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A CLEANER RIVER



A seagull flies over a settling pond at one of the Clear Springs Foods Inc. fish farms near Buhl. Through a combination of new feeds, settling ponds and quiescent zones in the fish runs, the company has experienced a huge reduction in pollutants in their discharge water.

Fish producers work to meet deadline for pollution limits

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Further reductions in river pollutants generated by fish farms are coming. Faced with a federal deadline, the aquaculture industry on the mid-Snake River from Milner to Glenns Ferry crafted a proposal that allots pollutant limits to the 68 fish farms on the reach of river. The industry as a whole may discharge up to 970.2 pounds of phosphorus a day into the mid-Snake. That limit must be distributed equitably among all 68 farms. The plan up for public review attempts to do that. How much fish a hatchery produces

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and how much water it uses formulates its limit. Phosphorus is a nutrient that at excessive levels can feed nuisance-level plant growth that can be harmful to fish and hinder boaters, water skiers and rescue teams. To improve water quality on the mid-Snake, all industries and municipalities discharging wastewater into the river must reduce phosphorus levels. In the aquaculture industry, phosphorus is a component of fish meal. Mid-Snake River fish producers

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Recipe for a working river

The Snake River is a working river. Here are the problems, identified by local water quality experts, that affect the mid-Snake from Milner to Glenns Ferry - and the "ingredients" that created the troubles.

■ The problems:

- Low flows.
- High amounts of phosphorus and nitrates that lead to nuisance-level plant growth that can be harmful to fish and hinder boaters, water skiers and rescue teams.
- High amounts of sediments that can reduce fish spawning habitat and can be a food for general fish health.
- Higher than natural temperatures, that can be harmful to cold water fish, such as trout, rainbow and cutthroat trout.

■ The ingredients:

- Damns that alter the river's natural hydrology, contributing to low flows and higher water temperatures.
- Industrial discharges by food processors that result in discharges of nutrient rich wastewater into the river.
- Irrigated farmland that produces runoff carrying sediments and nutrients into the river.
- Livestock operations that contribute sediments, nutrients and ammonia to runoff. At high levels, these contaminants can be toxic to fish.
- Abandoned and treated sewer water from municipal and septic systems that result in discharges of nutrient rich and ammonia containing waste.
- Urban runoff that carries more sediments and other pollutants.
- Recreational use that can contribute to erosion and pollution.

Iraq invasion could raise or lower oil prices

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - If the United States invades Iraq, there could be oil shortages and gas lines - or an oil glut and falling prices. Much depends on whether American troops can secure Iraqi oil fields and whether other producers continue the flow of oil uninterrupted. In the growing drumbeat over war with Iraq, the Bush administration rarely mentions oil, even though Iraq has one-tenth of the world's oil reserves. But a military campaign almost certainly will have a major impact on world markets. In the event of a war, Secretary of State Colin Powell said recently, "We would want to protect those fields and make sure that they're ... not destroyed or damaged by a failing regime on the way out the door." The growing prospect of war, combined with the monthlong political strife in Venezuela that



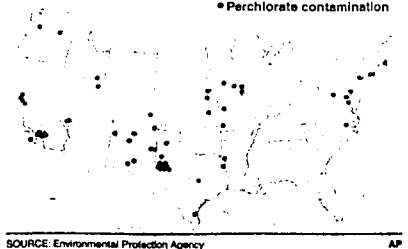
Spc. Derrick Box of the 324th Replacement Battalion spends time with his 14-month-old son, Derlon, Saturday afternoon at the Guy II and Will Jones Memorial U.S. Army Reserve Center in Starkville, Miss. The 324th Replacement Battalion was called to active duty Thursday as part of President Bush's partial mobilization for a possible war with Iraq.

is hamstringing that country's oil production, already has caused unease among energy traders.

average price of gasoline has risen steadily to more than \$1.40 a gallon. On Dec. 26, pump prices in several cities jumped by as much as 20 cents a gallon overnight. World oil stocks have been tight and fell sharply last week, the Energy Department says. "The loss of Venezuelan oil is beginning to hurt," says Robert Ebel of the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "What people are beginning to worry about is suppose the loss of Venezuelan oil continues when we intervene in Iraq." Together, Iraq and Venezuela produce about 5 million barrels a day. Ebel and other energy experts wonder whether increased production from other countries will be able to make up such a shortfall. With global production at about 76 million barrels daily, a loss of several million barrels could cause prices to soar, economists say.

Rocket fuel pollution causing concern

Porchkonto, a chemical used during the Cold War era to fuel missiles and rockets, has contaminated rivers and wells across the country. The chemical interferes with the thyroid gland, which regulates metabolism. Its level of risk is a source of debate.



• Perchlorate contamination

SOURCE: Environmental Protection Agency

Rocket fuel pollution strains water supplies in the West

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - A toxic chemical used to fuel Cold War-era missiles and the rockets that put man on the moon has left a legacy of contamination across the Southwest, where it pinches the region's already tight supply of drinking water. The chemical, called perchlorate, pollutes much of the lower Colorado River - the main water source for 20 million people across the Southwest - and has forced the shutdown of hundreds of wells in California. State and federal officials are still debating how much risk perchlorate poses when ingested and

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Idaho swears in officials today

Inauguration brings new faces to legislature

The Associated Press

BOISE - Today's inauguration brings into the Capitol the largest bloc of newly elected state officials in more than 40 years. While Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne takes the oath of office for his second term during ceremonies just after noon, the state will witness the swearing in of a new lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state and controller.

And only moments before those ceremonies on the steps of the century-old Statehouse, 34 new members of the 405-member Legislature will take their oaths, the largest contingent of new legislators in memory. The last time turnover among statewide elected officials was greater was in 1979, when only GOP Gov. Robert Smyke was re-elected.

The budget crisis resulted in a much less elaborate setting for the inauguration than four years ago when there was some controversy about the \$12.9 million construction on the south steps of the Capitol for the event. Kempthorne was expected to make a relatively brief inaugural speech - about 10 minutes - but could be absent, the state is to plan he intends to fly out of his State of the State and budget addresses later in the week to permanently resolve the state's financial crisis.

The former Boise mayor and U.S. senator used his first inaugural in 1999 to dedicate his administration to "the generation of the child" only to see a deluge of criticism, a costly and messy end to the terms made in the past few years. Kempthorne has already promised to protect education, health care and public safety from further budget cuts, but a foundation for a fight with the nation's most Republican Legislature over a tax increase. Democrats took advantage of legislative redistricting to nearly

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Small asteroid chases Earth through orbit

The Associated Press

SEATTLE - In a space game of "catch me if you can," a small asteroid shares the same orbit with Earth - sometimes ahead, sometimes behind, but never quite touching - as the two race around the sun, astronomers say. "This is one of the most interesting orbits for an asteroid we have ever seen," said Paul Chodas, a Jet Propulsion Laboratory researcher who studies asteroids and who first plotted the bizarre motion of the space rock. The asteroid, called 2002 AA29, is in a precise circular orbit that follows the same general path as the Earth around the sun. But, like a mouse teasing a cat, the asteroid sometimes speeds up and precedes the Earth and then later slows to drop into a follow-the-leader approach. But never will the two meet, Chodas says.

On Wednesday, the asteroid makes its closest approach to the Earth in almost a century, moving within 3.7 million miles. "For a number of decades the asteroid has been zipping a little slower than the Earth and the Earth has been catching up," Chodas said in a telephone interview. "This week it makes its closest approach in 95 years." Chodas said that during the close approach, the Earth's gravity would cause the asteroid to swing

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny skies and a light breeze. Highs in the lower 40s.
Tonight: Clear and calm. Lows near 20.

Tomorrow: Seasonably mild with periods of sunshine. Highs in the middle 40s.

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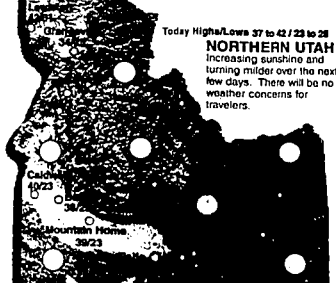
Today: Sunny skies and a light breeze. Highs in the lower 40s.
Tonight: Clear and calm. Lows in the upper teens.

Tomorrow: Sunny and mild. Highs in the lower 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Sunny and quite mild today. Look for increasing clouds on Tuesday but will be seasonably mild.

Today Highs 18 to 28. Tonight's Lows -7 to 10
BOISE Beautiful weather is expected today and Tuesday with sunshine and seasonably mild temperatures. Even the winds will be light.



Weather by State: Eastern Idaho: 47 at Lewiston. Lower: 20 at Hill City. Valley: 30 in Sun Valley. Partly cloudy, mostly cloudy, cloudy. In the Snake River Valley: 28 at Burley. In the West: in missing.

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most reduce by 40 percent the amount of phosphorus their farms discharge into the river.

"We're probably about 20 percent there," said Balharvar "Tommy" Bahader, regional water quality manager for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality in Twin Falls.

In 1995, the 14 largest fish farms began operating under reduced phosphorus permit limits, said Carla Fromm, environmental scientist with the Environmental Protection Agency.

But the industry was faced with a tough situation without having a clear starting line.

"There was little information about phosphorus concentrations in the wastewater and how much wastewater overall was returning to the river," Fromm said. Faced with regulations to reduce phosphorus without having baseline data was a bog of contention in the industry.

Scientists Randy MacMillan, vice president of research and environmental affairs for Clear Springs Foods Inc. in Burley, is chairman of the architecture committee that drafted the industry's phosphorus load distribution proposal.

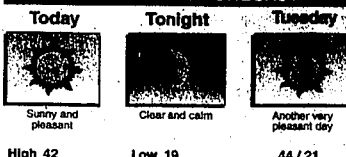
The EPA ultimately must approve phosphorus limits as part

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST



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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Pollution

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and, most recently, an unknown mass in her left kidney.

The mother of three blames the perchlorate-tainted water she drank while growing up in Redlands. There, 70 miles east of Los Angeles, nearly 1,000 people are using Lockheed Martin over perchlorate pollution associated with a former rocket engine testing facility that closed in the 1970s.

"I played in the water, drank the water, everything. The normal things a child does," Wise-Tates said. "Since it was in the water, it was in the water, that's what I attribute it to."

Lockheed spokeswoman Gail Rymer said the company is "vigorously" defending itself against the claims.

"We do not feel that anyone was harmed or has been made ill as a result of our operations at the former Lockheed Propulsion Co. site," Rymer said.

The oxygen-rich chemical interferes with the way the body takes in food into the thyroid and can disrupt how the gland regulates metabolism. It's unclear how much is dangerous.

Initially, it was thought perchlorate pollution would be restricted to places where rocket fuel was made or used. However, it's since been tied to plants around the country that made munitions, fireworks and even the charges that deploy airbags.

"Anything that explodes seems to be associated with perchlorate," said David Spath, chief of the division of drinking water and environmental management for the California Department of Health Services.

Along with explosives, naturally perchlorate-rich fertilizer import-

Asteroid

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into a slightly lower orbit, which will make it move faster than the Earth.

The asteroid will continue moving ahead until, in 95 years, it approaches the Earth from behind. Gravity then will force the asteroid into a higher, slower orbit and the Earth will move ahead. In another 95 years, the Earth approaches from behind and the cycle is repeated.

"There's no possibility that this asteroid could hit Earth because Earth's gravity rebuffs its periodic

advances and keeps it at bay," said Don Yeomans, head of a NASA asteroid program at JPL.

The asteroid is only about 200 feet across, too small to be easily seen. It was discovered last year as part of a NASA telescope that finds and plots asteroids that orbit near the Earth.

term will change slightly. Chodas said the asteroid will loop about the Earth, but never will become a true satellite that actually orbits the planet.

After about 40 years, it will drop back into its earlier pattern and the cat-and-mouse game will continue for many more centuries.

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Officials

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double their number to 23, and they are hoping to align with moderate Republicans and Kemphorne to protect education and other programs the governor has labeled as essential.

Adrienne Wise-Tates sits near a glass of bottled water.



Adrienne Wise-Tates sits near a glass of bottled water Dec. 27 at her home in San Bernardino, Calif. Wise-Tates is a plaintiff in a class-action lawsuit that accuses a defense contractor of contaminating ground water supplies with perchlorate.

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ed from Chile has contaminated wells on New York's Long Island, forcing some to close.

"We need to be able to say to people that this is a problem, it is a big problem. It is moving rapidly. It is in 22 states and we need to

address it," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. "We don't need to panic, but we need to do it in a way that's cost-effective and makes sense."

The single largest source of contamination is a former Kerr-McGee Corp. rocket fuel plant outside Las Vegas.

For decades, waste water containing perchlorate was left to seep into the ground, a company official said.

"There were probably 20-plus years when we didn't have the environmental awareness we have today," said Pat Corbett, the former plant manager who is now the company's environmental technology director.

The site still leaches as much as 900 pounds of perchlorate a day into a wash that drains into the Colorado River, the main water source for much of Arizona, southern California and the northern Nevada.

Across the nation, millions more eat vegetables grown with Colorado River water. What risk the vegetables could pose, if any, is unknown.

"It's really one of the most massive pollution problems the water industry has ever seen," said Timothy Brick, a member of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Across California, nearly 300 wells are contaminated. More are in Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, where dozens of aerospace factories hummed during the Cold War.

On the board that manages state land and the money earned from it.

At 85, Cenarrusa is ending a political career that spanned a half century and included a record 35 years in statewide office.

William Williams, a Democrat, is now working for a California-based financial management computer software company. And Lanced is awaiting U.S. Senate confirmation as a member of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Authorities link Muhammad to two of the

sniper shootings

WASHINGTON — Prosecutors and investigators have painstakingly been re-examining John Lee Muhammad's and John Lee Malvo's movements across the country, assembling critical evidence that authorities now believe ties both suspects to the terrifying string of shootings in the Washington area.

No eyewitnesses have come forward claiming to have seen any of the October shootings in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, and surveillance video has been only marginally helpful. So authorities have spent the 10 weeks since Muhammad's and Malvo's arrests weaving a complex trail from forensic evidence that sources say directly links both suspects to several of the shootings since.

Sources now say that investigators can definitively link Muhammad, 42, to at least two of the slayings in the cross-country shootings that claimed 14 lives — including that of Dean Harold Meyers, 53, on Oct. 9 at a gas station in Prince William County, Va.

A fingerprint lifted from an ADC street map booklet found near the shooting site belongs to Muhammad, four law enforcement sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The sources said the map was stolen from a public library in Montgomery County, Md., near several of the shooting sites there — and was found near the scene of Meyers's killing.

Muhammad and Malvo, 17, have been named as suspects in 21 shootings, including the 13 sniper incidents in the Washington area that killed 10 people from Oct. 2 through Oct. 22. They are charged in several of the shootings, and Muhammad faced prosecution first in Prince William County, charged with capital murder in Meyers's death. Malvo faces his first prosecution in Fairfax County Va., in the Oct. 14 slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin, 49, in a Home Depot parking lot.

The sources cautioned that the map booklet doesn't prove that Muhammad fired the shot that killed Meyers, but they said it places him at the scene — a key factor in the case.

"It's an important piece of the overall picture," one source said. "Nothing is a smoking gun in these murders because we don't have hundreds of eyewitnesses who all would see someone pull out a gun and squeeze the trigger. All of the physical evidence helps draw a bigger picture. It's circumstantial, but it's absolutely helpful. Every bit of it is critical."

When Muhammad's lawyer, Peter Greenspan, declined to comment on any evidence, Greenspan has criticized the release of information in the case and successfully sought a gag order against the Fairfax County police.

"We're going to continue our policy that the case will be tried in the courtroom," Greenspan said.

The looming courtroom battles have focused the attention of the sniper task force. The members' work is largely directed at preparing for Malvo's preliminary hearing in Fairfax, scheduled for Jan. 14.

Prosecutors said they plan to present as many as 20 witnesses in arguing that Malvo should be tried in adult court, where he could face the death penalty.

"I've never had a case with this volume of evidence coming from other jurisdictions where you have to deal with a wide variety of crime scenes and all the testing and all the forensics," said Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney Robert F. Horan Jr. (D), declining to comment on specific evidence. "There will be more later. We're just in the preliminary stages."

Horan has said he will not use statements Malvo has made to investigators at the preliminary hearing. Sources have reported that Malvo said he pulled the trigger in at least three of the shootings, including Franklin's.

Investigators have used the past 10 weeks to pull together additional information from around the country. The list of forensic evidence has grown so large, sources said, that prosecutors have assigned an officer whose only role is to keep track of the chain of custody.



Joseph Glasper of East Hartford, Conn., talks with nurse Susan Faraone Friday in New Haven, Conn. Glasper received stem cells from his brother, John T. Glasper, who was transported from a Virginia prison for the transplant.

GIFT FROM BEHIND BARS

Convicted burglar donates stem cells to save sick brother

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Two months after being sent to Virginia to finish serving an 11-year prison sentence for burglary, John "J.T." Glasper returned to Connecticut to save his brother's life.

Joseph Glasper, 20, needed a stem cell transplant to fight a rare and deadly form of a blood disease called aplastic anemia. His bone marrow had stopped making enough blood cells, compromising his immune system to the point where he would die within a day if he caught an infection.

John, 22, was Joseph's only match. "He definitely wanted to do this," said Pat Ottolini, acting director of health services for the state Department of Correction, which had transferred John to Virginia in October to ease prison overcrowding. "He did this because it was his brother."

The brothers were close growing up in East Hartford, Joseph said, but then John was arrested, and he hadn't seen him outside court in three years.

Joseph, meanwhile, had joined the Army, but earlier this year he began feeling weak. While home on leave, he was diagnosed with aplastic anemia.

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"I just cried for a long time," Joseph said. "I told him I loved him and I missed him. ... He said, 'I would do anything to save your life.'"

After the meeting, John was returned to the Connecticut prison, and doctors gave him injections of a drug that triggers the production of stem cells. The transplant took place Thursday.

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Officers accused in cover-ups go to trial

MIAMI (AP) — The late 1990s in Miami was marked by high volume crime rates, with roving gangs that stalked tourists, but prosecutors say the violence also included acts committed by the police.

Based on information from two retired officers who pleaded guilty to conspiracy in September 2001, 11 other officers were indicted on federal corruption charges alleging cover-ups in four police shootings in which three men were killed.

The 11 were scheduled to go on trial Monday on charges of planning, covering up or manipulating evidence or covering up crimes by others in a series of questionable shootings. The two who pleaded guilty are slated as the prosecution's star witnesses.

The case was the city's worst police scandal since the 1980s, when the so-called "Miami River Cops" stole cocaine from drug traffickers and sold the drug themselves. More than 100 officers were arrested, fired or disciplined in that case.

"The history of Miami has been characterized by ugly police-community relations," said Howard Simon, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida. "There is a loss of confidence, if not outright hostility, by the minority community because of the great number of shootings of typically unarmed black young men."

Miami is not alone. In Los Angeles, about 100 criminal cases were overturned after investigators heard allegations of

police abuses in the police department's Rampart Division that included evidence tampering, unjustified shootings and thefts.

The numbers of police shootings in New York City have declined markedly but have been highlighted by cases such as the 1999 death of immigrant Amadou Diallo, shot 19 times by four white officers when he reached for his wallet.

The four Miami officers involved the deaths of three black men and the wounding of a fourth, plus one in which a man escaped injuries.

In all of the cases, prosecutors say, guns were planted to make it look as if the three robbery suspects, a drug suspect and a homeless man were armed.

GM plans hybrid cars, pickups, SUVs

DETROIT (AP) — In one of the clearest signs yet that hybrid cars may be going mainstream, General Motors Corp. plans to offer a variety of the gas-and-electric powered vehicles over the next four years.

The plan by the world's biggest automaker, to be announced Monday, includes hybrid models for cars, pickups and sports utility vehicles.

GM's new strategy sends a clear signal that auto executives are starting to consider energy-efficient hybrids as potentially viable offerings to the mainstream motoring public.

Hybrids draw power from two different energy sources, typically a gas or diesel engine combined with an electric motor. While environmentally friendly and fuel efficient, their high cost has prevented them from finding more than a niche market.

For now, the only versions avail-

able in the United States are small cars made by Honda Motor Co. and Toyota Motor Corp.

GM will offer hybrid options on several vehicles, starting later this

year with the GMC Sierra and Chevrolet Silverado pickups.

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Republicans seek to end speaker's term limit

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Eight years after taking power, House Republicans are moving to jettison a rule they had established on the first day of their reign: a four-term limit on the office of House speaker.

The proposal, expected to be approved next week, would enable Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., to serve beyond the January 2007 limit that now binds him.

The impending change reflects the overwhelming popularity of Hastert, the low-key successor to the fiery Newt Gingrich of Georgia, among his rank and file. But it also is another sign of the waning of one of the most powerful political movements of the 1990s.

The move also shows Republicans bolstering their leadership options only weeks after replacing their beleaguered leader in the Senate, Trent Lott of Mississippi, with a more-polished, less-polarizing figure, Tennessee's Bill Frist.

In 1994, when Democrats controlled Congress and the White House, Republicans embraced term limits as a cornerstone of their campaign nationwide. They argued that limiting the tenure and leadership roles of members would allow citizens rooted in their communities to take the place of entrenched career politicians.

