

# Changes on taxes



Water Meter Cindy Yeater of the local Idaho Department of Water Resources office performs a year-end meter check on a well in her coverage area. Water Resources and other state agencies will watch the coming legislative session closely. Some local legislators say they want to protect Water Resources from further cuts that could disrupt essential services to the public.

## With no savings, lawmakers worry about balancing budget

**By John Penno**  
*Times-News writer*

BOISE — The well has been pretty much sucked dry, the cupboards bared and piggy bank emptied.

It's stark, and it's what lawmakers face on Monday when they begin trying to cover a \$2 billion state budget. Revenues, which have increased at a rate between 3.7 and 4.7 percent throughout the year, are expected to match the rate at which the budget has grown.

But revenues aren't expected to cover a \$160 million deficit that comes from covering the 2002-03 budget by using up special state savings accounts. Because there isn't anything left in those one-time accounts, the 2003-04 budget will also be short by at least that much.

Before going to Boise last year, the Legislature's budget chiefs — Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert — indicated they would not use the \$50 million stashed in the special accounts to balance the budget. Those were one-time sums, they said, not to be used for ongoing expenses.

But in the end, they had no choice but to go along with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's recommendations to use the reserve accounts in order to make both sides of the ledger match.

This year as lawmakers head to Boise, Bell and Cameron and a

**Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has repeatedly said Idaho is not alone in its economic downturn. Here are some facts about what is going on in other states.**

### ■ What states have done to close 2002-2003 budget gaps:

- Cut spending — 26 states.
- Tap variety of state funds — 23 states.
- Use tobacco settlement money — 16 states.
- Increase taxes — 16 states.
- Tap rainy day funds — 12 states.
- Raise fees — 10 states.

### ■ What states face as they try to balance 2003-2004 budgets:

- Two-thirds report revenue collections below forecast levels through October.
- 29 states have made revisions to their revenue estimates for 2002-03. In 26 of these states, including Idaho,

### Widespread worries



the revenue forecast was lowered.

- 31 states, including Idaho, report budget gaps in the early months of the current fiscal year.
- Only 10 states report a stable or optimistic budget outlook — Florida, Hawaii, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Forecasters do not predict a strong economic recovery through out the coming fiscal year. Still, so far this downturn is the mildest in postwar history. Recovery is likely to take place first in the tourist industry, then heavy manufacturing

and finally high tech.

### ■ How states are addressing the escalating cost of health care:

- 44 states will consider policies to control Medicaid costs, including freezing or reducing eligibility and reimbursement rates.
- 38 states will consider measures to control prescription drug costs including preferred drug lists, prior authorization and bulk purchasing.
- 31 states will address the malpractice insurance crisis and related issues involving medical errors.
- 28 states will consider long-term care issues such as nursing home alternatives.
- 27 states will consider policies to improve access to health insurance such as enacting statutes for high risk pools, purchasing alliances and rollback of mandated benefits.

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures

## Auger Falls property sat mostly quiet through series of owners

**By Mark Heinz**  
*Times-News writer*

TWIN FALLS — The dam and the power plant might never go in, and it's not likely the homes will ever go up.

But a stretch of the Snake River and the surrounding ground west of Twin Falls known as the Auger Falls property will probably always be a cradle of dreams and ambitions.

"We have always felt the property would best be used by the city of Twin Falls. The city can really offer multiple

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use," said Bruce Mechem of Coeur d'Alene, a former Twin Falls resident. "I hope they're happy with it, and I hope it works out."

Mechem is one of dozens of partners in a trio of companies that until this week owned the coveted 540 or so acres in the Snake River Canyon.

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The Snake River at Auger Falls flows over rock outcroppings a few miles west of Twin Falls in this photograph taken from the south side of the river.

Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., listens to a question during a Capitol Hill news conference Nov. 8. Daschle, then Senate majority leader, will become the Senate minority leader when the Senate reconvenes in 2003 following Republican gains.

## Congress returns with new leaders, old agenda

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Old problems are likely to occupy the new Congress that convenes Tuesday with Republicans in control of the House and Senate.

Lawmakers are looking to finish work left over from last year — the federal budget, extending unemployment benefits, confirming judges and helping the ailing economy.

Congress has completed only two of the 13 spending bills for government operations in the fiscal year that began Oct. 1. The government has operated under temporary spending measures, the last of which expires Jan. 11, as House Republicans and Senate Democrats failed to agree on spending levels.

Lawmakers are talking about further temporary extensions to fund the government through Jan. 31, House and Senate aides say.

"We'll get the work done that needs to be done," said Nick Smith, spokesman for incoming Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

Some 750,000 to 800,000 laid-off workers are awaiting action that would extend federal unemployment benefits.

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## Dems pounce on president's economy plan

The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — A President Bush put the finishing touches on an economic growth package that could cost \$600 billion over 10 years, Democrats who want his job pledged to scuttle what they characterize as a plan that would help the wealthy without reviving the economy.

The jockeying Saturday came three days before Bush unveils his plan in Chicago and 22 months before the next presidential election. But it previewed the coming political battle over how to spur the economy.

Bush's growth package probably will include an acceleration of tax cuts Congress approved in 2001, a cut in dividend taxes, tax incentives to prompt more spending by businesses, aid to financially strapped states, and

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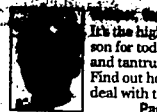
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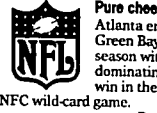
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### WIN FALLS FORECAST

**Today:** Partly sunny skies and brisk winds. Highs in the middle 30s.  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy with diminishing winds. Lows in the middle teens.  
**Tomorrow:** Turning sunny with light winds. Highs in the middle 30s.

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**Today:** Partly to mostly cloudy skies and brisk winds. Highs in the upper 30s.  
**Tonight:** Partly cloudy and calm. Lows in the middle teens.  
**Tomorrow:** Seasonal temperatures and abundant sunshine. Highs in the middle 30s.

### IDAHO'S FORECAST

#### SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Partly to mostly cloudy and brisk at times today, it will turn sunny and pleasant on Monday and Tuesday. The valleys will remain quite cold at night.

**Today Highs 24 to 40** **Tonight's Lows -18 to 0**

**BOISE** Windy at times today with decreasing clouds by late in the day. Monday and Tuesday will be sunny days with slowly rising temperatures.

#### NORTHERN UTAH

Increasing sunshine and seasonably mild temperatures are expected over the next few days.

**Today Highs/Lows 38 to 43/30 to 28**

**Weather key:** S=sunny, P=partly cloudy, M=mostly cloudy, C=cloudy, H=high clouds, A=showers, B=blizzard, F=furries, W=winning, M=mixing

### ALMA-MAE TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 36 Low: 21	0.00 in	65%	30.05 in	6:58 AM - 5:08 PM
Forecast High: 38 Low: 17	0.00 in	68%	30.10 in	6:54 AM - 5:12 PM

### MOON PHASES

Jan 10: First Moon  
 Jan 19: Full Moon  
 Jan 29: Last Moon  
 Feb 1: New Moon

### MOONRISE AND MOONSET

City	Today	Tomorrow
Alma-Mae	7:15 AM	7:18 AM
Twin Falls	7:15 AM	7:18 AM

### REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	40-52	38-46	40-47
Burner's Ferry	37-44	36-44	38-44
Burley	37-44	36-44	38-44
Challis	37-44	36-44	38-44
Cooper's Lake	37-44	36-44	38-44
Ellis	37-44	36-44	38-44
Elgin	37-44	36-44	38-44
Goodwin, OR	37-44	36-44	38-44
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Twin Falls	37-44	36-44	38-44
Sun Valley	37-44	36-44	38-44
Welsh, MT	37-44	36-44	38-44

### CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	10-20	10-20	Edmonton	10-20	10-20
Winnipeg	10-20	10-20	Victoria	10-20	10-20
Halifax	10-20	10-20	Montreal	10-20	10-20

### TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Legend: H=High, L=Low, S=Sunny, P=Partly Cloudy, M=Mostly Cloudy, C=Cloudy, A=Showers, B=Blizzard, F=Furries, W=Winning, M=Mixing

## Budget

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But that still leaves at least half of the deficit to be covered, and it doesn't provide for a cushion when lawmakers go home in early spring. It doesn't add anything into the ongoing budget, nor does it take into account the possibility of increasing certain budgets — such as the public schools, which takes up about 46 percent of the general fund. And to further complicate the dilemma, the Legislature deciding if it needs to find more revenue streams will be the most inexperienced in any of the current lawmakers' memories.

### How to avoid tax hikes

Cameron, who co-chairs with Bell the powerful Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, man-

tains that government still hasn't been cut enough.

"It's an opportunity, as I have said many times before, for us to affect the way government operates," Cameron said. "Maximize and I are in lockstep on this."

Bell, in her characteristic maternal manner, said, "My grave concern is in how to trim and hurt the least amount of people."

She said last year's holdbacks causing reduced positions and early retirements in government have already taken up a lot of slack, and now critical programs could be at risk.

"We're beyond figures now," Bell said. "Now it's people. There are people behind those numbers."

Both Cameron and Bell said the big budget items — education,

health and welfare, and corrections, which make up three-quarters of the general fund — are at best likely to get appropriations only equal to last year's.

"I think public schools are going to be doing very well if they get the same budget they got last year," Cameron said. "I'm not trying to be anything but honest as to where our budget sits."

As for the Department of Health and Welfare, Cameron — who makes part of his living selling health insurance — said he's not convinced there have been enough cuts.

"I haven't seen the kind of structural changes in that agency I would like to see," he said. "Obviously we can't eliminate benefits, but perhaps administration can be more streamlined."

### How tax hikes could happen

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Twin Falls, said he has seen a recent poll that shows a majority of Idahoans believe that government has not been reduced enough.

"Idaho people don't want taxes raised until they are convinced of that," he said.

But there is one notable and consistent exception to that trend, Newcomb said. Despite teacher

salaries growing faster percentage-wise than any other state over the past decade, the average Idahoan — who makes only about \$23,000 per year — still thinks the state is overfunded.

Because of that, Newcomb said he's not sure the Legislature can get away with a flat budget for public schools. And if public schools drain nearly half the general fund, a tax increase is the only way to cover an increased K-12 budget.

Emphasizing he's also against a tax increase, the 16-year legislative veteran went over some likely scenarios that lawmakers could face over the winter when they start voting on the budget. He said JFAC will put out proposed budgets for review, and if those budgets pass both houses, the lawmakers might go home in record time.

"But early in my career I saw the Democrats continually kill budgets, and so then JFAC started sending budgets with tax hikes," he said.

There aren't as many Democrats in the Legislature as there were in the late 1980s and early 1990s, but Newcomb pointed out that Democrats made gains in some critical areas during the November general election. He noted that voters in the Ada County region, the Pocatello area and in a reappportioned northern Idaho did not come out in favor of the Republicans as heavily as they have for the past decade. And education seems to have been the main reason, he said.

"Republicans didn't do well (in those places). Some lost, and some survived only by narrow margins," he said. "I don't know how it's going to play out when they vote for budgets."

## Congress

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plant benefits that ran out Dec. 28. An additional 95,000 jobless workers will exhaust their state benefits each week afterward. Already, 1 million people have used all of their benefits.

Democrats have blamed the White House and congressional Republicans for letting the benefits lapse, arguing that the GOP-led House refused to consider a last-ditch Senate extension.

For the unemployed and their families, "this has been a holiday season filled with too much uncertainty and not enough joy," said Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.

Two competing bills have languished: a \$5 billion plan from the Democratic-controlled Senate that would have extended benefits by 13 weeks for people now receiving them or who were newly eligible, and a \$500 million plan from the GOP-led House for five extra weeks for workers in a few states with high unemployment rates.

President Bush has not said which plan he favors. "When our legislators return to the Capitol, I ask them to make the extension of unemployment benefits a first order of business," Bush said last month after Congress adjourned for the year.

Plans to revive the economy are taking center stage, too.

Bush, who is outlining his ideas in a speech Tuesday in Chicago, is expected to offer tax cuts, billions of dollars in aid to states and extended jobless benefits, administration officials say. The proposal could reach \$600 billion over a decade, they say.

House Democrats are announcing their proposal on Monday, and Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota used his party's radio address

Saturday to question Bush's priorities.

"I intend to do everything I can to replace this misguided plan with a proposal for immediate tax relief for middle class families that will actually spur economic growth," he said.

Senators returned home in December after confirming 100 judges nominated by President Bush, but they did not finish work on 30 other nominees for federal appeals and district courts. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, in his year-end report to Congress, said a solution should be sought for "the underlying problems that have bogged down the nomination and confirmation process for so many years."

With the new legislative session comes new political leaders.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California is the new House Democratic leader, replacing Missouri's Dick Gephardt, who left the job to pursue a possible run for the White House in 2004.

"My priority and that of the Democratic leadership, and indeed every member of Congress, certainly every Democrat, is the safety and soundness of the American people. The safety of our country, of course, and the soundness of our economy," Pelosi said Friday.

Frist succeeded Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., who stepped down after making racially insensitive remarks at a birthday party for retiring Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C.

Frist and GOP colleagues say Congress must quickly address terrorism, the economy and prescription drug benefits. Frist also has indicated he will also focus on repairing the damage that Lott's comments may have done to GOP efforts to recruit support from minority voters.

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# Education aid

# Gephardt: Bush is leading country in wrong direction

Congress in January will receive \$12.3 billion in additional federal aid for education. The House Education Committee said today that the bill would be more dollars than ever for the program, said the president, who was returning to Washington on Sunday after a two-week holiday vacation.

In advance of Bush's spending plan and State of the Union speech, the White House is likely to announce a series of proposed funding increases. But details — about cuts elsewhere and shifts in funds — probably will

not be known until release of his budget.

In the two years the Bush administration has increased federal spending on schools by 40 percent, to more than \$27 billion in the current school year, the president said.

Bush often has cited his administration's education efforts in speeches over the past year. Also, the education law appears on a recently developed internal White House document as an important accomplishment to be used for the president's re-election campaign in 2004.

But Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who helped develop the legislation with Bush, contended that the president has failed to allot enough money for schools to fulfill the law's promise. He said the increase Bush has in mind for next year was \$6 billion less than the bill allows.

"Reform without resources is just hollow talk — not the real improvement our children need and deserve," Kennedy said in a statement. "The president's proposal may provide the money to test our children, but not enough to teach them. It's wrong to ask schools to do better on pocket change, especially as states face \$68 billion shortfalls."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic Rep. Dick Gephardt, who is taking a first step toward a White House bid in 2004, said Saturday that President Bush is offering poor leadership at a critical time in the nation's history.

"On nearly every issue of importance to the country — national security, the economy, health care, education, energy policy — President Bush is leading the country either down the wrong path or not leading at all," Gephardt said in a statement.

"I look forward to challenging President Bush and offering a distinctive choice and a different direction for our domestic, economic and national security policies," said Gephardt, the outgoing House Democratic leader from Missouri.

White House spokeswoman Claire Buchanan took issue with Gephardt's assessment.

"The president's leadership is clear," she said. "His focus is on waging the war on terror, on defending our homeland and on strengthening America's economy and we're making great



Rep. Dick Gephardt Plans to run for president in 2004

progress on all fronts."

Already saying they will seek the Democratic nomination are Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, North Carolina Sen. John Edwards and the Rev. Al Sharpton of New York.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota and Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman appear poised to enter the race.

# Nominees fought to stop restitution for slavery

WASHINGTON (AP) — As corporate executives, President Bush's nominees for Treasury secretary and Securities and Exchange Commission chairman personally approved public statements rebuffing efforts to collect financial restitution from their companies for descendants of African-American slaves.

As head of CSX railroad, Treasury Secretary-designate John Snow signed off on a press release last year after his company was sued for reparations.

"Courtrooms are not the proper place to address" the issue, said the statement by the largest railroad on the East Coast.

It called slavery a "tragic chapter in our nation's history" but said it "cannot be attributed to any single company or industry."

William Donaldson, Bush's choice to run the SEC, approved a statement in 2000 as head of Actua insurance that gave an unprecedented apology for the company's 19th-century role in slavery. The statement added that "beyond our apology no further actions are required." Actua was sued last year for reparations.

With the Trent Lott race controversy still fresh in the public's mind, private attorneys for African-Americans suing 17 railroads, insurers, financial institutions and tobacco companies for slave reparations are highlighting Snow's and Donaldson's roles as they prepare for Senate confirmation hearings this month.

The Snow and Donaldson appointments reveal "stubborn and pervasive disregard of the historical role played by enslaved African-Americans in building the financial wealth of our country and the monumental debt that remains unpaid," said Diane Sammons, one of the attorneys bringing the suits.

The White House declined to discuss specifics of the two cases, saying only that both companies headed by its nominees "have expressed their regrets over this particular error in the nation's history."

Democrats and civil rights activists are questioning the nominations.

"I am shocked that the Bush administration was not aware of how sensitive this issue is, especially after the controversy over Senator Lott and his insensitivities," said Mary Frances Berry, the Democratic chairwoman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and a Bush White House critic.

The office of Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., noted that as SEC chairman, Donaldson may have to decide whether corporations must report to the government on their past involvement in slavery, creating a potential conflict of interest.

# Famous kidnapper finds trouble again, allegedly trying to buy child

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Thirty years after the kidnapping of Steven Stayner, a case that shocked the nation and was made into a television movie, the man who snatched the 7-year-old as he walked home from school has been arrested for allegedly trying to buy a 4-year-old child.

Steven's father said Saturday he wasn't surprised to learn another child could have been put in harm's way by the same man.

"That man should never have gotten out of prison in the first place," Robert Stayner told The Associated Press in an interview from his home in Winton.

"He should've gotten life when he took Stevie all those years ago," he said.

Kenneth Parnell, who was convicted in 1980 of kidnapping Steven and a 5-year-old boy, served five years and one month in prison for the crimes — less time than Steven was kept from his family.

Friday night, Parnell, 71, was arrested again at his Berkeley home after an informant told police Parnell had expressed interest in buying a child, said agent Karen Sherwood of the state Bureau of Investigation.

Authorities have refused to release many details. However, Berkeley Police Lt. Dennis Ahearn confirmed that the child was never handed over to Parnell and no one else was arrested.

Parnell was booked into the Alameda County Jail for investigation of conspiracy to commit child stealing and solicitation to commit a felony crime, authorities said. It wasn't clear Saturday if he had an attorney. An arraignment date had not been set.

The 1972 kidnapping of Steven Stayner and his return to his family years later was chronicled in the book and 1989 movie "I Know My Name" and the TV series "Parnell" held the boy for seven years, renamed him Dennis Parnell and had been passing him off as his son. He kept Steven from running away by showering him with gifts and telling him his parents could no longer afford him.

Then, in 1980, Parnell kidnapped another boy, Timmy White, who was 5 years old at the time.

Steven was 14 when he went to police, bringing the 5-year-old with him. He said he didn't want the younger boy to suffer the same abuse.

"Stevie said he molested him from the very first night he took him," Delbert Stayner said Saturday.

At Parnell's trial, Steven testified that they had lived in motels and trailer parks and that he was ordered to call Parnell "Dad."

In 1988, when Parnell was released from parole, Steven Stayner, then married with two



Kenneth Parnell is shown in a June, 1981 file photo testifying at his trial for the kidnapping of a 5-year-old boy. Parnell was arrested Friday in Berkeley, Calif., after allegedly trying to buy a child, said Lt. Dennis Ahearn, a spokesman for the Berkeley police department.



Steven Stayner testifies about his abduction in 1972 by Kenneth Parnell and his seven years in captivity in this 1981 photo.

car theft and arson, according to Dennis McDougal, a former Los Angeles Times reporter who chronicled Parnell's background in his 2000 book, "The Yosemite Murders," about Cary Stayner's rampage.

McDougal said Parnell had also been accused in the 1950s of abducting and molesting an 8-year-old boy, however, neither the state Corrections Department nor the state Justice Department, which maintains the Megan's Law database, could confirm Parnell's status Saturday as a sex offender.

Delbert Stayner said Saturday that Parnell's arrest feels a bit like justice, but it's still too little, much too late.

children, said he could never forgive him.

"I pity him for the sickness he has. I wouldn't trust him around any child of any age," he said.

The following year, Steven Stayner was killed in a motorcycle crash. A man convicted of hit-and-run driving in the accident was sentenced to 90 days in jail.

The Stayner family faced another high-profile tragedy a decade later when Steven Stayner's brother, Cary Stayner, was convicted of killing four women at Yosemite National Park, where he had been a hotel handyman. He was sentenced to death last year.

Parnell had grown up in Bakersfield, where his mother ran a boarding lodge, and was in and out of juvenile custody for

# Woman Frist helped after wreck dies when life support is shut off

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A young woman involved in a rollover crash where Sen. Bill Frist stopped to treat the victims died after she was removed from life support, a hospital spokeswoman said Saturday.

Shadia Rene, 20, the half sister of two children who also died from injuries sustained in the rollover, was taken off life support at 1:05 a.m. and pronounced dead, Broward General Medical Center spokeswoman Jenny Pudwell said.

Felicienne Kali, 11, and her brother, Felix Kali, 14, were killed in the crash, police said.

Their mother, Stella Kali, 39,

who Frist treated, remained in critical condition early Saturday. Their father, Jacob Kali, 40, was in good condition, Pudwell said. Family friend Meme Chere, 33, was released from the hospital Friday. All are from Tampa.

Frist, a Republican from Tennessee and the incoming Senate majority leader, was in a leading, transplant surgeon before retiring to pursue a political career. He was having to family vacation home Wednesday when he saw the crash scene and stopped to help Frist's medical expertise was invaluable in the rescue effort, officials said.

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# Rumsfeld wields iron fist at Pentagon

Defense secretary seeks to reorganize U.S. military ops

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — When the 4-inch-thick review of worldwide U.S. military intelligence first landed on his desk, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was incredulous. And then he started asking questions no one could answer.

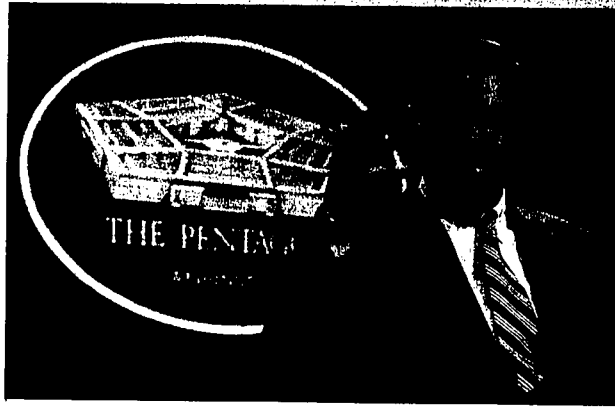
What followed was a year of work by dozens of Pentagon officials drilling and reformulating the monthly overview of the military's spy planes, satellites and other reconnaissance assets into a slim report that Rumsfeld finally pronounced readable.

"It was root canal without Novocain. Painful," said one official who worked on the revisions but asked not to be identified by name. "He was drilling."

Tough, skeptical and dismissive, Rumsfeld is convinced a modern military can't be truly effective until it reforms itself by the bottom up. Surrounded by a small council of trusted civilian advisers, Rumsfeld has shaken up the Pentagon's senior military brass with a style that disdains bureaucracy and demands that military commanders adopt new ways of fighting.

But the process he has created a rift so intense between high-ranking Pentagon civilians and senior officers that it threatens to slow military reform. Rumsfeld's approach, his supporters say, is the only way to prevent rampant bureaucracy from transforming itself, and to force military commanders Rumsfeld believes have become averse to risk to update fighting techniques that have grown stale.

Rumsfeld often engages a deep reservoir of respect among many members of the armed services,



Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld gestures as he makes remarks during the Department of Defense news briefing Dec. 23 at the Pentagon in Washington. Rumsfeld has stirred up the Pentagon with his orders for reform.

his relationships with some key senior officers are increasingly strained as the United States gears up for a potential war against Iraq.

And Rumsfeld is not done yet. A draft of his priorities for the next six to 12 months obtained by the Los Angeles Times calls for reasserting civilian control at the highest levels of the Pentagon and cutting, by half, the time it takes the military to get things done.

Believing that the Joint Chiefs of Staff — the combined war-planning structure of all four branches of the armed services — has become too independent, Rumsfeld has started taking steps to rein it in.

"Rumsfeld is very much about centralizing power within the Pentagon," said one defense official who spoke on condition of anonymity. "He's everywhere. He's CS-SPAN Boy. He's very pow-

erful. One can't blame a Defense secretary) with that kind of clout getting in the way. I know what's right and I'm gonna implement it."

"He's made the point and it is true that you have all the military services trying to undo his reforms. But what he's doing to his own people is dangerous. He ought to be cultivating his own allies, the (civilian staff members) that work for him. Instead, he's cutting them out."

Rumsfeld aides fiercely defend the approach of the former Princeton wrestler. They say that, not only does he listen to people, he listens so much that it puts them on the spot as he burrows deeply into issues, demanding more from his subordinates.

They acknowledge that, with favorite programs on the line and budgets under the secretary's

scrutiny, many elements of the military and of the civilian bureaucracy feel threatened by Rumsfeld's attitude and his reforms.

Indeed, the extent to which Rumsfeld has achieved his stated aims to date is remarkable.

While fighting the war on terrorism, he has overseen the development of a nuclear posture review, done away with the Antiballistic Missile Treaty, restructured and increased funding to the missile defense program he holds dear, secured hundreds of millions of dollars in new funding for cutting-edge military programs, and, in killing the Army's Crusader artillery system, taken his first stab at moving money from weapons he considers outdated to newer technologies.

"He doesn't mind people being

convinced. People are going to have an alert," said one senior defense official. "He doesn't have any respect for people who are afraid of him. As a citizen, do you want somebody making life or death decisions about our society who can't stand up to some 70-year-old push-up artist? I don't think so."

Rumsfeld's personality and drive have served him well in a varied and accomplished career. A former Navy pilot, he served four terms as a congressman from Illinois and was President Ford's chief of staff before becoming the youngest secretary of Defense in U.S. history in 1975. He also served as the chief executive of two Fortune 500 firms — G.D. Searle & Co., a pharmaceutical company with global reach, and General Instrument Corp. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the country's highest civilian award, in 1977.

His operating style — brusque, aggressive, impatient to the point of imperiousness — clashed with those of his military commanders and much of the civilian staff of the Pentagon from day one. But in the early months of the war on terrorism, with the United States under attack and the Pentagon rebuilding itself from the shock of last year's terrorist attack, the differences were pushed below the surface.

Now, as the military gears up for a possible war with Iraq, the dimension is bubbling up, threatening to muddy Rumsfeld's efforts to prepare for a new war now and to reform the Pentagon over the long term.

The fiscal 2004 budget is growing under the weight of war costs and long-deferred expenditures on modernization and new weapons.

The secretaries of the Air Force and the Army, both businessmen who were promised autonomy in decision-making when they took office, are complaining that their actions are constrained and their views are being ignored.

## Equipment

The USS Comfort

BALTIMORE — Navy Capt. George J. Searles said the ship's affiliation as a "hospital ship" installing angiogram equipment aboard the Navy hospital ship Comfort put the hospital ship's name in the spotlight. The ship is expected to arrive in Baltimore early next week as the United States builds up military forces in the Persian Gulf region for a possible attack against Iraq.

The Comfort will carry a crew of 300 medical personnel who fly out, depending on how many of the ship's beds are to be set up. The medical crew is drawn largely from the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

The white, 894-foot ship, a converted supertanker now emblazoned with huge red crosses, ranks among the largest trauma facilities in the nation. The vessel has 12 fully equipped operating rooms and can accommodate up to 1,000 hospital beds. A flight deck is available for helicopters carrying wounded troops and includes decontamination stations where soldiers or Marines can be treated for chemical or biological weapons can be immediately treated.

On the Comfort's deck Friday, sailors were rushing with last-minute preparations, readying it for its primary mission: treating, if need be, hundreds or even thousands of American casualties.

"With what's coming up, we have to be ready to deal with it — especially if there are any mass casualty scenarios or chemical attacks," said Cmdr. Terrence Dwyer, head of medical services for the ship.

In a cold and foggy drizzle, two cranes slung load after load of supplies onto the ship's flight deck. Sailors on the deck used forklifts to move cartons of supplies, including at least one box from Drugstore.com. Food items were also being loaded, among them 16 cases of Snapple fruit juice.

"It's a little bit of everything," said Petty Officer 1st Class John Lafferty, 34, who was supervising the operation. Crews have been working 18 hours a day for the last week loading the ship, he said.

# National Guard activation affects soldiers' families

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — During the 11 years he spent in the Army, Bill Nelson, 48, of Pensacola, Fla., thought those days were over when he later joined the National Guard.

But in what he calls a "very rude, very sudden" awakening, the father of five has become one of 1,200 soldiers ordered to duty as part of the Florida National Guard's biggest call-up since World War II.

The soldiers were being shipped during the week-end to Fort Stewart, Ga., for training before being given an undisclosed assignment. With terrorism still a threat and another war against Iraq looming, an overseas deployment is a possibility.

McQuaid, now a staff sergeant, said the Florida guardsmen compare well with their active-duty counterparts.

"I heard the rumors about the National Guard calling us, but these guys really impressed me," said McQuaid, 34, of Pensacola. "I believe we're ready to go now."

The Florida soldiers — members of the 124th Infantry Regiment's 2nd Brigade in Orlando and its 3rd Brigade in the Panhandle —



Paul and Heather West, married for four years with three children, listen Friday to Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., at podium, address soldiers from the 124th Infantry who will be going to Fort Stewart, Ga., then possibly overseas.

represent a wide cross-section of the population: students, government employees, construction workers, law enforcement officers and even a state legislator, Rep. Carey Baker, who serves as a first sergeant.

They range from veterans such as McQuaid to rookies fresh out of basic training. Many have spent years training without

being called up except to assist during hurricanes and other emergencies.

"I'm excited about it, to see you the truth of things happening here," said McQuaid. "This is my chance to put all my training to work."

Howey had a full-time job installing counter tops while taking classes at Pensacola Junior

*"I heard the rumors about the National Guard being lazy, but these guys really impressed me. I believe we're ready to go now."*

— Curtis McQuaid, National Guard member

College. He is now deferring his plans to transfer to Florida State University.

No one relishes combat, said Capt. Gil Petruska, a company commander from Pensacola. "But the fact is these guys have been training for years to do a job," he said. "Whatever it is, we'll do it."

Petruska, 35, has a wife and two young children. He is leaving a job as a civilian research analyst for the Naval Education and Training Command at Pensacola Naval Air Station.

The soldiers have family care plans to help their spouses deal with matters such as insurance and mortgage payments, Petruska said. The Guard also has counselors and a hot line.

"Whether it's a hurricane or this, we have a requirement to make sure the families are ready," Petruska said.

The call-up also means employees must do without key workers, such as Sgt. 1st Class Michael Boddy, 39, of Pensacola, a father of two who is training director for Santa Rosa County Tax Collector Robert McClure.

"As soon as I mentioned the fact I was being deployed, it was like 'Don't worry, we're just looking forward to having you back,'" Boddy said.

Pfc. Josh Odum, 20, a karate teacher who graduated from Tallahassee Community College last month and plans to study criminology at Florida State, said he hadn't given much thought to the possible danger.

But his mother has. "I didn't anticipate that he would ever be deployed as a national guardsman," said his mother, Sherry Coombs. "You know, this was helping out with school."

# Police seek motive, suspects in family slaying

CHICAGO (AP) — Police were searching for a motive and suspects in the slayings of a 2-year-old boy, his parents and another man inside a home on the city's South Side.

The four, last seen in the home at a New Year's Eve party playing cards and video games, were found shot to death Friday afternoon by police after one of the victims did not show up for work at a security company, police said.

The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office on Saturday identified the victims as Ronald Ryals, 20, Sarah Perry, 18, Ronald Ryals, 2, and Prescott Perry, 48, Sarah Perry's father.

About a half block from the home where they were slain, family and friends gathered to pay a final goodbye to the victims. They described Ryals and Perry as good parents who were friendly with everyone. Ryals was studying broadcast journalism at a junior college and Perry planned to return to school and earn an equivalency degree after dropping out of high school.

Ryals said she attended the New Year's Eve party at the home and last saw the four at about 3 a.m.

Wednesday. Tammie Jenkins, 22, said about eight people were at the party when she left, playing cards and video games and drinking. She said there were no arguments during the get-together, and no weapons in sight.

"I knew everybody in there and I know that none of them would do this," she said. "When I left, everything was fine. Ronald said he'd call me later. Now he's dead."

Authorities said late Friday they had no suspects and were still interviewing family members. They also would not speculate on when or where in the house the four were shot.

Sharon Collins, who was at the scene Friday, said she is the mother of Ronald Ryals, Collins, 45, said she dropped off her son at the home to attend the New Year's Eve party. He told her they planned to drink some champagne, play games and listen to music.

"I just don't understand. Was he at the wrong place at the wrong time?" Collins said. "That was my son. He was in no trouble at all. I didn't see any of this coming."

where he studied broadcast journalism.

"I just received his grades. I didn't get a chance to tell him that he made the honor roll," she said.

A neighbor, Daniel Bradford, 47, said families and older residents mainly lived in the area that's normally peaceful.

"It's a real quiet neighborhood, low crime. You don't usually see this type of thing happening here," he said. "I didn't know the people, but I drove by there every day. I've probably seen them before walking around. It's just real, real sad."

Barbara Klein, the wife of the older man's uncle, said family members were shocked by the deaths.

"We're all completely devastated," said Klein, whose husband, Adam Bourgeois, is a lawyer and the father of Adam Bourgeois Jr., an associate judge in Cook County circuit court. "There's not much more we can say at this time."

# Plaza dispute deepens philosophical chasm in Utah.



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# IDAHO LEGISLATURE

## REGULAR SESSION CONVENES MONDAY AT NOON

- THIS WEEK**
- **Inauguration:** Monday at 12:30 p.m. on steps of the State Capitol.
  - **"State of the state" address:** See live coverage of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's speech at 7 p.m. Tuesday on Idaho Public Television.
  - **Budget address:** IPTV will also provide live coverage of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's budget speech at 11 a.m. Thursday.

### SOME OF THE BIG ISSUES

**H**ere's a breakdown of issues local lawmakers are saying will be of particular interest to them during this session:

#### Tax increases

- **What's at stake:** Taking more money from people to run government at a time when many are either without jobs or strapped for income.
- **Who's affected:** The public.

solved during this session. To add to the quandary of how to finance schools with falling revenues, schools are under more pressure than ever to perform.

Lawmakers will be poring over the No Child Left Behind program the federal government is requiring of districts. They are concerned there isn't enough federal money to make it work.

#### Higher education

- **What's at stake:** Keeping the state's best and brightest students as well as support, research and development for the state's industries.
- **Who's affected:** The public, industry.

#### Tort reform

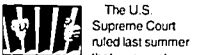
- **What's at stake:** Physicians' and lawyers' incomes, the amount of money consumers and health insurers have to pay for health services.
- **Who's affected:** Physicians, lawyers, consumers and health insurers.

might have to be addressed between surface water users — who have senior rights — and groundwater users. He and other legislators say this year is the best time to make plans for recharging the aquifer with Snake River water during high-water years.

In addition, Newcomb is worried about the claim the Nez Perce Tribe has made on mid-Snake River water rights. He said if agreements can be reached, the Legislature will have to approve them. If agreements can't be reached, he said the battle is headed for the U.S. Supreme Court.

#### Death penalty

- **What's at stake:** The state's death penalty.
- **Who's affected:** Twenty-one convicted murderers on death row, victims' families, the public.

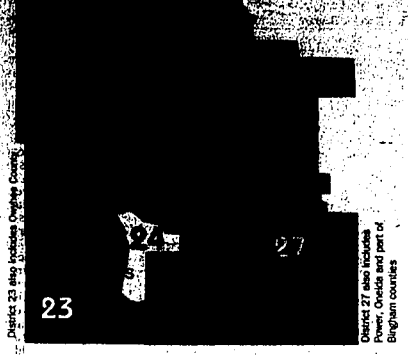


The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last summer that juries, not judges, are to determine if the death penalty is warranted in certain murder cases. Idaho's law was immediately in question, and Sen. Denton Damington, R-Deer, who heads the Senate Judiciary Committee, has been working on legislation to take care of the problem. Some of the issues juries have to consider include aggravating factors in a murder, multiple murders and premeditation in a murder. It could mean that some convicted murderers on death row will have to be re-sentenced. Damington said, and that translates into money to pay for that process.

#### Miscellaneous

Magic Valley dunes could be getting some attention. Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, said he wants to make sure there is never again any question about nutrient management plans' availability to the public. In addition, Stennett said he is crafting legislation that would make it possible for counties to lum down dunes based on health, safety and welfare of the general public.

In addition, lawmakers note that the Indian gaming initiative that got overwhelming approval in the November election will need some wording for implementation if court battles against it fail.



### MAGIC VALLEY LAWMAKERS

#### District 23 (western Twin Falls and Owyhee counties)



- Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, Vice chairman, Senate Education Committee.
- Rep. Frances Field, R-Grand View, Vice chairwoman, Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.
- Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, Chairman, House Agricultural Affairs Committee.

#### District 24 (eastern Twin Falls County)



- Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, Chairman, Senate Resources and Environment Committee.
- Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, House Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee.
- Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, Vice chairwoman, Health and Welfare Committee.

#### District 25 (Blaine, Camas, Gooding and Lincoln counties)



- Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, Senate minority leader.
- Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, House minority leader.
- Rep. Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone, Revenue and Taxation Committee.

#### District 26 (Jerome and Minidoka counties)



- Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, Chairman, Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.
- Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, Vice chairman, House Agricultural Affairs Committee.
- Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, Chairwoman, Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

#### District 27 (Cassia, Power, and part of Bingham counties)



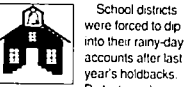
- Sen. Denton Damington, R-Deer, Chairman, Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee.
- Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, Speaker of the House.
- Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, Appropriations Committee.



More than a few lawmakers are considering reducing the overall rate of the sales tax after several exemptions — especially some in the service sector — have been taken away. But to accomplish that, most acknowledge the endeavor will take more than three months. Some suggest increasing the current 5 percent sales tax to 6 or even 7 percent for a year or so while a committee figures out which exemptions to eliminate. But others say they have never seen a tax increase go away, and therefore they are opposed to the idea. Some lawmakers suggest increasing taxes on cigarettes, alcohol and soda pop to raise revenue.

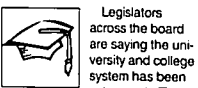
#### Public schools

- **What's at stake:** Quality of education, teacher retention and some say ultimately the state's economy.
- **Who's affected:** Students, families, school employees, property owners.



School districts were forced to dip into their rainy-day accounts after last year's holdbacks. Districts such as Burley and Castelford are left with no reserves. If schools don't get increases to meet inflation as well as more expensive safety schedules in many districts, possible layoffs and/or larger classes loom. Or, property owners could see property tax increases to cover expenditures.

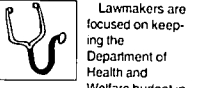
Also, the school construction finance question is still looming, though legislators doubt it will be



Legislators across the board are saying the university and college system has been cut enough. They warn that chopping more programs would only drive youth out of state who would likely never return. They also say that forcing out more researchers and professors makes the state less attractive to industry.

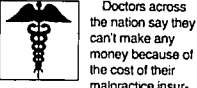
#### Health and Welfare

- **What's at stake:** Providing health services and insurance for those who have least access.
- **Who's affected:** The blind, disabled, elderly and the poor.



Lawmakers are focused on keeping the Department of Health and Welfare budget in check. They say from FY 2001 to FY 2002, the Medicaid budget grew 10.4 percent — much of that attributed to getting 12,000 poor Idaho children signed up for the Children's Health Insurance Program. After last year's holdbacks, the department managed to rein in spending, so that the 2002 Legislature only appropriated 3.4 percent more than the year before, or \$359.6 million.

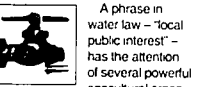
In spite of last year's reduction in agency staff, most local legislators remain unconvinced that enough positions have been eliminated — particularly in upper administration. Lawmakers will also be looking at other ways to



Doctors across the nation say they can't make any money because of the cost of their malpractice insurance. The reason the premiums are skyrocketing is that there is no cap on awards for lawsuits, they say. Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, is an attorney who said he doesn't see any reason to work on the law because he doesn't see unreasonable awards in Idaho. But Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Filer, who sells insurance, said he sees the premiums being spread across all the states to make up for unreasonably high awards in other states. The issue promises to be a big fight.

#### Water issues

- **What's at stake:** Keeping Idaho water from out-of-state interests; making sure that everyone in southern Idaho with water rights gets to keep while the state is in a drought.
- **Who's affected:** The public.



A phrase in water law — "local public interest" — has the attention of several powerful agricultural organizations. They want to change state law so environmentalists and others can't protest water right transfers and allocations based upon "social issues." The ag groups say getting water rights should only be based upon the effect they could have on other water rights. But Idaho could lose its water to out-of-state interests if the legislation isn't handled correctly, says Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly.

Also, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said as the drought lengthens, agreements

### HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

A bill is a proposal to enact, amend or repeal of an existing law, or spend public money.

A bill may originate in the House of Representatives or the Senate — with the exception of revenue measures, which originate in the House. It must be passed by a majority vote of each chamber and be signed into law by the governor.

**1. Introducing a bill**  
A bill may be introduced by a member, a group of members or a standing committee.

After the 20th day of the session in the House and the 12th day in the Senate, bills may be introduced only by committee. After the 35th day bills may be introduced only by certain committees — in the House: State Affairs, Appropriations, Education, Revenue and Taxation, and Ways and Means Committee; in the Senate: State Affairs, Finance, and Judiciary and Rules.

**2. Printing a bill**  
Before a bill is assigned a number, it is sent to the appropriate committee for initial review. Bill sponsors present their case for the need to debate the legislation. The committee votes whether or not to "print" the bill.

**3. Committee consideration**  
After the bill is printed, it is referred back to the appropriate committee, which conducts a study of all information that can help it determine the scope and effect of the proposed law. Studies may include research, hearings, expert testimony, and statements of interested parties.

The committee, by a simple majority vote, can send the bill to the floor with a recommendation to pass it; not to pass it (bills are seldom released from committee with this recommendation); sent it to the floor to be amended; withdraw it with the privilege of introducing another bill; refer it to another standing committee; or release it without a recommendation.

Many bills are not reported out by committees, and die in committee.

**4. Floor approval**  
A bill that survives a committee is placed on the second reading calendar and then is automatically advanced to the third reading calendar the following day.

The bill is ready for floor debate once it's on the third-reading calendar. Each bill is sponsored by a member who is known as the "floor sponsor" and who opens and closes debate in

favor of passage of the bill. After debate has closed, a bill is approved by a majority of those present.

If the bill is passed, it is transmitted to the other chamber where it goes through a similar process. Without a simple majority of votes in both chambers, a bill "dies on the floor."

**5. Governor's signature**  
Bills passed in both chambers go to the governor for his signature. The governor can sign the bill, veto it, or let it become law without his signature. If the governor vetoes a bill, it can become law if passed again by two-thirds majority of those present in each chamber. A bill becomes law without the governor's signature if it is not vetoed within five days after it arrives on the governor's desk. After the Legislature adjourns, the governor has 10 days to veto or sign a bill.

**6. Becoming law**  
Most bills become law on July 1 after the legislative session ends, unless it includes an emergency enactment clause making it law as soon as possible.

After a bill becomes law, it is written as a statute into the Idaho Code.

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# NATION/MAGIC VALLEY

## Property

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Sealing a deal approved Monday by the Twin Falls City Council, the city on Friday forked over the second half of a \$1.3 million payment to gain ownership of the land.

### A family trust

Nobody interviewed last week by *The Times-News* could recall the circumstances of the property's ownership by the Urie family. Records show that family laid claim to the Auger Falls area in the 1920s.

But Meacham, who for 30 years owned and operated Globe Realty in Twin Falls, said he could recall dealing with the Cameron family, which bought the property from the Uries in the 1950s.

Meacham said he first dealt with the family patriarch, W.R. Cameron, and then later with Cameron's son and daughter, who took control of the land after their father died.

To Meacham's knowledge, the Camerons never had any particular plans for the land. The family had a small pond dug out and filled with water on the property, and it's still there today, Meacham said.

There were also failed attempts to irrigate it for crops, he said. For the most part, W.R. Cameron apparently saw the property as a quiet retreat and tended to jealously guard it as such, Meacham said.

### Land application

Cameron's children didn't take much interest in the property after their father died, Meacham said. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game in the 1970s briefly considered buying it, he said.

For an undisclosed amount of time, the Idaho Frozen Foods company in the early 1980s, Meacham said.

Auger Falls land saw little use outside the company using part of it to land-spread some of its factory wastewater, said Meacham and Jack Straubhaar, Straubhaar, a Twin Falls engineer, is a member of Shorrock Hydro Inc., another of the companies that sold the land to the city.

Idaho Frozen Foods dug some basins around sections of the land and used them for both ground filtration and evaporation of wastewater, Straubhaar said.

Idaho Frozen Foods was later bought out by Lamb Weston, said Bill Block, a Twin Falls engineer and partner in Straubhaar's company.

In 1986, Meacham's and Straubhaar's companies, along with Twin Falls Hydro, bought the property. Twin Falls Hydro is headed by Don Jensen, the founder of Jensen's Jewelers in Twin Falls, and David Cooper, of the accounting firm Cooper, Norman and Co.

Meacham, Straubhaar and others in the companies declined to say how much they paid when they bought the land from Idaho Frozen Foods. The price of that sale wasn't a matter of public record, according to the Twin Falls County Assessor's Office.

Dreaming big  
From the get-go, the companies' plan was to put some sort of hydroelectric plant on the property. The companies built the Rock Creek power station just downstream from Auger Falls, Straubhaar said. They still hold the station and a little of the land around it, although it's now surrounded by the city's new property.

