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Bush makes surprise trip to Iraq

President 'sneaks' out of Texas ranch, serves Thanksgiving dinner to thank troops in Baghdad

Combined wire reports

BAGHDAD, Iraq - President Bush flew to Iraq under extraordinary secrecy and security Thursday to spend Thanksgiving with U.S. troops and thank them for "defending the American people from danger."

The unannounced visit brought wild cheers from battle-worn soldiers, stunned the nation and even surprised the president's parents, who had been expecting him at the Thanksgiving table at his Crawford, Texas ranch.

Bush, the first U.S. president to visit Iraq, promised that insurgents testing

How Bush did it - D5

America's commitment will not be rewarded with a U.S. retreat.

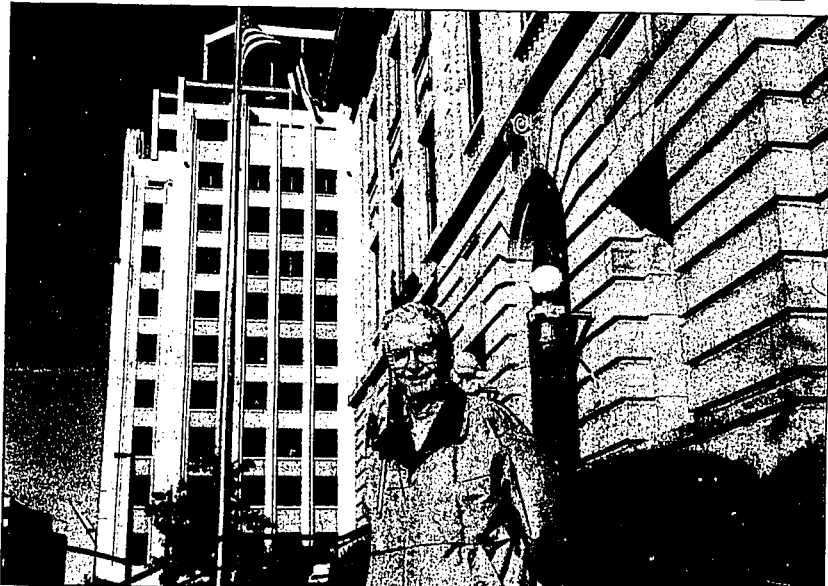
"We did not charge hundreds of miles into the heart of Iraq, pay a bitter cost of casualties, defeat a ruthless dictator and liberate 25 million people only to retreat before a band of thugs and assassins," Bush told about 600 soldiers from the 1st Armored Division and the 82nd Airborne.

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President Bush, center, greets U.S. soldiers as he arrives Thursday for Thanksgiving at the Baghdad airport.

INSIDE THE 9TH CIRCUIT



Judge Thomas Nelson of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals pauses outside the federal courthouse in Boise, where the former Twin Falls attorney has worked for the past 13 years. He gained senior status earlier this month.

It's time to split it in half, judge says

Size, not politics, makes the time right for changing the appeals court make-up, he says

By Julio Pance
Times-News writer

BOISE - Many Idahoans tend to think of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals as some sort of liberal behemoth that doesn't represent them.

But a former Twin Falls attorney who has served as a judge in the 9th Circuit for the past 13 years doesn't see it that way. Judge Thomas Nelson, who does his 9th Circuit Court of Appeals work from Boise, favors splitting the nation's largest circuit.

Why the split? - A2

However, it's not because the decisions coming from it are too liberal.

"Basically it's a question of size," he said. "It's way, way, way the biggest court of appeals. Every time you sit back and put your feet up to think about something, you get buried in paper."

Nelson, who once practiced law in Twin Falls, was appointed to the federal bench 13 years ago.

On Nov. 13, the day of his 67th birthday, he gained senior status, bringing a 25 percent drop in his caseload in the coming year.

He is one of two 9th Circuit judges living in Idaho. The other, Judge Stephen Trott, adopted Idaho as his home after being appointed to the 9th Circuit in California.

The judges in the 9th Circuit have taken steps to speed up processing, but the circuit is still the second slowest of all the circuits in delivering decisions, Nelson said. For that reason, he supports

Idaho U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson's bill to split the 9th Circuit and put Idaho in a new 12th Circuit that would also include Washington, Oregon, Montana, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. The 9th Circuit would continue to include California, Nevada and Arizona.

Simpson has said besides the 9th Circuit being too large, states such as Idaho differ too much culturally and philosophically from

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Latest Iraq plan seems in jeopardy

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq - A U.S.-backed plan to give Iraqis sovereignty over their country again quickly appeared to be unraveling Thursday as a leading politician backed complaints by Shiite authorities that the process was not democratic enough.

Jalal Talabani, current president of the Iraqi Governing Council, emerged from a meeting with the country's leading Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali Hussein Sistani, saying he agreed with Sistani's criticism and that he expected an appendix to be added to the plan.

"I see his views of his grace as logical and reasonable, and I agree with them," said Talabani, a Sunni Muslim and the leader of one of Iraq's two main Kurdish parties.

Sistani's grievances are a serious setback for the Americans. Renegotiating the deal could delay the handover of sovereignty, jeopardizing efforts to diminish the U.S. presence in Iraq and undercutting the White House's insistence that it is in control of the situation.

Plans for a massive U.S.-financed media campaign in Iraq to promote the agreement have been put on hold, according to officials of the U.S.-led coalition authority.

Coalition officials and the Iraqis insist that they do not want a confrontation, but the situation puts two of the most powerful people in Iraq at odds: Sistani and L. Paul Bremer, III, the U.S. civilian administrator of the country.