Now, with Republicans leading the legislative and executive branches, they have no need to stoke anti-establishment fires among the electorate. Instead, GOP leaders are stressing legislative experience and stability. Several GOP elected officials have had to extricate themselves from term-limit pledges.

In the House, the party will continue to limit committee chairmen to three terms. That rule has forced significant turnover in recent years.

But with members eager to win the flexibility to retain Hastert if he appears to be their strongest option, they are willing to change



Dennis Hastert Faces term limit as speaker

the rules.

"To the extent that the leadership of a body facilitates members' achieving their goals, they support it," said Gary W. Copeland, a congressional analyst at the University of Oklahoma. "When the leadership starts getting in the way of them achieving their personal and political goals, then they change the rules."

Lott learned that lesson last month when he was forced out as Senate Republican leader over a racially divisive remark. Lott apologized repeatedly but was unable to rally his colleagues behind him because too many saw the opportunity to make a switch to a more-appealing point man.

Unlike Lott, Hastert is viewed as a conciliatory figure. He unified House Republicans in December 1995 after Gingrich's stormy tenure and the sudden fall of another designated GOP leader, Bob Livingston of Louisiana, in a personal scandal.

Since rising to the speakership, Hastert, who turned 61 on Thursday, has helped preserve the Republican majority in the 2001 and 2002 elections and has staunchly defended the Bush administration's legislative agenda.

Senate's No. 3 Republican gives up chairmanship in favor of Lott

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's No. 3 Republican, Rick Santorum, confirmed on Sunday that he was stepping aside as a committee chairman in favor of ousted GOP leader Trent Lott.

"One of the things I believe very strongly is that we need to put our best man on the field," said Santorum, R-Pa.

But with members eager to elect a second term as GOP conference chairman, pointed to his other Senate duties as well as Lott's institutional experience in explaining his decision to let Lott take over as chairman of the Rules and Administration Committee.

The committee controls the assignment and administration of prized office space on the Senate side of the Capitol and resolves disputes on Senate resolutions and procedures.

"It basically runs the Capitol" and the chairman is "sort of the mayor of Capitol Hill," Santorum said. "I think someone with his tremendous experience as leader in running the operations of the Senate would bring a lot to the table," he told "Fox

News" on Sunday.

"And I strongly encourage Trent Lott to do on the other duties that I have, and I think the Senator I am making a contribution and would be a good member of the team."

Lott, R-Miss., who was elected in the Senate in 1995, had been expected to become majority leader in the new Congress that convenes Tuesday. But he was forced to give up his leadership position in December after announcing that he planned to run for president in 1998.

Lott said Friday that he would be Rules' chairman and hold seats on the Finance, Commerce and Intelligence committees.

"I have the experience and the background to be very much a player," he said.

He said he would be a good member of the team.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Shoshone school hearing is tonight

SHOSHONE - Citizens can tell school leaders what they think about a proposed construction project at a public hearing tonight.

The hearing is the first of two concerning a Jan. 28 election bond issue election. The hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the district office board room.

The bond proposal would allow the district to borrow \$250,000 and to increase property taxes to repay the debt. The money would go toward four new classrooms at Shoshone Elementary School and a permanent foundation for the school's modular building, according to Superintendent Max Excell.

The school was built five years ago, but enrollment growth already has crowded its classrooms, Excell said the bond issue, if approved by voters, would cost property owners an estimated \$6.60 a year per \$100,000 in assessed value.

After tonight's hearing, a second hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Jan. 20, also in the district board room.

The date of tonight's hearing was misstated in Sunday's newspaper. There was no hearing Sunday night. The Times-News regrets the error.

Cow symposium puts beef issues on the table

TWIN FALLS - Beef issues are scheduled for discussion at the Intermountain Cow Symposium in Twin Falls Tuesday and Wednesday, according to Cassia County Extension Educator Richard Garrard.

The symposium runs from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday and from 8:30 a.m. until noon on Wednesday in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium.

A registration fee is charged, but some farm and ranch operators might be eligible to have the fee paid through the Alternative Careers for Idaho Farmers program. People interested in determining if they qualify for the program should contact Garrard at 578-9461.

The symposium is conducted by the University of Idaho department of animal and veterinary science and the Idaho Cattle Association.

Buhl quick response unit offers training

BUHL - Volunteers for quick response units in Buhl, Caspador, Wendell, Hagerman and Filer are welcome to attend the Basic Emergency Medical Technician course hosted by the Buhl quick response unit starting this week.

The course will start Tuesday at the Buhl Fire Station training room. The training will be from 7:10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every other Saturday.

The entire course is about 120 hours and prepares volunteers for state and national certification.

Especially in demand are volunteers who live near Buhl Fire Station 3 at the top of Banbury Gosh's, said Buhl Fire Chief Mark Grimes. "We need enough volunteers in the area to support a response system and that means more trained personnel who live near the areas in Buhl, Caspador."

About 550 assistance calls are made each year. Buhl would like to add six more EMTs to its volunteer staff of 24 to reduce workload, Grimes said.

Those interested may call Megan Myers or Scott Wilde at 543-5664.

- compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	Jan. 5	1 week ago	1 year ago
Upper Snake River	75	33	33
Salmon Falls	78	38	33
Salmon	92	38	33
Opilsky	68	28	28
Big Wood	112	48	28
Big Lost	141	59	28
Higgins Fork Teton	74	32	28
Big Lost	123	51	28
Little Lost	78	34	28

As of Jan. 05

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on the day, with a 30-year average. **An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire winter season, which starts in late October and ends in late May.

The last waltz

Spanbauers hold their final Saturday-night barn dance

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The last dance at the Spanbauer barn on New Year's Eve brought a lot of tears and memories.

"It was a hard decision to make," said John Spanbauer, who noted most eyes were wet that night when word spread that the dance hall was closing. "We've been doing this 30 years."

But health and other considerations have forced John and Marie Spanbauer, both in their 80s, into reluctant retirement, he said.

The Spanbauers started holding barn dances in Pocatello between 1975 and 1985. In 1985, they bought the Windy Glen Ranch in Jerome County and held dances at the Windy Glen Barn until 1995, when they bought the three-story stone barn located just off U.S. Highway 93 in Jerome County.

The 116-foot-long, 40-foot-wide, three-story barn was built in 1912 with walls 2 feet thick. An apple storage area was located upstairs. The hayloft, which is now the ballroom, still has the trolley that was used to transport hay into the storage area.

Back in the days when the barn was operated as a home for cows instead of a dance hall, hay wagons would drive into the middle floor, where a fork would pick up the hay and move it to the third floor, Spanbauer said. From there the hay could be dropped to the cows in the basement.

But since the second-floor hayloft was remodeled in 1995 into a ballroom complete with stage, dance floor and piano, dances have been held every Saturday.

"We only had two nights when we called it off because of snowstorms," Spanbauer said.

While a regular band called Dusty and the Nomads played for 17 years (at both this barn and the one they operated before), Marie Spanbauer played the piano during intermissions.

"She's been the biggest attraction," Spanbauer said. "She doesn't even read music. She plays them by heart."

Marie had a carpal tunnel operation a while back but only missed one Saturday night. With Marie at the piano, couples keep right on dancing through the intermissions, he said.

"She never missed a beat," said Virginia Vandever, who along with husband Bill have been regulars at the dance hall. People from throughout Magic Valley have come for the dances. There were about 90 people there for the last night.

"About half the people, I had to reserve the same table," John Spanbauer said. "That's their table every Saturday night."

A few people came to the dances because of some national publicity in magazines such as Sunset, Spanbauer tells of a time when a reporter from New York came to do a story on the barn.

"He'd never heard of sagebrush," Spanbauer said. "He

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Above: 'You be careful up there!' John Spanbauer, 84, warns his wife Marie, 83, as she removes screws from the wall that, until recently, held photos of their historic barn, where they have held Saturday night dances for years.



Left: After over 30 years in two locations Marie and John Spanbauer are saying good-bye to hosting dance parties on Saturday nights. The Spanbauers are hoping that someone will buy their property and carry on the tradition. 'But if they have the money to buy the place,' John says, 'we can't control what they do with it.'

Mini-Cassia mulls higher building fees

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Building fees do not pay for the cost of building inspections, in either Cassia or Minidoka counties.

Commissioners in both counties may raise the fees so the builders, not taxpayers, pay for inspections of new buildings and plan reviews. Cassia County commissioners plan to decide today if they will increase fees.

Cassia County is still using the 1991 Uniform Building Code fee schedule and Minidoka County has not changed its fees since 1989. Minidoka County Director of Community Development Paul Aston and Cassia County Building Inspector Dan Barker think it's time for their respective counties to raise the fees.

In fiscal year 2002 the Minidoka County building department had a budget of \$140,000 and generated \$85,000 in revenue, Aston said. It was a busy year for the building department.

The Cassia County planning department has an annual budget of \$159,000. In 2002 Cassia County collected \$57,040 in building and conditional use permit fees, said Cassia County Administrator Kerry McTurry.

The budget figures include some other costs besides building inspections. But in neither county have the fees covered the costs of building inspections, requiring county officials to subsidize the building department budget from

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City council looks at wetlands restoration

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The City Council will tonight consider letting the U.S. Corps of Engineers take a swipe at improving several deteriorating wetlands around the area - including some in the city's newly purchased Auger Falls property.

The Corps of Engineers wants to undertake an ambitious project to restore numerous wetland habitats in or near Twin Falls - at a total cost of \$2.93 million, according to a letter from the council from Twin Falls City Engineer Gary Young. The city's share of the

Meeting
The Twin Falls City Council will meet at 5 p.m. tonight in the council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E.

cost would be \$326,000.

Some of the sites affected by the project would include stretches along Rock Creek and the Perrine Coulee near the Auger Falls Project. Also among some of the sites on the list is a 3-acre wetland near Falls Avenue and Filmore Street and the College of Southern Idaho's storm water collection pond.

The aim of the project would be to enhance

the area's ability to absorb storm water, provide wildlife habitat and cut runoff into the Perrine Coulee, according to a letter to the city from the Corps of Engineers.

The council will also review the city's economic development plan for 2003. That plan acknowledges a recent downturn in the state and national economies and calls for efforts to help retain and expand existing businesses.

In other business, the council at 6 p.m. will hold a public hearing regarding Roger and Terri Moore's request for a vacation of a utility easement on property at 1175 Northern Pine Drive.

Bull trout protection plan meetings begin this week

The Times-News

SALMON - People can learn more and comment beginning this week about a plan to assure protection of bull trout in hundreds of streams and lakes in central Idaho, including the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans meetings starting Tuesday in Salmon on the proposed bull trout recovery plan and critical habitat designation that covers 10 percent of the rivers in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana.

Released in November, the plan would give additional scrutiny to human activity along 8,957 miles of streams and 205,639 acres of lakes and reservoirs in Idaho. Among them are dozens of streams and lakes in the upper Salmon River drainage, including Redfish and Altura lakes.

Not included in the new plan is the Jarbidge River drainage in northern Nevada and southern

Where to comment

Public information meetings and hearings on the bull trout issue include these in Idaho:

- Tuesday - Salmon, Salmon Valley Center
- Thursday - Lewiston, Red Lion Hotel
- Jan. 14 - Boise, Arden Inn. Informal information meetings run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; formal public hearings are from 6 to 8 p.m.

Idaho, site of confrontations between property rights advocates and the U.S. Forest Service. A separate proposal will be released in October for that area, the Fish and Wildlife Service says.

Bull trout already have protection as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act, but "critical habitat" carries a lower legal threshold for violation.

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Hollister store, Kuna man report robberies

The Times-News

HOLLISTER - A store in Hollister was apparently hit by robbers early Sunday, and a Kuna man told Gooding County sheriff's deputies he was robbed later that morning, according to reports.

A robbery was reported early Sunday at Cosinteno's County Store at 2701 Highway 93 in Hollister, said Cpl. Scott Montgomery with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office. Nobody was hurt in the hold-up. But many details about the crime - including the exact time of the robbery and the number and description of suspects - weren't available late Sunday, Montgomery said. It wasn't known then if the robbery at the store and a man's report of being held up near Hagerman were connected in any way, he said.

Larry Hand, 70, told deputies he was robbed Sunday at the Highway 30 rest area south of Hagerman, said Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough.

Hand said two men robbed him after he stopped at the rest area to change his oxygen bottle, according to reports. Hand reported losing "quite a bit of cash," Gough said.

Details were sketchy Sunday night, but Gough said the robbery reportedly took place late Sunday morning, about 45 minutes after the robbery was reported Cosinteno's County Store.

Hand reported that the two robbers did not display a gun, but Hand thought they had one, Gough said. The two men left in what Hand described as a dark-colored car, Gough said. Gough noted that the Hollister robbers reportedly drove a pickup, though he had no further information about that Twin Falls County case.

Hand described one of the Hagerman robbers as Hispanic, about 5-foot-8 or 5-foot-9, Gough said. He had no description of the second robber.

Big horn ram in key victim of poaching

LEWISTON (AP) — A big horn ram was the victim of poaching in the Snake River country, Idaho, officials said.

The ram's remains were recovered from a river in the Snake River country.

The large sheep with a three-foot curl was a member of the Black Bluff Native Sheep Co., spotted near the mouth of the Grand Ronde River here.

The sheep's radio collar had been sending a mortality signal for about a month, Francis Casarez, a wildlife biologist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, believes the sheep was

poached, shot and the collar was in the river on Jan. 6, he said.

The Black Bluff and Asotin Counties have a long history of having suffered other losses from poaching and tribal hunting this fall.

Casarez said three sheep have been taken by tribal hunters this fall. The bodies of one that was found floating headless in the Grand Ronde River is also being

investigated.

The poacher getting his prey is a Black Bluff ram.

Neither the Black Bluff herd nor the Asotin Creek herd is open to sport hunting because they have been slow to recover from a 1990 outbreak of pneumonia.

"There is a lot of effort involved in every sheep and these groups had been doing pretty well," Casarez said. "They just can't take all of this."

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife are investigating the poaching.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

- Today**
CSI Golden Eagle Booster luncheon, noon, Taylor 277
University of Idaho and Idaho Cattle Association Intermountain Cow Symposium, all day, Shields and Fine Arts buildings and Eldon Evans Expo Center
- Tuesday**
University of Idaho and Idaho Cattle Association Intermountain Cow Symposium, all day, Shields and Fine Arts buildings and Eldon Evans Expo Center
"Hinge in the Jungle" free reptile revue, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rainforest
"Albertson Figures" art show in the Herrett Center's Jean B. King gallery (through Jan. 25)
"The Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium
CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball game against Casper College, 7:30 p.m., gym
- Wednesday**
University of Idaho and Idaho Cattle Association Intermountain
- Thursday**
Cow Symposium, all day, Shields and Fine Arts buildings and Eldon Evans Expo Center
Armed Services aptitude testing, 5 p.m., Shields 208
Magic Valley Amateur Radio Club monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., Shields 113
- Friday**
Twin Falls Music Club and CSI Music Department master violin class, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts 133
Emergency Medical Technician written tests, 6 p.m., Aspen 195
Huggs Bears Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Denert 113
"The Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium
- Saturday**
Certified Nursing Assistant written tests, 8 a.m., Aspen 195
National Traffic Safety Institute class, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Shields 103
Snake River Elks Hoop Shoot, 9 a.m. gym
Emergency Medical Technician practical skills tests, 9 a.m., Aspen building
United Church of God meeting, 9:30 a.m., Aspen 145
"Larry Cat in Space," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium
"The Dinosaur Chronicles," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium
Twin Falls Music Club and CSI Music Department master violin class, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts 133
January star party (free telescope viewing), 8:30 p.m., front of Herrett Center
- Sunday**
Alcoholics Anonymous Area 18 committee meeting, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Taylor 277

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Phillip R. Snow

BURLEY
Phillip R. Snow, a 69-year-old Burley resident, passed away Jan. 2, 2003, at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Phillip was born Sept. 24, 1933, in Altadena, California, to Nathan Jack and Ludwina Wackerman Snow. He moved to Sun Francisco in 1940. He attended St. Vincent's Boarding School in San Rafael, California, until the sixth grade.

He also attended school at the Sacred Heart School and graduated from Balboa High School in San Francisco in June of 1952.

He married Lillian Manning April 16, 1955, at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church in San Francisco, California. He worked for American Can Company for four years and for Oxi-Fuel Company for 10 years. He also worked in grocery stores and delivery in San Francisco and Utah. California. He passed in 1995.

He lived in Woodland Hills, California, and in 1996, he moved to Burley to be near his children and grandchildren. Phil and his wife, Lillian, currently own and operate Snow's Toy Box in Burley. Phil was an avid astronomy buff. Also he enjoyed building HO train layouts

and going on trips to Jackpot and Legos. He was a retired member of Teamsters #980.

He was a member of the Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian, of 48 years. He has three sons, Frank J. Snow of Twin Falls; Phillip R. Snow Jr. and Jeffrey D. Snow, both of Burley; four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his two brothers, Leo F. Traubert of San Bruno, California, and Jonathan Totay of Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii, and one sister, Deborah Rowe of Polk, Oregon.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Thomas D. Snow.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at the Little Flower Catholic Church in Burley, with Father John Garotia as officiant. Burial will follow at the Albion Cemetery. Friends may call Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, with the Rosary to be recited at 7 p.m.

WENDELL

Leonard Arthur Butler
Leonard Arthur Butler, 93, passed away Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003, at his home in Wendell, Idaho.

He was born Jan. 20, 1909, at Andrews, Neb., the son of Wilbur Ellsworth Butler and Pearl May Jones.

He married Cecile Irene Morris July 15, 1930, in Gering, Neb. Leonard was a farmer, dairyman, carpenter, railroad worker, cattleman, line furniture maker, instructor, and mechanic. He was experienced in all phases of construction and manufactured Buick trailers. His interests were radio, music (playing violin, saxophone, and mandolin), toy making, jewelry making, beading, clock making, photography, camping, hunting, and especially fishing.

RUPERT

Ruth Maxine Armstrong
Ruth Maxine Armstrong, 84-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Jan. 3, 2003, at her home.

She was born March 24, 1918, in Salt Lake City, the daughter of John A. and Ruth Crane Maxine grew up in the Bigley area of her parents' farm. She moved to California, where she married Floyd Downing in 1937. They later divorced in 1954. She worked at Robert Newman, who died in 1970.

She lived in the San Joaquin Valley area in California, where she raised her two daughters and worked at the Mackinno Army Depot as a dispatcher.

In her later years, she moved back home on her parents' farm in Burley, Idaho. She 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 the job and was one of her customers.

She married Joseph Neal 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 and served a mission in Mesa, Ariz. from 1979 to 1981 and served in Joseph Neal Armstrong of Rupert for two daughters, Sandra (Bertha) Aard of Dawson Creek, Alberta, Canada, and Kathy (Leah) Stewart of Grange, Utah, and one son, Clinton Lorian (Linda) Armstrong Terry Lewland, (Mary Ann) C. J. Berry, Steves (Cindy) Armstrong of Grange, Utah, and one daughter, Judy (Armedy) Kato (Barbara) Jones, Hardy and Linda (Dorothy) Woodruff, Utah, 39 grandchildren.

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He is survived by five sons, Lawrence, Jim (Luanon) of Woeber, Billy (Kathy) of Portland, Ore., Dale (Bobbe) of North Port, Wash., and Gary (Carol) of Gray, Ore.

He has 17 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He will also be greatly missed by his step family, three sons and four daughters: Phyllis (Colman) of Brownsburg, Ind.; Michael (Lana) Phillips of Wendell; Elven (Marilyn) Adams of Jerome; Elaine (Marilyn) Padenek of Provo, Utah; Gary (Cheryl) Phillips of Wendell; Ann (Paul) Hardman of West Jordan, Utah; and Eric (Phyllis) of Wendell.

On his side, he has 39 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy, his daughter, Linda, and his grandsons, Jim and Tom. He is survived by his wife, Betty, and his children, Jim, Tom, and Linda. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Jim, Tom, and Linda.

