kearse watched and promised he could make up for his time lost in the playoffs.

"I never wished I was hurt, but to have a chance to come back like this and for the guys to hold it down and win some games to get us in the playoffs, and for me to just come back at a time like this, you can say it's a good feeling," Kearse said.

The Titans survived without Kearse because Kevin Carter has a team-high 3.5 sacks and Carlos Hall, their 10th and final draft pick out of Arkansas, has eight.

Now they have the chance to put Kearse on the field with Carter, Hall and rookie tackle Albert Haynesworth, who is blooming late. Coach Jeff Fisher called the group an impressive sight, but he can't wait until Kearse is ready to play every down.

"When he comes back on first and second down is when I think we'll see a big difference," Fisher said. "When he's out there, they're expecting him to rush. He was very effective for us before."



Tennessee Titans defensive end Jevon Kearse beats his chest as he is introduced before the start of the Titans game, against the New England Patriots recently in Nashville, Tenn. Kearse is still working himself into shape but is having considerable fun along the way.

# Can Eagles shut down Shockey?

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles don't care about shutting up Jeremy Shockey. They'd rather shut him down.

Before the Eagles played the New York Giants two months ago, the rookie tight end raised a lot of eyebrows when he said in a radio interview that Philadelphia's secondary was "overrated."

The Eagles went out and dominated the Giants, winning the game 17-3. But Shockey was the lone bright spot for New York's offense, catching a team-high six passes for 69 yards, despite playing with a sore turf toe. He also was overly animated every time he touched the ball, once drawing a taunting penalty.

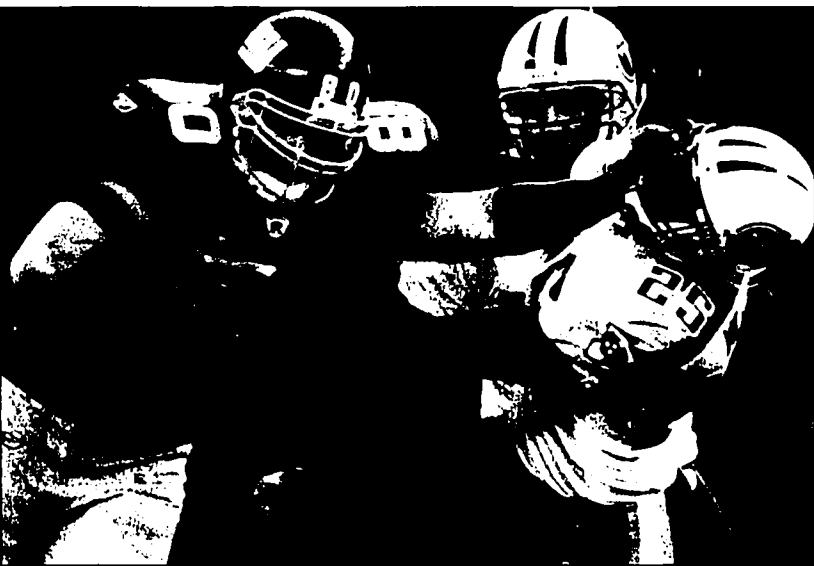
As they prepare for Saturday's rematch, Philadelphia's secondary says the Eagles don't plan to get into a verbal battle with Shockey.

"He's an excellent player. I can take nothing from Jeremy," said free safety Brian Dawkins, one of three Pro Bowlers in Philadelphia's secondary. "He's one of the better tight ends I've ever faced. The things that he can do to get open, with his speed, and after he catches the ball, you see him break so many tackles. He's a very blessed individual."

Shockey, who also is going to the Pro Bowl, leads all NFL tight ends with 64 receptions and 796 yards receiving. He caught seven passes for 116 yards in New York's 44-27 win at Indianapolis last week.

Before that game, Colts safety Dan Wilkinson said he was "a little bit" on Tony Gonzalez. "He's just another player to me."

Shockey answered with his



New York Giants rookie tight end Jeremy Shockey, left, still annoys Tennessee Titans safety Tank Williams as Titans linebacker Peter Sirmon looks on during a recent game. Shockey is not shy about letting his opinions known or making big plays during games.

play on the field. He played over Gibson on a 24-yard catch that jumped-started the Giants' offense early in the game.

The Giants have scored 108

points in the last three games. Shockey is a major reason why their offense has been so efficient. He creates matchup problems for defenses, and opens up

the field for Amari Toomer and Daryl Jones. Toomer had 204 yards receiving and three touchdowns against the Colts.

The Giants (9-6) need to win

on Saturday to clinch a playoff spot. The two-time NFC East champion Eagles (12-3) would secure home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.

# Jets refuse to die

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — During this holiday week, Herman Edwards has concentrated on a date almost two months ago.

As his New York Jets prepare for Sunday's must-win game with Green Bay, Edwards looks back to Nov. 1. What he sees is a 2-5 team heading to San Diego to play the 6-1 Chargers. The Jets routed the Chargers 44-13, turning around their season.

"I emphasize certain things about this week, and even the whole year," the coach said Wednesday. "I hit them with a little stuff maybe they didn't realize — just on Nov. 1 what we were doing, and to right now where you are at (8-7). It kind of shows you to keep fighting and keep playing."

"Just keep playing and don't read the clippings on what other people assume you are supposed to do, and I think things work out. I will go to my grave believing that. You have to have a positive attitude about things. I always go back to things and stories and reflect what happened, when you are in certain situations and what are you going to do about it? And it makes you strong. It gives me more conviction."

"I will take a lot more than conviction for the Jets to get into the playoffs, but their faith in getting things headed in the right direction after a horrendous start has paid off."

# Pennington's alma mater follows career

By Elizabeth A. Davis Associated Press writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Blame Chad Pennington for children watching football instead of doing their homework on Sundays.

He's also the reason some mild-mannered parents in Knoxville drive to sports bars to watch the New York Jets.

Keeping up with the Jets' quarterback is the thing to do for parents, students, faculty and alumni at Webb School, the private school where he graduated in 1995 and his parents work.

Before being a star on Sundays in the NFL, Chad was a Webb School Spartan wearing No. 10 — still his jersey number.

"From our kindergarten, the faculty and our alumni, everyone watches Chad," Webb athletic director and football coach David Meskie said.

The excitement has mounted that the Jets' starting quarterback, the first quarterback drafted in 2000, took over from Vinny Testaverde after the Jets started 1-3 this season.

Pennington has gone 7-4 since then in the New York Jets' quest to win the AFC East. His hometown fans still remember him playing in Spartan gear on Webb's small field beside woods and a golf course.

"Turning on the TV and watching him play on Sunday, you're proud, you're excited, you're nervous," Meskie said. "You want him to do so well every time he's out, to complete that next pass."

People at the school also have his parents to keep them updated. His mother, Denise, teaches sixth-grade English, and his father, Elwood, is one of the assistant football coaches.

"They feel like he's their own," Denise Pennington said.

Some parents who never went to sports bars before sheepishly confessed to her that they have left home to watch games on satellite.

The Jets' Monday night game at Oakland on Dec. 3 was particularly hard on the school the next morning.

"We all stayed up after midnight," assistant football coach Clark Wormsley said.

"Everyone was droopy because of it," Elwood Pennington said as the coaches sat in a school office reminiscing about their star player.

What they see now doesn't surprise anyone at Webb.

"He studied the game all the time," Meskie said. "He could have played every position on the field. That intelligence has really come through at the college level and the NFL."

Chad's ascent to the NFL is



Chad Pennington's parents, Elwood and Denise, stand by his high school jersey in this file photo.

particularly remarkable considering his high school background. Webb, also the alma mater of pitcher Greg McMichael, isn't known for football.

The school prepares students for the rigors of college academics, not college football. Pennington, a Rhodes Scholar finalist, got both.

"Our team was understated and didn't match up well with most teams," he said. "The odds were against us."

And against Pennington himself. He didn't receive much hoopla as a high school player, not even in his hometown.

He was left off the All-Knoxville Intercollegiate League list as a quarterback but made it

as a defensive back. Few colleges recruited him and he ended up at Marshall, Tennessee, asked if the hometown boy wanted to walk on.

"I've always thought that if you can play, they'll find you," he said. "You don't have time to look for excuses and ways to get it done."

Marshall had an edge because his parents are alumni and because the coach at the time, Jim Bennett, showed interest.

"I think the key for him was going to Marshall. It was a great fit for him," Wormsley said. "When I saw him work out (as a junior at Marshall), that's when I thought he had a chance to play in the pros."

# Will break spark Ravens or Steelers?

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers were home for Christmas, and the question is whether it will serve to motivate the Baltimore Ravens.

With the Steelers (9-5-1) coming off an emotional Monday night victory over Tampa Bay, coach Bill Cowher called off practice on Wednesday, Christmas Day.

NFL teams normally hold their heaviest workouts for a Sunday game on Wednesday and Thursday, but the Steelers won't even begin preparing for their home game against the Ravens (7-8) until Thursday.

Cowher is aware a two-day holiday break, while commonplace in the workday world, is virtually unprecedented in the NFL during the last week of the regular season. And it's not as if the Ravens' game is meaningless as the AFC North champion Steelers, who still have an outside shot at a first-round playoff bye.

"I don't know if we've ever done that," Cowher said. "I said to the players, 'I'll see you at 10 a.m. on Christmas, and they were looking at noon. But, as I walking away, I said, 'Let's come in Thursday.'"

"They earned it, they need a couple of days off to get all the emotion out and come back Thursday with a clear mind."

While the players are off, the coaches will put in their usual prep game preparation.

"I won't distract us. We will be fine on Sunday, trust me." The Ravens' retain only a mathematical chance of sneaking into the AFC playoffs as a wild card.

Regardless, the Ravens may not be officially eliminated when kickoff arrives Sunday, and there is a chance Cowher's holiday break may be viewed by them as a show of disrespect.

"We know they are going to come in here ready," Cowher said. "We don't underestimate them. But, again, it was a long night (Monday), an emotional night, a very physical game. I feel like they needed two days off, so they could come back Thursday on a short week and we can get ourselves prepared to play."



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### THE VALLEY

#### Court reschedules trial in dog bite incident

**BURLEY** — A magistrate court trial for John Stamper has been continued until March 5.

Stamper, 86, is charged with harboring vicious dogs. His trial had been set for Dec. 18, but he waived his right to a speedy trial on Dec. 11, according to court documents.

In September, Stamper waived his right to a jury trial. His March trial is to be presided over by Magistrate Judge Michael Crabtree. Stamper has pleaded innocent to the misdemeanor offense.

Stamper is accused of owning three dogs which mauled a 3-year-old boy June 16. The dogs have since been killed by city animal control authorities.

Cassia County sheriff's deputies determined Stamper's dogs pulled Jose Cuevas out of a playground, and a fence and into Stamper's yard before mauling the child.

Cuevas was hospitalized for several days after the attack. He required surgery for his injuries. Cuevas was playing at his grandmother's house, which is in the same trailer park where Stamper lives.

Stamper is represented by Burley attorney John Bradley.

#### Hosts hope party will raise money for sound system

**HAILEY** — A family New Year's Eve Beach and Disco Party will be held Tuesday at the Wood River Middle School.

The bash will feature the Chameleons, a band from Canada, which will put on a show reliving and spoofing the disco era. There also will be dancing, other entertainment, party favors and souvenir cups.

Various groups, such as the Parent Teachers Organization, will sell a variety of food and beverages to raise funds for their organizations.

Proceeds from the evening will go to help buy a sound system for the city of Hailey to use in announcing the July 4 parade and to air Christmas music on downtown sidewalks, said organizer Larry Flynn, who announces holiday parades.

Tickets are \$10 for kids and \$15 for adults, available at the doctor. Babysitting will be available on site, as well.

#### Planist will return for New Year's Eve event

**KETCHUM** — Pianist Walt Wagner, once a familiar fixture in the Sun Valley area, will return to play a Musical New Year's Affair on Tuesday at the nextStage Theatre.

The evening includes the piano magic of Walt Wagner, music by Alan Pennay and Judith McQueen and dancing to the standards of the Bruce Innes Band with Cheryl Morrell.

The \$125 ticket includes the entertainment, cocktails, champagne, wine and non-alcoholic beverages, a dessert buffet and door prizes.

Attire is "black and white anything."

Tickets are available at 720-0100 or by contacting Larry@sunvalley.net.

Compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Aug.	% season peak **
Upper Snake River	87%	25%
Salmon Falls	73%	24%
Salmon	80%	23%
Osada	80%	20%
Big Wood	84%	30%
Little Wood	104%	36%
Nearys Fork/Teton	60%	22%
Big Lost	80%	35%
Little Lost	30%	25%

\*% of Dec. 31. \*\* Amount of peak snow.

# Judge sentences Rupert man

## Convicted robber gets 2-10 years

The Times-News

**BURLEY** — Rupert resident Shaun Curt Morgan was sentenced to a minimum of two years in the state penitentiary and a maximum of 10 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery.

Morgan was sentenced Friday by 5th District Judge Monte Carlson. Carlson credited Morgan's prison sentence for the 254 days he had already served in jail since his April arrest.

Morgan had pleaded innocent to a charge of robbery and an enhanced penalty charge in April. He changed his plea to the robbery charge to guilty in October in exchange for the Cassia County prosecuting attorney dismissing the

enhanced penalty charge. Morgan was accused of using a gun in the robbery, which prompted the enhanced charge.

That could have led to a stiffer sentence. On April 9 he went into the Burley Sinker station and store and took money, gasoline and the security videotape. As he left the store, he told the clerk to call police and tell them what had happened.

Morgan went inside the store after he'd pumped gasoline into

his car. Once inside, he told the clerk to give him the money from the cash register. He told the clerk if she didn't give him the money he would "shoot the place up," according to court documents.

Morgan was arrested April 10 in Nephi, Utah, after fleeing Burley. He was returned to the custody of the Cassia County Sheriff's Department April 10.

Morgan was bound over to District Court April 25 after a preliminary hearing was conducted by Magistrate Judge Roy Holloway.

While in police custody, Morgan underwent a couple of psychological examinations at the county's expense.

Carlson also ordered Morgan to pay \$827 to the Sinker convenience store, \$50 to the victim compensation fund, \$17.50 in court costs, \$6 to the Peace Officer Standard Training Academy, a \$10 administrative fee to Cassia County and a \$5 state technology fee.

# HOOKED ON HELPING

## Humanitarian mission brings medical help to island people

By Loretta Burkhardt  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — A Twin Falls businessman who founded a humanitarian organization called the Charity Anywhere Foundation recently completed a 10-day working tour on the Galapagos Islands.

And with a full plate of pre-scheduled work projects, Gordon Carter had lots of help in his quest.

Accompanied by 45 volunteers — including two doctors, four dentists and 15 pre-dental students — the foundation's humanitarian efforts provided a record amount of medical assistance on two of the area's largest islands. Galapagos is a group of islands in the Pacific Ocean about 650 miles offshore from Ecuador.

While construction is the primary focus of the organization, on this trip, more than 1,500 people on San Cristobal and Santa Cruz received medical attention. And with the use of portable dental chairs "set up in the bush," 761 of those received dental assistance — needs that might otherwise have gone untreated.

Before embarking on humanitarian tours, Carter and foundation associates contact local groups to seek out projects



Gordon Carter of Twin Falls displays some of the memorabilia he was given during his recent humanitarian trip to the Galapagos Islands. Carter and a group of about 30 students and 20 professionals did medical, dental and construction service work among the people there.

### How to help

To contribute to the Charity Anywhere Foundation or volunteer for future expeditions, call 734-8041.

already in the making that might be "in need of a helping hand." To use the organization's time more effectively, pre-planners identify existing needs, including medical situations, that can be

addressed by members of the organization.

"Then we let the people know we're coming," Carter said.

And on the islands made famous by Charles Darwin's evolutionary studies, the "labor of love" was well worth the effort.