So it always seemed a natural next step to wrestle a bigger flow of hydroelectric power from the Auger Falls stretch, Straubhaar said. But with so many people involved — Jensen said there were 18 in his company alone — a unified, focused plan just never came into existence, Straubhaar said.

Eventually, it seemed like a good idea to funnel all the share-

## About Auger Falls

**Auger Falls timeline**  
Here's what records have to say about the history of the ownership of the Auger Falls property:

• **1926 and 1928** — The oldest records in the Twin Falls County Courthouse trace ownership to the family of Josiah H. Urie and U.R. Urie in those years.

• **1952** — W.R. Cameron of Twin Falls bought the property.

• **1977** — It passed to his children, Richard Cameron and Irene Cameron.

• **1982** — The Idaho Frozen Foods company bought it from the Camerons and used the land for surface application of wastewater from a packing plant.

• **1986** — A trio of companies, headed by Rock Creek Joint Ventures of Twin Falls, bought the property in hope of someday building a hydroelectric power plant there.

• **1990** — That group sold the property for \$1.8 million to Salt Lake City businessman Steve Harmsen, who had intended to build his own power plant. That also fell through.

• **1996** — Rock Creek Joint Ventures and the other companies bought the property back for a \$2.5 million "credit bid" at a county auction.

• **2002** — After years of bidding back and forth, the companies agreed to sell the property to the city of Twin Falls. The deal was sealed Friday. The city got a \$1.3 million. But the land has been recently been appraised at nearly twice that value, members of the companies said. It was finally decided to simply donate about \$1.085 million of the land's value to the city, they said. That put the price within the city's range and resulted in significant tax benefits for the companies.

**Source: Twin Falls County Assessor's Office, Times-News archives**

### Who they are

Here's a partial list of the shareholders involved in the companies that sold the Auger Falls property to the city of Twin Falls:

■ **Shorrock Hydro Inc., which held 33 percent of the shares:**

• President, John J. Straubhaar, Twin Falls

• Bruce C. Meacham, Coeur d'Alene

• D. Mike Preston, Boise

• Marc Edson, Twin Falls

• Margaret Barber Family Trust

• Gordon Beckstead, Denver

• Camille Stockdale, Salt Lake City

• Dave Cooper, Twin Falls

• Robert Norman, Twin Falls

• Bea Witherspoon, Agua, Ariz.

• Robert Johnson, residence unknown

■ **RKT Company (Rock Creek Joint Ventures), 32.5 percent of the shares:**

• President, Bruce C. Meacham, Coeur d'Alene

• John J. Straubhaar, Twin Falls

• D. Mike Preston, Boise

• William W. Briggs, Boise

• Warren Shelington, Twin Falls

• Thomas Kolange, Boise

• Vern Meacham, Twin Falls

• Rip Jewell, Ketchum

• Robert Kerts, California

• Winnie Stivers, Twin Falls

• Jackson Alired, Burley

■ **Twin Falls Hydro, 32.5 percent of the shares**

• President, Don Jensen, Twin Falls

• Vice President, Dave Cooper, Twin Falls

• Permission could not be obtained to print the names of the other shareholders in this company. Jensen said there are a total of 18 shareholders in TRH.

holders' ambitions for a power plant through a single person. The companies finally chose Salt Lake City businessman Steve Harmsen and sold the property to him in 1990.

But Harmsen's plans never gelled.

Mostly, the timing seemed poor, and environmental groups strongly opposed Harmsen's plans from the start, Straubhaar said.

After nearly eight years of nothing happening and Harmsen pouring nearly \$2 million of his own money into the plans, the companies decided to foreclose on Harmsen, Straubhaar said. After that, the vision for the property's future became a little muddled, although plans for a power plant never really died out.

There was talk of selling the property off to developers who could have carved home sites out of it, Jensen said. But the proximity of the city's sewage treatment plant probably kept that from happening.

"We felt the city ought to have it, because it's a wonderful spot of land," he said. "It's a shame the sewer plant is there, because it might have made a good site for homes."

**A final deal**  
Negotiation over the Auger Falls lands between the companies and city are nothing new, Jensen and other shareholders said.

"We've been fussing back and forth with the city for seven years," he said. "I don't think any time was better than any other. It's just that it finally came to fruition."

No offer could seem to meet the city's budget, so the companies finally decided last year to offer it to the city for \$1.3 million — and donate the rest of the land's value, Straubhaar said.

Don Jensen of Twin Falls, a certified appraiser, said he recently appraised the land for the companies, but he declined to say what his final assessment was.

through the donation, he said. "But the city still got a good deal," Meacham said. "I'm slightly disappointed with the price. But that's fine. We did it, and it's settled. And I hope the people of Twin Falls appreciate it."

Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney said the city is grateful for the shareholders' extra efforts to make the deal finally work.

"I think it's a very good deal for the community," he said.

### The future

The city has no set plans for the property yet, Courtney said. But the rough vision is for a sort of developed park that might involve some space picnic-style dining areas and a system of trails.

The city is also seriously considering pumping some of the fully developed park that might involve some picnic-style dining areas and a system of trails.

"If the city of Twin Falls is going to grow, they're going to have to find better ways to treat their sewage," he said.

Jensen said he's excited about the possibility of a new public park opening up views of the Snake River and canyon that many might not have had access to through the city.

"I don't think there's one person in a hundred from around here who has seen those falls up close from the Twin Falls side," he said. "Now, with public access, they will be able to."

And the possibility of a power plant there might not be totally dead, Courtney said.

The city did apply for a preliminary power permit for the Auger Falls area from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, he said. But city leaders have decided to not pursue building a plant. Even so, that could eventually open the door for a private company to strike a deal with the city to build a plant somewhere on the property, Courtney said. It would probably depend on the scope of the project.

"If somebody was to propose constructing a large power plant with a canal running through the property, there would be a conflict," he said.

Meacham said he hopes the old dream of a power plant down on the property does someday come true, and a small plant could probably be built in such a manner that it wouldn't ruin other people's experience of the land, he said.

"It should be done. It should have been done a long time ago," he said.

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# Nevada town looks for its water

Los Angeles Times

**SANDY VALLEY, Nev.** — At first glance, there seems little about this sprawling desert burg to be covered by neighboring communities.

Its commercial center is comprised of a small post office, a video store and the Dust Devil pizza joint, with the J&J general store and Idle Spurs saloon down the road.

There are a few upscale homes, but most of the area's 2,200 residents live in manufactured homes or trailers. Until a recent community cleanup, hundreds of abandoned or junked vehicles littered yards.

But there is one thing Sandy Valley has that is dearly wanted by nearby Primm, a neon-pulsating town on Interstate 15 that's home to three casinos, hotels and a factory outlet center.

Sandy Valley has underground water. Out here, beyond the reach of municipal pipelines, water pumped up through domestic wells is treasured more than gold because it sustains life.

And Primm, bustling with commerce just 20 miles away on the California-Nevada border, needs more to accommodate a developer's plans to build an industrial park, homes for hotel workers, retail expansions and maybe even a theme park. So the developer has hired the Vidler Water Co., a private company that collects and sells water as a commodity, to deliver.

But the tight-fisted residents of Sandy Valley are loath to give up their water and have cooled as seldom before in this classic Western water fight. What it lacks in scale compared with interstate water battles along the Rio Grande or the Colorado it makes up for in passion among the residents of this rough-and-tumble community.

"This is deadly serious to us. Water is our lifeblood," said Rob Spurluck, a former cattle rancher and well digger who has lived here 45 years. "If Vidler comes in, we'll all be sitting on property that's not worth paying our taxes on because we won't have any water left."

Water here lies the heart of the dispute: Does Sandy Valley have water to spare?

Nevada law says no one owns the water; it is a public resource regulated by the state engineer based on competing needs. And

the engineer's decision that the town has no water is a fraction of the water it needs from Sandy Valley wells — is bound to court this spring because both sides believe they were given short shrift.

Based on various models and estimates of the amount of water flowing beneath Sandy Valley, the basin can deliver 2,929 acre feet annually, state engineer Hugh Ricci concluded. Of that, 2,514 acre feet is needed for Sandy Valley's current and future needs, he determined.

Vidler initially asked for 2,900 acre feet a year, and then scaled back and asked for 1,400 acre feet. Ricci said Sandy Valley could spare 415 acre feet.

Both sides appealed, and the state is defending its decision in this David-and-Goliath battle.

Vidler is part of Pico Holdings Inc., a San Diego-based company that also runs an insurance business and Nevada Land & Resource Co., the state's largest private land owner.

Vidler's attorneys and engineers will argue in the appeal that much more water runs under Sandy Valley than Ricci estimated.

They say a deep aquifer courses beneath much of Nevada and that, by some estimates, it holds hundreds of millions of acre feet of water. Vidler claims it has tapped that deeper source in a 1,600-foot-deep "test" well. Most domestic wells here are less than 200 feet deep.

But Ricci said he was not convinced that Vidler found the deeper water, and there are technical arguments that, beneath Sandy Valley, the two aquifers essentially communicate.

Sandy Valley residents, on the other hand, argue that their water future is precarious because about half of their underground water flows into California, where alfalfa and soil farmers are allowed to pump out as much as they want.

"We only have enough water if California doesn't over-pump," said Dick Clark, a retired heating and air conditioning contractor who moved here in 1990 from Southern California.

Particularly irksome to residents is that the water will go for commercial enterprise, which is not viewed here as a noble cause. Local folks moved here, after all, to get away from it all, and some are willing to drive 50 miles across two-lane highways and the interstate to hotel and casino jobs in Las Vegas.

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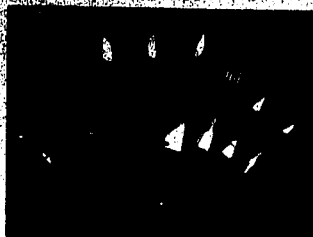
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# Historians speculate on Monitor crew

**NEWPORT NEWS, Va.** — As the USS Monitor was being raised in a barge in the Chesapeake Bay, the bodies of the crew members were found. The bodies were found in the Monitor's hold, and they were found in a way that suggests they were not killed in a battle. One of the bodies was found in a way that suggests it was a suicide. The bodies were found in a way that suggests they were not killed in a battle. One of the bodies was found in a way that suggests it was a suicide. The bodies were found in a way that suggests they were not killed in a battle. One of the bodies was found in a way that suggests it was a suicide.



Remains recovered from the turret of the USS Monitor in 2002 at the Mariners Museum in Newport News, Va.

It was the first clash of ships covered in iron plates to repel cannon balls. Until then, most fighting ships were wooden. The Monitor, designed by Swedish engineer John Ericsson, featured innovations including the first revolving gun turret, which allowed cannons to be aimed and fired independently from the ship's position. The ship sank at the end of 1862, landing upside down in 240 feet of water, 16 miles off Hatteras, N.C.

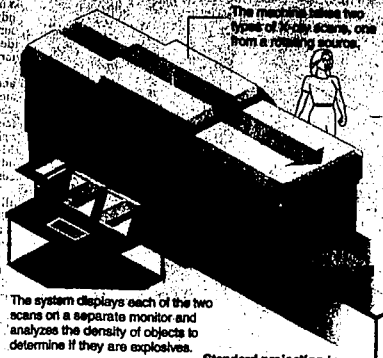
Why would the sailors reach for tableware when their ship was going down? The 19th-century sailor often had to supply his own mess gear, so his mother might have given him some of the family flatware as he left home, suggested Curtie Peterson, chief conservator at The Mariners' Museum.

"Do you want to go back and she says, 'What did you do with the fork I gave you?'" Peterson said as he looked over some of the pieces, including forks with crushed tines, knife handles, serving spoons and napkin rings. Once covered in mud, they have been cleaned, polished and lac-

quered to prevent tarnishing. The Monitor fought the Confederate vessel CSS Virginia — an ironclad built on part of the salvaged hull of a Union sailing ship, the USS Merrimack — on March 9, 1862, in a battle near Newport News that revolutionized naval warfare and architec-

A joint Navy and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration team used a huge crane to raise the 120-ton, cylindrical turret in early August, ending a five-year effort to save major artifacts from the deteriorating wreck. An expedition planned this year will document changes to the wreck site and search for artifacts in the hole left in the seabed when the turret was removed.

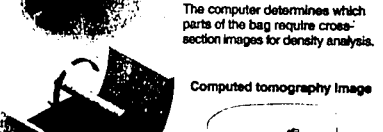
To improve a baggage screening system, the TSA is testing a new system that can be used to scan bags for explosives.



The system displays each of the two scans on a separate monitor and analyzes the density of objects to determine if they are explosives.

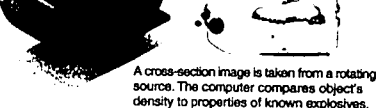


Standard projection image



The computer determines which parts of the bag require cross-section images for density analysis.

Computed tomography image



A cross-section image is taken from a rotating source. The computer compares object's density to properties of known explosives.

SOURCE: InVison Technologies

## New baggage screening systems get major test

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air travelers will find out this week-end whether the new baggage-screening system that started at every U.S. airport on New Year's Day is capable of handling heavy traffic. So far, air traffic has been light and few problems were reported as 429 airports began examining bags for explosives. But on Saturday, millions of holiday travelers are expected to return home.

Administration, created in response to the Sept. 11 terror attacks, is in charge of screening baggage. The agency will be watching carefully this weekend to make sure security checks don't cause delays, TSA spokesman Brian Turmail said. "We're going to be monitoring the bag screening at all airports," he said. "We want to know if there are crowds in lobbies in airports, and what's causing those crowds."

Congressional orders to verify that no checked bag contains explosives have been carried out by 23,000 newly hired government workers at airports using new equipment. Before the Sept. 11 attacks, only 5 percent of the roughly 2 million bags checked each day were screened for bombs. "Most (airports) are saying there really haven't been too many customer service issues," said Juliette Wright, spokeswoman for the Airports Council International-North America, an airport trade group. "This weekend will be the true test."

Airports can use several methods to inspect bags: big bomb-detection machines, wands that detect traces of explosives, bomb-sniffing dogs or hand searches. They also may match each bag to a passenger before takeoff. At Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport, TSA screeners feed bags by hand into big white machines stationed every 100 to 200 feet in front of the north terminal ticket counters. They hand-search bags if the machines register positive for explosives.

David O'Connor, U.S. director of the International Air Transport Association, which represents 216 U.S. and foreign-owned airlines, said many carriers anticipate problems this weekend. "Scattered delays have been reported since screening began. Passengers had to wait 45 minutes to check their bags at Reno-Tahoe International Airport in Reno, Nev., and Dane County Regional Airport in Madison, Wis. But the new screening system hasn't caused long lines or flight delays at such hubs as New York, Chicago or Atlanta."

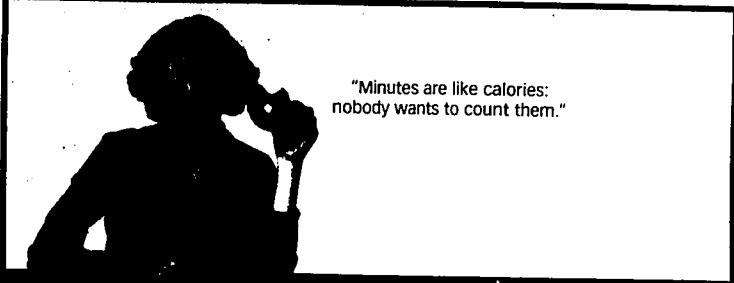
A half-dozen air travelers interviewed Friday at Washington's Reagan National Airport all said the new procedures require more effort, but most appreciated the added security. "I think it's a hassle, but worthwhile," said Wendy Loder, 42, a marketing director who was rushing to catch a shuttle flight to New York.

Marion Blakey, head of the Federal Aviation Administration, said Friday. "When you look at the fact that a year ago we had very little oversight of checked baggage, and now it is virtually 100 percent, it's amazing how well this is moving."

"To me this is the most painful burden dealt by 9/11," said Mrs. Mbieni, a 34-year-old physician.

## Worried about wind farms

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Brothers hope to turn parents' farm into 'green' cemetery

GLENDALE, Fla. (AP) — Laura Wilkerson made it clear they wanted simple burials when they died. No funeral home. No embalming. No fancy caskets — just pine boxes.

They also wanted their two sons to preserve the family farm that includes ponds, streams and wetlands in Glendale, a hamlet of 150 people in the Florida Panhandle.

parents saying. He and brother William Wilkerson, 53, are trying to honor both wishes by turning the 350-acre farm into a nature preserve doubling as Florida's first — the nation's second — cemetery solely for environment-friendly "green" burials.

State regulators, however, may stand in the way of plans for Glendale Memorial Nature Preserve.

The Wilkersons want to prohibit embalming and the vaults that encase coffins. Caskets would be

biodegradable. Markers would be small natural stones. Native wildflowers and wiregrass — grasses with tough waxy roots or rootstocks, like Bermuda grass — would make mowing, pesticides and herbicides unnecessary.

"Adding organic material back to the earth in a nonpolluted form is what sustains life itself," said David Schroeder, an Augusta, Ga., landscape architect who is doing the preserve's master plan.

A green burial also would save money, John Wilkerson said. He

figures it would cost no more than \$2,500, including plot and wooden coffin — about half the average price for a funeral in the United States, according to the National Funeral Directors Association.

The Wilkerson brothers added by their parents' wishes after their father died in 1996 and their mother three years later. Both had green burials in the Glendale Presbyterian Church's cemetery, surrounded on three sides by their farm.

Positive reaction from family

aid, friends, young people and research that led to the Glendale Memorial Preserve, which is the nation's first green burial cemetery on the Kennedy Cress Preserve at Wekiva State Park.

The Wilkersons' plan was first proposed by Dr. Billy Campbell, a physician, and his wife, Kimberley, a native of England, which has about 100 green burial cemeteries.

The Wilkersons contacted the Campbells and then David Schroeder, who wrote his master's thesis at North Carolina State University on embalming

and the environmental impact of a funeral. He said the cost of a funeral in the United States is about \$7,000.

The Florida Cremation Association, a branch of the National Cremation Association, said it would like to see the funeral industry change. But he said the funeral industry is not ready to change without having to make a profit from burying in its own cemeteries.

"I don't know if it's a good idea," said Campbell, a former Green Burial Council member from Miami. "There are a lot of good, but

California passes new helmet law

Los Angeles Times

Regardless of what lawmakers think, the only accessory 12-year-old Justin Deneen says he needs on his head while skateboarding is his bowl cap.

Gliding along curbs and hopping onto benches late Wednesday morning at a Huntington Beach, Calif., park, Justin said he hadn't heard about the law that went into effect New Year's Day requiring those under 18 to wear helmets while riding skateboards or scooters or using inline skates. He said helmets won't keep skateboarders from getting hurt.

"I've fallen plenty of times, but never on my head," Justin said. "All a helmet does is make it harder to see, and then you end up eating it even more."

The law, sponsored by California school Superintendent-elect Jack O'Connell, when he was a state senator, is aimed at reducing the estimated 90,000 scooter- and skateboard-related emergency visits and hospitalizations nationwide each year.

Victims of the nation's strictest helmet law face fines of \$25, three-quarters of which will go to local health departments to promote helmet safety education and subsidize purchases of the headgear for low-income families. The penalties will defray administration costs.

O'Connell sponsored the bill 16 years ago that required minors to wear helmets while riding bicycles. Students at an elementary school in his central California district asked O'Connell to consider the more recent legislation after a 9-year-old classmate was badly hurt while riding a scooter without a helmet.

Elsewhere in the country, Maryland and Rhode Island require children younger than 16 to wear helmets while riding bicycles, scooters and skates. New York and New Jersey require helmets up to age 14.

Some parents criticized the new law, saying it will be difficult to enforce and that it allows the government to take a role that parents should have.

"As a parent, I want the right to be able to tell my kids what to do and what not to do," said Justin's father, Paul Deneen. "It's just not right for the government to be telling parents how to raise their kids."

The family's yellow Labrador puppy has eaten the neck of Justin's helmet, which he only wears "when I'm trying something I haven't done before and when my mom yells at me."

He lives a block from Murdy Community Park, where a pocket has been paved with concrete for skateboard and scooter users. About a dozen were plowing up the banks and grinding against the ledges Wednesday, hair flying on the helmet-less majority.

Four-year-old Lauren Lee's pale blond hair fluttered on her back as she wobbled up and down the gently sloping ramps on her Christmas present, a silver-and-blue Razor scooter. Although her 10-year-old brother Ryan, wore a helmet and kneecaps as he zipped his skateboard around the patch of concrete, neither Lauren or her scooter-riding sister, Megan, 8, wore helmets.

"We knew we were taking our chances this morning when we went out without them," said their father, Dave Lee, a high school teacher. Lee said the law will be difficult to enforce but is nevertheless a good idea.

"There will come a time when a kid will fall and they will be saved from much more serious injury because they were wearing a helmet," he said. "That said, I'm not going to make them wear a helmet just to ride down the block or go to a neighbor's house."

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# Commission kept nuke plant open despite concerns

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission kept a nuclear power plant open for several days after receiving reports of a major leak of caustic sodium hydroxide from a reactor vessel. The NRC's chief inspector, General Westwood, said top

plant safety officials had "strong justification" to press the Duquesne plant, the first down after a series of concerns over public safety. The Plain Dealer reported Friday. The newspaper obtained the document before its public release. Inspectors in March discovered that leaking acid had nearly eaten through the 6-inch-thick

steel cap that covers the plant's reactor vessel. It was the most extensive corrosion ever at a U.S. nuclear reactor. The damage was discovered during a maintenance shutdown, and the plant, near Toledo, has remained closed. The NRC in December said regulators suspected there could be leaks at the plant, but allowed

it to stay open a few more weeks because they didn't think there was much risk. According to the inspector general report, the agency struck a deal with plant owner FirstEnergy Corp. to allow it to continue making energy at Davis-Besse until Feb. 16, instead of shutting down for an inspection before the end of 2001.



## Los Alamos head talks about next chief's task

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — Los Alamos National Laboratory's chief director must do a better job telling the public about the lab's failures as well as its success, outgoing director John Browne said. The 60-year-old physicist has resigned amid a growing number of government investigations into charges of widespread theft and fraud at the nuclear weapons lab. Browne said Thursday he was not pressured to quit by federal officials or the University of California, which runs the lab for the Energy Department. Browne said university president Richard Atkinson told him during a Dec. 23 conversation the lab may need a "management change" to address its problems. Browne, whose contract was through November, told Atkinson he was prepared to offer his resignation and Atkinson said he would accept it. Browne acknowledged it would have been difficult for UC to renew his contract had he not stepped down. Browne's resignation is effective Monday. Also stepping down is Joseph Salgado, a principal deputy director at the lab. In an interview, Browne said he felt his credibility had suffered too much to be able to guide the lab through the latest round of problems. "The controversy was so strong and so critical of management that I personally thought the best thing for me to do was resign and to have the university come in and take it to the next level of performance," he said. The Energy Department, the FBI and at least two congressional committees are investigating allegations of credit card abuses at the lab over the past several years and the disappearance of high-tech hardware and other equipment. In a Dec. 24 letter to Atkinson, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham was also critical of the University of California's management role. "Taken together, these problems have called into question

the University of California's ability to run the Los Alamos National Laboratory," Abraham wrote. Browne said he hopes the interim director — retired Navy Vice Admiral George Nanos — will continue efforts started until Browne's administration to improve lab management, including its purchasing and procurement systems. "What the laboratory has to learn to do better and better is to communicate with everyone and it's something the new administration at Los Alamos will have to maintain a focus on very strongly," Browne said. Browne also urged the interim administration to move quickly on improvements and not wait until the university selects a permanent director. Reflecting on his own tenure, Browne called the job the toughest professional challenge of his life. Browne said he felt he had made significant improvements as director, but the controversies had distracted him from improving lab management. "My tenure as director has felt like sailing a sailboat and trying to put up a new set of sails in the middle of a squall," he said. The lab, during Browne's tenure, was also tarnished by security scandals that included missing computer disks and the controversy involving former scientist Wen Ho Lee. Lee was jailed for nine months after being accused of stealing nuclear secrets. He denied any wrongdoing and ended up pleading guilty to a single felony count after the government's case crumbled. His resignation comes less than two months after Los Alamos released the results of an audit into its credit card program over nearly four years that questioned \$4.9 million in transactions. The lab has said only \$2,800 of the total was identified as being used for illegal buys, but watchdog groups have said the figure should be higher.

## Advertisement mistake leads to 911 fiasco

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — An error in a newspaper advertisement touting a New Year's Day sale at a sporting goods store created extra work for some 911 dispatchers and police officers. In the full-page ad that ran Tuesday morning in The Grand Rapids Press, the prefix for the telephone number of Dunham's Sports store was incorrectly listed as 911. The correct prefix is 977. When readers dialed the first three digits of the incorrect phone number, their calls automatically went to the 911 dispatchers. Many callers hung up as soon as they realized a mistake had been made, requiring dispatchers to return the calls to make sure there were no emergencies, said Jay Vermeer, dispatch supervisor for Kent County. Some of the dispatchers' returned calls went unanswered, so police officers were sent to homes to investigate. Vermeer did not know how many calls dispatchers answered Tuesday but estimated they received about 50 to 100 calls the next day. The newspaper published a correction Wednesday.

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# Immigrant rulings are under fire

Los Angeles Times

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — A U.S. Justice Department overhaul of the immigration appeals system, often the last stop for people fighting deportation, has prompted a barrage of unusually fast rulings rendered without explanation — and an outcry about noncitizens' rights to due process.

The changes, pushed by Attorney General John Ashcroft, direct the beleaguered Board of Immigration Appeals to clear its 56,000-case backlog by March 25. The 23-member board, which reviews the rulings of 220 immigration judges nationwide, is often the last hope for foreigners who contend they face death, torture or other travails if forced to return to their homelands.

To meet the deadline, board members, who usually worked in panels of three and ruled after careful deliberation, are reviewing cases individually and issuing just two-line decisions, according to a review conducted by the Los Angeles Times. And as the number of cases decided by the board has soared, so has the rate at which board members have ruled against foreigners facing deportation.

In turn, immigrants are appealing to the federal court system in unprecedented numbers, creating another backlog. The Times found in a survey of federal appellate courts.

Immigrant advocates say the speeding up of the court system of actions compromising the rights of noncitizens in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Does it make sense? The answer is no," said T. Alexander Aleinikoff, a law professor at Georgetown University and former Immigration and Naturalization Service general counsel. "We are already seeing a number of cases that are decided at a speed that makes it impossible to believe they get the scrutiny a person who faces removal from the United States deserves."

A computer study found that the board has steadily increasing the number of summary rulings with no elaboration soon after Ashcroft proposed the changes in February, even though the rules did not go into effect until Sept. 25. In March, for instance, 38 percent of the board's decisions were summary rulings, compared with just 9 percent the month before. By August, more than half the board's decisions were summary rulings, with nearly all upholding the immigration judges' findings. From March 1 through Sept. 24, single members of the board issued 16,275 decisions without explanation.

## Newspaper ad finds kidney donor for girl

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A 5-year-old received a kidney Friday from a donor who answered a newspaper ad placed by the girl's mother.

Angela Rusford and the donor were in stable condition Friday at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison, a hospital spokeswoman said. Doctors expect the two to remain hospitalized for a week to 10 days.

"I owe David Harper a lot," Angela's father, Tony Rusford, said shortly after the surgery. "When I was a kid, my hero was Spider-Man. Now it's David Harper."

Angela has polycystic renal failure, a condition doctors say is usually seen in older people. Harper, 38, of Mount Morris, Ill., responded to an ad her mother placed in the Rock River Times. The ad offered money, but Harper declined.

"In the beginning I wasn't set on doing it," Harper said before the surgery. "Nothing could change my mind now."

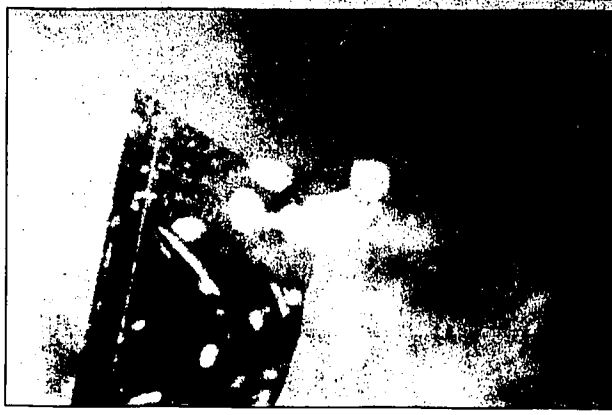
He said his faith prompted him to help. "I'm just trying to relate what Christ would do."

The Rusford family, which also includes two other children ages 6 and 20 months, still faces hard times.

They face eviction from their home in May, said Tony Rusford, a 32-year-old construction worker who has been out of work for three months.

He said that the family lacks medical insurance and is counting on Social Security to pay for the transplant.

# STORMS PUMMEL EAST COAST, AGAIN



Above, Gusty north winds blow snow back into Cindy Maynard's face as she shovels through the snow at her Grand Isle, Vt., home Saturday. Saturday's winter storm dropped about 8-10 inches of snow in the Champlain Islands of Vermont by nightfall, with strong north winds causing some drifting. Left, Jimmy Vann of Albany, N.Y., gets a head start on shoveling his car at Washington Park in Albany on Saturday.

## Northeast digs out from heavy snowfall

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Snowplow crews and residents across the Northeast shoveled out driveways and sidewalks Saturday after the region's latest storm buried some areas in up to 2 feet of snow.

"It's too hard. I don't like all the cleaning up," Raza Khan, 38, said as he salted his driveway suburban Green Island, where more than 1 1/2 feet fell.

At least four deaths were blamed on the storm.

The second nor'easter of the season dumped 12 to 24 inches on the Albany area and the Catskills region, the Berkshires in western Massachusetts and southern Vermont, the National Weather Service said. Parts of Connecticut,

New Hampshire and Maine got up to 20 inches.

A Christmas Day storm blanketed rural upstate New York in up to 3 feet of snow.

"These are two blockbuster storms within about a week. I've lived here all my life and I can't remember anything like this. This is atypical," said meteorologist Thomas Wasula in Albany.

Utility crews were still at work Saturday restoring power to tens of thousands of customers blacked out by the wind, snow and ice.

Many cities were still struggling to clear streets.

"It's basically been nonstop. We'll plow a little and rest a little to get coffee and plow some

more," said Bill Knapp, 51, who cleared eight gas stations several times over in Albany and nearby Schenectady.

Airports serving Hartford, Conn. and Albany canceled about 10 flights each Friday. Four flights at Albany International Airport were canceled Saturday and stranded travelers slept on cots overnight, said spokesman Doug Myers.

Two people were killed in separate traffic accidents in Connecticut, and New Jersey police said an elevated highway to avoid an out-of-control truck. A New York hit man died when his snowmobile ran tree limbs downed by the storm, State Police said.

## Group torches SUVs in Pennsylvania

PITTSBURGH (AP) — In the latest in a string of vandalism carried out in the name of the Earth Liberation Front, members of the radical environmental group are claiming responsibility for a fire at a Pennsylvania auto dealership.

A posting on the group's Web site said the "attack" targeted SUVs in a fight "to remove the profit motive from the killing of the natural environment."



New vehicles, burned on New Year's Day, are shown Wednesday at Bob Ferrando Ford Lincoln Mercury in Girard, Pa. The radical environmental group Earth Liberation Front, claimed responsibility for the fire that destroyed four vehicles at the auto dealership.

ELF is loosely organized. Anyone who carries out an action under the group's guidelines and claims responsibility as part of the organization is considered a member. Over the past year, its name has been attached to a string of vandalism in Pennsylvania.

Last month, the group's Web site said ELF members and cells from the Animal Liberation Front set a Nov. 26 fire at a milk farm in Erie. The fire destroyed a barn, but no animals or people were harmed.

The group also claimed responsibility for an Aug. 11 fire at an unoccupied forest research

station near Warren and the torching in March of a construction crane at a bridge work site in Erie, Ridge said.

ELF's claims of responsibility typically come through its Web site, where managers say they serve only as a media conduit for the group. A manager who did not provide an identity said in an e-mail that the communicate about Wednesday's fire came in anonymously, as do all reports of ELF attacks.

Ridge said that reports, posted on the Web site, appeared to be authentic because it included information that hadn't been made public.

## Surgeons await plan to fix malpractice insurance

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The state should fix malpractice insurance without its regular session Wednesday.

Wise has said he plans to address changes to malpractice lawsuits and damage awards, which the surgeons blame for their high insurance premiums.

Parenteau said his annual premium is nearly \$100,000. That, coupled with a drop in Medicaid reimbursements, is making it difficult to continue practicing, he said.

"Our group can't do business. We're broke," he said.

Doctors in other states, including Florida, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, have made similar complaints.

Some insurers, such as St. Paul, have dropped their malpractice business while others have raised premium rates because of losses suffered in the terrorist attacks and the shipping stock market.

Parenteau said he has received calls of support from doctors in Nevada, Texas and Florida. He said West Virginia could be a leader in reducing malpractice premiums.

"It's out nationally and the nation is watching West Virginia," he said.

## Relatives, activists demand answers in police killings

NEW YORK (AP) — Activists and relatives of two people killed in police shootings this past week demanded answers Saturday to their questions about officers' use of deadly force.

"We're not pointing the finger, we just want to know the truth," said Jeaninna McCormick, the aunt of 17-year-old Allen Newsome, who was shot during a robbery sting Thursday.

In the first two days of 2003, New York police fatally shot four suspects, the spike comes on the heels of a year with 12 fatal police shootings reported.

Newsome's relatives joined the family of Anthony Reid at a news conference held at the Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action

Network headquarters in Harlem. Reid, 21, was killed Wednesday after exchanging gunfire with officers outside a bar.

Two other suspects were shot in the first two days of the new year.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said Friday that officers' shootings of Newsome, Reid and 19-year-old Jamal Nixon appeared to have been justified by officers' fears for their own lives.

Thursday's shooting of suspected car thief John Lagattuta may have resulted from an officer firing his pistol inadvertently as he tried to use it to break a windshield in an attempt to arrest

Lagattuta, Kelly said.

The numbers of police shootings in the city have declined markedly in recent years — 12 in all of 2002 and 11 in 2001 — but they have been highlighted by cases such as the 1999 death of West African immigrant Amadou Diallo. He was shot 19 times by four white officers as he reached for his wallet in the vestibule of his apartment building.

Sharpton said he did not condemn the police, but believed officials had prematurely concluded that the three shootings were justified.

"We are taxpaying citizens that want answers as to what happened and why," Sharpton said.

# Data sharing test new U.S. security

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — As the government this month begins to turn the new Department of Homeland Security into reality, cobbling together 22 different agencies in an effort to prevent the next terrorist attack, one important hole remains: accounting for critics inside and outside the government.

None of the merging bureaucracies, not to mention the CIA or FBI, owns computer systems that can speak to each other and there is no machine language in the nearly 500-year-old homeland security law to change that.

The new setup, critics say, is that promises in Washington that 8-10 weeks to help the most important weapon: information.

The administration says it is moving in the right direction and beginning to find ways for the computers systems to communicate, although senior officials acknowledge the task is enormous. Their effort to win specific funding from Congress to better coordinate the computers came up short, though \$140 million was secured to help pay for the agency's early transition period.

Despite the optimism of some officials, others, including Sen. Dick Durbin, an Illinois Democrat who has spent a year working on the computers issue, say the effort is so crucial and daunting that it could be compared to the race for the atomic bomb. According to Durbin, the U.S. needs a new Manhattan Project devoted at merging information technology.

Even without the information technology challenge, creating the Homeland Security Department promises to be a matter of logistical complexity. The new department must bring together an array of agencies engaged in diverse activities with dramatically differing — and sometimes competing — cultures.

The departments being merged range from the sea to the rescue crew working for the U.S. Coast Guard to parts of the Agriculture Department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Whoever pushed unsuccessfully to include language in the homeland security law that would have required a plan to merge the information systems, is skeptical the job will get done without a specific mandate from Congress.

The House and Senate Homeland Security bills have not yet passed, leaving lawmakers to debate the details of how the agencies will be merged. Some critics believe that the agencies will never be able to merge as government officials lack the ability to share their own data.

Some agencies are reluctant to give up their own machines for anyone else to use, the senator said.

"It's about protecting their turf and their jobs. That runs 180 degrees counter to what this nation needs at this moment."

So far, Bush administration officials have identified about 30 information systems that need to be merged just in the first wave. These systems, according to one senior official who spoke on the condition of anonymity, hold just the basics. Scores more will need to follow.

Even these initial 30 systems carry "bits of thousands" of different types of data that need to be centrally accessible, the official said.

The types of separate data involved in even simple tasks seem staggering.

One example: When a ship travels into the Great Lakes from the St. Lawrence Seaway, the Customs Service, the Coast Guard, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Department of Agriculture can all be involved in scrutinizing the vessel, and all separately catalog their data.

One agency must determine if the ship is carrying contraband. Another is involved in the regulation of tariffs and fees. One more checks the immigration status of crew and passengers, while yet another concerns itself with health and safety standards — and others containing information on potential terrorist threats or operatives — talk to each other, crucial clues about the people and cargo aboard the vessel could be missed or be lost.

Although they are not included in the homeland security merger, the CIA and FBI must also be brought into the information loop, experts say, because those agencies are supposed to work closely with the new department.

Once that happens, special access procedures will need to be created to keep unauthorized users from gaining access to top-secret files, officials say.

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# WOMAN GOES MISSING

## Disappearance places small town in public spotlight again

**MODesto, Calif. (AP)** — The yellow ribbons, the news trucks, the signs for the worst Christmas Eve — this Central California town is once again at the center of a missing person case that has captured the attention of the nation.

In May 2001, the 24-year-old Levy disappeared in Washington, D.C., triggering speculation about her relationship with Democratic Rep. Gary Condit and his possible role in her disappearance.

One year later, Levy's body was found in a Washington D.C. park, but police have made no arrests. Condit lost a bid for reelection last year.

Modesto also served as command center in the February 1999 disappearance of three women who vanished while visiting Yosemite National Park. Five weeks later, authorities found Carole Sund, 43, her daughter, Juli, 15, and Argentina exchange student Silvana Pelosso, 16, murdered in nearby foothills. Last year, a jury convicted motel handyman Cary Stayner and gave him a death sentence.

"This time, the 186,000 residents hope things will turn out differently even though police — scouring neighborhoods, creeks and irrigation canals — for Peterson — have so far come up empty.

Volunteers have been undaunted. For 10 days, they have taken over a suite at the Red Lion Hotel, coordinating distribution of thousands of fliers and receiving supportive emails from across the nation.

"The more exposure they get the more chances there is she'll come home safe," said Dave Montgomery, a Folsom resident who drove nearly 90 miles to pick up fliers to post in suburban Sacramento.

Kevin Jaeger, of Oklahoma City, also drove from Sacramento for fliers to pass out in various towns along Interstate 40 as he flew his airplane around the area over the weekend.

"They haven't found out what actually happened here," he said. "This way it gets out on the road."

While many believe Peterson may still be missing, police are looking into the potential alleged



Above, Alyssa Kenney, left, wipes her face while attending a candlelight vigil with her sister Megan Kenney, right, Tuesday for Laci Peterson in Modesto, Calif. Peterson, who is eight months pregnant, disappeared on Christmas Eve while out walking her dog. Left, Peterson and her husband Scott Peterson pose for a picture in this undated family photo.

role of her 30-year-old husband, Scott, in her disappearance. He has not been declared a suspect, nor has he been ruled out.

Police said Scott Peterson has cooperated "to some degree," but declined to confirm whether he has an attorney.

Family members vigorously defend Peterson, a San Diego native who met his wife at California Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo and married her five years ago. Both majored in agriculture.

After reporters' brausing ques-

tions to police this week about Peterson, Laci Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha, said, "We feel Scott has nothing to do with it."

Joan Perricano of San Diego, a longtime friend of Peterson's family, said, "It breaks my heart to see what he's going through right now. I know Scott. There's no way."

Peterson said he last saw his wife about 9:30 a.m. Dec. 24. He told police she planned to take their dog, McKenzie, for a walk at nearby East La Loma Park. Peterson said he left that morn-

ing to fish in San Francisco Bay on Christmas Eve, launching his small boat from the Berkeley Marina. Peterson reported his wife missing when he returned to Modesto that evening.

There is little to bolster or knock down his story at the Marina, a tight-knit community where residents who live aboard boats gather at the bait shop for coffee, or at the boatyard to see whose craft is under repair.

Peterson has reportedly produced a receipt from the local boat launch, but the receipts come from a self-service machine and include only the time they were issued.

Weather records show the wind was light and favorable to small boats like Peterson's.

"That morning, the water was flat," said Roland Jeffery, a deck hand on charter boats who spent the morning fishing from the Marina pier.

# Critics: Dividends tax cut wouldn't help economy

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — At the center of the economic package President Bush unveils this week will be a tax cut that barely rated mention six months ago and that many experts rank as among the least likely to succeed in giving the economy a quick lift.

It's not that the idea of cutting the tax on stock dividends has never been floated before. To the contrary, dividends are a favorite target for tax-cut advocates because they are taxed twice — once when companies make profits and again when a portion of the profits are paid to shareholders — and that's bad.

It's just that no one has ever before proposed using a dividend tax cut, as the administration apparently now intends, in order to give the economy a speedy

shot of adrenaline.

"In my memory, it has never been mentioned in the context of an economic stimulus," said University of California, Berkeley, tax economist Alan Auerbach. "It's just not something you would think about."

And for good reason, according to a variety of critics.

The dividend tax cut will be the centerpiece of a \$500 billion to \$600 billion package that Bush is to unveil Tuesday in Chicago and that is intended to ensure the sluggish economy recovers its snap. While details have not been disclosed, White House officials have been telegraphing the broad outlines of the proposal.

Democrats have responded by showcasing their chief line of attack: that the benefits of the \$30 billion-a-year tax cut would

go inordinately to the rich. But that may be the least of the proposal's problems.

As described by administration officials and others, the tax cut would work as a stimulus principally through the stock market. By pushing up share prices and erasing some of the paper losses of the past three years, it would make people feel wealthier and therefore able to spend more, causing the economy to grow faster.

Citing some of his own work as a former professor, R. Glenn Hubbard, chairman of Bush's Council of Economic Advisers, has estimated that eliminating the personal tax on dividends would drive the market up by 20 percent.

Analysts say there is a rich irony — and a big danger — in the White House picking market-bol-

stering tax cuts as the centerpiece of its new growth plan. After all, it was the overheated market's success at eluding the control of Washington's other major economic manager — the Federal Reserve — that helped cause many of the problems the new plan is supposed to solve.

As the president begins selling tax cuts to prop up a sagging market, central bank chairman Alan Greenspan is busily arguing that Fed-engineered interest rate hikes could not or should not have been used to tamp down the ballooning market of the late 1990s.

# Nonprofit groups field more calls from jobless

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The stack of message slips measured a quarter-inch thick by late afternoon. Five callers needed mortgage assistance, three needed help with back rent, but most just wanted to know what was going on with the unemployment benefits extension.

Ruth Riley, a receptionist at the Philadelphia Unemployment Project, had to break the news.

"I told them, nothing's going on," she said.

An estimated 800,000 people lost federal unemployment benefits Dec. 26, leaving them with mounting bills while they wait for Congress to decide how much — if any — help is coming.

Nonprofit agencies like the Philadelphia Unemployment Project, as well as states' labor departments, have seen a sharp increase in calls as jobless people coming off a typical 26 weeks of unemployment benefits find they are suddenly on their own.

Congress had approved a 13-week extension of the benefits, but that expired Dec. 28, and lawmakers failed to extend the program again before adjourning last year.

President Bush is to outline his ideas for extending benefits when Congress convenes Tuesday, but he hasn't said if he favors a plan offered by the Senate or a House version that would cover fewer jobless people.

House Democrats said Friday they will propose a plan Monday for new benefits and job opportunities that will focus on job creation.

One of the hundreds of calls to the Philadelphia Unemployment Project came from Jonowyn Murray, who has been unemployed since July and has a 2-year-old and a 13-year-old to feed.

The \$226 a week she receives in unemployment expires this coming week.

"I'm not between a rock and a hard place, I'm under the rock," said Murray, 34, who lost her job as a medical claims adjuster following a protracted divorce and custody dispute.

The nation's unemployment rate returned to an eight-year high of 6 percent in November, and economists predict it will hit 6.5 percent in the early part of

2003 before gradually improving. While that's not as high as the 7 percent rates of the early 1990s, this recession has had a more intense impact on the jobless, said Jeffrey Wenger, an economist at the Economic Policy Institute in Washington.

From September to November, 20 percent of the unemployed had been jobless for more than six months, according to numbers from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. During the comparable period in the 1991 recession, about 15 percent had been jobless more than six months.

"Given that we're on at 6 percent unemployment, to have one-fifth searching for more than six months, that presents a real problem," Wenger said.

About half of the country's state labor departments are continuing to process unemployment extension claims in anticipation that Congress will take action, according to the Department of Labor.

"If Congress passes an extension and makes it retroactive, we'll be able to get the people their payments more quickly," said Brad Collins, a manager for the Arkansas Employment Security Department.

Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne authorized his state to continue paying unemployment to about 2,900 residents losing the federal benefits.

"Especially over the holidays, that was an important signal to send," said Mark Snider, Kempthorne's spokesman.

Idaho's extension expires Saturday.

Some United Way agencies also have seen a spike in calls for help with rent and childcare in recent weeks, said Mary Strasser, a vice president with the Philadelphia area United Way.

Charlene Williams, 20, is just one among the many callers seeking help. She was searching for permanent work through the Philadelphia Unemployment Project during the past week.

Williams, who has been unemployed since Dec. 2001, said she needs a benefit extension to succeed in getting back into the work force.

"How do you expect to get to an interview without any cash?" she asked.

# Plan

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extended unemployment benefits. He signed off on key portions of the plan Friday after meeting with senior political adviser Karl Rove, and has steadily consulted other aides by telephone since starting a vacation at his ranch here Dec. 26.