At issue is the agreement signed on Nov. 15 by Bremer and the U.S.-backed Governing Council. It provides for the creation of an interim legislature, relying on caucus-style elections in each of 18 districts across the country. The Governing Council would dissolve under the plan, the interim government would serve until a constitution was written and approved, and a permanent government elected.

The White House, aware that it risks losing its battle for the hearts and minds of Iraqis, and facing daily U.S. casualties as it approaches an election year, is eager to reduce U.S. visibility on the ground. However, it wants to ensure that a friendly government emerges in Iraq.

'TIS THE SEASON



Early-morning shoppers at Kmart in Philadelphia reach out for video games Thursday. Holiday shoppers might not find the traditional sales this year from retailers due to high or consumer confidence and predictions of the strongest holiday sales in several years.

Study: Ultraviolet lamps could improve health of office workers

The Associated Press

LONDON - Sickness among office workers in industrialized countries could be reduced by using ultraviolet lamps to kill germs in ventilation systems, new research indicates.

Ultraviolet germicidal irradiation, or UVGI, is sometimes used in hospital ventilation systems to disinfect the air, but is rarely incorporated into office or other building ducts because there has been little evidence of a benefit.

About 70 percent of the work force in North America and Western Europe work indoors, and frequently have unexplained health problems such as irritation of the eyes, throat and nose, as well as respiratory illnesses.

In a study published this week in The Lancet medical journal, Canadian scientists found that

the technique reduced overall worker sickness by about 20 percent, including a 40 percent drop in breathing problems.

"Installation of UVGI in most North American offices could resolve work-related symptoms in about 4 million employees, caused by (germ) contamination of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems," said the study's leader, Dr. Dick Menzies from the Montreal Chest Institute at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

"The cost of UVGI installation could in the long run prove cost-effective compared with the yearly losses from absence because of building-related illness," he added.

A total of 771 employees from three different office buildings in Montreal were involved with the study.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Windy, but warmer than average with increasing clouds. Highs in the mid to upper 40s.
Tonight: Developing rain and/or snow showers. Lows in the 20s.
Tomorrow: Rain and/or snow showers especially early, continued cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

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Today: Brisk to windy with mild temperatures. Highs in the 40s.
Tonight: Continued brisk winds with developing showers as well. Lows in the 20s.
Tomorrow: Rain and/or snow showers especially early, then Highs in the 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
The mountains should be able to catch on some significant moisture over the next 24 to 36 hours as a very moist storm system travels in from the west.

Map of Idaho showing weather systems and forecasts for various regions like Boise, Northern Utah, and Mountain Home.

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Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes monthly and yearly averages.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

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Table with 2 columns: Barometric Pressure. Includes today's and yesterday's readings.

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Table with 2 columns: Moon Phase. Shows the current phase and the next full moon.

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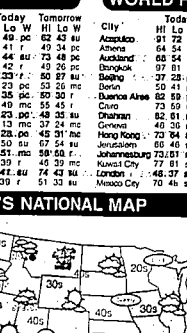
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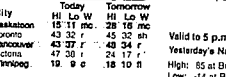
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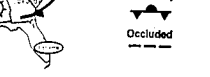
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Court

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states such as California to be grouped in the same circuit. But as far as Nelson is concerned, the "community of interest" argument isn't valid.
"Probably 90 percent of cases don't involve judicial philosophy at all," he said.
In addition, Nelson pointed out that federal judges are appointed, not elected, which greatly reduces the chances of decisions being made based upon politics.

Reasons to split the court

Why the "800-pound gorilla" of federal circuit courts should be split, according to 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Diarmuid F. O'Scannail.
• Population - The 9th Circuit has more than double the average population of all the other circuits with 58.7 million people; the average of the others is 22.4 million. The next largest circuit is the 11th, with 31 million people.
• Precedent - When circuit courts were created more than 100 years ago, there were nine regional circuits. Today, there are 12.
• Judges - The 9th Circuit has 49 judges; the next largest circuit court, the 6th Circuit, has 28.
• Decisions - The time from when an appeal is activated until a decision is made in the 9th Circuit is 67 percent longer than the average time for the rest of the circuit of appeals.
• Geography - The 9th Circuit covers almost 40 percent of the geographical area of the United States, making it extremely difficult for judges to travel to all the necessary meetings. Not only does the necessary time, but the travel costs too much money.
• Appeals - California alone accounts for two-thirds of all appeals filed within the 9th Circuit.
ends he retreats to a cabin near Stanley to read and ponder cases.
To become a senior judge, one has to fulfill the Rule of 80. In other words, the judge's years of service on the federal bench and his or her age have to add up to 80.
Sworn into the Idaho Bar 40 years ago, Nelson's first job as an Idaho attorney was as a chief deputy attorney general in charge of criminal appeals.
"In those days, of course, the attorney general's office was much smaller," Nelson said, explaining why such a young attorney would have so much responsibility.
But a longtime associate, Twin Falls attorney John Rosholt, said another reason Nelson probably got that job after graduating from law school is that Nelson is brilliant.
"Tom is a lawyer's lawyer," Rosholt said. "He's the type people would call with complicated questions. I recall that he only lost one appeal during the years he argued for the state."
"Two friends go back almost 50 years to American Legion Gem Boys State days. Eventually they worked in the same law firm Twin Falls, both specializing in water law. Nelson's job was to represent Idaho Power Co. Rosholt said the firm needed an excellent trial lawyer, so Rosholt drew Nelson into the well-known practice of Perry, Robertson and Daly by promising Nelson his name would be on the letterhead from day one. It was the 1960s, and the firm was the largest in the state at that time.
Nelson moved on to the federal bench in 1990.
Federal vs. state
Though highly regarded by his peers, Nelson said getting such a prestigious appointment doesn't come easily.
"Lightning has to strike, and you have to be standing there," he said.