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SERVICES

- Ruth Maxine Armstrong** of Rupert, service at 10 a.m. today at the Rupert West LDS Stake Center, burial will follow at 3 p.m. at the Rightly Pioneer Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).
- Walter Herman Schroeder** of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. today at St. John's Lutheran Church; private family burial at Buhl West End Cemetery.
- Yvonne Jean Christensen** of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.; burial will be at the Paul Cemetery; friends may call from 10:00-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).
- Frank Sprague** of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery.
- Richard Clarence "Dick" Johnson Jerome**, service at 1 p.m. today at the Jerome LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 520 N. Lincoln; family and friends may call one hour before the service at the church; interment to follow at the Jerome Cemetery (Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome).
- Theodore Gardner** of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Nazarene Church; private family interment will follow at a later date at the Hagerman Cemetery (Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).
- Andrew "Denny" Moritz** of Twin Falls, rosary prayer service at 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; celebration of life at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Chapel; cremation will precede the service.
- Maria Elizabeth Josephina Werner** of Hazelton, service at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave., Burley; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley and from 9:30-10:15 a.m. before the funeral, Tuesday at the Zion Lutheran Church at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.
- Gilbert Henry "Ted" Mankor, Jr.** of Caldwell and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).
- Carol Gene (Laughlin) Snyder** of Eugene, Ore., and formerly of Kimberly, graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

- Bertram Scott**
TWIN FALLS — Bertram Scott, 75 of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003 at his home in Twin Falls, Idaho.
- Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home of
- Lynn F. Blake**
BLISS — Lynn F. Blake, age 64, of Bliss died Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003 at his residence.
- Arrangements are pending at Deemary Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

ON THE AGENDA

- Today**
Aquecia City Council, 8 p.m., Aquecia Automotive, 20602 F St.
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse
Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Hansen Community Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 W. Maple
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse
Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., 305 Third Ave. E.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse
- Tuesday**
Albion City Council, 7 p.m., city office
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
Friedman Memorial Airport Board, 5:30 p.m., Blaine County Courthouse, Hailey
Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., Hailey Town Center
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A
Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center
- Wednesday**
Caldwell City Council, 7 p.m., J&D Printing Enterprises
Decio City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
DeMary Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St., Rupert
Glenis Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old U.S. Highway 30
Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library
Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse
Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room
Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., city office
- Thursday**
Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Blaine County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley
Fairfield City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall
Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Center
Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Recreation Center
Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, noon, Price's Cafe, Burley
Murdock City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office
Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse
Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E.
- Friday**
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse

Bank foreclosures surge; young families find themselves defaulting

EAGLE MOUNTAIN, Utah — Real estate agent Karl Johnson has seen banks foreclose at least 20 homes in less than two weeks because the owners, mostly young families, couldn't pay the bills.

"It really brings the morale down for the rest of the community," Johnson said. "Foreclosures are usually easy to spot because the house looks abandoned. A lot of times they just pick up and leave."

The delinquency rate is increasing for young homeowners in Utah County, said Kelly Matthews, an economist at Wells Fargo Bank.

Among the hundreds of foreclosed homes now on file in Utah, 120 are in the Utah Lake valley, according to Foreclosurefree search.com, a Web site that lists distressed properties.

Matthews said couples age 25 to 34 are doing much of the home buying here and "they don't realize all the other costs from initial home ownership. There are clearly more costs than just a monthly payment."

The number of young households is expected to surge in Utah from 147,000 households to 190,000 by 2010, according to the Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

"It's a good time to buy a house. Mortgage rates are at a 30-year low and property values in Utah County are making a steady increase. But some families are tempted to stretch their budgets to buy homes they can't afford."

"Emotionally, they fall in love with a home instead of mechanically falling in love," said Stephanie Bevard of American Lending Network, who arranged \$270 million in loans last year.

Eagle Mountain, growing at a rate of about 2,000 people a year, has a shut of homes at about 15 homes a month because the young families aren't paying the bill, said Chris Hillman, city administrator.

"It's very easy for families just starting out to overextend themselves when buying a home and have numerous expenses they are not aware of," he said.

"Mortgages shouldn't exceed 30 percent of a household's monthly income, said Deann Hush, executive vice president of the Utah Valley Home Builders Association.

Boy lies in coma after accidentally igniting himself

POCATELLO (AP) — A 13-year-old boy is in critical but stable condition two days after burning himself using gasoline to start a fire in a wood stove.

C.J. Fuhs has third-degree burns on 10 percent of his body. He remained in a medically induced coma Sunday at the University of Utah Hospital Burn Center in Salt Lake City.

His mother, Kristi Fuhs, said she and a daughter Samantha, 13, were in another room when "we heard a scream and both of us ran downstairs. We both yelled, 'drop and roll' but he wouldn't. So Samantha tripped him."

His sister handed his burning hair with her hands while the boy rolled in the snow. A family friend, Torrey Roberts, arrived in time to smother the flames with his coat.

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Sharp-eyed siblings spotted accused killer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — As Linda and Thom Martin cruised through Eastern Oregon, something about the gray van in front of them on Interstate 84 fricked.

"We see this van, we saw it at the same time, and we said, 'Oh, is that it? Is that the number?'" Linda Martin said.

At the wheel was Edward Morris, who had eluded police for two weeks and is charged with killing his pregnant wife and three children along a stretch of the side road in the Tillamook State Forest 350 miles to the west.

"We see this van, we saw it at the same time, and we said, 'Oh, is that it? Is that the number?' We both had seen the news reports, where they flash the license plate."

— Linda Martin

The Martin siblings checked out the license plate, WBS-171.

"We both had seen the news reports, where they flash the license plate. And it kind of registered with both of us that he might be the man," Linda Martin, 58, of Portland, said.

The Martins began following the van at about midday Saturday.

"We sort of played tag with the van," she said. "They were trying to look at him without making it was obvious they were trying to get a good look at his face, she said.

When the Dodge van pulled in at a gas station in Durkee, Thom Martin, 60, of Rochester, Wash., got a look at the man behind the wheel. His head was shaven, but it still looked like pictures of Morris that Martin had seen on television.

"I weren't trying for Linda and Thom Martin, Edward Morris might still be a fugitive.

Linda Martin tried to call police on her cell phone but could not complete a call in the isolated area.

"They got off the freeway at a state police exit, but the office was closed. Thom Martin called from an emergency phone there.

"They got back on I-84 and eventually followed Morris to the parking area of a Rite-Aid drug store and called 911.

Morris was inside the store. When he came out, the police were waiting.

"They said something to him and they took him down," Linda Martin said. "They were coming up and hugging us and saying,

Officer says he was reprimanded for putting flag stickers on his patrol car

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Salt Lake City police officer has told "stupidities" that he was reprimanded for displaying American flag stickers on his patrol car.

Officer Thomas Potter has not disclosed who the superior officer was.

"Quietly I stood, biting my tongue as I was questioned in a despicable tone and questioned who had authorized those stickers, citing they may be offensive to the public and they should be removed," Potter said in an e-mail to other officers.

"I'm not writing this to get your sympathy," Potter said. "I don't care what you believe in, whom you voted for, how you feel about this military or what you think about me."

"But the next time you look at my flag I demand you show some respect. For hundreds of years, thousands of families have lost

"Oh my God, you guys, this is so cool..."

Morris had tears in his eyes. He is charged with seven counts of aggravated murder. Authorities described him as cooperative.

The bodies of Morris' wife Renee, 31, and their children, Bryant, 10, Alexis, 8 and Jonathan, 4, were found by hunters Dec. 21. Police say they apparently were killed the day before but have yet to say how.

Irons tally, Linda Martin's grandson played on a soccer team with Bryant Morris.

Morris is charged with seven counts of aggravated murder and remained in the Baker County Jail under a routine suicide watch Sunday.

At midday Sunday Morris was on a plane back to Tillamook County.

The search for Morris had moved to British Columbia after several reports of possible sightings in the border town of Abbotsford. There was also a report that he bought gas in Edmonds, Wash., on Dec. 21 and police have determined that he spent the night in the Dalles east of Portland on Dec. 20.

They have not said where he was during his two weeks on the run.

Authorities had offered a \$50,000 reward for information leading to Morris' arrest. The Martins said they have not been told if they are eligible. Tillamook County Sheriff Todd Anderson said he thought they would be.

Linda Martin works in the office of a refrigeration company. Thom Martin is unemployed.

Paul Morris, of Gresham, Edward Morris' father, had made public appeals to his son to surrender.

"I'm numb. I don't know what to say. I don't know what to do," he said when told of the arrest.

Authorities had said Morris should be considered armed and dangerous, although no weapon was found in his van.

Tom Stufflefield, a spokesman for Renee Morris' family, said the family was elated at the news.

"A lot of family members haven't had any sleep in 15 days," he said. "Now they're going to be able to sleep tonight."

their brothers, fathers, husbands and sons who died protecting it."

Police Capt. Scott Atkinson said bumper stickers generally are prohibited by the department, but "we take no position on displaying the American flag on patrol cars. We are trying to get to the bottom of this incident, but we have not been able to learn the identity" of the senior officer.

Potter said the commander was "a jerk" but he does not want to ruin the man's career because of a "stupid statement."

Butler and Atkinson said they have received hundreds of e-mails from officers who are irate that an officer would be reprimanded for showing his patriotism.

Potter is a member of an Army Reserve unit that has been activated and will ship out Wednesday.

Potter said he removed the flag stickers from his patrol car and put them on his duffel bag.

Barn

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wanted to know what a tumbleweed looked like. I thought, 'Oh, boy, we got a winner here.'

"Folks like the Vandeverers think they are the real winners. 'We've been going there for 12 years,' Bill Vandever said. 'We always had lots of fun.'

Virginia Vandever said she and her husband love to dance.

"I think we danced in a pre-existence," she said. When the couple was first married in New Mexico, the Vandeveres would dance every Saturday. Then they drew a homestead near Kasota Road in Minidoka County. For the next 40 years the couple never went to a dance until 12 years ago, when Bill Vandever read something about the Spanbauer barn in The Times-News.

They have been attending dances there ever since. "That was a place you could go and for three or four hours forget your heartaches," Virginia Vandever said.

While some danced to forget their troubles, others came with something else in mind. Spanbauer tells of a time a man came to the dance and said he was new to the area. The man wanted to know if there were any single women at the dance.

Spanbauer directed the man to a particular woman who came with a group of Christian singles.

"Take a look at her," he said to the man. "He went back and danced with her several times. He ended up marrying her."

Virginia Vandever confirmed Spanbauer's story.

"I have seen more romance go on in that place," she said. "I love to see people fall in love. This barn has been a good place for that."

Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at 436-1351 or lorcavener@idaho.com.

John Spanbauer walks the length of the dance floor that will no longer serve as a gathering place for young and old alike to dance to live country and swing music.

Tribes' tourism director follows life of Sacagawea

NEW TOWN, N.D. (AP) — Amy Mossett has spent a good part of her life researching the life of Sacagawea, the great female adventurer she has portrayed for the past 15 years.

"I think it was just growing up in Twin Buttes and knowing all my life that someone she was connected to that people, but not knowing how," Mossett said of the reason she became interested in the woman who is famous for guiding explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark nearly 200 years ago.

Mossett, the tourism director of the Three Affiliated Tribes, said Sacagawea's story as told by many American authors was incorrect in describing the way she came to join the Hidatsas.

"If the authors had checked Hidatsa culture, they would never have called her a slave or said she was kidnapped," Mossett said.

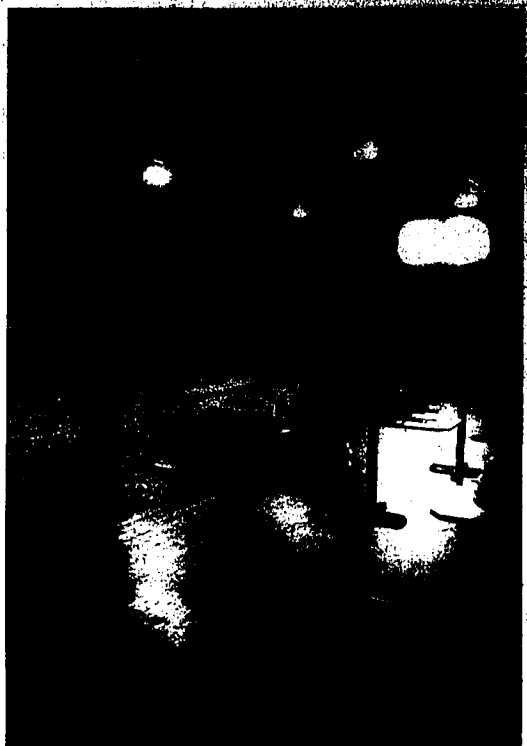
The Hidatsas, along with the Mandan and Arikara, later became the Three Affiliated Tribes.

Mossett wants to represent her tribe and to present Sacagawea's story in a respectful manner.

"In my mind, she is not a myth. She is not a figment of someone's imagination," she said. "She was a young woman who lived in the same village as my ancestors."

Sacagawea was adopted into the Hidatsa clan, which then gave her a new name, Mossett said. To this day, the spelling and meaning of Sacagawea's name are controversial.

Mossett said a tribal member could have up to four different names. A newborn didn't get its



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BLM sets wind energy meetings

BURLEY — The Bureau of Land Management public meetings to discuss a proposed wind energy project on Cotterel Mountain are scheduled for this week.

Meetings are planned in Albion on Tuesday, Burley on Wednesday and Boise on Thursday.

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

Officials from Boise-based Windland Inc. have proposed adding 130 wind turbines on the mountain. As part of the review process, the BLM has scheduled public hearings, will accept public comment and will have an environmental impact statement prepared.

Written comments on the proposal may be submitted to the BLM through Feb. 18.

For more information on the proposal or the meetings, contact Scott Barker at the BLM Burley Field Office, 677-6678.

Police seek applicants for citizens' academy

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Police Department is looking for applicants for its annual citizens' academy program — which is set to start Jan. 20.

The program involves 10 two-hour classes to be held two nights each week. The academy is designed to give people a well-

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rounded, realistic overview of the department's operations. A graduation ceremony will be held for people who complete the course. The program also offers a chance to learn more about the department's citizens on patrol and reserve officer programs.

To qualify for the citizens' academy, applicants must be at least 21; live or work in Twin Falls; have no felony convictions; and have no misdemeanor arrests within six months of the application period. Any of those requirements can be waived by the chief of police.

The deadline for applications is Friday.

For more information, call Sgt. Dennis Fullin at 736-5000, Ext. 379, or 308-7205.

Elko commissioners hold organizational meeting

ELKO, Nev. — The Elko County Commission will hold an organizational meeting today at the courthouse.

Agenda items include electing a chairman and making committee assignments for the year. Members of town boards for Jackpot, Jarbidge, Montello and Mountain City will also be appointed.

The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. in Room 105.

— compiled from staff reports

Trout

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ing the ESA. The test for protection of listed species is whether something will jeopardize its survival. For critical habitat, the test is whether something will cause "adverse impact."

Critical habitat does not create a protected area, but it does create where the protected species live, as well as places it does not live but needs if it is going to increase its numbers.

"Burley's the highest, we're in the middle, and Cassia's the lowest," Aston said. "This would even everyone out."

Commissioners in both counties have tried to keep building fees low. The fees would still be low for the area. Neither Barker or Aston think a \$500 difference in fees between one county and another will change where people build.

"I don't think the fee itself will make anyone go across the river," Aston said.

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cases, federal agencies already take bull trout impacts into account when making decisions.

The proposal follows the settlement of a lawsuit brought by Montana environmental groups. In all, the Fish and Wildlife Service said it plans to designate 18,468 miles of streams and 532,721 acres of lakes and reservoirs critical to the survival of the species. The agency estimates that it will take 25 years and \$500 million to restore bull trout to sustainable populations spread across their range by restoring habitat, removing abandoned dams that block migration, and tracking down sources of pollution.

The main purpose of the series of public hearings will be to decide if all the proposed waterways are essential to the species' survival. Fish and Wildlife Service officials say.

Bull trout are actually not a trout, but a char, a member of the salmon family. The fish need clean and cold water to survive. They were designated a threatened species in 1998 after a seven-year battle with environmental groups.

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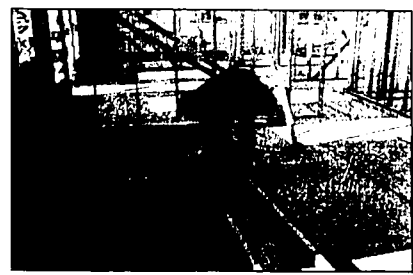
general tax revenues.

"I'm all for keeping (the fees) down, but I don't think the people who aren't building should be paying for the people who are," said professional builder Larry Yarbrough.

In Cassia County, commissioners may use fee revenues to pay for some of the costs of planning and zoning but not all of them, McMurray said.

"It would be costly prohibitive to have the planning department completely covered by those fees, McMurray said.

Barker has suggested the Cassia County commissioners increase the building fees to bring them up to the levels in the 1997 Uniform Building Code fee schedule by 2005. Barker suggested commissioners increase fees 21.5 percent this year and 21.5 percent in 2005. In Cassia County a builder now has to pay



Larry Yarbrough puts together a wall in the house he is building for his family near Declo. Yarbrough, a professional builder, appreciates Cassia County's low building fees but doesn't think taxpayers should support the building department.

a \$633 fee to build a 1,500-square-foot house with a full basement and 672-square-foot garage. If commissioners agree

with Barker's suggestion, the fees on the same house would be \$917 this year and \$1,172 in 2005.

Minidoka County fees, including the cost of a plan review, would be similar, Aston said.

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MORNING LINE

SportsQUOTE

“Welcome to Raptorland, where the wheels are spinning but the hamster is dead.”

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—Toronto Sun columnist Bill Lambolf on the *happless Raptors saying they plan no personnel moves*

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who intercepted Miami Hurricane quarterback Vinny Testaverde's pass at the one-yard line, preserving Penn State's 14-10 victory in the 1987 Fiesta Bowl?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys hoops

Hansen at Camas Country, 7:30 p.m.

Gooding at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.

High school girls basketball

Richfield at Mackay, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Burley boosters

meet tonight

BURLEY — The Burley booster club is holding a meeting at 7 p.m. in the Burley High School Conference room. Call 677-4543 or 678-3044 with any questions.

Minico will host dinner

before Burley game

RUPERT — The Minico boys basketball team will be sponsoring a dinner in the Minico lunchroom prior to the Burley/Minico Basketball game Jan. 28 from 5-7 p.m. The menu will include baron of beef or barbecue Pork, baked potato, Great Harvest bread, salad, dessert and drink. Cost is \$10 per person or \$5 for a child under 8 years old. Advance tickets may be purchased from any boy on the Spartan basketball team or purchased that night at the door. For more information call Lisa Cole at 436-9539 or Alice Schenk at 438-5562.

McGahee has surgery

on two knee ligaments

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Miami running back Willis McGahee had surgery Sunday on two torn ligaments in his left knee following a crushing hit during a Fiesta Bowl loss to Ohio State. The All-American sophomore was operated on for four-and-a-half hours at HealthSouth Doctors Hospital, north to the campus, school spokesman Doug Walker said.

Dr. John Uribe, who performed the surgery, declined to set a timetable for McGahee's return.

"Willis tolerated the procedure very well," Uribe said in a statement. "If nature does its job and his rehabilitation goes well, he should be able to make a full recovery."

Doctors found torn anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments but no tear to the posterior collateral ligament. Assistant coach Don Soldinger said Saturday that McGahee had torn all three ligaments.

McGahee was injured early in the fourth quarter of Friday's game, a 31-24 double-overtime victory by Ohio State for the national championship.

He took a screen pass from Ken Dorsey on third-and-10 from the Ohio State 35 and was hit by Will Allen for a 2-yard loss. McGahee had to be helped from the field.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

—Penn State linebacker Pete Giffopoulos.

2003 NFL PLAYOFFS

Steelers grit out win

By Alan Robinson
Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH — The Cleveland Browns never have gotten over The Drive by John Elway. Now they've got to live with The Comeback by the quarterback who was once supposed to be the next Elway.

Tommy Maddox, the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year, led one of Pittsburgh's greatest comebacks by throwing three touchdown passes in the final 19 minutes as the Steelers rallied from a 17-point deficit to win the Browns 36-33 Sunday in an AFC wild-card game.

Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala's 3-yard touchdown run with 54 seconds left secured the Steelers' most dramatic come-from-behind playoff victory since Franco Harris' Immaculate Reception against Oakland in 1972.

They trailed 17-0 at the half, 24-7 in the third quarter and 21-17 with just over 10 minutes remaining.

"Tommy brought the whole team together at halftime and told us what we were going to do," wide receiver Terance Mathis said. "He said if you don't think we're going to win this game, you need to go back into the locker room."

The Steelers denied the Browns their first road playoff victory since 1969 and their first playoff win of any kind since returning to the NFL in 1999. They also gave themselves a huge momentum lift going into Saturday's divisional game at second-seeded Tennessee.

The Jets, shutout winners Saturday over the Colts, play Sunday at top-seeded Oakland.

"I was already in Oakland," Kevin Johnson said, referring to the Browns' opponent if they had won.

For the Browns, it was a eerie flashback to Elway's memorable 38-yard "The Drive" to beat the Browns for Denver in the 1987 AFC championship game. Remarkably, Denver drafted

Maddox five years later to replace Elway.

Maddox later churled among four NFL teams without finding work before becoming the Steelers' starter earlier this season, 10 years after making his last NFL start.

"I was very fortunate to play behind John Elway and see all the things he was able to do in games we did not think we had a chance to win," said Maddox, who was 30-of-48 for 367 yards and two interceptions.

Afterward, Steelers coach Bill Cowher, disappointed at home so often before in the playoffs, threw his cap, jumped up and down and yelled in a stadium runway.

"It's one of those wins you can't see happening, but you just keep hoping it will keep going the way it's going," Cowher said of the frantic comeback.

The Steelers were shredded all afternoon by Kelly Holcomb, who threw for 429 yards and three

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Pittsburgh running back Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala runs by Cleveland linebacker Brant Boyer (52) to score the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Niners stun Giants

San Francisco pulls off second-greatest playoff comeback in NFL history

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Buried in a 24-point playoff hole after a season of missed opportunities, the San Francisco 49ers finally woke up.