The growing flock of Democrats vying for the right to challenge Bush in 2004 pointed on leaked details of Bush's stimulus package.

Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts called Bush's emerging package "a stimulus mirage, not a plan for economic growth."

"They won't propose major investments in infrastructure, or provide help to small businesses, and instead cling to ineffective and unaffordable new tax breaks

for the wealthiest Americans," Kerry told The Associated Press. "I don't think we've ever witnessed an administration more out of touch with the economic needs of average Americans and small businesses."

Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri said of the plan "President Bush must accept that his economic plan is flawed and start from scratch with a responsible economic stimulus that puts money in the consumer's pocket in the short term and puts us back on track to economic growth in the long term."



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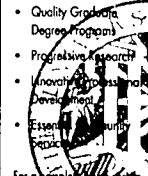
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WORLD

# Group plans to set cap over Chernobyl

Shelter should keep water, dust out for 100 years

The Washington Post

Engineers are completing plans for what may be the largest movable structure ever built: a 20,000-ton steel shell to enclose Chernobyl Reactor 4, site of an apocalyptic nuclear accident whose consequences are still being felt more than 16 years later.

By next summer an international consortium led by Bechtel International Systems Corp., of San Francisco, will finish the conceptual design for a hangar-shaped arch nearly 370 feet high — the height of a 35-story building — that would be slid into place along greased steel plates to cover the ruined remains in a snug, weather-tight shelter.

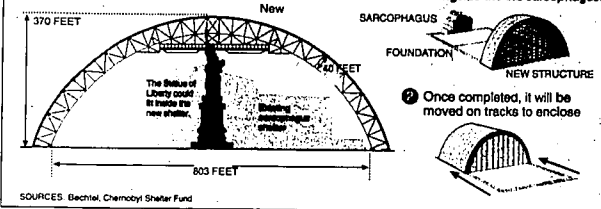
Inside, robotic cranes and, where possible, live workers will then begin prying apart the wreckage, removing radioactive dust from twisted girders, storing pieces of radioactive core in shielded casks and cutting gold steel into manageable lengths.

The whole job — design, construction and "stabilization" of the derelict reactor — is part of a fully funded 10-year plan set in motion in 1997 by the Group of 7 industrialized nations. The \$768 million project, including the shell, is scheduled for completion in 2007, according to officials involved with the project.

And then the world will wait.

## Containing Chernobyl Again

An international consortium plans to construct a new containment structure over the contaminated Chernobyl power plant. Planned completion of the new shelter is 2007. Once in place, the containment will enable robots and some workers to dismantle and remove radioactive debris.



The shelter is designed to keep out water and dust in for 100 years, or for as long as it takes the Ukrainian government to designate a permanent storage facility and dispose of more than 200 tons of uranium and nearly a ton of lethally radioactive plutonium that remain inside the ruins.

Most of the fuel-containing material lies as a solid "lava" formed by the fusion of molten fuel, concrete, 30 tons of fuel dust, and 2,000 tons of combustibles.

In the basement, rainwater and fuel dust have mixed together in a dangerous radioactive "soup." Lethal chunks of the reactor core lie unseen in the rubble and in the earth alongside the building. More pieces of core were boxed

and buried in a "cascade wall" built and bulldozed into place by Soviet workers in the immediate aftermath of the explosion.

"We will need a lot of shielding," said Vincent Novak, director of the Nuclear Safety Department for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, overseers of the project. "If it weren't for the radioactivity, I could almost call the job 'a piece of cake,' but the radiation makes it hugely complex and extremely difficult."

The Chernobyl explosion occurred April 26, 1986, when an out-of-control nuclear reaction blew off the roof of the steel building and spewed tons of radioactive material into the air, releasing 30 to 40 times as much

radioactivity as the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombs combined in 1945.

It was the worst nuclear accident in history. Thirty workers died immediately at the facility 80 miles north of Kiev, and 135,000 people were evacuated from the surrounding "Exclusion Zone." As recently as 2000, the Ukraine government was spending 5 percent of its gross domestic product to mitigate consequences of the disaster.

In the six months immediately following the explosion, the Soviets hastily erected an improvised shelter known as the "sarcophagus," but within 10 years scientists became alarmed because of leaks and the building's threatened collapse. The

walls were weakening, Novak said, and there was tremendous uncertainty because "it was almost impossible to determine" the real dangers.

In 1997, the Group of 7, plus Russia, the European Union and Ukraine, set up the Chernobyl Shelter Fund with the European reconstruction bank in charge. The bank established a shelter implementation plan, estimating the project cost at \$768 million, and funded it with donations from 28 nations, ranging from \$170 million from the United States to Iceland's \$10,000.

In the first phase, completed in 1999, the sarcophagus' roof and structural pillars were strengthened, and the reactor's rickety ventilation stack, jutting more than 150 feet above the sarcophagus, was stabilized. The stack was an added concern, because it was shared by the contiguous Reactor No. 3, which was still operating.

But these were emergency measures. "Safety analyses show there are still about 1,000 square meters (1,200 square yards) of holes in the roof and sides," said Eric Schumlehan, chief engineer for environmental technology at Battelle Memorial Institute's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash. "A significant amount of water can go in, and dust can go out, and birds and squirrels and birds come and go all the time."

The international consortium designing the \$250 million structure to cover the sarcophagus had to make several decisions early. None of the three design contractors, including Battelle and the French state utility Electricite de France, will be allowed to bid on the actual work.

## Cloned baby claims a second clone

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Cloned, the country's best chance to have produced the first human clone, said Saturday a second cloned baby has been born to a Dutch lesbian couple.

Western baby has been confirmed to be a clone by genetic testing, said mainstream scientists are skeptical of the company's claims.

Clonaid spokeswoman Nadine Gary said in a telephone interview the child was born Friday night, but declined to say where. "It's true that a second baby has been born," she said. "The parents have Dutch nationality, but they are not in Holland."

Gary said she expects the second baby will undergo genetic testing to show it is a clone, with DNA identical to its mother. "The parents of the first baby, Clonaid claims to have cloned have blocked DNA testing."

Brigitte Boisselier, Clonaid's chief executive and top scientist, told The Associated Press Television News on Saturday that the parents have promised to tell her Monday whether they will allow DNA testing to confirm the claim. Last month Clonaid claimed to have produced Eve, a cloned girl purportedly born to U.S. parents on Dec. 26.

The second baby's name and gender have not been revealed. In television interviews, Boisselier has said the parents of the second baby want to remain anonymous.

Spokeswoman Gary said that, while the parents are Dutch, the birth did not take place in the Netherlands, where cloning is illegal.

## Spanish court keeps tanker captain in jail

MADRID, Spain (AP) — A court upheld an order Saturday jailing the captain of the sunken oil tanker Prestige, whose spilled cargo caused what could be Spain's worst ecological disaster.

Globs of oil from the massive spill, which have already tarred Spain's coastline, began cooling the French coast this week, steering efforts by cleanup crews Saturday to contain the spreading pollution.

Even as French workers in white protective suits scooped up balls of oil with gloved hands, larger black clumps — some as wide as 18 inches — washed ashore. Local authorities appealed for more help.

"It's no longer live balls, but plaques" of oil, said Col. Patrick Toufflet, a cleanup commander in the Landes region, south of Bordeaux, which mobilized about 100 workers, including soldiers and firefighters, whose spilled cargo more soldiers should arrive on beaches Monday to speed the cleanup, Ecology Minister Roselyne Bachelot told LCI television.

Lab tests traced the oil washing up along hundreds of miles of French beaches to the Prestige, the aging, single-hulled tanker that was carrying 77,000 tons of oil when it sank off northwestern Spain.

## Gunmen kill former rebel commander in Kosovo

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Gunmen killed three people, including a well-known former rebel commander, in a drive-by shooting Saturday in the western part of Kosovo.

The three were slain in the town of Pec, 50 miles west of provincial capital, Pristina, said Christian Lindmeier, a spokesman for the U.N. mission in Kosovo.

Lindmeier said one of those killed was Tahir Zemanj, a former ethnic Albanian rebel leader. The other two were identified by local

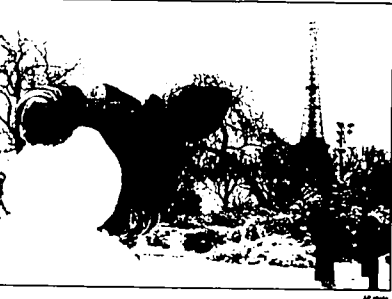
media as Zemanj's 20-year-old son, Enis, and a relative, Hasan Zemanj.

Tahir Zemanj headed a rebel faction fighting Serb forces in western Kosovo during the province's 1998-99 war. That faction was allied with the party of Ibrahim Rugova, now Kosovo's president.

Hostilities between Zemanj and some members of the now-disbanded Kosovo Liberation Army continued through the postwar years — a legacy of their tense relationship during the conflict.

Zemanj had escaped an earlier attempt on his life in August, when attackers launched a rocket at a restaurant where he was sitting. He escaped with light injuries.

Zemanj, who did not have a political position in the province, testified recently against five former senior KLA rebels who were convicted of unlawfully detaining four men who are presumed dead. The captives belonged to the brigade that Zemanj commanded.



French student Christophe, 25, makes a snowman in the Champ de Mars park with the Eiffel Tower in the background.

## Snow disrupts Paris traffic

PARIS (AP) — An unusual heavy snow blanketed Paris on Saturday, delaying flights, disrupting traffic and dusting the French capital's famous landmarks and slate roofs with a winter white.

The four-hour snowfall produced about 3 inches that covered sidewalks and the usually crowded Champs-Élysées was unusually quiet but beautiful, lined by snow-covered trees.

Flights in and out of Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport were suspended for about an hour, and the other major airport, Orly, was operating at reduced capacity, air-

port authorities said. Flights to Charles de Gaulle were directed to airports outside the Paris region and flights out were delayed by up to three hours, authorities said.

Road traffic also was disrupted and stuck trucks and cars blocked the A4 highway into Paris, according to the National Center for Traffic Information.

The traffic agency described the snowfall as "remarkable" for the Paris region, where heavy snows are unusual, and warned motorists that the wintry conditions could "turn roads into real ice rinks."

### MEETINGS IN ALBION, BURLEY & BOISE

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has recently announced plans to prepare a Land Use Plan amendment and an Environmental Impact Statement to consider the Coterrell Mountain Wind Energy Project.

BLM invites comments from interested parties on relevant issues and planning criteria

For additional information call: Scott Barker, BLM, (208-677-6678)

BLM is holding three open house meetings to obtain your comments on the proposed Coterrell Mountain Wind Energy Project:

**Tuesday, January 7, 2003**  
Marsh Creek Event Center, Albion, ID, 4 – 8 pm

**Wednesday, January 8, 2003**  
Burley High School cafeteria, Burley, ID, 4 – 8 pm

**Thursday, January 9, 2003**  
BLM Four Rivers Field Office, Boise, ID, 4 – 8 pm

Windland, Inc., of Boise, ID proposes to build 130 wind turbines on the Coterrell Mountains east of Albion, ID.

Comments from interested parties can be provided at any of the meetings or submitted by mail (on or before Feb. 21, 2003) to:

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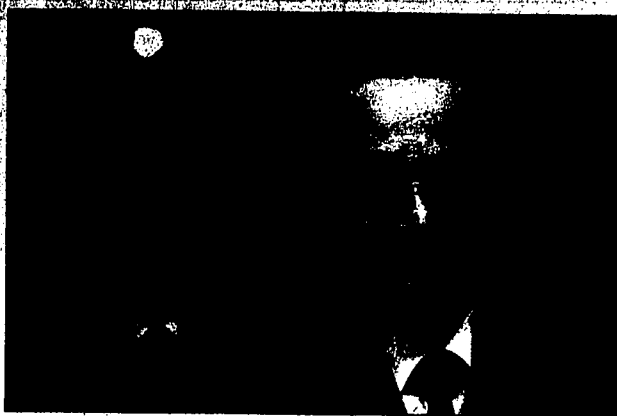
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# South Korea to deal with North

ABOUT 100 South Korean diplomats will meet Saturday to resolve the standoff over North Korea's nuclear program, but Pyongyang warned the situation could become "serious and unpredictable."

The pace of diplomacy was picking up, with a South Korean diplomat in Russia — an ally of the North, and talks slated in Washington early next week among the United States, the South and Japan. The South Korean proposal was expected to dominate a joint strategy session.

In advance of that regular session to review policy toward the North, the Bush Administration had not budged from its demand that the communist regime in the North unilaterally abandon its nuclear ambitions before Washington considers a next step.



South Korean Deputy Foreign Minister Kim Hang-kyung speaks to reporters after his arrival in Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport Saturday with an unidentified man in the background.

Last year, Moscow has said it wants to link its trans-Siberian railroad with a railway being rebuilt between North and South Korea.

Seoul's diplomatic offensive underlines its new drive to mediate between the United States, its key ally, and neighboring North Korea, its erstwhile enemy. But brokering a deal won't be easy.

The United States refuses to talk until the North scraps its

nuclear programs. And North Korea insists Washington must take the first step by signing a nonaggression pact promising not to attack the isolated country.

"There is no reason why the U.S. should not accept the proposal, the best way for peaceful solution," the North's state-run news agency KCNA said. "The present situation is very serious and unpredictable."

Still, officials in Seoul were

upbeat about a diplomatic solution.

"We are getting closer to finding an answer," a senior government official said on condition of anonymity after Saturday's security meeting.

In past crises with the North, Seoul played a subordinate role to the United States. Now many South Koreans want their government to help chart the course of talks and assume more equal footing with Washington.

Details of the Seoul plan were scant, but media reports suggested the proposal would require concessions from both Washington and Pyongyang.

South Korea's deputy foreign minister arrived in the Russian capital, saying Russian assistance was essential.

"Our government thinks that the role of the Russian government in the process of peaceful resolution of this problem is very important and constructive," Kim Hang-kyung told reporters upon arrival.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has moved to reinvigorate Moscow's strong Soviet-era ties with North Korea, hosting its reclusive leader Kim Jong Il for the second consecutive summer



A woman covers her head from the sun while she waits to refill a gas canister used for cooking in a neighborhood in Caracas, Venezuela, Saturday.

## Government opponents propose fund-raising

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Supporters of President Hugo Chavez returned to the streets for another round of demonstrations Saturday, a day after two people were killed in clashes with police and he threatened to implement martial law.

Chavez's opponents, meanwhile, proposed raising money for a referendum on his rule.

Chavez supporters staged the march demanding an end to an opposition strike that has paralyzed the country's oil industry and show support for the state oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela S.A.

"This is a march to defend what belongs to all Venezuelans," said Guillermo Garcia Ponce, one of Chavez's closest political allies. "We aren't going to allow conspirators to destroy PDVSA as part of a plan to overthrow a popularly elected government."

Labor and business leaders demanded the strike on Dec. 2 to demand Chavez's resignation and fresh elections. Dissident executives at PDVSA joined the work stoppage.

The strike has paralyzed oil

production in the world's fifth-largest oil exporter, a top supplier to the United States. It has helped push international oil prices above \$30 per barrel while oil workers have defied a back-to-work order by the Supreme Court.

There were no immediate reports of violence during the protests Saturday.

On Friday, gunfire erupted during an opposition march on the headquarters of the armed forces. Two people were killed and at least 78 others were injured — five of them from gunfire. Both sides claimed the dead as their own.

Chavez said he would consider imposing martial law to quell the five-week strike and halt escalating political violence.

Opposition leaders, meanwhile, said the only way they could hold the nonbinding referendum on Chavez's rule was if they paid for it themselves.

Leaders of the Democratic Coordinator opposition movement called on Venezuelans to donate between \$1.80 and \$3.50 to hold the referendum on Feb. 2 as planned.

## Korea diplomacy fuels 'war on Islam' questions



A child walks past a model of a North Korean nuclear missile, right, and South Korean missiles at the War Museum in Seoul, South Korea, Saturday.

WASHINGTON — The contrasting U.S. policies toward Iraq and North Korea are raising renewed questions about whether the administration is targeting Muslim countries while deemphasizing other threats around the world.

President Bush's inclusion of North Korea in his "axis of evil" along with Iraq and Iran last year allowed the United States to deflect criticism that its campaign against terrorism was really a war on Islam.

But some analysts say that the decision to link Iraq and North Korea is coming back to haunt the administration.

Clearly, naming North Korea to the list sucked the air out of the argument that the United States is at war with Islam," said Thomas Sanderson, deputy director of the transnational threats initiative at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and a former Defense

Intelligence Agency official.

"But the fact that we are treating them differently is going to be seen by Muslims as indicating that they were perhaps on the list to distract from this looking like a war on Islam.

"Through there are "practical reasons" for the divergent U.S. policies toward Iraq and North Korea, Sanderson said, those distinctions "will not be made by the larger world population."

"People will say, 'North Korea is much more dangerous. Why are you treating them differently?'" he said.

In his State of the Union address a year ago, Bush said he wouldn't list the three nations he cited, or other aggressive, terror-sponsoring countries, develop weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them.

Since then, Iraq has denied possessing weapons of mass destruc-

tion and has readmitted inspectors. North Korea, meanwhile, which already has advanced missile technology, has boasted that it is restarting its nuclear program and has thrown out inspectors.

In response, U.S. officials are gearing up for war with Iraq while seeking a diplomatic solution with North Korea.

"This puts the administration in an awkward position, with North Korea being exposed as more imminently a weapons-of-mass-destruction state than Iraq," said Tim Lomperis, a former military intelligence officer and now chairman of St. Louis University's political science department.

"I think Bush has tried mightily not to make this a war against Islam, but obviously the eruption of this North Korea crisis makes that even more difficult. That's the kind of scorpion bite from the rear that North Korea represents. Because if weapons of mass destruction is indeed the focus of our concern with Iraq, then Iraq is light years behind North Korea."

## India sets up strategic forces command to manage nukes

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India formally established a strategic command to manage its nuclear arsenal Saturday, restating its commitment not to use nuclear weapons first in a conflict, the government said.

The establishment of the Nuclear Command Authority was approved at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security, chaired by Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a government statement said.

The authority will be a mixed civilian-military body that includes the nation's defense minister, military chiefs and civilian defense experts, accord-

ing to the statement. A political council chaired by the prime minister will be the sole body that can authorize the use of nuclear weapons.

The decision creates an advisory group focusing on the nuclear question, which previously was handled as a general security issue. The authority to use nuclear weapons already lay only with the prime minister.

The statement also restated India's doctrine of using nuclear weapons only in retaliation for a nuclear attack on Indian territory or Indian forces.

India and Pakistan conducted underground nuclear tests in

1998, prompting international condemnation and sanctions against both countries. But the sanctions were gradually lifted.

They share a 1,800-mile border, a section of which is a ceasefire line that divides the disputed Himalayan province of Kashmir. Both claim the largely Muslim region in its entirety and have fought two wars over it.

Pakistan-backed militants have been waging a bloody secessionist uprising in Indian Kashmir since 1989 that has killed more than 61,000 people. Militants want either outright independence or union with Islamic Pakistan. Kashmir is

India's only Muslim majority state in the predominantly Hindu country.

On Wednesday, India and Pakistan exchanged lists of each other's nuclear facilities in accordance with a 12-year-old agreement.

The two countries, which came to the brink of war last year, have traded similar details each year on Jan. 1 since 1992, one year after they signed an agreement not to attack each other's nuclear facilities.

## Serbia's former president says he won't resist arrest

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Serbia's former president said Saturday that he would not resist arrest to face war crimes charges before the U.N. tribunal at The Hague.

Milan Milutinovic claimed he posed no danger to anyone who might try to detain him on crimes allegedly committed in Kosovo during the 1998-1999 conflict. But he refused to say whether he would surrender voluntarily. He could theoretically fight any move to extradite him in local courts.

"I will not cause troubles to (Serbian) police," he said during a televised interview — the first since he left office. His term as president of Yugoslavia's dominant republic expired Sunday, ending his immunity.

Though regarded as merely a figurehead, Milutinovic was a member of the inner circle of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. Any testimony he might offer could prove damaging to the former Yugoslav leader, who is facing genocide charges before the U.N.

court in The Hague, Netherlands.

Milutinovic denied he had any role in war crimes in Kosovo, saying he didn't have control over the security forces in the southern Yugoslav province.

His remarks come only days after a district court in Yugoslavia's capital, Belgrade, asked Serbia's government for permission to enact a U.N. tribunal arrest warrant and extradite Milutinovic.

Under Yugoslav law, the government of Serbia must approve the request. The government could refuse to do so if it deems that a handover endangers state security.

Milutinovic, Serbian president since 1997, is one of a handful of prominent suspects still awaiting extradition to the tribunal.

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## EDITORIAL

### Legislators should stay away from higher taxes

The 2003 Idaho legislative session promises the toughest budget politics in a generation. But if lawmakers stay true to their conservative roots and avoid tax increases, they'll come through it successfully.

According to the commission's calculations, three 2001 tax cut measures accounted for 27 percent of that amount:

- One tax cut measure had eight components, including individual and corporate income tax rate cuts, employer tax credits, and grocery credits to individuals. Total revenue impact to the state: \$65.8 million.
- The second was a tax exemption for an equipment. Revenue impact: \$10.1 million.
- The third was a one-year capital gains tax cut. Revenue impact: \$4.4 million.

#### Our view: As the Legislature convenes in Boise, tax hikes should be the last option legislators consider in balancing next year's budget.

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

More than a third of the state's declining tax revenue from 2001 to 2002 can be attributed to tax cuts.

The remaining \$214 million, 73 percent of the revenue shortfall, was because of a bad economy, which hurt the private sector and thereby reduced tax collections.

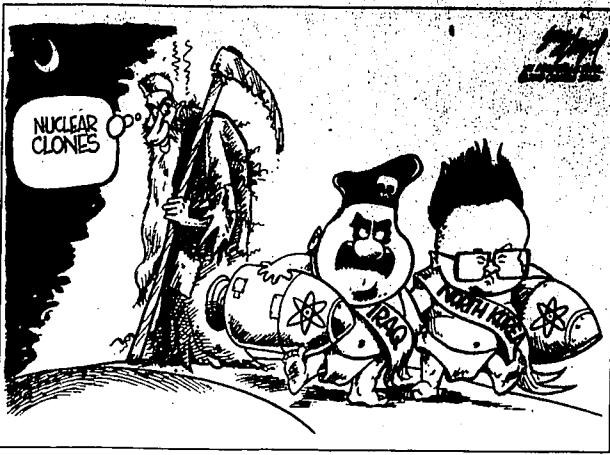
Further, if legislators had not cut taxes in 2001, the extra revenue probably would have been spent, not saved. A bigger budget simply would have meant a bigger shortfall.

As we've said before, the tax break of 2001 didn't cause the recession, and it didn't cause the budget problem. Idaho's budget troubles come from overspending, not undertaxing.

Raising taxes in the early stages of a recovery surely won't help. Only cutting back on spending we cannot afford will have the desired effect.

Legislators should consider all options for saving money, including one rarely discussed: wage rollbacks among high-level state workers. The pain would be short-lived, but it would create instant cost saving for the state.

Legislators shouldn't even consider tax hikes until every cost-control option is exhausted. They're still a long way from that point.



### N. Korea ranks low on list

Not every New Year's resolution is kept.

The year 2002 began with America hunting for Osama bin Laden, and it ended with America aiming for Saddam Hussein. In between has come the incoherent nuclear news from North Korea — but that's been pushed way down on the "to do" list.

Indeed, the last half-century shows that the low-prioritizing of the Pyongyang regime has been the norm. Yet one year, maybe next year, Uncle Sam is going to regret his irresolution.

"U.S. softens line on North Korea." That was the header atop Monday's Financial Times. The London-based paper that most pithily captured the incongruity between the administration's unilateralist hawkery toward Iraq and its multilateralist droary toward North Korea.

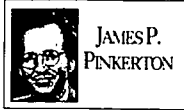
But nobody should be fooled. George W. Bush has no intention of taking a soft line on North Korea forever. No administration that has made so few gains on domestic issues these past two years and so many gains on national security issues this past year is going to leave the North Korean problem to fester through Election Day 2004.

In fact, on Monday, the Associated Press reported on a leaked White House document entitled "Possible '04 Signature Issues" — as in 2004 election. At the top of the list: "War on terrorism." Second: "Protecting the homeland." So if the North Koreans don't back down in the next few months, the Bushies, once they get done with Iraq, are fully intending to "stand tall" against North Korea and its nuclear program.

The Bushies admire the Israelis for pre-emptively striking an Iraqi reactor back in 1981; American plans for a similar surgical strike on North Korea were long ago readied. The Bush-Cheney team is not looking to face the voters in 22 months with anybody's being able to accuse it of being "soft" on the Axis of Evil.

But, of course, not every plan is fulfilled. In history, there's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip. What if the war in Iraq goes badly? Already, oil prices have shot up to \$33 a barrel as speculators factor in the Middle East war, plus the X-factor of strife in Venezuela, the country that is — or was — the world's fifth-largest petroleum exporter. What if an oil-shock depresses the another economy? What if there's another big terrorist attack that focuses attention on, say, Iraq? By putting action against Iraq first, the administration has committed itself to a sequence of events that leaves North Korea in a queue. And that means that a Murphy's Law happenstance could give the Hermit Kingdom yet another reprieve.

Indeed, based on recent history, the North Koreans might even be expecting to get neglected and, thus, get lucky, yet again. They've noticed that since 1953, when they signed an armistice with the United States — having fought (with a lot of help from China) the U.S. Army



JAMES P. PINKERTON

to draw in three years of fighting — that America worries much more about other regions of the world.

As evidence, they might recall, even if most Americans don't, the events of 1968, when North Korea captured a U.S. Navy ship and held 82 crewmen hostage for a year. Then, in 1969, the North Koreans shot a U.S. reconnaissance plane out of the sky, killing all 31 Americans aboard. In neither case did the United States do a thing in response. We were too busy fighting the Vietnam War. Indeed, even after that war ended, we did nothing in 1976 when North Korean soldiers charged into the De-Militarized Zone between north and south and killed two unarmed American GIs. Once again, the United States did nothing.

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### Don't doubt Thomas' strength

Clarence Thomas spoke! The avalanche of media coverage afforded to Justice Thomas' recent remarks in a cross-burning case before the Supreme Court demonstrates once again that Thomas fascinates the American people as few justices ever have.

Sadly, though, almost all of the coverage focused not on the substance of Thomas' remarks but on the fact that he said anything at all.

It's true that Thomas doesn't ask as many questions as the 1980s justices do, but neither did Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., who is widely regarded as the most influential thinker in the history of American law. When Thomas has a question, he asks it. When he doesn't, he believes that the lawyers should be allowed to argue their cases without being constantly interrupted.

More important, Thomas does say a lot, mostly in his written opinions. It's not unreasonable to suggest that he is the most significant member of the current court, especially on matters of race. Virginia vs. Black, the cross-burning case that sparked the latest debate about his views, is only the most recent example of this.

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approach. It was, of course, Thomas' notion of group-based relief in civil rights cases that led civil rights groups to oppose his confirmation to the Supreme Court.

Since becoming a justice, Thomas has continued to speak out on questions of race. He has written powerful opinions on desegregation, voting rights and affirmative action. In 1995's *Missouri v. Jenkins*, for example, Thomas became the first justice to directly criticize Brown vs. Board of Education. He said the court was wrong in 1954 to rely on disputable social evidence to declare segregation unconstitutional rather than invoking the "constitutional principle" that "the government must treat citizens as individuals and not as members of racial, ethnic or religious groups."

Thomas' conception of civil rights as an individual concern, not a group concern, also explains his approach to voting rights. In 1994, in *Holder vs. Hall*, Thomas wrote that racial groups shouldn't be "conceived of largely as political interest groups."

Thomas doesn't all think alike and that existing case law should be overturned to eliminate claims for "proportional allocation of political power according to race."

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### Public interest changes threaten local input

The editorial supporting IDWR's effort to give IDWR's "public interest" review in water transfer hearings boils down to an argument that potential problems with air and water quality are "social issues" which the Department of Water Resources should ignore when issuing water permits. "Social issues?" Really? Air and water quality, and the quality of life, which they insure, are among the primary reasons people live in Idaho, not "social issues."

Why live in Idaho if you can't open your windows, smell the sagebrush, and drink the water?

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#### READER COMMENT: RICH CARLSON

The only "social issues" I have seen brought up in water transfer protests, things such as overcrowded schools or inadequate housing and health care for workers, have only come up in response to mega-dairy industry claims that they are a boon to our economy. If that industry wants to talk about what a great economic benefit it is to Idaho, what's wrong talking about some of the hidden costs it brings?

The fact is, the effort to narrow the scope of IDWR's "public interest" review has been orchestrated by the mega-dairy industry in response to some air and water quality issues brought out in water transfer hearings; that many mega-dairy applicants haven't been able to point to a single mega-dairy in Idaho without significant air quality problems; that dairy water testing is an inadequate test of water quality, because by the time water pollution is measured it's too late to correct; that waste lagoons have a serious potential for groundwater pollution and leak detection systems are necessary; and that nutrient management plans are no guarantee of groundwater quality unless they require leach testing below the root zone. These are not unreasonable points for IDWR to consider when issuing water permits to an operation proposing to locate next door.

In some cases, a water transfer protest hearing with IDWR has been the only opportunity for citizens to protect their property rights. Citizens have learned the hard way that county commissioners making facility siting decisions don't always have the horsepower to say no.

If IDWR had not had to consider the broad "public interest" under current law, where would we be today? We would have more megadairies in places they should be in — that's for sure. If IDWR had been even more responsible exercising its legal duty to consider the public interest, there's one disaster south of Idaho which might not have occurred.

While it's the mega-dairy industry pushing these changes, it is shortsighted to think changing the rules will not also limit citizen input when other industries want water permits. Coal or gas fired power generating plants come to mind but the possibilities are endless. The editors' support of any plan to cut the scope of IDWR's "public interest" review will guarantee that there will be more mega-dairies in places telling the public "that's not our problem" when there is a problem.

Common sense dictates that every government agency considering a permit with a serious potential to harm air or water quality must listen to citizens who speak up to protect their property rights and property values which are so dependent on breathable air and drinkable water.

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## LETTERS

### Look locally to render public service

Concerning the story on the front page Jan. 1.

Merrily Huetner — there are plenty of homeless children here in the United States.

Charity begins at home.  
ESTHER BUCKBEE  
Twin Falls

### Protect 'local public interest' as an inalienable right

Water is not a commodity to be bought, sold and traded by the good of boys. Water is the common denominator on which all life plant and animal, in Idaho depend.

Water is the facilitating mechanism, which allows for human agricultural, forest, industrial and civic activity and their beneficial and negative impacts of that activity.

developers. Yet a group using that name and an unholy alliance of other selfish interest are trying to use their political influence to legislatively weaken the "local public interest" aspect of Idaho water law.

The "local public interest" is that part of Idaho water law where one can talk about the positive and negative impacts socially, environmentally and economically with regards to issuing or transferring an Idaho water right. It is an essential tool for being sure that Idaho water is used in a truly beneficial manner.

If we allow this unholy alliance to weaken the "local public interest" of Idaho water law, and then we might as well burn the Declaration of Independence, tear up the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and turn in our guns. To allow this taking of our rights by selfish interests is to surrender all our inalienable rights.

BILL CHISHOLM  
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I have written a lot about the Indian gaming industry. The tribes are valuing money. The things I have written since 1988 are the same issues.

It has become a secret in Indian country that many of the tribes that have had a hard time gaining federal recognition have, in the past, had a hard time getting the financial assistance that is given to groups claiming to be Indian, whether real or imagined, by money—often only too eager to build lucrative casinos for the new tribes once federal recognition was established.

It is also no secret that dozens of nebulous management teams appeared and signed lucrative contracts with Indian tribes to assist and to profit from their new casinos. Most tribes opted out of these contracts just as soon as they discovered that much of the profits were going to line the pockets of the management groups. Oftentimes these contracts were voided after costly legal battles.

Time magazine could have taken their investigative series much further. The writers implied that there might have been a connection between granting federal recognition to borderline tribes and the lining of pockets in the Bureau of Indian Affairs hierarchy. I believe this is an avenue that still needs to be explored.

There is, after all, some sleek ex-BIACrats sliding around Indian country. Is it any wonder that the money men such as Sol Kerzner, a South African developer who will earn \$400 million from the Mohegan Sun; Lim Chong Tong, a Malaysian financier who bankrolled the Foxwood Casino of the Pequots; and Lyle Berman, a champion poker player who has financed four Indian casinos with five more in the works, have reaped millions of dollars from Indian tribes?

At the very outset of Indian gaming the BIA and the newly formed National Indian Gaming Commission allowed an Indian tribe in Minnesota to oust tribal members and redefine its own membership outside of the standards set by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The excuse offered then and now by the BIA is that this bureaucracy does not interfere in the internal affairs of Indian nations.

But only if it is not convenient to the bureau. Let's face it; the BIA has been interfering in the internal affairs of the Indian tribes since it was formed. So why then has this bureaucracy allowed so many tribes of questionable background to be given federal recognition? Did the backers of these tribes pass a few dollars under the table?

I have offered a very simple addition to the criteria used by the BIA to recognize new tribes: simply make it a rule that any new tribe cannot open a casino until 10 years of its recognition. This 10-year moratorium would make it less likely that the money men standing in line just waiting for new tribes to be established so that they can swoop in with their

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deep pockets and smart building casinos think twice.

Do the money men have the patience to wait 10 years before ripping off the new tribes?

The lack of control at the outset by the NIGC and the Department of the Interior opened many cans of worms. Time and again I have written about the porous rules and regulations that became a part of the National Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Consistency was not one of the rules. What is legal for one tribe in one state is illegal for another tribe in another state. Where one tribe can sign gaming compacts in one state, they are forbidden to do so in another state. The National Indian Gaming Regulatory Act is one big joke.

The Indian nations most afraid of having this heinous act reviewed and restructured are those with the most to lose — the big gaming tribes. These tribes with the smallest numbers, some with as few as 10 members, have much more clout than say the tribes of the Great Sioux Nation with 60,000 members or the Navajo Nation with its more than 200,000 members.

Why? Because they have the most money to spread around. They can now peddle influence. As the poorer tribes of America have known for 200 years, money talks, poverty walks.

There are the very poor tribes in Nebraska, South Dakota and Arizona, some with casinos and others still trying to get state compacts to maintain a casino, which would love to see the NIGRA restructured. In Arizona, most of the tribes are raking in the money from their casinos. But the Navajo and Hopi refuse to join in this largesse.

They stay out of the gaming arena because they see it as a way to destroy their traditions, culture and spirituality. As a matter of fact, I'm not too sure that gaming on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, one of the poorest tribes in America, would be discontinued if the question was put on the ballot today.

There is a lot that needs to be cleaned up in Indian gaming and before those boob-birds waste their time carping at Time magazine for bringing up certain unpleasant things, they should first admit that what the magazine had to say contained a lot of truth.

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**Campaign seeks to dot U.S. with windmills**

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Greenpeace rang in the New Year with a huge video playing over New York's Times Square telling Americans to spend a trillion dollars on windmills.

Greenpeace wants to adorn our landscape with 300,000 huge windmills each 250 feet high to generate 12 percent of our electricity by 2020. The catch is that the windmills won't replace the need for conventional power plants. There are — after all — lots of times when the wind doesn't blow.

The windmills will simply be an ugly, expensive, add-on to our power grid.

Greenpeace says the windmills would create lots of jobs. They would.

Unfortunately, the trillion dollars spent on windmills — and thousands of miles of new power lines to connect them — would be taken from more constructive uses of taxpayer money, such as finding a cure for cancer or rescuing Social Security from bankruptcy.

For Greenpeace, however, the windmill idea represents policy progress. Twenty years ago, they mainly wanted fewer humans, living in mud huts with no electricity.

Now, Greenpeace brags that on windy nights in western Denmark, windmills provide 50 percent of the electricity generated. But nobody needs much power at night in western Denmark. Since electricity can't be stored, most of the windmills' output is exported — at a loss — to neighboring countries.

A bigger criticism of the windmill campaign is that Greenpeace thinks it will pre-

vent global warming. The ecoglobalists still don't understand Mother Nature's powerful cycles.

In 1999, the Save Our Wild Salmon Coalition took out full-page ads in the New York Times claiming the Snake River salmon would go extinct unless the government tore out four dams. But, with the dams still in place, the Snake River salmon are flourishing.

A known 25-year cycle in the Pacific Northwest salmon fishery reversed itself right on schedule. Salmon catches in 2002 were up more than fourfold, and soared even more in the Snake River. A pattern in ocean currents, not the logging, farming and dams that ecoglobalists love to hate, rule the fish populations.

The cycle in the earth's temperatures is much longer: about 1340 years according to the latest research. History tells us about the Medieval Warming (950 to 1300) and the Little Ice Age that followed (1300 to 1850). History also tells us Jesus lived through the Roman Warming (200 BC to AD 400) that was also followed by an icy age.

Now, Dr. Gerard Bond of New York's own Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory has analyzed iceberg debris in deep seabed cores from the North Atlantic.

The cores show nine mild global warmings, alternating with nine harsh global cold spells, in the last 12,000 years coinciding exactly with a known cycle in the magnetic

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activity of the sun! Which brings us back to the idea of begging ourselves to build huge, ugly windmills that would tower over millions of acres of land and seascape.

Germany has pledged to decommission the nuclear power plants that provide 30 percent of its electricity and replace them with some 30,000 huge wind towers.

The German government is placating people worried about noise, visual pollution, and destroying millions of acres of wild lands by claiming that most of the windmills will be offshore, on barges.

But wind-powered electricity is at least five times as expensive as conventional power, and large-mounted windmills are vastly more expensive than land-based windmills.

Think of the storms, and the miles of massive steel anchor cables needed to keep the wind barges afloat and upright.

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However, when a wind farm applied for the permits to build

an offshore wind farm in Massachusetts' Nantucket Sound, everyone from the Sierra Club to Sen. Ted Kennedy rose in protest. "Not here!" they cried, though the Nantucket shoals are one of the few places in the United States where an offshore wind farm makes sense.

Could it be that the wind-power campaign is a Trojan horse?

Does Greenpeace dangle the windmills we haven't yet seen and learned to hate to prevent approvals for clean-coal and nuclear plants that would produce our electricity at less financial and environmental cost? Like the costly light-rail lines that no one rides, but which help block approval for the new highways that would actually relieve our traffic congestion?

Let's send Greenpeace back to the drawing board for a better solution. In passing, we wonder who paid for the Times Square video performance, and how much good that money could have done to solve problems in real life.

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## Earmuffs: Our credible of character

It's pretty much your fault, nest, but I can't help it.

The 50-year-old mother of the North Fork has been laughing in a discussion of dry, blasty Idaho winters, earmuffs have just about disappeared from those parts.

I mean the type with a coiled band and fuzzy pads—the kind you and I find every Idahonian of a certain age wore as kids. Seems they've been supplanted by "ear warmers," which are a swath of Polar fleece rigged on a wire that runs around the back of your head.

JC Fenney will charge you 17 bucks for such a contraption. LL Bean wants \$25.

My first set of earmuffs—and probably yours, too—cost 79 cents at the Sproule-Reitz.

They were blue, to match the color of your ears when they slipped off.

Which earmuffs did, inevitably.

Part of their considerable charm: Earmuffs would ride up above your ears and the coil band, which was supposed to be adjustable,

would wind itself around every hair on the top of your head.

So that the familiar sounds of children returning home in winter-time, the stamping of boots on the mat, the heavy breathing that accompanied the removal of two layers of outer wear—were always followed by the yowls of youngsters actively scalping themselves.

Just so. Earmuffs were an indispensable part of the Iron meritocracy of winter in southern Idaho when I was a kid.

It was the only time of year that young Idahonians learned Valuable lessons, be it the folly of licking a pump handle at 40-below or the rush of hooky-bobbing over ice moguls in the freezing rain.

Winter, as Garrison Keillor has reminded us, was forever trying to kill us in the old days, and only those canny—or foolhardy—enough to be tested by it grew up with any character.

Unless you live someplace like Ketchum, Soda Springs or McCall, those days seem to be gone in Idaho. It was 55 degrees in Twin Falls on Friday—so warm for so long that my front yard is starting to green up.

There's a kid going to be tested in such a risk averse, post-Eli Nino Idaho? What's the global-warming equivalent to earmuffs?

Probably it's those irredeemably goofy-looking Sherpa knit hats all the rage nowadays. They have a peaked top and ear flaps and they tie under the chin with a string. Brad Pitt wore one in the 1997 movie "Seven Years in Tibet," and it made him look like an alpine wino.

Or maybe those Bedouin-style, draw-string polyester fleece hoods that fit over the head and neck and can cover part of the face. Think of Osama bin Laden with a J. Peterman charge card.

But these are just fashion, not life-saving headgear, and they're producing a generation of winter-time weenies for whom snow is something covered in wild-cherry syrup and served in a Dixie cup.

These folks surely won't survive the next ice age. But Millicent will.

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## Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% below peak**
Upper Snake River	78	33
Salmon Falls	72	33
Salmon	82	38
Oxley	89	28
Black Wood	142	28
Little Wood	142	28
Haystack Fork/Teton	74	33
Big Lost	78	34
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## A COZY LITTLE SKI RESORT



Relaxing by the fire was a popular way to spend part of the afternoon at Magic Mountain Saturday. The lodge was full of people eating lunch and taking a break from the mild weather on the slopes.

## Magic Mountain offers friendly atmosphere

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

HANSEN — Bigger isn't always better.

At Magic Mountain Ski Resort, 400 customers are on the slopes on the busiest days. The owners run flip hamburgers and joke with their guests. The resort south of Hansen, with its single lift and 710 vertical feet from top to bottom, is certainly a small resort. That's why people love it.

"It's just a friendly place," ski instructor Nancy Bond said.

The lodge at Magic Mountain looks and smells the way a snug mountain cabin should. Wood stoves radiate heat into the room. The building and the furniture are all wood, as is the floor, blackened from years of use. Coats hang from hooks on the wooden columns. An old easy chair with flowered cushions sits near a stove. A painted

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Filling in as an impromptu ski instructor, ski patroller Dallas Wilson showed first-time snowboarder Ryan Guest, of Twin Falls, the basics of the sport Saturday at Magic Mountain.



Mindoka County Clerk Duane Smith pulls a record from the county's storage building on Fremont Street. The county is considering demolishing two nearby buildings on Fremont Street. If the buildings are removed, long-term plans call for the space to be used for parking and eventually a walking plaza at Fremont Street, alongside the Wilson Theater.

## Dead-end street could become pedestrian plaza

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — At this point, it's ideas and conceptual drawings.

But play the "what if" game for a minute and picture a walking plaza where Fremont Street now is, with farmers selling wares in a summer farmer's market, a small outdoor amphitheater to compliment the towering Wilson Theater, a fountain, a clock tower and plenty of parking.

These ideas have been float-

ing around since 1999 when University of Idaho students looked around Rupert, talked with community members and sketched out some plans, Rupert City Administrator Roger Bagley said.

"That's actually quite a long ways off," said Rick Bollor, city attorney and chairman of the Rupert Renaissance Initiative, but the renaissance group talks frequently about a Fremont Street project.

If anything has again brought

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## Task force provides harbor for homeless

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It was one of those light bulb moments.

On a cold November evening a year ago, Phyllis Berg met a homeless man outside her church. Her church happened to be holding a dinner that night, and she invited him inside.

"It was a miserable November, and he had been sleeping in the park," Berg said. "He had a meal with us, and then we had to send him back out in the cold. That was the catalyst for me. It was time to start doing something."

So Berg rounded up other concerned members of the community, and together they started the Homeless Task Force, a group dedicated to improving services to the homeless in Magic Valley.

The group recently became a nonprofit corporation and gave itself a new name — Safe Harbor Inc. The nonprofit status allows the group to raise money, and people who donate to the group can get a tax write-off.

With its first \$500, Safe Harbor provided Christmas gifts, gas and food to the homeless over the holidays, Berg said.

Among Safe Harbor's goals is to provide regular weekend meals to the homeless.

"There's no soup kitchen available on weekends, and some people don't eat from Friday evening until Monday at noon," Berg said.

With the help of local church

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from some form of severe and persistent mental illness. Still others suffer from addictions.

Berg said they need a place to make a fresh start.

"It doesn't take long on the streets to just give up," Berg said. "We want them to feel like they're still part of the community. They might want to choose a different path, and we could help them do that."

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

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SERVICES

Carol Gene (Laughlin) Snyder of Eugene, Ore., and formerly of Kimberly, memorial service today in Eugene, Ore., graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Walter Herman Schroeder of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church; private family burial at Buhl West End Cemetery.

Yvonne Jean Christensen of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.; burial will be at the Paul Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Frank Sprague of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery.

Richard Clarence 'Dick' Johnson of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Jerome LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 520 N. Lincoln, Jerome; family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome and one hour before the service at the church; interment to follow at the Jerome Cemetery.

Theodore Gardner of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Twin Falls Nazarene Church; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Park's Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Private family inurnment will follow at a later date at the

Hagerman Cemetery.

Andrew 'Danny' Morits of Twin Falls, rosary prayer service at 7 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2551 Kimberly Road; celebration of life at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Chapel; at his request, cremation will precede the service.

Vanita May Josephine Helms of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E.; Twin Falls friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Monday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home; interment will be at the Soldier Mountain/Mt. View Cemetery above Fairfield.

DEATH NOTICE

Leonard A. Butler WENDELL - Leonard A. Butler, of Wendell, died Saturday, January 4, 2003, at his home.

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

HOSPITAL

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted Katherine Wilson of Buhl

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.