"When the people heard that doctors and dentists were coming, they began lining up at 4 in the morning — in their Sunday

best," Carter said. Carter organized the nonprofit, nondenominational foundation in 1996 after traveling with CHOICE — a humanitarian group. Please see HUMANITARIAN, Page C3

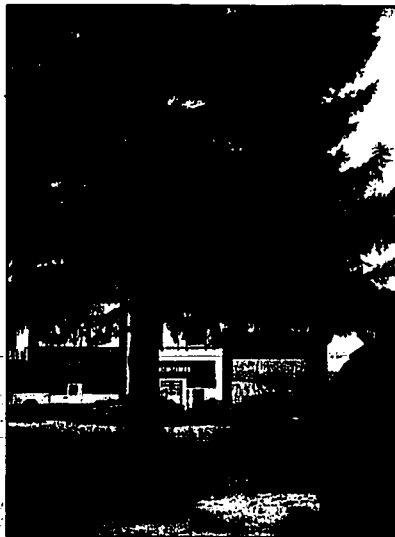
## Lights offer chance to remember

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** — There are thousands of holiday lights sparkling on the Rupert Square, but there's one that touches June Potter more than the others.

It's a light that adorns the memory tree in the square's northeast corner, bought in memory of Potter's daughter, Cheryl Cornett. Cornett died at age 20 in a car accident.

More than 750 lights decorate the branches of the memory tree; each bulb was purchased for \$5



June Potter looks up at the memory tree in the northeast corner of the Rupert Square. Potter bought a light on the tree in memory of her daughter, Cheryl Cornett.

Please see TREE, Page C3

## Property tax credit applications begin Jan. 3

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — Applications will be accepted starting Jan. 3 at the Twin Falls County assessor's office for property owners to seek tax credits of up to \$1,200.

People must apply before April 15 each year.

To qualify for the reduction, a property owner must have owned and occupied his home in Idaho (includes mobile homes) as his primary residence before April 15, 2003, and the net income for the applicant and spouse must have been \$21,250 or less (net income is total income less non-reimbursed medical expenses).

Recipients also must meet one of the following qualifications:

- Be 65 years old on Jan. 1.
- Be a widow or widower on

Jan. 1.

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- Be disabled, as recognized by the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement Board or Civil Service.

- Be legally blind.
- Be a fatherless or motherless child who owns the property and is under age 18.

- Be certified as having been a prisoner of war or hostage.

For veterans with a 40 percent or more disability, the VA income from this disability will not be included in the total household income. Disabled people must bring their proof of percent of disability from the VA.

### How to file

To file for the property tax reduction, applicants must provide the following information:

- Social Security numbers and birth dates of applicant and spouse.
- Assessor's Personal Security Income (PSI) for 2002.
- The value of all taxable tax return property.
- A valid Idaho driver's license.

- Amount of pension or retirement, taxable or non-taxable for 2002.
- Medical expenses not paid by an insurance company or Medicare.
- Medical insurance premiums, except Medicare.

Applications can be made from Jan. 3 through April 15 at the Twin Falls County assessor's office. Daily office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The assessor's office will provide assistance in filing the application.



# Survivors of Colorado fire face tough Christmas

**DECKERS—Colo.**—(AP) Charred trees stand out bleakly against the snow outside Edith Mae Stump's mountain home where the only green tree this Christmas is the artificial, flame-retardant one in the front room.

Months after losing their home of 40 years and most possessions to Colorado's worst wildfire, Stump and her mother, Anna Mae, sit on donated second-hand furniture inside a modular home for their lot and laugh about how a cousin jokingly threatened to plant another artificial tree outside.

"It's home even if it doesn't look like it," Edith Mae Stump said.

Their home was one of 133 homes destroyed by a 137,000-acre blaze that burned for three weeks in June about 35 miles southwest of Denver. A former U.S. Forest Service employee pleaded guilty to starting the fire. A Teller County task force has distributed \$100,000 in donations to 115 people in four counties touched by the fire. The money helps pay for the cost of lost houses and people who sold belongings to make ends meet during the evacuation. It also provided a boost to small businesses that lost tourism business, director Greg Schilling said.

The county's food bank gave out over 300 Christmas boxes this year, nearly double last year's total, director Katherine Blough said.

Many people whose second homes were destroyed have decided not to rebuild, having lost the views and trees that brought them to the area. But year-round residents with mortgages to pay say they have no choice but to stay. Some manage to joke that the burned landscape should keep them safe from another wildfire for a while.

Most say Christmas isn't the same. "We've been overwhelmed with so much," said Alissa Alitz, whose family is rebuilding near



Edith Mae Stump, 51, talks about the loss of her home in the Hayman fire this summer during an interview at her new home near Deckers, Colo., Dec. 18. The Stump's house was one of hundreds destroyed by the 137,000-acre blaze.

Woodland Park. "It's really hard to get into the mood."

They hope to move into their new house as soon as it has electricity and heat, perhaps by spring. Drywall, carpet and kitchen cabinets will come later.

Many residents whose homes were saved are struggling because they missed work or lost business during the fire.

Ginger Krabbenhoff, 64, a retired floral designer, helps her mood and her neighbors' during the holidays with three small, artificial evergreen trees planted in a burlap sack. One tree has a bird nesting in it with a note reading, "Someday we'll have this again."

She picked up 20 of the artificial trees at a grocery store and carries them in her car. "If I meet someone down in the dumps, they'll get one of my trees. If it helps them it will be worth it," she said.

One couple went to Yellowstone National Park to remind themselves how land can come back from a fire. Nearly 800,000 acres of park land was scorched in a 1988 fire, but ecosystems recovered quickly.

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Despite their loss, Edith Mae Stump and her mother said they believe they are among the lucky ones. Although insurance did not cover all their losses, their property was paid for. Friends and family helped them clear the land and assemble the prefabricated house in October.

But reminders of what they lost keep surfacing. Hearing "Up on the Roof" on the radio reminded Edith Mae Stump of a dancing Christmas tree she owned that played that song. Still, she is thankful for small wonders, like finding the recipe for her Christmas fudge in a church cookbook she received at a "fire shower" thrown by family and friends. Her copy of the recipe had burned in the fire.

# GOODING COUNTY COURTS

## The Three-News

**GOODING**—Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County includes the following:

**Misdemeanor arraignments**  
 Raymond J. Blankenship, 24, 2400 Merrick Road, Gooding, driving under the influence, sentencing Jan. 23; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.  
 Roberto Zuniga Chavez, 35, 2422 S. Lincoln, Jerome, driving without privileges; failed to appear; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.  
 Robert Travis Milburn III, 40, 103 Procter St. Apt. 3, Bliss, driving under the influence of a controlled substance; use or possession of drug paraphernalia; probation conference Jan. 16; Juvenile Trial Jan. 27; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.  
 Jack D. Reed, 65, 1410 E. Orchard, Hagerman; inattentive/careless driving; failure to provide proof of insurance; status hearing Jan. 9; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.  
 Pamela Louise Rider, 36, 816 Montana St., Gooding; driving under the influence, sentencing Jan. 23; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.  
 Richard Douglas Rison, 18, 458 Nebraska St., Gooding; level conduct with a child under 16; driving under the influence; possession of alcohol; dispensing alcohol in the undergar; preliminary hearing Jan. 14; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

**Judge Kevin P. Cassidy**  
 Nathan Daniel Soledad, 20, P.O. Box 383, Gooding; battery on inmate; \$1,000 fine, 300 hours suspended, \$62.50 court costs, \$15 probation fee.  
 Nicole Lee Severson, 30, 1322 S. 1700 E., Gooding; assault or battery upon certain person intended to driving under the influence; 180-day driver's license suspension; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; two years' unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail; \$40 suspended credit for two days served; serve 15 days total; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

**Misdemeanor dismissals**  
 David V. Crosby, 18, 540 W. Main, Wendell; under-age consumption of alcohol; dismissed by the court; prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

**Misdemeanor sentencing**  
 Justin W. Dunn, 42, 515 E. Ave. C, Gooding; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.  
 Richard Douglas Rison, 19, 1763 E. 3000 S., Wendell; inattentive/careless driving; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; \$100 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 30 days in jail; 30 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.  
 Chad Aaron Purvison, 31, 3979 N. 1500 E., Gooding; driving under the influence; 180-day driver's license suspension; \$1,000 fine, \$600 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; \$100 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail; 178 suspended; driving without privileges amended two-year driver's license suspension; license; \$70.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; open container; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.  
 Brandon L. Puzon, 21, 370 First Ave. E., Wendell; underage consumption of alcohol; \$100 fine, \$20 suspended; \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$100 public defender fee; 60 days in jail; 60 suspended; malicious injury to property; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

**Juvenile misdemeanor dismissals**  
 Cody J. Frampton, 17, 1447 S. 1900 E., Wendell; under-age consumption of alcohol; dismissed by the court; prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

**Civil filings**  
 Sears, Roebuck and Company vs. Donald Fink, Sealed #122641, plus interest; \$750 attorney fees if uncontested, more if contested. Plaintiff alleges defendant failed to provide and/or services purchased on his Sears credit card.

**Child support cases**  
 Christopher Gene Charlton vs. Carla Anderson. Seeking an order granting child support. Plaintiff seeks attorney fees, including attorney's costs, for attorney fees; plaintiff to pay \$675 monthly support.

**Divorces**  
 Joseph Stachowicz vs. Elizabeth Bachman.

# Qwest gives managers annual bonuses

**DENVER (AP)**—About 20,000 nonunion managers at Qwest Communications International received a record annual bonus this week while Standard & Poor's cut the company's corporate credit status.

Qwest, which has asked union employees to volunteer for a record 2003, said the bonuses were not provided to executives ranked at vice president and above.

"Qwest's senior management team and board of directors said it was appropriate to pay a small bonus to management employees," spokesman Chris Hardman said Tuesday.

Hardman could not provide the total amount Qwest paid in bonuses.

Union officials said they had heard for months that the company might make a gesture to its managers in recognition of the job cuts and decreased benefits they have seen during the past two years.

"I know for a fact the union folks won't be getting anything other than what's bargained for," said Lew Ellington, spokesman for the Communications Workers of America District 7.

Qwest, which has about \$22.6 billion in debt, remains under scrutiny by regulators over its accounting.

The company has had six straight quarters of losses, and a review of its accounting error and revenue affecting \$1.56 billion in earnings this year.

Meanwhile, the company's recent stock surge lost steam when a leading New York credit agency cut the company's credit rating to "selective default."

Standard & Poor's said the downgrade reflected Qwest's recent completion of debt exchange that reduced Qwest's debt by about \$1.9 billion.

Qwest shares had risen to a high of \$5.90 a share Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange before closing at \$5.41.

Standard and Poor's credit analyst Catherine Cosentino said the company would reassign Qwest's credit ratings after reviewing the company's new capital structure.

# Teen dies after falling from ledge inside cave

**ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP)**—A 17-year-old Utah girl is dead after falling nearly 100 feet from a ledge inside caves on the southwest side of St. George.

Kiley Jaquays of Plain Field, Ill., died from injuries sustained from the fall, which occurred about 12:20 p.m. Tuesday, Washington County Sheriff Kirk Smith said.

The girl was in the Bloomington Caves, a popular recreation site, with a group of 15 students and five counselors from Integrity House, a residential treatment program for teens

located in Cedar City. Several of the students and counselors witnessed the fall, he said.

"They were a ways in the cave when she stumbled and fell off a ledge," Smith said.

Smith said Jaquays' death is the first fatality that he knows about in the caves, although search and rescue workers rescued another fallen teen earlier this year.

A Web site for the residential program says Integrity House offers programs for teenage girls ages 12 to 17 who are wrestling with problems such as self-harm, substance abuse, mood, conduct or learning disorders and other difficulties.

Treatment programs are limited to girls and typically last six to 12 months.

The site states that residents work with a staff of trained and licensed therapists and other professionals.

# Police identify man shot to death in golf shop

**ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP)**—A man who police say was found shot to death inside his business Monday night has been identified as Lyman James Platt.

Platt, 39, of Ivins, was found just after 7:30 p.m. Monday on the floor of Discount Golf. He had suffered fatal gunshot wounds to his head and chest, St. George police said. The small golf shop is in a strip mall near a gas station and check-cashing business.

Although robbery is believed to be the motive for the killing, police are not discounting other

theories, Deputy Chief Russell Peck said at a Tuesday news conference.

An autopsy has been completed, although Peck said details about the weapon would not be released.

"We have few leads," Peck said. "We've had a few small leads and chased those down."

Among the early leads police followed was that of two men in a white late model sedan seen near the store about the time of the shooting. Police located the men on Tuesday and no longer believe they are connected to

the crime, Peck said.

"The last time (Platt) was seen alive was around 6 p.m. in the store," said Peck. "We need anyone who was in the area from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to give us a call."

A \$5,000 reward has been offered for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in the killing, he said. Anyone with information is urged to call police at (435) 634-5000.

Platt had recently moved to Ivins with his wife and three children to open a golf store.

# Salvation Army finds more gold coins in kettles

**NAMPA (AP)**—Along with pennies, nickels and dimes, valuable gold and silver coins have been dropping into the Treasure Valley's Salvation Army kettles throughout this year's holiday drive.

And on Monday, an anonymous donor brought in 37 more gold coins to the Nampa Salvation Army headquarters—a donation of almost \$2,200.

"This is huge," Salvation Army Capt. John Stennett said. "As best we know, nothing like this has ever happened here before."

The coins are 20-franc pieces minted between 1907 and 1914, and gain much of their value from a high gold content.

Stennett said they were a gift from God at the end of a year when the Salvation Army and other charities have struggled with a decline in donations because of the poor economy.

John Stennett said, "This is a silver coin, 20 francs was dropped into a kettle at the Boise Town Square Mall, and a gold coin valued at \$420 was donated the first week of December."

Elk Hempfmyer, director of development for the Salvation Army of Ada County, said the donations were reminiscent of 1995, when an anonymous donor dropped seven gold coins into kettles around Boise, worth more than \$2,700.

# Police arrest roommate in Boise slaying

**BOISE (AP)**—A 29-year-old man has been charged with murder for allegedly shooting his roommate on Christmas Eve.

Eric Gallion was arrested late Tuesday night in connection with the death of Kurt Peterman, 45, of Boise.

Police were called to a home in west Boise early Tuesday morning, where they found a large amount of blood on the front porch, inside the home and in a trail leading out the back door. A shallow hole had been dug in the backyard, but no body was found.

Then just before noon on Christmas Eve, Peterman's body was found wrapped in blankets and placed on the rear axle of a semi-truck cab parked behind Cornerstone Community Church.

Officers said they found Gallion at the Boise Rescue Mission later that day.

If convicted, Gallion could be sentenced to life in prison or the death penalty.

Detectives are still looking for a semi-automatic pistol believed to be used in the shooting.

# Humanitarian

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 out of Salt Lake City—in a series of youth tours to refurbish orphanages in Mexico. Wanting to be able to home, Carter came up with the idea for a local organization.

"It's addictive," Carter said. "It got in my blood. And once it gets in your blood, it stays there."

Janette Stevens, assistant director for the foundation, agrees. "I'm hooked forever," said Stevens, an Eagle resident who spent three months on the islands making travel arrangements and work schedules, and also worked as a dental assistant for the November tour.

"The whole experience is quite rich," said Jon Eric Thalman, a construction engineer with California Pacific Gas & Electric, in San Jose, who helped build an art room at one of the island's high schools.

"The whole work experience is the shot of adrenaline" for industrial people, he said. "The 'weekend' project on the islands was to help a woman rebuild her home after it was destroyed by fire, said Dustin

Pyne, who joined the helping-hand movement in 1999.

"It was great, and I got a lot more out of it than the people we helped," said Pyne, who set up a Charity Anywhere service at the College of Southern Idaho in the past year.

With 43 members, the new club helps out locally.

"And there's always plenty of work," said Pyne, who is also the chapter's president.

Locally, volunteers repair cars to provide transportation for those who are in need. Other acts have included building houses, repairing roofs and fixing swamp coolers for the elderly.