After that, Jeff Garcia and Terrell Owens could do nothing wrong — and the New York Giants made a monumental collapse, all the way down to their new long snapper.

Garcia hit Tai Streets with a 13-yard touchdown pass with 1 minute left, and the Giants botched the snap on a 41-yard field-goal attempt as time expired in San Francisco's 39-38 victory Sunday. It was the second-biggest comeback in NFL playoff history.

Right down to a confusing, contentious ending, it was a game with more twists, turns and dramatic moments than most teams would see in years — from Amari Tooter's three touchdown catches to Kerry Collins' impressive performance, from Garcia's improbably gutsy leadership to the fight that broke out at the height of the tension.

The 49ers (11-6) trailed 38-14 with 4 minutes left in the third quarter, but they scored 25 straight points on two TD passes and a scoring run by Garcia, as well as two 2-point conversion catches by Owens.

After Garcia drove the Niners 68 yards in just over 2 minutes for the 39-38 score, Collins got New York to the San Francisco 28 with 6 seconds left. But long snapper Trey Junkin, signed earlier in the week, made a low snap that Matt Allen couldn't handle.

Allen threw a desperate pass that fell incomplete, and after



San Francisco's Ahmed Plummer reacts after the New York Giants failed to kick a last-second field goal during the 49ers' 39-38 playoff win in San Francisco Sunday.

New York was penalized for illegal men downfield, the Niners leaped, sprinted and collapsed onto the field in a raucous celebration before an exhausted Candlestick crowd.

"This is something I've done for 32 years, but not anymore," Junkin said.

The 49ers advanced to face Tampa Bay next Sunday, but the Buccaneers will have no idea which San Francisco team they'll face: the one that stumbled through the first 40 minutes, or the one that flattened the Giants with an unbelievable rally.

"It's a great feeling," Garcia said. "It's going to be a short-lived excitement, but the team needs to come back and get ready for a difficult game next week in Tampa."

The 49ers' rally was the biggest in NFL playoff history. Only Buffalo's 32-point comeback in a 41-38 victory over Houston in January 1993 was bigger.

The Niners were saved by Garcia and Owens, who teamed for the franchise's first playoff victory during Garcia's three seasons as the starter — a victory that might have saved coach Steve

Marmer's job. Garcia went 27-of-44 for 331 yards and three TDs. He also rushed for 60 yards, including a 14-yard score on the first play of the fourth quarter. Two of Garcia's TD throws went to Owens, who had nine catches for 177 yards — most of them while dragging defenders or sprinting past them after catches.

Though New York's collapsing defense should bear most of the blame for the debacle, the Giants (10-7) finally were undone by

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NY Jets brace for 'home game'

The Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — The Black Hole is beginning to feel like home for the New York Jets.

And well it should. They are headed to the Oakland Coliseum, with its outrageous fans and AFC powerhouse team, the Raiders, for the fourth time in 20 years.

That was made certain Sunday when the Pittsburgh Steelers rallied to beat the Cleveland Browns in a wild-card game.

The Jets, who entered Indianapolis 41-0 on Saturday and are one of the NFL's hottest teams, head west for Sunday's matchup with another very hot club.

That will make five straight regular-season trips to Oakland for the Jets.

"When we pull up to that place, the people know all the (Jets) players' names. It's the fourth time in a year, that is amazing," coach Herman Edwards said Sunday. "The city at the coffee place, Starbucks, he'll have my table ready when I go over there on Saturday. They know we are coming."

But that Edwards thinks his team will be intimidated by the venue. The Jets lost 26-20 there in a Monday night game on Dec. 2.

They also lost in the first round of last season's playoffs at Oakland 38-24, one week after edging the Raiders 24-22 in the 2001 season finale to secure a playoff berth.

New York (10-7) has played relatively well at Oakland, and with what the Jets have gone through in rallying from 14- and 25 this season, it's unlikely they will be overwhelmed by any challenge.

Skiing siblings make history

The Associated Press

KRANJSKA GORA, Slovenia — This was a day like no other in skiing for the Kostelic family. Ivica and Janica Kostelic became the first brother and sister to win World Cup Alpine races on the same day.

Janica won a slalom Sunday on her 21st birthday in Bormio, Italy, when watched on TV with her father as her brother captured a slalom in Slovenia less than an hour later.

"It's a great day for our family," Janica said. "It's a strange record indeed, but I'm pleased with it. What it means is a lot because we've spoken for years about winning a race on the same day."

"He couldn't have given me a better present."

Croatia Prime Minister Ivica



Janica Kostelic recorded her fifth slalom win of the season only an hour before her brother Ivica did the same on Sunday. Racan sent congratulatory letters to both, praising their "spirit and motivation." Several thousand Croatian fans made the trip to neighboring Slovenia and Italy. Back home, hundreds of thousands of Croats watched on TV.

Athens is playing it safe for 2004 Games

The Washington Post

ATHENS, Greece — Greek officials are conferring with anti-terrorism experts from seven nations and investing unprecedented sums of money in security operations as they prepare for the 2004 Summer Games, which will be the most heavily protected and perhaps most uneasily watched in Olympic history.

Motivated by the volatility of a post-Sept. 11, 2001, world, the memory of two Olympic Games marred by deadly violence and Greece's proximity to unstable regions, Greek and Olympic officials are soliciting advice from a ring of international advisers and have made security their most pressing concern even though the

Games are about 19 months away. The Greek government has earmarked a minimum of \$600 million for security infrastructure and equipment — and total may approach \$1 billion — and designated 45,000 full-time uniformed personnel for the Games.

The security budget will more than double that of any previous Olympics. The number of personnel will obliterate previous totals by a factor of four. And the extent and formality of the international networking, though in step with the collaboration that has characterized the global fight against terrorism in the last year, represents a new approach to Olympic security.

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SPORTS

Spurs' Duncan rips Clips

San Antonio star records 25th double-double this season

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tim Duncan had 24 points and 14 rebounds for his 25th double-double of the season and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Clippers 94-86 Sunday, sending Los Angeles to its sixth straight loss.

Gregg Popovich earned his 300th victory with the Spurs, the only team he's coached in the NBA.

Already the team's career leader in victories, Popovich has a 300-176 record in seven seasons.

Tony Parker added 26 points, making 11 of 13 free throws, and Bruce Bowen scored all of his 13 in the second half for the Spurs, who committed 16 turnovers.

Lamar Odom had 22 points and 11 rebounds and Corey Maggette had 19 points, including all eight of his free throws, for the Clippers, who've lost eight of their last nine and remain at the bottom of the Pacific Division.

Traill Blazers 92, Knicks 89
NEW YORK — The Portland Trail Blazers won for the 10th time in their last 11 games and finished 4-1 on their latest five-game road trip.

Bruce Bowen had 22 points and six rebounds, Rasheed Wallace added 18 points and 12 rebounds and Antonio Daniels added 15 points while replacing Derek Anderson (sprained ankle) in the starting lineup for the second straight game.

The Blazers were aided by a mental mistake on the part of Allan Houston, who attempted a



San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan is fouled by Los Angeles Clipper Michael Olowokandi as he goes up for a shot during the third quarter Sunday.

2-point shot with 3 seconds left with the Knicks needing a 3-pointer to tie it.

Houston scored 29 and Latrell Sprewell had 16 for the Knicks, who had their three-game winning streak snapped.

Hornets 99, Raptors 84

TORONTO — Jamal Mashburn scored 22 points as the New Orleans Hornets beat Toronto, handing the Raptors their 10th straight loss.

David Wesley added 20 points,

P.J. Brown 16, Stacey Augmon and Jamaal Magloire each had 11 and Courtney Alexander 10 for the Hornets, who have won two straight after losing their previous five. Morris Peterson had 17 points for the Raptors.

MJ: 51 minutes, 41 points, one big win

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Jordan wasn't about to quit. He played the entire fourth quarter. All of the first overtime. All of the second overtime. He scored the points that put his team ahead for good.

By the time he was done, the 39-year-old Jordan had played 53 of a possible 58 minutes and added 41 points and 11 rebounds to his highlight vault. His season-high 41 points in Saturday night's 107-104 victory over the Indiana Pacers gave the Washington Wizards a badly needed win over a team that has dominated them for the last six years.

There were times this season when it seemed Jordan didn't have that commanding game left in him, the one where he

scores and scores again and wills his team to victory no matter what. He has frequently — and willingly — played second banana to Jerry Stackhouse on many nights.

But not Saturday night. "I'm here when they need me," Jordan said. "There are situations when Jerry is going to carry it, and maybe even when some of the other guys are. But tonight it was my turn."

After the accolades were dished out, there was one obvious question for Jordan: How did the body hold up? After all, the original MVP in the season called for him to play not much more than 30 minutes per game, a precautionary strategy stemming from the worn-down knees that

cost him 22 games last season.

"I've been feeling great physically," Jordan said. "But this was a test of what I've been feeling. I just feel better this year than I ever did last year."

The game was a midseason thriller, tense and tight throughout. The Wizards had lost 18 of 20 against the Pacers and had struggled all season against teams with winning records. They broke through with an energetic win over San Antonio on New Year's Eve, and this was another major chance to show they belong on a higher rung.

"With all that on the line, Jordan was not coming out of the game."

"I look down and see 53 minutes, that worries me," said coach

Doug Collins, who was hired by Jordan. "But had I taken him out, I probably would have been fired."

Jordan scored 20 points in the fourth quarter and overtimes and added a season-high 12 rebounds in his first 40-point game in 12 months. He made 14 of 26 shots from the field and 10 of 12 from the line.

And more games like it could be on the way as he completes what he has said will be his final season.

"I've been waiting for the moment," Jordan said. "I've been getting close. With the highest of things at stake, my game came to me. I was able to make a big impact. Hopefully, this is just the start of something big."

Niners

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Junkin, a 41-year-old veteran. He put in his retirement papers last month, but was signed to replace injured Dan O'Leary.

On the final play, Junkin's snap was low and away. Allen never had a chance to set it up for Matt Bryant.

The Giants won four straight to make the postseason, and dominated the first 40 minutes. Collins was 29-of-43 for 342 yards and four touchdowns, expertly guiding New York to a lead that seemed insurmountable, while Toomer caught eight passes for 136 yards.

Tiki Barber, who had 115 yards rushing and 62 yards receiving, blew a 4-10 to the stunned Candlestick crowd after he scored to put New York up 35-14.

But the Niners rallied with a purpose and poise that they've rarely shown this season. Owens caught a 26-yard TD pass late in the third quarter to start the rally, and made big catches on every drive — right up to the final minutes, when Garcia found Streets for a score.

When Will Allen intercepted Garcia's subsequent 2-point conversion attempt, he was tossed to the ground by Owens. It ignited a fight in which New York safety Shaun Williams got ejected for tearing off Jeremy Newberry's helmet and throwing a punch.

Toomer tied an NFL record with three touchdown catches, embarrassing Niners cornerback Ahmed Plummer on all three as Collins dissected San Francisco's secondary.

Jeremy Shockey, the Giants' brash rookie tight end, taunted the 49ers' sideline after just his second reception — and threw ice water in the direction of heckling

fans in a moment of frustration on the New York sideline.

But Shockey, who had seven catches for 68 yards, dropped a potential TD pass late in the third quarter, forcing New York to kick a field goal.

On the season after New York's field goal, the Niners shook off their season of cautious play and drove for two quick scores, while their defense held the Giants to their first two three-and-outs of the game.

After Owens caught a 26-yard TD pass and a 2-point conversion with 2:03 left in the third, Garcia rushed for a 14-yard score and threw another conversion pass, Owens 5 seconds into the fourth quarter. Jeff Chandler added a 25-yard field goal with 7:49 left.

The final seconds were exhausting and confusing. Collins drove New York 38 yards, but Bryant — kicking out of a poor hold, thanks to another poor snub by Junkin — missed a 42-yard field goal with 3:01 left.

The Giants had a fourth-and-1 but decided to kick despite their season-long kicking problems. They've also had short-yardage problems. Garcia took over, converting two straight third downs for the NFL leaders in that category.

Tight end Eric Johnson caught a 25-yard pass to the New York 25, and Garcia scrambled 12 yards to set up his scoring pass to Streets.

After Matt Allen's flailing pass fell incomplete — and after a momentary scare that the officials would call pass interference against the Niners who tackled a Giants lineman attempting to catch it — New York was whistled for having an ineligible receiver downfield, ending the wild game.

Steelers

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touchdowns, and trailed 24-7 until Maddox's 6-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress with 3:50 left in the third quarter.

"But I can't say how many times I must have said, 'We've got time. We have time, so don't panic,'" offensive coordinator Mike Mulvaney said. "I never felt there was a panic button pushed by anyone."

Except the Browns.

Their game-long inability to run the ball — rookie William Green ran 25 times for just 30 yards — proved their undoing.

Unable to wind the clock down, the Browns were forced to throw on almost every down, and once the Steelers' defense tightened up, that left Pittsburgh the time to come back.

Still, even after the comeback began, the Browns had enough left to drive for Phil Dawson's 24-yard field goal and Holcomb's 22-yard touchdown pass to Andre Davis that made it 33-21.

Maddox gave the Steelers a chance, leading a 77-yard drive that ended with his 5-yard scor-

ing pass to Hines Ward with 3:06 left, cutting the deficit to 33-28.

Even then, the Browns needed only a first down or two to run it out.

"I don't think anybody in the building thought we weren't going to win," Holcomb said. "I think everybody thought we were going to go on."

But Browns receiver Dennis Northcutt, who had made big play after big play with two scoring catches and a long punt return, couldn't hold onto a 12-yard Holcomb on third-and-27 and the Browns punted.

With Pittsburgh in a score-or-go home situation, Maddox found Plaxico Burress for 24 yards, Hines Ward for 17, Burress again for 17 and Ward for 7. Fuamato Ma'afala, filling the role Jerome Bettis usually plays when he's not hurting with a sore knee, then powered up the middle from the 3 to score. The game ended with Holcomb's 16-yard completion to Andre King at the Steelers 29 as the Browns couldn't get into range for a possible tying field goal.

Athens

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The Olympics are "everyone's issue," said David Tibbitts, a former FBI agent who oversees security operations at the Salt Lake Olympics in February and is now the vice president for security events for Security Applications International Corp., which is bidding for a security contract for the 2004 Games. "It's really a mutual protection society."

Athens 2004 security consultant Peter Ryan, also the lead security officer in Sydney for the 2000 Summer Olympics, said the teamwork and expenditures are not merely resourceful, they are necessary to meet the basic security demands of the Olympics — which will bring 10,000 athletes in 28 sports to Athens for 17 days — at a particularly perilous time in world history in a region with a unique and daunting set of challenges.

"The cooperation is vital," Ryan said. "The intelligence community is really rediscovering itself in terms of international cooperation."

The Salt Lake City Games took place without incident just months after Sept. 11, but the Winter Olympics are about a third of the size of the Summer Games, and Salt Lake City's relative isolation allowed for the essential equivalent of a security fence to be erected around it by a unified team of U.S. forces governed by the Secret Service.

Such will not be the case in Greece, a nation of 11 million that straddles the Balkans, is a neutral to the East and West and North Africa, and is so open to visitors that its population doubles annually as tourists stream in to see the nation's ancient monuments or cruise to its myriad

islands.

Unlike in Salt Lake City, shutting down air space will require the cooperation not merely of neighboring locales, but of neighboring nations — including Turkey, with which Greece has long had strained relations. And Greece will have to protect venues not just on land, but at sea, as various VIPs and corporate sponsors will stay in floating hotels — cruise ships — in Athens's main harbor.

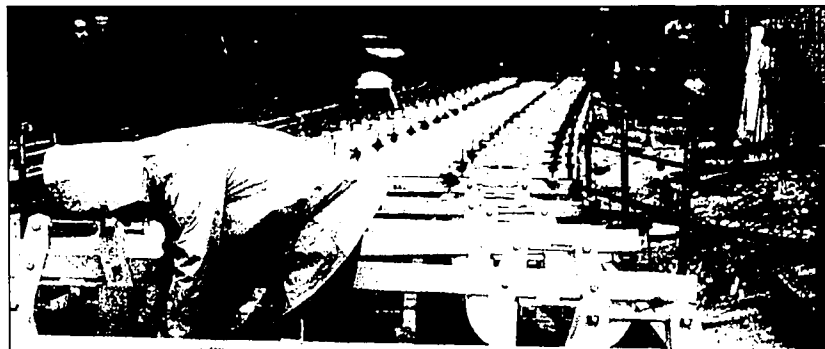
"With the borders the way they are now in Europe, along with the harbor issue and the air-cap issue, they're facing some very strong problems," Tibbitts said. "If someone wants to make a statement, instead of being 14 hours away, they're 1 1/2 hours away."

The money designated for security by the Greek government and Olympic organizers dwarfs the \$310 million invested during the Salt Lake Games, the \$210 million for the 2000 Games in Sydney and the \$300 million spent on the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta.

Greek Minister of Public Order Michalis Chrysochoidis said the full allotment of security funding came in response both to stiff IOC requirements — Athens needed to start from scratch in a number of areas — and the recognition after Sept. 11, 2001, that cost-cutting could not be tolerated.

It was Chrysochoidis, who decided to create the Olympic Security Advisory Group, the team of seven nations with experience in handling terrorism and holding big events that has been meeting quarterly in Athens for the past couple of years.

The United States, Britain, Spain, France, Germany, Israel and Australia compose the group.



A construction crew builds the tram tracks to Paleo Faliro in Athens recently. Athens is getting a face-lift thanks to the 2004 Games with refurbished hotels, enhanced public transport and better organized facilities are some of the expected benefits. Security remains the No. 1 concern, however, and is one of the biggest costs being absorbed by Greece.

Thomas Miller, the U.S. ambassador to Greece, said the meetings have allowed numerous counter terrorism experts from the participant countries to discuss everything from securing the congested roadways in Athens to identifying potential targets for terrorism.

Greece signed 37 security agreements with 22 nations.

"I saw that we needed the international cooperation, because these countries have experience," Chrysochoidis said. "It was a very positive initiative."

U.S. Olympic officials have made specific requests to Greek officials about safety concerns of U.S. athletes and officials and

received assurances that the U.S. contingent will receive the highest levels of protection available.

Miller added that the U.S. personal involvement with respect to security would see a ramping up in the coming months to previously unmatched levels for an overseas Olympics.

Though Olympic security has been a major priority since 11 Israeli athletes were slain by terrorists at the 1972 Summer Games in Munich, never before have security preparations been threatened by such a consistent and formalized international network. In November, training exercises that involved the simulated hijacking of a plane and

ship were conducted in Athens with assistance from anti-terrorism experts from London's Scotland Yard.

In a development considered crucial to the credibility of Greece's security efforts, the Greek police — helped by teams of U.S. and British agents — have in recent months staged an encouraging crackdown on once rampant and seemingly unchecked terrorism within the nation's borders.

After more than 25 years of terrorist activity from the radical group November 17, which has been blamed for more than 20 political assassinations and four dozen bombings, 18 suspected

members have been taken into custody within the last six months and are scheduled to go to trial in March.

Among the murders attributed to November 17, which takes its name from the date of a 1973 uprising by students against Greece's then-military government, was the 1986 assassination of Dimitrios Angelopoulos, a relative of Athens 2004 President Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki.

"It is very encouraging because it shows the ability of the Greek police, but it doesn't make us relax," Angelopoulos-Daskalaki said. "We know we have to remain vigilant."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Idaho downs Northridge in OT thriller, 73-68

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Justin Logan scored 6 of his 14 points overtime to help Idaho pull out a 73-68 victory over Cal State Northridge Saturday night. Logan made four free-throws without a miss in the extra period and sank a basket to spark the Vandals (6-13) in their first Big West Conference victory of the season. Cal State Northridge (6-6) had lost four in a row. Idaho's Jack May sent the game into overtime with a lay-up with 30 seconds to go in regulation, but, after being fouled, missed a free throw that would have won the game. May led all rebounders with 11.

Four Idaho starters scored in double figures by Dwayne Williams with 18 points. Logan and May each scored 14. Tyrone Hayes and Rashad Howell had 10 each. Ian Boylan led Cal State Northridge with 12, Justice Graham scored 11 and John Clark and Curtis Slaughter each had 10 points. All 10 of Slaughter's points came in the second half. Idaho shot 50 percent from the field, making 25 of 50 shots. Cal State Northridge made 24 of 63 shots for 38 percent.

United States loses in bronze medal game Idaho's 3-0 record in the second straight year. Dallas Stars' draft pick Justin Jokinen, Los Angeles Kings selection Brent Johnson, San Jose defenseman Jim Pirkkanen, the fourth choice in last year's draft by Philadelphia, scored for Finland.

Ryan Suter, nephew of former NHL star Gary Suter, and forward Dustin Brown scored for the United States. Finland led 3-0 until the Americans scored twice within three minutes late in the third period.