Bush

First there has to be an opening, Nelson explained. And in that regard, he said, only one candidate has to have good contact with the state's senior senator of the sitting president's political party. And third, "you have to have a good enough reputation that the bar doesn't throw up when your name comes up," Nelson said, chuckling.
Nelson said he never had any interest in becoming a state judge. For one thing, the position didn't pay enough, he said.
"I had to support a family," he said.
At the time state judges were getting about \$60,000 per year, Rosholt said. But Rosholt also pointed out that in 1990, work on the federal circuit was the main occupation of the bar.
"In the old days those cases were incredibly complex cases - mostly civil," Rosholt said. "Now as the meth and drug epidemic continues, the federal court is jammed up with 70 percent of the cases being drug related and a lot less civil litigation from an academic standpoint. A great number of the federal judges are highly intellectual and qualified, and now they spend their time having to deal someone being sued for rights."
As a rule, lawyers trying cases in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals are not as good as attorneys at the state and local levels, Nelson said.
"The quality of lawyering on the federal circuit overall is not as good as what you would see at the state level," Nelson said. "It has been one of the things that has surprised me the most. I was disappointed in the quality of the advocacy."
In terms of ethics, Nelson said he'll take a small-town lawyer any day over one from the big city. He considers Boise a small town. A lawyer from Chicago or Los Angeles, on the other hand, has to work pretty hard to make a living, and those cities are large enough that names and reputations aren't as easily known, he said.
"it's become a lot more commercial," Nelson said. "But in a small bar you can restrain the 'jerkiners' of some of your fellow lawyers because you can pay them back if they act like jerks."
For example, Nelson said when he came to Twin Falls, he encountered an unwritten rule that a lawyer didn't send a deposition without first notifying by phone the lawyer to whom it was being sent.
"You called and arranged a time," Nelson said.
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When challenged, he usually digs in deeper - and that may be precisely what he intended to convey with his visit Thursday.
"it was very much him making a campaign statement that he believes in this, that he's going to persist," said one GOP strategist close to the White House. "Instead of backing away when he is criticized he redoubles his efforts. It's his instinct. It's true to his nature of the man. He's strong-willed and he's certainly combative and doesn't back up; he is always forward."

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The flu current season worries experts

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — A severe and early outbreak of flu is striking now in Texas, Colorado, Scotland and England, and top flu experts are warning that the world has too few anti-flu medicines on hand if a global super outbreak of influenza, called a pandemic, hits in the future.

Senior influenza researchers are urging world health authorities to start using genetic modification to make vaccines — a still untested process — and begin stockpiling anti-flu medicines.

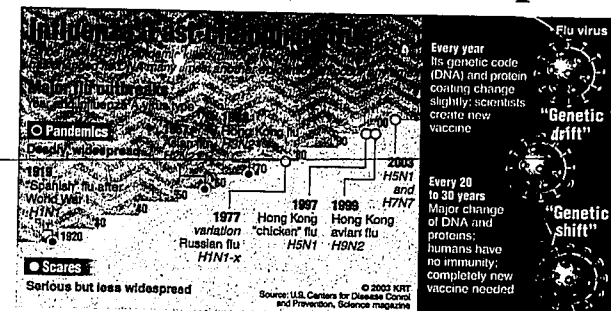
"The world will be in deep trouble if the impending influenza pandemic strikes this week, this month, or even this year," influenza researchers Dr. Richard Webby and Dr. Robert Webster of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis write in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

The worst isn't here — yet.

"What we're experiencing now is a bad flu season, not a pandemic," said Dr. Bruce Gellin, director of the National Vaccine Program Office and a senior official at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. "It's a reminder to all of us how significant a disease influenza is and therefore a reason we have to do all that we can to prepare for a pandemic."

The flu striking Texas, Colorado and the United Kingdom now is a strain called Fujian. It is a modification of a particularly serious type of flu, called H3N2, which has been inflicting human beings for more than 35 years.

This nasty version has the potential to double the normal 35,000 annual U.S. flu deaths, researchers say. Four children died in Denver this week, and one



Theodore Williams comforts his daughter-in-law, Carrieann Williams, Tuesday in Wellington, Colo. Williams' oldest son Joseph, 8, died Monday from complications of influenza. Three more children have died of flu-related illnesses in Colorado.

in seven doctors visits in Texas are for flu symptoms.

"We will probably see more excess deaths this year than we saw in the 1968 (Hong Kong Flu) pandemic," said Dr. W. Paul Glezen, director of the Influenza Research Center at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"We have to expect this year that we'll see (U.S.) mortality in the range of 65,000 to 70,000, which is high."

As bad as Fujian is, however, experts fear something worse — the passage to human beings of an entirely new strain that would spread more quickly and with

deadlier effect because people don't have immunity. Such strains are now running rampant in birds and pigs.

Earlier this year, newer strains hit small pockets of the world, putting flu experts on alert. In February, a family in Hong Kong was struck with the bird flu H5N1 and one person died. In March, a poultry flu, H7N7, hit the Netherlands, infecting dozens of people and killing a veterinarian.

Luckily, the strains didn't spread, but "a lot of alarm bells are going off," Webby said, because these variations have grown dramatically in birds and pigs in the past 12 months.