Charity Anywhere also taxis patients from the hospital and has provided wheelchair, constructed wheelchair ramps for cancer victims, and gives computers to people in computer training. Some of the gifts to local organizations have included furniture to the Crisis Center of the Magic Valley, a washer and dryer to the Head Start program, and food, furniture, clothing, and appliances to the Valley House, Deseret Industries and the

Salvation Army. Christmas candy was also a gift to El Milagro.

On the international level, Charity Anywhere has distributed hundreds of blankets and has assisted orphanages in El Salvador, Ecuador, Haiti, Mexico and Nicaragua with clothing and construction work. Construction projects have also included building houses in both El Salvador and Mexico, and 167 latrines in Nicaragua.

The foundation is working with a Catholic hospital in Tijuana to help get it opened.

Carter, who owns the Professional Driving School of Twin Falls, says he got bored with trying to make "the ugly dollar" and wanted to do some good. And with a desire to find people who need help, "good" is exactly what he seems to be accomplishing—both home and abroad.

Next on his agenda is a 10-day trip to perform more work in Mexico starting today.

# Tree

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 in memory or recognition of someone.

Nellis Berg said the memory tree was both a fund-raiser and way to decorate the square. The Christmas lighting committee came up with the idea more than 12 years ago.

Potter said the memory tree is a way to honor those who are away at the holidays—those who are alive and just not close by and those who have passed away. Potter purchased the light in memory of her daughter as "a way to bring part of her memory closer to home."

Becky Smith bought a light in memory of her children's father who died about five years ago at age 46.

"We always think of him when the lights come on," Smith said. "It's nice to know that every year when the lights go on, it includes a part of him."

Potter has chosen one light that's hers and she keeps an eye on it when it's on, her daughter is with Potter in some way, she said.

"I always notice it's on," Potter said.

The square. The same poem appears on a card sent to the person who died about five years ago a memory light is purchased.

The program continues today, but not many people know about it, Rupert city officials said. Those interested in buying a light can pay \$5 at Rupert City Hall. The light is registered in memory of the person and a light is added to the tree.

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

12/25/02

# Resentful stepmom needs to adjust her attitude

**DEAR ABBY:** I read the letter from "Feeling Used in Cleveland," who resents her husband's little boy being dumped off by his mother every time she needs a free baby sitter. Your answer was good but not harsh enough.

"Feeling Used" knew the man she married had a child. That makes her think that that little 8-year-old is any less deserving of his father's love, time and attention than the two children she and her husband brought into the world?

She complained about the ex-wife dropping off the boy when he's sick. Instead of complaining, she should give him the TLC he deserves. That child has to watch his dad live with and raise two other kids while he gets shuffled back and forth - and his stepmother is resentful? Boy, does she have it backward.

I am a married mother of four, and wish all prospective step-parents would reach down deep to see if they have what it takes. There are many wonderful step-parents out there, but "Feeling



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail VanBuren

Used" has a lot of work to do straightening out her priorities. Sign me.

**-SICK OF SELFISH STEPARENTS**

**DEAR S.S.S.:** I agree that the woman needs a quick attitude adjustment. When two people with children marry, there should no longer be "his," "hers" or "mine." Only OURS. Read on.

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother has a stepgrandson who is her responsibility nearly every weekend. "Sean" was left for my mother to care for three weeks after his birth, while his parents took off to join the circus.

While Mom has her share of trials with Sean, she is the only stable and constant element in his life. Instead of bemoaning

the situation, she dutifully picked up where Sean's mother and father left off - and is the most important influence in his life.

"I Implore 'Feeling Used' to dwell less on herself and her needs and to concentrate on caring for her 8-year-old stepson. I guarantee the result - and the feeling she'll enjoy - will more than compensate for her time."

**-MATTHEW IN LAS VEGAS**

**DEAR MATTHEW:** I admire your mother's love, commitment and willingness of energy. Today millions of grandparents are raising their grandchildren - with all of the challenges and rewards that go with it. For those who find it overwhelming, the AARP Grandparent Information Center offers information and referral to local support groups for grandparent caregivers through its national database. To contact the center, write to: AARP Grandparent Information Center, 601 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20049. Call (800) 424-3410; the Web site is www.aarp.org/grandparents.

**DEAR ABBY:** Your advice to the resentful stepmom was right on. At the age of 8, I was the resented stepchild, and didn't know why.

When I became a stepmother and was used as the dumping ground by my husband's ex, I received some excellent advice from a close friend: "Forget the reasons why the child is there, just know he needs you. Change your attitude, because you are what you think, and your actions will show it - good or bad."

Twenty years later, my stepson handed me his newborn and whispered, "I love you for loving me like your own. Here's your grandson, Mom." I sent up a prayer of thanks for her excellent advice, because love is thicker than blood.

**-THE LUCKY ONE**

**DEAR LUCKY ONE:** Regardless of your biological relationship to your stepson, you were the parent who counted the most. It is the job of parents - regardless of blood ties - to nurture and protect the children given into their keeping.

## Watch for changing marital status, Sagittarius

**IP DECEMBER 26TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ...** many are astounded by your ability to rebound, whether from emotional heartbreak or career setback. You possess a lasting power; you love and are loved in return. Do not lower standards for temporary pleasure. Capricorn, Cancer natives play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: H, O, Z. Next year you will have opportunity to speed up production, to perfect techniques and to perceive relationships in realistic light. January and October seem measurable.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** The holiday spirit remains. Sort out your feelings, be prepared for the upcoming New Year. Places will play meaningful role. You discover new pleasures.

**Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20):** You exude vibrations of power, personality and sex appeal. It would not be wise for anyone to get in your way, not today. Questions of marital status looms large. Capricorn represented.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Search for living quarters will be completed. Look beyond the immediate; you can predict your future and make it come true. Building material is involved. Aries is featured.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Make fresh start, wear bright colors and make personal and professional appearances. Answer to question: Yes, go into business yourself. Leo will play dramatic role.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You no longer feel alone; you will be with your partner or mate. You discover new means for increasing income. Close relative needs help finding new residence. Cancer native involved.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):**

## HOROSCOPE

Sydney Omarr

Events transpire to bring you closer to love, money and health. You will be at right place at critical moment almost effortlessly. Judgment, intellect honed to razor-sharpness.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You learn a secret; most answers will be found behind the scenes. Visit individual temporarily confined to home, hospital. Study fine print; hidden clause is contained.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Be ready for sweeping changes, new adventures. Wishes come true. With a contest by sticking with number 5. Filtration is serious; it lends spice, but protect self in emotional chicanes.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Domestic adjustment could include actual change of residence, marital status. Music is present; find your rhythm and dance to your own tune. Desires fulfilled if you are diplomatic.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Psychic impressions prove valid; follow hunch, heed inner feelings. You will be concerned with abstract art, writing. Define meaning of symbols. Pisces figures prominently.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You will obtain financial report. Get busy organizing and selecting priorities. Pressure is on - you can handle it and emerge victorious. Relationship gets too hot not to cool down.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Long-distance communication will verify views. Participate in hands-on and emerge victorious. Reunion occurs with one you once loved. Maintain emotional equilibrium.

## Home & Garden Television enjoys sweet smell of success

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** - Stop and smell the Rose Parade on New Year's Day - then stay tuned for HGTV's procession of new shows and specials.

After six years of watching viewership increase for its nonexclusively parade telecast, Home & Garden Television realized it had a rosy opportunity to showcase itself.

This year, it's taking full advantage.

HGTV plans a daylong lineup for Jan. 1 that highlights how the channel has evolved from its "how-to" beginning, said HGTV President Burton Jablin.

Besides introducing new series including the landscaping convention "Ground Rules" and the budget-conscious "Design on a Dime," HGTV will kick off its annual "Dream Home" contest. The prize is a Florida house valued at \$1.5 million.

"We want to let people know that HGTV has a tremendous amount of variety in its programming," Jablin said. "A lot of people might think we're all gardening shows, or all redesign, or all 'hammer-and-nails' shows, but we really have so much more."

Instead of "hard-core how-to," the emphasis is on programs that encourage a connection with viewers, Jablin said.

"People are looking for more than step-by-step information; they want an emotional involvement with what's going on," he said. "It's not just about how to do it, but how to do it in a way that's fun and exciting."

"We have shows where no money is spent, where somebody just comes in and reorganizes somebody's stuff to improve a room's look and utility," he said.

HGTV's own house seems to be quite tidy.

The channel prides itself on consistency even when it ventures in new directions, said Michael Dingley, senior vice president of programming.

"We're not looking to be hip. We're not looking to be of the moment," Dingley said. The shows being introduced on New Year's Day, for instance, aren't going to clash with the rest of HGTV's dec.



Sam Rivett, center, host of Home & Garden Television's "Design on a Dime," and his design team of Summer Baltzer, left, and Charles Burbidge, help redo a room for a homeowner on a tight budget in the Los Angeles area, in this 2002 promotional photo. The new series is among several shows the cable network will premier on Jan. 1.

"If you've been a loyal viewer, you might say, it's a little fresh but it's still HGTV and I'm fine with it." If you're not a regular viewer you might say, it's pressing my buttons and I'll join along."

The Jan. 1 audience undoubtedly will include viewers new to the channel, which posted ratings for the 2002 Rose Parade that were more than quadruple its average prime-time figures, Dingley said.

The roughly two-hour 114th Tournament of Roses Parade begins 11 a.m. EST (ABC, home of the Rose Bowl game, is among those also showing the parade). HGTV gardening experts Paul James and Rebecca Kolls are the channel's hosts for its commercial-free coverage.

The other HGTV programs scheduled pre- and post-parade (all times EST):

- "The Making of the Rose Parade 2003," 7 a.m., offers a behind-the-scenes peek at the floats, marching bands and equestrian teams in the parade.
- Designers, growers and others detail how the intricate floats are created.

- "Gardens of Pasadena," 9 a.m., puts the city's public and private gardens in the spotlight, including the sculpture garden at the Norton Simon Museum and the exotic plant collection at the landmark Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel.
- "Subterranean," 1 p.m. (or immediately following the parade's conclusion), is a special that promises to introduce "eccentric" homeowners who choose to live in below-ground dwellings.
- "Ground Rules," 2 p.m., is a sneak peek of a series planned for spring 2003. With help from expert neighbors race the clock in a competition to redesign their landscaping.
- "Designers Challenge: Special Edition," 2:30 p.m., follows two newly married couples as they make changes in their homes, including the creation of a baby nursery and remodeling of a master bathroom.
- "Design on a Dime," 3:30 p.m., is a new series that tackles room redesigns for \$1,000 or less.
- "House Hunters: Coast to Coast," 4 p.m., a special installment of the current series, tracks prospective homeowners in New York, San Francisco and New Orleans.
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## Historical footnotes indicate Honest Abe had gray eyes

Q. How many couples decide they want children after the husband or wife has been sterilized?

A. One couple in every four. Or so medical statistics suggest.

Lawyers who specialize in personal injury suits can buy plaster casts of damaged body parts to put on dramatic courtroom shows.

At last report from Union, N.J., we call these called "The Evidence Store." Therein were sold detailed replicas of injured legs, jaws, knees, eyes, spines, wrists, shoulders, pelvises, what-not, with each gear, according to reports, a clever attorney could make jurors feel the pain.

Many a sleeper who prefers a hard mattress thinks it tends to



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keep the back straight. That's not what it does, says a medical specialist. It forces the sleeper to turn over more frequently, thus countering the stiffness that comes from sleeping too long in one position.

Worst-bed women in the world are widows. So claims a diet doctor. Not just because a third of the

widows live below the poverty line, that's not the only reason. Many wealthy widows can be listed among those "worst bed."

Do you know anybody with dark gray eyes? Neither do I. That's how the historical footnotes describe Abraham Lincoln's eyes.

Q. China's Chinese have three names. Which are which?

A. First, family name. Second, clan or town name. Third, personal name.

Hummingbirds prefer to lunch in fuschias.

President played a noteworthy role in the history of Dodge City, Kans., but not much remains to identify them. One grave only in

Boot Hill - that of "Squirrel Tooth Alice." The working girls aged, married, settled down. They and their families frowned on the record keepers.

In prose and poetry, one character is more important than any other - the character the author assumes. That's called "point of view." Playful writers redo famous bits from different viewpoints. "Mary Had a Little Lamb" as told by the lamb. "Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright," as recited by the tiger. James Thurber put himself to sleep nights rewriting Poe's "The Raven," as chanted by the raven. Try it. Do "The Pledge of Allegiance" from the point of view of the flag.

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Holy Land has somber Christmas

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Israeli troops stayed out of sight Wednesday as Palestinian Christians somberly celebrated Christmas, a holiday that once drew tens of thousands of tourists to Bethlehem and was the lifeblood of the town's economy.

Most foreign pilgrims stayed away this year. Driving rain reinforced the grim mood that was produced by two years of Palestinian-Israeli violence and Israeli troops' recent reoccupation of the biblical town.

Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah, the highest-ranking Roman Catholic clergyman in the Holy Land, told worshippers at morning Mass at St. Catherine's Church not to lose hope.

"Despite the difficult circumstances, we still have to maintain hope with the love of God and say hopefully that next year will be a better Christmas," he said. "All of our difficult times will be followed by good days if we face our enemies with love."

The Mass was one of the few highlights of an otherwise dreary Christmas in the town where Christians believe Jesus was born.

Only several dozen people marched in the annual procession in the Christian village of Beit Sahour on Bethlehem's outskirts, where biblical tradition says the herders watching their sheep were awestruck by news of the Christ Child's birth.

"Jesus is the king of peace, and we hope our prayers can help both sides to think of a way to solve the conflict and achieve peace," said Majdi Bannoura, 32, as he marched with his wife, Wass.

Boutrus Akleh, 32, of Bethlehem said his three children received few Christmas gifts this year because he could not afford them. The Palestinian economy has been hobbled since fighting began 26 months ago, with thousands of people thrown out of work and companies and souvenir workshops forced to shut down.

"We are wishing that the Lord Jesus will help us end this tragedy and bring peace and stability to Bethlehem," Akleh said.

On Christmas Eve, Israeli soldiers pulled back from Manger Square in front of the Church of the Nativity to the outskirts of town. Soldiers at checkpoints searched entering vehicles.

But their presence was felt inside St. Catherine's Church during the Midnight Mass nonetheless. For the second year in a row, Israel banned Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat from attending, saying he has done nothing to stop Palestinian attacks against Israel. An empty chair in the front row was draped with an Arabic keffiyeh headress to symbolize the absent leader.

Arafat, a Muslim, had attended since 1995, the year Israel handed Bethlehem and most other West Bank towns to the newly created Palestinian Authority under interim peace accords. He has been marooned in his headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah for a year because of Israeli threats not to let him return if he leaves.

Town leaders canceled Christmas festivities to protest the latest Israeli reoccupation, which followed a deadly suicide bombing by a Palestinian in Jerusalem last month.

No Christmas decorations adorned Manger Square in front of the church. The fir tree next to the complex, usually draped with strings of colorful lights and ornaments this time of year, stood bare. The platform built each year for the people to scramble the holiday-makers in Manger Square was absent.

Efforts continued, meanwhile, to end 27 months of violence that has killed 2,905 people on the Palestinian side and 685 on the Israeli side.



AP photo

Above, Palestinian Christian Yasmin Jubran, 18 months, watches as her mother lights a candle during Christmas observances at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem Wednesday.

At left, a woman prays at the Virgin Mary Church in Baghdad Wednesday.

Below, Russians admire Christmas and New Year decorations outside the Kremlin in downtown Moscow Wednesday.



Pope's message on Christmas: War can be averted

VATICAN CITY (AP) — War must and can be avoided even in a world made fearful by terrorism, Pope John Paul II insisted in a Christmas message that stepped up the Vatican's campaign against a war in Iraq.

"May humanity accept the Christmas message of peace!" he declared Wednesday.

Thousands of tourists and pilgrims stood in a light drizzle at St. Peter's Square to hear the ailing pontiff deliver his annual Christmas Day message. "Urbi et Orbi" — Latin for "to the city and to the world."

They screamed and clapped in delight when John Paul, wearing gold-colored robes, was driven in a white, open-topped vehicle

through the square, past a life-size nativity crèche and a towering Christmas tree.