Wyoming edges Montana St. in Border War

BILLINGS, Mont. — Donta Richardson scored 10 of his 14 points in the second half Saturday to help Wyoming to a 60-56 victory over Montana State in the Border War game at Montana State's Astoria. It was the seventh straight win in the annual series and eighth straight victory this season for Wyoming (11-2). Montana State (6-6) took a 37 lead after a 3-pointer by Chase Reynolds with 15:10 remaining.

Richardson swindled two driving shots around a basket by Alex Dunn, giving Wyoming a 43-42 lead with 9:56 remaining. The Cowboys didn't trail again. Richardson gave Wyoming a 45-42 lead before MSU's Pete Conroy hit a 3 pointer while being fouled with 7:38 remaining.

He missed the free throw, and the score remained tied. Wyoming scored the next six points on a basket from Ute Swenson-Amah, a dunk from Joe Ries and another drive from Richardson — to take a 51-45 with 5:56 left.

After Jason Erickson scored for MSU at the 2:14 mark, Wyoming hit 9-of-10 free throws to seal the win. Erickson led MSU with 16 points, while Reynolds had 13 and Conway 11. Swenson-Amah had 13 points, 16 rebounds and three blocked shots for Wyoming, which outrebounded MSU 40-28.

Montana State, which trailed 28-14 with under six minutes to play in the first half, stayed in the game by hitting 10-of-22 3-pointers.

Legendary Texas sports columnist retires DALLAS — Sports writer and columnist Blackie Sherrod is retiring from The Dallas Morning News after nearly 60 years in journalism.

The 85-year-old Sherrod disclosed his plans in his final column Thursday. "I've had a job for 72 years, since I was 14 years old," he said Friday. "I've been working for 60 years."

Sherrod is a 16-time winner of the Texas Sportsman of the Year Award and a recipient of the national Red Smith Award for lifetime achievement.

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Sherrod worked with four Texas newspapers — the Temple Daily Telegram, near his native Dallas; the Fort Worth Press; Dallas Times Herald; and The Dallas Morning News.

"I was never a very confident writer," Sherrod said. "Never thought it was good enough."

Report: Murdoch might sell Dodgers soon LOS ANGELES — Rupert Murdoch might put the Los Angeles Dodgers up for sale

within the next six months, an Australian newspaper reported on its Web site Sunday.

Murdoch's News Corp. would sell the Dodgers to raise cash before bidding on the satellite television service, DirecTV. The Age reported, citing unnamed Wall Street analysts.

A Dodgers spokesman acknowledged Sunday that the team could be sold if the right offer were surfaced.

Messages left for News Corp. spokesman Andrew Butcher were not immediately returned.

Butcher was quoted as telling the newspaper that no sale was imminent.

"There is no sale pending and there are no talks ongoing regarding the Dodgers," Butcher said.

Butcher was called by the most unprofitable team in Major League Baseball last year in a study by Forbes Magazine.

News Corp. bought the Dodgers in 1988 and provided games for a California pay-TV channel.

United States loses in bronze medal game HALIFAX, Nova Scotia — The United States lost to Finland 3-2 Sunday in the bronze medal game at the World Junior hockey championship.

Finland finished with the third-place medal for the second straight year.

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Ryan Suter, nephew of former NHL star Gary Suter, and forward Dustin Brown scored for the United States.

Finland led 3-0 until the Americans scored twice within three minutes late in the third period.

"We had to give the audience something," Finland forward Sean Breenham said. "But my heart rate was 200 in the third minute."

The United States pulled goalie Rob Goepfert, but couldn't score the tying goal.

St. Louis Blues drafted pick Tommas Nissenen started in goal for Finland instead of Kari Lehtonen, who played excellently in a previous game of the tournament. Nissenen stopped 29 shots.

Finland lost with a world junior gold medal in 1993. The Americans' best result at this tournament was silver in 1992.

NHL working on Senators financing plan NEW YORK — The troubled Ottawa Senators could have a new financing plan in place by the middle of next week, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said Friday.

Bettman met with team owner Rod Bruden and the Senators' major creditors, the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Fleet National Bank and Covanta Energy Corp.

"We met with all the interested parties and discussed a framework for providing financing that would enable the club to become current on its obligations," Bettman said in a statement. "It is a hope that the financing can be arranged and finalized by the middle of next week."

The Senators, who led the league with 53 points going into Friday's games, missed a player payroll payment Jan. 1 after a \$234 million financing plan fell apart on New Year's Eve.

That deal would have injected \$42 million to cover operating expenses — including the missed salaries — and payments to keep its loans current.

Even though the team has drawn well and has a comparatively modest payroll, its estimated at \$160 million have made it impossible for the Senators to make any money.

The league did not say what financing deal it was considering. Possibilities include loans, to provide time for the team to arrange refinancing or having it declare bankruptcy to provide protection from creditors.

The \$234 million financing plan completed by Dec. 31 to provide tax benefits for 2002. Now that that deadline has passed, the plan probably will not be revived.

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SCORES AND STATS

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OTHER VIEWS

State Board premature in dismissing budget plan

The Idaho Statesman (Boise)

The State Board of Education produced some political drama in reversing support of state superintendent Marilyn Howard's proposed budget for public schools.

The board endorsed the budget on Dec. 12, then took back that endorsement in a special meeting five days later.

But in the end, the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, which it always does - consider her recommendation, along with the governor's and the board's, then appropriate funds based on available revenue.

Howard is asking for a \$32 million increase for public schools. The lion's share, \$24.4 million, would go toward increasing the pool of funds for teacher administrative and staff salaries. The portion for teachers will move the state closer to funding the \$25,000 minimum salary for teachers. The state pays \$23,210 and Howard wants an increase to \$25,744.

Howard also is seeking \$4 million for Idaho's continued effort on implementing student achievement standards. All this was fine with a majority of State Board members, who voted 4-3 in support of Howard's budget. But, suddenly, three board members changed their minds.

Jim Hammond of Post Falls, one of three board members

who reversed himself, said it was a fairness issue. He said it was not right for the board to ask universities and agencies such as the Idaho Historical Society to hold the line on spending, then recommend an increase for public schools.

Hammond said he supported Howard's proposal, with the stipulation that the revenue was available. But that part of it didn't get reported in the media.

We don't buy it. Nothing changed in the five days since endorsing Howard's proposal - aside from the politics. Hammond says if the State Board is going to recommend an increase in budgets, then it's only right for the board to identify new sources of revenue.

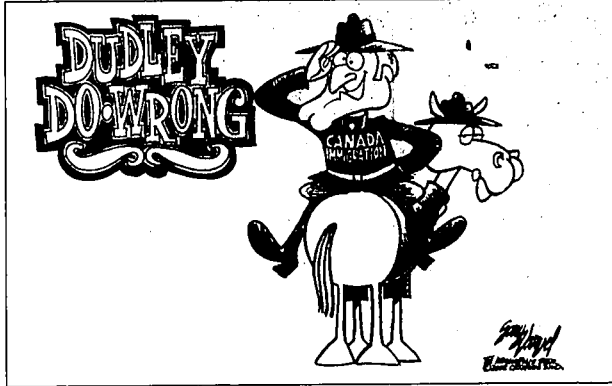
But that's the job of JFAC, the House Revenue and Taxation Committee and the governor's budget office. The State Board's job is to focus on education policy and help identify needs.

Board members say there's no way the state will have enough revenue to pay for Howard's budget proposal, and maybe they're right. If so, education officials may have to do without increases in the salary pools.

But there's a chance that board members are wrong. Perhaps the economy will experience some recovery, or maybe the Legislature will approve a tax increase.

The revenue questions will be answered somewhere around the end of March - not the end of December.

Their view: This guest editorial from The Idaho Statesman in Boise says politics forced the State Board of Education to reverse its support for this year's budget proposal.



Wish for 2003: Secure borders

JOEL MOWBERRY

Everyone makes New Year's resolutions, but what people should do instead this year is to tell elected officials that what we all need is for the government to finally get serious about securing our borders. This doesn't mean keeping out legal immigrants, but it does require hermetically sealing the borders to illegals to prevent more terrorists from following the Christmas lead of the five Pakistani men who slipped across the Canadian border.

Since we can't achieve true border security overnight, government officials should start by fixing the things that are most broken. All 19 of the Sept. 11 terrorists came here on legal visas - 15 of which were issued in one country, Saudi Arabia - with the attention that has been paid to visas was warranted and it still necessary. The program formerly known as Visa Express - where all Saudi residents were expected to submit visa applications to private Saudi travel agents - was thankfully scrapped, but much work on the visa front remains.

Applicants in Saudi Arabia, for example, still get approved for visas at far higher rates than those from neighboring nations, even though we know the House of Saud has allowed us to reap the Islamic radicalism that it sows. But at least the public is now paying attention to visa policy. The same cannot be said, however, for illegal immigration.

Illegal immigration isn't just about jobs and economies anymore. It's about national security and terrorism. And in case people weren't able to piece together an open door and terrorism using that

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Smallpox vaccine policy is bad science

It may come as a surprise to some that we don't make health policy in the United States based on porous writings from behind closed doors. There is actually a science to calculating risk. Making such sweeping decisions as President Bush has done on smallpox vaccination - keeping the public and experts in the dark - is simply indefensible.

The limited support of medical and public health professional organizations for the vaccination campaign may lead people to surmise, incorrectly, that the mainstream of expert opinion is behind the president.

LINDA ROSENSTOCK

In fact, public health experts involved in consultation on the recommendation, or those like me observing from outside the federal and public health establishment, might have come to a wholly different conclusion had the starting premise been a different one than "assume there is a credible and small but finite risk of near-term intentional exposure." In other words: "You health experts design a plan based on information we may or may not have but cannot share with you."

This potentially false starting premise - and the implication that the risk now is sufficiently greater than it was before the Sept. 11 attacks to warrant a wholesale new approach to one of many potential biological hazards - takes on a life of its own.

Each state is mandated to design its smallpox vaccination strategy. The debate at the national level shifts from whether anyone should be vaccinated to who among those most "at risk" should be vaccinated and in what order.

Which part of the military? Which medical and emergency response personnel? And once on this slippery slope, the truly extraordinary recommendation emerges that all civilians be given the vaccine and emergency response personnel? And once on this slippery slope, the truly extraordinary recommendation emerges that all civilians be given the vaccine and emergency response personnel?

This particular recommendation reverses established public health policy that once a clear public benefit exists, taking into account known risks, as well as potential child-based immunizations - then the goal is universal coverage.

And we learn from Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson that the smallpox vaccine will be provided to everyone free.

Would that the administration provide vaccines of known value such as measles, mumps and rubella to the population at no cost. But that is a different discussion.

So is there anything prudent we can do to prepare for possible germ warfare? Of course there is. First, the public deserves a clear explanation from the administration about the evidence of a threat.

We deserve to know what they know. If the risk is dramatically close to zero, as many of us in the health field believe, then a prudent course would be to continue as we are doing; working rapidly to manufacture a better vaccine, now exists, to be available when and if the risk determination changes.

This is a credible course given the knowledge that smallpox does not spread as rapidly as many other infectious agents and there is a window of reasonable time (probably four days) when post-exposure vaccination is still effective.

If a credible, finite risk, even if small, can be convincingly established, then it will be honest disagreement among scientists and experts about the next best steps.

The debate will hinge on when to begin a vaccination campaign, before or after a documented case. And then the discussion, if we choose to proceed with pre-exposure vaccination, will likely hinge on who should be vaccinated.

For now, we have not been provided with convincing evidence that any American should be vaccinated.

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LETTER

Maggies, wolves and Russian olives are a curse

It so often the old story of how like the things as long as they are in you a back yard as still going strong. Here, growing up searching for every good and little chick, we naturally were taught by our parents, to get rid of maggies by any method possible. Like Bonnie, we spent many hours baiting and shooting this wild bird, as did almost every one in this valley. As proof that protection is unnecessary for this predator bird, they always, to me, seemed to prosper. Of all the ways we tried to rid the farm of this much hated bird, only one of the methods we used is illegal now.

It took a while to convert my wife, who was born and reared in a small town in Colorado, to one of the links of maggie haters. While living on Quicksilver in Hagerman, there was an ever-changing bird, in which I was particularly interested. It could easily have reached out to it. As time progressed, she really enjoyed watching the eggs appearing, the hatching proceed and then the babies being fed. Now, the education of a convert.

One morning there was a racket, and upon arriving at the window, she was treated to the sight of a maggie robbing the nest and eating the babies out on the street while still struggling. Now all of you readers who think that's OK, or the sight of a pack of wolves eating a calf while it still alive, get busy at your typewriters.

As for Russian olives, have you seen pictures nearly rendered useless by this malady? The olives won't look so nice if you have ever had to deal with an invasion of this, grow any where there is water, tree. After they have invaded not even a weed seems to grow under them. No one seems to take credit for these trees, arterial to federal and state lands. We wonder why.

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Campuses need more balance of opinion

DANIEL PIPES

American universities have turned into hotbeds of opposition, and it's time to take them back.

Take the issue of Iraq. Americans generally focus on the regime's brutal behavior toward its own population and the threat it poses to the outside, while ignoring the danger to us. Yet ask professors what the problem is, and they are most likely to reply that the United States, not Iraq, is the main menace and that oil, not nukes, is the Bush administration's central concern.

Two professors of history typify this outlook. Eric Foner of Columbia University asserts that a pre-emptive war against Iraq would take us back "to the notion of the rule of the jungle." He posterously finds Washington, D.C.'s argument today "exactly the same" as that used by the Japanese to justify their assault on Pearl Harbor. Glenda Gilmore of Yale University sees U.S. imperialism in Washington's confrontation with Iraq. It's "the first step in Bush's plan to transform our country into an aggressive nation that cannot tolerate opposition." She has also stated: "We have

met the enemy, and it is us."

Views like these echo through the campuses, confirming that universities remain, as they have been since the mid-1960s, the most radical, adversarial and alienated major institution in American life.

That's not to suggest censorship; professors have full privileges to freedom of expression. But it does point to the need to raise some difficult questions:

Why do American academics so readily see their own country as the problem?

Why do universities hire people who relentlessly apologize for U.S. enemies?

Why do professors consistently misunderstand the most important challenges facing the country, such as the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Persian Gulf War and now the war on terror?

What long-term impact does a radicalized and repressive university atmosphere have on students?

The country needs its universities to become more mature,

responsible and patriotic. To achieve this change means taking the wayward academy back from the faculty and administrators who now run it.

It's important to remember that universities, built over decades and even centuries, do not change as easily, legally, financially or morally - to the employees who happen to staff them. The latter do not have a right to hijack these vital institutions out of the mainstream of American life.

Outside stakeholders - board members, alumni, parents of students and, in the case of state institutions, state legislators - need to start worrying more about politics than about football.

They must take steps to create a politically balanced environment, as it was before the 1960s, in which sound scholarship and sound teaching can again take place.

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Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



NATION/WORLD

Poll: Republicans tilt online polls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are far more likely than Democrats to participate in online surveys, according to a poll that found a modest growth in the number of people using the Internet to get campaign news.

Among those who go online to catch up on politics, almost half of Republicans, 46 percent, said they like to register their opinions in online surveys.

Fewer than three in 10 Democrats, 28 percent, said they like to participate in the online surveys, according to the poll by

the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, in cooperation with the Pew Internet and American Life Project.

Half of those who said they like to take online polls were Republicans while one in five were Democrats and one in four were independents.

With Republicans more likely than Democrats to go online for political news, that tilts the makeup of those online survey respondents heavily toward the GOP.

Such online surveys are used to spark interest in use of Web sites both by the major television net-

works and by political Web sites.

Representatives of the scientific polling industry often complain that the proliferation of online surveys can confuse people about actual public opinion. The online surveys simply show how many people logged in to the Web site and sent a response.

The percentage of Internet users who went online for election news in 2002 was 22 percent, up slightly from 15 percent in 1998, the year of the last midterm congressional election.

Television news remains the primary source of election infor-

mation for the overall population and among Internet users.

In the general population, a solid majority of people, 66 percent, were more likely to register their opinions through sources of campaign news than twice the number who cited newspapers. The Internet lagged far behind at 7 percent.

The poll of 2,745 adults was taken between Oct. 30 and Nov. 24 and has an error margin of plus or minus 2 percentage points, slightly larger for Internet users and those who go online for political news.

Baggage rules don't impede travel

CHICAGO (AP) — Knowing holiday travelers would be putting the country's new airport baggage-screening system to its first big test, Robert Chesniak gave himself 90 minutes to check his luggage Sunday at O'Hare International Airport.

That was about 85 minutes more than he needed.

"That wasn't bad at all," said Chesniak, 53, after a security worker wiped his bags with a sheet of material designed to pick up traces of explosive chemicals for analysis in a detector device.

Around the country, air travelers had much the same impression on what was expected to be the heaviest travel day since Jan. 1, when a Congressional order went into effect requiring that every checked bag at more than 400 of the nation's commercial airports be screened for explosives.

"It wasn't nearly as bad as we were led to believe it was going to be," said Roger Burlingame, who was traveling from Chicago to Phoenix. "A piece of cake," said his wife, Maria.

Spot checks Sunday at several of the nation's airports showed no major delays caused by the new security measures.

"It's about the same as before," said Richard Blackwell, said his wife, Maria, who watched as screeners at Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport opened and inspected a sealed box of stereo equipment before a flight to Florida.

Six die in home invasion in Texas; police point to drugs

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — Six men, including two brothers, were shot to death early Sunday in a home invasion by four or five intruders who were probably looking for weapons and drugs, authorities said.

The mother of two of the victims was tied up with electrical cord and forced to look at a wall as one of her sons was shot in another room, Sgt. Rey Ramirez said.

The five other victims were found dead in a separate ramshackle house on the property.

Ramirez said no arrests had been made.

The woman, who freed herself after the intruders left and called police, told authorities one of them was wearing clothing with word "police" on it.

Ramirez said several incidents have been reported during the past year in which people identi-



Three kite enthusiasts are silhouetted against the evening sky at the Berkeley Marina Saturday in Berkeley, Calif.

Many Americans work flexible hours

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scott Carver is a morning person who likes to get to work at DuPont early so he can leave while it's still light outside.

"I like to feel like I have a day left to do things," said the 32-year-old lab technician, whose daily commute from his home in the Detroit suburb to Troy, Mich., takes about 55 minutes.

Carver arrives at 7 a.m., though the company's policy lets him start anywhere from 5:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., as long as he lets his supervisor know what schedule he wants to work a month in advance.

DuPont's flexible time policy started years ago to help employ-

ees with children, many of whom also had a spouse working for the company.

"Everybody appreciates it and uses it," said Carver, who drives in every morning with his wife, Jaime, an accountant for DaimlerChrysler. She also has some flexibility in her schedule.

"For people who have kids, it allows them to get them off to school or to day care. There's a lot of families that work there," Carver said.

Almost 29 million full-time wage and salary workers, or nearly 29 percent, have schedules that allow them to vary the time they begin or end their day while working 40 hours weekly,

according to the Labor Department. But only about one-third of those employees work for companies with official flex time policies.

The proportion of workers with such schedules has grown slightly since 1997, when the department last collected the data. Then, 26.6 percent reported working flexible schedules. Just 15 percent had flex time in 1991.

Flexible schedules were most common among executives, administrators and managers, with 45.5 percent able to vary their work hours. Sales workers, at almost 41 percent, also benefited.

Explosion collapses elevated tennis court, killing one

GRANTHAM, N.H. (AP) — An explosion collapsed an elevated tennis court Sunday, killing one person and injuring three others at a private recreational community, authorities said.

The four men were removing snow from the court when the blast tossed them into the air, then buried them in rubble and snow.

Scott Irvine, a doctor who lives near the court, said one of the men was found buried in snow nearly 20 feet away. Irvine said he performed CPR but could not revive the man.

Two people were blown over a 12-foot-high fence, said Fire Chief Bob Scavay.

Irvine said one man was treated at the scene, another was flown a hospital with critical injuries and a third suffered broken bones. He said he believed three of the men were in their

70s and one in his mid-60s.

Scavay said investigators don't know what caused the blast, but Irvine said, "one man said they hit something with the snowblower and heard a loud boom." He said a stream of fire was coming from a gas pipe when he arrived at the scene.

The aluminum platform, which had sat about four feet off the ground, was covered with about 20 inches of snow from a storm Friday night.

The recreational community in Grantham, about 50 miles north-west of Concord, has a golf course, 13 tennis courts and hiking and ski trails.

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Israeli medical staff rush a wounded man onto an ambulance after a double suicide bomber attack in Tel Aviv, Israel, Sunday.

Suicide bombers kill 22 in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Two Palestinian suicide bombers set off back-to-back blasts Sunday in a central Tel Aviv area crowded with foreign workers, killing 22 bystanders and wounding more than 100 in the bloodiest attack in 18 months.

Hours later, Israeli attack helicopters fired at least four missiles at a target in Gaza City, witnesses said. There was no immediate report of casualties. Israel Radio said the missiles hit two Palestinian Authority offices and a building in the market.