National Vaccine Program director Gellin compared the growing bird and pig strains to "sparks in a dry forest." Sometimes they cause forest fires and sometimes they don't, he said in an interview. Either way, he added, the world has to be ready if they do.

Researchers find heart attack gene

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first gene linked directly to heart attacks has been isolated from an extended Iowa family that has been plagued for generations with rampant coronary artery disease.

The gene, called ME2A, plays a role in protecting the artery walls from building up plaque that can impede blood flow and lead to heart attacks, said Dr. Eric J. Topol of the Cleveland Clinic, head of a team that discovered the gene.

A report on the discovery Friday was in the journal Science.

Topol said members of an Iowa family had a ME2A gene that lacked some key bits of DNA. This apparently causes the arteries to thicken and become clogged.

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NASA: Solar activity shut down part of Mars craft

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Intense solar activity last month shut down a radiation-measuring instrument aboard NASA's 2001 Mars Odyssey orbiter and controllers have been unable to put it back in operation, NASA said Wednesday.

The instrument was designed to collect data for evaluating the

risks future Mars-bound astronauts would face from space radiation. It worked from March 2002 until last month, the agency's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said in a statement.

Efforts to restore the instrument will continue for several weeks or months, the laboratory said.

"Even if the instrument provides no additional data in the future, it has been a great success at characterizing the radiation environment that a crewed mission to Mars would need to anticipate," said Jeffrey Plaut, project scientist for Mars Odyssey.

The Oct. 28 solar storm caused a blackout in Sweden, damaged two

Japanese satellites and upset radio and navigation systems for aircraft and ships. Damage was limited because the storm had been forecast and electric utilities and satellite companies took precautions.

Odyssey was launched on Oct. 23, 2001, and reached Mars on April 10, 2002.

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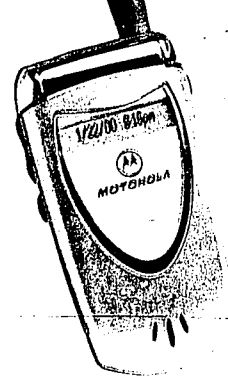
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EDITORIAL

A longer wait on energy legislation could pay off

Forget all that yacking about the oil baron George W. Bush, his Halliburton master Dick Cheney, and their relentless quest to drill America to its petroleum core.

The truth is, pushing an energy policy through Congress is no easy task - even for a president whose party controls both houses.

The U.S. Senate's inability to pass the Energy Bill this week means we won't have a new energy policy until next year, or possibly even 2005.

Failure to pass the bill will hurt - especially in Idaho. The bill included a \$1.2 billion project to develop a new-generation nuclear reactor at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

But the pain won't be insurmountable. America has gone almost 12 years without any changes in energy policy. Taking the time to craft a better bill, without the special-interest giveaways that supposedly were needed to get this bill passed, will do the country more service, than harm.

The defeat of this year's energy bill can be pinned on three significant failures:

- Environmentalist opposition continues to yield the real power in Washington. At a time when demand for energy is rising, and our energy supply is stretched to the max, ecos and their paid-for politicians continue to block exploration projects for fossil fuels. The one who suffers in this standoff is you, the consumer, with higher heating, electricity and gasoline prices.

- Ethanol and MTBE stand-offs plagued the bill. In order to get Democrats on board, Bush and Republican leaders

had to agree to double ethanol production over the next decade. This was a pure buy-off for the votes of corn-state senators. And that led some conservative Republicans to reject the bill as well.

A provision that protected manufacturers of the gasoline additive MTBE generated additional opposition to the bill. Northeastern senators and trial lawyer Democrats wanted that protection removed, so they could sue producers for contaminating ground water with their product.

Our view: Congress' inability to pass a new energy bill should fuel the debate on our country's real energy needs. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

• A new Medicare bill at the end of the session was a major legislative triumph for Bush heading into the 2004 presidential race. Once it passed, Democrats were in no hurry to let the president add to his victory column.

In the next year or two, voters and their representatives will see the growing urgency of weaning ourselves off of foreign oil.

Passing a better energy bill is part of that. A continued debate on energy needs should educate the public that boosting domestic production of oil, natural gas and coal strengthens our energy independence.

And Congress should think twice before it throws so much money at ethanol production. We still don't understand how green Democrats and some Republicans can back subsidies for an additive that does nothing to reduce foreign oil dependence - and requires more energy to produce than it saves.

A balanced energy bill, one that promotes production of coal, oil, natural gas, nuclear power and renewable energy, may still be far off. But when it comes, America will be better off than it is now.

Iraq occupation not an end to terrorism

It should be fairly obvious by now that the U.S.-led invasion and occupation of Iraq hasn't crippled world terrorism. Belligerents have not only scored increasingly bold and deadly attacks on coalition troops in Iraq, they've launched devastating strikes elsewhere, including Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Morocco, while attacks in Israel continue unabated.

More difficult to assess is whether our attacking Iraq made matters worse than they otherwise would have been.

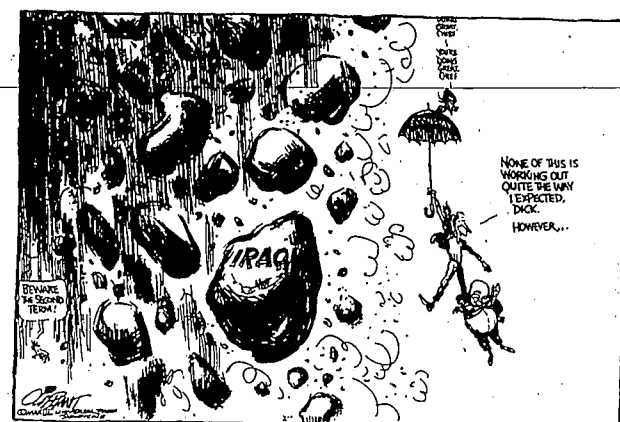
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"We have carried the fight to the enemy," Bush asserted in September. "We are rolling back the terrorist threat to civilization, not on the fringes of its influence, but at the heart of its power."