The 82-year-old pontiff's voice sometimes trembled and his words often sturred as he read his speech from the central steps of St. Peter's basilica.

"From the cave of Bethlehem there rises today an urgent appeal to the world not to yield to mistrust, suspicion and discouragement, even though the tragic reality of terrorism feeds uncertainties and fears," the pope said.

John Paul deplored the "senseless spiral of blind violence" in the Middle East and called on the world to "distinguish the ominous smoldering of a conflict

which, with the joint efforts of all, can be avoided."

Although he did not mention Iraq by name, the pope's comments reflected the Vatican's widely known opposition to U.S. plans for a possible attack on Iraq.

When a U.S.-led coalition prepared to invade Afghanistan last year in response to the Sept. 11 attack, Vatican officials said there was a moral right to defend the common good against terrorism.

But in recent weeks, the Vatican has said repeatedly that Catholic teaching does not consider "preventive" strikes a justifi-

cation for taking up arms.

The Bush administration insists Iraq is harboring weapons of mass destruction, and he has been lobbying for international support for a possible attack.

The Vatican fears an unprovoked attack on Iraq could unleash an anti-Christian crusade in the Muslim world.

Attack kills three during church service

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — Two assailants covered in burqas, a traditional women's garb, tossed a grenade at a small church during Christmas services in a Pakistani village Wednesday, killing three people and wounding 11 others, police said.

All three of the dead and most of the wounded were women or girls, in the attack in the village of Chianwala, in Daska township about 40 miles northwest of Lahore, police said. At least one of the dead was a young girl, said Brig. Javed Cheema of the Interior Ministry.

Security had been increased in churches ahead of Christmas celebrations around this mostly Islamic nation, which has seen a string of Islamic militant attacks targeting Christians this year.

Also Wednesday, police said they found explosives and ammunition near a church in Pakistan's capital, Islamabad. Church officials feared they had been the intended target of an attack.

In Chianwala, about 40 people, mostly women and children and all Pakistanis, were attending a Christmas Day service at the church when the attack occurred Wednesday evening.

The two attackers escaped after the attack, said Iftikhar Ahmed, spokesman for Pakistan Interior Ministry. Four of the injured were in critical condition, said Malik Mohammed Iqbal, chief of police in the nearby city of Gujranwala.

Witnesses said the attackers wore burqas, the traditional all-encompassing garment worn by women in some Islamic countries; said Amanat Ali, a police official in Daska.

But it was unclear whether the attackers were women or disguised men. All said witnesses reported the attackers were taller than most women.

Militant Islamic militants in neighboring Afghanistan have worn burqas to hide their identities in at least one recent attack there.

Since Pakistan lent its support to the U.S.-led military campaign to overthrow Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban, attacks on Christians by suspected Islamic militants have killed about 50 people and injured at least 100. The United States is widely identified as a Christian country.

On Wednesday, Pakistani security officials said they found a shopping bag in bushes containing two handmade grenades and 20 shell casings about 100 yards from Islamabad's St. Thomas's Protestant Church. Cheema, of the Interior Ministry, said the motive for leaving the weapons was not certain.

In the days leading up to Christmas, more than half dozen policemen cradling rifles had been posted around the church.

Church officials said they feared the weapons had been left as part of a planned attack on them. Still, Christmas services were held as scheduled.

"It's God's promise that he will be with us," the church's pastor, Rev. Ishaq John, said. "It was God who changed the plans of those people."

There have been four deadly attacks on Christians in Pakistan this year. The last was on Sept. 25, when gunmen entered the offices of a Christian welfare organization in Karachi, tied seven employees to their chairs and shot each in the head, execution style.

Cubans quietly celebrate Christmas with family dinners, little attention

HAVANA (AP) — Six years after Christmas was declared an official holiday in this communist country, many Cubans marked the day by relaxing. But there was little evidence of the day's traditional Christmas trappings.

The big Jolly Figure of Santa Claus was erected outside the U.S. Interest Section, the American mission here. And Christmas trees twinkled in the lobbies of tourist hotels and office buildings housing foreign companies.

But the holiday was not mentioned in state media. And

though there were some secular observances, the celebration and commercialization of the event common in many Western nations were not apparent here.

But religious believers attended midnight Masses and other services on Christmas Eve and day.

"Christmas is the most important feast day" for Cuban Catholics, said Arturo Hernandez, a worker, 7, at Havana's downtown cathedral. "As a Cuban, I always celebrated" on Christmas Eve, he said.

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Moscow prosecutors look to determine if Harry Potter books incite religious hatred

MOSCOW — Moscow prosecutors have opened an investigation into whether the Harry Potter series of children's books incite religious hatred, an official said Wednesday.

The investigation was started at the request of a Moscow woman who was upset by the novels, said Svetlana Petrenko, a spokeswoman for a Moscow city prosecutor's office.

Petrenko gave no further details on the complaint. The Interfax news agency reported that the woman who sought the investigation believes the second volume in the series contains occult propaganda.

Petrenko said the investigation is required under law to be made when a request is filed. Once the investigation is completed, prosecutors will determine if any criminal charges will be filed, she said.

The Potter books have drawn complaints in Israel and the United States by parents who feel they promote wizardry as a religion.

Israel decides not to vaccinate against smallpox

JERUSALEM — Israel's Health Ministry decided Wednesday not to vaccinate the public against smallpox, citing security services' determination that there is no strong threat of an Iraqi biological attack now.

Israel has vaccinated about 15,000 health and rescue personnel against smallpox in recent weeks but is not getting the threat of war between the United States and Iraq.

There are fears a U.S. attack would lead Saddam Hussein's regime to strike at Israel, possibly with biological or chemical weapons. The Iraqis fired 39 Scud missiles at Israel during the 1991 Gulf War, but none carried chemical or biological warheads.

However, after consultations with Israeli and American security officials, the Health Ministry concluded Iraq probably does not have both the smallpox virus and the capability to use it in an attack on Israel, director Boaz Lev said Wednesday.

"In all the models we built and checked, the possibility of a strike ... if there any such possibility at all, is very low," Lev said.

Russia electrifies Trans-Siberian railroad line

MOSCOW — Russian officials celebrated the full electrification Wednesday of the legendary Trans-Siberian railroad line, the world's longest track.

"The line can now work as a unified system," Viktor Popov, chairman of the Far Eastern section of the 5,750-mile line, said at ceremonies at the Ruzhino station in Russia's Far East, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

The Far Eastern section of the line runs 4,600 miles and carries more than 30 percent of all Russian exports. Officials said they hoped the electrification would boost traffic on the Trans-Siberian railway by up to 40 percent.

"The completion of this grandiose project is a huge contribution to the development of the Russian Far East," said Sergei Darkin, governor of the Primorye region, according to ITAR-Tass.

It took 74 years to finish installing the equipment that allows electrically-powered trains to run along the entire line, from Moscow to the Far East. The last, 109-mile section was finished this month.

Syria denies accusations it received Iraqi weapons

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syria denied claims by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon that Iraq may be transferring chemical and biological weapons to Syria, saying Wednesday that the accusations are meant to divert attention from Israel's arsenal.

"This accusation against Syria is ridiculous because Syria signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty, and called all Arab states to make the Middle East clear of weapons of mass destruction whether nuclear, chemical or biological weapons," a foreign ministry spokesman said in a statement faxed to The Associated Press in Damascus.

"The only side that still stands against this call is Israel," the spokesman said.

Sharon told Israel's television's Channel 2 on Tuesday that the Jewish state has information that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein is transferring weapons he wants to hide, including chemical and biological weapons, to Syria.

Indian rocket attacks kill two, injure 20

GAHAATI, India — Two rockets

**World in brief**  
hit near market crowded with shoppers out marking the Christmas holiday in a northeastern Indian city Wednesday, killing two people and wounding 20 others, police said.  
The two rockets were fired within a span of 10 minutes toward the market in Gauhati, capital of northeastern Assam state, police said.

The first rocket fell on a cluster of houses of railroad employees, killing a woman and a child, Inspector General of Police Khagen Sharma said. The second rocket hit two cars on the busy street of the Ambari market area, wounding at least 17 people, including those inside the cars.  
Two of the people wounded in the second attack were in critical condition, Sharma said.  
Police declined to comment if the attacks were linked to

Christmas celebrations, but Sharma said there were big crowds out on the street at the time of the attack. No group claimed responsibility for the attack.  
**Gunmen kill pro-Kremlin party leader in Chechnya**  
VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia — Unidentified gunmen shot and killed the head of a pro-Kremlin party in the Chechen capital Grozny, and two Russian police-

men died in a clash with rebels in a nearby village, a Chechen government official said Wednesday.  
Sayed-Amin Adizov, a construction company chief who also headed the Grozny chapter of the United Russia party, was killed as he rode in his truck on Tuesday night, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.  
Adizov's father, who headed the Chechen council of elders under the region's first separatist leader, Dzhokhar Dudayev, was

gunned down in 1995, the Interfax news agency reported.  
A pro-Kremlin party leader in Moscow, Vyacheslav Volodin, said the killing was an attempt to derail efforts at normalization in Chechnya.  
Four Russian servicemen were killed and 12 were wounded in rebel attacks over the past 24 hours, the official said. Two policemen were killed and two were wounded in the skirmish in Ilinskyoye, a village near Grozny.  
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# Investigation corroborates report on Myanmar rapes

The Washington Post

A State Department investigation has corroborated reports earlier this year that Myanmar military officials have systematically raped ethnic minority women and girls, according to a recently declassified copy of the investigation report.

The Myanmar government has repeatedly denounced reports of mass rapes by the military as a fabrication. In June, the Thailand-based Shan Human Rights Foundation and the Shan Women's Action Network, extensively detailed rapes involving at least 625 girls and women by Burmese army troops in Shan state, the largest of the seven ethnic minority states in Myanmar, also known as Burma. The report by the Thailand-

based groups concluded that the Burmese military, as part of its campaign to bring ethnic areas under its control, officially condones rape as a "weapon of war" against civilian populations. At the time, the State Department issued a statement saying it was appalled by the report and urged an investigation by the Burmese government, a step the regime initially resisted.

Washington then sent a State Department investigator to the border in August to make its own assessment. "We were able to locate many victims and record chilling new stories of rape and other atrocities in just three days," the investigator reported. All of the rape victims had been gang-raped by Burmese soldiers within the past five years, including a 13-year-

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—State Department report

old girl who had been raped two months earlier.

"The older women sobbed violently as they recalled horrific incidents of their own rapes as well as brutal rapes, torture and execution of family members," the State Department report said. "Most of these women had just recently arrived in Thailand and were thin, lethargic, despondent and had no belongings or hope for the future."

The investigator, in an effort

to assess the credibility of the original report by the Thailand-based organizations, also met with one of the women whose case was documented in the report. The woman, who had been gang-raped when she was 7 months pregnant, "told us her story in generally the same terms as those recorded in the report."

The State Department probe has helped spur the U.S. government to seek an international investigation of the rape

charges, a State Department official said. The State Department investigation "corroborates that the rapes have been going on and likely on a widespread basis," the official said.

"The international community cannot stand by and allow these heinous crimes by the Tatmadaw (the military) to continue with impunity," the State Department report concluded. "We should continue to pressure the regime to end this violence and punish the perpetrators."

In a speech last month, Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly blasted the regime's handling of the rape allegations, including an effort to claim that field trip into the region by International Committee of the

Red Cross represented an investigation — an assertion denied by the Red Cross.

For a regime spokesman to deny categorically charges of rape without an investigation does more than strain credibility," Kelly said. The tactics by the government "devalues the representations of the (regime) to the point that even tentative concrete steps — such as the eventual, reluctant, acknowledgment by the government that rapes had indeed been committed by soldiers — are submerging in the outrage over the indefensible."

Human rights groups have alleged that the military regime has forced village elders in Shan state to sign petitions that the rapes did not occur.



A lone Balinese woman sits on a beach chair in Kuta beach, Bali, Indonesia, Tuesday. The Balinese tourism trade was decimated by the Oct. 12 bombings which killed nearly 200 people and prompted Western nations to issue travel warnings against the island.

## Christmas gives troubled Bali businesses a boost

BALI, Indonesia (AP) — Since the terror bombings that killed nearly 200 people and destroyed his Paddy's bar, Kadek Wiranatha has closed two hotels and put off the launch of Bali's first airline.

His Bounty Hotel remains open, but employees say their earnings have been halved by the absence of tipping tourists.

"This is my worst nightmare," said Wiranatha, who employs 2,500 people across this Indonesian island. "I'm losing a lot. We're talking about millions of dollars. Sooner or later, we help from the outside."

Bali's tourist trade has been devastated by the Oct. 12 bombings, which Indonesian authorities blamed on a militant Islamic group with ties to al-Qaida. Most of the 192 dead were foreigners, and Western nations have warned citizens against visiting the island.

Beaches and shops are nearly empty much of the time and hotel occupancy rates have plummeted from 70 percent to about 10 percent. That's a severe blow for an island whose economy is dominated by tourism.

The Muslim holiday of Eid Fitri in early December, Christmas and New Year's have given the industry a brief reprieve, filling some hotels to capacity, operators say.

But many of the island's 3.2 million people fear they will soon face layoffs, business closures and social unrest.

"We are going to see hard times," said Melty Robot, president of the Association of Indonesian Tourist and Travel Agencies.

As many as 200,000 people could lose their jobs, Indonesia's government estimates. As a result, it has lowered next year's expected economic growth for the entire country to 4 percent from 5 percent.

In the past two decades, Bali has recast itself from a sleepy, offbeat island favored by backpackers and surfers to a tourist mecca for honeymooners, college kids and middle class families. The tourists — mostly Australians and Japanese — come for the beaches, nightlife and the temples dotting the predominantly Hindu island.

The neighborhood of Kuta,

where the bombings and resulting fires destroyed dozens of shops and homes, normally would be hectic this time of year, with tourists crowding sidewalks, jamming into souvenir shops and mingling in bars and restaurants.

But idle workers outnumber the occasional visitors and shop signs advertise steep discounts. The only action is near the blast site, where workers are renovating a surf shop, a bank and an art gallery.

Nyoman Mari, the 48-year-old shopkeeper, says she goes days without seeing a customer and her income since the attack has dropped from the equivalent of about \$35 a day to less than \$3.

"It's hard when you go through a day without selling anything," she said. "Before, I never thought about money. But now I've got to think about everything. I'm cutting the phone cost, electricity cost and even my meals."

Across the road at the Bounty Hotel, occupancy rates are about 9 percent. Employees say they have had to sell possessions and cut back on spending.

"It's really difficult," said Ketut Karma, 29, a man who must feed his two children, wife

and mother on \$15.75 a month.

"The salary is so little that I can't eat," he said. "I've got no money for gas. I've got no money to pay for loans that I took out to build my house. I'm afraid the bank will take my motorcycle and then I won't be able to get to work."

Many companies have heeded calls from the Indonesian Hotel and Restaurant Association to pay employees through February. But others say government rules requiring ministerial approval and months of severance pay for laid-off employees have forced them to keep full staffs.

"It's crazy," said Wiranatha, the owner of Paddy's. "The government should be realistic. Let's say we're talking about Paddy's. Two months ago, Paddy's was there. Now, there is no Paddy's. There is not even a building. What do you want me to do with the staff? I can't keep employing them."

Indonesia is trying to woo back foreigners with a multimillion-dollar promotional campaign, discounted tour packages and increased security at the airport and hotels. But the push has been blunted by the travel warnings, especially from Australia.

## Venezuelans spend Christmas recovering

No end to trouble is apparent

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — After a night of parties and pot-banging protests against President Hugo Chavez, Venezuelans spent Christmas Day at church or in public parks, resting from marches that have accompanied a general strike that began Dec. 2.

"I'm bringing my family to the beach, if I have enough gasoline," said Victor Morales, a 58-year-old office worker, as he siphoned gas from a plastic container into his 1996 Fiat.

Holiday celebrations provided a brief respite from the turmoil that has engulfed this poverty-stricken South American nation of 24 million, but an end to the country's bitter political rivalry appears a long way off.