Hazelton (Jan) Nyssen of San Jose, California. In addition to her husband, Paul who died on November 22, 1994, she was preceded in death by three daughters, Emma Renee and Bonnie Paulette, who died in infancy, and Mary Jo Greenwell. She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Renee Coeymans, Hendrick Coeymans, and Johannas Coeymans, and a sister, Nellie Coeymans. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at the Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Avenue in Burley, with Pastor Mike Donnan, officiating. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. and at the church from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. prior to the funeral on Tuesday. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at the Clover Lutheran Cemetery near Filer. Following the interment service, there will be a light luncheon for family and friends at the Clover Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to the Zion Lutheran Church.

Armstrong in January of 1989 at the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served a mission in Mesa, Arizona, from 1979-1981, and served in many church callings. She is survived by her husband, Joseph Neal Armstrong of Rupert, her two daughters, Sondra (Jerry) Acord of Dawson Creek, Alberta, Canada, and Kathy (Lee) Stewart of Ogden, Utah, and her step-children, Lucian (Linda) Armstrong of American Falls, Teena Loveland of Rigby, Mary (William C) Berry of Rigby, Steven (Claudia) Armstrong of Paul, Maik (Teresa) Armstrong of Burley, Shane (Judy) Armstrong of Logan, Utah, Katie (Bob) Jones of Bountiful, Utah, Hurdy and Preston (Idaho) who was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Doyle, Wayne and LaMar, and one sister, Nadyne Martin. Burial will follow at the Rigby Pioneer Cemetery at 3 p.m. Friends may call Sunday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.



Esther Mae Melody, age 71, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, January 2, 2003, at her home. She was born June 11, 1931, in Topeka, Kansas, the daughter of Homer and Alva Humbert. For the past 40 plus years, she has lived in the Magic Valley area. Survivors include three sons, Herb (Marilyn) Melody of Twin Falls, Idaho, Don (Dorothy) Melody ofampa, Idaho, Tom (Susan) Melody of Boise, Idaho, one daughter, Marie (Dale) Vayter of Dale City, Virginia, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Her parents and one brother preceded her in death. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory. Inurnment will take place in Topeka, Kansas. The family suggests memorials to the Idaho Youth Ranch, P.O. Box 8538, Boise, Idaho 83707-9921.

Ruth Maxine Armstrong Ruth Maxine Armstrong, 84-year-old Rupert resident, passed away January 3, 2003, at her home. She was born March 24, 1918, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the daughter of John A. and Ruth Crane. Maxine grew up in the Rigby area on her parents' large, 160-acre farm in California, where she married Floyd Downing in 1937. They later divorced, and in 1954 she married Robert Norman who died in 1970. She lived in the San Joaquin Valley area in California, where she raised her two daughters and worked at Burger King in Idaho Falls and then in Burley for a total of 17 years and up to her recent illness. She loved this job and all of her customers. She married Joseph Neal

Caldwell Gilbert Henry 'Ted' Manker, Jr. 82, of Caldwell, former Twin Falls resident, died Friday, January 3, 2003, in Homedale, Idaho. He was born June 21, 1920, in Rochester, New York, the son of Gilbert and Gladys Vasseur Manker. Sr. On January 1, 1977, he married Myrtle Lauretta Orwig. He enjoyed golf, hunting cans, square dancing, and was a member of Peace Lutheran Church. He is survived by three step-children, Myra Wagner of Caldwell, Idaho, Clifford Mechum of Donald, Oregon, Ron Manker of Boise, and married Myrtle Lauretta Orwig. He enjoyed golf, hunting cans, square dancing, and was a member of Peace Lutheran Church. Memorial services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at Peace Lutheran Church in Burley with Pastor Gary Bonadic officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Mountain States Funeral Institute, 190 East Bannock, Boise, Idaho 83712-6297. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Bookkeeper faces charges in homeless shelter theft

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) - The daughter of Dixie Care and Share's director was charged with stealing almost \$15,000 from the homeless shelter and food pantry.

Leah Colleen Johnson, 25, turned herself to authorities and was charged with 23 counts of forging checks ranging from \$300 to \$1,000 and one count of property theft, said Chapin Burks, a member of the organization's board of directors. Johnson forged both required signatures on the checks written from June to November, police Detective Doug Sargent said. Johnson, the daughter of Care and Share Director Ralph Flanagan, had been working for almost a year despite having a record of credit card fraud. She was put in charge of cash disbursements, replacing a bookkeeper who was absent because of illness.

The organization reported check-writing irregularities to police on Dec. 18. Dixie Care and Share is adopting new accounting procedures, Burks said. The organization's board voted to keep Flanagan as director because he knew nothing about the alleged fraud, he said.

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Authorities capture suspect in murder of wife, children

BAKER CITY, Ore. (AP) - After a two-week manhunt, police arrested Edward Morris, charged with the murder of his wife and three children, in a parking lot here Saturday afternoon, the Baker County district attorney said. District Attorney Matt Shircliff said Morris was not in jail but was "in a secure location with the major crime team." He said the arrest was without incident. The bodies of Renee Morris, 31, Erynn, 10, Alexis, 8 and Jonathan, 4, were found by hunters Dec. 21 on an isolated road in the Tillamook State Forest in coastal Tillamook County.

Shircliff said Tillamook County authorities were flying over Baker City Saturday afternoon and would take over the case. A brother and sister, Lida and Tom Martin, said they spotted Morris' van near the town of Durkee about 20 miles east of Baker City shortly after noon, recognized the license number and called police from Durkee. They called again in Baker City, spotted the van in town and called police a third time, they said. Police made the arrest in a Rite-Aid parking lot.

Lida and Tom Martin from Prineville, Ore., and Tom Martin from the Skamania, Wash. area. The bodies of the children, 7, of Portland, had been discovered recently in British Columbia. Authorities say they believe they were killed the day before. Authorities say they tracked Morris to Edmonds, Wash., where he bought gas on Dec. 31 and that he apparently spent the night of Dec. 20 in The Dalles. On Dec. 28 police in Abbotsford, B.C., said they received what they believed to be a credible tip from a woman who thought she had spotted the van in that border town.

Killer's son will finish sentence

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Cody Merritt, the son of convicted killer David "Coo" Merritt, will spend at least three more years in prison for his role in the death of Carissa Benway.

First District Judge Charles Hosack on Friday ordered the 18-year-old to serve out the remainder of his five-year sentence after he completed his initial six months of punishment and evaluation. He will now be eligible for parole after three more years. Cody Merritt pleaded guilty last year to being an accessory to the murder of the 14-year-old girl during the Fourth of July weekend in 2000. It was part of a plea agreement that included testifying against his father. The elder Merritt later entered a no contest plea to charges that he raped, murdered and beheaded Benway during a camping trip in the Coeur d'Alene National Forest. David Merritt is now spending life in prison without possibility of parole as part of a plea agree-

ment for first-degree murder. Although Idaho Department of Correction officials recommended Cody Merritt be placed on probation, the judge said Friday that he could do no such thing. Hosack said even though there would be no case against David Merritt if Cody hadn't agreed to talk, Cody didn't come forward on his own.

"The cooperation was not entirely voluntary," Hosack said. "It was the result of good police work." The principal investigator in the case, Kootenai County Sheriff's Detective Brad Maskell, said Cody Merritt should receive the full length of his sentence - and seek "strong, consistent and ongoing psychological counseling." Without such help, Maskell said in a late Friday e-mail to The Idaho Spokesman-Review newspaper, he fears Merritt will emerge from prison "without having a clear concept of the heinous crime he was very much

a part of." In police reports, Cody Merritt admitted he knew beforehand that Benway would be killed on the camping trip. He also told investigators his father had been talking of killing another girl, but Cody Merritt tried to keep her away, said Benway's mother, Bonnie Heilandner. "He could have done the same thing for Carissa," she said after Friday's hearing. Cody Merritt told police he was afraid his father would kill him if he told about the murder later. The boy, who was 16 at the time, said he received a black rose tattoo for remaining quiet. The tattoo, known as the Black Rose of the Brotherhood, commemorates a criminal act. Aremenda said Cody Merritt, who has been in prison in Boise, said it's been tough on a boy who would be a man behind bars. But Heilandner said that doesn't matter. "My daughter doesn't even get to be 18," she said.

Shooting suspect's attorney wants case thrown out of court

SANDPOINT (AP) - A missing piece of evidence has one attorney calling for the dismissal of an attempted murder case.

Brent Featherston is asking 1st District Judge-elect Steve Verby to dismiss the case against Bruce Allen Spaupe because the Dodge pickup involved in the Sept. 27 shooting was released from evidence. Spaupe, 37, is accused of trying to kill a Washington man who was repossessing the truck for Rocky Mountain Title Loan. Victor Grant of Greenacres was shot in the head with a .22-caliber rifle as he left

Spaupe's home north of Priest River. Grant, 28, survived the shooting. Rocky Mountain Title Loan ordered the truck to be repossessed after Spaupe defaulted on a \$1,000 loan, according to court records. Spaupe alleges he fired at the truck's tires because he thought it was being stolen, court records indicate. Featherston claims that because the truck was released from evidence three days after the shooting, his client has been deprived of the opportunity to present a thorough defense.

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SCHOOL LUNCHES

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 Monday: Fish sticks, rice, veg.  
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, french fries, fruit, cookie  
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, french fries, fruit, cookie  
 Thursday: Spaghetti, salad, french bread, pudding  
 Friday: Pizza, fruit, cookie

**RAHL SCHOOL**  
 Monday: Milk served every day. Choice of fruit or juice every day  
 Tuesday: Cereal  
 Wednesday: Egg and cheese muffins  
 Thursday: Biscuits and gravy  
 Friday: Waffles  
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 Salad bar and milk served every day  
 Monday: Peanut butter sandwich

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MAKING TRACKS



A train from the Palouse River & Coulee City Railroad winds its way through wheat fields outside Pullman, Wash., on its way to Moscow on Thursday.

Green legislature faces budget crisis

By Bob Fick  
 Associated Press writer



BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne opens his second and final term on Monday, facing a stagnant economy and a conservative Legislature untested in dealing with such a severe financial crisis.

After four sessions and four legislative programs, Kempthorne is still trying to fulfill the high leadership expectations that awaited the former Boise mayor and U.S. senator when he was first sworn in as Idaho's 30th chief executive in 1999.

Public criticism of the governor remains scant — party faithful and those who work in and with state government dare not anger the most powerful politician in Idaho.

Only a handful of outbursts have marked his often rocky relationship with the Republican legislative majority.

But those same people — most Kempthorne contributors, campaigners and voters — continue to grouse privately about the governor's perceived inability or unwillingness to stand up and fight for his proposals.

Some near the governor say his announcement last June that he will not run for a third term in 2006 has been liberating, and he has since toughened his attitude toward lawmakers whom he has until now refused to publicly criticize.

One Kempthorne supporter said he must be more assertive in pushing his agenda if he wants to make a mark on Idaho history.

The proof should come in the next two months in what could be a confrontation between Kempthorne and the Legislature over the budget crisis.

The governor has already laid the groundwork for some kind of tax increase. Further cuts cannot be made in education, health care and public safety without eliminating essential programs

and vital services, he said a month ago.

So, he said, "the question is not whether we will raise taxes but from what source and by how much."

He underscored the uncertainty last week, saying that "because of the stark reality, there aren't many places to go."

His defense of education and health care for the poor has the support of the reviving Democratic minority as it looks for any allies against the Legislature's conservative bloc.

"He has four years now to build a legacy, and it's his opportunity," Senate Democratic Leader Clint Stennett at Ketchum said. "I hope he becomes a strong third-in-line government as a counterweight to the far right of his own party, and in that effort he can count on our support."

At the same time, top legislative budget writers are confident that a majority of the nation's most Republican Legislature is ready to slash spending to cover the estimated \$100 million deficit before it raises taxes.

Just six of the 105 lawmakers were serving during the last budget crisis that began in 1983 with dramatic budget cuts and ended with the largest tax hike in history.

"A struggling economy isn't helped by a tax increase," said House Appropriations Chairman Maxine Bell, of Jerome. "That's the only option, and I think when they go home they probably have next to someone whose business has been downsized or job eliminated."

She suggested that the governor's pledge to protect education, health care and public safety — 80 percent of the budget — from more cuts, "was his heart talking, and his heart does that a lot."

"I don't see how he can keep it," she said.

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# Man receives suspended sentence in sex case

Burley resident pled guilty to charge of felony injury to child

**The Times-News**  
**BURLEY** — A Burley man received a suspended prison sentence after he pleaded guilty to a charge of felony injury to a child. Jack Leon Draper, 19, was placed on five years' probation after 5th District Judge Monte Carlson suspended the two-to-seven-year prison sentence he had ordered for Draper. Carlson had sentenced Draper on Dec. 20. A week later the judge ordered Draper to provide

a DNA sample and thumbprint to the Cassia County Sheriff's Office so the information could be forwarded to the Idaho State Police for its records. Draper was ordered to pay \$50 to the victim compensation fund, a \$10 administrative surcharge to Cassia County, a \$5 technology fee and \$6 to the Peace Officer Standards Training Academy. Last April Draper was charged with sexual abuse of a child younger than 16 years old. He waived his preliminary hearing on April 5 and was bound over to District Court. He reached a plea agreement with the Cassia County prosecuting attorney's office in June and then pleaded guilty to an amend-

ed charge of felony injury to a child. Draper's sentencing date was changed repeatedly, first from Aug. 22 to Oct. 4, then to Nov. 22 and finally to Dec. 20. Some of the delay in sentencing was due to Draper changing attorneys in September. Draper is accused of having sex on Feb. 28 with a girl who was 15 at the time. He was 18 then. The girl told police that Draper made her have sex with him, but Draper claimed she consented to the sexual encounter in his apartment. The amended charge of felony injury to a child charges Draper with placing the girl in a situation which endangered her or her health.



With the arch of Arch Rock in the background, a couple stops to watch the waves at Goat Rock at the Sonoma Coast State Beach in Sonoma County, near Jenner, Calif., Wednesday.

# Potlatch bypasses Lewiston port

LEWISTON (AP) — Potlatch Corp. has shifted much of its shipping business to the Puget Sound, bypassing the Port of Lewiston and Snake and Columbia rivers, and resulting in the layoff of a handful of port workers.

Mark Benson, Potlatch public affairs director for the western region, said the company has had trouble finding a direct shipper to carry its paperboard products to Asian markets. The company has also had trouble getting enough ocean-going containers to the Port of Lewiston. "We are always working to strike a cost-effective solution to meet the needs of our customers," Benson said. "Right now we're finding that by using Puget Sound ports,

The reduction in volume of the Port of Lewiston's second-largest shipper prompted the port to lay off four of 10 full-time container yard employees Friday, said David Doeringfeld, Lewiston's port manager. Potlatch's decision follows a decade of intense lobbying to keep the four dams on the lower Snake River in place. Conservation groups and others say removing the dams is the best way to restore endangered salmon stocks. Benson would not speculate about how long Potlatch might use the Seattle and Tacoma ports. Doeringfeld said agricultural shippers have historically been the port's largest customers and provide enough business for the

port to sustain itself. "While this is a significant impact, I do not believe this change affects the viability of the Columbia-Snake river system," he said. Potlatch officials also announced on Friday that the company is splitting its growing consumer products operations from its pulp and paperboard divisions. Although the Lewiston plant plays a pivotal role in both types of manufacturing, "I don't think you can read a lot into this in terms of Potlatch's future in Lewiston," Benson said. Potlatch has about 775 workers in pulp and paperboard in Lewiston and another 650 in consumer products.

# Proposal would end timber analyses

LEWISTON (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service is taking comments on a new proposal to reinvent procedures that allow it to avoid extensive environmental analysis for small timber projects it considers environmental-ly benign. Called "categorical exclusions," the process would allow the agency to harvest dead and dying trees or cut live trees to stop insect and disease infestations without producing environmental analysis or environmental impact statements. Projects that fall under categorical exclusions can't be appealed by the public and there is no formal public comment period on them. The Forest Service lost the ability to use categorical exclusions for small timber sales in 1999 after an Illinois-based environmental group sued to stop such a sale on the Shawnee

National Forest. Illinois U.S. District Judge Phil Gilbert said the agency did not base categorical exclusion sale size limits on meaningful analysis and issued a nationwide injunction on their use. Since that time, a team in the Washington, D.C., office of the Forest Service conducted an analysis of 154 randomly selected small timber sales, concluding that they are environmental-ly safe. In November, the team proposed the new rules to govern the use of categorical exclusions. Based on those proposed rules, the agency could harvest live trees on up to 50 acres and dead or dying trees on up to 250 acres without environmental analysis. The exclusions could not be used in areas where they would have adverse effects on endangered species or their habitat, and could not be used in wilder-

ness, roadless, wetlands or historic sites. Gary Macfarlane of the Moscow-based Friends of the Clearwater environmental group said he opposes the plan. "There is a trust involved here and the agency has not done anything to earn the public trust and that is the point," Macfarlane said. Stefany Bales, a spokeswoman for the Intermountain Forest Association at Coeur d'Alene, said the proposed rules are reasonable. "I think it's a great tool to give back to foresters. I think asking folks to do extensive studies on those smaller projects is a waste of their time if in fact it is not going to do environmental damage." The Forest Service is accepting public comment on the proposed rules for the next 60 days.

# Utah County will adopt rules for ATVs

PROVO, Utah (AP) — An association of Utah County mayors is recommending common rules and signs for all terrain vehicles and a \$1,000 fine for violations. The Utah County Council of Governments agreed Thursday to send the model ordinance to

each municipality for discussion. The ordinance will take suggested changes and refine the ordinance on Feb. 6 for final action by each city in Utah County, Orem Mayor Jerry Washburn said. The goal is to have each city in Utah County adopt identical laws

for ATV use so riders don't concentrate in cities with the most law rules. County Commissioner Gary Herbert said. The council plans to hold a Jan. 14 hearing in Lindon for ATV users to speak out on proposed rules.

# Judge speaks of confirmation in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — New 10th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Michael McConnell said the political fight over his confirmation wasn't good for the country. "My handlers in Washington told me not to do anything that might be deemed controversial," a black-robed McConnell told 200 friends, colleagues and dignitaries at a swearing-in. "That was the hardest part." McConnell spoke Friday at the University of Utah, where he was a law professor. His nomination by President Bush was stalled for nearly two years as liberal groups pilloried his scholarly writings, which called the landmark Roe v. Wade abortion rights ruling an "embarrassment." He also was attacked for suggesting barriers be brought down between church and state. "With Michael McConnell, the Beltway mold-makers met their match," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. "He stood up to their attempts to defame his views." Conservatives branded him a moderate who had opposed the impeachment of former President Clinton. They pointed out that McConnell had argued that the U.S. Supreme Court should not have halted the Florida vote count during the disputed 2000 presidential election. McConnell "cannot be pegged as an ideologue," Hatch said. "He is an honest man." He argued 11 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and taught at the University of Chicago for a dozen years. He joined the Utah faculty in 1997. Before his teaching career, McConnell served as assistant to the solicitor general with the U.S. Department of Justice, assistant general counsel for the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and law clerk to Justice William Brennan of the U.S. Supreme Court. McConnell, born in Louisville, Ky., is married and has two daughters and a son. The family spends weekends backpacking, skiing and hiking in Utah's wilderness. An Eagle Scout, he once served as an assistant scoutmaster.

McConnell became the fourth justice from Utah on the Denver-based federal appellate court that covers Utah, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Wyoming. He plans to commute to Denver for court hearings and continue living in Salt Lake City with his family. Seventeen other judges, now including four from Utah, make up the 10th Circuit Court. McConnell specialized in religious separation law. He has defended vouchers for private and religious schools and argued for a new interpretation of the Constitution's division between church and state that strict separatists contend blurs the line. In numerous cases, McConnell has defended the religious rights of Mormons, Hare Krishnas, evangelical Christians, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Scientists, Bible clubs, Catholic schools and even Eckankar, a New Age religion.

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# Former probation officer gets jail time

WOODS CROSS, Utah (AP) — A former probation officer was jailed for eight months for molesting a child in her methamphetamine-contaminated home. Lois R. Salazar, 53, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of endangering a child. Salazar told 2nd District Judge Darwin C. Hansen she turned a blind eye to her adult son, Travis Cruz, who was sent to prison for operating a meth lab in her garage and at another location in Salt Lake County. Salazar had to be aware Cruz was cooking methamphetamine in her garage because of the

quantity and odor of the chemicals, Davis County Deputy Sheriff Mike Dirks said. Davis Metro Narcotics Strike Force served search warrants at Salazar's house in 2000 and last February, arresting her son each time. The second time, officers confiscated her law enforcement badge. "This happened before, and you allowed it to happen a second time," Hansen said. "As a probation officer you yourself knew the odor itself could harm a child." Salazar will serve three years' probation after she gets

out of jail. Cruz is serving three concurrent terms of one to 15 years at Utah State Prison and another concurrent term of five years to life for a Salt Lake County conviction. Salazar worked for a few months as a juvenile probation officer, said Beati Martinez, trial court executive for 2nd District Court. "This is definitely a black-eye to the juvenile courts when something like this happens, but the reality is the majority of our employees are really good, dedicated people," Martinez said.

# Resort

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 plank on the wall reads, "Home sweet mountain home." It is home for resort owners Mary and Sharric Jacobs. They live in a trailer behind the lodge. Since the resort is normally open only for weekends, people who work full time elsewhere can come up to the resort to fit boots or sell tickets. The adult employees carpool with their children, who work along with them. The people on the slopes run the gamut from first-time beginners to adrenaline-driven skiers and snowboarders who come to jump the cliffs off the main runs. Though the lift only goes up 710 vertical feet, there are routes down the mountain difficult enough to thrill expert skiers. "The more aggressive ones come here," said Marty Jacobs. "We're short, but we're steep." Around the resort are miles of

cross-country ski trails. The resort is a second home for four old-time ski instructors who have come to Magic Mountain year after year. Ron Lierman was a friend of Claude Jones, who opened the resort, and Bonnie Jones was his wife. Even counting Bond, who is a little younger, the instructors have an average age of 75, said Lierman's wife, Nancy. At some ski resorts you can see pictures of the original employees. At Magic Mountain you can talk to them. Ron Lierman is old enough to remember when his skis were 6 feet long and the baskets at the end of his poles were a foot in diameter. He is also old enough to stay away from the cliffs. "We don't go off the cliffs," he said. "At least not on purpose." Most people go to Magic Mountain from Twin Falls

because it is so close. But a good number of people also come from the Wood River Valley, Marty Jacobs said. "I think I've got someone up there helping me," he said. The people who pick Magic Mountain instead of San Valley could come for lower prices or for the intimate atmosphere. In a lodge that feels more like an oversized house than a business, at a place where many of the workers are related, it's easy to feel like you are part of the family. "There are some great old memories here," Marty Jacobs said. Times-News writer Nate Johnson can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 637, or by e-mail at njohnson@magicvalley.com.

# Fremont

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 the ideas to the forefront, Bagley said, it is the potential to get started with the expected demolition of county-owned buildings on Fremont Street. The county owns property next to the Rupert Police Department on Fremont Street and has talked to the city about demolishing those buildings, Bagley said, though nothing is yet in writing or official. City employees could help remove the buildings if the county submits a request before March, in accord with a city ordinance. Project Mutual Telephone officials have asked the city for help to tear down buildings on the old Anderson Lumber property. Bolzar said the city will need to bring in extra equipment for that demolition and would like to tear down the county buildings at the same time to save money. Minidoka County Clerk Duane Smith said commissioners have discussed demolishing two of the three county buildings in that block but haven't made final plans. The buildings need to be emptied. They now hold boxes of old records and some surplus equipment. "Some of this stuff goes back quite a ways," Smith said. The date he finds on one roll of court-

reporter documents in the first building is 1979. Smith will check with the state historical society to see if they want any of the documents. The third building, numbered 636 Fremont, is to remain standing to house old county records which need to be kept. Fremont Street used to plan if the buildings are demolished as anticipated, Bolzar said, is paving the area for parking, though, "It isn't very much parking." The city owns the street and has the right to close it, but officials would think long and hard before doing so, Bagley said. While the city owns the Wilson Theater and the police department building along the north side of the street, the south side has many private businesses, including Newman and Zollinger law office and the Blue Room, a bar. The school district office is also on the end of Fremont's south side. Fremont Street used to be a through street, said Chris Jackson, director of the Renaissance Arts Center which oversees the Wilson renovation. But during the 1998 downtown development project officials deemed the five-way intersection at the square unsafe and the dead end was created.

Dick Russell, owner of the Blue Room, which has an entrance on Fremont Street, said eliminating the five-way intersection was a mistake. "It hasn't affected our business at all," Russell said, "but it was very unnecessary." Would closing it off completely for a plaza make a difference to Russell's business? "It's already closed. They should have left it open," he said. Any changes to Fremont Street would be positive for the Wilson Theater, Jackson said, even eliminating the street altogether. People who need to get items into the theater could use the door on F Street, Jackson said. Parking and walking to get to a store or theater event is no different than parking at a big discount store or a mall and walking across the parking lot to get inside. "If you have unique businesses, people will want to come. If you have offices in that space, people will need to come," Jackson said. "I don't think a short walk will stop people from going where they want to go." Times-News writer Shari Chaney can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 638, or by e-mail at schaney@magicvalley.com.

# Crump

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 Millicent was one of the smallest kids in the fourth grade at St. Anthony School, but between December and March she was never outdoors without earmuffs — even though they must have been hell for a girl with waist-length black hair. On the last day before Christmas vacation, the nuns used to take the fourth-graders up to the top of Red Hill to go sledding. The snow was deep that year

and the slope steep, so most kids quickly fell off their sleds. Our classmate Mark, head and shoulders taller than Millicent, towed to make it to the bottom. Wearing a stocking cap, he succeeded — and ended upside down in the grasshush. That grasshush ran in a narrow ditch that separated a fence at the base of the hill from a frozen pond beyond. Millicent — the final sledder of the day — tugged her earmuffs down on her head and went roaring

down the slope, over the fence, through the grasshush and clear across the pond, with the earmuffs twisted around her face and covering both eyes, but still very much intact. It was a transforming moment for Millicent, who grew up to be a triumph. Mark too. He's the second-most successful salesman in Pocatello. Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor. Write to him at crump@magicvalley.com.

# Sniper

# 'Go pills'

## Pilot case calls military use of amphetamines into question

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Air Force calls them "Go pills," and that is what they do: keep pilots going in the air long after their tired minds and bodies would have preferred to fall asleep.

The stimulants have been used by airmen since World War II, and were dined out by the thousands in the Persian Gulf War and Afghanistan. But the practice is coming under new scrutiny in the investigation of two F-16 pilots who were taking Air Force-provided amphetamines when they mistook a midnight training exercise for hostile fire and bombed a gathering of Canadian soldiers.

Four Canadians were killed in the April incident, and eight others were wounded.

The Air Force has taken the unprecedented step of pursuing criminal charges against the pilots, Maj. Harry Schmidt and William Umbach, each of whom faces up to 64 years in prison.

But if the case proceeds beyond a preliminary hearing scheduled for Jan. 13, the Air Force could find many of its own practices also on trial, including its distribution of drugs that are banned in commercial aviation.

A lawyer for one of the pilots said that would be to argue that the airman's judgments were impaired by their repeated use of amphetamines prescribed by Air Force doctors in Afghanistan — drugs, he said, that would cost the pilots their jobs if they were caught using them behind the wheel of a car instead of in the cockpit of an F-16.

Were these pilots' perceptions affected by their use of deproamphetamines? I don't know," said Charles Gittins, a Virginia attorney and former Naval flight officer representing the pilot who dropped the bomb on the Canadians. "But we're going to present it and let the court decide."

A Pentagon investigation of the bombing ruled out the use of stimulants as a factor, concluding instead that the pilots were guilty of "reckless" behavior and had violated rules of engagement.

Experts say Gittins could have a hard time connecting the pilots' fateful mistake to the influence of a relatively small dose of deproamphetamine. And even he acknowledges that the drugs aren't at the heart of his case.

Instead, he said, the accidental bombing was the result of a series of breakdowns, including the failure of the Air Force to notify the two pilots, both members of the Illinois National Guard, that there were training exercises in the area.

But the high level of attention surrounding the unusual case already is calling attention to the Air Force's little-known drug policies. Some say that if the Air Force were forced to change those policies, it also would change the nature of its pilots' missions.

Many in the service see the use of stimulants as a prerequisite for the night-long fighter patrols and transoceanic bombing runs that are mainstays of the modern aerial campaign.

"They're used because pilots are sometimes required to fly missions that exceed 10 to 12 hours," said Col. Alvin Mitchell, an Air Force spokesman. "Or they're used for missions that are scheduled during time when pilots would ordinarily be sleeping."

Mitchell stressed that use of the pills is voluntary, safe and monitored closely by Air Force surgeons, who prescribe them only after testing pilots' reactions

to them on the ground.

The Air Force has never attributed a crash or other accident to the use of stimulants, she said. By contrast, she said, "fatigue has been cited as a contributing cause in nearly 100 mishaps."

The military has a long and uneasy history of experimenting with stimulants as a means of enhancing the performance or endurance of its fighters. Histories of World War II indicate widespread use by German and American soldiers.

But pilots' use of amphetamines expanded dramatically during the 1991 Persian Gulf War, when pilots struggled to adapt to that conflict's largely nocturnal schedule.

Fliers were given "go" pills to keep them awake for night-time missions, and "no go" pills, or sedatives, to help them sleep through the din and base during the day.

Surveys show that roughly half of American fighter pilots took amphetamines during the Desert Storm campaign. Some commanders were so alarmed by many pilots' growing addiction to the pills that they ordered their subordinates

to stop them.

The drug distributed by the Air Force is commonly known by its brand name Dexedrine. It is primarily used to treat hyperactivity in children and narcolepsy, a disorder in which patients fall asleep suddenly. The drug is produced by U.K.-based GlaxoSmithKline.

The company's literature warns that the drug has a "high potential for abuse" and "may impair the ability of the patient to engage in potentially hazardous activities such as operating machinery or vehicles."

But critics charge that the use of amphetamines as the drugs are effective and generally safe when administered carefully. One likened the small doses distributed by the Air Force to cups of coffee.

The pilots each had been in Afghanistan for more than a month before the strike, according to an investigation of the incident by U.S. Central Command.

Both "had complained about the 24-hour nature of the operations," Centcom's report said. "Both ... had been prescribed Go and No-Go pills for use in combat fatigue and in adjusting to the new time zones in the deployed region."

Each had taken a dose during the flight, in which Schmidt said what he described as "fireworks" as they passed south of Kandahar.

The flashes were coming from Canadian troops engaged in a live-fire exercise at a former al-Qaida training compound. But Schmidt and his superior, Umbach, believed they were under attack.

Schmidt, who taught at the Navy's elite "Top Gun" fighter pilot school, asked permission to strafe the ground with his cannon. He was told to hold fire and stand by, but instead he moved forward. After further flashes, he said he was "rolling in self-defense" and, with a call of "bombs away," released a 500-pound, laser-guided munition.

A moment later, a ground commander warned that "Kandahar has friendly" and to get the F-16s "out of there." By then it was too late.

Schmidt and Umbach both have been charged with four counts of manslaughter and eight counts of assault — the first time such charges have been leveled against pilots for actions in wartime. The upcoming hearing at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana is to determine whether they will face court-martial.



How Orleans police officer Bill Trepagnier and state police lieutenant Jack Uhlis stand outside the New Orleans Holiday Inn, the former Howard Johnson Hotel, where sniper Mark James Robert Essex perched during a sniper shooting spree 30 years ago.

## Officials remember 30th anniversary of killing spree

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — It was a textbook example of how not to stop a serial sniper: Police from dozens of agencies, with only a handful of radios for coordination, blazing away at a high-rise downtown hotel from all sides.

But the textbook hadn't been written 30 years ago when Mark James Robert Essex took over the Howard Johnson's during a nine-day killing spree.

By the time police sharpshooters in a Naval Reserve helicopter mowed Essex down on the roof, he had killed nine people in attacks across the city and injured 10 more.

Essex's attacks were only the start of the injuries. Police bullets wounded another 10 people at the hotel, nine of them officers hit by ricochets and shrapnel as they stood in a semicircle firing at an empty cinderblock room on the hotel roof where they thought a second sniper was holed up.

"Everything would have been done differently" today, says veteran New Orleans police Detective Bill Trepagnier. Today, New Orleans police have better communications and better guns. And they have a trained SWAT team, a direct result of the Essex shootings.

"I can't say we were undertrained. We were trained. But not like today," Trepagnier said. John Gnager, general manager of the National Tactical Officers Association, said the only trained

SWAT teams that he knows were in existence at the time were in New York and Los Angeles.

Essex took over the 18-story Howard Johnson's on Jan. 7, 1973, paralyzing the city until afternoon the next day.

It came at a tense time, said Moon Landrieu, the city's mayor at the time. There was racial tension, Black Panther demonstrations against the Vietnam war.

"There's a certain chaos that envelops these things. I thought, frankly, that the department did as well as it possibly could have under the circumstances," Landrieu said.

Essex first struck on New Year's Eve, picking off two policemen. Six days later, he killed a grocer who had talked to police about him, then stole a car, telling the driver he didn't want to kill black people like himself, "just honkies."

He said the same thing to black maids at the Howard Johnson's, where he killed four girls and three officers.

Hundreds of officers from city, federal, state and local agencies took up firing positions in surrounding buildings.

Essex was armed with a power-

ful .44-caliber Magnum carbine. Police had plenty of guns, though many were pistols or shotguns with no long-range accuracy.

Officers also had only a few hand-held radios.

"You really didn't know what was going on until you found somebody with a radio," Trepagnier said. "They were cumbersome, like an automobile battery. And the batteries didn't last long."

During the shooting, Trepagnier was on a fire truck ladder with firefighter Tim Ursin and fellow officer Jack Uhlis.

Ursin was about eight stories up, trying to get to a balcony full of people.

"I heard a loud boom coming from my left," he said. "I looked up for a second. I didn't know what had happened. It felt like a shock wave in front of my face. I looked at my raincoat and blood was pouring out of the left sleeve."

The slug had come from below, ripping through his arm.

Uhlis helped Ursin down the ladder while Trepagnier fired his shotgun toward the sniper. "I knew I couldn't do any damage, but he didn't know what was shooting at him," Trepagnier said.

Ursin underwent six months of reconstructive surgery before choosing amputation and a steel prosthesis. He runs a charter fishing boat, billing himself as "Captain Tim Ursin Sr. a.k.a. 'Capt. Hook.'"

"I've been living on borrowed time for 30 years," he said. "It just wasn't my time."

Snipers attacks in this country were rare at that time, although Essex was hardly the first or the worst.

Six years earlier, Charles Joseph Whitman had killed 14 and wounded 31 from atop the University of Texas Tower in Austin.

The United States averaged one mass killing a year in the 1970s. In 1999 alone, there were at least 12.

Last year, two other men with ties to Louisiana were accused of carrying out a string of sniper killings in the Washington area. John Allen Muhammad, who is from Baton Rouge, and John Lee Malvo also were indicted on murder charges in a Baton Rouge killing.

Both Muhammad, 41, and Essex, 23, served in the military, but while Essex spent just two years in the Navy, becoming embittered by racial prejudice before he was discharged for "unsuitability," Muhammad spent 17 years in the Army and National Guard; his discharge reportedly was honorable.

His opinion of Osama bin Laden was that we need a person like him to fight the Israelis and stand up against all Westerners trying to conquer our lands."

Abdullah said he prayed and dined with the two men, shuttled them to the airport and made calls to flight schools for them because they spoke little English. He has never tried to help the two men obtain driver's licenses and Social Security cards.

"I understand a lot of people look at me now as being a bad person just for knowing those guys and for trying to help them out," Abdullah told the Union-Tribune. "I never intended to do any harm to anyone, and I never knew the true intentions of those people."

## Suspect pleads innocent to kidnapping, sex charges

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — A family friend who sheltered two adolescent brothers after the boys bludgeoned their father to death in a high-profile murder case has pleaded innocent to charges of kidnapping and sexual battery involving the youngest boy.

Ricky Chavis, who was also charged in Terry King's murder but was acquitted just days before the brothers went on trial, is now charged with kidnapping then-12-year-old Alex King and committing lewd or lascivious battery against the boy.

Chavis was not in court Friday when his attorney entered the plea. His trial is set to begin Feb. 10, and Alex, now 13, and his 14-year-old brother, Derek, are expected to testify.

The King brothers pleaded guilty in November to third-degree murder in a rare mediated plea bargain after a judge threw out their second-degree murder convictions in the death of their father.

Both boys are now in juvenile facilities.

## Sergeant, school principal will be retried in 'tough love' case

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — A sheriff's sergeant and an elementary school principal will be retried for the alleged "tough love" abuse of their son, prosecutors said.

Los Angeles County sheriff's Sgt. Grady Machnick and his wife, Deborah, had expected the misdemeanor charge to be dropped and were disappointed by the decision Friday, their attorney John Barnett said.

A jury last month acquitted the Yorba Linda couple of a felony conspiracy charge but split on a

misdemeanor child abuse charge that carries a six-month jail sentence.

The Machnicks, both 46, were accused of abusing their son between 1997 and 2001. Grady Machnick had worked at a Los Angeles County jail. His wife had worked in the Walnut Valley Unified School District.

The 16-year-old, who now lives in a foster home, testified his lunch money was withheld, he was forced to sleep outside, and was awakened with doublings of cold water, among other allegations.

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Charismatics, filled with the Holy Spirit, are increasing in numbers, especially among Hispanic Catholics.



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U.N. inspectors set up new office in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. weapons inspectors began setting up a new office Saturday in the northern city of Mosul to broaden the range of their searches...



U.N. weapons inspectors arrive at the Ninewah Palace Hotel on Saturday in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, some 250 miles north of Baghdad.

A team of experts in various weapons fields drove from Baghdad to Mosul 250 miles north in a convoy of white U.N. vans. The inspectors have visited sites in the city before, but they've then had to return, samples and equipment to Baghdad.

The new base "will serve as a convenient location to conduct inspections, particularly in the north," U.N. spokesman Hiro Ueki said before the team left for Mosul early Saturday.

The eight U.N. vans, followed by an ambulance, arrived in Mosul mid-afternoon, and the team raised the blue U.N. flag over the Ninewah Palace Hotel, their temporary headquarters until their new base is completed.

Iraq's allegation about America interfering in Iraqi affairs came in a letter from Foreign Minister Najib Sabri to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the official daily Al-Iraq reported Saturday. It said the letter was given to Annan by the Iraqi U.N. mission but did not say when.

Sabri said the U.S. financing and military training of government opponents — whom he called "mercenaries" — violated international guarantees on the sever-

eighty of nations and amounted to aggression against an independent state.

The United States has funneled millions of dollars to Iraqi opposition groups in recent years, and helped organize a London conference by the main groups in mid-December that named a steering committee to plan an Iraqi government should President Saddam Hussein be toppled. The groups are expected to meet again in northern Iraq — a Kurdish-ruled territory out of Saddam's control — on Jan. 15.

In October, the Pentagon announced it would give military training to thousands of volunteers opposed to the Iraqi regime under an order signed by

President Bush. The training is expected to end in Hungary.

On Friday, speaking to U.S. Army troops in Texas, Bush said Saddam "did not even attempt to submit a credible declaration" on his alleged stockpiles of arms and weapons programs in Iraq's required statement to the U.N. Security Council on Dec. 8. The statement maintained Iraq has no more banned weapons.

In recent days, Bush has spoken at times of his hopes to settle the Iraq crisis peacefully and at others with renewed threats of force to disarm Saddam's regime if it does not relinquish chemical, biological and nuclear weapons, and the means to deliver them.

Dr. Zafer Al-Ani, a professor of

in the past for weapons of mass destruction.

"Iraq should make an extraordinary effort and comply transparently with U.N. resolutions, leaving no space for suspicion," Gal said.

America has threatened to disarm Iraq by force unless it cooperates fully with the U.N. disarmament process.

Syria's official news agency, SANA, quoted Assad as telling Gal, "The first thing that is required now is that the U.N. weapons inspectors complete

Coalition drops more leaflets over south Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the second time in three days, U.S. and British warplanes dropped propaganda leaflets over southern Iraq on Saturday that provide the radio frequencies broadcasting messages urging Iraqis to oppose President Saddam Hussein.

The U.S. Central Command said 240,000 leaflets were dropped early Saturday over the cities of Al Amarah and As Samawah, both about 170 miles south of Baghdad. It was the 13th time in three months that coalition air crews have dropped leaflets, the command said.

The messages, broadcast nightly, include information on U.N. weapons inspections. The broadcast is part of the U.S. military's psychological operations in preparation for a possible war with Iraq.

It was at least the second time in two weeks that leaflets were dropped over the two cities, which are in the southern Iraq region patrolled by U.S. and British planes to keep Iraqis from attacking Shiite Muslims.

international relations at Baghdad University, ascribed the wavering to Washington's inability to get its European and Arab allies to back plans for a war with Iraq apparently is cooperating with the U.N. weapons inspectors.

Assad urged the United Nations and countries in the region to work hard to avert a U.S.-led war on Iraq and maintain regional stability and security, SANA reported.

Assad and Gal agreed on "the need for all parties to work seriously and persistently to spare Iraq the specter of war because the war against Iraq may open the box of evils," SANA reported. Both leaders also agreed on the importance of preserving Iraq's territorial unity.

Animals in Chinese zoo face lack of food

Los Angeles Times

YULIN, China — The brown bear used to weigh as much as 900 pounds. He could easily chomp down 40 pounds of meat a day. Not anymore.

Since business at the private Yulin Zoo soured a few years ago, the omnivore is lucky to see any kind of food. Once a day, his keeper scapes whatever leftover lunches from a nearby children's martial arts school.

When that's not available, all the bear gets is porridge or cornmeal soup.

He has lost nearly half his body fat. He growls and pounces on any prospect of food that the occasional visitor tosses into his damp concrete cage — a dry sunflower seed, a raw olive.

"We feed him whatever we can get, just like a pig," zoo manager Yang Yisheng said.

Much has been made of China's record on human rights. But little is known about the country's dismal performance on animal rights. The communist nation reaps the financial benefits of captive wild animal reforms, captive animals become victims of the mad dash to get rich quick.

From the proliferation of poorly managed private zoos to the horrors of bear-bile "harvesting," entrepreneurs have reduced precious wildlife to disposable sources of cash. Without adequate animal welfare legislation and more public awareness, it's likely more animals will be starved or worked to death.

"The big problem in China is there are no general animal protection laws like we have in the West," said Victor Watkins, director of wildlife at the London-based World Society for the Protection of Animals. "There seems to be no regulation of the zoos, no real awareness and no concern for the welfare of animals."

That's not entirely true. China does have a law that forbids the poaching and hunting of endangered species. But it has no legisla-

tion to prevent cruelty and abuse against animals, including those that may be endangered. Even if government officials want to help, they say their hands are tied.

"If you fall on animals you're starving. I can't do anything about it," said Liu Song, an official responsible for zoos with the State Forestry Administration in Beijing, which is charged with managing wildlife.

There is no law that says we have to do anything about it."

Under China's government-centralized economy, the state often cradle-to-grave welfare for captive wildlife, as it did for humans. There were only a handful of large zoos around the country. The animals' well-being was relatively easy to guarantee. But that was before the anything-goes market reforms swept the country two decades ago.

Large national zoos in major cities such as Beijing and Shanghai still command government funding and attention, but a growing number of private zoos do not. According to the Chinese Zoo Association, at least 200 animal parks nationwide are cashing in on rising incomes and hearty appetites for family entertainment.

Motivated more by profit than the protection and preservation of wildlife, the safari parks and zoos are easy to open but difficult to monitor.

The park operators tend to underestimate the high cost of maintaining large animals and overestimate visitor attendance. Most have little management experience or veterinary training.

Two agencies — the Forestry Administration and the Construction Ministry — share responsibility related to animals and parks. The overlap creates loopholes that make oversight difficult.

Unlike in the West, China lacks private foundations or nonprofit organizations capable of help-

Turkish, Syrian leaders urge peaceful resolution to standoff

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — The Turkish and Syrian leaders Saturday urged a peaceful resolution to the Iraqi-U.S. standoff.

As Ankara launched a diplomatic initiative to reunite ties with the Arab world ahead of a possible war.

Turkey is opposed to military action in Iraq, its southeastern neighbor. But it also depends on Washington's support for massive IMF loans and has not ruled out allowing American forces to use Turkish bases to attack Iraq, as the United States did in the

1991 Gulf war.

"We still believe that this problem can be solved without war," Turkish Prime Minister Abdullah Gul told reporters after talks with President Bashar Assad. "Turkey and Syria agreed to coordinate efforts to bring a peaceful solution to the problem."

The Turkish prime minister urged the Iraqi government to cooperate with U.N. arms inspectors, whose chief has accused Baghdad of failing to account for material it produced

Clash injures Israeli soldiers, one Palestinian

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli troops were fired upon while patrolling the West Bank town of Jenin early Saturday, and five soldiers and one Palestinian were wounded in the ensuing gunfight.

Four soldiers were injured slightly while the fifth suffered "moderate" injuries after being shot at during a routine patrol, the army statement said. The troops returned fire and wounded one of the attackers, the statement said.

But a Jenin resident disputed the army account. Omar el Khalidi said soldiers broke into his apartment at 3 a.m. and herded his family into a bedroom. While there, the troops were attacked by Palestinian gunmen.

The soldiers returned fire, and a bullet fragment struck a neighbor on the hand, he said. The neighbor was treated in a local clinic and released.

Since June, Israeli forces have controlled most of the main West Bank centers, entering the area in response to suicide bombing attacks inside Israel.

Rebels agree to peace talks, cease fire

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — Ivory Coast's main rebel movement Saturday agreed to Paris peace talks with the government after mediation by the French foreign minister in a French diplomatic push to end the crippling war in its former West African colony.

"We are anxious to spare the lives of our people," said rebel leader Guillaume Soro after a two-hour meeting with French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin. Soro also promised his forces would respect a repeatedly violated cease-fire with government forces. "The Paris meeting is going to be the occasion to have a new body around the table," he said after the meeting at a French base outside the central rebel stronghold of Bouake. "We must face the situation, and we know that if we don't succeed, it's going to be a catastrophe in Ivory Coast."