Rolling back the threat? By what measure? Bush makes it sound as if he chose the best course of action to defeat terrorism. More likely, all attacking Iraq did was mobilize the world's terrorist organizations by offering them a venue rich in sitting ducks dressed in U.S. fatigues.

"We're inspiring terrorism," said Jessica Stern, author of the book "Terror in the Name of God" and a lecturer at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. "The Bush administration didn't seem to have anticipated the extent to which terrorists would be drawn into Iraq and the extent to which they would be inspired by our occupation to attack elsewhere."

Terrorism is elusive and adaptive. Where American troops not in Iraq, we wouldn't have roadside bombs detonated as U.S. soldiers drive by, for example - a tactic specifically designed for the Iraqi theater. Such types of attacks are directly linked to



our occupation. We can't know how many more al-Qaeda style attacks such as those in Istanbul and Riyadh might have occurred had we not entered Iraq, but our invasion clearly hasn't prevented them. By creating a new theater for terrorism, and simultaneously tying up the resources we could be using to fight terrorism elsewhere, it's hard not to conclude that invading Iraq hurt, rather than helped, the campaign against terrorism.

Such an evaluation would unravel yet another Bush administration justification for the invasion, to go along with the nonexistent threat from weapons of mass destruction and the flimsy linkages between Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden. If we now must conclude that the invasion exacerbated world terrorism, then we've wasted more than 400 American, perhaps

8,000 Iraqi lives, and \$165 billion, just to remove a defanged tyrant who was causing little misery outside his own borders.

Bush, however, continues to assert that we've accomplished something marvelous in Iraq. It sounds like more of the same blind bravado that has come to characterize his administration.

As long as Bush refuses to confront reality, matters in Iraq are likely to continue deteriorating. U.S. troops will be a provocation to terrorists if they remain in Iraq, yet pulling them out hastily could embolden terrorists to believe America is, in fact, weak.

Thomas Sanderson, a terrorism analyst with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, says the best solution is to replace U.S. troops in Iraq with those from countries, including Turkey and Jordan, that aren't Muslim states, that aren't viewed as American clients. That, in turn, would help cool the anti-

Western anger off which terrorism feeds, he said.

The United States needs to stay there and do everything in its power to get other troops in there from Pakistan, Jordan, Egypt and Morocco," Sanderson said. "You need the imprimatur of the U.N. That's the only option. Getting out is not an option; staying in isn't much more of an option."

Bush would have to ramp down his ego and scale back his delusional vision of a world that gibberifies before the U.S. military machine. Given his recent statements, the occupation is likely to endure even more profound misery before Bush considers this wiser course.

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Ag critics should remember who feeds them

Environmentalists, wolf lovers, clueless city tree huggers, let's be blunt.

First up, we shepherds, cattlemen, dairymen, hog breeders, farmers and anybody else involved in the ag-producing field - Fact: We feed you. Fact: If you eat, we give you life. Fact: If you eat, you sustain life due to us. Fact: If you argue these "facts" you are wrong - fact.

If we fail in agriculture and become dependent on imported food from other countries, we will fail as a nation. Sooner or later, we will fail as a nation. You'd better use what common sense you have and ponder that. We will fail as a nation. No degree, computer or technology will change that. Time to think, people.

Second up, why do people rally around an arrogant mouth for saving nature when he's behind building on it and running it permanently with no hope of a fix? Too much time and money on your hands? Do you crave being a part of something? Finally belonging? Like running generations of time and sweat, families and lives? Grow up!

Last up, my predator even near my sheep dies. Permission? Time to get back to who and what built this country. Think. Thank us. Thank those who broke ground. Be thankful progress and people's way of thinking today had nothing to do with slaying this country. For every life and family was destroyed, a million will come back to haunt you tenfold. Everything you or I do, whether good or bad, comes back to you. Eventually, it will come back. Don't ruin the wrong family - might not be environmentally smart.

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Grandparents deserve aid from the state

This is in response to the editor's article on Oct. 15: "State aid for foster homes doesn't fit for grandparents."

Where do you get off saying that grandparents shouldn't get financial help in raising their grandchildren? According to the American Association of Retired Persons, today it cost \$169,000 to raise a child. Some of these grandparents are raising one or even more grandchildren. Maybe they are caregivers to a mother, father or even an ailing spouse. Do you know what it cost to get custody of a grandchild? A lawyer wants \$500 to \$2,000 for an uncontested custody; if it's contested, more. I couldn't afford a lawyer, so I did my stuff. I was lucky I had a very understanding judge.

There are some grandparents who adopt their grandchildren just so they are safe, instead of being dragged to who knows where and into different environments. Most of these grandchildren have been abused, have drug addictions, are slow learners, have mental health problems, HIV/AIDS, to name a few. Most of all, these kids need love and stability.

You say grandparents should collect state-entitled child support! How, when parents are in jail or doing drugs or won't get a job? They want these children, but they don't "want" the responsibility of them. It might cut into their thing they're doing. Then Health and Welfare puts these kids into a foster home where they may stay for a month, get adjusted to the surroundings only to be pulled out and shuffled here to there. Some of these foster homes are just out

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there for the money, very few foster homes are there for the welfare of these children.