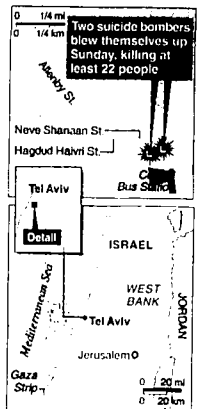
The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, a militia linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, said the bombers were its members, contradicting earlier reports that the militant Islamic Jihad was claiming responsibility. The twin blasts came just three weeks before Israel's Jan. 28 general election.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon convened an emergency meeting of his Cabinet ministers Sunday evening. Israel responded to two similar attacks in June — Jerusalem bus bombings that left 26 dead — by occupying most West Bank towns.

But with Israeli troops still in control of Palestinian population centers, Israel's range of additional responses is limited, particularly as the United States considers a possible strike against Iran and wants to avoid friction with the Arab world over the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

A renewed spate of terror attacks could boost support for hardline parties, including Shaulis' Likud, in the upcoming election. The Palestinian Authority condemned Sunday's attack.

The blasts were a setback to Egypt's efforts to persuade Hamas and Islamic Jihad to halt attacks on Israeli civilians, at least until after the elections. The bombings also ended a period of relative calm. Previously the last bombing inside Israel was Nov.



SOURCES: Associated Press, ESN, AP

21, when 11 bus passengers were killed in Jerusalem.

Sunday's attacks occurred at about 6:30 p.m. in a pedestrian area filled with working-class shops and restaurants near Tel Aviv's defunct central bus station. Both bombers had explosive strapped to their bodies.

One blew himself up near a fast-food restaurant called "McChina." The explosion ripped through the outdoor restaurant, overturning wooden picnic tables and showering glass on the sidewalk.

Seconds later, the other bomber blew himself up in a commercial area about 100 yards away.

Rescue workers said most of the dead were foreigners, thousands of whom live in the area. Several of the wounded were treated on the sidewalk.

Gunman steals plane, threatens to crash into bank building

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — A man stole a small aircraft at an airport Sunday and flew it over downtown Frankfurt, circling skyscrapers and threatening to crash into the European Central Bank. He landed safely after about two hours and was arrested.

The man told a television station he wanted to call attention to Judith Resnik, a U.S. astronaut killed in the 1986 space-launch explosion of the space shuttle Challenger.

Military jets chased the stolen, two-seat motorized glider as the man began circling slowly above Frankfurt's banking district.

Thousands of people were evacuated from the main railway station, two opera houses and several skyscrapers — the latter mostly empty on a Sunday afternoon at the end of the Christmas season.

Police identified the man as a 41-year-old German man from Darmstadt, a city some 25 miles south of Frankfurt. Television and radio stations named him as Franz-Stephan Strambach, a student.

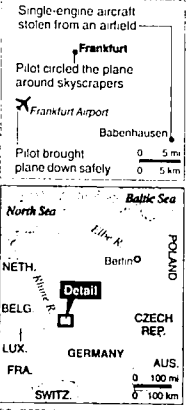
"I want to make my great idol Judith Resnik famous with this," he said in a call from the plane to the channel. "She deserves more attention, she was the first Jewish astronaut, and maybe that's why she isn't really considered."

In radio contact with air traffic controllers, the man threatened to crash into the European Central Bank headquarters unless he was allowed the TV interview as well as a call to Baltimore. He later said he wanted to commit suicide by plunging the plane into the Main River.

Police also said the man had identified the Central Bank head-

Pilot threatens city

A man who stole a small plane Sunday threatened to crash into the skyscrapers of downtown Frankfurt, Germany. After about a two-hour and 16-minute flight, he landed the plane safely.



SOURCES: Associated Press, ESN, AP

quarters as a possible target. A police helicopter was sent up to try to force the plane away from the city. The German air force sent two Phantom jets roaring back and forth across the evening sky.

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Dinosaurs - and museums - ruled earth

It was the day after Thanksgiving, and we were in Washington, D.C., and if we belonged to an intelligent species - bears, for example - we would have spent the day in the fetal position, moaning. Unfortunately, all the blood had left our brains to help digest the bowling balls of compressed food in our stomachs, and our IQs had dropped to plant level.

And so we made a mistake, a mistake that many other food-stuffed people in the Washington area make on the day after Thanksgiving: We decided to go to a museum. It would be fun! And educational!

So we lumbered out the door, 12 of us, and piled into our cars. From the sidewalk, worms watched us and laughed. "We may be dirt-eating invertebrates," they said, "but we know better than to go to a museum on the day after Thanksgiving!"

We headed first for the International Spy Museum, a popular new Washington attraction.

With exhibits on spying techniques, including a "hands-on" torture chamber where children use real electrodes to find out how much voltage it takes to turn their siblings' flesh into jelly. Plus there's a gift shop where you can buy actual state secrets, including a map showing Vice President Cheney's Undisclosed Location (Graceland).

No, I'm kidding. I don't know what they have at the International Spy Museum. When we arrived, there was a line from the entrance, which is on F Street, stretching around the corner to approximately Ecuador. At that point, if we'd had one working brain cell among us, we'd have said: "This is insane! Let's go home!" Instead, being turkey-bloated morons, we said: "Let's go to the Smithsonian."

The Smithsonian is a great museum that annually attracts more than 20 million visitors, every single one of whom was there when we arrived. Have you ever been caught in a department store holiday mob shopping frenzy, when normally decent middle-aged moms are yanking out clots of each other's hair? Well, that's what the Smithsonian was like, but instead of fighting over merchandise, people were elbowing each other savagely to get close to the exhibits, dragging their children behind them, because this was educational and fun, dammit.

Look, Dylan! a parent would say, pointing at what appeared to be a rock. "This is the fossil of a land plant from 400 million years ago!"

And young Dylan, with the eager curiosity of youth, would say, "Can we go home now?" "Look!" the parent would say, pointing at another rock. "Here's the fossil of a very old seed! Dylan? Dylan, you come back here and look at this seed right now!"

I clung fiercely to my two-year-old daughter, Sophie, afraid that if I set her down, she'd disappear into the mob, and I'd find her years later in the Pacific Cultures exhibit, wearing a grass skirt and demonstrating how ancient Pacific islanders would pound roots with rocks to make their favorite dish, Pounded Root.

In the crush of people, Sophie and I became separated from our group, so I got on my cell phone to try to locate the others.

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Thinning thatch? Tell us about it

The Times-News is preparing an article about balding, and about how some folks take it in stride while others turn to medical science for a remedy. Regardless of which category you fall in, we'd like to hear from you.

Local Steve Crump at 735-3223, or write to him at crump@magicvalley.com



HUMOR
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Foot fault

More diabetics face lower-limb amputations

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Patient Bob Lancaster's remote control came up missing one day, recalls his doctor, Craig Holman.

"He couldn't find it anywhere," said Holman, a Twin Falls podiatrist. "Until he took his shoe off."

Diabetes devastates millions of American lives in a variety of ways, but nowhere more painfully than below the knees.

"The number of diabetic-related lower limb amputations is going up every year (87,000 last year)," Holman said. "People don't realize how insidious and dangerous this disease can be."

Of the 16 million Americans with diabetes, 15 percent will suffer foot ulcers in their lifetime. Of those, one out of five will lose a foot or part of a leg.

Lancaster, 63, lost both in separate surgeries recently. A Type II diabetic for 18 years, he suffers from a condition called diabetic neuropathy that, among other things, can leave the feet with little or no feeling - including the sensation of pain.

Neuropathy is caused by the impairment of nerve function due to increased blood sugars, and it produces numbness, burning or tingling and diminished sensation in the feet. Individuals who suffer from this may not be able to feel open sores, infections or blisters that need treatment. When these slow-healing wounds go untreated, infection develops and the result is often amputation.

"I developed a condition call Charcot foot," Lancaster explained. "I was walking around on feet with many broken bones."

Charcot foot compounds the biggest risk of diabetes to feet and limbs: Impaired healing and unevenly insulating infections that diabetes, with compromised circulation and often nerve damage in their feet and legs, are hard pressed to ward off.

And problems can start with something as basic as an ingrown toenail, Holman says.

"It's impossible to overemphasize the importance of diabetes checking their feet," he said. "And doing it daily."

Increasingly, it's becoming apparent that may be a matter of life and death.

Gayle Reiber, a professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Washington, compiled statistics from a series of studies on the relationship between foot and lower leg amputations in diabetes and death. The results showed that between 13 percent and 40 percent died within a year of their amputations and that between 35 and 65 percent were dead within three years.

"That's the thing to remember about



Diabetes cost Bob Lancaster his right leg two months ago.

diabetes and your feet," Holman said. "Small problems don't stay small."

"Even in patients who otherwise manage their diabetes well, Lancaster says.

"I check my blood sugar when I'm supposed to, I watch what I eat, and I give myself the insulin shots when I'm supposed to," he said. "And I still had these problems with my feet."

Compounding his troubles, Lancaster says, was another doctor who misdiagnosed his Charcot foot, meaning he didn't get treatment for it as soon as he should.

"So by the time I knew about it," he said, "it was a mess."

Although pharmaceutical companies are investing heavily in drugs to combat neuropathy and diabetes-related circula-

Diabetes and your feet

The American Podiatric Medical Association has launched the "It's What You Don't Feel That Can Hurt You" campaign, which provides free information on diabetes and the feet as well as quizzes and foot screening tests that assess sensation in the feet. For more information visit www.apma.org or call 1-800-FOOTCARE

tion problems, Holman says the state of the art is focusing on limiting damage to the feet through topical medications and procedures such as wound debridement, which involves the removal of dead and infected tissue.

Equally important is the proper use of specialized casts to relieve pressure on foot wounds, he added.

"Many times, healing the ulcer is the easy part," Columbus, Ga., podiatrist Tony Espirito told the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer. "But preventing recurrence is where the challenge stands. Patient education is the real key to prevention and my attempt to implement this here. Our main goal is always to save the leg."

Choice of footwear can help, Holman says. Diabetics should look for shoes that are shaped like their feet - preferably ones that lace up, have rounded toes and soft leather uppers. And this must be precisely

What's more, new shoes sometimes produce pressure sores - uncomfortable for most people, dangerous for diabetics - so diabetics shouldn't wear new shoes for more than two hours without checking pressure areas - and two hours should be the maximum time for wearing a pair of shoes.

When their shoes start hurting, diabetics need to be vigilant against their feet becoming dry and the skin cracking, Holman says - and they need to use a pumice stone every day to keep calluses under control.

Those are some of the things that Lancaster practices in an effort to save his other foot.

"I'm taking care of myself, but I know that one of these processes is already in control."

One in five diabetics is unable to walk, tallied with foot problems, says the survey to learn away from the foot problems caused by skin sores.

All told, a little more than 2 percent of diabetics between the ages of 15 and 64 require amputations, according to Reiber. The figure rises to 16 percent for diabetics over 65.

"Amputation is the best way to save the diabetics," Holman said. "But some times amputation is the better alternative."

- The Columbus, Ga., Ledger-Enquirer contributed to this report

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U.S. women love unsensible shoes

The Washington Post

It's no coincidence that a pair of shoes figures prominently in the relationship between Cinderella and her prince. Women have long adored shoes of all kinds, recognizing their ability to alter moods, announce authority and curry sexual favor. Is it any wonder that a pair of glass slippers could be used to broker a marriage proposal?

In the grisliest telling of the fairy tale, Cinderella's wicked step-sisters hack off their toes and slice at their heels, so desperate are they to squeeze their substantial feet into the dainty magical slipper. Many a dissertation has examined the subtext of this tale, and the dangers of placing the responsibility for one's happiness on a flaky prince, a sketchy fairy godmother and an ill-fitting shoe.

Yet despite warnings from feminists and mothers, modern women who look askance at illusions about princes regularly abuse their feet in ways that would make a podiatrist blanch. Who has not encountered a woman willing to risk hammer toes, corns and bunions in exchange for the fleeting pleasure of walking into a cocktail party in a pair of needle-nose Sergio Rossi reptile pumps purchased on a mad-kidnap?

The holiday season brings end-



Photo courtesy of Bill Dreyer Pictures

Seventh Avenue loves women's shoes. When a fashion conglomerate wants to expand, it shops for shoe companies. When a designer wants to widen his name recognition, he searches for a shoe licensee. For all its

It's no accident that Cinderella, America's favorite fairy tale, involves a fancy pair of shoes.

Transform unwanted fabric in eight ways

Year's end is a good time to sort through our fabric stashes.

At best, we'll find some fabrics to match with patterns for sporty garments. More often, we unfold pieces, study them, re-measure, think a bit - and put them back on the shelf or in the box.

At worst, we find some and simply mutter, "What was I thinking?"

Now we have a dilemma. Should we get rid of those fabrics or can they be saved in some creative way? Consider each for its shortcomings, then look for ways that fabrics might be salvaged.

1. If you like the fiber content but hate the print or the color, try overdyeing. This is best with natural fibers such as cotton, wool and silk. For synthetics, try stretching or stamping to alter the print.

2. Don't like the big picture? Cut away motifs or color areas in the print, and then piece the fabric back together. Or just apply something over the parts you don't like.

3. Apply quilting techniques. Think about using the offending fabric in small quantities, for strip piecing or patchwork, mixing in solid colors to tone it down.



SEWING
Barbara Gash

4. Try changing the texture of the fabric by scrunching it. This is done by wetting it, twisting or

wrinkling very tightly and letting it dry in a horizontal tub. To keep the wrinkled effect, use some fabric weight interfacing in the wrong side. Denimizing can also be done on the machine, with an elastic thread wound by hand on the bobbin.

5. Embellish the surface with yarn, ribbon or decorative thread.

6. Use the fabric for trims, such as piping or banding. Clearly stripes are great for this, cut on the bias. It could also make contrasting facings, collars or cuffs on a solid color garment.

7. Use it for accessories, such as scarves or purses.

8. If it's a lightweight fabric, wear it on the inside, as a lining for a coat or jacket.

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HEALTH & FASHION

M.V. hospital offers CPR class

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the doctor's meeting room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2907.

To do for you
required, call 737-2900.

'Baby and Me'
St. Benedicts Family Medical Center will offer "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Developmental Milestones."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

Family health
"Choose to Move," a family health class, will be offered from 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Jan. 14, at the Sawtooth Elementary School gymnasium, 1771 Stadium Blvd., Twin Falls.

The program is designed to support families in creating an active lifestyle and a healthy diet.

The class will be taught by James Tighe, who is a personal trainer, certified clinical educator in child and adolescent obesity, and certified lifestyle and weight management consultant.

Cost is \$80 for the eight-week program and includes class materials. Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2900 to register.

CPR for babies
Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class is offered as part of

the prepared childbirth course. New parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and prevention of injury.

Free. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call 737-2900.

Get back
"Back to School," a health class, will be offered from 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning this Wednesday, Feb. 5 and March 5, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Rehabilitation Services, 560 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Topics will include the basic anatomy of the spine, common injuries and disease that lead to back pain with detailed instructions in posture and body mechanics.

Fee is \$25. Participants will be provided with written materials. To register, call Magic Valley Regional's Physical Therapy Department at 737-2125.

Alzheimer's support
Holley Homes will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting on Jan. 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Philo House, 525 16th Ave. E., Jerome.

For more information, call Carey Crist at 324-8524.

Childbirth class
Childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class is for those who have previously taken a childbirth class. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, along with a tour of the Women's

and Infant Center.

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2900.

Refresher course
A childbirth refresher course will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday at the St. Benedicts Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class is offered as part of the prepared childbirth classes and is for anyone who has previously taken childbirth classes. Topics will include labor, breathing and coping skills.

The session will be taught by a registered nurse. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to each class.

The classes are free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedicts Family Medical Center. For more information or to register, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

Pregnancy class
"Step Ahead" pregnancy exercise classes will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Jan. 16 through Feb. 6, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Pediatric Therapy office, 564 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The classes are designed to help pregnant women get the most from their fitness efforts.

Cost for the four-week course is \$20. To preregister, call 737-2870.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

Exercising facial muscles doesn't help

DEAR PAULA: Your information about how face exercises don't work is totally wrong. You must be in cahoots with plastic surgeons that are doing everything possible to deny that our face muscles can be exercised in a manner that turns back the clock.

It is said that the only reason that face exercises haven't made it big (from a consumer standpoint) is because there's no money in it.

The reason that they have been around for 100 years is because they do work. Nobody would invest time and energy into something that doesn't work!

I have been doing facial exercises for six years. I'm 43 and I still get carded when I go out for drinks with my same-aged friends. There are thousands of us out there - a little deeper, listen to your heart, and tell the truth. I plan on publishing my own book.

And I will quote you. After you see what's in the book, you are going to feel a little embarrassed.

-CHRISTELLA, VIA E-MAIL

DEAR CHRYSSTELLA: I may have my non-exercised head screwed on wrong, and while that may well be the case, "being in cahoots" with plastic surgeons to further my anti-facial exercise cause for financial gain is ridiculous.

Think about it: what organization would be funding me and for what earthly reason? The few times I've commented on facial exercises couldn't possibly be enough to stop a miracle anti-wrinkle treatment from gaining attention if it really worked. There have been facial exercise-themed infomercials and books galore (I have one dating back to the early 1900s) so clearly women are not



eschewing this system because of me.

In terms of telling the truth, let me mention that your statement "Nobody would invest time and energy into something that doesn't work," is not realistic. Have you never heard of diets, get-rich-quick schemes, exercise contraptions, cellulite creams and butt enhancing pills, to name a few!

Women also invest a great deal of time and energy into sun tanning, which is extremely dangerous for skin, and also spend billions of dollars on anti-aging products, yet plastic surgeons still flourish.

Investing time and energy in things that don't work is what the cosmetics and other industries count on!

If exercising your facial muscles works for you I would be the last person to tell you not to do it, but there is no science behind it and the research that does exist indicates it is more of a problem than a help.

Botox, in particular, demonstrates what happens to skin when you don't and can't repeatedly use your facial muscles - it becomes smooth and flawless without a wrinkle anywhere to be seen.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (5th edition)" (Beginning Press, \$24.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 160, Seattle, Wash. 98188 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com

Prenatal classes

Prenatal classes will be offered from 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning today through Jan. 22, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Topics will include early pregnancy, prenatal nutrition, warning signs in pregnancy, fetal development, labor and delivery, pain management, maternal recovery, infant feeding, breast feeding, infant care and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Prenatal classes will be offered also in April, July and October.

Cost is \$15. For more information, contact the hospital's education department.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Tuesday through Feb. 4, in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

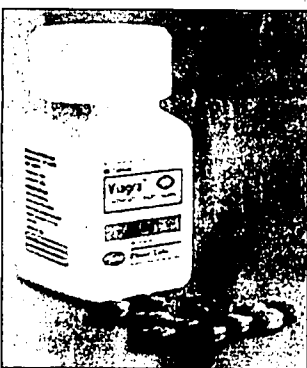
The class will include classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother, care of the newborn including breast and bottle feeding, and a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is

Sexual dysfunction affects millions of adults

Most can be helped

Knight Ridder News Service



Nearly five years after the introduction of Viagra, only 13 percent of men with sexual dysfunction get treated.

The denial, the elation, the shame, so envelopes them and their relationships. Most suffer in secret rather than talk about it even to their partners.

Sexual dysfunction is an epidemic of vast proportions. It affects one in two people over 40, women and men, and all the relationships in between.

The delicate subject is at the heart of a new book by a local doctor, "The Couple's Disease," a 200-page, \$14.95 hardcover, "Can You Test Love Late?" (DHP Publishers).

The author, urologist Lawrence Harkin of the Cleveland Clinic in Weston, Fla., says it's time to put such issues, which often have long histories, because his book has written about both sexes.

"I wanted to know how mild or severe sexual dysfunction is, and how prevalent it is," Harkin says. Having been a urologist when the discovery of Viagra was made for years or decades, he says, is the greater challenge.

Despite the introduction of Viagra, other similar drugs mean a 13.4 percent and 11 percent respectively of men and women aged 40 and over with some level of sexual dysfunction, or SD, get treated.

"I was one of the numbers look even worse. Some 52 percent of women older than 40 live with SD. Of those, fewer than 5 percent get help. Millions of younger people in their 20s and 30s suffer, with little help and what's wrong."

Harkin wants that not diagnosing, the problem is more than a quality of life issue. He says 80 percent of the dysfunction urologists see is only a symptom of something more serious.

"Someone with this problem has to go to an expert and find out not only the right treatment but the underlying cause," he says. "Men don't go to doctors in general, so when they see us we find that they have a prostate problem, a cholesterol problem, we find diabetes, a heart problem. With some simple tests what we usually find is poor blood flow being caused by an organic prob-

lem they didn't even know about."

Noted people like baseball player Rafael Palmeiro of the Texas Rangers and Sen. Bob Dole speaking and the Viagra publicity blitz have helped initiate some treatments, but the majority still go untreated. At the University of Miami and many other institutions, specialists are conducting training for general practitioners to encourage them to ask patients about their sex lives.

The large numbers bear out Harkin's findings that in many couples, both partners have some degree of SD that can stem from high blood pressure, diabetes, menopause, hormonal changes, testosterone deficiencies, smoking - the list goes on. He says the loss of intimacy wrecks havoc on the relationship, exacerbating other problems because the core issue goes unspoken and untreated.

On the front lines is sex therapist Blanche Freund, who teaches psychology at the University of Miami and also has a private practice.