Pacific islanders survive fury of destructive cyclone

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — When their solar-powered radio told them a huge cyclone was barreling toward their Pacific paradise, the residents of Tikopia headed for shelter in the hills.

Just 12 hours last Sunday, cyclone Zoe lashed their tiny volcanic outcrop, one of the southernmost of the Solomon Islands. The storm, the most powerful Pacific cyclone ever recorded, uprooted trees, destroyed houses and flooded entire villages under 33-foot waves.

The first foreigner to visit the island since the storm said Saturday that though the island "looks like Hiroshima," none of the more than 1,000 islanders was hurt.

"These people used common sense that has come with centuries of dealing with these things," New Zealand cameraman Geoff Mackley told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Saturday after visiting Tikopia. Still, it was "a miracle

no one was killed, he said. Mackley flew by helicopter to Tikopia on Friday from neighboring Vanuatu.

Earlier he told The Weekend Australian newspaper he feared hundreds of islanders had perished in the storm, which had winds at his peak 25 mph.

"But instead we were just overwhelmed with people running toward the plane," he told the newspaper. "Every single person was alive and there they were, standing in front of me."

People living on a nearby island, Mota Lota, also were unhurt, French officials said Saturday after flying there by helicopter.

The fate of hundreds of people living on the neighboring island of Anuta was unknown, but the island was not believed to have been as hard hit as Tikopia.

Islanders on Tikopia told Mackley the fruit they usually eat was ruined by the storm and their water supply was contaminated by salt water and only available at low tide.

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# A philosophical chasm in Utah

Tiff picks at scar between Mormons and non-Mormons

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — As a Salt Lake City Hall-busting to take the public pulse on a plan to resolve the constitutional dispute over a block of Main Street purchased by the Mormon church, a protester handed Mayor Rocky Anderson two doves in a small page.

Before long, the birds began cooing and the distraction prompted a city staffer to take them away. Thus a gesture signifying the potential peace at hand instead struck another sour note in one of the messiest squabbles in years between Utah Mormons and non-Mormons.

As if the two sides needed any more sparks, For decades, non-Mormons have accused the church of wielding too much influence on government. All of the city's seven-member council are on the church's membership rolls, and conservative estimates put the state Legislature at 90 percent Mormon.

But, locals insist, few issues have illustrated the divide more clearly than the battle over Main Street.

"The relationship between the Mormons and the non-Mormons, I hate to define everybody else by non-Mormon, but the relationship has been pretty iffy going back 150 years," said Stephen Pace, a longtime Salt Lake City resident and outspoken critic of local government.

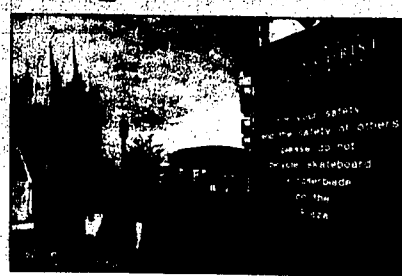
The thing about this Main Street plaza thing, is it has dramatically and unnecessarily picked at the scar," he said. "I don't think there's anything in the last 50 or 60 years that can compare."



Kody Richardson and his new bride, Andrea, of Pocatello, pose for their wedding pictures in front of the Mormon Temple along the Main Street Plaza reflecting pool Thursday.

The dispute started four years ago, when then-Mayor Deedee Corradini and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced the plan to sell the one block stretch of Main Street

to the church for \$8.1 million. The deal helped the church physically unify its complex of headquarters buildings in and around the sacred Temple Square. The city, meanwhile, got



A Mormon church sign displaying restrictive language flanks the Main Street Plaza sidewalk that the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled to be a public thoroughfare.

millions to plug a budget hole. But church control over the stretch soon made strange bedfellows of street preachers and the faithless, who agree that the sale bargained away the First Amendment.

A federal lawsuit was led by the American Civil Liberties Union and the Unitarian Church, but won support from fundamentalist Christians and agnostics alike.

"When this happened in city council, I was just outraged," said Craig Axford, a Salt Lake City resident who volunteered as the taxpayer plaintiff in the lawsuit. "The government literally had cut a deal with a religious institution behind closed doors."

Both sides have traded barbs near the temple and in the editorial pages of Salt Lake City's two daily newspapers. Hundreds of residents signed up to speak at a Dec. 17 hearing on the issue, while thousands more listened to radio and Internet simulcasts.

At hand that night was Anderson's plan to trade the easement, likened to a thorough-

fare existing where the former Main Street sidewalks were, for a church-owned, 2.17-acre empty lot on the city's west side on which Anderson wants to build a youth center.

"In all the years I've been here nothing approaches this in terms of visibility ... and the audience that tuned in," said Scott Chaffin, director of broadcasting for public television station KUED, which broadcast the meeting. At one point, nearly 60,000 households were tuned to the meeting, Chaffin said.

Under church ownership, the plaza was opened in October 2000 with restrictions against protests, smoking, sunbathing, bicycling, "obscene" or "vulgar" speech, dress or conduct.

Those restrictions were outlawed earlier this year by the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, which ruled that the city — not the church — had the responsibility to control behavior and uphold free-speech rights on the plaza. The appeals court said the city's easement on the site is similar to

a public sidewalk, and deserving of the First Amendment protection historically afforded on that most American of thoroughfares, Main Street.

Salt Lake City resident Richard Teerlink seemed resigned that the City Council will approve Anderson's proposal to trade the property for land. "The history of Utah has been very much of a theocracy," Teerlink said.

"How can you get government to be responsive?" under apparent one-party rule, he said.

Mormons David and Beverly Pratt, from nearby Provo, strolled through the plaza Thursday afternoon. The land is an extension of the church's other properties, they said, and should enjoy the same tranquil aura.

"I think they can have their freedoms if they are willing to make this a place of peace," Beverly said.

"If they could have that without taunting a bride," David said, referring to recent outbursts by protesters toward a married couple taking photos in the plaza gardens. Weddings there are a nearly daily occurrence, with Mormon couples united in ceremonies in the temple.

Kody Richardson and his bride, Andrea, of Pocatello, Idaho, were to marry Friday. The day before, they stood in the center of what was once the sidewalk in question — now a stone walkway around a reflecting pool. They were awaiting a photographer.

"I think as people are here for their weddings it's common courtesy to show them the respect they deserve," Kody said.

To the new couple, the area is no longer a disputed plot of land, and all was quiet as they posed themselves above the pool that shines a mirror image of the Salt Lake Temple into the center of what was Main Street.

## Leavitt reverses \$7.8 million in budget cuts

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Gov. Mike Leavitt on Saturday blocked budget cuts ordered by the Legislature from taking effect at prisons, courts and in law enforcement.

Using his line-item veto power, Leavitt reversed \$7.8 million of the \$117 million in nearly across-the-board cuts made by legislators during an emergency budget-balancing session on Dec. 18.

He praised lawmakers for sparing education, but said their most objectionable cuts would have removed 130 highway patrol officers from duty and released 400 hardened criminals from prison.

"It makes no sense to turn 400 criminals on the street and take 130 sworn officers off the street," he said.

To halt the prison exodus, Leavitt restored \$3.5 million at the Department of Corrections. He returned \$1.4 million to avert layoffs at the Department of Safety.

He restored \$2.9 million for Utah courts, restoring funding for 30 positions that, if cut, would have delayed justice, he said.

Leavitt wasn't through with the Legislature. He also vetoed a \$2-million "slush fund" for the attorney general's office, "which I assume would go into salaries and overhead."

Senate Bill 6004 would have given Attorney General Mark Shurtleff discretion to spend the first \$20 million his office earns on court judgments and lawsuit settlements. Leavitt said that money should go through the Legislature for appropriation just like any other budget funds.

"I vetoed this bill because I feel strongly that government prosecutors have enormous power already," Leavitt said. "We don't need to create financial incentives."

The special fund would have promoted a "soldier of fortune mentality" among prosecutors, he said.

While Leavitt restored some budget funding, the governor and Legislature still must find \$7.8 million to keep the books balanced for the budget year ending June 30.

Leavitt proposed closing that gap by delaying road construction and eliminating a sales tax subsidy for municipal water development.

The Legislature, struggling with declining tax revenues, will return to the Capitol on Jan. 18 for its annual 45-day session.

House Speaker Marty Stephens didn't immediately return a call Saturday from The Associated Press.



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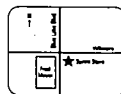
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# Hutterite quits column for marriage

GILDFORD, Mont. (AP) — Some weeks, Lisa Marie Stahl writes about the most routine Hutterite happenings — a special meal at the colony or cattle branding. Other times, though, she answers questions she knows non-Hutterites, or "the English," as she calls them, want to ask: Why do you dress the way you do? Why do Hutterites refuse to go to war? Are your marriages arranged?

For five years, the 20-year-old Stahl has shared through her newspaper column stories, traditions and even mundane duties of day-to-day life on the Gildford Colony in north-central Montana. But she is giving up her biweekly column in the Great Falls Tribune this month as she prepares to be baptized and marry a Hutterite man she met a few years ago.

Stahl is dedicating her life to her God and future family, following tradition and leaving behind such frivolous pursuits of her youth as her column. It is a decision she made alone, she says, and one that brings her much pride.

"I'm kind of sad about leaving my column but am really happy with myself. I'm taking two really important steps in my life," she says from the kitchen of the house she shares with her parents and five of her six siblings. "I'm kind of happy to be going on in life. But, at the same time, I'm sad about leaving something the 'big behind'."

It is a big because it is so different. Hutterites are Anabaptists who live in communal agricultural colonies — where the men and women have traditional roles and wear traditional clothing.

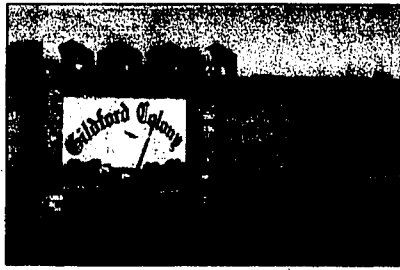
Technology is embraced on the colony, as long as it helps advance the common good. Men use tractors and combines. Stahl's family has a microwave and coffee maker.

She has an e-mail account through the colony school's computer, a luxury very few have, and one she uses to answer e-mails. Surfing the Internet is frowned upon.

Stahl never imagined how much interest her column would garner — or how great a burden it sometimes would become — when she first agreed five years ago to write about life within the religious communal setting.

Stahl was first asked to write a column for the local daily newspaper, the Havre Daily News, while still in high school on the colony. At the time, no one in her small farming colony of about 60 people had done anything like it. But Stahl says she saw a rare opportunity to do good, to share her culture with the English, who too often misunderstood it.

Her parents gave her their blessing, believing it would only last through the school year. "I figured it would be a good



Grain bins stand Dec. 19 near the Gildford Colony sign near Gildford, in north-central Montana, home to about a dozen Hutterite families.

challenge for her." Susanna Stahl, 49, says of her eldest daughter, who had written short stories and filled the pages of a school and colony newspaper with slice-of-life articles. "All people don't have that gift."

Stahl's writing, her mother and others say, began dispelling rumors about Hutterites and helped further a better understanding of their beliefs and traditions.

Stahl has been writing for the Great Falls Tribune for most of the past three years, since catching the attention of Karen Ivanova, a reporter at the newspaper who is her editor.

Stahl soon found herself stopped by total strangers — readers who recognized her from the picture that runs with her column — on her trips to town.

Once largely greeted by stares from strangers, Stahl says she now finds non-Hutterites more willing to approach her — to talk or just offer a smile. She is even occasionally asked for an autograph.

"She's really broken down a lot of stereotypes and put a personal face on Hutterite culture for the people who maybe only see Hutterites in the store or pass them on the road," Ivanova says.

Stahl answers questions — she sometimes considers silly, but realizes many people have.

No, she says, Hutterite marriages are not arranged. Yes, Hutterites do pay taxes — "Show me what United States law says you can't pay taxes," she says. No, not all Hutterites dress alike; styles vary from colony to colony, she says. And, yes, Hutterites are pacifists.

Stahl's writing, though well-received in the "outside" world, has caused some concern among other Hutterites.

She quit writing for a brief period in 2001 and wrote, in a column that coincided with her 19th birthday, that she intended it to

be her last. The column, she wrote "has encountered many challenges and has, no doubt, raised eyebrows within my culture, as well as within my own community."

But her retirement was short-lived. Her readers wouldn't let her go quietly and sent letters —



Lisa Marie Stahl is shown in her family's kitchen near Gilford, Mont., Dec. 19. Stahl has shared stories, traditions and even the day-to-day mundane duties of life on the Gildford Colony through her weekly column in the Great Falls Tribune. Now she is giving it up to be baptized and married to a Hutterite man she met a few years ago.

all of which she's kept, along with her column — encouraging her to return.

At times, her writing reads like a report, filled with facts and figures. Other times, though,

one can sense an almost childlike anticipation of sampling fresh-baked buns on a Saturday morning or sharing the loss of a baby niece, whose death brought the colony together in its grieving.

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Ivanova, who recognizes Stahl's column as a bridge between the two cultures, says she's struck by how personal Stahl's fan mail is.

"People write about her like she's their best friend," she says, adding, "I think one reason she is so popular is she reminds us all of our roots."

Stahl's final columns, she says, will focus on preparations for her baptism and marriage.

She is excited to move on, but nervous, too. She says she hopes someone else will step forward to continue her column, to help further the understanding between the two neighboring cultures. So far, however, no one has expressed an interest.

"I feel I've opened a door," she says. "I've done quite enough."

Ivanova says Stahl's decision will leave a void. "I don't know if there's anybody else out there like her," Ivanova says. "What she does is really a necessary service for Montana."



## Police officer dies after accidental shooting

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah (AP) — The director of the West Valley City police forensics department died Thursday night after the rifle he was examining fired, hitting him in the chest, officials said.

A doctor at University Hospital confirmed early Friday morning that Scott Spjut, 38, died at 9:45 p.m. after undergoing surgery.

The shooting occurred shortly before 4 p.m. in the police department's basement forensics unit, said West Valley police Assistant Chief Craig Gibson.

The room the civilian technician was working in is one of several connected to a central evidence processing area. While no one else was in the room when the semiautomatic rifle went off,

there were five other technicians and a detective in the area.

"They heard it and responded, gave him aid," Gibson said.

Spjut was a fingerprint specialist. He was photographing the weapon when it accidentally went off, said West Valley Police Lt. Jim Crowley.

The department has "never had any injuries like that down there," Gibson said.

Department protocol demands that firearms booked as evidence are empty. Gibson said an investigation would determine why the rifle was loaded.

The West Valley police forensics unit is about five years old. Gibson said the injured worker has been with the department at least that long.



### MORNING LINE

#### SPORTSQUOTE

“That was a H-O-R-S-E shot.”

—Tommy Jordan Kemper, on Missouri guard Ricky Clemens' 3-point bank shot with 1:18 left. Clemens, who transferred from the College of Southern Idaho, scored a season-high 27 points in the 85-82 win.

#### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:**  
Who is the defending Pac-10 wrestling champion?  
.....answer below

#### IN BRIEF

### Boise State football finishes No. 15

**BOISE** - The Boise State Bronco football program finished a stellar season ranked No. 15 in The Associated Press poll and No. 12 in the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll.

The 12-1 Broncos improved their position Saturday by three spots in each season-ending poll on the strength of Tuesday's 34-16 win over Iowa State in the Humanitarian Bowl.

Boise State finished with 692 points in the AP poll, 17 more than Penn State. The Broncos tallied 808 points in the coaches' poll, five more than Maryland.

The Broncos of the Western Athletic Conference eight-game slate and won its third Humanitarian Bowl in four seasons.

This year was the Broncos' first season in the national polls. The team joined the Division I-A ranks in 1996.

### Pomerelle holds Slope Style Competition

**ALBION** - Pomerelle Mountain Resort is holding the Slope Style Ski and Snowboard Competition on Saturday, Jan. 18 starting at noon.

The event, which features skiers and snowboarders navigating a course filled with obstacles, is open to all ages and levels of competition. Trophies and medals will be awarded to the top three placers in each division.

All competitors 18 and under must have a waiver form signed by a parent or guardian.

Entry fee is \$5 with registration from 9:11 a.m. For more information, call (208) 673-5599.

### Boise State basketball beats Hawaii in overtime

**BOISE** - Bryan Defares hit a layup and Joe Sciferno stole a ball in overtime as Boise State beat Hawaii 65-63 in Regional Athletic Conference basketball Saturday.

Jason Carter put Hawaii up 63-62 with 38 seconds left in the overtime period, but Defares ran the layup and center Kenny Gainous added a free throw with 43 seconds remaining to put BSU ahead 65-63.

Skiffer sealed the victory by stealing the ball from Carter. Hawaii (82, 1-1 WAC) seemed to have the game under control with 1:34 left in regulation play when reserve forward Nkeiruem Akpan hit four successive free throws to put the Rainbow Warriors up 55-48.

But BSU's Aaron Haynes countered with a 3-pointer. Jason Ellis hit two free throws to bring Boise State (84, 2-0) to within two with 1 minute left.

The Broncos took possession with 19 seconds left and trailing by one. Haynes tipped in a missed Bronco shot at the regulation horn to send the game into overtime. Haynes led Boise State with 16 points and Jason Ellis added 15 points and 10 rebounds. Defares had 13 points.

Carl English led all scorers with 29 points for The Rainbow Warriors.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**  
Boise State, which also won the conference crown in 2000.

# Bullriding hits big time

### PBR adds rock music, laser lights to traditional sport

By Eric Taylor  
Los Angeles Times

### PBR in Idaho

Name Invitational  
 Weight April 26-28  
 Spangler Arena Center, Nampa  
 Telephone \$10-\$50

as one rider put it. The sport is bull riding, all bull riding, all mayhem all the time.

As soon as one rider is helped from the New Orleans Arena a short time later, blood trickling from behind his ear after a bull gored him in the head, the next rider from the chute atop another bull, only to be thrown in 4.3 seconds, head-butted and left in the dirt clutching ribs that have been broken before and feel like they are again.

The rider picks up his hat and hurries out of the arena. Another launches from a different chute.

"Ride that bull!" the announcer cries.

Six thousand fans howl. It will continue like this for 2.5 hours.

### NEW ORLEANS

Rockets scream from the rafters, fireballs rise into the darkness and tremendous explosions rattle the New Orleans Arena. Brent Vincent sits on a riding wearing a bulletproof vest.

He's paying no attention to the thunder and flames. The vest is not to protect him from fireworks. He's watching a 2,000-pound bull named High Tide smash its horned head into the corral below.

Another bull about the same size left Vincent, 26, with a broken ankle just two months before. Another one left him with

### dislocated shoulder, another with a separated shoulder, two others knocked him unconscious and yet another gave him that scar beneath his blond hair.

Several other bulls, however, helped him earn \$64,277 in prize money last year, with sponsors paying him thousands more.

"High Tide, he's a rank bull," Vincent says with a grin. "Rank." That means wild, nasty, hard to hang on to. A rank bull is precisely what every cowboy hopes to draw when he competes in this new, fast-growing quirk of an age-old sport.

The sport is not rodeo. There's no calf-roping, no steer-wrestling or barrel racing. There's not even bronc busting. "Noissy events,"

### Breaking ranks

Ten years ago, a small group of professional bull riders gathered in Scottsdale, Ariz. They had the most dangerous job in the rodeo. Please see RODEO, Page C6



Bull rider Blue Stone of Utah gets a wild ride during the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in December. Several competitors of Stone's have broken away from traditional rodeos to join the fledgling Professional Bull Riders circuit with its dazzling light shows, loud rock music and hard-hitting action.

# Falcons ice Packers



Falcons quarterback Michael Vick breaks away from Green Bay's Tyrone Williams (37), Steve Warren (96), and Na'il Diggs for a run Saturday in their NFC Wildcard game in Green Bay, Wis.

# Atlanta kills Lambeau legend with 27-7 win

By Mike Brunton  
Knight Ridder News Service

### Jets hammer Colts - C4

**GREEN BAY, Wis.** - So much for the Lambeau legend.

Yes, the snow eventually came and the temperature settled in the mid-20s. The tundra wasn't quite as frozen as it had been in 1967 during the famous Ice Bowl between Dallas and Green Bay. Vince Lombardi's ghost might have been hovering near the Packers sideline.

It all went for naught on Saturday night.

Unimpeded and unintimidated, the Atlanta Falcons stepped onto the tundra and showed the utmost disrespect for legends and mystique, whipping the Packers, 27-7.

It was the first time the Packers have lost in the postseason on this field, and with the

defeat a 12-4 season went up in smoke.

The wild-card Falcons, who came into this game 9-6-1 and seeded sixth in the NFC, advance to face the top-seeded Eagles in a divisional playoff game next weekend at Veterans Stadium.

It seemed that everything possible went wrong for Green Bay. The Packers had punts blocked and muffed, and the turnover bug bit. And they got socked right in the chin by the Falcons.

The Packers were without Pro Bowl safety Darren Sharper and two reserve cornerbacks, Tod McBride and Jacoby Shephard, were on the inactive list.

Defensive tackle Gilbert Brown suffered a bruised hip on the second play from scrimmage and left the game at halftime. Wideout Terry Glenn was knocked out with a concussion in the first half and the other starter, Donald

# Bruins drop Poky 47-40

By Danielle Miller  
Idaho State Journal

### Twin Falls climbed to a four-point lead at the end of the first quarter and built it to 12 before the half.

**POCATTELLO** - The Pocatello girls basketball team, at a 30-18 deficit, entered the second half against Twin Falls with a chant: "One, two, three. Intensity."

The Indians embodied that intensity in the second half but still came up short, falling to the Bruins, 47-40.

"You can't spot a team that good that many points and expect to win," said Pocatello coach Tony Stapleton.

Danielle Maloney led all scorers with 20 points and Amanda Etnay added 17 as Twin Falls improved to 4-0 in Region III, 10-2 overall.

Blaire Zikraich led Pocatello (6-5, 3-1 Region III) with 15 points.

The Indians (3-1 Region III) suffered breakdowns on both sides of the court and the Bruins took advantage of their mistakes, racking up steals and points.

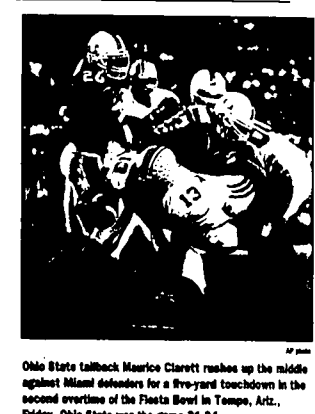
After having trouble executing offensively in the first half, the Indians scored 10 unanswered points in the third quarter to bring them within three. A steal and breakaway layup by Pocatello's Whitney Rauh put the score at 35-34 with 5 minutes to play, but that was as close as the Indians would get.

Pocatello scrambled in the last few minutes, but free throws - Twin Falls finished 19-of-22 at the stripe - iced the victory. Maloney went a perfect 10-for-10.

# GREATEST TITLE GAME EVER?

## Miami-Ohio State Fiesta Bowl becomes instant classic

By Richard Rosenblatt  
Associated Press writer



**TEMPE, Ariz.** - When Ken Dorsey was sacked by Will Smith on Miami's first play of the Fiesta Bowl, there was a sense something special was about to unfold.

The Hurricanes' quick-strike offense suddenly didn't look so quick, and Ohio State's swarming defense looked even better than advertised.

This was going to be close. This was going to be good. This was going to be a game, not the Miami rout nearly everyone expected. This wasn't going to be like Miami's blowout of Nebraska in last year's Rose Bowl after all.

Ohio State (14-0) received all 71 first-place votes and 1,775 points in the final Associated Press media poll after finishing as the nation's only major unbeaten team. Miami was second, followed by Georgia, Southern California, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas State, Iowa, Michigan and Washington State.

For the complete poll, see page C-3.

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SPORTS



Burley's Adam Martin knocks the ball loose from Minico Spartan guard Travis Noble in the Bobcats' 73-64 victory at Burley High School Saturday night.

Bobcats employ full Nelson to top rival Spartans 73-64

Burley guard nets 19 in victory over archrival Minico

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats showed they know all about finishing Saturday night.

Saturday night as he led the Bobcats with 19 points to off-set the 25-point, five 3-pointer night from Minico junior guard Travis Noble. Noble nearly got the Spartans (3-4, 0-1 Region III) back in the game after they fell behind 49-39 midway through the third quarter when he hit three straight 3s to make it 49-49.

"We got caught in a mismatch for just a couple of minutes there, and he made us pay," first-year Burley coach Jack Bagley said. "He's one of the best players in this area ... and he'll do that to you."

Noble's assist set up senior guard Kody Cole's 3 to start the fourth quarter knotted the game at 51-51 and Minico seemed to gain momentum.

But the Bobcats switched Adam Martin back onto Noble, who started to come up short on his shot.

"Adam did a great job on him," Bagley said. "And he think he started to get tired, but I was worried for a minute that one guy was going to beat us. And that's not acceptable."

Minico coach Mike Graef said his team needs to find someone other than Noble to score.

way to get some points from inside."

Minico routinely had 6-foot-1 Kevin Hanks as its tallest player on the court, while Burley had 6-5 points Scott Bame and Scott Rankley to go to down low.

"I thought we should have dominated the paint even more than we did," Bagley said. "But we got the big boards and the loose balls when we needed them."

And that was down the stretch as Burley outscored Minico 22-13 following Cole's 3 to start the fourth quarter. Burley outrebounded Minico 25-19.

Both teams drilled their foul shots, as the Bobcats hit 20 of 25 charity shots and the Spartans drilled 15 of 18.

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WSU's Price arrives in Tuscaloosa

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Washington State's defeat in the Rose Bowl could actually pay dividends to Mike Price's new employer.

"The good news is I know what not to do — against Oklahoma," Price said Saturday, shortly after arriving for his new job as Alabama's new coach.

The Cougars fell 34-14 to Oklahoma on Wednesday night

in the Rose Bowl, ending Price's 14-year tenure as head coach. The Crimson Tide plays the Sooners on Sept. 6 in the second year of next season.

Price and four of his assistants planned to tour the Alabama campus with their families Saturday, scouting for homes and holding administrative meetings.

Price was replaced by school rivalry by hitting just 18 of 31 free throws in the second half — many of those coming late in garbage time.

Washington State defensive coordinator Bill Doba shortly after being picked to replace Dennis Franchione at Alabama.

He remained with his former team through the bowl.

Price will leave Monday for the National Coaches Convention in New Orleans, where he is a finalist for the Bear Bryant Coach of the Year Award.

Buhl earns first victory

The Times-News

Buhl — Buhl's boys nabbed their first win of the year, defeating Glenns Ferry 63-60 in nonconference boys basketball Saturday.

Local sports

Buhl's boys basketball team defeated Glenns Ferry 63-60 Saturday.

Tim Bourner scored a game-high of 25 points, 21 points in the second half. Teammate Nick Poppewell scored 19 points, including five 3-pointers.

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Bishop Kelly 60, Jerome 45

JEROME — Bishop Kelly doubled Jerome 60-45 in boys basketball Saturday in Jerome.

Community School 63, Camas County 40

FAIRFIELD — John Hayes scored 23 points to lead The Community School boys over Camas County 63-40 in boys Northside Conference basketball in Northside Saturday.

Girls basketball

Community School 52, Camas County 37

FAIRFIELD — Erika Connelly and Kristin Hild scored a 1-1 points apiece as the Community School (4-2, 1-1 Northside) beat woeful Camas County 52-37 in girls Northside Conference basketball Saturday.

Shoshone — Matt Bennett scored a game-high 17 to lead the Musers (1-12, 0-8).

Camas County hosts Shoshone

Magic Valley Christian 35, Jackpot 27

JACKPOT, Nev. — Sergio Ruiz led all scorers with 17 points, but Jackpots High School boys still fell to visiting Magic Valley Christian, 35-27, on Saturday.

On Friday, Jackpots downed the Spring Creek, Nev. junior varsity 51-21.

Jackpots (5-6) hosts Carlin, Nev. on Friday.

Shoshone 39, Richfield 31

SHOSHONE — Senior Sarah Hubsmith scored a game high of 14 points to lead Shoshone over Richfield 39-31 Saturday in Northside girls basketball.

Katie Strunk contributed 12 points for the Indians.

Shoshone coach Tim Chapman said Hubsmith made the difference.

"It was one of those games

LeBron scores 21 points at Pauley Pavilion

By Kristie Ackert New York Daily News

LOS ANGELES — LeBron James knew why Pauley Pavilion was filled. He heard the fans as he walked onto the court and was not going to disappoint them — even in the warmups.

In his third trip through the line, James threw the ball up against the backboard, grabbed it one-handed and slammed it down through the basket. He landed and flexed, smiling as the crowd cheered.

The only knock on James' game is his inability to shoot from outside. He was 1-of-7 from the floor in the first quarter. The crowd booed. James' mother, Gloria, sitting in the VIP row with a St. Vincent-St. Mary jersey with her name on it, and "LeBron's Mom" across the back just in case — could be heard screaming at the officials.

warmup line and booed me when I missed a layup (in warmups)."

Despite a slow start, James gave the people a taste of what they came for. At 6-8, 240 pounds, James was physically bigger and stronger than Mater Dei's D.J. Strawberry, the Maryland-bound son of Darryl, the former Yankee and Mets. Instead of taking Strawberry to the basket and using his ballhandling skills, however, James opened up by shooting three-pointers.

The event organizers had to pay \$20,000 to get James' team to hold onto its travel and accommodations. And thousands also paid \$25 for a ticket (parking was another \$7) to see the man-child ordained "The Chosen One" by ESPN's The Magazine.

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# SPORTS

## New York holds edge in face off with 49ers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Kerry Collins and the Giants spent the last month winning a frantic fight to make the playoffs. Jeff Garcia and the 49ers spent it staying out of the way.

If momentum plays a role in Sunday's game, New York has a big edge. The Giants are rolling, and they're most prognosticators' picks to pull the upset of the wild-card round.

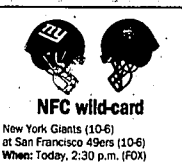
But as you might expect, the teams' quarterbacks had differing opinions on the merits of reaching the playoffs with a head of steam.

The game is a rematch of the regular season opener, won 16-13 by the 49ers on a last-second field goal at the Meadowlands. Exactly four months later, the teams will meet again with identical 10-6 records — but while the Giants have made significant progress this season, it's hard to tell whether San Francisco, despite another good record, has improved much at all.

New York won its last four games, including an impressive overtime victory over Philadelphia in its regular season finale to clinch a playoff spot. Collins is exceptional, but Steve Mariucci's offense is one of the NFL's most dangerous. Trouble is, nobody in the 49ers' locker room believes this team has even come close to the Giants, the completely satisfying game this season.

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**NFC wild-card**  
New York Giants (10-6)  
at San Francisco 49ers (10-6)  
When: Today, 2:30 p.m. (FOX)

haven't changed — though Jose Cortez, the kicker who won the teams' first meeting, has been cut.

Playing in a much weaker division than the Giants, the 49ers clinched the NFC West title with three weeks to play despite a 3-4 slide in their final seven games. They also played last Monday night, giving them a game week of preparation for their second straight playoff appearance.

When Garcia, Terrell Owens, Garrison Hearst and San Francisco's powerful offensive line are all in sync, coach Steve Mariucci's offense is one of the NFL's most dangerous. Trouble is, nobody in the 49ers' locker room believes this team has even come close to the Giants, the completely satisfying game this season.

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## Returning to playoffs, Browns face Steelers again

By Alan Robinson  
Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH — In a wildly unpredictable NFL season filled with improbable finishes and a free-for-all dash to the playoffs, the Cleveland Browns and Pittsburgh Steelers hope to restore the sense of order with Sunday's wild-card game.

Certainly, each added to this surreal season — the Browns with a series of implausible endings, starting with Dwayne Rudd's sudden retirement, the Steelers with Tommy Maddox's unlikely ascension from backup to Comeback Player of the Year.

So, in a season in which few games seemed to have a chance to get far, it only seems fitting they must oppose the Steelers (10-5), who have dealt with the highest of expectations since training camp began.

It was the Steelers who beat Cleveland, in January 1995, in the former Browns' last playoff game before the Art Modell-owned franchise moved to Baltimore. The Steelers were their first opponent in the playoffs, and they won the NFL in 1959. Now it is the Steelers who stand in their way, again in a matchup of the only AFC teams to have opposed each other more than 10 times.

Absent the Steelers, "Cleveland and Pittsburgh, it's a classic," Steelers coach Bill Cowher said. "For whatever reason, we seem to be the team that's there for all those firsts — but I don't think it's appropriate. You couldn't match two better teams."

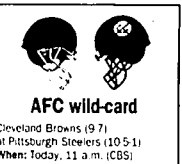
Or, as Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward said, two teams that want to beat each other so badly. "When we beat Cleveland, we're like their whole city goes into a funk," Ward said. "If they could beat us, it would make their year."

That's where the differences start between the Browns, who play five of seven to sneak into the playoffs, and the Steelers, who have been viewed as underachievers since losing to New England in the AFC championship game a year ago.

Despite winning five of their final six, the Steelers aren't the top-seeded team they were when they coasted into last year's playoffs with a 13-3 record.

Two key defensive starters, linebacker Kendall Bell (ankle) and cornerback Chad Scott (nipple) are injured and probably won't play. Jerome Bettis, one of the offense's signature players, has a sore knee and may take a backseat role to Amos Zereoue, who has many 100-yard games (3) as fast-developing Browns running back.

What was the NFL's No. 1 defense a year ago slumped at



**AFC wild-card**  
Cleveland Browns (9-7)  
at Pittsburgh Steelers (10-5)  
When: Today, 11 a.m. (CBS)

times as the Steelers gave up 345 points, the most since they were defeated 21 during a 5-11 season in 1988.

"It was a bit of a humbling year for us defensively because of the very high expectations," Cowher said.

Despite being the consensus pick in the AFC when the season started, the Steelers wouldn't be here if they haven't twice beaten the Browns by three points. They were 16-13 overtime winners in Pittsburgh in a game largely controlled by Cleveland, and 23-20 winners in Cleveland in a game dominated statistically by Pittsburgh.

The Browns, however, have changed dramatically in the two months since the teams last met, and not only because Green has rushed for 94 or more yards in four of his last six starts.

They responded positively to team president Carmen Policy's public reprimand following their discouraging Dec. 15 loss to Indianapolis — "It's time to grow up," he said — by beating Baltimore and Atlanta in must-win games.

They've also rallied behind backup quarterback Kelly Holcomb, who took over when Tim Couch broke his leg against Atlanta. Holcomb has little experience — only three prior NFL starts, two this season — but owns a strong arm and his teammates' confidence.

"I know some of their players, and they tell me the guys really like Holcomb," Steelers defensive lineman Casey Hampton said. They think Holcomb is just as good as Couch as stars.

"He's a smart kid, and he'll be prepared," Browns coach Butch Davis said.

The Browns are comfortable on the road, going 6-2, but haven't won a road playoff game since beating Dallas in 1969. The Steelers are 5-2 at Heinz Field.

Browns defensive lineman Gerard Warren is making the bold prediction that Sunday's winner will go on to win the Super Bowl, even though only Pittsburgh has a chance to play again at home.

"I know we're determined and the Steelers are hungry. It's going to be a high-intensity, high-energy game," he said.

# Jets zoom past Colts

New York earns first postseason win since 1998

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — After what they went through to make the playoffs, what a waste it would have been to exit early.

That was the message Herman Edwards gave his New York Jets. They heeded it superbly routing the befuddled Indianapolis Colts 41-0 Saturday.

After barely getting into the postseason, the Jets emphatically showed they belong with their biggest playoff victory and their first postseason shutout. Chad Pennington, the sparkplug of their turnaround, threw for three touchdowns, LaMont Jordan ran for two and the defense had Peyton Manning and the Colts off-stride from the outset.

"I am so proud of my teammates to see in every one of them that they are not complacent," Pennington said. "To me, it's special when you're able to step in the huddle and see the intensity and focus in the eyes of your teammates."

New York (10-7) began the season 1-4, but won seven of its last nine games to earn the AFC East title on the final day of the season. The surge continued against the wild-card Colts (10-7).

The Jets will be at either Oakland or Tennessee next week to make the second season victory since 1998, when they made it to the AFC championship game, and the score



matched the last playoff game at the Meadowlands, when the Giants beat Minnesota for the 2000 NFC title.

That was the first NFL playoff game featuring two black head coaches. The Colts' Tony Dungy and the Jets' Edwards, longtime friends, are the only black head coaches in the league. Edwards spent five seasons as Dungy's top assistant in Tampa before becoming the Jets' coach in 2001.

On the Jets' fifth offensive play, Pennington's screen pass floated into Richie Anderson's hands and he rambled down the left side for a 56-yard score. The touchdown was the longest of his 10-year career, the longest this

season for the Jets and the longest scoring play from scrimmage in their playoff history.

The Peyton Manning-to-Marvin Manning connection got the Colts moving — for just about the only time — immediately after the TD with three completions for 38 yards. But Mike Vanderjagt was short and wide with a 41-yard field goal into the wind.

John Hall made one from the same spot early in the second quarter for a 10-0 lead.

Troy Walters then fumbled the kickoff and Ray Mickens pounced on it at the Indianapolis 39. Jordan eventually swept left for the 1 for a 17-point lead. It became 24-0 with 37 seconds

remaining in the first half when Pennington rolled out and found Santana Moss alone in the right corner of the end zone. Moss grabbed the high throw and barely got both feet in bounds.

Chris Jordan ran the second-half kickoff 70 yards to the Indy 19, setting up Hall's 39-yard field goal. Rookie tight end Chris Baker caught his first TD pass, a 3-yarder late in the third quarter. And Jordan, who rushed for 102 yards (89 in the second half), scored again from the 1 in the fourth period.

Manning was a miserable 14-for-31 for 137 yards and two interceptions, and his team had the ball for just 19:42 — 7:44 in the second half.

## Colts' Harrison makes All-Pro Team unanimously

Teams include 13 first-time choices

The Associated Press

Marvin Harrison was the only unanimous selection on The Associated Press NFL All-Pro Team that featured a new look, with 13 first-time choices, including rookie Jeremy Shockey.

Veteran safety Rod Woodson made the team for the fourth time — and at the third different position. Three of his Oakland Raiders teammates, quarterback Rich Gannon, the league's MVP, tackle Lincoln Kennedy and center Barret Robbins, were newcomers to the squad, chosen by a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcaster who cover the NFL.

Selected Saturday for the fourth straight year for the fourth straight year was Tampa Bay defensive tackle Warren Sapp.

Harrison, the Indianapolis Colts' record-setting receiver, caught the attention of all 48 vot-

ers. He shattered the league mark for receptions this season with 143, 20 more than Herman Moore's previous standard. He had 100 100-yard games and his 1,722 yards were the fourth-highest single season total ever.

"I can't say it's better than the last few years," the reserved Harrison said. "Everything happens so fast, week in and week out, you don't really have time to think about that."

Joining Harrison at wideout was San Francisco's flamboyant Terrell Owens, as opposite in style from Harrison as anyone can be.

As is the energetic Shockey, a first-round pick out of the University of Miami who had a major impact on the New York Jets' offense. Shockey led NFL tight ends and all rookies with 74 receptions and 894 yards receiving and scored twice. He opened up the passing game by being nearly unstopable over the middle.

"Every kid dreams about being it one day, so this year I got picked and I am very honored," Shockey said.

Woodson has been the best as a kick returner in 1989; as a cornerback in 1990, '92, '93 and '94; and now as a safety. He signed with the Raiders as a free agent before the season, then returned in one of the best performances of his 15-year career, including eight interceptions, tied for the league lead.

"I've been blessed," Woodson said. "This is a good situation, the way they can use their safeties here, and the division I'm in. They like to throw the ball, which gives the DBs opportunities to make plays."

"Five years ago, I didn't think I'd be making plays now."

The Raiders had four All-Pro, as did Miami: RB Ricky Williams, DE Jason Taylor, LB Zach Thomas and CB Patrick Surtain. Tampa Bay had three, with DE Simeon Rice and OLB Derrick Brooks joining Sapp.

Completing the offense were Kansas City running back Priest Holmes and guard Will Shields; Pittsburgh guard Alan Faneaca; Baltimore tackle Jon Ogden, made his third straight pick.

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With 12:06 left in the half, Ducketto potted through the right side of the Packers' defense. The game was tied 14-14.

The Falcons went ahead 14-0 with 6:38 left in the opening quarter when linebacker Mark Simoneau fell on a loose ball in the end zone.

As Gamble reached back for the ball, he got his hands on it but couldn't hold on.

For 3.5 seconds, Miami had its 35th straight victory and second straight tie. And Ohio State had failed yet again to win its first national crown since 1968.

Then everything changed. Field judge Terry Berry's penalty flag came flying, the game continued and the Buckeyes finally won in the second overtime.

The game ended like it started for Miami — with Dorsey on the ground. On fourth-and-goal from the 1, Cic Grant blitzed and Dorsey's desperation heavy was battered down by the Buckeyes' Matt Wilhelm.

"It was extraordinary," Tressell said. "How hard they played was amazing. This was great for college football."

Make that the greatest.

## Falcons

Continued from C1  
Driver, re-injured a bruised shoulder when he caught a 14-yard touchdown pass from Brett Favre to make the score 24-7 with 10:26 left in the third quarter.

The Packers premier pass rusher, Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila had a flu bug but solidified on.

Boos drifted out from the 65,358 fans at Lambeau Field record, throughout the second half after starting up late in the second period.

Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick was managing the offense instead of trying to dominate the game, and running backs Warrick Dunn and T.J. Duckett ripped the Packers' defense.

## Fiesta

Continued from C1  
It was better than anyone could have ever imagined.

Four hours, two overtimes and a game-changing pass interference call later, Ohio beat Miami 31-24 on Friday night for its first national championship in 33 years.

Let's just call this Fiesta Bowl the best national championship game ever played.

"This one's got to rank right up there," Buckeyes quarterback Craig Krenzien said.

It's the opener, Craig.

There have been dramatic moments in title games before, but never has the national championship hung in the balance for play after play.

Thanks to overtime games can take on their own afterlife at the end of regulation, but this is the first time it's happened in the

five-year existence of the Bowl Championship Series.

Of course, there are still some classics that at one time or another have been called the best, the greatest or the most exciting games ever. The top games, though, are usually remembered by one play.

In the '87 Fiesta Bowl, Penn State sealed its 14-10 upset of Miami when Pete Giffopoulos intercepted Vinny Testaverde's pass on the goal line.

In the '84 Orange Bowl, Miami's 31-30 win over Nebraska failed on a 2-point conversion try with 48 seconds left.

Alabama beat Penn State 14-7 in the '78 Sugar Bowl on Barry Kreeus' fourth-down stop of Mike Gunnan just shy of the goal line.

The Fiesta Bowl had playoffs everywhere. In all, 32 plays could have been the final snap. Ohio

As the clock became a factor late in the game Vick took off several times for first downs.

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# Bank shot helps Mizzou past Iowa

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Never underestimate the value of banking a shot off the glass — even if it's an accident.

Ricky Clemens took the steam out of Iowa by banking in a 3-point shot with 4:18 left, highlighting a season-high 27-point effort that led No. 16 Missouri to an 88-82 victory over Iowa on Saturday.

Missouri (8-1) was clinging to an 80-78 lead and only five seconds remained on the shot clock when Clemens fired from the left wing two steps behind the 3-point arc. The ball banked in, drawing an exaggerated sigh from the crowd of 14,582 and giving the Tigers an 83-78 lead.

Clemens, the College of Southern Idaho single-game scoring record-holder with 51 points, made six 3-pointers in all in toppling the best of 25 points against American in the opener. He shrugged off his last one.

"You just play the game," Clemens said. "If the shot goes in, it goes in. If it doesn't, it doesn't. We hit down the clock, and we did a great job of not turning the ball over and getting the best shot with the shot clock running down. That's what Coach wanted."

Rickey Paulding added 17 points for Missouri. Chauncey Leslie led Iowa (8-3) with 19 points.

Top 25 college hoops

- 1. Terrapins (7-3)
- 2. Terrell Hall scored 26 points for the Seahawks (4-6)
- 3. Wake Forest (8-2)
- 4. Richmond, Va. — Josh Howard scored 21 points to lead the Demon Deacons (9-0), who opened the second half with a 20-5 run.
- 5. Louisville (7-2)
- 6. Ohio St. (6-4)
- 7. COLUMBUS, Ohio — Bryant Northern and Reece Gaines scored all 32 of their points in the second half and overtime to lead the Cardinals (8-1).
- 8. Brent Darby — whose two free throws with 6.5 seconds left in regulation tied the game at 57, had 24 points for the Buckeyes (7-4).

## Women's Games

- 3. UConn (3-1)
- 5. Tennessee (6-2)
- HARTFORD, Conn. — Diana Taurasi made the last of her big shots with 31 seconds left in overtime as No. 3 Connecticut defeated No. 5 Tennessee 63-62 Saturday, extending the Huskies' winning streak to 11 games.
- 6. The Huskies (12-0) have the NCAA longest winning streak in women's history, behind Louisiana Tech's 54 straight victories from 1980-82.
- 8. LSU (8-0)
- 10. Penn St. (6-3)
- BATON ROUGE, La. — Aisha Smith scored 22 points as LSU stayed unbeaten by defeating the nation's No. 15 team for the second time in eight days.
- The Lady Tigers (12-0) beat Texas 76-58 the previous Saturday.
- Ashli Schwab had 22 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Lady Lions (10-3). Kelly Mazzanti, the nation's third-leading scorer at 27.2 points per game, was held to 13.

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HOUSTON — Troy Murphy had 23 points and Earl Boykins added 12, including seven in the fourth quarter, as Golden State held off Houston.