"Neither of the two sides wants to give up, leaving the majority of Venezuelans stuck in the middle," said Douglas Chacon, 48, a graphic designer who spent his entire day trying to buy gasoline, withdraw cash from the bank, and even have to change out eating habits due to scarcity.

Little progress has been made in negotiations between the government and the opposition,

which accuses Chavez of ruining the country's economy.

Chavez has refused to give in to demands that he step down, and schedule new elections, while his adversary vows to continue the strike, which has paralyzed oil production in the world's No. 5 exporter, until he resigns.

Protests continued on Christmas Eve, but by morning, Caracas' streets were mostly quiet. Few shopkeepers opened their doors in Caracas on Wednesday, while avenues normally packed with street peddlers were empty except for spent fireworks, empty bottles and other trash.

Television channels broadcast movies and cartoon shorts instead of the political propaganda that has filled the airwaves in recent weeks.

Many in this Catholic-dominated culture went to church Wednesday to pray for peace and prosperity in 2003.

"Our hope resides in our faith in God," Cardinal Ignacio Velasquez, the Archbishop of Caracas, said. A mass of several hundred people.

Three blocks away, Manuel Pareda refused to open his store in Caracas' Plaza Bolivar. "It's not until today that they left us alone," he said. "I'm tired of so many protests and disorder."

## Iran, Russia consider building another reactor at nuke plant

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran and Russia signed an accord Wednesday to speed up the completion of the Bushehr nuclear power plant and to form a commission to study the possibility of building a second reactor, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Under a separate agreement also reached Wednesday, Russia would provide nuclear fuel for the Bushehr plant in southern Iran for the next 10 years, IRNA reported.

The Bush administration has strongly urged Russia to abandon the \$800 million project, saying it could advance Iran's alleged nuclear weapons program.

Moscow has shrugged off U.S. concerns, saying the project was for civilian purposes and remain under international control. Iran also says its nuclear

programs are peaceful.

The accord Wednesday was signed by Russia's Atomic Energy Minister Alexander Rumyantsev and the head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization Gholamreza Aghazadeh.

The Bushehr plant was expected to go on line by the end of 2003. IRNA said it was the new target date for the completion of the project was.

"The two sides reiterated the need for speeding up the completion of Bushehr plant and agreed to carry a joint commission to study the possibility of what the construction of another energy plant in Iran," IRNA reported.

During his four-day stay, Rumyantsev said his country would complete the Bushehr plant despite strong opposition from the United States.

## New metro rail system opens in congested Indian capital

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Nearly 1 million curious and excited people thronged stations to get a peek and take a ride as the capital's swank new subway said metro rail system opened Wednesday for regular service.

Tens of thousands people stood in queues to board the rail system, which officials hope will relieve chronic congestion in New Delhi, a city of 16 million people and 4 million vehicles.

Officials used radio spurs to warn the crowd against unruly behavior. Still, passengers tampered with the automated doors of the train cars, forcing authorities to ground one of the four trains scheduled to ply through the city.

Some of the automated ticket machines and entry gates didn't work, making commuters restless. The trains mostly did not arrive at the promised 15-minute intervals, and officials blamed the delays on passenger interference.

"We are having teething problems," said Delhi Metro spokesman Anuj Deyal.



Indian passengers on the Delhi Metro look out the windows as reflections of waiting passengers show on the glass at Kashmere Gate station in New Delhi, India, Wednesday.

The metro could represent a true lifestyle leap for the gritty, traffic-choked city.

"It's not up to 100 percent, affordable for ordinary Indians. The five miles that opened Wednesday cover one of Delhi's most congested areas, housing a largely poor, working class population."

The metro has six trains with South Korean-made cars and will have 60 by 2005. By then, the system will consist of 37 miles of rail running above and below ground, and up to 2 million riders are expected to use the system daily.

For most people, visiting the metro station was a holiday outing.

"It is so beautiful. Now we have trains like they have in foreign countries," said Birendra Singh, who normally goes to work hanging off a door of an overloaded bus that bleaches smoke and goes nowhere fast.

Metro staffers showed people how to swipe their ticket cards and coupons at electronic turnstiles, and cautioned others against standing too close to the tracks. Officials warned patrols against spitting, vandalism, bothering women passengers or carrying large bags.

Delhi's milkmen, notorious for using other public transport to lug about their large cans, are banned from doing so on trains.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

## NATIVITY ANGELS

### Wood River Bridge reports latest results of games

HAILEY - Wood River Bridge reported the latest results of games. There was no bridge on Monday due to a snow storm.

Nov. 20 winners were first, David Meyers and Bee Longley; second, Craig and Lynda Saunders and third, Peter Gray and Marilyn Nesbit.

Wednesday evening winners and club champions at the annual Christmas party were north/south: first, Max Thompson and Riley Burton; second, John Chapman and Marilyn Walker and third, Nancy Cord and Fran Haughton. East/west champions were first, Sclen Chaney and Connie McGowan; second, William Cassell and David Meyers and third, Timmi Prana and Peter Gray.

Thursday afternoon winners at the Harker Center were first, Craig and Lynda Saunders; second, Larry Kelley and Beverly McLean and third, Marilyn and Warren Nesbit.

### Family celebrates 80th birthday of Rupert woman

RUPERT - Ardith Crystal of Rupert will be honored at an open house for her 80th birthday at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the

McGregor building at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds in Rupert. Ardith



Ardith Crystal

Randall was born Dec. 29, 1922 in Grant, the daughter of LaNore and Orval Randall. She worked as a homemaker and for Home Health in Twin Falls for many years. She enjoys helping the elderly and disabled and spending time with her family, and is a member of the LDS Church, her family says. Her children include: Jo (Doris) Staker and Susan (Norman) Haynes, Rupert; Danny (Jennifer) Crystal, Kimberly; Ken (Sheri) Crystal, Shelley; Joann Connor, Royal; and Lanea Maxwell, deceased. She has 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

### Buttons and Bows group kicks up heels for New Year's

EDEN - Buttons and Bows will hold its New Year's Eve dance at Anderson Camp. The event will begin at 9 p.m. Dec. 31 and go until midnight. Bring finger foods. There will be pre-dances.



Emily Rossen admires the nativity set made by Elizabeth Pancoast, who made several sets while her husband was out to sea, serving in the military. The Jerome United Methodist Church held its first nativity and angel display held recently, where area residents could show their nativity sets or angels. There were 62 nativity scenes. One of the oldest was displayed by Betty Mahan, which was more than 60 years old, and one she inherited from her mom and has passed down to her daughter. There were 89 angels on display, as well. The event was open to the public.

### Humane Society thanks community for support

People for Pets-Magic Valley Humane Society Inc. would like to thank the community for its support for our open house held Dec. 7.

Special thanks to Clear Channel Radio and staff for their continued support. Party Time, Every Blooming Thing and all the volunteers who graciously have donated their time for the animals at the animal shelter to help find them homes.

Also, many thanks to Wendy Halloran and KMYT and staff for their continued support and the opportunity to feature pets for adoption on the Community Connection Pet Segment on KMYT and The Times-News for its support.

Many thanks to our community. KATHLEEN OLMSHEAD - People for Pets Humane Society Twin Falls

### Several give assistance to Neighbors in Need

Many thanks to all in the Twin Falls community who have contributed food and monetary assistance to Neighbors in Need during the past year.

Rock Creek Community Church, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Ascension Episcopal Church Artisans' Holiday Show, all in the community who contributed to the Good Friday observance at the community service, Twin Falls Library Board and families, individual families at Ascension Episcopal Church and Our Savior Lutheran Church, students and teachers at Twin Falls is school.

Your support reaches into the community to help those individuals and families in need of temporary assistance. Together, we can share the bounty God has given us with those in our community.

CINDY JARDINE - Chairman Neighbors in Need Committee Twin Falls

### Church appreciates chance to win food for needy

This is to express thanks to The Times-News for the promotion Millions contest.

We at Rock Creek Church are grateful to have been able to win from the two Swensen Food packages and the kitchenware set from Rudy's Paradise store. Our purpose in gathering the scrip money and bidding was to try to provide more food and needs for the unfortunate this winter. We will be giving to the Dorcas house of food on the 15th day Adventist Church and helping as we see fit.

Thanks to all those who spent many hours clipping newspapers to reach our goals. Our full congregation and many others from other churches, and especially those willing people who live on Pierce, Buchanan and Fillmore streets and elsewhere gave so much time and effort.

We want to thank those, including the Presbyterian Church, who allowed us to pool our funds on the final Swensen package. HAZEL R. JOHNSON

## LETTERS OF THANKS

### Contest chairwoman Rock Creek Community Church Twin Falls

### Community supports children's theater production

Thank you, Magic Valley, for the recent support of our production of the Missoula Children's Theater "Hansel and Gretel."

Thank you to our underwriting sponsors, Dell Computer Corp., Farmers National Bank, Independent Meat Co. and O'Leary Junior High School Theater Teacher Organization. These companies are truly the building blocks of the success of our programs.

A big thanks to Father Brian Thom, Pauline and the members of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension for allowing us the use of their facilities for auditions and rehearsal space.

Thank you to all of the participating children and their families from the day of auditions to the performances themselves. The talent in our community is enormous, and we appreciate the dedication each cast member makes to the production.

Once again, a big thank you to the community and the support of arts programs such as this.

STACY MADSEN - Executive Director Magic Valley Arts Council Twin Falls

### Optimist Club provides meal to Head Start families

Thank you to the Optimist Club for providing a wonderful meal for the East End Head Start families. Santa was present to give each child a gift.

This is a generous and caring group of people who show the spirit of Christmas.

MARILYN WINTERHOLER - East End Head Start Hansen

### Wreath sale proceeds go to several charity groups

Job's Daughters Bethel 56 of Twin Falls would like to thank all in the community who support our Bethel activities by buying Christmas wreaths each year. It is our primary fund-raiser, with 10 percent of all profits given to charity. This year, money will be given to the Southern Idaho Learning Center, Magic Valley Crisis Center and the spring term honored guest's charity.

KIRSTEN WRIGHT - Honored guest Bethel 56, Job's Daughters Twin Falls

### Lighthouse Christian School appreciates food donations

Lighthouse Christian School would like to thank the following merchants for their donations to the Annual Pancake Breakfast in December.

Dwight Carry at Lamb Weston for the hash browns, Doug Brownfield and Pat Florence at

Falls Brand for the sausage, Layne Board at Treasure Valley Coffee for the coffee and cups, Josh Messner at Boyd's for the pancake mix and syrup, and the health's Food Store and Fred Meyer for cash donations.

A special thanks for all those that purchased tickets and the many volunteers who cooked and served the breakfast. The breakfast was a huge success, and the proceeds will help the school with its financial needs.

Hope to see all of you again next year. DENNIS GILLETTE - School board member Lighthouse Christian School Twin Falls

### Care center residents can give presents to others

Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation for Twin Falls wishes to thank everyone that donated to the Gifts of Love. Without your generosity, our residents would not have the opportunity to give their loved ones a gift for Christmas.

Kim Somers also wants to thank Kim Somers for all her time and effort at coordinating the Gifts of Love. You, Kim, are a true gift to the seniors in our facility.

Sunbridge for Twin Falls wishes to thank Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation for the wonderful entertainment our residents had the opportunity to experience while viewing all the beautiful trees and wreaths at the Festival of Trees. We would also like to express our gratitude for showing the true spirit of Christmas and graciously giving our residents free admission on senior day.

We look forward to being part of this great fund-raiser again next year.

LAURALEE SMITH - Community relations director Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Twin Falls

### Caring and Sharing 2002 Tree Festival exceeds goal

We would like to thank the Mini-Cassia community for the caring and sharing spirit of community members, businesses and organizations that enabled the foundation to exceed its goal for Caring and Sharing 2002 Tree Festival. The festival involved hundreds of community members as they contributed decorated trees, wreaths and other items, baked foods and crafts, provided entertainment and financially supported the event with purchases and sponsorship.

We offer thanks to all of you who helped make this year our best ever. More than \$7,000 was raised by the sale of trees and other decorations, the raffle of the donated quilt and the Minidoka Memorial Auxiliary Sweet and Gift Show.

Christmas spirit evidenced by the support of Caring and Sharing 2002 will help the Minidoka Health Care Foundation support and assist with health-care needs throughout in the community in the following year.

Thank you again for supporting our Caring and

### Sharing Christmas. GLEN ALLEN President and Board of Directors

WINDOKA Health Care Foundation Rupert

### Holiday 'angel' leaves gift at door of neighbor

A special thank you to the angel that left the gift at my door recently.

The year 2002 has been a difficult year for me, and I had almost lost hope that there were angels among us that come to our need at times when we least expect it. Illness and a bankruptcy had taken most of my strength and funds the past six months, and the news that my disability benefits would not arrive until spring of next year was my last hope for this Christmas.

On Friday morning on my door was an envelope with \$250 cash and a not saying, "Merry Christmas, Psalm 46."

There really are angels among us that care for you and help when needed. Thank God that we are not here alone when we get to the bottom but that there are those angels around to help.

ROY DIXON - Twin Falls

### Students show how special they are with giving

I would like to express my appreciation to the group of eighth-grade students from O'Leary Junior High School for all their hard work and kindness.

Kelsey Clark, Matt Schaff, Selena Lovelace, Gavin Savage, Ashley Kern, Britni Shaw, Clara Johnson, Kelsey Jardine, Cody Hafer and team director Mr. Wagner.

Thank you for bringing Christmas to my girls and I. I hope your parents and teachers know what special young adults you all are.

MARGIE BLACK - SHASTA BLACK - AUTUMN BLACK - Twin Falls

### People, businesses continue to support TFHS programs

The Twin Falls High School Booster Club would like to thank the following companies who have generously donated gift certificates for booster club fund-raisers during the basketball season. These companies have continuously and graciously supported various programs at Twin Falls High School, and the student-athletes, coaches and parents appreciate their efforts greatly.

Jensen Jewelers, 9 Beans and a Burrito, Mack's Pizzeria and Pasta, McDonald's Restaurant, Perkins Family Restaurant, Quizzo's Subs, Sizzler, Tomato's Italian Grill, Papa John's Pizza, Chicago Connection, Interstate Amusement, Little Caesar's Pizza, Subway Sandwiches, Jack in the Box, Burger King, International House of Pancakes and Gerrie's Brick Oven Cookery.

SANDRA P. COOPER, KAREN FJELD - TFHS Booster Club Twin Falls

## Hansen Library kicks off series

HANSEN - The Hansen Community Library will start the new year with the Let's Talk About It reading program series.

The series this year, "Growing Older, Growing Wiser," will begin at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8 at the library, and continue every other Wednesday for five sessions through March 5, 2003.

Books include "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom, "Balsamroot a Memoir" by Mary Clearman Blew, "Having our Say" by Sarah L. Delany and A. Elizabeth Delany, "House of Splendid Isolation" by Edna O'Brien and "The Stone Angel" by Margaret Laurence.

The population is at a new stage, with more people living longer, but still facing debilitating, incurable diseases, such as cancer, Alzheimer's and dementia, library representatives say. While modern living has provided many physical comforts, society is not prepared to care for the elderly as evidenced by the number of homes for the aged, and facilities where the elderly are placed for care and treatment, away from family, friends and community. On the other end of the spectrum, however, is the

### Want more info?

Call the library at 423-4122. Books are available for checkout at this time. The library is located at 120 West Maple in Hansen.

revealed wisdom through living and experiences, and the confidence of age.

"Growing Older, Growing Wiser" addresses these issues. Each novel in this series speaks to people who are part of the growing number of aging and elderly in this country, whether they are elderly themselves or have parents, grandparents or other relatives who are aging. Library representatives say. Reading, reflection and discussion will help address issues such as how we might proceed into this new social structure, where and how we live, and how we relate to the rest of our family and society.

The series is part of a statewide Idaho Let's Talk About It project, and sponsored this year by the Idaho State Library, Idaho Humanities Council and US Bank.