"The biggest thing that happens is avoidance, because it's too emotionally painful to try or talk about," says Freund. "By the time they get to a sex therapist, you practically have to start from ground zero to get them to be nice to each other, to talk to each

other. The silence, resentment, the hostile tones have taken over."

"If we can get people to look at sex as a normal function ... and go to a physician for help, it's workable," says Freund. "If there's still caring there, a lot of good things can come from just one or two sessions. Unfortunately, a lot of people just think in time something will change, and that's just wishful thinking."

For one South Florida couple, "Angel" and "Anne," the problem began about seven years ago. Angel says he noticed a change in frequency of sex and in his ability to sustain an erection. Anne noticed as well and finally found the courage to suggest a sex therapist.

"I was happy she suggested it," says Angel, 52, who is also being treated for high blood pressure. "We weren't starting to enjoy our sex life. The doctor put us on Viagra, and the first time I took it, it worked - oh man, did it work. My wife and I have been married 25 years, and it's like we're on a second honeymoon."

"This kind of thing is very

embarrassing to a man, but you have to be open-minded," he says. "If there's something out there that's going to fix you up, do it. There's no reason to go through life unsatisfied or alone. Life without sex is just sad."

It turned out that Anne, 49, also had SD, but a series of testosterone shots have made a dramatic difference.

"It's been night and day. I always want to have sex now, and I have multiple, multiple orgasms," she says, seeming half mortified, half liberated that she uttered the words. "It's been so good for us, it's intensified our relationship even more."

"I would say to other men and women, don't be afraid to get help. If you love each other, your relationship and lives will turn around 100 percent."

Viagra is effective in 70 percent of men with SD, but the wonder drug may soon have competition from two other medications, Bayer Corporation's Vardenafil and Eli Lilly's Cialis, which are expected to get FDA approval within 18 months. Each has properties that try to address the downsides of Viagra, which makes users wait about an hour before they can attain an erection, may trigger a headache in some and can cause a vision problem that temporarily tints surroundings blue.

Overcoming SD isn't always as simple as taking a pill or shots. According to Dr. Bruce Kava, an assistant professor of urology at the University of Miami, Viagra will not work for all men, but there are plenty of other treatments.

"I can get back function to 90-95 percent," says Kava, explaining that some extreme cases are due to a physical injury or accident. "We have to help men to choose from - drugs, injections, intra-urethral suppositories, a vacuum device and others. Finally we can use a penile prosthesis, and it's very satisfactory for both the patient and the partner."

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Relax with a hot bath

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Close your eyes and breathe deeply. A hint of lavender floats through the air, bringing to mind lazy summer days and grand-mom's sheets.

Stink a little deeper into the warm water of your bathtub and feel the weight of the world lift from your shoulders. For 15 or 20 minutes, your cares have about as much substance as the bubbles around you.

A good, hot bath: Just the thought of it restores a feeling of calm.

A bath can be invigorating, too. Think of toddlers scooting the length of the tub on tiny wet tummies and giggling in delight as yellow duckies pop to the surface after being submerged.

Baths are a delight for the senses, but they're good for the body, too.

Hot water acts as a vasodilator, widening blood flow to the skin, says Eileen Hawkins, an advanced registered nurse practitioner and coordinator of the family nurse practitioner program at Wichita State University's School of Nursing.

"That seems to reduce pain impulses," she says. "You get increased circulation, therefore you have decreased pain."

The heat of the water also can alter the collagen fibers of an artery. Think of ligaments, tendons, joints," Hawkins says. With heat, those tight, sore areas "can be more easily extended or stretched before the pain receptors kick in." It's the same principle that makes stretching so much easier after muscles have been warmed in a workout.

(Caution: Too much of a good thing can be a bad thing. A hot bath or shower on a regular basis during winter months will leave you with dry, itchy skin. Instead, use tepid or warm water, and don't linger.)

Water temperature above 98 degrees probably will make you sleep, says a bath below 92 degrees can be refreshing. For an energizing bath, try water between 70 and 85 degrees.

The psychological boosts of a hot bath might have several causes.

"For busy moms, it's a private time. For anyone, a spot of quiet in a day of noise is a way to unwind. Add herbs or essential oils to the water, and you'll find refreshment or relaxation, depending on whether you opt

It's never too late to remove pesky tonsils

The Hartford Courant

Adults with tonsillitis will miss less work and might get off the ice cream they want — if they have their tonsils removed, a new study suggests.

Researchers at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston studied adults with chronic tonsillitis who had surgery.

Those subjects missed an average 9.2 workdays a year before an operation but less than one day a year on average afterward.

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"I think I'm in ancient Suez," I shouted into the phone. "I see a trilobite. Where are you?"

"We just something mammoth," a garbled voice responded. "We'll try to (something) minerals. But for God's sake (something) insect too."

The crowd swayed me toward the dinosaur skeletons. "Look, Sophie!" said Dr. Dinosaur.

Sophie looked at me as though I was a lunatic, because these things clearly were not dinosaurs. Sophie knows what dinosaurs look like. She watches Barry.

Totally lost, I staggered from exhibit to exhibit. At one point I passed the skeleton of a squirrel from 30 million years ago, and I was disappointed to see that it was the same size as a modern squirrel. I wanted it to be bigger, say 50 feet tall.

Tyrannosaurus Rex, with cheek pouches like UPS trucks, a creature that made the forest shake with its dreaded Scamper of Thunder, striking terror in the hearts of prehistoric 75-pound acorns.

"Look Sophie!" I said, "a squirrel!"

But she had wisely, fallen asleep. My arms ached. I found a place to sit, in a little theater showing an educational five-

Bath recipes

Most of the ingredients can be purchased at your local drugstore or grocery store. Health food stores are one source for essential oils.

Basic bath salts

- 1 cup Epsom salts
 - 6 drops yarrow
 - 3 drops food coloring
 - 3 drops essential oils, such as rose, lavender or orange
- Mix all ingredients together with a wire whisk or your fingers until there are no lumps and coloring is evenly distributed. Store in a wide-mouthed container, because salts may harden, making them almost impossible to get out of a narrow container. To use: Add 1/4 cup to 1 cup of hot running bath water.

Milk baths

- 1/4 cup dried skim milk (see note)
 - 3/4 cup fine or coarse sea salt
 - 15-20 drops essential oils
- Combine dried milk and sea salt in a large bowl. Mix well. Scoop out about 1/2 cup and place into a small bowl. Mix drops essential oils over mixture and stir well. Add back into main bowl and thoroughly mix. Store in a glass jar with a tight-fitting lid. To use: Dissolve under running bath water. Enough for five to six baths. Note: Use dried skim milk only while milk will create an unpleasant fatty residue on you and the tub.

Fizzling bath crystals

- 1/3 cup baking soda
 - 1/4 cup citric acid crystals
 - 1 tablespoon comstarch
 - Five drops essential oil (optional)
- Mix ingredients and place in an airtight container. To use: Sprinkle about 1/4 cup into warm tub of water.

Oatmeal milk bath

- 1 cup oatmeal
 - 2 cups dried skim milk
 - 1/2 cup oatmeal, ground finely, or baby oatmeal
- Combine ingredients in a food processor until mixed. (Master will scratch plastic food processor bowls.) To use: Add 1/2 cup to hot bath water.

Bath cookies

- 2 cups finely ground sea salt
 - 1/2 cup baking soda
 - 1/2 cup comstarch
 - 2 tablespoons light oil
 - 1 teaspoon vitamin E oil, as from castor oil
- To use: Sprinkle

on eggs or chamomile. As you're soaking, thank the ancient Greeks and Romans, who were the first to recognize the value of a good, hot bath.



Baths are a delight for the senses, but they're good for the body, too.

5-6 drops essential oil

Mix all ingredients into a dough; cut out with decorative cookie cutters or roll dough into 1-inch balls and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Do not overbake. Allow to cool completely. Makes about 24 cookies. Use 1/2 "cookies" per bath, allowing them to dissolve in bath water.

Herbal baths

Many people add herbs to their baths, for their psychological effect. Use dried, whole herbs, the ones that look like the leaves, flowers and stems of the plant.

You'll want about 1/2 cup of dried herbs per bath.

Don't just drop the herbs into the bath water. When you're done, you'll have a tub full of yucky mess or a stopped-up drain. Instead, use one of these methods.

• **Use a square of cheesecloth** to surround the herbs and secure them into a bundle. Drop the bundle into the water, and swirl it through the water.

• **Steep the herbs**, much as you would steep tea. Discard the herbs and pour the "tea" into your bath water.

• **Make an herbal "coffee."** Put a coffee filter into the basket of your auto make drip coffee maker, add the herbs to the basket, then fill the coffee maker with water and turn it on. Pour the "brew" into your bath.

— Source: The Wichita Eagle

When you're done, dry off with a thick towel and wrap yourself in a warm robe.

And watch your troubles go down the drain.

Laryngology

A bug that causes a minor sore throat in most people on rare occasions can morph into deadly "flesh-eating" bacteria, causing a ghastly and sometimes fatal malady called necrotizing fasciitis.

One reason why Group A streptococci cause throat irritation in some and erode the flesh of others may be found in differences in a single set of genes, according to research published recently in the online edition of Nature Medicine.

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Barry

minute movie about tectonic plates, which I watched 14 times. I am now an expert on tectonic plates. Ask me anything about them. For example, ask me if, after a while, they get boring. Yes. But I was grateful for the seat, and my suggestion for the Smithsonian is: If you really want to serve the public, you

should put in an exhibit called: A Big Dark Room Filled With Mattresses. Try to do this by next Thanksgiving, OK? Because we'll be back.

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the figure with the elongated legs, the Beaulieu cases, the suggestive tilt of the derriere as if it's being served up for proper admiration on a silver platter. Let she who is shoe and handbag hound. Gucci is a leather goods firm.

Women will tolerate discomfort and a slowed gait for a splendid shoe. Many will speak of shoes reserved with an affection often, shared for a beloved pet, in the hushed tones used to describe fine art or with the passion auto aficionados exude in describing the classic cars they own but cannot drive.

"I actually bought a pair of shoes at Bergdorf (Goodman) about four years ago that I couldn't wear. They were so beautiful. They were slinkybacks and I can't wear them. I wish I had bought them," says Lynda Erkleitjan, president of T.H.E. Artist Agency in Washington. "I have literally put them on in my dressing room and said, 'Jeez, I wish I could wear them outside!'"

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American men spent \$13 billion on about 284 million pairs of shoes by October this year, according to NPD Fashionworld, a research company that tracks retail sales. So why did an inner voice drive women to spend nearly \$16 billion on 545 million pairs?

The answer, perhaps, lies with mythmakers who have infused shoes with magic. From the moment a little girl slips into her first pair of Mary Janes — the kind with the delightful grosgrain ribbons — she is advised through fantasies and legends that shoes are a magnet for Prince Charming, a reward for a job well done and a talisman of individual power. Not even a tiara can compete with that.

In times of lucidity, women will proclaim their admiration for the Aerosole, the Naturalizer, the Birkenstock, the Arche, the Mephisto. Teenagers may keep a wardrobe of sneakers. Graying hippies may swear by their clugs and beach bumps may love their flip-flops. But these are not the shoes that make women gasp in delight, cause men to stare in admiration or send drag queens into a swoon. Glory lies in the slingback, the mule and the kitten heel pump.

There is undeniable, physical pleasure in shoe shopping. Oh, to sit down on a velvet tufted and peed off worn and cracked leather and glide into a fresh pair of pumps in which the insect smells like a cloud and the sweet feel of new leather waits into the air and tickles the nose. Is it really an overstatement to describe the pleasure of footwear as distracting, all-consuming, orgasmic? Perhaps. But women's shoes — unlike a man's capotes, monk straps and wingtips — are awfully pretty. So very, very pretty.

New shoes represent a fresh beginning. They signify the start of a journey and alter the manner in which it will be traveled. Consider a pencil-shin, three-inch heel with its ability to transform the whole body. Forget for a moment those words of warning from any podiatrist, do not consider arching knees or the pressure on the lower back. Just consider

the figure with the elongated legs, the Beaulieu cases, the suggestive tilt of the derriere as if it's being served up for proper admiration on a silver platter. Let she who is shoe and handbag hound. Gucci is a leather goods firm.

A woman's love affair with shoes should not be confused with the mostly male sexual fetish with them. Freudian theory suggests assorted explanations for men's fascination with high heels, most of which focus on the rotation of the foot as the penis and the shoe as the vagina. But one need not veer very far down that path to agree that there is sexual satisfaction in watching an attractive woman walk down the street atop a pair of three-inch heels.

But what is the thrill for women? It may be that women have fetishized shoes in other ways. "Fetishism is not only about sexuality; it is also very much about power and perception," writes fashion historian Valerie Steele in "Fetish: Fashion, Sex & Power." Shoes are items of indulgence that women have always bought for themselves. More public than lingerie, less expensive than a diamond and without the politics of a fur, good shoes signify that one has arrived.

A woman's shoes are the foundation of her public persona, the point from which everything else rises. Shoes may be classified as accessories, but more often they are the main event. Few elements of a wardrobe can so quickly alter the way in which an ensemble is read as a pair of shoes, which is why a woman can justify having four different pairs of black leather boots in her closet. A woman in a simple black sheath and sturdy oxfords comes across as practical and solid. If she exchanges the oxfords for strappy sandals, her ensemble crackles with sex appeal. Wear pumps with the sheath and the message is professional. Choose knee-high boots and she's a bit of a hipster. Shoes are the fashion equivalent of talking points. They keep an ensemble on track, defining its agenda.

When the tornado swept Dorothy and Toto to Oz and their hunchback flattened the Wicked Witch of the East, the jostled heroine was rewarded with the villain's battered toy pumps. As Dorothy plattered flying monkeys trying to get back home to Kansas, all she really had to do was click her heels three times. A pair of shoes can take a woman home, evoking nostalgic memories like few other items in her closet. A woman will remember the first shoes that her parents let her select — a pair of white go-go boots, purple Mary Janes, rubber platform oxfords or red dress-on-ballet slippers. She'll recall her first pair of heels and how grown up she felt, how even how they made her feel sexy and womanly for the first time. She secretly hoped that her black patent leather shoes — reflect up.

Shoes are a measure of unity. They have signified narcissism at least since Hans Christian

Andersen wrote his cautionary fairytale "The Red Shoes" in which a vain girl is forced to pirouette and leap in her red shoes until she dances to the door of death. How uncomfortable might a woman willingly be for the satisfaction of cutting a striking figure in evening pumps?

Shoes do not make a woman feel fat or look sallow. They are egalitarian in their sizing and merchandising. A woman who may have to shop in a plus size store or the petite department to buy her clothes can swim in the mainstream when she's on the hunt for fine shoes.

Shoes are among the least expensive ways in which to update a wardrobe. A scandalously lily pair of shoes can go more places than a whimsical garment. There is a shoe for every mood. Shoes can bridge the generation gap, inciting silliness in mothers and daughters alike.

Twice yearly, a multi-generational footwear feeding frenzy erupts in Manhattan at the Manolo Blahnik boutique, where women line up for this summer sale. At the last sale the boutique, the boutique moved almost 700 pairs of shoes — regularly priced at more than \$400 each — in a day, said George Malkemus, president of Manolo Blahnik USA.

Barbara Hatley came in from Long Island and walked away with burgundy alligator boots that at \$1,750 were about half their original price.

"It's always shoes and bags. I love them. I rotate them. I take care of them," she said. How many pairs does she have? "I will never confess that to anybody."

About two dozen women wait patiently in line. And for every customer to exit the store, the kindly guard allowed another shopper to enter.

No one was fearful of being being no good shoes left, or leaving the sale empty handed. There is always something a pony toed chocolate brown that with a side button, a strappy snakeskin sandal in an impossible shade of pink, a pair of one evening shoes dotted with lime-stones. Not being able to find a pair of shoes that sparkle with magic. That ain't saving there is no magic left in the world.

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COMICS

Stupid Questions By Charles M. Schulz

HOW CAN HOLDING A STUMP BRACKET MAKE YOU FEEL SNIFF?

OH, BOY...

For Duller or For Wiser By Esther Lyall Johnston

MY MOM WANTS TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT MY SOCIAL LIFE AND MY KID FRIENDS. SHE CALLS ME 'WIZARD BREATH'!

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Dilbert By Scott Adams

I NEED YOUR SELF-EVALUATION, SO I CAN WRITE YOUR PERFORMANCE REVIEW.

REMEMBER TO RATE YOURSELF ON OUR CORE VALUES OF HONESTY AND INTEGRITY.

WALLY CLAIMS HE DID NO WORK THIS YEAR, BUT HE'S DISHONEST, SO YOU CAN'T BE SURE.

Blonde By Debra Lee and Stan Drake

YOU'RE AWFULLY LATE. I WAS WORKING ON A BIG BUSH PROJECT.

I HAD NO IDEA WHERE YOU WERE! YOU COULD HAVE AT LEAST CALLED!

SAY AGAIN HERE, WOANING ABOUT YOU FOR NOTHING! (I'VE BEEN COMING HERE TOO LONG)

B.C. By Johnny Hart

HAVE YOU NOTICED THERE'S HARDLY ANY NUTS THIS YEAR?

YEAH.

IT'S GONNA BE A TOUGH YEAR FOR SQUIRRELS.

NOT TO MENTION THE GUY WHO BOOKS THE 'ERRY SPRINGER'S SHOW.

Pickles By Brian Crane

I CAN'T FIND MY CAR KEYS. LET ME BORROW YOURS.

YEAH, OKAY, I'VE GOT THEM RIGHT HERE IN MY POCKET.

HERE YOU GO. DON'T LOSE THEM.

FAT CHANCE.

Garfield By Jim Davis

IN THE LONG RUN, I THINK 'BAD LUCK' AND 'GOOD LUCK' EVEN OUT.

THUD

I MISSED THE CHAIR.

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET ON A REALLY, REALLY, REALLY LONG RUN OF GOOD LUCK TO CATCH UP, PAL.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

ME AN' MR. WILSON GO WAY BACK. WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER ALL MY LIFE.

The Family Circus By Bill Keane

A mommy and Daddy whose family is a little girl, a ham, and a bird.

This week little Billy gives his capsluv'd view of the comics. Today: 'BABY BLUES.'

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

I LOOK OLD!

NONSENSE, YOU'RE AS PRETTY AS THE DAY I MET YOU!

I APPRECIATE THE COMPLIMENT, BUT YOUR EYEBRIGHT TIGHT. WHAT IT WAS 20 YEARS AGO.

IF I HOLD YOU AT ARM'S LENGTH, I SEE YOU JUST FINE!

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

WHAT'S IN YOUR LUNCHBOX?

PIG'S FEET.

YOUR WIFE DOESN'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A LUNCHBOX AND A GARBAGE CAN!

Rose is Rose By Pat Butts

THANKS FOR LISTENING.

I WAS HURTING...

AND I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER JUST BY TALKING IT OUT!

A WOUND HEALS QUICKLY WHEN YOU EXPOSE IT TO THE AIR!

Bagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

WHY IS BAGAR PLACING EVERY OTHER HORN OF OVENRE IN HIS POCKET?

HIS THEORY IS...

EAT ONE NOW, SAVE ONE FOR LATER - EAT ONE NOW, SAVE ONE FOR LATER...

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jim Borgman

UH-DADD!

WHAT'S WITH THE NEW LOOK?

I COULDN'T MAKE OUT THE COOKING INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS BOX OF MACARONI. SO I'M WEARING MY MOTHER'S READING GLASSES ON TOP OF MY REGULAR GLASSES.

DON'T WORRY. I'LL TAKE THEM OFF ONCE I GET DOWN TO GOING.

PARTY! PARTY! PARTY! AND... OH, HE'S HOLDING UP HIS WIFE DOWN.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

LET'S SEE. HIKE TOMORROW... EXTRA-FLUFFY TONIGHT.

BEETLE HAS A PILLOW FOR EVERY OCCASION.

Luan By Guy Evans

WHY AM I SO SELF-CENTERED, ANYWAY? WAS I BORN THIS WAY?

MY FRIEND PETA IS TOTALLY OTHER-CENTERED. SOMETIMES SHE GETS SO INTO EVERYONE ELSE'S NEEDS THAT SHE FORGETS HER OWN.

I'D BE TEN TIMES WANTY TO BE LIKE THAT.

YOU NEED - WAGNY PEAR!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

KNOCK KNOCK

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT TELEMARKETING COULDN'T GET ANY WORSE.

Strange Brew By John Deering

WOMEN DO A GUY IN A REALLY TACK SUIT.

FLOYD'S DELUSION WAS UNIQUE.

Non Sequiter By W. W. W.

I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCER FOR MY LAST AIRCRAFT WHEN I MAKE AN UNCONVENTIONAL SORT OF THE 'REARER'.

THESE UNDERSTANDING... NONE. FIND THE 'REAR' THAT'S IN THE 'REAR' OF THE 'REAR'.

JUST WHEN YOU THINK OF A HONORARY, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

JUST WHEN YOU THINK OF A HONORARY, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

FROM THE 'REAR' OF THE 'REAR' THAT'S IN THE 'REAR' OF THE 'REAR'.