Courtney Mobley had 27 points and Steve Francis 15 for Houston. Yu Ming had six points and a career-high 17 rebounds but missed a long 3-point attempt at the final buzzer.

Boykins made an 18-footer with 53 seconds left to give Golden State a 68-64 lead in Houston's next two possessions, Mobley had his shot blocked by Erick Dampier and Francis missed a jumper.

## Kings 87, Nuggets 76

DENVER — Mike Bibby scored 24 points and Doug Christie had 12 points, seven assists and seven steals.

The Kings had not played in a week and were without Chris Webber (sore knee), but it didn't matter against the lowly Nuggets.

Sacramento forced 21 turnovers and held Denver to 36 percent shooting to win its seventh straight over the Nuggets.

Juan Howard had 20 points and 15 rebounds for Denver, which has lost six straight at home and 18 of 20 overall.

## Suns 107, Lakers 93

PHOENIX — Shawn Marion scored 23 points and the Phoenix Suns stretched their home winning streak to eight in the first meeting of the season between the teams.

Bryant had 37 points, seven assists and seven rebounds and Shaquille O'Neal added 25 points and nine rebounds, but the rest of the Lakers shot just 11-of-41.

Rookie Amare Stoudemire, in his first game against his idol O'Neal, had 17 points and eight rebounds, including a thunderous dunk that put Phoenix up 90-75 with 2:46 remaining.

Bo Outlaw, the Suns' energizer off the bench, added 12 points.

Stephen Marbury had 17 points and 10 assists but made just 4-of-17 shots. Penny Hardaway scored 11 for Phoenix, which has won 11 of its last 13.

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Utah forward Karl Malone shoots in the fourth quarter of a Jazz victory over the Timberwolves Saturday in Minneapolis.

# Belfour shuts down Devils with 50 saves

## TORONTO — Ed Belfour made a season-high 50 saves for Toronto in the second game of a home-and-home series.

Travis Green scored the go-ahead goal in the third period for the Maple Leafs, who had only 19 shots and were coming off a 2-0 loss in New Jersey on Friday night.

Tom Fitzgerald also scored for the Maple Leafs, missing Mats Sundin, Mikael Renberg, Nik Antropov, Shayne Corson and Karel Pilar because of injuries. Jamie Langenbrunner scored for the Devils.

## Sabres 2, Senators 1, OT

OTTAWA — Ales Kotalik scored his second goal of the game with 40 seconds left in overtime to lift Buffalo over Ottawa in a matchup of the NHL's two most financially troubled franchises.

Kotalik, who opened the scoring 48 seconds into the game, took Stu Barnes' two-on-one pass and scored his eighth goal of the season in an open left side.

Shawn Van Allen scored midway through the second period for Ottawa, which lost for the first time in four games against the Sabres this season.

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## Blue Jackets 2, Coyotes 0

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Marc Denis made 23 saves for his second shutout of the season and Mike Silinger and Sean Pronger scored first-period goals for the Columbus Blue Jackets beat Phoenix 2-0 on Saturday night to end the Coyotes' four-game winning streak.

Denis had his sixth career shutout as Columbus improved to 2-0-1-0 in its last three games after losing five straight.

## Capitals 2, Rangers 2

NEW YORK — Matthew Barnaby's power-play goal with 3:37 left in regulation lifted New York into a tie with Washington.

Barnaby fired in a rebound of Tom Potvin's point shot to give the last-place Rangers points in the standings for the third time in four games (2-1-1). Eric Lindros also scored for New York.

Mike Grier and Robert Lang scored second-period goals to give Washington a 2-1 lead. The Capitals have played overtime in three straight games, tying twice and losing once. The Capitals have earned points in 10 straight games, going 5-0-3-2.

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# Butler's Archey breaks NCAA free throw mark

## CHICAGO — Butler's Darnell Archey broke the NCAA Division I record for consecutive free throws Saturday when he made his 74th in a row.

The record of 73 was set by Villanova's Gary Buchanan, whose streak ended on Feb. 17, 2001.

Archey, a senior guard, went 3-of-3 from the free throw line in a 68-65 victory over Illinois-Chicago and has made 76 in a row. He hasn't missed a foul shot since his sophomore season in February 2001.

## Sports in brief

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## Miami star RB McGahee tears knee ligaments

PHOENIX — Willis McGahee's professional career will have to wait.

Miami's All-American running back tore three ligaments in his left knee against Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl and will have reconstructive surgery, assistant coach Don Soldinger said Saturday.

Doctors are the original cruciate, posterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments in his knee early in the fourth quarter Friday night, Soldinger said. McGahee will have surgery Sunday, but rehabilitation could sideline him for all or part of next season.

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## No. 1 Alabama 65, No. 19 Xavier 58

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Erwin Dudley had 18 points and 10 rebounds and he and Antoine Pettway each made two free throws in the final 22 seconds as No. 1 Alabama beat No. 19 Xavier 65-58 Saturday.

The game was the first for the Crimson Tide (10-1) since Monday's loss at Utah. The win extended the school-record home winning streak to 26 games.

## No. 16 Notre Dame 54, Holy Cross 54

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Sheekya Wright scored 18 points, and Patrick (11-1) recovered from a slow start with a 15-0 run that broke the game open.

Courtney LaVere had 23 points and 10 rebounds to lead Notre Dame (8-3), which had won 33 straight home games against non-conference opponents.

## No. 17 Indiana 70, Charlotte 60

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Bracey Wright scored 17 points and Tom Coverdale added 13 as the Hoosiers (10-2) won in coach Mike Davis' first game since serving a one-game suspension.

## No. 16 S. Carolina 101, Stetson 39

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Jocelyn Penn scored a school-record 51 points as No. 16 South Carolina defeated Stetson 101-39 on Saturday night.

Penn's free throw with four minutes of a second left broke the mark set by Shannon Johnson in 1996. Penn matched the record with 50 points in a 99-46 victory over Wofford on Dec. 4.

## No. 18 Kansas 100, Missouri-Kansas City 46

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kirk Hinrich scored a career-high 29 points for the Jayhawks (9-3), who may have lost second-leading scorer and leading rebounder Wayne Simien for at least two games with a separated right shoulder.

## No. 21 Wis.-Green Bay 86, Detroit 53

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Sara Boyer broke Wisconsin-Green Bay's career 3-point record, and Tiffany Mor added a career-high 18 points on 8-of-8 shooting.

## No. 22 Maryland 79, Wagner 57

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Ryan Randle had 21 points and tied a school record by making all 10 of his field goal attempts, and Steve Blake had 12 assists to move into 20th place on the NCAA career

## No. 20 Arizona 72, Oregon St. 44

TUCSON, Ariz. — Shawntine Polk had her 18 points and 11 rebounds for her 10th double-double of the season, leading Arizona to the easy 72-44 victory.

Mandy Close scored 11 points to lead the Beavers (7-6, 1-3).

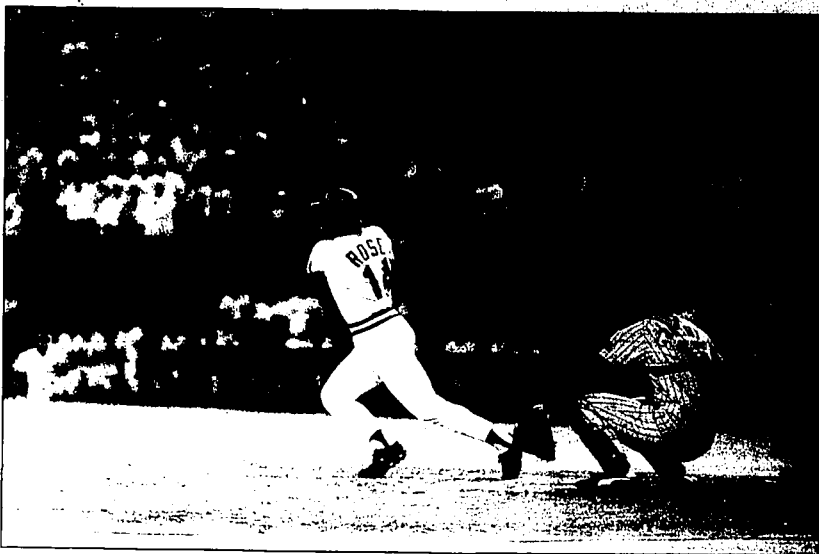
## No. 23 Boston College 85, Providence 63

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Jessalyn Deveny had a career-high 36 points to lead Boston College, three short of the school record.

## No. 24 Villanova 77, St. John's 53

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Kelly Nash scored 19 points and Nicole Druckenmiller added a career-high 17 for Villanova.

SPORTS



Cincinnati's Pete Rose hits a line drive on Sept. 11, 1985, to break Ty Cobb's all-time hit record. As the Hall of Fame prepares to announce the Class of 2003 on Tuesday, Rose's 13-year stay in Purgatory may be reaching a conclusion. There are plans for a convale of the game's greata to consider his situation.

# Pete Rose and the Scarlet Letter

Hall of Fame will announce Class of 2003 Tuesday

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word of three commissioners — although it's unclear that Bud Selig is relying on any more information than Bart Giamatti or Fay Vincent had — or you believe Rose.

If you believe the commissioners, you then must decide whether Rose will have better success when they gather to consider Rose.

This meeting won't occur immediately, you understand. They can't be rushing into these things. Originally scheduled for Jan. 17, it was put off until February, further delaying the matter. No reason was given for the postponement.

So now Rose gets to cool his heels a little longer. What's another month when he's waited 13 years?

There are people who have committed violent crimes and been in and out of jail in less time than Rose has been stuck in this never-never land. And none of those other individuals had 4,256 hits.

All those hits are the bottom line. Every player with 4,000 hits should be in the Hall of Fame, whether it's Ty Cobb, who once went into the stands to beat up a crippled man, or Pete Rose, who conked a fan's fists to the field.

Cobb liked to slit with his spikes high, which made him rather unpopular around his league. Rose preferred going into

bases leading with his head — and, of course, his mouth — a tactic that frequently got him into trouble, too.

Cobb was a no-brainer for Cooperstown, his other baggage notwithstanding. The same should be the case with Rose.

Give the man his rightful place among the greats of the game, his tribune for getting more hits than any other player in the history of the game. He has earned that.

If baseball is still concerned about his character, then bar him from being a manager or a coach, or occupying any position in which he could affect the outcome of a game.

Instead, use him as an ambassador of baseball. He has more passion about the game than most of the suits actively involved in it. Let him represent the commissioner at the Little League World Series. Let him do clinics.

Let him interact with the fans, who clearly have forgiven him, even baseball's proprietors have not.

For most of his career in Cincinnati, Rose wore a scarlet letter "C" over his heart. Now it's time to remove the scarlet letter "G" from his reputation.

Hal Bock is a sports writer for The Associated Press.

# Celebration on the deck among Buckeyes fans

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Even though most of Ohio State's players flew back to Columbus on Saturday night, about 250 fans showed up to thank coach Jim Tressel for bringing home the national title.

Fans had waited for about an hour in 30-degree weather when seven buses carrying Tressel, team staff and their families arrived with a police escort. The crowd swarmed around Tressel as he stepped down, nodding and smiling as he and his wife worked their way toward the entrance to the Woody Hayes Athletic Center.

"Our fans are incredible. We told them we were going to have a time to get together, but it might not be tonight. And there they are out in the cold anyway."

Many among the crowd said they just wanted to show their gratitude for Friday night's 31-24 double-overtime victory over No. 1 Miami in the Fiesta Bowl. It gave the Buckeyes their fourth national title and first since the 1956 season, when Hayes was coach.

"I've followed the team since I was little, and this championship has been a long time coming," said 38-year-old Mike Allen of Columbus. "It was worth it coming here, just to see them and wave to them."

Only one scholarship player,

backyard quarterback Brent McWhorter, was scheduled to be at the town's church. High schoolers were also invited to play on the cash equivalent of coach attire. Players may find their own way home and locker

The difference, which the vast majority did not. Meanwhile, the mad dash for Buckeyes merchandise began early Saturday. Lines "snaked through" the aisles of the team store at Ohio State's Schottenstein Center, and people were being on the windows before it opened, clerk Kyle Procht said.

"It took about 40 minutes to get out," he said. The party started soon after Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey's fourth-down pass fell incomplete about 12:15 a.m. EST. But the celebrations were in sharp contrast to the riots, rock-throwing and fires that broke out after the Nov. 23 home win over Michigan. More than 60 people, including 16 students, were arrested then.

Columbus police had made 20 misdemeanor arrests by early Saturday morning, department spokesman Sgt. Brent Bull said.

Plans for a university celebration were under way, Ohio State officials said. City officials planned to announce their plans on Monday, said Mike Brown, spokesman for Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman.

# Two fans receive injury in fall at Nationwide Arena

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Two men sustained minor injuries and were taken to a hospital after falling about 15 feet from the stands onto a concrete walkway during an NHL game Saturday night, a Columbus Blue Jackets spokesman said.

In March 2002 at the same site — Nationwide Arena — 13-year-old Brittanee Cecil was struck in the head by a puck and died two days later. She was the first fan to die from an injury at an NHL game.

The two men were "behaving recklessly" when they fell onto a floor in front of the Zamboni storage area in the second period of Columbus' game against Phoenix, spokesman Todd Sharrock said.

Robin Bisesi, a fan seated in the section where the fall occurred, said she saw the two

men exchange punches while standing near a railing. After they struggled for a few seconds, she said, they flipped over the railing headfirst.

Blue Jackets coach Dave King said the team was unsure what had happened.

"We locked down something was going on, but didn't know what," King said.

He said the incident was "very isolated," because Blue Jackets fans are not in the habit of fighting.

"I've never heard of it before in our building."

The two men did not want to be taken to Grant Medical Center, but medics insisted at a prayer station, Sharrock said. He called their injuries "very minor."

# Rodeo

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business, lured the bulk of every crowd, but were not being fairly paid, they said.

They decided to break away from the rodeo circuit, trade in its country fair for explosions, spotlights and sponsors, and see if they couldn't drag bull riding into the present. Twenty riders put up \$1,000 apiece in seed money.

The first season, 1994, consisted of eight events with \$250,000 in prize money from sponsors. An average of just 1.5 million watched each of the events on cable television. No one expected the tour to last.

Eight years later, there are 29 events, most held in urban centers, and \$9.5 million up for grabs. Last season the Professional Bull Riders' tour, or PBR, drew 50 million cable viewers, enough to prompt the networks to tap in. CBS, NBC and Spanish-language Telemundo are all broadcasting events this season.

# Superstars

Along the way, a new type of celebrity has emerged, niche stars for certain, but ones whose fans know if they ride right handed or left, who know the names and bucking style of the bulls, and how their favorite rider scored last weekend.

With very few exceptions, rodeo riders are young cowboys from tiny towns who neither dreamed of nor sought celebrity. They grew up hopping on, and getting bucked off, goats and calves around the farm, graduating to steers, then big bulls.

This year the tour rider will earn more than \$1 million, and tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars more from sponsors such as U.S. Smokeless Tobacco, Ford trucks, Resistol

hats if you don't stay on, though, you don't get paid, and many riders will spend more on airfare and meals than they win.

But everyone gets to watch himself on network television. Many are semi-famous. To make a living having such giddy, dangerous fun is more than most ever hoped for.

"You know, ain't never had a job," says 20-year-old rookie Craig Sasse of St. Peter, Ill.

"I made \$10,000 riding bulls when I was 14. Made about \$67,000 in the PBR. I never wanted to do anything else, but I thought I'd have to. This is great."

Vincent says so too. When he made a promotional appearance at a Bourbon Street bar, the disc jockey announced that the first woman to remove her top would receive his intimate woad placed autograph. The tops flew. The next day the cowboy from Sulphur, La., was the star attraction at a children's hospital. That night, at another watering hole, he was clearly happy to be the center of attention again.

# Niche market

The PBR has marketed itself carefully and tirelessly, and from the beginning, eschewed the "Happy Trails" nostalgia of rodeos in favor of speed, noise, patriotism and drama. The essential drama is what it has always been: a slightly schizophrenic sport in which a man tries to hang on with one hand to a bucking bull for eight seconds, even as he spurs the bull to make it buck harder. During a long, successful career, a rider will spend only 10 or 15 minutes on the backs of bulls.

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Cody Custer, who is part Choctaw Indian and occasionally meets American Indian children named after him, starts things off on a bull called Hiawatha. When the buzzer sounds at 8 seconds, he's still on the bull.

With only minutes to go before his ride, Petersen arrives in a cab. He suits up, sprinkles rosin on his bull rope and pulls his gloved hand rapping down the flat rope, melting the rosin and helping glue the two together.

He launches on Blackjack, but the bull is not in the mood, and all but sits in the dirt. Petersen is awarded a ride on another bull. This one, Pork Chop, bucks hard, spins left, right, then left again. Petersen starts to slide precariously and Pork Chop just keeps bucking and spinning. Finally the buzzer sounds.

# Tough theater

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crucial and difficult in a sport with this kind of conventional wisdom: You'll get hurt on every ride, the question is how badly.

Kevlar vests have become as essential as boots and spurs. Riders with head or facial injuries trade their hats for a black helmet with a full facemask.

After the event, five riders sat down to dinner. Custer had a broken ankle that wasn't healing; two were awaiting knee surgery; two had sore riding arms after surgery to reattach bicep muscles that had torn loose at the elbow and curled up into small, hard balls. "Nothing, really bad," one said and all agreed.

This is only the second event of the season, but Vincent hasn't stayed on a bull yet. He needs this, and grows nervous as he lowers himself onto the back of High Tide. He forgets about the lights and the women and his broken ankle, and wraps and re-wraps the bull rope around his hand as High Tide bangs around in the chute.

Out of the gate, the bull bucks

twice and Vincent is off, lying in the dirt. The New Orleans Open, for him, lasts 32 seconds.

In the finals, his buddy Petersen draws a bull called Mossy Oak Muddlinger. Its name is Muddlinger; Mossy Oak is a manufacturer of outdoor and hunting gear. Even the bulls have sponsors.

Petersen rides the bull brilliantly, winning the event.

# Fan-friendly

Vincent has been here three days, making appearances at bars, hospitals, a New York Knicks-Charlotte Hornets basketball game. He's been paying for his hotel room and his food, as well as the bill for the cell phone that seldom stops ringing. His ride is over so quickly there's nothing to remember. "I just fell off. Embarrassing."

Petersen, on the other hand, arrived half an hour after the event began, worked for 16 seconds and earned \$25,055 — more than he made all last season.

Vincent gives his pal a hug. "You're not competing against each other," he explains. "Your only competition is the bull."

Ever vigilant in promoting itself, the tour fines any rider \$500 if he refuses to sign autographs after an event. Wanting just to go home after his poor performance, Vincent nonetheless joins the others as they make their way around the arena signing programs and strew cowboy hats for hundreds, including a police officer, a rancher, a homemaker, a 7-year-old named Trevor Clark.

When the lights finally go down and the crews come in to remove the tons of dirt and reinstall the basketball court, Vincent heads for the parking lot. He's spent a bunch of money and dropped to 32nd out of 45 in the standings.

He tosses his hat into his pickup and cracks a smile. Things aren't so bad. He's off to visit a woman in Florida.

"She's not my girl. I mean, we're just hanging out," Vincent says. "But she's prettier than a supermodel."

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# Nef wins, takes World Cup overall lead

U.S. giant slalom skier Sanja Nef won her first World Cup overall title on Saturday, finishing second in the season Saturday in Bormio, Italy, to take the overall lead. Not since Bill Mahre in 1983 has a U.S. skier accepted that title.

"I had no idea," said Miller, however. "It felt great to show how much importance I give it. I just knew it was a great race

today and I hope I can carry the momentum into tomorrow's race."

The strong showing by the United States was bolstered by Erik Schjorrr, who finished fourth, Christian Mayer of Austria was second and Sami Uotila of Finland was third.

"I wanted to see Erik do well as had as I wanted to win," Miller said. "It's a goal of ours to be on the podium together."

Miller, who last took over first place in the giant slalom standings in 1993, lost time in the second leg after finishing third in the opening run.

He had a combined time of 2 minutes, 4.15 seconds, with Mayer 0.83 seconds behind. Uotila pulled from 14th place to finish in 2:04.93.

This marked the third straight victory for the American men's team, with Miller winning a giant slalom in Alta Badia, Italy, two weeks ago and Jason Rahlves taking a

downhill in Bormio, Italy, last week.

"Bode is big about the team," U.S. head coach Phil McNichol said. "He cares so much."

The U.S. team has four top-three finishes this season and has had skiers in the top 10 in all but two races so far.

Miller has 578 points in the overall standings and Eberharter is second at 555.

Eberharter, the Olympic giant slalom champion, was 24th Saturday.

This was the seventh race in a

row in which an Austrian man failed to win.

**Nef wins giant slalom race; Kostelic crashes in Italy**

BORMIO, Italy - Sanja Nef of Switzerland won her first race of the season Saturday, edging Anja Paerson of Sweden by 0.27 seconds in a women's World Cup giant slalom.

The reigning giant slalom world and World Cup champion dominated the first run and finished in a combined 2 minutes,

24:39 seconds.

Michaels Dorfmeister of Austria placed third in 2:25.64.


Croatian sensation Janika Kostelic was in second after the first run but lost control and crashed into the safety nets close to the finish line. She was on her way to one of the fastest combined times of the race.

Kostelic was unhurt in the fall and kept a commanding lead in the World Cup overall standings, with 955 points out of 17 races.

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## Idaho's Dairies go Nose to Nose with Odor

If anyone was to conduct a poll about what were some of the hottest topics of the previous year, odds are agriculture odor would top that list. Odor, especially when tied to dairy farming, turned up as a topic of special interest during the legislative session, county agency meetings, local campaign speeches, newspaper articles, letters to the editor, and dinner table banter. But while there has been a lot of lip service paid to this issue, the dairy industry along with a few state agencies have been hard at work to get an upper hand and win the olfactory oppugn.


For starters, the 2001 Idaho Legislature passed HB 262, the Agriculture Odor Management Act. This Act authorized the Idaho Department of Agriculture to monitor and regulate odors from ag operations, which includes all Idaho dairies. If a complaint is lodged against an ag operation, then a team at the IDOA will investigate and build a case when appropriate. If the Department's investigators determine that an operation has been emitting odors that "exceed levels associated with accepted dairy practices," then a notice of the violation is issued. Along with the notice, the operator will be required to draft and submit an approved odor management plan, which must tie in with the operation's nutrient management plan. This plan will basically be a blueprint the facility operators will follow to correct any irregularities that may be causing the odor and ensure that a similar situation doesn't pop up sometime in the future.

What that means is that the vast majority of Idaho's dairies - both large and small - incorporates acceptable agricultural practices and don't have odor issues.


Since the Agriculture Odor Management Act was implemented in July 2001, the IDOA has fielded 2,500 complaints. Of those complaints, 90 percent involved less than 10 of the approximately 820 dairies that were scattered around the state. What that means is that the vast majority of Idaho's dairies - both large and small - incorporates acceptable agricultural practices and don't have odor issues.

And how have the dairymen responded to the new regulations? Very well says Mary Patten IDOA Dairy Bureau Chief. "We all have had to roll up our sleeves and try our best to resolve any issues that came up," says Patten. "And personally I have found those facilities have worked very well with this Department to try and resolve these issues."

Patten points out that the



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SPORTS

# Seles stops Rubin in warm-up for Australian Open

**Ageless Navratilova keeps on rolling**

HONG KONG (AP) — Top-seeded Monica Seles won the Hong Kong Ladies Challenge exhibition tournament Saturday, beating fellow American Chanda Rubin 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.

"The match could have gone either way. We were both hitting the ball very hard," Seles said. "It's a fantastic way to get ready for the Australian Open."

**Koubek beats Gambill to claim Qatar Open title**  
DOHA, Qatar — Stefan

**NHL**

Koubek of Austria defeated Jan-Michael Gambill 6-4, 6-4 Saturday to win the \$1 million Qatar Open.

This was Koubek's first title since he defeated Gambill in the Delray Beach, Fla., final in 2000. Gambill's last title came at Delray Beach in 2001.

**At 46, Navratilova takes another doubles title**  
GOLD COAST, Australia — Martina Navratilova won her 167th doubles title Saturday,

teaming with 17-year-old Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova to win the Australian women's hardcourt tournament.

Navratilova and Kuznetsova knocked off France's Nathalie Dechy and Emilie Loit 6-4, 6-4.

At 46 years, 2 months, 17 days, Navratilova is the oldest player in history to win a WTA Tour event, a record she set at 45 with a victory in Madrid. "Age is a number," she said.

Earlier, Dechy won her first tour title, beating Swiss teenager Marie-Galante Mikaelian 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

**Second-seeded Danilidou wins Auckland Challenger**

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Second-seeded Eleni Danilidou of Greece won the ABB Classic on Saturday for her second WTA Tour title, beating South Korea's Cho Yoon-jeon 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (2).

"It was an incredible match, both of us were fighting a lot," Danilidou said. "She played so flat and deep, I couldn't attack and we were really tired, but I played the more important points better and that was the difference."

Danilidou saved two match points in the third set at 4-5.

**Defending champion wins Australian Open**

PROCESSIONS... Defending champion... Johannsson's agent, Magnus Wistam, told The Associated Press in an interview Saturday.

The season's opening Grand Slam tournament starts Jan. 13 in Melbourne.

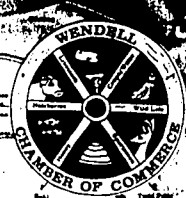


Monica Seles celebrates her win in the final of the Hong Kong Ladies Challenge Saturday.

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# HEALTH CARE CRUNCH

## Companies grapple with rising costs

By David Burgess  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Employers of all sizes have been hit with double-digit cost increases for employee health plans in 2002 - on top of 2001's double-digit cost increases.

The 2002 percentage increases in employer premiums are generally in the mid-teens, said Ron Osborne, president and co-owner of Western Benefits Solutions, a Boise-based benefits consultant. Small businesses are facing the highest increases.

"And the problem won't go away with a new year."

"Double-digit increases are expected to continue," said Lisha Bridges, spokeswoman for Blue Cross of Idaho. "We are looking at increases of premiums in 2003 in the low double-digits on average."

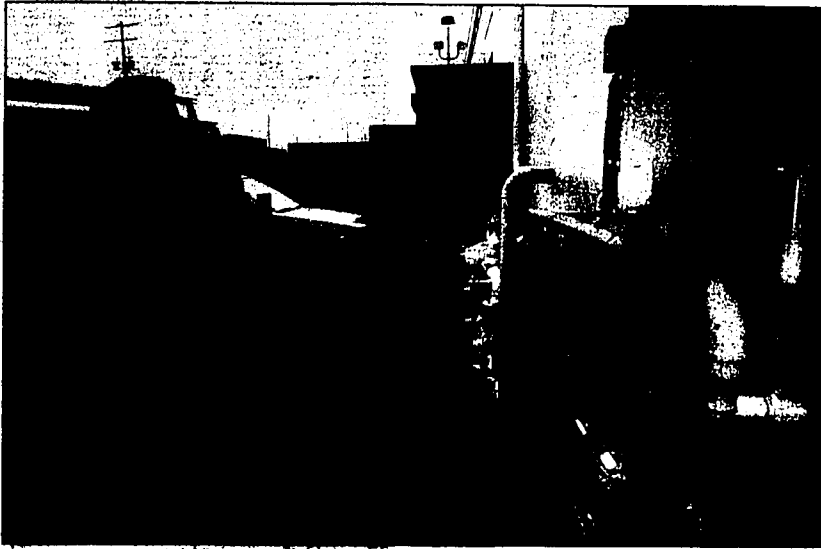
Osborne is forecasting 2003 health care rate increases to be higher than the average 2002.

**Costly choices**

Many employers are reducing benefits and shifting significant portions of costs to employees. Bridges said employers have used that strategy even in periods of lower medical inflation.

Doing so gives employees a financial stake in the decisions they make on health care, Bridges said. "I think the reality for everyone is that consumers' choices in health care have consequences," she said. "Patients are demanding more sophisticated services because that technology is available."

Georgianne Benjamin, corporate spokeswoman for Regence Blue



Jim Capps, a service technician with Intermountain Gas Co., inspects a meter behind the Fred Meyer store in Twin Falls. Employees of Intermountain Gas are seeing changes in the company's health plan as it switches to a preferred provider system.

### Reasons for the rise

**R**esults from a Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association survey in 2002 reveal that prescription drug costs are the main single driver of increasing health-care costs in the United States.

**Other reasons for the escalation in health-care costs:**

- Aging of baby boomers.
- Population growth.
- Growing overall demand for health care.
- Costs associated with the uninsured.
- Technological advances.
- Hospital facilities expansion.
- Government's new regulations.

Shield of Idaho, also pins a lot of the cost increases on prescription drugs.

"The largest drivers of health care costs continue to be pharmaceutical costs, and outpatient hospital costs," she said.

The cost of an employer's premiums is related to the plan selected, but employee behavior

also affects costs.

"Utilization of the medical benefits directly affects the premium," she said.

As business managers look for savings, the Blues are adapting. New methods of getting health coverage to employees are introducing new terms such as defined-contribution plan, medical savings

account, health reimbursement account and association health plans.

Osborne said defined-contribution is a popular buzz word, but those plans are not in widespread use.

MSAs have also been used to some degree, he said, but they have not provided any kind of blockbuster option.

### The PPO option

In Twin Falls, the preferred provider organization health plan attracted attention in 2001, when a group of Magic Valley doctors would not contract with Blue Cross of Idaho's PPO.

PPO plans have gained in the marketplace, however, as employers try to contain costs. In a PPO, physicians discount patient costs

in exchange for the patient traffic the PPO can bring them.

Another business making the move to a PPO is Intermountain Gas Co., with about 350 employees.

Senior Vice President Paul Powell said the company is shifting its health care from a traditional self-insured plan to the Blue Cross PPO on Jan. 1, 2003, both to control costs and to maintain strong benefits.

"We have looked at the PPO option several times in the past," Powell said. "Like most companies, we are trying to manage health care costs both for the company and for employees. We felt the PPO option made sense at this point."

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## Firms find insurance discount with drug-free policy in place

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - The Reasonable Suspicion seminar held last year was so successful that Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace Community Project will be holding another seminar.

Lisa Buddecke, chairwoman of the Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace, said the organization which started in 1997 has grown to 78 employers, representing nearly 7,000 employees.

The group started partly in response to school district anti-drug efforts.

"We find there was a lot of drug use in the workplace," she said.

Often parents of school children were using drugs, Buddecke said. To reach the parents MVDFEW started a program.

While many workplaces already had policies, the organization was able to convince many of the benefits of being drug free, she said.

Brent Evans, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Drug Free Workplace, coordinator sees trends in the type of businesses that are coming on board with MVDFEW.

Fast food, construction, dairies and landscaping are some of the industries that are starting to join the drug free coalition, he said.

"Those are the ones that are coming on board," Evans said.

Word-of-mouth is helping to



Veronica De La Garza, right, serves a customer at the Burley McDonald's, which is one of many drug-free workplaces in southern Idaho.

spread the message of lower turnover rate, fewer accidents and less performance problems, he said.

"Word-of-mouth goes around pretty quick," he said.

### Worth the expense

Companies are also finding out about recent legislation that says that workers' compensation insurance companies can grant up to a 5 percent discount for those companies that have in place a drug-free policy, which includes random testing, Evans said.

One company that recently joined the coalition is Cactus Petes in Jackpot, Nev.

Cactus Petes implemented the program in June of 2000 with pre-employment, random and post-accident drug testing, said

Krisann Brown, community liaison for Cactus Petes.

"The program has worked well and we plan to continue it," she said.

While Brown did not have employee turnover rates available, she did say that being a drug-free work place, along with offering great benefits and training had helped Cactus Petes position itself to be an employer of choice.

Some businesses at first objected to the program because of the cost involved with random drug testing, Buddecke said.

Depending on what kind of test it is and what it includes, each random test costs from about \$20 up to \$45, Evans said.

But once companies could see that the 5 percent discount on

### Learn the signs

**E**mployees can learn to recognize and detect drug use in the workplace and what to do in a Reasonable Suspicion seminar to be held at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 16, 2003, at College of Southern Idaho, Taylor Building, Room 276.

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workers' comp insurance would pay for the random testing cost, they got on board, he said.

Bill Kyle, who with his wife owns six McDonald's restaurants in Magic Valley, said drug testing is expensive, but he sees it as an investment rather than an expense.

"The quality of our workplace has improved dramatically," he said. "It gave us a better-quality applicant."

### Sticking with it

Some businesses didn't want to become a part of MVDFEW because they feared they would lose their employees, Buddecke said.

"Some did lose employees but stuck with it," she said.

Kyle said they were told to expect to lose between 10 to 15 percent of their workers when they first started the program.

With the six restaurants he employees about 140 people.

"But we had a pleasant surprise," he said. "We only lost three people. That's about 2 percent. That was very gratifying."

When hiring, Kyle tells people

up front that McDonald's is a drug-free workplace and they will be pre-employment tested. Those who do not want to comply just don't show up for the test and of course are not hired.

"You've saved yourself a lot of time and expense," he said.

Once businesses realize the benefits of the program they usually stick with it, Buddecke said.

But a positive drug test is not necessarily grounds for an automatic termination, she said.

"Programs are set up to help employees if they do test positive," she said. "Is it (drug use) a long-term thing or did it just happen over the weekend?"

Kyle said he sent two employees to drug counseling.

"I paid for 100 percent of their sessions," he said.

One of the employees later tested positive and then quit the job. The other employee passed testing and continued working for McDonald's.

As a result from feedback from last year's Reasonable Suspicion seminar, the class this year will be extended to a full day.

To join the project, businesses must have drug-free policies that meet U.S. Department of Labor criteria. A business must have a clear, comprehensive policy, provide training for supervisors, educate employees about the program, provide employee assistance, have a drug-testing program that includes pre-employment, post-accident and reasonable-cause tests, must be willing to be recognized publicly, talk to media about its program and submit its drug-free workplace policy for review.

## Fitness centers focus on nutrition

By Loretta Burkhart  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - For optimum results in physical fitness, the mid-set at health clubs throughout the Magic Valley is rapidly becoming nutrition, nutrition and more nutrition.

And the cleanliness in this place is second to none.

"I think have changed around here," said Jeff Bolton, the new general manager of the facility. "We've totally revamped over the past year."

A former pool site was reconstructed and became a weight room. The remodeling also included a cardiovascular room, large exercise areas, cycling stations and three new tanning beds.

"And the cleanliness in this place is second to none," said Bolton, who holds the heavy-weight Mr. Idaho 2001 fitness title.

Membership is on the rise while monthly membership fees at the center are down about 10 percent, he said.

With a staff of 28 employees and additional personal trainers, the company is offering programs in heart rate training, and guidance in weight loss nutrition products.

Membership is also on the rise at Twin Falls Fitness Center in Twin Falls.

And a primary calling card is nutritional education.

"What you consume after a workout plays a large part in the recovery process," said Aaron Gleason, who became the center's general manager in the past year.

This is a "get it for life" program.

"We need to bring fitness into our thinking - learn how to work out - with training you can use for the rest of your life," Gleason said.

New to the center is a strength training program intended to increase bone density, with 115 different resistance exercises from very light to very heavy, working on the principle that as the muscle is strengthened the

bone becomes stronger.

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Amy Sheen receives the latest in facial technology from spa consultant Jim Perkins while lying in a Derma Life Spa System that soaks the body with steam and infrared heat.

# New year deals farmers new cards

**TWIN FALLS** — Southern Idaho crop farmers might be glad to get by with a hand no worse than the one dealt to them in 2002. But other producers, especially dairymen, are just hoping to hang onto a few chips long enough for their luck to turn.



**H**andsoff of the work is a weekly report on agriculture.

As a new year reshuffles the deck, virtually everyone involved in agriculture here will be wondering first about water.

"Unless things change quick, we're hoping for an adequate year," said Vince Alberdi, general manager of the Twin Falls Canal Co. "Adequate sounds good."

Even though most of the irrigation districts and canal companies in the Magic Valley ended the 2002 season with more storage water than they had the previous year, continued drought has parched the watersheds and makes next year's runoff questionable.

The soils are so dry, Alberdi said, that a snowpack 90 percent of normal is needed in 2002-2003 to generate the same amount of runoff that a 75 percent snowpack did last year.

Here, in brief, is what to expect as 2003 unfolds for the major southern Idaho ag sectors.

**Alfalfa hay**

"Water is the big unknown for next year," said Glenn Shewmaker, University of Idaho extension forage specialist.

If the drought persists, farmers might have to either reduce acres of thirsty crops like alfalfa or irrigate less often, which will reduce yields.

## Potatoes

While the price for fresh pack potatoes is up, a tip of the supply-demand balance could trigger a decrease.

The industry continues to work on issues such as chemicals that need to be maintained for grower use, mop-top virus and creating a set of regulations and standards that can apply to the entire potato industry throughout the United States.

Looking into 2003, Jerome dareman Adrian Boer has difficulty generating much enthusiasm.

"This is the longest low-price scenario I've seen," he said. "And the outlook is not bright for the next three to four months. What to do? I wish I had the answer."

## Sugar beets

The sugar beet price is up due to a number of factors, including passage of the farm bill and anti-tariff rice invention legislation, but negotiations with Mexico are still not finished, and growers face problems with weeds. Many are hoping researchers will come up with "Round-up Ready" varieties in the future.

**Dairy**

Across the nation, the price of milk has spiraled down 30 percent in the last two decades, while advances in genetics, feed, technology and the cost of compliance with regulations have raised expenses.

**Grains**

With the Upper Snake River Basin snowpack at just 75 percent of normal for late December, Steve Johnson expects to see more short season crops planted in 2003.

"I think growers will go through the winter and see what is available for water," said the executive director of the Idaho Grain Producers Association. "We could see an increase in spring wheat."

Beef feedlot placements are down, and lower animal weights should be a plus for prices in the coming year, said Wilson Gray, UI extension economist.

Many experts are expecting wheat acreage to be up worldwide thanks to the best wheat prices

growers have seen in several years. New and expanding malt processing facilities in Idaho Falls probably won't affect malt barley prices in 2003, but are expected to increase malt barley demand, starting in 2004.

## Dry beans

Water concerns continue to top the list of worries for dry edible bean producers.

Dry peas and lentil growers in the United States will be watching Canada's expected output for next year and will probably match it or plant more. Legumes might also be affected. Prices are down at planting and wheat prices look good.

## Sheep

Laird Noh, president of the Rocky Mountain Sheep Market Association, said recent numbers provide optimism for the coming year.

"Current prices are in the low 90s, and the feedlots are remaining current," he said.

While sheep and wool producers continue to deal with many of the same old problems of increased federal intervention and regulations on confined animal feeding operations, the main hope is for prices to remain steady, said Marie Bulgin, vice president of the Rocky Mountain Sheep Market Association.

"If we can sell our product, we can deal with all those other things," she said.

## Hogs

Pork producers will be expected to apply new rules to their operations in 2003 as the farm bill is implemented.

Producers will need to educate themselves on new issues so that the cost of change does not become overwhelming. Environmental issues will be of major concern during the new year.

## Fish

Based on historical data, many expect spring water flows in 2003 to be even lower than in 2002, and Idaho's aquaculture industry might have to reduce production accordingly.

If the springs are indeed down again, producers might take the chance to clear out inventory while they wait for the economy to rebound and seafood sales to perk up, said Gary Formshell, a UI extension aquaculture specialist.

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## German publication praises Sun Valley resort

**SUN VALLEY** — Brundage Mountain Resort and Sun Valley recently received recognition in Europe.

German journalist Rainer Strassberger was quoted as saying Brundage and Sun Valley are two of his favorite resorts in the world. He included Brundage Mountain and Sun Valley in his "Ski the Best" report for Germany's Stundmagazin Deutschland. The publication has a circulation of more than a million.

Strassberger advises his readers they can find more untouched deep powder during one day of cat skiing at Brundage Mountain than they can find in Europe in an entire winter. About Sun Valley, he says the Idaho resort ranks among the finest in the world.

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# Sector accounts for chunk of local economy

**By Courtney Price**  
**Times-News correspondent**

**TWIN FALLS** — Health-related services bring many jobs to the Magic Valley that not only include hospital workers and doctors but also fitness clubs.

In fact, this sector as a whole employs about 7.5 percent of Magic Valley residents — or about 3,000 of a total 40,000 workers.

There are 2,500 employees of the community working in the area of health services, according to Greg Rogers, regional labor economist for Idaho Department of Labor in Twin Falls. This represents about 5 percent of the area's civilian labor force.

And this 5 percent of workers serves a very large area.

Though there are other hospitals in the outlying areas, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls draws patients from all around the valley and beyond. Shawn Barigar, spokesman for MVRMC, says that it is not unusual to have patients from as far north as Sun Valley or as far south as northern Nevada and sometimes beyond. These patients are usually a product of referral by their own local physicians.

But 5 percent of the labor force in health care may be below the national and state average. A study by Kaiser Family Foundation stated that in 1999 6 percent of Idaho's total employment was in health care, which was below the national average of 6.9 percent.

Other health-related services bring the Magic Valley's total up to 7.5 percent. The other 2.5 percent of those employed is made up of services like health clubs, fitness centers, health food stores and various health-related services.

"If I could, I would offer a health plan," he said. "I can only squeeze so many dollars out of a job."

At one time, Twin Falls Sign Co. did have a group health plan. But the cost rose, and the company dropped the plan seven years ago.

Since then, Overacre has searched for an alternative.

"I've looked at a lot of different areas, but it seems to work out about the same cost," he said. "For a small startup I don't see how they can even possibly offer health care."

He would like his employees to have some kind of coverage, but he can only hope at this point.

Overacre himself even worked another part-time job for eight or nine months three years ago while running the sign company, just for the health plan that employer offered.

Overacre said he has had employees leave for other jobs providing benefits. But there are less tangible things a small business can provide to help keep employees, such as flexible hours.

"Nobody is ever held to clocking in and clocking out," he said. "We have made the environment more enjoyable that way."

## T.F. firm looks for affordable health plan

**By David Burgess**  
**Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** — Ed Overacre, partner at Twin Falls Sign Co., is keenly aware of the health care issue.

The company is not able to provide health benefits to its six employees, but he has searched for an alternative.

The full-service sign company has employed as many as 10 in its 11 years in business and has gross sales of roughly \$500,000 in an average year, Overacre said. But it has been unable to offer an affordable health plan.

## Options for employers

Some employers cope with rising costs by:

- Raising co-payment amounts.
- Raising deductibles.
- Shopping for coverage with other groups.
- Starting a wellness program.
- Choosing a plan with a smaller net.

immunizations.

Lynsha Bridges of Blue Cross of Idaho said PPO can save employers anywhere from 6 percent to 10 percent off traditional rates. It has been a popular plan. Bridges said the PPO served less than 25 percent of the total Blue Cross customer base at the beginning of 2001. By the end of 2002, that figure had leaped to about 58 percent.

Dave Overacre, broker at

work of doctors and hospitals, such as a preferred provider organization.

- Going to consumer-directed health plans with a health reimbursement account.
- Combining higher deductibles with a medical savings account program.

Overacre Insurance in Twin Falls, said PPOs appeal to managers trying to keep benefits in place.

"PPOs were sort of a life saver," he said. "PPOs came in to try to offer some stability to the group health insurance market, and to a certain extent they did that."

As for the physicians in Twin Falls who still refuse the Blue Cross PPO, Bridges said, "Our contracting efforts continue."

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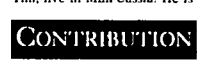
### Keri Perrigot

**BURLEY** — Keri Perrigot joined Cassia Regional Medical Center's administrative team as assistant administrator human resources.

Burigot was previously human resource director/assistant administrator at Mindoko Memorial Hospital. Perrigot has worked with employees on internal committees such as extended care orientation, employee recognition, safety and employee benefits.

She has served as Kiwanis club president, president of an Idaho human resource organization, and state human resource chairwoman for Employer Support of Guards and Reserves.

Perrigot and her husband, Tim, live in Mini-Cassia. He is the athletic direc-



Keri Perrigot

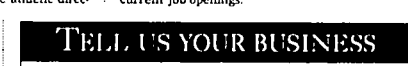
### Heather Andersen

**BURLEY** — Heather Andersen, human resource generalist, joined Cassia Regional Medical Center in February.

Andersen hopes to provide optimal recruitment activity to CRMC.

Andersen worked previously for a national check printing company in Utah. She and her husband, Jared, relocated with their daughter to Mini-Cassia due to job opportunities.

Anyone interested in working at CRMC may visit [www.ihc.com](http://www.ihc.com) online for current job openings.



Heather Andersen

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He said costs were up about 15 percent in 2002.

The shift to a PPO will result in a 5 percent increase in the premium, one of the lowest rate increases around, said Osborne, consultant to InterMountain Gas.

In meetings with employees about the shift to the PPO at InterMountain Gas, the one area where there were some concerns was Twin Falls.

Of Twin Falls physicians, about 50 percent are participating in the Blue Cross PPO, Osborne said.

"Twin Falls is the only community in the state of any size with that low of a participation rate," he said.

Still, he said, employees were pleased. With the change, employees picked up some benefits not available under the former plan, including well-baby care and

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Coach Brian Higgins has provided similar opportunities the same time a year for more than seven years. The scholarship program aims to expose youngsters and adults to the discipline, fitness and character-building opportunities of martial arts, he said.

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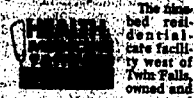
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# Stagnant economy slows startup phase

# Medical office market stagnates

**TWIN FALLS** — Owner Chuck Hansen, plans to build a new home in one month, a second business plan in May. Crank and Hansen had postponed the plans for months.



The three-bed residential care facility in Twin Falls, owned and operated by Chuck and Elaine Hansen, is now operating profitably, but the first five months were tough for the entrepreneurs. When they opened the doors Oct. 12, 2001, they had just two residents. But they expected to fill the home quickly because other local homes had been full when the Hansens first planned to go into the business.