## KIDS GIVE BACK



Grace Koehler's fourth-graders stencil simple pictures onto carpet samples as Christmas gifts for parents of Wendell Elementary School. Each child chose a stencil and colors, and then worked carefully on the paint application. Rugs were wrapped in hand-decorated paper before being taken home. From left are, standing: Michael Wright, Haley Hope, Jaemyn Bowers and Dany Velmas; seated: Kayla Strout and Alle Kelsey.

# Community

A page for you and your neighbors.

# Prospect of Saddam's fall brings fear to many

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — The prospect of a U.S.-led war to topple Saddam Hussein has touched off an intensifying debate on whether a new Iraqi regime would have as much love for the Middle East as the combustible Hussein.

Iraq's neighbors, who have suffered directly or indirectly from Saddam's war for regional dominance, have no love for the Iraqi president. Still, some have mixed feelings about a regime change that could produce a fragmented or unpredictable leadership.

"They wonder if the new Iraq would fall apart into ethnic groups, be a U.S. outpost in the Middle East, or become so politically unstable it spreads chaos through the region."

"Not everyone shares those fears. Some Arabs agree with the American government's analysis that a democratic Iraq could foster greater freedom in surrounding states with autocratic rulers."

Those with a more pessimistic outlook, however, point to a U.S.-backed conference of Iraqi exiles held last week in London.

The sharp divisions among the opposition groups were on display, although the exiles declared they want a democratic "new Iraq" at peace with its neighbors. They also mapped out a power-sharing plan that for the first time recognized a national coalition of the majority Shiite Muslims and Kurds.

Sunni Muslims, like Saddam, are a minority in the country of 22 million people, but they have controlled Iraq and the military there for decades.

On Sunday, officials of the six Gulf nations expressed concerns that the country could end up shattered into Shiite, Kurdish and Sunni enclaves. The final document of the Gulf Cooperation Council summit declared that Iraq's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity must be respected.

U.S. inspectors returned to Iraq last month after nearly four years to determine whether Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs have been eliminated along with the long-range missiles to deliver them.

If Iraq is found to be lying or not cooperating, the United States has threatened military action as an option many believe is inevitable.

Syrian President Bashar Assad has warned the conflict could send waves of Iraqi refugees fleeing into neighboring states and create a "fertile soil" for terrorism by increasing the number of Americans — already detested by many Arabs for their backing of Israel.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, a staunch American ally, said a U.S. military strike on Iraq would ignite a popular backlash throughout the Middle East.

Jordanian political analyst

## Saudi official: War won't shatter Iraq

RIVADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — War is unlikely to break Iraq into smaller states because Baghdad and Washington agree that a single Iraqi nation must be preserved, Saudi Arabia's deputy defense minister said Wednesday.

Still, Saudi Arabia and all countries in the region are planning for their nations' security if a war against Iraq cannot be avoided and destabilizes the region, Prince Khalid bin Sultan said in an interview with The Associated Press. He did not elaborate on the preparations.

Deep divides were apparent at an Iraqi opposition meeting earlier this month in London. The conference was convened to show unity and select a council to represent ethnic, religious and nationalist groups seeking a say in any post-Saddam Hussein government.

The United States considers Iraq to be in "material breach" of a recent U.N. resolution's requirement to disclose complete information about its weapons programs — a declaration widely seen as a step toward a war aimed at ousting Saddam.

The Bush administration also announced it plans to nearly double its troop strength in Iraq, adding 50,000 people, and reports out of Washington say the buildup also would send refueling and support aircraft to bases in Saudi Arabia.

Fahd al-Fanek said Saddam's downfall would certainly "send a wave of earthquakes in the region whose aftermath is hard to predict."

Al-Fanek is especially worried about the exiled opposition's power-sharing plan, which would give new influence to Shiites and their Kurdish allies.

"This is a volatile area. How can one go for a quiet sleep while he knows his neighbor next door is suddenly turning into dozens of sectarian or ethnic groups or entities instead of one united country?" he told The Associated Press.

Turkey, with its large Kurdish minority, has similar fears — which are fostered by the Kurdish-ruled enclave that already exists in northern Iraq, protected by a no-fly zone patrolled by U.S. and British aircraft.

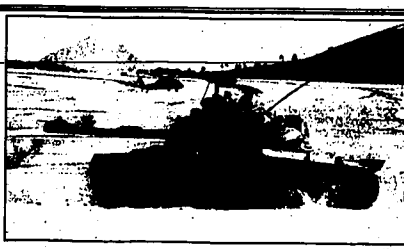
Turkish analyst Nihat Ali Ozca said Turkey fears an ethnic-based government could lead to the disintegration of Iraq and the formation of an independent Kurdish state in the north that could inspire Turkish Kurds rebels to renew their own fight for independence.

"Any power sharing between

those groups would not bring a lasting stability to Iraq," he told the AP.

Iranian political analyst Davoud Hermandi Bavand said Iran also is nervously watching Iraqi opposition groups — including the Tehran-based Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq — to assess their future in a country with strong ties with Washington.

"What Iran fears most is a Western-style federal democratic government in Baghdad that will turn into a tool in the hands of the U.S. to push for changes in Iran," he said.



A Turkish army Sikorsky helicopter flies over an M-60 tank during the Army's annual Winter-2002 Exercise in Sarikamis, eastern Turkey in this February, 2002, file photo.

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Section D

## Up to my neck with CAFOs

It was a startling development. One moment I was walking over to retrieve a bird I had just shot, and the next instant, I found myself standing chest-deep in something very cold and very smelly. I lifted my arms and watched dumbfounded as strings of green slime slid off my coat sleeves. I wasn't sure what happened, but my prospects for finding any more shooting looked dim.

My hunting companions were oblivious to my predicament. Those guys were having the time of their lives blazing away at waves of air-flying pigeons as the birds attempted to enter the feedlot behind us. Looking around, I realized I had stepped through an ice-catcher settling pond. A skiff of snow and a few tumbleweeds frozen into a surface had created a perfectly disguised booby trap. I was now standing in the accumulated runoff from five acres of cattle pens. Suddenly I realized I was no longer holding my shotgun. I had dropped it when I went through the ice.



COUNTRY LARKS  
Sam Hutchins

Now, make no mistake, I wanted out of that rank stuff in the very worst way, but I couldn't bear the thought of leaving my little thicket. I had saved all summer for it. I shuffled my feet around until I felt them bump against the gun. Now when I liked that 20 gauge a lot, but not enough to die for it. I could feel myself growing more stiff and numb by the second. I managed to wiggle one boot under a gun, and then I attempted to shove it with my feet. This drove my feet deeper into the muck. Before I could grab the gun, I lost my balance and fell backward. I swung my arms out and caught the brooding ice, which saved me from a complete dunking, but just barely. The sensation of that icy water breaching my coat collar and running down my back is forever etched in my memory. (To this day, just driving by a dairy with my window rolled down can trigger a flashback.)

Floundering back upright, I re-evaluated things. I really, really wanted out of this situation but something told me I'd never be closer to getting my gun back than I was right now; besides, what did I have to lose? I already needed a bath.

It would make a good story to tell you. I held my nose and dove for it, but that didn't turn out to be necessary. Once more, I positioned the gun barrel on one of my feet and lifted, just a little. I reached down as far as I could, then lifted my foot a little more, then reached a little further. I had one ear submerged and was straining for all I could when my numb fingers finally closed around the muzzle of that gun, but by then only one other thing was important to me. I'm here to report that my lips never touched the water.

By now, my companions had noticed I wasn't participating in the shooting and paused long enough to help me out. I had thought the pond was cold but when I clambered out and into that raw January wind, I almost jumped back in. The birds were still coming in, so I assured my buddies I could make it home just fine and left them to resume the great pigeon barrage without me.

The day's final indignity came when I stepped from the house almost as soon as I staggered in. That rush of warmth felt so good, but it quickly made a fragrance blossom out that killed any potential sympathy I could have expected from the folks. Most had had a bath with one hand while holding her nose with the other and ordered me to disrobe outside - way outside.

I'm not sure I gained anything from that long-ago experience, but with all the squawk lately about confined animal feeding operations, I've been thinking there might be some political value in the episode. Maybe I have something to contribute to the debate as a local expert of sorts, but I'm not sure how to translate it into message. Something like I had to climb a good place to buzz, a bad place to dunk, a more ambiguous end, from what I've seen, that's just about the perfect tone for a political message. Hey! I might be on to something.

## Ice climbers delight in Snake River Canyon

By Mark Weber  
Times-News correspondent

For much of the year, the sheer walls of the Snake River canyon are laced with thin ribbons of flowing water. These sinewy waterfalls are fed by numerous creeks and natural springs. As the temperatures plummet with the onslaught of winter, these delicate cascades begin to freeze. Taking on the form of veined curtains of glass and columns of crystal, this transient frozen world becomes a crystal palace where ice climbers reign.

Ice climbing is a bizarre sport where climbers ascend frozen waterfalls using ice axes in each hand and spiked cleats attached to both feet. On any given day during the frosty winter months, chances are several adventurous souls are plying the canyon's abundant ice formations.

Like its more familiar cousin, rock climbing, ice climbing evolved from mountaineering. Alpinists of the 1800s and early 1900s were constantly seeking to improve their mountain-climbing techniques. They often honed their skills by attempting very difficult "practice" climbs on short cliffs or ice flows in the lowlands. Just as rock climbing morphed into a pursuit in its own right, ice climbing was bound to follow.

At first glance, ice climbing appears insanely dangerous, climbers are surrounded by a plethora of surgically sharp tools and common wisdom says that ice is a delicate and fragile medium. While no one would argue this fact, and indeed the threat of falling ice blocks or even huge ice columns collapsing is very real, ice can also be incredibly strong and resilient. Ice climbing is a very equipment-dependent activity, and ice climbers rely on a quiver of dangerously sharp tools to gain purchase on this slippery substance. In ice climbing, like few other sports, the union of equipment and climber takes on an almost "cyborg" characteristic. Today's ice-climbing equipment is brilliantly engineered and constructed from aerospace quality materials. The modern ice warrior's arsenal is a fearsome sight, sporting all manner of razor-sharp spikes and teeth.

The most obvious of this specialized equipment is a climber's ice axes, or "ice tools" as they are more commonly referred to. Made from high-tech material such as carbon fiber and chrome molybdenum steel, most modern ice tools share some basic concepts. Their shaft or handles average 15 to 18 inches in length. Some are straight while others have various curves and bends. A "head" sits atop the shaft to which is attached a pick and either a hammerhead for pounding or an adze for chopping.

Ice climber's boots are fitted with spiked cleats known as crampons. Built from hardened steel alloys, crampons sport anywhere from 8 to 14 points, two of which protrude forward from directly under the toes. These are called "front points" and allow the climber to find a foothold almost anywhere he desires on the ice.

As the climber moves up a frozen waterfall, protection must be placed in the ice to arrest a fall should one occur. One of the most common forms of ice protection is the "ice screw." Ice screws are constructed from super strong steel alloy or titanium and can support well over 1,000 pounds. Not quite 1 inch in diameter, they range in length from 4 to 10 inches. All have raised external threads and savagely sharp teeth that can bore through even the hardest ice with ease. A handle is attached to the screw's end and doggles as "eyes" to clip the rope through.

While there are no absolutes in ice climbing, generally climbers ascend frozen



Jason Cronk cleans up on 'The Dirty One' - a W-5/6 climb near Twin Falls.

Photos by MARK WEBER



Hikers approaching the 'Mother Lode' get one step closer to ice climbing along canyon walls of the Snake River.

waterfalls using some basic principles. Reaching upward with a tool, the climber swings the pick into the ice much like a carpenter would pound nails. Once the tool is solidly set, the climber hangs much of his weight from this tool. This is followed by the opposite tool being placed in the same manner and subsequently weighted. Then each foot is walked up the ice. When the climber is comfortable and balanced over his feet, the process is repeated over and over until the top of the ice is reached.

While veteran ice climbers often refer to the "joys" of this sport in affectionate terms, climbing ice isn't all fun and games, and the activity carries some inherent risks. Most climbable ice forms on the shaded canyon walls where little if any sun ever shines. This can make for a long day of bitter cold conditions. And while temperatures may be sub-freezing, there is always liquid water to be found on the ice. When it flows into the path of an ascend-

ing climber, it doesn't take much imagination to feel that icy fluid soaking a glove or dripping on your face. While being cold and wet is just an uncomfortable inconvenience, ice climbers can face real perils from falling ice, falling from the ice or even their own equipment.

Virtually every blow from a climber's ice tool send shards of ice flying. If the ice is hard and brittle, large chunks of ice known as "dinner plates" often explode with each tool placement. Both the climber and his belayer must remain vigilant to avoid these falling projectiles. And since most of their equipment is fashioned with a profusion of sharp points and teeth, it is easy for a climber to be injured by their own gear.

So if climbing ice can be so miserable and dangerous, why do they do it? For many climbers, it is often hard to define. It could be the experience of being



Doug Corwell gets the point on 'Chrome-Moly' - a W-14-plus frozen climb in the Snake River Canyon.

outdoors in winter, braving the cold and reveling in a beautiful crystalline world. It may be the camaraderie of partners and friends, cheering each other to the top of a difficult section of ice.

Or maybe it is a primal craving, the need to confront danger and one's own fear and master them. But for most ice climbers, it is a combination of all these things and even more that draws them into the Snake River Canyon's "crystal palace" during the dead of winter.



On Boley! The hazards of water and ice, along with colder temperatures to endure, make ice climbing a dangerous sport to master.

OUTDOORS

# Magic Valley offers spots to catch channel catfish

**Question:** I moved to the Magic Valley from near Fayette and I really miss fishing the lower Snake River for channel catfish. Is there anywhere locally where a guide can reasonably expect to catch some catfish?

**Answer:** There are two places in the Magic Valley region I would suggest you try for channel catfish, the Bruneau arm of the Snake River on C.J. Strike Reservoir and Milner Reservoir

**ASK THE OFFICER**  
Gary Hompland

near Burley. Wild populations of channel catfish are available in C.J. Strike Reservoir. Specifically the Bruneau arm gets warm enough

for natural reproduction. Conservation Officers occasionally check catfish caught by sturgeon anglers in the late spring and early summer. Milner Reservoir near Burley receives about 20,000 channel catfish per year as part of a re-licensing and mitigation agreement with Idaho Power for the Milner dam. This under-utilized fishery is totally supported by fingerlings produced by local hatcheries. The fingerlings average 6

to 8 inches at planting time. Growth rates of hatchery stocked channel cats has not been determined but sampling by Idaho Power this past September using trap nets and gills nets resulted in an average length of 14 inches. Fish and Game Department fisheries biologists say natural reproduction in Milner is unlikely due to its water quality and cold temperature. Biologists recommend fishing

where tributary streams enter the reservoir in the evenings using traditional catfish baits such as chicken liver, night crawlers, cheese, or stink bait.

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conservation officer for the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Contact him at (208)324-3500 or e-mail at [question@idfw.gov](mailto:question@idfw.gov) or visit our Web site at [www2.state.id.us/fishgame](http://www2.state.id.us/fishgame).

## Giant chinook take bite out of record books

The Times-News and The Associated Press

**MEDFORD, Ore.** - When Don Shangle caught a 57.5-pound fall chinook salmon in the lower Rogue River this August, his catch eclipsed anything Rogue anglers had caught in at least three decades.

But his moment in the sun only lasted a week. Seven days later, someone caught a 65-pounder. And as the fall season progressed, the Rogue caught so many huge chinook that Shangle's salmon of a lifetime has become just a footnote in perhaps the most incredible string of chinook catches ever recorded in salmon-happy Southern Oregon.

The recent run of fall chinook salmon here sported so many unusually huge fish that 2002 became the Year of the Chinook, that rare time when the best fish stories were not about the ones that got away.

In a five-week span, three anglers on the Rogue and nearby Chetco rivers set chinook fly-fishing world records that hadn't been touched since the 1980s. All three of those fish out-weighted record chinook caught in Alaska, the supposed big-salmon capital of North America.

In one short season, a river made famous by Zane Grey for its steelhead became the hot spot to hook huge chinook.