Let's look at the grandparents' income. Some have retired and are living on Social Security. Now they have children to care for. There are medical bills, counselors, medications, school, clothing, extra food, extra gas, etc. Where are the grandparents going to get this extra cash? From their Social Security benefits? Not! So they go back to work for minimum wage. Both parents have to work to raise a grandchild, but what if one of them can't, then what do they do?

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren meets the first Monday of the month at the Eastland Episcopal Church from 7 to 9. I'm inviting you. Come listen to our stories and get the rest of the story.

FERN WARREN Twin Falls

Warren Report critic offers no real evidence

Saturday's (Nov. 22) opinion column by Professor Jerry McKnight (professor of what?) failed to convince me that the Warren Commission Report erred in its findings regarding the murder of John F. Kennedy.

Mr. McKnight alleges a series of statements that are not clearly factual. The things he mentions are largely either controversial, irrelevant, distorted, incomplete or have been refuted in subsequent investigations. On the evening of Nov. 23, 2003, PBS (from satellite source) ran a three-hour program, "Who Was Lee Harvey Oswald?" that gave a good appraisal of the evidence, recent findings and a compendium of informed opinion leaving this viewer with the conclusion that Oswald most likely acted alone, without conspirators, without external influence or orders,

and was solely responsible for the murder.

Could it have been a conspiracy? Maybe, but until conspirator theorists come up with convincing evidence linking Oswald to a plot, foreign power, Mafia, political party or parties, this citizen will withhold judgment on that and go with the conclusion that it was the solo act of a desperately confused and misguided young man who sought greatness but found infamy instead.

His own brother says that the evidence points to his guilt. It was his rifle, his pistol that killed Officer Tippett, and he was every where he would have had to be to commit those two murders. His fingerprints have now been shown to definitely be on the rifle, and his whereabouts immediately after the Kennedy murder are pretty much undisputed; he killed Tippett, and he almost certainly killed Kennedy. It has been shown repeatedly, as recently as the past few days just over the road in Boise, by a Boise police chief, that that scope equipped rifle was capable of being fired three times in six seconds, and fired accurately by a man of Oswald's background and training.

Mr. McKnight is welcome to his conspiracy theories, but I rely on evidence, not unverified opinion. To wit: a statement that the death certificate was suppressed because it describes inconsistent wounds is conjecture, not fact.

I accede to Walter Cronkite, who today said on CBS "Sunday Morning" that what has convinced him is that people like to talk, and had been a conspiracy, someone over the past 40 years would have blabbed.

I breathlessly await the fair and balanced Times-News presentation of a column rebutting Professor McKnight. RON WEINERT Bull

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Today's leaders rule by fearmongering

A great man (as in humanitarian) once told a more naive America that "We have nothing to fear but fear itself."

In today's America, ruled by greed and power lust, those words might be paraphrased: "We have nothing to fear but the fear-mongers themselves, who spread mass hysteria in the guise of war against terrorism."

To that, I would add: "And dissent against handlers of a mentally challenged misdeed is not treason, but really patriotism, if our

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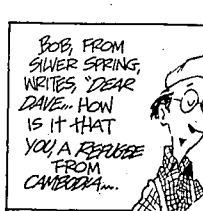
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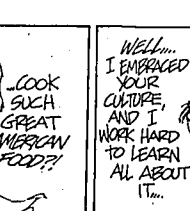
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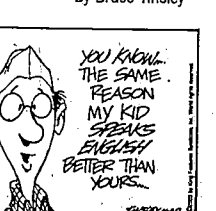
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OPINION

Mischief in Congress over Medicare

One of the most disgraceful moments in American sports came in the 1972 Olympics, when officials gave the Soviet Union's basketball team three chances to shoot the ball after the clock had apparently run out - allowing it to defeat the U.S. team.

American politics now has its own version of that infamous game. Early last Sunday, starting at about 3 a.m., the House of Representatives began its roll call on the Medicare prescription drug plan - the most significant vote of the year. The House voted by electronic device, with each vote normally taking 15 minutes. After the allotted time, the bill, supported by the president and the Republican leadership, was losing. The vote stayed open.

Before long it became clear that an absolute majority of the House - 218 of the 435 members - had voted no, with only 216 in favor. But the vote stayed open until Republicans were able to bludgeon two of their members to switch sides. It took two hours and 51 minutes, the longest roll call in modern House history.

This was not, technically speaking, against the rules. House Rule XX, clause 2 (a) says that there is a 15-minute minimum for most votes by electronic device. There is no formal maximum. A vote is not final until the vote numbers have been read by the speaker and the result declared. But since electronic voting began in January 1973, the norm has been long established and clear: Fifteen minutes is the voting time.

In the 22 years that Democrats ran the House after the electronic voting system was put in place, there was only one time when the vote period substantially exceeded the 15 minutes. At the end of the session in 1987, under Speaker Jim Wright of

NORMAN ORNSTEIN

Texas, the vote on the omnibus budget reconciliation bill - a key piece of legislation - was one vote short of passage when one of the bill's supporters, Mary Russo of Illinois, took offense at something, changed his vote to no, and left to catch a plane to his home district in Chicago. He was unaware that his switch altered the ultimate outcome. Caught by surprise, Wright kept the vote tally open for an extra 15 to 20 minutes until one of his aides could find another member, fellow Texan Jim Chapman, and draw him out of the cloakroom to change his nay vote to aye and pass the bill. Republicans went ballistic, using the example for years as evidence of Democrats' autocratic style and insensitivity to rules and basic fairness.