"Talking to other facility owners we thought we would be full in two months," Chuck Hansen said. "There was no reason to not plan for the best. Essentially, my business plan was faulty going into it."

As the business neared opening after 25 months of preparation, however, other homes were in a downward trend and were not full. To attract residents, the Hansens heavily promoted an open house, but it was unfortunately scheduled for Sept. 11, 2001, the day of the terrorist attacks. Only about 15-20 people came out to see the new 4,300-square-foot facility.

"There were months of red ink. To keep the business afloat, Hansen said he had to put \$20,000 more into it. In May, a residential-care facility in Filer closed and three of its residents came over to Stoney Creek Living Center, bringing the home up to capacity. "That saved our bacon," Hansen said.

## Degree of care

A residential-care facility "assists people who cannot live on their own because of a need for assistance with things like dressing, preparing meals and general activities," said Hansen, who has a degree in health care administration from Idaho State University. His homes are also known as assisted-living facilities.

## Fitness

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bone is also strengthened. With 45 employees and more remodeling to accommodate a growing clientele, "teaching you how to do it yourself" in nutrition and exercise is still what it's all about, Gleason said.

## New to Buhl

Nutrition is also at the top of the fitness list at The Body Works Gym in Buhl, the city's newest gym. And the business has made it easier to find time to work out. Using magnetic keys, physical fitness patrons now have 24-hour access.

The facility promotes balance as the recipe for keeping healthy throughout a lifetime. "Move more, eat less!" said co-owner/operator and personal trainer, Joan Hurlock. "I tell people there is no fancy 'this or that' diet."

Health management includes a well-balanced diet including all the food groups, "then you can eat what you want - but in smaller portions," said Hurlock, who managed two other fitness centers in California before moving to Buhl five years ago. The center has only been open since October, but membership has already grown to about 175. Like most other clubs, The Body Works offers corporate rates.

## Changes in Jerome

Just Women in Jerome, has made a change in the gender aspect of business. Although the independent fitness center had been restricted to women only, the policy is changing "on a very limited scale," said owner Robin Kinsey. After adding new equipment this past year, including elliptical cycles, members' husbands and sons can work out in the club from 6 to 9 p.m., said Kinsey, who opened the fitness center three years ago in an existing building. With a membership of about 300, the company has 10 employees, two of whom are certified personal trainers.

While membership was growing, the restaurant was also in order at Jerome Health & Fitness Center this past summer. The health club is owned and operated by Christopher and Bernadette Chandler.



Chuck Hansen says a high water table in the area of his property at 2538 E. 3800 N., Twin Falls, added thousands of dollars in extra construction costs for his residential-care facility and pushed the building toward the back of the lot.

## Selected financial data

Here are figures for Charlene Health Care Enterprises LLC, the limited liability company under which Stoney Creek Living Center operates, supplied by co-owner Chuck Hansen.

Balance sheet figures as of Nov. 1, 2002	
Current assets	\$10,609
Fixed assets	\$378,593
Current liabilities	\$1,418
Long-term liabilities	\$298,054
Equity	\$91,731

Profit and loss figures for period Oct. 1, 2002-Nov. 1, 2002	
Total income	\$141,182
Total expenses	\$132,995
Net ordinary income	\$8,187

ment," he said. Fees in the industry are dictated by the market, he said, and he charges \$65-70 a day, or between \$2,000 and \$2,100 a month regardless of level of care. Hansen has limited the space for residents on Medicaid to two. If they were all paying at Medicaid levels he would go broke, he said.

## Challenges and opportunities

Labor is by far the business's largest expense. Hansen said employees can be "your biggest liability or your best asset." The center employs five. "You have to have people you can trust," he said. "We have that now."

Residential-care facilities are also watched closely by state regulators. Inspectors drop in unannounced, and the state can close noncompliant operations. Hansen does not object to the regulation. "It keeps our standard higher," he said.

Marketing can also be difficult. "We've tried every kind of marketing you can," he said. "We've found the best thing is to let the other facilities in town know that there are beds open.

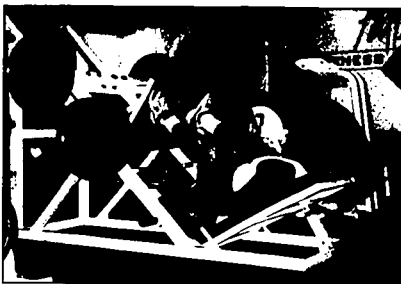
Also, a lot of business comes from the hospital."

Contrary to consolidation trends in other types of businesses, Hansen sees a trend in residential care toward smaller operations. Six or seven years ago there were very few small facilities, he said. But Hansen said others ought to research thoroughly before deciding to get into the business. The minimum investment to get into the business is \$300,000, he estimates.

"You could buy a facility for \$200,000, but it would take \$100,000 or more to bring it up to code," he said. But, "in southern Idaho we have probably reached a saturation point," he said, citing a survey saying the market is 85-90 percent filled in Idaho.

The 85-and-older age group is the fastest growing segment of the population, he said, and that will escalate until the Baby Boom passes through that age bracket. And Hansen intends to expand with the market.

"Our goal is to build two more of these within five years," he said. He and his wife are considering the Gooding-Wendell-Hagerman area for a new location.



Personal trainer Jeff Bohn assists Rob Schroder with leg press exercise at Falls Ave. Fitness Unlimited.

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And while the facility is small in comparison to other fitness centers in the area, it is nonetheless equipped with state-of-the-art machines for more than 150 members.

Jerome Health & Fitness Center offers special rates for students, and patrons may participate on a month-to-month basis with no year-long contract. Members can purchase supplemental protein drinks at a discounted price. Patrons without a membership card can also order health supplements at the facility. At Curves for Women, with locations in both Jerome and Twin Falls, nutrition is what it's all about in a 6-week weight-loss program.

Although both facilities present their own flavor in changing eating habits, each offers participants a test to determine whether it's the amount of calories or the amount of carbohydrates that needs to be considered. Then, depending on how much weight a person wants to lose, a 3-phase personal program is designed.

Then as an added bonus after a good workout, Curves also offers energy shakes and a full spectrum nutritional supplement. The Jerome facility located is

the franchise for a Gold's Gym to be built on Fillmore Street. Gold's, which claims to be the largest gym chain in the world, offers a franchise program designed to give top gym operators and entrepreneurs the ability also to sell the company's licensed apparel.

Having the franchise gives the local company continuing education through its training programs, as well as an opportunity to become part of an established network in the \$10.6 billion fitness industry.

The facility is planned to have between 28,000 to 30,000 square feet and a pool. Groundbreaking is scheduled for February, Roberts said.

## Warning up

New to the YMCA fitness program, are special classes for arthritis sufferers.

"The water's a little warmer and that helps immensely," said Manager John Eschenburg. Sponsored by the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the YMCA city pool, the water temperature has been raised from 87 degrees to 90 degrees.

Water aerobics are also offered at the same location.

By Cindy Sawyer  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — A slow economy and uncertainty about the future may be keeping the medical office market in check in the Magic Valley.

Steve Di Lucca, who specializes in commercial real estate in Magic Valley with Western Real Estate Group, said the market has been stagnant in Twin Falls for the past five years. "It's a static market at best," he said.

He points to the opening of the medical office building at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in 1998 as the beginning of the slow period. But several other factors are holding back the market as well.

A slowing economy beginning in May 2001 has dampened the commercial real estate market in Twin Falls of which medical office space represents just for just 10 to 15 percent. Retail and commercial are both flat, Di Lucca said, and general office space is catching its breath after a tremendous building boom.

Continued questions about the amount of reimbursement paid to physicians who treat Medicare and Medicaid patients is also plaguing the market. Today physicians are losing money on every Medicare patient they see and if reimbursement levels are further reduced, doctors could find themselves losing even more money. Doctors who are in older facilities with a large number of Medicare patients simply can't afford to move, said Mike Cooper, administrator for St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

And medical office space tends to command the highest per-square-foot lease rates in the area. That is due to the special needs associated with medical office space. Unlike other professionals who usually require not much more than electrical outlets and phone jacks, medical professionals require more plumbing for sinks in exam rooms, extra cabinetry, more filing space, and

additional heating, cooling and ventilation. They often need more lighting than regular offices and sometimes leaded rooms if X-ray equipment is used.

Landlords will often try to recoup the extra investment needed to meet those "over standard improvements" during the early years of a lease. Di Lucca said three years is considered a long-term lease for medical office space.

He estimates that medical office space is running \$10 to \$15 a square-foot in Twin Falls. In comparison, professional office space in the North College area is running \$12 to \$14 a foot.

## Close to hospitals

In both Twin Falls and Jerome, the bulk of the medical office space is located near the hospitals.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center owns around 82,000 square feet of medical office space that houses 53 doctors and a pharmacy. That space includes the medical office building attached to the hospital as well as offices to the east and northeast of the hospital and space at the old Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.

R'Nee Mullen, chief information officer for MVRMC, said the hospital has gradually added office space as it has made sense for the hospital to do so. It was able to offer office space to prospective doctors that is near the hospital helps attract high quality medical professionals, she said.

But leaving space from the hospital is not a prerequisite for having privileges at the hospital. A mix of hospital-owned and doctor-owned space also surrounds St. Benedict's. The hospital hopes to begin construction on a replacement facility in the fall of 2003. Cooper said the new facility is intended to replace the old facility that was constructed in the early 1950s with the possible addition of some space for community-based and doctors' offices.

But Di Lucca believes questions about what the new facility will offer and whether doctors will want to locate their practices in north Twin Falls to be centrally located between the two hospitals are also holding back construction of new medical office space.



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**1 Parties and gifts**

The safety manager and supervisors at McCain Foods USA Inc. in Burley encourage workers and correct unsafe behavior that could lead to accidents or injuries, said John Bernier, vice president of the western division of McCain Foods.

If correct lifting is observed, for example, the employee is told how to do it safely. Employees are also often complimented when doing things right, he said.

To promote positive behavior, parties are held after 1 million hours of accident free days. The King Fine Arts Center is rented for the party. Cake and ice cream is served and a gift such as a jacket or a cooler is given to safe employees.

Employees are proudly proud of their safety record at McCain Foods," he said. "It all translates to dollars and is rewarding for both the employees and the company."

**2 Daily meetings**

Daily meetings are held during each shift at Wal-Mart, said Eric Cavener, co-manager of the Burley Wal-Mart store. During the meetings, safety and loss prevention talks are given, employees participate in stretching exercises and the Wal-Mart cheer is given.

"That kind of sets the tone for the day," Cavener said.

Meetings also include celebrations for employees who have a birthday that day.

Also, managers at Wal-Mart have an open door policy, he said.

"Any member of management will listen to anything employees have to say," he said. "That alleviates stress."

**3 Longevity awards**

Awards for years on the job are given to employees of South Central District Health, said Monte Smith, public relations officer.

The awards include a certificate at five years, a lapel pin at

10 years, a wall plaque at 15 years and an Idaho coffee table book at 20 years.

**4 Prizes for fitness**

South Central District Health has a fitness program that assigns points for the amount of exercise its participating employees do, said Monte Smith, public relations officer. The points can be exchanged for gifts and prizes.

Listed activities include everything from working out at a gym to raking leaves. One point is given for every 20 minutes of exercise.

When the participant reaches 100 points, he or she gets a personal note from the regional director and a couple movie tickets, she said.

At 300 points the person's name is put into a hat for a drawing for either cash or a prize.

Two groups of SCDH employees compete against each other.

Managers encourage each other. "Smile and stretch," he said.

The team with the most points as of Dec. 15 receives an extra half day off during the holidays.

Employees are the largest single group of shareholders of D.L. Evans Bank, said Tina Myers, human resource officer at D.L. Evans.

"That helps with morale," she said. "If the bank has a profitable year, statements show an increase in stock. This stock is a type of retirement fund. Having these shares of stock is good for the employees and good for the bank as well."

"We really value the employees and want to promote the bank and see the bank grow," Myers said.

**5 Ways local companies boost employee health, morale, productivity and safety**



By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

Dan has given all kinds of safety tips and information. "If it isn't safe, don't do it," has been the motto.

D.L. Evans Bank offers employees rewards for doing things such as cross-selling. If the employee, for example, refers customers within the bank for a credit card or a mortgage loan, they are referred on a point basis. If the referral turns into an actual loan or credit card approval more points are given. Bonus points are even given when those referred applicants that end up being declined.

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**7 Stress management**

Trained through Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Occupational Health, stress management programs are available to employees and are offered to employees as a sign of management's respect for the health and safety of its employees.

"Holidays must be pretty stressful for retail workers," said Barbara Mielick, employer services representative of MVRMC marketing department. Programs can also be given for groups such as certified public accountants during tax time.

"We don't think about the effects stress can have on our health," she said. "You are more prone to illness when you don't sleep as well or eat right."

They also offer health programs to the schools and do sports physicals for school athletes each year. The center in Kimberly was not offering flu vaccination this year, the Medical Center ordered extra vaccinations and made those available for senior citizens.

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**8 Smaller practices**

"The ability to offer for a practice to the benefit of the community is one of the advantages of smaller practices. When they hang out on their own string."

That is especially true when they choose to practice medicine or dentistry in a small rural community.

Alpha Mabler, a family nurse practitioner, is a Kimberly Medical Center "focused on the needs of our community." That commitment is shown by adjusting the center's hours according to need. For example, the school year appointment times are held open late in the day specially for school-age patients.

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By: Bernice Johnson, Secretary

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<p><b>\$95,000</b> Super affordable home in the Park View Estates Subdivision. This is a Two story with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths gas heat, air conditioner, covered porch, vinyl exterior. Choose your lot, many more floor plans available. Call <b>THE RASMUSSEN TEAM</b> at 737-3908 or 737-3925 #105349</p>	<p><b>\$99,500</b> Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath on large lot. Also has 1 bedroom, 1 bath home that rents for \$375/mo. Call <b>JUANITA MYERS</b> at 737-3925 #105350</p>	<p><b>SHOWHOUSE PERFECTION!</b> \$164,900 Beautiful decorating and landscaping set this home apart from others in its class. Four bedrooms and two full baths. 1,658 square feet of lovely living space. Double garage, large, shaded deck, sprinkler system, and fenced yard. Corner lot. Close to schools. Call <b>KEM</b> or <b>DOROTHY</b> 734-9480 #104267</p>	<p><b>\$190,000</b> Country home with 20 acres, horse barn, riding arena, shed, dog run, auto sprinklers. 1600 sq. ft. manufactured home with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen island &amp; oak cabinets. Some new flooring, front deck, electric, forced air heat, swamp cooler. Quiet area. Call <b>DIANNE WHITNEY</b> at 737-3908 #104020</p>	<p><b>\$118,000</b> Great possibilities here. Presently zoned school site. Approx. 2,743 sq. ft. Four plus acres located in Hazelton. Would make a great duplex or home. Call <b>THE RASMUSSEN TEAM</b> at 737-3908 or 737-3925, or view @ TwinFallsTimes.com #105126</p>
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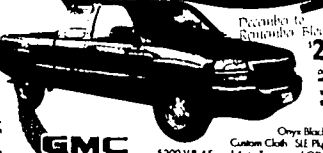
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### Women Seeking Men

**MAGIC VALLEY CHEN**  
SWF, 39, Caprice, N.S. likes music, racing, and photography. Seeking man, 40-48, N.S. for dating. #750703

**WORTH THE CALL**  
Blue-eyed brunette, 55, 150lbs. enjoys all outdoor activities. I'd like a man with a romantic, affectionate nature. Be 50-60, for a possible, permanent relationship. #690927

**COUNTRY SWEETIE**  
SWF, 47, 5'6", 120lbs. brown/blk. hair, green children, German, smoker, loves RV camping, rodeos, and country music. Seeking man, 35-65, who shares my love of country life. #709476

**A NEW START**  
Attractive SF, 21, 5'4", brown/blk. hair, one toddler, loves spending time with my daughter meeting new people. Seeking understanding caring SM, 21-29, for fun times together. #523700

**SEeks OUTGOING**  
SF, 31, 5'4", red/blk. loves the outdoors, camping, fishing, horseback riding. Seeking active SM, no kids, to spend quality time. #237258

**DANCE WITH ME**  
Attractive SF, 49 originally from Georgia enjoys all the desert and mountains. Seeking a man, social, fun-loving. #640103

**WHAT YOU SEE...**  
I'm what you see with this SWF, 42, 5'7", 150lb., with red hair and versatile interests. She's looking for a man to share an evening with. #683816

**LAUGHTER IS THE KEY**  
SM, 44, 5'11", brown hair, 170 lbs. I'm a fun-loving, stimulating country music fan. Call me. LTR #701556

**SEEKING JOY**  
SWF, 44, 5'11", wants to settle down. I'd like a man who's fun-loving, fun, and occasionally humorous. #742132

**A GENUINE GALL**  
SWF, 47, 5'6", blonde, mother of two, enjoys singing, dancing and traveling. Seeking SWF, 30-50, who lives in Idaho. #719119

**GIVE US A CHANCE**  
SWF, 43, enjoys dancing, fishing, and traveling. Seeking romantic man, 40-50, who lives in Idaho. #719119

**SINGLE MOMMA**  
SWF, 42, enjoys singing, dancing, fishing, and traveling. Seeking SWF, 40-50, who lives in Idaho. #719119

**FAMILY-ORIENTED**  
SWF, 41, 120lbs. blonde hair, one child, enjoys singing, dancing, fishing, and traveling. Seeking man, 30-40, who lives in Idaho. #719119

**SINGLE MOMMA**  
SWF, 41, 120lbs. blonde hair, one child, enjoys singing, dancing, fishing, and traveling. Seeking man, 30-40, who lives in Idaho. #719119

**DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION?**  
SWF, 41, 120lbs. blonde hair, one child, enjoys singing, dancing, fishing, and traveling. Seeking man, 30-40, who lives in Idaho. #719119

**LET'S MAKE A DATE!**  
SWF, 41, 120lbs. blonde hair, one child, enjoys singing, dancing, fishing, and traveling. Seeking man, 30-40, who lives in Idaho. #719119

**DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION?**  
SWF, 41, 120lbs. blonde hair, one child, enjoys singing, dancing, fishing, and traveling. Seeking man, 30-40, who lives in Idaho. #719119

**ILL BE LOVING YOU FOREVER**  
SWF, 38, blonde/blk. N.S. Lira, mother, would like to meet someone who likes dancing and having fun. Place is unimportant! Please be between 30 and 45. #730822

**SOMETHING NEW**  
SM, 23, smoker, with a variety of interests (football, biking, walks). Seeking a man with a great personality. #750819

**THAT'S MY RIGHT**  
SF, 35, 5'11", 98lbs. would like to meet a real gentleman for dating and friendship. I enjoy movies, fishing, playing pool and more. #723042

**SOMETHING NEW**  
SF, 28, enjoys the outdoors, looking for new friends to share new adventures, camping, horseback riding, dancing. #671771

**WAITING FOR YOU**  
SF, 20, 5'4", blue-eyed blonde, heavy-set, student, smoker, looking for fun-loving, romantic guy, 21-31, to enjoy friendship and maybe LTR. #708068

**VOLUNTEER**  
SWF, 35, 5'5", N.S. mother, brown/hazel, enjoys walks, evenings at home, and playing pool. Seeking an enjoyable life. #679374

**GIVE ME A CALL**  
Attractive blonde, 5'6", 120 lbs. N.S. enjoys all things outdoors. Seeking active SM, 30-40, who shares my love of the outdoors. #701556

**EQUESTRIAN AND MORE**  
SWF, 38, brown hair, 150 lbs. N.S. professional, seeks horseman for LTR. Love animals, outdoors, and is a kind, intelligent, humorous and doting father. #642936

**SEEKS SOME SPECIAL**  
Outgoing SWF, 20, 5'11", brown/blk. hair, mother of 4 enjoys camping, fishing, and most outdoor activities. Seeking SM, with kids, interests to enjoy good times and quality moments with. #625015

**AGE OF ADIARUS**  
SWF, 31, 5'4", with a medium build, right brown hair, an independent nature, loves children. Seeking a man who loves football, fishing, time at home. #642702

**GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR**  
Outgoing friendly SWF, 51, 150 lbs. N.S. enjoys outdoor activities, dancing, dining out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking honest WM, 55-65, with similar interests for a friendly relationship. #635302

**FULL-FILL MY DREAMS**  
SF, 36, enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, dancing, country music. Looking for a man who has some of the same things. #641818

**ANIMAL LOVER**  
Outgoing SM, 34, 100lbs. blonde hair, enjoys riding, fishing, and all outdoor activities. Seeking SM, 30-40, who loves animals, outdoors, and is a kind, intelligent, humorous and doting father. #642936

**CHEERY TIGGS LOOK ALIKE**  
SF, 36, 5'10", 140lbs. blonde hair, mother of three, loves sports, bowling, and all kinds of outdoor activities. Seeking friendly, open-minded, honest gentleman who has similar interests. #644303

**A TRUE LADY**  
SF, 34, 5'2", black hair, into camping, fishing, and more. Seeking honest, confident gentleman who is black hair. #631743

**GREAT OUTDOORS**  
Family oriented SWF, 27, 4.3 average, 6'4", 140lbs., enjoys riding, fishing, and all outdoor activities. Seeking SM, 30-40, who has similar interests and enjoys camping, fishing, and all outdoor activities. #642936

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
You'll never forget this 32 year old girl who's 5'6", 120lbs., blonde hair, and enjoys fishing, hiking, and all outdoor activities. Looking for a comfortable, single, SM, 40-50, to spend time with. Good conversation? Music? Traveling? Drives? #652222

**LET'S TEAM UP**  
SMW, 42, 6'0", 220lbs. blonde/blk. hair, Cancer N.S. enjoys golf, fishing, and dancing. Seeking SM, 37-45, who enjoys golfing, camping, and dancing. For friendship, possible LTR. #666371

**SKIP THIS AD**  
SMW, 42, 6'0", 220lbs. blonde/blk. hair, Cancer N.S. enjoys golf, fishing, and dancing. Seeking SM, 37-45, who enjoys golfing, camping, and dancing. For friendship, possible LTR. #666371

**SEEKING NICE WOMAN**  
SMW, 40, seeks active, outgoing, caring, and understanding woman. SMW, 40, 160lbs, Libera, incher three children, enjoys fishing, camping, and all outdoor activities. Seeking SM, 30-40, who has similar interests. #736358

**HERE'S A RODEO**  
SMW, 40, 160lbs, Libera, incher three children, enjoys fishing, camping, and all outdoor activities. Seeking SM, 30-40, who has similar interests. #736358

**DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY**  
SMW, 40, 160lbs, Libera, incher three children, enjoys fishing, camping, and all outdoor activities. Seeking SM, 30-40, who has similar interests. #736358

**TRUTH ROMANTIC**  
SMW, 40, 160lbs, Libera, incher three children, enjoys fishing, camping, and all outdoor activities. Seeking SM, 30-40, who has similar interests. #736358

**ARE WE COMPATIBLE?**  
SMW, 40, 160lbs, Libera, incher three children, enjoys fishing, camping, and all outdoor activities. Seeking SM, 30-40, who has similar interests. #736358

**DO YOU WANT TALK?**  
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**GIVE ME A CALL**  
SWF, 27, mother, Leo, enjoys barbecue, outdoor music, bike. Seeking SM, 28-35, with similar interests, occasional smoker. #620400

**ADVENTUROUS SWF**  
Adventurous SWF, 27, Tauist, non-smoker, enjoys outdoor activities, walks, fishing, enjoys relaxing, seeking honest WM, 23-30, non-smoker, with similar interests. #422466

**SMF, 19, mother, seeks that of a kind guy, 18-29, who likes kids, outdoor activities, for possible LTR. #283634**

**ACCEPT THE TRIALS**  
SMW, 32, enjoys the outdoors, cooking, reading, laughing. Seeking SMW, 47-57, good sense of humor, who likes to laugh. #677244

**LOOKING FOR A PRINCE**  
SMW, 24, enjoys hiking, skiing, cooking, and working with children. Seeking an honest hard-working SMW, 24-33, who would like to have a family and someone to grow old with. #796445

**ITS TIME**  
Easygoing, outgoing SWF, 50a, 5'6", dark blonde/blk, average looks, great sense of humor, seeks someone to share fun times together. #786616

**SEEKING SPECIAL SOMEONE**  
SMW, 49, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, star-gazing, movies, dining, rock and country music. Seeking SM, 40-50, for a relationship, possibly more. #766288

**JUST LIVING THE EASY LIFE**  
SMW, 49, enjoys the outdoors, dancing, riding horses, skiing, and more. Seeking a male friend and companion. #760751

**LET'S PLAY BALL**  
SF, 38, enjoys hunting, fishing, enjoys cuddling, dining, reading, music. Seeking accepting, smart SM, 40-50, for a relationship based on mutual respect. #756544

**NEW TO THE AREA**  
Fun-loving, outgoing SWF, 29, chestnut hair, from CA enjoys dining, camping, movies, dog-fishing, rock n' roll, fishing, camping. Seeking SM, 25-35, to share interests with. #671831

**PERSONALITY PLUS**  
SWF, 59, enjoys camping, going for drives, traveling, but not good conversations. Only times Seeking lady, sensitive, honest, sincere to share life with. Good conversation, possible relationship. #681230

**SEEKING A FRIEND**  
Volunteer SWF, 39, enjoys camping, hiking, and all outdoor activities. I'm a kind, intelligent, humorous and doting father. #642936

**BE MY BEST FRIEND**  
SM, 40, 6'2", 220lbs. brown/blk. hair, enjoys romantic, lonely evenings at home. Looking for attractive female, 30-40, for dating. possible LTR. #719119

**MYSTERY OF LOVE**  
Elko (rural) SWF, with diverse interests, especially N.S. who loves the LTR and has given her friends under the hood. #622222

**ADVENTURE AND FRIENDSHIP**  
SWF, 40, 6'2", 220lbs. brown/blk. hair, enjoys romantic, lonely evenings at home. Looking for attractive female, 30-40, for dating. possible LTR. #719119

**DO YOU LIKE HORSES?**  
SMW, 37, blonde hair, loves working with horses, camping, drives any kind of motor vehicle, and enjoys being with the same passions. #854867

**EVERYTHING WITH YOU**  
SMW, 42, enjoys fishing, camping, enjoys going out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking SM, 30-40, who has similar interests and enjoys camping, fishing, and all outdoor activities. #642936

**MOVING ON UP**  
I'm looking for a beautiful woman with a good heart (because I've been hurt) who has clean teeth. #633222

**DON'T PASS ME BY**  
SMW, 49, 160lbs, Libera, incher three children, enjoys fishing, camping, and all outdoor activities. Seeking SM, 30-40, who has similar interests. #736358

**LOVELY IN ELKO**  
SMW, 43, 160lbs, Libera, incher three children, enjoys fishing, camping, and all outdoor activities. Seeking SM, 30-40, who has similar interests. #736358

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**SEEKING MS RIGHT**  
Fun loving, adventuresome, smart, happy, energetic, handsome SWM, 43, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, and all outdoor activities. Seeking SM, 30-40, who has similar interests. #736358

**NATURE BOY**  
SMW, 43, with a split to adventure, a spontaneous nature, a love for spending time outdoors. Seeking a woman to share the great outdoors with. #680664

**LOOKING FOR A GUY**  
SMW, 43, 160lbs, Libera, incher three children, enjoys fishing, camping, and all outdoor activities. Seeking SM, 30-40, who has similar interests. #736358

**ADVENTURER PERSON**  
SWM, 62, 6'1", 190lbs. respectful, outdoorsy, fun-loving, and outgoing. seeks an independent woman, 30-65, for dating. #899064

**SMW, 59, electrical engineer wants to make sparks with a woman who enjoys fishing and anything outdoors. #673468**

**OUTGOING GUY**  
WM, 40, 6'11", 220lb. truck driver likes the outdoors. Looking for a lady to start a friendship, maybe leading to a relationship. #682820

**LIVES HAVING FUN**  
SM, 52, mama for a loving, enjoys hunting, snowboarding, and more. Looking for a lady who is into a lot of outdoor things. #612104

**SUMMER SWEETHEART**  
SMW, 43, 150lb, brown/blk. hair, easygoing, hard-working, honest, sincere. Area, N.S. seeks WM, 40-57, N.S. for a relationship, fishing and traveling. #681841

**WAITING FOR YOU**  
SMW, 21, enjoys the outdoors, nature, animals, horseback riding, having good times. Seeking active, adventurous, passionate SWF, 19-24, for friendship first, possibly more. #900317

**VENTURING HEART**  
Passionate SWF, 28 enjoys travel, the outdoors. Seeking adventurous SWF, 23-33, for friendship, possibly more. #760751

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
Generous, curious SM, 49, likes fishing, and hearted, hard working, leading to LTR. #500430

**DO YOU LOVE ME?**  
Easygoing, SMW, 47, 5'6", 140lbs. light brown/blk. hair, enjoys dining, dancing, fishing, and all outdoor activities. Seeking SM, 30-40, who has similar interests. #786616

**GIVE ME A CALL**  
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**LIVES SIMPLE, HONEST LIFE**  
I'm an employed, independent, honest, sincere, 49-year-old SWM, Leo, N.S. who loves the outdoors (especially fishing, hunting, and golf). I'm 5'9" and 175lbs. You'll be a better person to him. 35-50! #782932

**CAN I TALK TO YOU?**  
Smart? SWF, 38, 5'8", 170lbs. brown/grey-brown, N.S. enjoys goal-oriented, enjoys on weekends fishing and camping. Sundays for nice, long drives. Let's get out and try doing my 4-wheeler. #871854

**FACE TO FACE**  
This family-oriented SWM, 51, N.S. employed, would like to meet a special, outgoing SWF, 29-50. Enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and more. Let's spend quality time together. #555992

**SHARE LIFE**  
Conscience, fun-loving SWM, 30, likes quiet nights, fishing, camping, hiking. Seeking SWF, 29-35, with same interests. #714148

**COWGIRL JUST LIKE YOU**  
Seeking country girl, same, attractive, no kids enjoys fishing, camping, hunting, dancing, country music, rodeos, horseback riding, making walking, take her to the SWM, 32, 6', brown blue, stocky build. #661000

**MIDDLE AGE SEEKS FUN**  
SMW, 53, 5'11", 210lbs. enjoys any kind of fishing, camping, cooking, gardening, jockey, self-employed with nice home. Seeking SF, 47-57, N.S. who is monogamous, passionate. HW proportions, needs comfort of someone. #773197

**SEARCHING FOR HAPPINESS**  
SM, 39, 5'7", blonde/hazel, N.D. enjoys any kind of fishing, camping, hiking, fishing, boating, events. Seeking nice, outgoing, fun SF with similar interests. #747314

**WISHING AND HOPING**  
SWF, 40, 5'9", 170lbs. N.S. enjoys fishing, camping, hiking, fishing, boating, events. Seeking nice, outgoing, fun SF with similar interests. #747314

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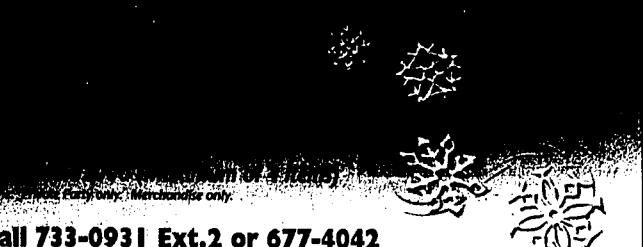
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I'm a have some fun. SWM, 40, is looking for a fun girl and companionship. possible LTR. #734771

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Bobby Wolf

### Dear Mr. Wolff:

When should opener raise responder's major with only three-card support and a six-card suit of his own? My partner opened one diamond and raised my one-heart response to two with ♠ Q-4, ♥ J-2, ♦ A-K-J-8-7-6, ♣ Q-3. I thought this was taking an extreme position.

Repetitions: Tim LaRue, Ind.

**ANSWER:** I tend to agree. I would consider raising with three trumps on both hands, unless the three-card support is very weak and the six-card suit very good, as here, where a rebid of the long suit seems in order.

### Dear Mr. Wolff:

My partner and I disagreed about what the meaning of a double was. My RHO opened two hearts. I overcalled three clubs, and my LHO raised to four hearts, doubled by my partner. Is that penalties, takeout, or optional?

Double Feature: Spring Valley, Minn.

**ANSWER:** In my view, the double is optional, suggesting at least nine HCP and a readiness to defend facing a hand with no real extra shape. However, it is NOT based on trump tricks and an otherwise poor hand, but rather on what the experts sometimes refer to as "transferable values." Cards that will play well on defense or offense.

### Dear Mr. Wolff:

Is it ever acceptable to make a negative double of an overall without four cards in the unbid major? If so, when?

Heart Club, Annapolis, Md.

**ANSWER:** The difficult shape might be a hand such as ♠ A-Q, ♥ 7-5-4, ♦ K-9-4-3-2, ♣ J-4, when partner opens one club and RHO overcalls one heart. Passing seems a little feeble, you cannot bid one no-trump without a heart stop, and you are not really strong enough to bid two diamonds. Maybe a negative double would be the least lie.

### Dear Mr. Wolff:

My partner and I have been discussing how often a double of a no-trump contract has Lighter implications. Is it the exception or the rule?

Partner: New Bedford, N.J.

**ANSWER:** When the opponents have had an unopposed sequence to a no-trump contract, a double by the hand not on lead normally suggests a sound holding in dummy's suit. It does not necessarily demand that it be led, but that is the normal implication.

### Dear Mr. Wolff:

Holding ♠ A-Q-4-3, ♥ A-J-6-4-3-2, ♦ 5, ♣ J-4, I heard the auction started with one club by my LHO, raised pre-emptively to three clubs on my right. Should I pass, double, or bid?

Niemi Treatment, Manning, S.C.

**ANSWER:** I am sure it is right to act. The problem with doubling is that if partner bids three diamonds and you correct to three hearts, your action should show a better hand. Still, I'd want to get both majors into the picture, so I'd double and keep my fingers firmly crossed — below the table.

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# tantrum, temper

## It's the high season for tantrums

By Denise Turner

How we've changed. In no time at all, we've gone from being a nation of 100 million to a nation of 250 million. More than 10 years ago, I started compiling a file of predictions, from various sources, for the year 2000.

• **Elaine Ford**, of Ford Models in New York City, predicted that American girls would be taller than anyone could possibly imagine.

• **Melvin producer David Brown** predicted that VCRs would be in 80 percent of American homes.

• **Palater Andy Warhol** predicted boys would look more like girls and girls would look more like boys - with everyone wearing tinfoil clothes.

• **New York City marketing consultant Faith Popcorn** predicted that food buying would be based on customized diets, and refrigerators would keep track of what we're getting low on.

• **Woman's Day magazine** predicted wall-sized TV screens. But the **World Future Society**, in the same magazine, predicted that we would have robots trained to load our food into the microwave, and robots to baby-sit our children.

Some of the predictions I clipped out have come true. Others still seem pretty futuristic.

Who knows what will happen this century? I can remember when there were no jogging shoes or color TVs or cell phones. However, in spite of what my children say, I do not remember when there were no telephones at all.

We may not be living in an ultra-modern, high-tech "Star Trek" world yet, but this is not your great-grandmother's America, either.

According to **Good Housekeeping magazine**, the favorite snack food in 1900 was homemade cookies. By the year 2000, the favorite snack food was microwave popcorn.

I suppose that's because nobody has time to make the cookies anymore.

Parents of young children know that temper tantrums can happen anytime, anywhere - at home, in the grocery store, even (heaven forbid) on an airplane.

But just as meteorologists know the time of year for hurricanes, those who know toddlers will tell you the holidays are the height of the tantrum season.

"People in general just feel much more rushed during the holiday season, and life is no longer as predictable," said **Bronwyn Fees**, assistant professor of family studies at **Kansas State University**.

"Anytime you stray from routine or put children into a new environment, you run the risk of them getting frustrated and losing control."

Add to that weeks of cold-weather-induced cabin fever, and you've got emotional storms on the horizon.

Tantrums often occur between the ages of 2 and 5 years but can start as early as 15 to 18 months. At this age, children are just beginning to "self-regulate," to separate their thoughts from their feelings, Fees said.

"We are able to smile when we're angry - we've learned how to keep our emotions in check," Fees said. "Young children can't. They haven't developed that cognitive skill."

Because they often lack the verbal skills to express what they're feeling, they act out their frustrations physically - by crying, screaming, kicking or pounding on the floor.

But as unpredictable as toddler behavior might seem, parents can act to prevent and handle temper tantrums. Fees suggests keeping these tips in mind:

• **Establish a routine.** "As adults, we like our coffee in the morning and our lunch breaks at noon, and get grumpy when those routines are disrupted," Fees said. Children are no different.

As much as possible, keep mealtimes, naps and bedtimes consistent. That may mean delaying a shopping trip until after lunch, or scheduling a flight to coincide with naptime.



Ayano Jackson, 2, of Friendship East Daycare Center in Albany, Ga., cries Dec. 19 as she meets Santa Claus. Jackson along with 175 other children were invited to Henderson Community Center for a breakfast with Santa.

ing environment, head off demands by setting ground rules.

"Say, 'You can pick out one small toy today,' or 'We're here to get a gift for your cousin, but you can help choose it,'" Fees said. "Whatever the expectation, set it and stick with it."

• **Keep calm.** If a tantrum happens, stay calm.

"It may not seem like it when it's happening, but the child is looking to you as an example - your face, your body language," Fees said. "You have to model self-control. Stay calm. Use a gentle voice, gentle touch."

If you're in public, try to move quickly to a quiet corner or outside. If escape isn't an option, quiet, private place to calm down.

• **Ignore.** Older children will sometimes throw tantrums to get attention. Try ignoring the tantrum and going about your business as usual.

• **Hold.** Holding an out-of-control child calmly is sometimes necessary to keep him from hurting himself or someone else. You might also say something like: "I can see you are angry right now, and I am going to hold you until you calm down. I won't let you hurt me or anyone else." Often this approach can be comforting to a child. Kids don't like to be

### How to handle a tantrum

- 1. **Try to remain calm.** Shouting, spanking, or screaming at a child only tends to make the tantrum worse.
- 2. **Pause before you act.** Take at least 30 seconds to decide how you will handle the tantrum. Four possible ways to deal with a tantrum include:
  - **Distract.** Try to get the child's attention focused on something else. If he screams when you take him away from something unsafe (like your purse), offer him something else to play with. This technique works well with toddlers.
  - **Remove.** Take the child to a

- 3. **Wait until the child calms down, then talk.** It is difficult to have a cooling-down period, and to deal up with a discussion about behavior.
- 4. **Comfort and reassure the child.** Tantrums really scare most kids. Often, they are not sure what they feel so angry and feel rather shaken when it is all over. They need to know that you disapprove of their behavior, but that you still love them.

- Sources: Lesia Ostrenchuk, Family Extension specialist, Iowa State University, National Network for Child Care

## Dos and don'ts for modern-day flirting

- **Make eye contact.**
- **Smile.**
- **Have fun.** It is normal to be nervous.
- **Compliment from the neck and up.** (Hint: "Nice huns" remarks do not make friends.)
- **Compose "singers,"** or non-sexual lines that induce blushing. For example, "What a fabulous tie. Can I wear it?" or "Would you mind if I flirted

with you?"

- **Do not force conversation too soon.**
- **Do not get "too deep" in subject matter.**
- **Do not use four letter words.** Adjectives like nice, good and fine are not fine, good or nice. Try to use descriptive expressions, especially when compli-

menting ("That color makes your eyes sparkle" vs. "Great sweater").

- **Do not use negative humor or sexual comments.**
- **Do not offer to buy a drink.**
- **Do not practice "drive-by flirting."** One contact is not enough. Follow through and make a date.

- Source: Contra Costa Times (Walnut Creek, Calif.)

## Dragon Tales Live comes to Boise

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Every week, Do Do Families lists family oriented events in southern Idaho. To get an item into the column, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

FAMILY LIFE

Wife counts the ways her husband cheated

DEAR ABBY: I loved, loved, loved the column about signs that indicate a spouse is cheating. I sent it to my former husband with the reminder...



DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren

haven't. I don't miss him. And I will never remedy because of the alimony. My only regret is that I didn't throw him out sooner.

DEAR I.H.H.N.F.: Just when I think I have heard it all, a letter like yours comes along...

DEAR ABBY: My high school friends have invited me to a party that's coming up soon. I know there's going to be beer...

DEAR DUDE: I'm impressed that you are not caveing into peer pressure. You deserve to be commended.

Make other plans so you won't have to lie. Then tell your friends you have another commitment.

DEAR ABBY: Do you think I am selfish because I want to go on a ski vacation without my pregnant wife?

DEAR SKI BUMMED: I think so. Babies have been known to arrive early.

DEAR ABBY: I'm impressed that you are not caveing into peer pressure.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

What's up for new telescope owners

So maybe you found a telescope under the tree on Christmas morning. Or maybe your New Year's resolution was to dust off the old telescope in the closet...



SKYWATCH Chris Anderson

Sky calendar (through Saturday)
\* Planets: One hour before sunrise: Mars, SE, low. Jupiter, W, low.

next Sunday, it will be just 7 degrees below and to the right in Altair, and may just be bright enough the glimpse with the unaided eye.

Chris Anderson is the planetarium production specialist at the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrick Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Tantrums

Continued from E1
Such as on an airplane, remain calm and focus on your child. "Everybody will have their thoughts about how it should be handled," Fees said.

Tell him, for instance, "I know you're angry. It's frustrating not to be able to take a toy home right now."

"It takes time, and you live through lots of tantrums," Fees said. "But if you explain what's happening, it's easier for the child to recognize those feelings the next time."

Resolve to make a better year

What makes a family strong? Not money or material things, but that ineffable thing called love.



PARENTING John Rosemond

With that simple principle in mind, here are 15 things you can do to make your family stronger in 2003.

Eat the evening meal in your own home, every immediate family member present, at least four nights a week.

Go out on occasional "dates" with each of your children. Dinner and a movie, perhaps. These occasions do not need to be at night...

Make a significant reduction in the family's "screen time." In the electronic age, nothing so isolates the family as watching on the screen.

surfing or sapping, talk to one another, take walks together, or just sit in the same room and read together.

Schedule an hour every week as uninterrupted family time - during which you play a game, plan your next vacation, discuss and resolve a family issue, or just sit and fidget.

Teach your children domestic skills. Teach them how to do their own laundry, cook, repair a leaky toilet, and so on.

Create and maintain a family vegetable/flower garden. Grow your own tomatoes, broccoli and daffodils.

In recognition that only adults who take good care of themselves

can take good care of children, have a sister one night a week and go on an adult-only date if you're not living with your spouse.

Practice good family manners by emphasizing a good practice each month: In January, for example, emphasize saying "thank you" to one another.

Take a historical and/or educational vacation. Instead of packing off to Disney World or the beach, go to Williamsburg, Va.; the Grand Canyon in Arizona; or the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.

Introduce your children (and perhaps yourselves) to different cultural experiences. Go as a family to a symphony, a play, a ballet.

Go to the public library as a family once a week. Teach your children how a library is organized.

Holistic veterinary medicine catches on

Scouter, my 11 year old wire-haired fox terrier, wasn't scooting around like she used to. I knew she was aging, and this could reduce her activity levels...



THE BOND Marty Becker

The Bond. But then she suggested that I start by taking some time to closely examine Scouter.

"Start by just observing Scouter's hair coat," she said. "You can often detect areas of discomfort on the back by seeing where the fur is either flattened or looks matted up."

When I asked why, she told me that when the muscles and other tissues below the skin are tight and restricted, the hair coat often reflects that underlying problem.

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Imagine the surprise of this veteran veterinarian when Scouter came in the house and I saw the fur sticking up over her right hip where she'd been licking it, just like Robinson had described.

I had asked Robinson what to do about a matted tuft.

He replied: "Place your hand lightly

over the area, and feel for areas of heat. Then, gently push the skin over those warmer regions to help determine whether it is freely movable or if it's 'stuck' to the tissue beneath."

Robinson told me I found these signs to simply massage the area gently, avoiding pressure over bones, and definitely stop if Scouter says "enough" or "that hurts."

Clumsily, I felt for increased temperature and tight skin, and found it. So armed with new found knowledge, I started to massage Scouter as directed.

Scouter told me immediately what she thought of my new awareness. She arched her back and pushed her body up into my hands. She started panting with delight, her eyes sparkling, occasionally looking over her shoulder at me as if to say, "That's perfect spot, right there, or 'Don't stop daddy!'"

As the massage continued her panting got louder and louder to the point that I looked around to make sure nobody was watching or listening. Talk about 'heavy panting' your pet! But something else happened. Scouter relaxed, and when the session ended, she was wildly energetic.

To confirm my hunch, I took Scouter to the vet's office (yes, I have to use a vet for my pets just like you do), and we radiographed her pelvis where we

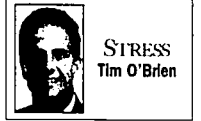
found the early signs of hip dysplasia. Because of finding it so early on, before Scouter had major deterioration of the hip sockets, we were able to get some weight off of her, change her diet, and start her on some medications to build up, lubricate and protect the joint cartilage.

Now, most groups, including most medical schools, call the blending of complementary and convention: "integrative medicine." Integrative medicine practitioners use a wider range of treatment modalities, and from that can select the most appropriate healing approaches for their patients.

To learn more, read the book 'Natural Dog Care' by Dr. Bruce Fogle (DK Publishing 1999) or visit a holistic veterinarian near you.

Learn methods you can use to enjoy life more

Would you like to appreciate life more? It is easy through a simple shift in attention. How? Notice the breadth and depth of the privileges and luxuries you have but take for granted.