"It used to be that a 40-pound fish got a lot of attention," said Sam Woller, a Gold Beach guide and a Jot's Resort tackle-shop clerk. "This year, it had to be at least 50 pounds for anyone to even get a mention."

Most notable of all is the 71.5-pound chinook that Grant



Don Shangle holds his catch, a 57.5/2-lb. chinook, on the lower Rogue River in Medford, Ore., in August of 2002. The catch was topped seven days later by somebody with a 65-pounder.

Martinsen of Grants Pass caught Oct. 21 the lower Rogue.

The fish, which Martinson almost cut into steaks before weighing on a certified scale, was one of three posted this weekend by the International Game Fish Association as pending world fly-fishing records from the Rogue and Chetco, near Brookings.

Martinsen is a native of Burley. His record-setting expedition was first reported in The Times-News on Nov. 15. Martin launched his boat at Clay Banks, a fly-fishing hole about three miles upstream of Gold Beach. He was actually

fishing for coho salmon, when he hooked the mammoth fish. "This is all a bit more than I expected," says Martinson, 57. "All I expected was a few good dinners, not a world record."

But why so many super-salmon in 2002?

Russ Stauff, an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist in Gold Beach, said a possibility is that the New Year's flood of 1997 swept away the Rogue chinook eggs except for those laid in the deepest and most sturdy of gravel egg nests, called redds.

## Group offers free Nordic skiing lessons, rentals

**HAGERMAN** - The sponsors of Cross-Country Idaho are offering free cross country ski rentals and lessons at Magic Mountain Ski Resort, on Saturday, Jan. 11. Everyone wanting to learn about the sport of cross-country skiing is invited to attend. Magic Mountain Ski Resort is located south of Hansen on Rock Creek Road. From I-84 to Exit 182 at the Travelers Oasis and travel south. Participants will be furnished skis and boots. They will be given lessons on skiing techniques and safety and will be able to use the equipment for an hour. For additional information on the event, call Jack Yarbrough at 837-4505.

### Massacre Rocks bonfire will take place Jan. 4

Massacre Rocks State Parks and the American Falls Chamber will host the "First of the year picnic and bonfire," Jan. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring your own firewood, the Park will provide the fire and the coal hanger coals. Christmas trees will be collected, then added to our regular burn pile and all this will happen at Register Rocks picnic area across the road from the historical site, where the pioneers signed their names on "Register Rock" while resting from their travails and travels on the Oregon Trail. Call 208-548-2672 for more details.

### Cross Country Idaho provides free skiing

Come join the fun Saturday, Jan. 4, at the 17th annual Cross Country Idaho sponsored by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. The event gives non-skiers the opportunity to try out the sport and seasoned skiers a chance to learn or hone their telemark or other advanced skills. "The purpose of the free ski day is to introduce as many people as possible to the great winter recreational activity of cross-country skiing," said State Park Director Rick Johnson. Weather and conditions permitting, 18 sites around the state will be participating, including 11 Park N' Ski areas and six state

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- parks. All sites will offer free parking and free skiing that day. Some sites will also offer beginner lessons, free or reduced price equipment rental and refreshments.
  - **Cross-Country Idaho participating sites, 2003:**
    - **Southwestern Idaho**
      - Banner Ridge Park N' Ski - 24 miles north of Idaho City on State Highway 21. Hosts from Nordic Voice Ski Association at parking lot to hand out information and answer questions. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trails will be groomed.
      - Gold Fork Park N' Ski - 21 miles north of Idaho City on State Highway 21. Hosts from Nordic Voice Ski Association at parking lot to hand out information and answer questions. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trails will be groomed.
      - Whoop-Up Park N' Ski - 18 miles north of Idaho City on State Highway 21. Hosts from Nordic Voice Ski Association at parking lot to hand out information and answer questions. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trails will be groomed.
      - Lake Cascade State Park - Cascade. Free skiing, refreshments available. 282-4258.
      - Ponderosa State Park - Two miles northeast of McCall city center. Free skiing and free park admission. Free lessons and free skis will be provided by local vendors while learning. Refreshments available. Call 634-2164.
    - **Southeastern Idaho**
      - Brimstone/Bufallo River Park N' Ski - 14 miles north of Island Park Ranger Station on Highway 20 near Ponds Lodge Resort. Free skiing.
      - Harriman State Park - 20 miles north of Ashton on Highway 20. Free skiing. The park will provide basic instruction in cross-country skiing, and ranger-led tours. 558-7368.
      - Bear Gulch/Mesa Falls Park N' Ski - 12 miles northeast of Ashton on Mesa Falls Forest Service Highway 47. Free skiing.
      - Falls River Ridge Park N' Ski - 10 miles east of Ashton on Cave Falls Road. Free skiing.
  - Mink Creek Park N' Ski - 15 miles south of Pocatello on Bannock Highway. Free skiing.
  - **North Idaho**
    - Fish Creek Meadows Park N' Ski - 7 miles south of Grangeville on Forest Service Road 221. Free skiing, snow conditions permitting.
    - Winchester Lake State Park - 1/4 mile south of the city of Winchester on Forest Road and marked. Free skiing, snow conditions permitting. For more information call 208-924-7563.
    - Elk River Park N' Ski - 20 miles east of Bovill on Highway 8. Free skiing, snow conditions permitting.
    - Palouse Divide Park N' Ski - 18 miles east of Pocatello on State Highway 6. Free skiing, snow conditions permitting.
    - Fourth of July Pass Park N' Ski - 15 miles east of Coeur d'Alene off I-90 at 4th of July Summit exit. Free skiing, snow conditions permitting and warming hut.
    - Farragut State Park - 4 miles east of Athol on State Highway 54. Free skiing and ski lessons from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments available in the Park Visitor Center. Cross country ski videos will play in the Visitor Center. If conditions allow, a guided night ski will be offered, beginning at 7 pm from the visitor center, approximately 3 to 5 km in length. Folks will need to rent skis from the local ski shops. For more information call 683-2425.
    - Round Lake State Park - 10 miles west of Sandpoint and two miles west of State Highway 95 on West Duford Road. Free skiing snow conditions permitting. Dave Russell, 263-3489.
    - Priest Lake State Park - 12 miles north of Coeur d'Alene on East Shore Road (follow sign off Highway 57). Free skiing, weather permitting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Indoor lessons as ski waxing and videos on different ski techniques as well as outdoor lessons and guided trail tours. Refreshments available in the Park Store. Participants need to bring their own equipment. Call 443-2200 for more information. - compiled from staff reports

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Did you bag a big buck this year? Did you rest in a whoop-per? If you have a snapshot, The Times-News would like to publish it as part of our new "Trophies" feature. We welcome readers' photos of hunting, fishing or other outdoor scores.

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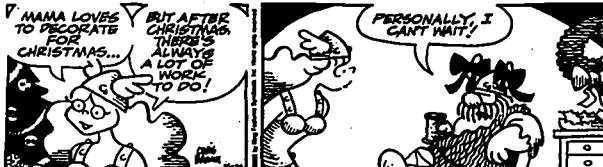
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OUTDOORS

# Shoot beautiful big game...

## ...on film, that is

Montana game farms offer great chances for wildlife photography

By Rick Sammon  
For The Associated Press

**KALISPELL, Mont.** — Photographers and wildlife enthusiasts share a common goal: "They want to see animals "up close and personal."

Photographers need to be relatively close so they can get good head shots of the animals as well as environment pictures, that is, pictures that show the animals in their native environment.

Wildlife enthusiasts like to experience animals at close range so they can see the faces of the animals without having to use very high-powered binoculars, which are hard to hold steady and thus offer a shaky view of the subject (unless the binoculars have an image stabilization feature).

It's not easy to get up close and personal to the wild animals, which are often shy and reclusive in the wild.

Enter Triple "D" Farm and Wild Eyes Animal & Photo Adventures, two wildlife game farms that specialize in wild animal photo sessions. Both game farms, which are open every day of the year, are located less than an hour's drive from Kalispell, the gateway to Glacier National Park. (Neither farm allows hunting, as do some of the other game farms in Montana.)

I visited Triple "D" in August 2002 and Wild Eyes in August of 2001. Both trips provided me with wildlife pictures that exceeded my expectations. I also walked away with many memorable experiences.

The animals at these farms include bears, wolves, snow leopards, foxes, bobcats, mountain lions and badgers. At selected times of day, handlers bring the animals from their holding areas into natural settings for staged photo sessions. In those picturesque areas, which include aspen groves, ponds and rocky outcroppings, photographers can "shoot" the animals from several feet away, without having any wires or fences in the scene. (The fences are there, usually behind trees or bushes or low to the ground, so it's easy to compose a picture without getting them in the frame.)

At Wild Eyes, you can actually get in some of the photo areas, so

### Rick Sammon's wildlife photo tips

- Take headshots and pictures that show the animals in their environment. To do that, try a 70mm-200mm zoom lens and perhaps a 300mm lens.
- Always focus on the animal's eye. If the eyes are not in focus, you have missed the shot.
- Wait for the animal's face to be lit by the sun.
- Compose carefully so you don't get a distracting element in the background.
- Use a fast shutter speed, 1-250th of a second and higher to "freeze" an animal's movement.
- Be prepared with ISO 400 film (or set your digital camera to ISO 400) for cloudy day photo sessions.

the only thing between you and a tiger or bear is your lens. I actually had a baby brown bear crawl up my leg! Not to fear. Experienced handlers were nearby to protect me. At both game farms, you must have a guide and handler with you at all times. You simply can't walk around on your own.

And you can't always depend on the animals to pose for your camera. Just like children, the animals are not always in the mood to have their pictures taken. So, patience and understanding are required if you visit the game farms.

Because of the nearness of the animals, you don't necessarily need super-telephoto lenses to get great photographs. I shot most of my pictures with a 70-200mm zoom lens on my digital SLR camera. For some very tight head shots, I used my 300mm lens. Experienced handlers keep a watchful eye on the animals as well as on the guests who experience the wildlife encounters. They stress that the animals are basically "wild," and they encourage people not to make any sudden moves or loud noises. In addition, each participant must sign a liability release.

The wildlife encounter is unique, indescribable. In fact, professional photographers might have to wait days in the wild to get the same kind of pictures they can get at these game farms. That type of availability has drawn film crews from National Geographic, Disney, Nature, the BBC and other cinema productions to Triple "D" over the years.

Well-known professional pho-



A wild mountain goat stands along the main road that runs through Glacier National Park near Kalispell, Mont., in August.

AP photos by RICK SAMMON

tographers, including Darrell Gulline, Lewis Kemper and Leonard Lee III, have all journeyed to Montana to "shoot" the animals at Triple "D." And each year, Popular Photography magazine runs a photo trek, staffed with professional photographers and open to amateur photographers, to Montana that includes a visit to the game farms.

Visitors to Triple "D" and Wild Eyes usually spend several days in the area, also exploring and photographing Glacier National Park, with its stunning scenery. For jaunts in the park, I'd recommend bringing a wide-angle lens, a polarizing filter and a tripod so you can photograph the breathtaking mountains and lakes from sunrise to sunset.

If you go, be prepared to take some great wildlife pictures, and be prepared to listen carefully - very carefully - to the handlers during the photo sessions. And if you get a great shot and have the opportunity to have it published, follow the old motto: Honesty is the best policy. In the credit line for the photo, state that you photographed the animal in captivity. That's something that the American Society of Media Photographers stresses: honesty in journalism.

Rick Sammon is a guest host of the Photo Safari on the Outdoor Life Network and host of the Digital Photography Workshop on the Do It Yourself Network.



A baby brown bear climbs the leg of a photographer at Wild Eyes Animal & Photo Adventures near Kalispell, Mont., in August of 2001.

### If you go...

■ **Getting there:** Airlines that fly into Glacier National Park Airport near Kalispell (7 miles north of downtown) include Alaska, Big Sky, Delta, Horizon and Northwest.

You'll find an airline schedule at [www.glacieraiport.com/schedule.html](http://www.glacieraiport.com/schedule.html). Cars can be rented at the airport through Avis, Budget, Hertz and National.

■  **Lodging:** There are more than a dozen hotels and motels in and around Kalispell. You'll find a list with rates at: [www.motels.com/montana/kalispell-hotels.htm](http://www.motels.com/montana/kalispell-hotels.htm).

Both Triple "D" and Wild Eyes offer lodge accommodations on site. A single room at Triple "D" is \$65 per night, or you can rent an entire cabin, which sleeps eight, for \$225 per night. A single room at Wild Eyes is \$89 per night. Complete travel information can be found on the Travel Montana Web site: [www.visitmt.com](http://www.visitmt.com).

■ **Weather:** Check the weather for the time of year you plan to visit. Snow can block roads and freezing temperatures can make for bone-numbing photo sessions. Try [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com), the Weather Channel's Web site. AOL also offers a link to a weather Web page.

■ **Cost:** A visit to Triple "D" and Wild Eyes, which should be arranged well in advance, will cost you a lot more than a visit to your local zoo. Full-day sessions can run from \$175 to \$200 per person, depending on the number of people in the group (private sessions are available) and the number of animals the group wants to photograph.

Triple "D" offers a special rate to photographers participating in photo workshops organized by Popular Photography magazine ([www.merstorseries.com](http://www.merstorseries.com)). If the prices sound high, keep in mind that stock photos of wild animals can sell for several thousands of dollars, and pros go there to shoot stock.

■ **Reservations:** Contact Triple "D" Game Farm, P.O. Box 5072 Kalispell, MT, 59903. Phone: (406) 755-9653. Web site: [www.tripleddgamefarm.com](http://www.tripleddgamefarm.com).

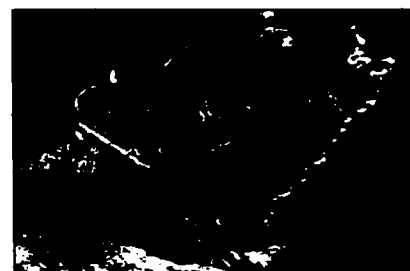
Wild Eyes Animal & Photo Adventures, 284 Lake Drive, Columbia Falls, MT, 59912. Phone: (406) 387-5391. Web site: [www.wildeyes-usa.com](http://www.wildeyes-usa.com).

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Glacier National Park, Park Headquarters, West Glacier, MT, 59936. Visitor information: (406) 888-7800. Web site: [www.nps.gov/glac](http://www.nps.gov/glac).



A badger shows his teeth at the Triple "D" Game Farm near Kalispell, Mont., in August. The game farm allows photographers to get close to wild animals under the supervision of experienced guides. The animals at the farm include bears, wolves, snow leopards, foxes, bobcats, mountain lions and badgers.



A mountain ridge dominates the view from inside an ice cave near the Continental Divide outside Kalispell, Mont.



The sun sets on Big Mountain near Kalispell, Mont.

# Fish and Game seeks comments on big game issues

## Department considers three changes

The Times-Herald

For the upcoming 2003 big game seasons affecting deer, elk, antelope and moosehunters, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is looking for input and comments on three proposed nonbiological changes.

The rule changes have to do with unclaimed controlled hunt permits for deer, elk and antelope, how to allocate leftover tags and permits in some unique situations and whether or not all deer and elk

hunters should be required to leave evidence of sex on harvested animals.

Every year approximately 7 percent of successful controlled hunt applicants for deer, elk and antelope claim their permits. The department is considering making these available to other hunters as leftovers. The significant change would be setting a cutoff date for those who draw to claim their prize, after which time these permits would be available on a first-come, first-served basis through

all state license vendors.

Another leftover tag/permit problem relates to problems with unfilled cow moose permits. Currently, if a hunter draws a controlled hunt permit for a duck deer or a bull elk, he must wait out one year before applying again for another antlered animal of that same species. However, some cow moose permits go unfilled each year.

So how does that affect the hunter who has already taken a once-in-a-lifetime moose? Should that individual be allowed to harvest another moose if permits are left over? And should the one-year waiting period for antlered deer and elk be dropped if a person

wants to purchase a leftover permit and tag?

The real difficulty that has arisen is that the point of sale computer system cannot cross-check a hunter's application history to see if he has already killed a moose, or if he drew an antlered deer or elk the previous year. If these requirements were dropped how would it affect Idaho hunters?