In 1995, soon after the Republicans gained the majority, Speaker Newt Gingrich declared

his intention to make sure that votes would consistently be held in the 15-minute time frame. The "regular practice of the House," he said would be "a policy of closing electronic votes as soon as possible after the guaranteed period of 15 minutes." The policy was reiterated by Speaker Dennis J. Hastert when he assumed the post.

But faced with a series of tough votes and close margins, Republicans have ignored their own standards and adopted a practice that has in fact become frequent during the Bush presidency, of stretching out the vote when they were losing until they could twist enough arms to prevail. On at least a dozen occasions, they have gone well over the 15 minutes, sometimes up to an hour.

The Medicare prescription drug vote - three hours instead of 15 minutes, hours after a clear majority of the House had signaled its will - was the ugliest and most outrageous breach of standards in the modern history of the House. It was made dramatically worse when the speak-

er violated the longstanding tradition of the House floor's being off limits to lobbying by outsiders (other than former members) by allowing Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson on the floor during the vote to twist arms - another shameful first.

The speaker of the House is the first government official mentioned in the Constitution. The speaker is selected by a vote of the whole House and represents the whole House. Hastert is a good and decent man who loves the House.

But when the choice has been put to him, he has too often opted to abandon that role for partisan gain.

Democracy is a fragile web of laws, rules and norms. The norms are just as important to the legitimacy of the system as the rules. Blatant violations of them on a regular basis corrode the system. The ugliness of this one will linger.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Couple jumps in apparent suicide

TWIN FALLS - A male and a female leaped to their deaths together from the Perrine Bridge on Thanksgiving afternoon.

A multitude of police officials from the city of Twin Falls, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office and the Jerome County Sheriff's Office converged on the scene at about 3:30 p.m. after a witness called to report seeing a young couple holding hands as they jumped from the bridge to the rocks below on the Twin Falls side of the Snake River.

The bodies were brought out of the Snake River Canyon at about 6 p.m. Thursday. But Nancy Howell, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office, said they had not yet been identified. There was a vehicle near the bridge which the two suicide fatalities might have used to get to the bridge, but Howell did not identify the make nor did she know for sure if it belonged to them.

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office is in charge of the investigation.

Military relatives can contribute to banner

TWIN FALLS - Local people with family members serving in the military can honor them by writing their names on a banner at the Magic Valley Mall today through Sunday.

The Magic Valley Military Support Group bought the 3-by-20-foot banner, which says "We Have Not Forgotten" and invites relatives of servicemen and servicewomen to put their family members' names on it.

The banner will be on tables in the mall's food court, organizer Sharon Gentert said.

Lincoln County seeks transportation funds

SHOSHONE - Lincoln County commissioners are applying for a grant that would fund the creation of a countywide transportation plan.

Recently, commissioners listened to a report from Aaron Wertz of Riedesel Engineers, who explained how he will write up a grant application for the funds.

"The fact that Lincoln County has several highways and three towns would increase the possibility of receiving the grant," Wertz told the commissioners.

The Federal Highway Administration through the Idaho Transportation Board funds the grant. Applications are distributed to local highway jurisdictions every year in November.

Lincoln County and four local highway districts are paying Wertz \$1,000 to write up the plan.

If the county were to receive money to finance the transportation plan, it would greatly improve the opportunity for success on project applications to repair, extend and widen highways throughout the county.

"I think it's definitely something we should try," Commissioner Jerry Nance said.

Local Health district schedules flu shots

TWIN FALLS - Idaho has sent several possible cases of influenza to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Ga., for confirmation of the type of virus present in the state, South Central District Health official said in a press release.

Eleven states, including Washington, have reported cases of influenza this year.

South Central District Health has scheduled an extra influenza vaccination clinic for 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the district office, 1020 Washington St. N.

The peak influenza season in southern Idaho is late December through early March. Individuals who have health conditions that make them vulnerable to serious complications from influenza are encouraged to get a flu shot as soon as possible.

Influenza viruses are spread from person-to-person through coughing and sneezing of infected people. Influenza is characterized by the abrupt onset of fever, headache, severe discomfort, muscle tenderness or pain, non-productive cough, sore throat and a very runny nose.

For more information, call South Central District Health at 734-5300.

— compiled from staff reports

Red Cross alters disaster assistance

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Some changes have been made in the way support is distributed by the Sawtooth Branch of the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho.

In the past, families devastated by disaster were given vouchers for hotel or motel lodging through the local Red Cross agency at 1139 Falls Ave., Suite B. Along with a place to sleep, the organization provided immediate relief to a family by picking up the tab at the motel's in-house restaurant, or in some cases, at a nearby cafe.

But in an effort to be better stewards of the money that comes primarily through donations by the public, "we're modifying some of the services we supply," Executive Director

Becoming a board member

For more information about becoming a member of the local Red Cross board, call Patricia Lindholm at 733-6464 or e-mail lindholmp@usa.redcross.org.

Preparedness tips

Preparing for disaster helps everyone in the family except the fact that disaster can happen, and provides an opportunity to identify and collect the resources needed to meet basic

Patricia Lindholm said.

And rather than paying large amounts of money for dining out following a fire, the agency now buys a week's worth of groceries and rents a room with a microwave or a kitchenette.

needs after a disaster strikes.

According to the Red Cross, preparedness includes:

- Talking about damage that may be caused by disasters that can strike in your area of the country.
- Deciding on a number to call and a place where the family will reunite if separated by a disaster.
- Pulling together supplies of basic items: food, water, battery, radio, flashlight, etc.

To learn more about teaching children how to be prepared in case of an emergency, go to www.redcross-idaho.org.