STRESS Tim O'Brien

Have you ever had a day when every little routine activity annoyed you? ExERCISE your burden? Aren't you glad you have a healthy enough body, the time, and the money that you can exercise? What are the effects of a sedentary life? Leading and

unloading the dishwasher bore you? Rather do them by hand? Fortunate for all the dinnerware you have? Faxing the stock report you printed to a friend without email a bother? Would you rather not have a computer? Not a fax machine, or friend? What about washing clothes? Aren't you glad you have a full wardrobe?

See the trend? We surround ourselves with products, devices, and technologies that make our lives easier, although not simpler. We have so much that it sometimes creates a mental burden to deal with.

in service to others. When you pay your bills, be glad that you have the money. Be happy that the services you pay for are available to you.

Think of all the famous people through history and the descriptions of their wealth and power. None of them had what the average person in the United States has now in convenience. And what they would have considered luxuries. Do you agree?

We have so much, we simply don't think about it. And, we seldom actively appreciate it. Here's a way to can help heighten your awareness and gratitude for what you have.

The next time you take out the garbage, say "thank you life for giving me the food and other products that created this bag of trash. I'm glad to take it out because of all that I have that created it."

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Make a game of this. One part is to become conscious of the details in life that support how we live. The other part is to express sincere appreciation for their availability and participation in our lives. If you don't feel appreciative of someone or something, consider how you'd feel if you didn't know them, or couldn't have it or use it. This way of thinking has become a habit for me. It has heightened my appreciation for the bounty in my life.

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FAMILY LIFE

# Older Americans get back in game

Los Angeles Times

The year was 1959 and Audrey Kallas-Pastore was in her last season of high school basketball. The 5-foot, 10-inch forward helped lead tiny Baldwin High School to the national state tournament for the first time in the school's history.

Alas, her team was knocked out in the third round by a tough rival. Dejected, it was time to bid her teammates and the game farewell. "When we lost that game, I thought, 'This is the end of something in my life that I won't ever do again,'" said Kallas-Pastore, who still has newspaper clippings of her basketball exploits. "Like everyone else of that era, I just moved on."

For 36 years, moving on meant marriage, career and few sports activities. But in 1995, motivated by a newspaper article about older women and basketball, she joined the San Diego Senior Women's Basketball Association at her local YMCA. In a few years the league has grown from over 100 handful of players to more than 100 who compete year-round on nearly a dozen teams. "We feel like we're in high school out there," said Kallas-Pastore, 62, whose team, the Shooting Stars, recently won an over-50 national championship in Utah. "It puts you back in time."

The retired marketing executive from San Diego employs tens of thousands of Americans over 50 who are returning to organized team sports. The trend is being driven by more than nostalgia, although that's certainly a significant part of it.

A cultural emphasis on the benefits of exercise, improving medical techniques and technology, and a strong desire for a sense of community are helping to create and sustain a vigorous team-sports network for older Americans. Baseball, softball, basketball and volleyball are favorites, particularly in Southern California, but sports from rowing to ice hockey are also popular. To participate, gray athletes often must overcome age, injury and even societal expectations for a chance to play a game that has produced some of the fondest memories of their youth.

"They are continuing to rewrite the old manual for life that essentially said team sports end at high school for the vast majority of us," said Mark F. Frazier, a psychologist in Arlington Heights, Ill., who

## Calories burned In an hour

The following are the average calories burned in one hour of activity. The figures are approximate; the first is for a 135-pound woman and the second for a 175-pound man. The more you weigh, the more calories you burn.

- Basketball:** 490/870  
**Rowing:** 635/695  
**Hockey:** 495-640  
**Volleyball (beach):** 640/835  
**Baseball/softball:** 305/395  
**Volleyball (gym):** 265/345

—Sources: American Heart Association and University of Southern Maine

tracks aging and sports. "First, it was the 30s, then it was the over-40s. Now, it's the over-50s and 60s who are saying, 'We still want to play,' and they will."

With nearly 21 million baby boomers expected to reach age 50 in the next five years, the over-50 leagues are poised to expand by leaps and bounds. Most leagues contacted for this story reported heightened interest and only expected more to follow.

"It's just gone bananas," said Ken Jaffe, 51, a player-coach on the Hollywood Stars, a local over-48 baseball team in the Men's Senior Baseball League that boasts more than 16,000 players nationwide. "I remember when we were on over-30 teams and we thought that was old. There's just a ton of guys out there who don't want to stop playing with the hard ball."

The leagues make it easier for their gray athletes to stay in the game. They realize that though an older person's enthusiasm may not have been diminished by time, their physical capabilities most certainly have. As a result, rules are often modified to enhance enjoyment and reduce the risk of injury.

For example, in Jaffe's baseball league, one of several large fast-pitch baseball leagues in the nation, a "courtesy runner" can be requested once a player reaches first base. And collisions between baserunners and fielders are strictly forbidden. Likewise, in over-50 ice hockey leagues, body checking and slap shots are banned as well.

But with bones more brittle and tendons and ligaments less flexible, injury is almost unavoidable. Broken noses, arms and legs, and

torn-up knees and shoulders aren't uncommon. Since returning to the basketball, Kallas-Pastore has fractured her elbow, hyper-extended her finger and ripped up her knee.

"For some, the injuries can lead to an earlier-than-planned retirement from action."

"Because of the constant pounding on hardwood floors, we had one guy on our team that had to have a hip replacement," said Bill Florentino of Incline Village, Nev., a 62-year-old player-coach on a volleyball team. "He can't play indoors anymore."

Physicians recommend that people over 50 who want to play competitive and strenuous sports get a complete physical. To reduce the likelihood and severity of injury, prospective athletes are urged to begin a conditioning and warm-up program at least a month before playing.

The doggedness to participate in the face of such pain sometimes triggers unsolicited, usually unwelcome, advice. "When I was having my knee redone, the physiotherapist said, 'What are you doing? You're too old for this,'" recalled Kallas-Pastore. "Well, life is for living. You just go to the doctor, get better, and head back out on the court."

And even those who don't suffer serious injuries must cope with a body that simply doesn't bounce back as it once did. "Every year, I hurt more and for longer from doing less and less," said Jaffe, a math teacher and baseball coach at Morningside High School in Inglewood, Calif.

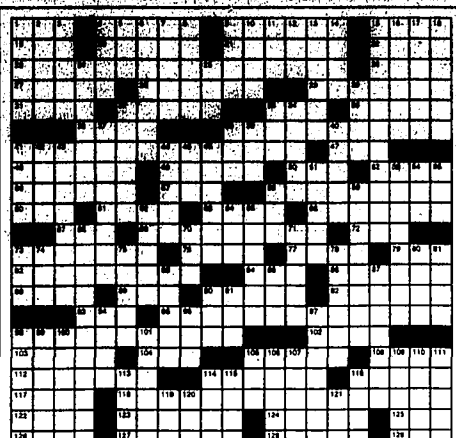
Despite the physical struggles, many team-sport enthusiasts say the new friendships created and the old ones deepened by the experience more than compensate. Indeed, many of the team players could have chosen to get their physical exercise in individual sports such as running and tennis, or by working out at a health club. Instead, they've deliberately sought out team sports to make a human connection.

"It's like a family," Kallas-Pastore said. "This is our sisterhood. Many of us go on vacation together, go to the theater. It's like a party all the time."

Other athletes relish the performance tips supplied by the group dynamic. "It's great to have someone there encouraging you," said Steve Hathaway, who rows competitively in two-person and four-person boats.

## THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



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# SENIOR CALENDAR

### Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive  
 Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
 Monday: Sweet and sour pork, fried rice, Oriental vegetables, fruit cup, cinnamon rolls  
 Tuesday: Cube steak with onions, potatoes, gravy, creamed corn, rolls, pie  
 Wednesday: Fried chicken, potato, gravy, green beans, tossed salad, roll, dessert  
 Thursday: Smorgasbord  
 Friday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, carrots, salad, roll, cake  
 Activities  
 Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Saturday  
 Dance from 2-5 p.m.  
 Monday  
 Foot clinic make appointment  
 Tuesday  
 Ticket Tuesday  
 Blood pressure check from 10-11:45 a.m.  
 Wednesday  
 Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
 Exks card game  
 Trip to Hot Springs  
 Pinochle  
 Friday  
 Quilting  
 Lunch bingo  
 Blood pressure from 10-11:45 a.m.  
 Saturday  
 Pancake breakfast from 8-11:30 a.m.

### West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl  
 Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.  
 Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Lunch prices are \$3.50 and evening meals are \$2.50. Sunday dinners are \$4. Monday delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available.

### Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St. Filer  
 Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.  
 Tuesday: Vegetable beef soup  
 Thursday: Sliced turkey, gravy  
 Agesee Senior Citizens Inc.  
 310 Main N., Kimberly  
 Monday: Macaroni and cheese, hamburger patty, cole slaw,  
 Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Call the center by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the center, everyone is welcome.  
 Sunday: Fried chicken  
 Monday: Hamburgers  
 Tuesday: Swiss steak  
 Wednesday: Popcorn chicken  
 Thursday: Meat loaf  
 Friday: Tomato soup, tuna sandwich  
 Activities  
 Thrift shop open every day.  
 Quilting, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 The Roseland Band plays from 8-11 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. Admission is \$4.  
 Sunday  
 All-you-can-eat fried chicken dinner buffet, \$4 for seniors, \$4.25 for non-seniors and \$2.50 for children under age 12.  
 Monday  
 Exercise from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
 Smorgy at 5:30 p.m.  
 Cards at 6 p.m.  
 Tuesday  
 Exercises from 7-8 a.m.  
 Quilting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Treasure Tuesday  
 Crafts from 1-4 p.m.  
 Wednesday  
 Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
 Thursday  
 Exercises from 7-8 p.m.  
 Quilting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Bingo from 1-3 p.m.  
 Smorgy at 5:30 p.m.  
 Cards at 6 p.m.  
 Friday  
 Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
 Saturday  
 Roseland Band will play for a dance from 8-11 p.m.; \$4 per person.

### Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfeld  
 Meals are served at 12 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The suggested donation for seniors is \$2.50. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under age 10. To eat a meal at the center, call ahead at 764-2226.  
 Tuesday: Toasted cheese sandwich, potato soup, baked squash, apple bars  
 Wednesday: Swiss steak, baked potato, carrots, biscuits, cake, fruit  
 Friday: Breaded pork chops, sweet potatoes, creamed peas, lettuce and tomato salad, corn bread, vanilla pudding  
 Activities  
 Board meeting at 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday  
 Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Wednesday  
 Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Blood pressure check from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Craft class from 12:30-2 p.m.  
 Thursday  
 Quilting from 1-3 p.m.  
 Art class from 1-3 p.m.  
 Friday  
 Pool from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
 Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Jerome Senior Center

212 First Ave. E.  
 All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.  
 Monday: Beef stew, corn bread, pickled beets, fruit, cookies  
 Tuesday: Barbecue ribslets, au gratin potatoes, carrot and raisin salad, ranchini bars, juice  
 Wednesday: Taco salad, fruit cocktail cake  
 Thursday: Oven baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, polar vegetable pea salad, blueberry chesecake  
 Friday: Salisbury steak, potatoes, gravy, winter mix vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, pineapple upside

### Gooding County Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.  
 All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.  
 Monday: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrot salad, french bread, plum cobbler  
 Tuesday: Chicken a la king, mashed potatoes, peas, three bean salad, bread, fruit  
 Wednesday: Chili, baked potato, fried green beans, Waldorf salad, bread, pudding  
 Thursday: Pork pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, winter mix vegetables, peaches, roll, oatmeal raisin cake  
 Activities  
 Monday  
 Bingo at 12:30 p.m.  
 Hand and foot at 6 p.m.  
 Tuesday  
 Pool at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
 Fruit clinic at 10:30 a.m.  
 Bridge at 6:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday  
 Pool at 9:30 a.m.  
 Board meeting at 1 p.m.  
 Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.  
 Thursday  
 Pool at 9:30 a.m.  
 Blood pressure check at 11 a.m.  
 SHIBA at 11 a.m.  
 Annual meeting and election at 11:45 a.m.  
 TOPS at 5 p.m.  
 Pinochle at 7 p.m.  
 Friday  
 Bridge at 1 p.m.  
 Handfoot at 1 p.m.  
 Bowling at 1:30 p.m.  
 Bingo at 6:30 p.m.  
 Saturday  
 Talent show and dance at 7 p.m.

### Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman  
 Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lunch is served at noon on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.  
 Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals are \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coffee, tea, juice and bread served with all meals.  
 Monday: Menu not available  
 Friday: Menu not available  
 Thrift store open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Tuesday: Menu not available  
 Wednesday: Menu not available  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Activities  
 Wednesday  
 Bingo at 7 p.m.

### Richfield Senior Center

Monday: Breaded chicken patty, peas and carrots, green salad, fried potatoes, bread pudding, orange juice, milk, coffee  
 Tuesday: Potato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, peach pie, orange juice, milk, coffee  
 Wednesday: Potato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, carrot sticks, peanut butter pie, orange juice, milk, coffee  
 Thursday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered beets, carrot sticks, homemade rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee  
 Friday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered beets, carrot sticks, homemade rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee  
 Activities  
 Monday  
 Exercise from 9:30-9 a.m.  
 Coffee at 9:30 a.m.  
 Quilting at 10 a.m.  
 Tuesday  
 Lunch at noon  
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.  
 Wednesday  
 Lunch at noon  
 Early bird at 6 p.m.  
 Bingo at 7 p.m.  
 Thursday  
 Exercises from 9:30-9 a.m.  
 Coffee at 9:30 a.m.  
 Friday  
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.

### Shoshone Senior Center

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone  
 Tuesday: Pepper steak, gravy, steamed rice, copper penny carrots, applesauce, cinnamon rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee  
 Wednesday: Potato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, carrot sticks, peanut butter pie, orange juice, milk, coffee  
 Thursday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered beets, carrot sticks, homemade rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee  
 Friday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered beets, carrot sticks, homemade rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee  
 Activities  
 Monday  
 Exercise from 9:30-9 a.m.  
 Coffee at 9:30 a.m.  
 Quilting at 10 a.m.  
 Tuesday  
 Lunch at noon  
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.  
 Wednesday  
 Lunch at noon  
 Early bird at 6 p.m.  
 Bingo at 7 p.m.  
 Thursday  
 Exercises from 9:30-9 a.m.  
 Coffee at 9:30 a.m.  
 Friday  
 Pinochle at 1 p.m.

### Blaine County Senior Center

721 Third Ave. S., Hatley  
 Meals are served at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals.  
 Tuesday: Menu not available  
 Wednesday: Menu not available  
 Friday: Menu not available  
 Activities  
 Wednesday  
 Blood pressure check  
 Wednesday  
 Poetry group meeting at 12:30 p.m.

### Blindok County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert  
 Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.  
 Monday: Assorted salads, chicken nuggets, fries, corn, biscuit, cheese cake  
 Tuesday: Assorted salads, chicken nuggets, fries, corn, biscuit, cheese cake  
 Wednesday: Assorted salads, chicken nuggets, fries, corn, biscuit, cheese cake  
 Thursday: Assorted salads, chicken nuggets, fries, corn, biscuit, cheese cake  
 Friday: Assorted salads, chicken nuggets, fries, corn, biscuit, cheese cake  
 Saturday: Assorted salads, chicken nuggets, fries, corn, biscuit, cheese cake  
 Sunday: Assorted salads, chicken nuggets, fries, corn, biscuit, cheese cake  
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### Blaine County Senior Citizens

203 Wilson, Eden  
 Monday: Beef stew, corn bread, pickled beets, fruit, cookies  
 Tuesday: Barbecue ribslets, au gratin potatoes, carrot and raisin salad, ranchini bars, juice  
 Wednesday: Taco salad, fruit cocktail cake  
 Thursday: Oven baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, polar vegetable pea salad, blueberry chesecake  
 Friday: Salisbury steak, potatoes, gravy, winter mix vegetables, Jell-O with fruit, pineapple upside

Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals are \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coffee, tea, juice and bread served with all meals.  
 Tuesday: Menu not available  
 Wednesday: Menu not available  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Friday: Menu not available  
 Activities  
 Wednesday  
 Bingo at 7 p.m.

Open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday. Suggested donation for seniors is \$3. All meals are \$4 and children under 12, \$2. Coffee, tea, juice and bread served with all meals.  
 Tuesday: Menu not available  
 Wednesday: Menu not available  
 Thursday: Menu not available  
 Friday: Menu not available  
 Activities  
 Wednesday  
 Bingo at 7 p.m.

# COMMUNITY

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## Bethel 56 installs honored queen

**TWIN FALLS** - Jennifer Bemis, daughter of Jay Bemis and Diana Cyr and granddaughter of Dick and Donna Brizee of Twin Falls, will be installed as honored queen of Bethel 56 of the International Order of Job's Daughters at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Masonic Temple, 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Her theme is "The Book of Silver."

Other elected officers are: Hailey Beitia, senior princess; Nicole Patrick, junior princess; Hailey Everton, guide; and Shiann Johns, marshal. Appointed officers are: Katie Carr, chaplain; Ashley Jones, treasurer; Ashlee Jenkins, recorder; Andrea Carr, librarian; Tara McClendon, musician; Marya Morrison, Jenny Smith, Jessica Patrick, Jessie Jensen and Tami Craig, messengers; Dixie Craig, senior custodian; Robyn Everton, junior custodian;



Jennifer Bemis

Kirsten Wright, inner guard; Brooke Jardine, outer guard; and Cory Mason, flag bearer.

Kirsten Wright, retiring honored queen, will serve as the installing officer. She will be assisted by Dedra Swanstrom.

Sara Jane Talkington, Eric McCracken, Kathy Talkington, Andrea Harris, Whitney Rolig, Kathy Talkington, Linda DeBoard and Jolyn Beitia.

Todd Swanstrom will narrate the ceremony. Violin duet music will be provided by Melissa Stewart and Emily Jackson as accompanists. The Twin Falls Chapter of DeMolay will serve as the honor guard. Debbie Brizee and Connor Swanstrom will attend the guest book.

Hosts for the event are Dan and Jennifer Brizee, with Kyle Swanstrom and Andrew and Jason Bemis distributing programs. The new queen's projects will be the Southern Idaho Learning Center and the Kistler Safe House.

A reception will follow the ceremony. The public is invited to the ceremony and reception.

Job's Daughters is a young women's service and leadership organization.

## STUDENT HONORS

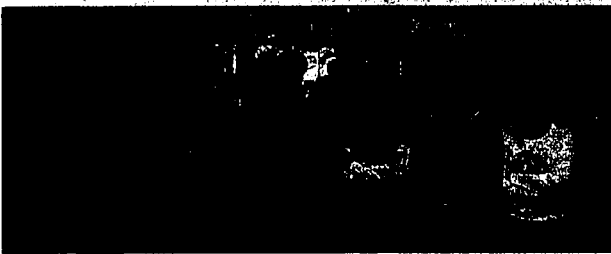


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Burley Junior High School seventh-grade students of the month for October were Isal Acoves, Danielle Adams, Norma Alvarez, Nathan Broadhead, Margaret Bywater, Jason Checketts, Jordan Davis, Angel Del Toro, Rachael Evans, Erika Gomez, Chris Guadian, Marcus Hoskins, Jim Pine and Cody Wirmall. Breanna Price is not pictured. One student was selected from each classroom by his/her teacher in appreciation of a job well done, whether an academic or classroom performance. Each student was honored during the month by Principal Steve Copman.

## STORK REPORT

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538 Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

Jeremy Schmidt of Jerome, was born Monday, Dec. 23, 2002. December Eve Egullier, daughter of Bernadette Egullier, was born Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002.

### St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Derek Nathaniel Parsons, son of Xenia and Timothy Parsons of Sun Valley, was born Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002. Brooklyn Alexis Whitesell, daughter of Dianna and Wesley Whitesell of Hailey, was born Friday, Dec. 13, 2002. Sheldon Carla Gentling, daughter of Mitchell and Steven Gentling of Ketchum, was born Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002. Anastazia Lutz Mathieu, daughter of Anna and Eric

Mathieu of Hailey, was born Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002. Carson Lee Meeks, son of Sara Meeks and Casey Gill of Shoshone, was born Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002. Sarah Marie Ballis, daughter of Toni and Boe Ballis of Bellevue, was born Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002. Rance Colton Allen, son of Romy and Johnny Allen of Bellevue, was born Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2002.

Jesse Custum Rowe, son of Diane and Shannon Rowe of Bellevue, was born Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002. Daisy Jane Buyton, daughter of Nancy and Matthew Buyton of Ketchum, was born Thursday, Dec. 19, 2002. Ronald Gust Frey Jr., son of Camron James and Ronald Frey of West Magic, was born Friday, Dec. 20, 2002. Megan Rose Hammond, daughter of Stacy and William Hammond of Hailey, was born Friday, Dec. 20, 2002.

Colten Frederick Battley, son of Kristley and Frederick Battley of Challis, was born Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002. Ariana Camila Arias Diaz, daughter of Rocio and Jose Arias of Hailey, was born Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2002.

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Gooding Accelerated Learning Center has chosen Alyssa Muck and Pedro Canchola as October students of the month. Muck, 16, is the daughter of Carla and Randy Muck, and will graduate in 2005. Canchola, 16, is the son of Tina Nally and plans on graduating in two years. Both students plan to go to college.



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## SERVICE NEWS

### Sailor earns honor at training unit in Washington

**A TI (AW) Bryan Sommer** was selected as instructor of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2002 at the Naval Air Maintenance Training Unit at Whidbey Island, Wash.

Each quarter, the unit selects one sailor to be recognized for their outstanding work. Sommer is a P-3 Avionics system instructor.

Petty Officer Sommer is from Twin Falls and married to the former Kate Maxson, also from Twin Falls. They have a 6-year-old daughter, Amy Jo. Sommer's parents are Dave and Judy Sommer of Twin Falls. Sommer joined the Navy in August 1995. He was a P-3 Avionics systems technician for more than four years. He was at the AV CI School in Pensacola, Fla. This specialized school is almost a year long and very demanding, the Navy reported.

He checked into the Naval Air Maintenance Training Unit in February 2001. During his tour there, he has been certified to teach four courses, became an instructor evaluator and collateral duty inspector, and is the course manager for one course. He also is the senior instructor in his rate group, secretary of the unit First Class Petty Officer's Association and on the Command's Managed Equal Opportunity team.

Sommer also teaches alcohol and drug awareness courses for unit personnel.

### Cummings departs to Western Pacific on carrier

Navy Seaman Lindsey J. Cummings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Cummings of Elko, Nev., has departed to the Western Pacific region while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, and was deployed to Yokosuka, Japan.

Cummings and her shipmates will conduct training exercises with regional allies in the Western Pacific.

Cummings joined the Navy in September 2001.

### Hyde heads out to the Pacific on aircraft carrier

Navy Airman Travis W. Hyde, son of Christie I. and Clifford W. Hyde of Twin Falls, has departed to the Western Pacific region while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, and was deployed to Yokosuka, Japan.

Hyde and his shipmates will conduct training exercises with regional allies in the Western Pacific.

Hyde is a 1999 graduate of

Twin Falls High School and joined the Navy in January 2001.

### Hutchison completes basic Marine training

Marine Corps Pvt. Thomas J. Hutchison, son of Coleen and Randy L. Hutchison of Jerome, has completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

Hutchison is a 2001 graduate of Jerome High School.

Hutchison successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Hutchison also spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

## RECEIVING RECOGNITION



Photo courtesy of MARY LYNE BRITTS.

Students of the week during October in Declo Junior High School's Renaissance Excellence in Education Program were, from left, back: Tashaena Crane, Gabby Juarez, Brandon Adams and Cody Darrington, all seventh-graders. They were selected by the faculty for outstanding achievement during the week in which they were nominated, and each received a gift certificate for a combo meal at Jake's. Shari Bell, front, was selected as staff of the month for October.

### Arts center is signing up for winter classes

**TWIN FALLS** - Registration has started for winter classes for children and adults at the Twin Falls Creative Arts Center at 249 Main Ave. W.

Classes offered include: Intro to Painting will meet from 9-10:30 a.m. for grades kindergarten through third and from 10:30 a.m. to noon for grades four to seven, Saturdays, Jan. 11-25. The class covers the basics of mixing colors. No supplies needed. Cost is \$35. Drawing for Adults will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Fridays, Jan. 10 to Feb. 7. Techniques in drawing, portraits, landscapes, figures, animal, still life objects will be covered. Cost is \$45.

Art Club for grades kindergarten through seven is monthly group lessons in drawing, painting, sculpture, art history and printmaking. Students participate in art displays and work with professional artists. Classes meet from 3:45-5:15 p.m. with different grades on different days. Kindergarten's meet 1:20-3 p.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$35 per month. Preschool and Parent Art will meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Children ages 3-5 explore expressive art with their parent. Cost is \$30 per month. Classes are taught by Karen Fothergill, a state-certified art teacher. For more information, call the center at 737-9111.

### 4-H Club holds winter circuit horse show in Buhl

**BUHL** - The Part of the 4-H Club will present its fourth winter circuit horse show Saturday at the Copus Cove Arena in Buhl.

Registration will be held at 7:30 a.m. The show will start at 9 a.m. Fees are \$3 per class or \$25 all day, plus \$10 arena fee per horse.

For more information, call Linda or Candy Evans at 543-8072.

### Memorial fund has been set up for family

**OAKLEY** - A memorial fund to benefit the children of the late Don Bedke of Oakley has been set up at the D. L. Evans Bank. Donations can be made at any D. L. Evans Branch or the Oakley city office.



Don Bedke

### Kimberly City Library adds lots of new books

**KIMBERLY** - The Kimberly City Library is announcing the addition of the following new books: Juvenile fiction: "The Merry Illustrated Classics: The Great Adventures of Robin Hood" by Howard Pyle, "The Red Badge of Courage" by Stephen Crane and "The Call of the Wild" by Jack London.

Juvenile non-fiction: "Crescent Color Guide to Ponies" by Angela Sayer, "Coping with Aggression" by Patricia Emanuele, "How to Draw Zoo Animals" by Jocelyn Schreiber, "Castles of the Middle Ages" by Philippe Brocard and "I Spy Mystery: A Book of Picture Riddles" by Jean Marzollo.

For more information, call the library at 423-4556.

### Gooding Co. Senior Center holds annual meeting

**GOODING** - The Gooding County Senior Citizens Organization's annual membership meeting will be held at 11:45 a.m. Thursday at the senior center, 308 Senior Ave. in Gooding.

Nominations for the board of directors will be accepted from the floor. After the break for dinner at noon, the meeting will reconvene, and ballots will be collected.

Three board members will be elected for two-year terms. Three alternate board members will be elected for a one-year term.

For more information, call 934-5504.

### Ladies of Elks meet at the Elks Lodge on Tuesday

**JEROME** - The Ladies of Elks

will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Elks Lodge, located at the 93 Golf Ranch, 406 E. 200 S., Jerome.

The group will discuss the sweetheart ball. Refreshments will be served by Maria Yurkevich, Clydie Muegerl and Mary Ann Plummer.

For more information, call 733-3241.



Seniors tackle projects. Monday in School Days

# WALK SIDES

# ENGAGEMENTS

**Movie help**  
Some children as young as 10 and 11 clamor to see PG-13 and R-rated movies. But are the films appropriate for your child? Do some homework on the Internet. Several Web sites offer parent-friendly reviews of current and past films.

**Kids-in-mind.com** - Gives a thorough explanation of what parents might find objectionable in current movie releases.

**www.movieom.com** - Run by film critic and author Nell Minow, this site gives detailed descriptions of movies for kids ages 2 to 18.

**www.screenit.com** - A husband-and-wife team assesses popular films and videos, using such terms as "widespread/tense scenes, blood/gore and profanity."

**Toy hall of fame**  
Next time you're out toy shopping, consider a classic. For a decade, Parenting magazine has honored toys that delight kids season after season, inducting them into the "Toy Hall of Fame." This year's inductees include Whoozie (a rattle/squeaker/ring toy for babies), Sit 'N Spin, Silly Putty, Lite-Brite and Nerf. The complete list, divided into age-appropriate categories, is available in the magazine's November issue. And the best part? Most of the toys cost less than \$20, and several - including Slinky, Play-doh and First Keys - cost less than \$5.

**Bad news**  
Besides being the cause of common injuries, baby walkers are garnering more negative press. They may slow infant motor development.

An Irish study published in the British Medical Journal investigated the age at which infants reached developmental milestones such as crawling and walking, comparing those who used baby walkers with those who did not.

Researchers found that crawling, standing alone and walking alone occurred later among baby-walker users, and the extent of delay was directly proportional to the amount of walker use. For

**Home hygiene**  
A new study shows that almost three-quarters of preschool children surveyed don't know after they should wash their hands after using the bathroom.

With cold and flu season approaching, parents and caregivers need to be extra vigilant about hand washing. The makers of SoftSap have created a Web site with free, downloadable posters, coloring pages and other activities aimed at teaching kids proper hand-washing techniques. Check out <http://www.latherup-for-goodhealth.com/>

**Itching**  
Baths with bubbles and zany-colored, yummy-smelling soaps may be fun for kids. But in a group of leading British dermatologists has linked a surge in childhood eczema to those perfume- and chemical-laden products.

The American Academy of Dermatology reports that up to 20 percent of all children in the United States suffer from the chronic skin condition, a 30 percent jump since 1970. Other factors that contribute to eczema include genetics and stress.

**Joint venture**  
According to a recent poll by Parents.com, 35 percent of households said Mom usually changes the baby's diaper, 2 percent said Dad usually does it, and 63 percent said the responsibility falls to "whoever gets the first whiff."

**Dangerous George**  
Curious George should be nicknamed "Dangerous George," according to an alert from the child safety group World Against Toys Causing Harm, or WATCH.

A plush version of the friendly simian manufactured by Brio tops the group's annual "10 Most Toys" list, which alerts parents to dangers such as sharp edges, eye-damaging trajectories and strangulation and choking hazards.

The Curious George doll wearing a yellow space suit yields a detachable phone that poses a choking hazard. Other toys rounding out the list are:

- Digital Monsters Digimon
- Bingo at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday: Menu not available
- Thursday: Menu not available
- Friday: Menu not available
- Activities
- Monday
- Pool at 10 a.m.
- Exercise at 11:15 a.m.
- Pinchle at 1 p.m.
- Tuesday
- Pool at 10 a.m.
- Exercise at 11:15 a.m.

**Loved ones**  
Family relationships can be stressful, but many people look to these same relationships when seeking solace and comfort, according to a recent survey.

The study, sponsored by General Nutrition Centers, showed that 22 percent of respondents said the cause of stress in their life was marital or personal relationships. Meanwhile, 34 percent said they spend more time with family and friends in an effort to reduce stress. Other stress relievers include exercising regularly (23 percent), religion (30 percent), vacations (16 percent), not working too hard (15 percent), taking vitamins, herbs or natural supplements (14 percent), reading self-help books (13 percent) and counseling (8 percent).

**Mail safe**  
If you lose track of your child while shopping, follow these rules from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, in Parents magazine:

- Speak up. Don't waste time searching store aisles yourself - alert security immediately.
- Stay in the area. Emphasize to your child that he should never leave the store or go out to the parking lot by himself or with someone he doesn't know.
- Teach names and numbers. Help your child memorize his address, phone number and full name.
- Carry a photo. Keep your child's picture in your wallet, note his height and weight on the back, and update often.

**Cabin fever**  
Maybe it hasn't happened yet, but it will. There will come a time this winter when the weather is awful, the kids are stir-crazy, and you feel like tearing your hair out.

Fear not. We have surveyed parents, scoured magazines, thumbed through books and browsed Internet sites to compile 10 surefire cures for cabin fever. So just clip this page, hang it on the fridge and dare Old Man Winter to give you his best shot.

Build the ultimate fort. We're not talking about one measly sheet stretched from couch to coffee table. If you're going to ward off the winter blahs and really keep kids busy, build a fort to end

**all fun.**  
Empty the linen closet of every sheet and blanket you own, and build a tent city. Tuck sheets underneath couch cushions or into dresser drawers. Use anything sturdy and upright, such as a music stand or tee-ball tee, to fortify your structure in the middle of the room.

Provide a few pillows, flashlights, books and snacks, and you won't likely see the kids for several hours.

Bake something. Use refrigerated cookie dough if you want to keep it simple. Or try this recipe for microwavable chocolate fudge, from AllRecipes.com:

**Ingredients:**  
2 cups semisweet chocolate chips  
1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1 1/2 cups chopped walnuts (optional)  
1 cup miniature marshmallows

**Directions:** Grease an 8x8-inch square pan and set aside. Place the chocolate chips and sweetened condensed milk into a medium-sized microwavable bowl. Microwave on high for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring occasionally, until smooth. Stir in the vanilla, then fold in the walnuts and marshmallows. Spread evenly into the pan. Chill until set.

**Lotsa premises**  
The percentage of babies born prematurely in the United States reached a two-decade high last year, driven by an increase in twins and triplets, the Associated Press reports.

The government also found a rise in prenatal care and a drop in smoking during pregnancy. Births to teenagers fell for the 10th year in a row, with abortion on the decline, too. Births to women in their 30s and 40s continued a steady climb.

Overall, 4,025,933 babies were born in the United States in 2001, a small drop from 2000.

**MARTIN-BUTLER**  
BURLY - Douglas and Kay Martin of Driggs announce the engagement of their daughter, Cara Lynn Martin, to Jody Lee Butler, son of Mike and Treanna Butler of Burley.

Martin attended Idaho State University.

Butler attended Brigham Young University-Idaho.

The wedding is planned for Tuesday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 p.m. Saturday at the LDS Church, 515 E. 16th St., Burley.



Cara Martin and Jody Butler

**VORSE-ASKEW**  
HEYBURN - Wayne and Jeanni Vorse of Las Vegas, Nev., announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorie Rae-Ann Vorse, to Michael Dean Askew, son of Arlen and Carla Askew of Heyburn.

Vorse is a graduate of Liberty Christian Academy and is currently attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Java Jungle in Twin Falls.

Askew is a graduate of Minico High School. He is employed at J and R Livestock in Heyburn.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Magic



Michael Askew and Dorie Vorse

Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 E. Ave. H, Jerome. A reception to honor the couple will immediately follow the ceremony at the same location.

# WEDDING

**WALDEN-BERKLEY**  
TWIN FALLS - Miranda Shantae Walden and Christopher Robert Berkley were married Sept. 28, 2002, in a garden wedding at the White House in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Jeffery Walden and Tawna Rubenstein at Twin Falls.

The bridegroom is the son of Robert Berkley and Kathleen Watkins.

Nicole Stocking, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Jessie Puhman and Jamille Carvajal were the bridesmaids.

Travis Berkley, brother of the groom, was the best man. Groomsmen included Justen Mills and Jared Hensen.

Brooke Walden, sister of the bride, and Alexis Watkins, niece of the groom, were the flower girls.

Tanner Purves was the ring bearer.

Special guests included the bride's grandparents, Junior and Nola Walden of Twin Falls and Edwin and Karen Daw of Pocatello, and the groom's grandparents, Roger and Evelyn Fiala of Jerome.

After a wedding trip to Salt



Miranda and Christopher Berkley

**Favorite toy?**  
Will it be Baby Annabell or Chicken Dance Elmo? A robotic cat or a crayon maker? Yu-Gi-Oh! or Groovy Girls?

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Voting runs through Thursday, and the winner will be announced during the International Toy Fair in February.

**Windmill downside?**  
Wind power is touted as a clean source of alternative energy. But what about the danger to birds?

**Monday in The Times-News**

# Calendar

**Continued from E3**

**Tuesday:** Baked potato bar, rolls, ice cream

**Wednesday:** Bean salad, roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, pudding

**Thursday:** Tossed salad, chili, corn bread, fruit bowl, brownies

**Friday:** Smorgasbord

Center gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Quilting and pool table daily during center hours. Crafts every day. Volunteers are needed to do grocery shopping for shut-ins. Call Rideleys at 436-1200

**Activities**

**Monday**

Exercise from 10-11 a.m.

Songfest from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Tuesday**

Quilting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bingo from 1-2 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Pinchle from 1-4 p.m.

**Thursday**

Exercise from 10-11 a.m.

SHIBA Medicare supplemental insurance assistance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwinderman at 436-9107.

**Friday**

Pinchle from 1-4 p.m.

Bingo at 7 p.m.

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FAMILY LIFE

Their one true love - over and over

Serial monogamists flow from one marriage to another

The Dallas Morning News

The phrase itself only made it into the Oxford English Dictionary last year. But "serial monogamy" is not really all that new.

The phenomenon has been around since way before Henry VIII, the 16th-century king of England who married six times in his obsessive quest for male heirs. Even citizens of the Roman Empire, as far back as the first century B.C., practiced serial marriages.

Before the 20th century, the combination of mortality in childbirth and primitive medical practices often resulted in shorter life spans, meaning many people were unfortunately destined to be widowed more than once. This was the case of some unlikely candidates for serial monogamy, the three-wed founder of the Church of Christ, Scientist.

But today we have a different breed of serial monogamists: people who divorce repeatedly, going from one marriage to another in search of the "perfect" partner.

In other cases, real life may be not too different from the byzantine soap-opera travails of "All My Children's" heroine Erica Kane (played by actress Susan Lucci). Erica has been married nine times to six men. She married three of her husbands twice each, and (oops!) had two illegal marriages to yet another swain.

On the soap, it's all fiction. But it's not all that far from fact, considering that actress Elizabeth Taylor has been married eight times, including twice to Richard Burton - and that she managed to acquire four husbands in the 1950s alone.

"I imagine Elizabeth Taylor choosing a dress in which to marry Richard Burton. Did she believe that this time everything would be different? That this time she would be true until death do they part? I marvel at such hubris."

It we define "serial monogamists" as three or more marriages to one's personal choice, the best-known serial monogamists are celebrities such as Taylor, CNN talk-show host Larry King and actor Mickey Rooney, all with eight marriages each, and Hollywood's reigning diva, Zsa Zsa Gabor, with nine.

Moving up a contender is our serial bridegroom of the year, actor Billy Bob Thornton. He recently dispensed with Wife No. 5, actress Angelina Jolie - and he is only 47.

Many of us know someone who has shed his or her second or third spouse and plans another trip to the altar. The mom next door may have more than she imagined in common with model Christie Brinkley and actress Melanie Griffith, each of whom has been married four times and has three children, each child by a different husband.

This inherently creates difficulties. "The blending of children is one of the biggest problems," says Joan Robertson Cross, a psychologist whose Dallas area practice sees many couples working on their third or fourth marriages. By the time a parent enters a third marriage, he or she is hauling the considerable baggage of children who resent the revolving door of stepmothers and stepdaddies.

Such children also grow up with a distorted idea of marriage, says Kelly Simpson, a marriage and family therapist at the Active Relationships Center in Dallas.

"Repeated changing partners produces a generation of kids who have never seen a marriage work," Simpson says. These children are likely to regard the opposite sex as untrustworthy, suffers as easily replicable. The chances are poor that they will avoid the example set by their parents and achieve a stable marriage of their own.

Serial monogamists "most definitely come out of similar fractured households," Simpson says. Cross agrees: "There is a correlation in divorce. If one of the partners in a marriage has been married three times, 9 times out of 10, that one is from a divorced home."



Erica Kane, played by actress Susan Lucci on the ABC soap opera 'All My Children,' has been married nine times to six men. She married three of her husbands twice each, and had two illegal marriages to yet another man.

Same old glimpse of Paradise: -poet William James Lampton, "June Weddings"

Why do people repeatedly fall at marriage? It's not a matter of socio-political philosophy, for sure: Those who have had three spouses include staunch conservatives such as New Gingrich and die-hard liberals such as Jane Fonda.

First marriages usually falter when the heat of romance cools unexpectedly. This coincides with the waning of a potent "chemical cocktail" that, when released in the human body, makes one feel sexually attracted to - in love with - another person.

Eventually it's the same song, third verse.

If you fit this pattern, you're merely in love with love. Like any addition, the "love drug" requires more frequent doses to maintain its kick. That's why serial marriages or other monogamous relationships may get suc-

cessively shorter in duration.

Couples who work to save a marriage and succeed are likely to be influenced by "subliminal pressures from their families, their friends and their faith," Simpson says. Those partners tend to have more intact extended families, with parents and siblings in stable marriages.

Couples may have a better support network if they have a religious reason for marital commitment. A social group of happily married friends also can exert a subtle force, "because friends don't like to see their friends get divorced," Simpson says.

"It was the triumph of hope over experience."

-Samuel Johnson on the subject of remarriage, 1770

Can serial monogamists ever find true happiness? Yes - but not unless the serial bride and groom learn some hard lessons. Otherwise, "you can marry five times and never learn anything," Simpson says.

Key points: • No serial spouse is an innocent party to marital disaster.

All serial spouses have repetitive positive and negative behavioral patterns.

They are destined to fail unless they change themselves.

They must team up with their spouse to break their destructive patterns.

Cross and Simpson agree that the serial spouses who seem to try hardest are likely to save a third marriage. "I see a lot of good marriages coming out of No. 3," Cross says.

So, if what was learned in No. 3 had been learned in No. 1, more first marriages presumably would survive.

"Elizabeth Taylor, now 70, once said of her eight marriages, 'What do you expect me to do? Sleep alone? And Zsa Zsa Gabor, 13 years older and wed nine times, said, 'I have nothing to brag about sex because I've always been married.'"

- columnist Susan Ager, The Detroit Free Press

Is serial monogamy the symptom of a society that now treats marriage vows as disposable? "No question about it," says Simpson. "People cut the line a lot faster than they used to."

They also hedge their bets more. Modern couples often live together before trying out a "test drive" will avert divorce, says Carina Chocano, a writer for the online magazine Salon.com. But the National Marriage Project, affiliated with Rutgers University, found that cohabitation before marriage actually increases the likelihood of divorce by 46 percent.

"There's a reason a 'test drive' lasts 10 minutes instead of three years," Chocano wisecracks. Because at the end of three years, you want a new car."

Women might more fully see implications of decisions

Los Angeles Times

Enron Vice President Sheron Watkins. FBI agent Colleen Rowley. Former FBI translator Sibyl Edmonds.

All were close to high-level wrongdoing, all willing to tell. In the recent months of high-profile scandals, these whistle-blowers have exposed misdeeds in some of the highest-stakes cases in the country, and because all are women, many have speculated that "gender might have had something to do with it."

There's no question that as women have come into positions of power, they have gained unprecedented access to information about the workings of their organizations. Some people

believe that when they come face to face with unethical acts, they react with an inherently stronger moral and ethical sense than men do.

Pointing to research by Harvard's Carol Gilligan showing differences in how men and women look at ethical issues, University of California, Irvine, professor Judith Rosener says women have already brought a different ethic to the workplace. "Women see things in a much bigger context than do men," she says.

In her e-book "Ways Women Lead" (Harvard Business School, 2002), she observes that women tend to be more interactive in their leadership. For instance, women consult a lot of people when they make deci-

sions, men consult a small coterie of people.

Women see the implications of their decisions, such as whom will be hurt, in contrast to men, who tend to think about whether they will make money or get caught, Rosener says. "Not that men are more crooked. They don't think about implications in the same way."

It's no coincidence that the whistle-blowers exposing some of the most significant examples of government incompetence and corporate greed are women, says Anita Hill, the Brandeis University professor who, in confirmation hearings for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, charged him with sexual harassment. In an essay for The

Toxic turnabouts - friends can suddenly get on each other's nerves

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

You miss the beginning of the movie because she picks you up late. When you get a raise, she delivers a veiled insult instead of a compliment. For the third time in recent months, she breaks a coffee date with you at the last minute. She offers to send flowers from both of you when your mutual friend is in the hospital, and then she cheats you out. She criticizes your relationship with your sister-in-law or worse, your relationship with your kids.

Sound like somebody you know? Women's friendships have

been celebrated in movies, books - and individuals' lives - more than ever before. Now, two new books draw attention to the dark side of some of those friendships.

"When Friendship Hurts: How to Deal With Friends Who Betray, Abandon or Wound You" (Fireseed, \$13), sociologist Jan Yager includes chapters on "Can This Friendship Be Saved?" and "When and How to End It."

In "The Dance of Conspiration" (Quill, \$13.95), psychologist and author Harriet Lerner teaches friends and others in close relationships how to conduct painful but necessary conversations.

One researcher has identified

21 different categories of "bad" friendships, also known as toxic friendships. These range from deeply pathological, where criminal behavior is involved, to unnecessarily repeating when a so-called friend repeatedly gets on your nerves.

Most often, the friends involved are women, though many a man also has had a buddy go bad on him. In either case, choosing to lose a friend even after repeated confrontations, can hurt.

A woman who asked that her name not be used told this story: Over time, whenever she wanted to get together for lunch or din-

er with a longtime friend, that friend couldn't go on the day the woman suggested. "Four times, I canceled or rearranged my plans so we could go when she wanted. Then, the fifth time, my friend refused to do that for me," said the woman.

"Finally, I told her that I didn't like that she wouldn't cancel something to see me when I had done that repeatedly for her. I said, 'I must not be that low on her priority list.' She responded that I felt not value our friendship very much - and that was my line. That was the moment when that friendship went bad."

It's time to display your original thinking, Scorpio

By Horoscope Sydney Omarr

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C.P. ELKTON, MD. DEAR C.P.: It is true that "roofs" is not the only possible plural form of the word "roof." The plural "rooves" also exists, although it is used much less often than is "roofs." "Rooves" simply continues the old plural forms "rooves" and "roovis," which date back to at least the late 14th century and were still reasonably common in the time of Henry VIII and his daughter Elizabeth.

You should keep in mind, however, that "roofs" has been the dominant plural since at least the early 17th century, perhaps because it follows the usual pattern for words ending in "-f." Shakespeare wrote in Henry V of "the singing masons building roofs of gold."

The fact that the similar word "hoofs" is more commonly than the plural "hooves" than "hoofs" simply testifies to the often inconsistent and unpredictable nature of our language. Today, many people would be surprised to see or hear the plural form "rooves," so rare has it become. Nevertheless, it does still appear from time to time, more commonly in British English than in American English.

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