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

THE POPULARITY OF CABLE TV HAS SPANNED MANY HIGHLY SPECIALIZED CHANNELS...

THERE'S A GOLF CHANNEL, A GAME CHANNEL AND A FOOD CHANNEL... JUST TO NAME A FEW!

WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO COME UP WITH THE CHOCOLATE CHANNEL!

SCHOOL DAYS

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DECEMBER'S TEACHER OF THE MONTH



Bill Bubak congratulates Ken Nordquist for being named December teacher of the month. Bubak coordinates the program.

Dietrich High students start New Year on a great note

Six students at Dietrich High School are beginning the year on a great note with their nominations as the new Dietrich Students of the Month.

Being elected to reign for his excellence in academic success in mathematics is Kelli Fenslon, and Caitlin Dill will reign for her academic excellence in earth science. Maria Zavala in mathematics and Scott Southwick in science are leading the way to the throne of excellence with their dedication to good citizenship. And, showing tremendous amounts of perseverance and determination with their elections as most improved students are Keely Cook and Brandon Larson in mathematics and science, respectively.

Congratulations to each of these outstanding youth for their hard work. These are the students who will be leading our

DIETRICH SCHOOL NEWS

Charlene Fenslon



Kelli Fenslon



Caitlin Dill



Maria Zavala



Scott Southwick



Keely Cook



Brandon Larson

next generation through the many changes and trials throughout the next year, and we couldn't ask for a better group of leaders to do so.

Charlene Fenslon is the Dietrich High School paraeducator.

SINGERS PERFORM AT CONVENTION



Castledford High School choir members who performed at the 2002 Idaho State School Board Convention are, from left, front: Kayla Weaver, Linda Kissinger, Lisa Eastman and Angela Garrett; back row: Angelica Trejo, Angie Gonterman, Jessica Bobango and Lauren Kline.

Jerome seniors tackle projects

By Emily Colson
Special to The Times-News

Something new has been introduced to the seniors at Jerome High School. Starting this year, seniors must complete a senior project as part of their final grade in English 12. The project was introduced to the seniors during the first trimester. The projects will show off the students' abilities to read, research, write, speak, problem solve, listen and use what they know. The seniors also learn how to manage their time and organize.

The projects are designed to help the students possibly find a career.

The students write a research paper related to their project.

Examples of projects include building a set of golf clubs, paint hall field, Web page and chair with cushions, plan and run a golf tournament; learn to snow blade, work in cosmetology; create a



Levi Haddam works on his senior project, which is restoring a pickup truck.

dress; write music; install a car stereo system; volunteer at a hospital or clinic; take and develop photographs; restore a 1952 Chevy pickup; teach a health class

and history class; make a quilt and become a certified sky diver.

Emily Colson is a staff writer with the JHS Tiger newspaper.

TFHS Chamber Singers talent shines

Twin Falls High School is replete with talent, from sports stars to dazzling musicians. But never is more talent gathered in one room than when the Chamber Singers perform.

Chamber Singers is an auditioned choir, made up of junior and senior students. The group consists of approximately 50 members and is led by Joe Casperson. Casperson says he believes that the level of commitment is higher among the members of the Chamber Singers because they must audition for the group.

"Chamber Singers is a choir where everyone is there because they want to be. Everyone works hard and gives their all. What we put in is what we get back," junior



BRUIN BUZZ
Perri Gardner

Sadie Hafer said.

Every year, the members of the Chamber Singers travel to all the elementary schools in the Twin Falls District to put on a special Christmas performance for the students. They always sing a number of festive songs, including the classic, "Fruitcake." That is a song that just about every kid who has passed through the Twin Falls School District should recognize.

"It was great (the Chamber Singers' performance), especially 'Fruitcake,'" Bickel Elementary second grader Bonnie Dodds said.

"The kids loved listening to the choir almost as much as the Chamber Singers loved to perform for them.

"I see their smiles and it makes me feel great," senior Kim Hafer said.

The kids' smiles are the Chamber Singers' pay off for a lot of hard work and commitment. Besides rehearsals during class time, they also meet on their own time for sectionals. Talent and dedication make up this group of musicians.

Perri Gardner is on the staff of the Twin Falls High School Bruin Buzz.

Prospective BSU students should check out preview

BOISE — Preview Boise State is the opportunity for students to learn the details about how to apply for admission, about financial aid and scholarships, investigate academic and technical program opportunities, and explore many aspects of student life.

A program will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Ameritel Inn on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls.

For more information, e-mail BSUInfo@boisestate.edu or call the New Student Information Center at 426-1820.

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Carpenter earns master's from UMass

Rick A. Carpenter has received a master's degree in industrial engineering and operations research from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Carpenter is a 1994 graduate of Twin Falls High School, and received a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Idaho in Moscow in 1999. He is the son of Kelly and Carol Carpenter of Twin Falls.

DECLO'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Declo Elementary School students of the month for October were, from left, front row: Hayden Wilberger, Ramiro Alvarez and Bailey Wilson, second grade; Kalle Moyes, Breanne Checketts and Justin Osterhout, first grade; back row: Thomas Allred, Monica Gillette and Josh Woods, fifth grade; Yeleny Soloria, Denali Manning and Sadee Moss, fourth grade; Matt Hurst, Mikayla Adams and Elsa Ramirez, third grade; Sydney Smyer, Shaylee Hamilton, Travis Schroeder and Malorie Bowen, kindergarten, were not pictured. One student was selected from each classroom by his/her teacher, and received a certificate and a treat.



Declo Elementary School students of the month for September were, from left, front row: Bradley Payne, Brody Simkins and Catrina Lind, second grade; Hunter Brashears, Manuel Ramirez and Hector Hernandez, first grade; back row: Kameron Cotton and Morgan Olson, fifth grade; David Rojel, Canon Hansen and Karina Juarez, fourth grade; and Sydney Webb, Dominique Powers and Hagan Hitt, third grade; Marsha Alvarez, fifth grade, and Cain Hafler, Kyle Howard, Aubrey Neilson and Tommy Christopherson, kindergarten, are not pictured. One student was selected from each classroom by his/her teacher, and received a certificate and a treat.

WORLD

Inspection angers Iraqi residents

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.N. weapons inspectors blocked off a huge complex on the edge of Baghdad Sunday, angering men, women and children who were kept from leaving the area as arms experts visited a facility inside.

A high-ranking Iraqi diplomat, who was caught up with the angry group, called the action "unacceptable."

The inspectors arrived in a convoy of white vans to check one of about 10 government buildings within a gated area, which includes apartment blocks. Following their usual practice of "knocking" the area, the arms experts wound up blocking hun-

dreds of people from leaving for hours.

Inspectors, who are in Iraq to search for evidence of banned weapons, could be seen going through the plastic shopping bags of women, some carrying babies at the fussy, but others were upset and said they needed to take their children to school. One said their daughter had to go to a hospital.

"They are limiting our freedom," one woman shouted. Then, realizing she should take advantage of the political opportunity of appearing before TV cameras, she quickly added, "We all love

Saddam Hussein."

Iraqi officials said they wanted to visit a chemical research company, but the headquarters of Iraqi liaison officers who accompany the inspectors on their searches is also inside the complex.

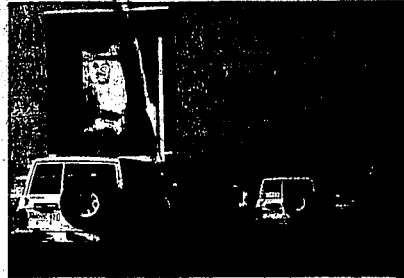
Also Sunday, the state-run Al-Iraq daily reported that a civilian militia of Saddam's Baath Party carried out an urban and rural combat exercise in Babil province just south of Baghdad, an area that could be a main bulwark to defend the capital against a U.S.-led invasion.

It was the second such exercise reported in the province in the last two weeks. It seemed aimed

at bolstering Iraqi officials' frequent statements that an invading force would not only face the Iraqi army but armed civilians defending every city and village.

The brief Al-Iraq article did not say how many troops took part in the Saturday war game, nor did it include photographs. A senior Baath party member, Fadhil Mahmoud al-Mishykh, told the paper that the fighters were ready to confront any campaign by America and "its Zionist ally" — meaning Israel.

After the incident at the government complex in Baghdad's Al-Jadriya neighborhood, the arms inspectors did not speak to reporters, as usual.



A convoy of U.N. weapons inspectors passes a portrait of Saddam Hussein as it makes its way to the Saddam Establishment, a facility for manufacturing graphite, in Ramadi, Iraq, Sunday.

Report: Attacks kill 56 in Algeria

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Islamic militants ambushed a military convoy in northeast Algeria and attacked families near the capital, in a bloody weekend of killings that claimed at least 56 lives, Algerian media reported Sunday.

The ambush Saturday night reportedly killed 43 soldiers and seriously wounded 19, the deadliest assault suffered by the Algerian military in at least five years.

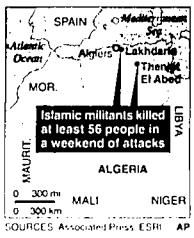
In the other attack, Islamic militants killed 13 people from two families overnight Saturday in Zabana, 40 miles south of the capital. Algerians, the official news agency APS reported, citing security services. It attributed the attack to the Armed Islamic Group, the north African country's most radical insurgency.

The killings dealt a blow to claims by Algeria's military-backed government that it is winning its decade-old battle against Islamic extremists. Military leaders claimed in October there were only 600 to 650 militants still operating across the country.

The military convoy was ambushed in the village of Hmet el-Abed, 200 miles south east of Algiers, the Le Matin newspaper reported.

The mountainous region is a stronghold of the extremist Salafist Group for Call and Combat, or GSPC. The GSPC is an offshoot of militant organizations and reportedly has links with Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda terror network.

Le Matin said the attackers detonated devices made from



bottles of explosive acetylene gas, which is commonly used in metal welding. The 43 dead were soldiers or members of Algeria's civilian defense force, Le Matin said, citing hospital officials.

Military authorities and hospital officials in Batna, near where the attack occurred, refused Sunday to comment on the report.

More than 120,000 people have been killed in more than a decade of civil strife in Algeria, where Islamic militants have staged massacres ever since they were shut out of parliamentary elections in 1992. At the insurgency's peak in 1997, violence claimed 1,200 lives during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan alone.

In 2002, 1,100 civilians, militants, and security soldiers, were killed in violence linked to the insurgency, roughly the same number as in 2001, according to figures compiled by Algerian newspapers.



A rescue worker leads a group of people out from an avalanche site in Azumi, Japan, Sunday. An avalanche buried over a dozen cars under yards of snow, blocking a road in central Japan and leaving more than a hundred people stranded on the mountainside.

Avalanche strands more than 100 Japanese motorists

MATSUMOTO, Japan (AP) — An avalanche buried over a dozen cars under yards of snow Sunday, blocking a road in central Japan and forcing more than a hundred people to take refuge on the mountain overnight, officials said. No injuries were reported.

Sixteen vehicles were covered by the snowdrift along a well-traveled mountain road in Azumi village in Nagano prefecture (state), said a Matsumoto city fire department official on condition of anonymity.

Rescue crews pulled 12 people unhurt from their cars after digging them out from drifts up to 6 feet deep. Meanwhile, snow continued to fall into Sunday

evening, the official said.

Another avalanche struck a fire engine and ambulance as they approached the site, leaving them stuck in snow, he said. None of the rescue personnel was hurt, he said. Thirty-three people who witnessed the second slide from inside a tour bus were also confirmed safe, he added.

About 150 people were stranded in buses and cars trapped on the mountain road made inaccessible to traffic by the heavy snowfall. Emergency crews helped transfer them to a nearby mountain hotel, while work continued to clear a pathway for the vehicles by Monday morning, he said.

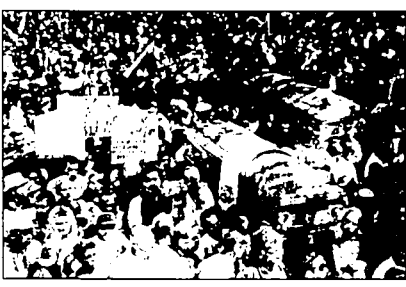
Azumi is located in the

Japanese Alps about 112 miles northwest of Tokyo. Matsumoto, lying to the east of Azumi, is the closest city.

Also on Sunday, in neighboring Gifu prefecture, two skiers set off an avalanche at Shiraoi Ski Resort, and one of them died, a police spokesman said.

Both skiers were outside the skiing area when they were buried in snow, he said. One man dug his way out but the other man had a heart attack and was taken to a hospital, where he died hours later, the spokesman said. He refused to give his name.

Kyodo news service identified the deceased as Akinobu Naito, a 42-year-old company executive.



Sympathizers of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez carry the flag-draped coffin of Oscar Gomez Aponte and Jalro Gregorio Moran, who were killed during political clashes, at a funeral procession in Caracas, Venezuela, Sunday.

Thousands of Venezuelans bury victims of political violence

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Thousands of government supporters chanted "Justice! Popular justice!" Sunday at a funeral for two men killed in a political rally and a month-long strike aimed at toppling the president.

Vice President Jose Vicente Rangel and several Cabinet ministers helped carry the flag-draped coffins of Oscar Gomez Aponte, 24 and Jalro Gregorio Moran, 23.

Thousands followed the coffins waving Venezuelan flags, pumping their fists and chanting. On the way to the cemetery, the procession stopped at the Melia hotel, where Organization of American States Secretary General Cesar Gervasio is staying, leaving a letter denouncing the recent violence.

Gervasio is brokering negotiations between the government and the opposition on ending the general strike against President Hugo Chavez that has crippled the oil-rich country's economy and virtually dried up gasoline supplies.

Opposition leaders blame Chavez's leftist policies for a deep recession and accuse him of trying to accumulate too much power. They want him to resign or hold a nonbinding referendum on his rule, which he says would be unconstitutional.

Gomez Aponte and Moran died during a melee Friday between Chavez supporters, opposition marchers, and security officials. Both sides blamed each other for the bloodshed. At least 78 people were injured.

The violence erupted when several hundred presidential supporters threw rocks, bottles and fireworks at thousands of opposition marchers outside the Fuerza Tiuma military headquarters in Caracas.

Police fought to keep the two sides apart, firing rubber bullets and tear gas into the crowd. Gunfire rang out. The government said it came from police, but opposition protesters insisted it came from Chavez supporters.

China touts successful space mission

BEIJING (AP) — An unmanned Chinese space capsule returned safely to Earth on Sunday, state media said, laying the groundwork for China to attempt later this year to send an astronaut into space.

A successful manned flight would make China only the third country, after Russia and the United States, able to send its own astronauts into space.

The Shenzhou IV capsule landed as planned just after 7:00 p.m. on China's northern grasslands in the Inner Mongolia region, the official Xinhua News Agency and state television said.

"Experts in charge of China's manned space program said the return of the spaceship represents a complete success of the fourth test flight of the program," Xinhua said. It said the flight "lays a solid foundation" for eventual manned missions.

Chinese officials said this week that barring problems with Shenzhou IV, the next launch would be manned — a possibility that appeared to grow with the reported smooth conclusion of the flight Sunday.

Communist leaders hope manned space flight will be evidence of China's progress and technical prowess, winning them support at home and respect abroad. However, some ordinary Chinese criticize the program as a waste of money for a poor country where the average income is about \$700 a year.

Shenzhou IV blasted into space Dec. 30 from a base in the Gobi desert. Xinhua said it orbited the earth 108 times and performed hundreds of maneuvers, includ-



Workers stand near the landed capsule of the 'Shenzhou IV' spacecraft at the landing site in the middle part of the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region in north China on Sunday.

ing unfolding its solar panels. Instruments functioned normally and collected a large amount of test data, Xinhua said. It said the re-entry vehicle and its contents will be sent to Beijing for analysis.

The flight was the second in less than 10 months for a Chinese space capsule — the shortest period to date between launches and a possible sign of growing official confidence in the program.

Communist Party and military leaders observed the spacecraft's return from the Beijing Aerospace Command and Control Center, Chinese Central Television reported.

Television pictures showed

officials and technicians, many wearing military tunics under their white lab coats, sitting at control panels before a large television screen showing what appeared to be the capsule lying on its side in the dark.

A corps of about a dozen astronauts picked from among fighter pilots in China's air force have been training for years to take the first trip into space. At least two were sent to Russia's cosmonaut school.

Called "taikonauts" after the Chinese word for space, they used the Shenzhou IV capsule for training, and lived inside it for a week last April, according to newspapers.

S. Korea works hard on crisis

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea won a promise from Russia on Sunday to press North Korea over its nuclear program, as Seoul prepared to unveil to the United States a new proposal aimed at defusing the crisis with its communist neighbor.

As the South launched a diplomatic blitz, the North opened the door to possible mediation, though it said it would heighten its combat readiness and denounced the United States.

In Moscow — one of the isolated North's few allies — South Korea Deputy Foreign Minister Kim Han-kyung met with his Russian counterpart, Alexander Losyukov.

Losyukov said after the talks that Moscow and Seoul "agreed to make joint efforts to ease the crisis" and persuade the parties to sit down for talks, though he stopped short of promising Russian mediation.

"The slide to unacceptable actions must be stopped," Losyukov was quoted as saying by the Russian news agency.

"Obviously, our contacts with North Korea colleagues will be intensified."

A separate team of South Korean diplomats also was expected to present a compromise solution to the United States and Japan on Monday and Tuesday, when the three allies meet in Washington to chart a joint strategy on North Korea. Seoul said it will send a top presidential envoy to the United States for more talks later this week.

No details have been disclosed on the South's proposals, but it is expected to involve North Korean concessions on nuclear weapons in exchange for security guarantees.

The current standoff began when North Korea announced last month that it was reviving its main nuclear complex, frozen since a 1994 deal with the United States, and forced out international inspectors at the site. Experts believe the complex can be used to produce several nuclear weapons within months.

North Korea's top military brass vowed in a meeting in the capital, Pyongyang, on Sunday to increase the communist army's combat readiness. A separate statement from the official Korean Central News Agency accused the United States of trying to disarm the North and called the United States the "main obstacle" of Korean reunification.

But North Korea left open the possibility of other countries mediating the dispute — an apparent nod to Seoul's diplomatic attempts.

"If there are countries which are concerned for the settlement of the nuclear issue, the United States and the United States have agreed to pursue a diplomatic end, Japan's Foreign Ministry said after telephone talks between Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi and Secretary of State Colin Powell late Saturday.

After his closed-door meeting with the Korean diplomat, Losyukov said it was important to get all sides to the negotiating table. He said both Moscow and Seoul have agreed to meet before the U.S. Security Council — where further sanctions on the North could be decided — "before other possibilities for negotiating have been used up."

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The endgame is an example of a technical play which has developed about by bridge writers. The objective of an endplay is to put an opponent on lead to force him to do something unpleasant from his perspective. Sometimes a deal allows you to achieve an endplay by simply running all your winners in the right order. Arguably, today's deal is just one such example. With that hint, see if you can achieve your endplay to turn what might look like a 50 percent slam into a far better chance.

On an opening spade lead, your chances may not look much better than a club finesse, but try the following line: Win dummy's spade ace and ruff a spade high. Then cross to dummy with a high trump to ruff another spade, and play the diamond ace and ruff a club. Finally, ruff a spade high and lead the diamond queen.

When West produces the diamond king, you do not ruff the trick. Instead, you discard a club from dummy on this trick, leaving West on lead with a choice of giving you a ruff and discard, or leading a club into your ace-queen. Either way, he has to concede the contract.

This particular maneuver is called a loser-on-loser play for obvious reasons and is just one example of how to persuade the opponents to open up dangerous suits to your advantage. We shall be looking at further examples of basic technique on Mondays later this month.

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FAX OR EMAIL
Your Ad To

THE TIMES-NEWS CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

Twin Falls 208-734-5538
burley@magicvalley.com
Burley 208-677-4543
mclass@magicvalley.com

CLASSIFIED
Line ad order form

- Please print clearly with dark pencil or pen
- Approximately 23 spaces per line including blank spaces.
- We will notify you if there is a special going on which might result in a discounted price
- 3 line minimum - Private Party rates

Pay Schedule • All Ads Are Prepaid

Number of Days - 3 Lines	Cost
1-3 days	\$16.95
4-7 days	\$24.35
8-14 days	\$41.50
15-21 days	\$60.00
22-30 days	\$77.00

Your ad will run in The Times-News, Magic Values, Ag Weekly and Online

Print Ad Copy in Spaces Below
(Allow 1 space for each letter, punctuation marks and blank spaces.)

Additional lines extra charge ↓

COMING.....
JANUARY 26th

Super Job Sunday

In The Times-News

Call Bea @ 735-3267 for more info. employ@magicvalley.com

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EAGLE '81 Convertible 4 WD, new tires, 91K ms, needs some work. Call 878-2502 or 431-2502 *

FORD EXPLORER '92 auto body, carbon fiber, runs great. \$1500. 732-4378. *

HONDA '98 Accord, 40t, new clutch, timing belt water pump, call 825-2700. \$2700. Call 735-0818 *

HONDA '97 Civic EX, 70K miles