Thirdly, the current evidence of sex requirements are somewhat confusing to hunters and make enforcement difficult at times. The department wants to know how the big game hunting public feels about a require-

### To put in your two cents

For comments or questions, contact the Magic Valley Regional Office in Jerome at 224-4359. Comments can also be sent to [www2.idstate.id.us/fishgame/news/newsdocs/idea/survey](mailto:www2.idstate.id.us/fishgame/news/newsdocs/idea/survey). The department must receive all comments no later than Jan. 5.

ment to make all deer and elk carcasses retain evidence of sex. In this region that could also apply to antelope, since the region has two antelope hunts restricted to does or fawns.



## BURLEY POSADA



At the end of the posada processional at Burley's Little Flower Catholic Church, Melissa Alcaraz and Esal Loyz kneel at the creche. A long line of people followed them during the event, which is a traditional Mexican ceremony.

Photos by GONZALO HERRERA/The Times-News

Playing the role of Joseph and Mary, Esal Loyz and Melissa Alcaraz take their role seriously as they head the posada processional. La Posada reenacts Mary and Joseph seeking shelter in Bethlehem, and includes song, prayer and treats, and lasts over several nights.



## JEROME POSADA



Above, participants at the La Posada celebration at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome join in song. The event includes food, beverages and a piñata for the children. St. Jerome's has held posadas for many years, usually at different parishioners' homes in the past. Participation has become so large, however, that it is now held at the parish hall.

At right and below, a youngster successfully breaks a piñata and then children scramble for the treats as St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome celebrates Las Posadas, a Mexican Christmas tradition. Posadas take place on the evenings between Dec. 18-24. The event reenacts the story of Mary and Joseph as they search for shelter in Bethlehem. Posada means inn or lodging.



Sara Munoz, right, cooks for her family in the Huasteco Indian village of San Rafael Tampaxal, Mexico. In the past two years, women in at least 10 Huasteco Indian villages have gotten their leaders to ban alcohol and another dozen communities are considering it.

## Ladies turn off tap in small villages

Tired of drunk men, women cut off town's supply of alcohol

By Julia Watson  
Associated Press Writer

SAN RAFAEL TAMPAXAL, Mexico — As the Corona beer truck with its clinking bottles lumbered into this Indian village in the mountains of central Mexico, angry women ran out of their homes, shouting: "Get out! Get out!"

The women, many carrying babies in colorful fabrics tied around their hips, forced the driver back down the mountain before he could unload a single bottle — much to the chagrin of their husbands.

Fed up with their men stumbling home drunk or falling over in a stupor in their cornfields, the women of this remote Indian village in San Luis Potosi state took matters into their own hands, refusing to allow any more alcohol to be sold in their community of 250 people.

Huasteco women — whose customs don't allow them to own land unless they are widowed or orphaned — traditionally don't drink alcohol and rarely hold positions of power. Huastecos are also called Teenek after their language.

The women's defiance has spread like wildfire through these lush mountains. Since their bold stand more than a year ago, women in at least 10 Huasteco Indian villages have gotten their leaders to ban alcohol and another dozen communities are considering it.

"A lot of men are not happy with this," said Marcelina Martinez, who helped turn back the truck from San Rafael. "They seem sad. But, oh well. At least

now they spend time with their families, so in the end things are better. They didn't want to listen to us, so we had to get angry."

Over the past decade, Huasteco women have taken on a greater role in their communities as more men leave to find work, often in the United States.

Many women now manage the family budget — something that may have led to the alcohol ban, some say. The region relies heavily on coffee, and growers are earning much less amid plummeting world prices.

"Before, if a man arrived home drunk, his kids could run over and find something in his bag. But now, the little bit that men make, they spend on drinking and it's affecting the children," said Sabas Estrada, whose village of Santa Rita, down the mountain from San Rafael, is considering banning alcohol.

Women say they also found support from the region's new government. President Vicente Fox's National Action Party took power in the Huasteco Indian's most populous municipality, Aquismón, two years ago and has cracked down on moonshine.

The cane-based liquor, known as aguardiente or yuca, flows like the rivers through these mountains, which are surrounded by sugarcane fields. A popular Huasteco song proclaims aguardiente the best liquor because all get drunk — including the mayor and even the governor.

National Action authorities have set up roadside checkpoints and raids on illegal distilleries. During a recent week, officials nabbed 2,900 gallons of bootleg.

"Moonshine sellers around here are as powerful a mafia as drug traffickers," said Raul Hernandez, the alcohol inspector of Aquismón. "There are hundreds making it in their villages, in their homes, in outhouses, even in caves."

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## Juanes shows a new side

By Mario Tarradell  
The Dallas Morning News

Early in the process of writing his second album, Colombian singer-songwriter Juanes realized his mood and his muse had shifted. The angry young man who sang about the political and societal strife plaguing his country, and who questioned the lack of goodness in humanity on 2000's critically acclaimed "Fijate Bien," was mellowing.

He turned his focus inward and found his own need for love and understanding as a subject for "Un Dia Normal," the commercially successful follow-up to his career-launching debut.

"I wanted to show a different side of my soul," the 30-year-old Juanes says from a hotel room in Mexico. "Fijate Bien" was a very dark, depressing album. But when I was writing 'Un Dia Normal' I wanted to share with the audience different things. I didn't want to talk about the storms explod-

ing in my country. I wanted to talk about the hope, the family and the good things. 'Un Dia Normal' is a positive album."

At no point did Juanes — born Juan Esteban Aristizabal — concern himself with the possible critical backlash of succeeding a harder-edged record with a more melodic and ultimately more viable album. He was, however, concerned about his creative about-face. He even consulted producer Gustavo Santaolalla as the songs took shape.

"When I write songs, I write songs for my soul. All the success with 'Fijate Bien' was very good for my career and for me, of course, but when I was doing 'Fijate Bien' I just wanted to express myself through the music. I moved to L.A. and I left my house and my family and my friends and my girlfriend and they were difficult moments. 'Fijate Bien' was a reflection of those moments, but Un Dia Normal was another reflection."

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**  
Case No. SP-02-1235  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
In Re: **JOSHUA LYNN ADEL**  
Date of Birth: July 30, 1991  
A Petition by Fred W. Tows, Sr. for **JOSHUA LYNN ADEL**, born on July 30, 1991 in Twin Falls, State of Idaho now residing at 476 Wakelield, Twin Falls, ID, proposing a change in name to **JOSHUA LYNN TOWS** has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for this change in name being so that I have my father's name. The petitioner's father is living. Such petition will be heard at 11:15 o'clock a.m. on January 2, 2003, in courtroom number 2 at the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name.  
WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court the 2nd day of December,

2002.  
/s/Shahe Leverich, Clerk  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**  
Case No. CV-02-2903  
**SUMMONS**  
**LANDOLFAFORD, Plaintiff,**  
vs.  
**CASEY BENNETT and JENNIFER BENNETT, husband and wife, Defendants.**  
**TO: CASEY BENNETT and JENNIFER BENNETT, husband and wife**  
**YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY LANDOLFAFORD, the Plaintiff in the District Court in and for Twin Falls County, ID. Case No. CV-02-2903.**  
The nature of the claim against you is COMPLAINT FOR MONIES PAID, and DEMAND FOR PAYMENT. Any time after 20 days following the last publication of the summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless you appear in the District Court of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of

to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No. and any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court, at 425 Shoshone St. N., PO Box 126, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0126 and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney at M. Lynn Dunlap, 415 Addison Avenue, PO Box 2754, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-2754.  
A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for the Plaintiff.  
If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.  
**DATED the 8th day of December, 2002.**  
Twin Falls County District Court  
/s/Gerry Dew, Deputy Clerk  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF**

**TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION**  
Case No. CV-02-775  
**ANOTHER SUMMONS**  
**HOWA & HOWA, INC., an Idaho Corporation, d/b/a ARTIC CIRCLE RESTAURANTS, Plaintiff,**  
vs.  
**CHRIS HAYWARD, Defendant.**  
**NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS.**  
**TO: THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT, CHRIS HAYWARD**  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within twenty (20) days after service of the Summons on you. If you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint.**  
A copy of the Complaint

is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, other legal rights protected. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:  
1. The title and number of the case.  
2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.  
3. Your signature, mailing address, and telephone number, or the signature mailing address, and telephone number of your attorney.  
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.  
To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the Court on the 27th day of

November, 2002.  
Clerk of the District Court  
By: Janet Haley, Deputy  
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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**  
Case No. CV-02-1100  
**SUMMONS**  
**VOLCO, INC., an Idaho corporation; and HUMBOLDT LUMBER CO., a Nevada corporation, Plaintiffs,**  
vs.  
**RAIN TREE ENT., INC., an Idaho corporation; HALL CONST., INC., an Idaho corporation; LYLE F. FRAZIER and TONI D. FRAZIER, husband and wife, Defendants.**  
**NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFFS. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.**

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**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above-designated Court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Complaint.**  
A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1)

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3. Your signature, mailing address, and telephone number of your attorney.  
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney as designated above.  
The nature of the claim against you is medical. Any time after 20 days following the last publication of the Summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case Number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 425 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, ID and served a copy of your response on the

**TWIN FALLS**  
Case No. CV-02-4039  
**ANOTHER SUMMONS**  
**ACTION COLLECTION SERVICE, INC. AN Idaho corporation, Plaintiff,**  
vs.  
**CHRISTY L. BAILEY, Defendant.**  
You have been sued by Action Collection Service, Inc. the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for TWIN FALLS County, Idaho, Case Number CV-02-4039.  
The nature of the claim against you is medical.  
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Plaintiff's attorney, at 527 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff.

DATED this 25th day of November, 2002.

STEPHAN, KVANVIG, STONE & TRAINOR Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. SP-02-01180-MC

IN THE Matter of the Estate of JACOB O. SHOBE, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Fredric H. Kroll has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent.

All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

STEPHAN, KVANVIG, STONE & TRAINOR Attorneys for Personal Representative

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. SP-02-01181-MC

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE Matter of the Estate of CHARLOTTE L. KNOLL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Fredric H. Kroll has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. SP-02-01134-MC

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE Matter of the Estate of PAUL COX TRUMBULL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Russell Dale Tuttle has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent.

All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-02-444

SUMMONS CANYONSIDE ENTERPRISES, INC., an Idaho corporation, vs. ABC BEANLESS SOYING, Plaintiff.

DAVID G. HONTES, Plaintiff's Attorney, and DAVID HONTES, husband and wife, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. SP-02-2961

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Case No. CV 02-8412

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vs. MISTY HUGGLEN, Defendant.

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DATED this 17th day of October, 2002.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT By: Deputy

PUBLISHED: December 12, 19, 26, 2002 and January 2, 2003

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A Petition by Michael Sweet born October 15, 1981 at Halley, Idaho now residing at Caray, Idaho proposing a change in name to Michael Olsen has been filed in the above entitled Court.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2743

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, VACATING THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DEEDS AND THE REVESTING OF THE PROPERTY SO VACATED.

WHEREAS, THE ZAMBEZI GROUP has made application for a plat of subdivision of Canyon Park Avenue, Canyon Park and Canyon Park Lane right-of-way located at 1791 Filmore Street in the Amended Brackendale Subdivision of Canyon Park Estates, and

WHEREAS, the City Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, held a Public Hearing as required by law on December 19, 2002 to consider the vacation of the real property below described; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning and Zoning Commission has made recommendations to the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, held a Public Hearing to consider the same matter on the 18th day of December, 2002.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO:

SECTION 1. That the following described real property be and the same hereby VACATED:

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SIGNED BY THE MAYOR: LANCE W. CLOW, Mayor/Lance W. Clow, ATTEST: Jody Hall, Deputy City Clerk.

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First American Title Company, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of the beneficiaries of the trust created by the Amended Trust Agreement, as Beneficiary, dated 08/12/2002, recorded in Public Records of Twin Falls, Idaho, under instrument No. 2000-014442.

Mortgage records of Twin Falls, Idaho, show that the beneficial interest in this property is presently held by Olympia Bank, L.P. as the Grantor as named to comply with Section 45-2-106, Idaho Code.

No representation is made that they are, or are not, the true and lawful owners of this obligation. The default for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due the amount of the principal and interest due on the note dated 08/12/2002, the monthly payment which became due on 12/01/2002 and all subsequent monthly payments, plus late charges.

PLAINTIFF: December 18, 26, 2002, January 2, 9, 2003

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING FOR PETS - MADIC SOCIETY, INC.

T.S. NO. 02-10775 Doc ID: 00003822042005N Title Order No: 02018674 Parcel No. R170000000

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder in the United States. In the office of Twin Falls Title & Escrow, 505 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83402, on 12/27/2002 at 11:30 AM.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113 IDAHO CODE.

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PLAINTIFF: December 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2002

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Trustee's Sale No. 02-1010784

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**2003 F-150 F4 Crew Cab V6**

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- Advanced Security Group

MSRP: \$29,995

Customer Cash: \$1,000

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# THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Four Greeks, even when they bring gifts."

—Virgil

The principle of fearing the Greek gift still applies, even on Boxing Day. (Dec. 26 used to be the standard day for employers to give gifts in the Middle Ages.) This concept can certainly be extended to the bridge table. When confronted with an unexpected opportunity, consider if your opponent has deliberately given you a losing option.

NORTH 12 30 A	
♠ K J 6 3	
♥ A K 9	
♦ A K J 4 2	
♣ 10 7 3	
♠ Q 10 5 4 2	
♥ 8 6	
♦ 10 5 3	
SOUTH	
♠ 10 9 4 2	
♥ A 9 7	
♦ 10 4 3 2	
♣ 9	

Vulnerable: Neither  
Dealer: East

The bidding:  
South West North East  
Pass Pass 1 Pass  
1♥ Pass 3♦ Pass  
1♥ Pass 6♥ All pass  
\*Shortness, agreeing hearts

Opening lead: Diamond queen

## BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:	
♠ J 10 9 4 2	
♥ A 9 7	
♦ 10 4 3 2	
♣ 9	
South West North East	
1♦ Pass 3♦ Pass	

ANSWER: Bid four spades. You may have only five points, but your fifth spade and good intermediates, together with your heart ace and diamond fit, suggest that four spades must have played. Not all bad hands are the same — this is a good bad hand!

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In this deal from the Cavendish Pairs, dealer South reached six hearts after North had opened one club, and had then slightly inconsistently driven to slam over the one-level response. Slam looks to be on the club finesse. Can you see how declarer might go down? Well, South won the diamond lead in dummy and played the heart jack, which held the trick. Now he took the spade ace, played off the diamond ace, and ruffed a diamond. He then cashed one top club and played the spade king and ruffed a spade. At this point, South exited dummy with the heart king, and George Steiner as East took the ace and got out with a spade rather than his "safe" last trump, giving declarer the aforementioned Greek gift.

Declarer should really reject the present by ruffing in hand and drawing the last trump to take the club finesse, but South thought he saw a better line. He won the trick in dummy, throwing a club away from hand. Now all he needed was for the club king to stand up, and he would have the rest without the club finesse. When the second round of clubs was ruffed, he was both wiser and considerably sadder.

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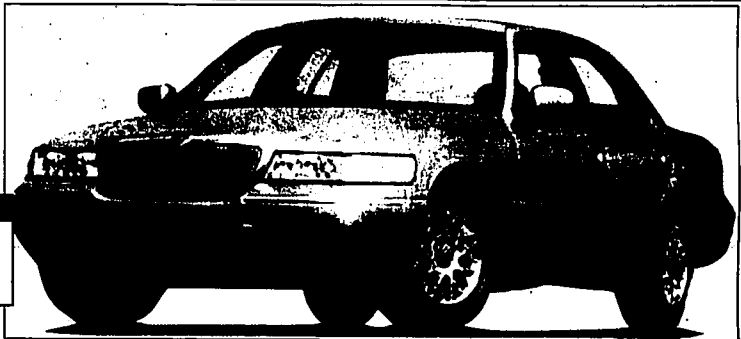
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