"We're using our resources more effectively," Lindholm said. In reality, disaster relief is a two-way street.

While the core mission of the Red Cross is to fund relief services for those who fall victim to dis-

asters, in turn, the agency depends on the American public for financial contributions to carry out its humanitarian efforts.

And while the local agency partners annually with the United Way for added support, the Red Cross depends on direct contributions to help people during, and after, times of disaster.

"We are your Red Cross," Lindholm said.

Over the past few years, the national organization redefined the level of service disaster victims receive. With one of the largest expenses associated with disaster relief being the cost for establishing a new residence, the local organization is striving to incorporate positive changes in the local response criteria.

According to Lindholm, the average amount spent by the Red

Cross per family amounts to \$2,500.

To help families relocate more economically, the local chapter works with rental agencies to reduce or waive the costs for security deposits - or the first month's rent.

While the local agency still assists families in need of furnishings, buying new is a thing of the past. Redcrossing families to used furniture stores is part of the new program.

Reduction in staff is another part of local Red Cross modifications. Nevertheless, with volunteers who are willing to help with office work, the transition has been smooth, Lindholm said.

Stretching the dollar also takes in the idea of being prepared - and education is the route.

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PLEASE PASS THE LEFSE



Sherie Tanner, right, rolls a piece of lefse, a traditional Scandinavian potato flat bread, onto a lefse grill while her son Mark and sister Mary Kay Hanson prepare the dough during a demonstration at Rudy's, A Cook's Paradise. A free holiday cheese demonstration is Saturday from noon to 3 p.m., another in a series of free cooking presentations at the downtown Twin Falls store.

Gooding gets homeland security money

Federal grants will be shared among agencies

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - In the event of an emergency - including a terrorist attack - Gooding County personnel can feel secure they will have the proper equipment to respond.

Agencies including the Gooding, Hagerman and Wendell fire districts, the sheriff's department, emergency medical services and the county's emergency management agency all will benefit from a \$148,943 Homeland

Security grant.

The grant addresses the needs of each county agency and the equipment that's required to deal with emergencies.

Lori Capps, coordinator for Gooding County Disaster Services, recently reported to commissioners a detailed list of equipment the county will receive.

Among the higher budget items is a 4-by-4 pickup and night vision glasses for the sheriff's department. The amount allotted for the pickup is \$35,000 while the glasses are expected to

come in around \$19,000.

The Gooding Fire District will receive about \$37,500 in the form of liquid-splash retardant clothing and lifting and breaking equipment.

Equipment for the Hagerman Fire District includes two 30-foot hose sets and other firefighting and rescue tools totaling about \$20,538.

About \$5,500 worth of equipment will go to the Wendell Fire District.

Gooding County Emergency Medical Services will acquire nearly \$37,000 in equipment and materials. Portable radios and three defibrillators top the list.

Capps said her department would receive a laptop computer and digital camera.

"Having an accessible computer and camera to record any emergency situation can be invaluable and we wouldn't have had the money to purchase this type of equipment otherwise," she said.

The Idaho Bureau of Hazardous Materials is overseeing the federal grant and helped in determining the equipment needs.

As a grant requirement, Capps will track equipment and list the inventory every quarter for the next two years.

Christmas City USA launches season tonight

Lighting of square, other festivities take place in Rupert

By Rosa Marie Parsons
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - Christmas City USA, known most of the time as Rupert, launches the holiday season tonight in the square.

The square is likely to be buzzing with a chili dinner, a train, Santa's arrival, the ceremonial lighting of square and fireworks.

It all starts at 5 p.m. with members of the Christmas Lighting Committee selling chili, cinnamon rolls, coffee and hot chocolate. Committee chairwoman Roberta Christiansen said pro-

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ceeds from the dinner are used to buy new ornaments and to maintain the decorations the committee already owns.

Near the square, in the Rupert Civic Auditorium at 505 Seventh St., the Caring and Sharing Festival opens to the public at 5 p.m., too.

The Operation Lifesaver lighted train is scheduled to give rides around the square and serve as a shuttle between the square and the Civic Auditorium throughout the evening.

Santa is due at the Rupert Square at 7 p.m. He leaves his

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Mother goes to drug court

Newborn baby tested positive for meth

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A woman who is charged with felony injury to a child in connection with allegations she used methamphetamine while pregnant has been assigned to Mini-Cassia Drug Court.

Jackie Horton, 22, of Rupert, was ordered to drug court Monday by 5th District Judge John Melanson after a hearing at which she changed her plea to guilty.

Horton was charged by the Minidoka County prosecuting attorney in September with one count of felony injury for a child after she gave birth to a boy on Aug. 25 at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. The baby was born premature and taken to Magic

Valley Regional Medical Center where he had to be connected to a ventilator. The baby tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine, according to an affidavit from the Rupert Police Department.

Horton's hospital records from Aug. 25 included lab tests that showed she tested positive for amphetamines. She also tested positive for amphetamines, methamphetamine and tetrahydrocannabinol - the active component of marijuana - when she was tested on Sept. 15 as she visited her son, who was in the custody of the Department of Health and Welfare.

Horton was arraigned in district court in Minidoka County on Oct. 20. She was represented by Public Defender Dave Haley. Haley and then-Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Rick Bollor told District Judge John Melanson they'd agreed to

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Community foundation awards area grants

The Times-News

BOISE - The Idaho Community Foundation recently distributed \$404,787 to 118 nonprofit organizations through its southwestern region competitive grants program.

Among those receiving grants are the following in the Magic Valley area:

- **Twin Falls County**
- Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley in Twin Falls, \$11,000 to help with general operating expenses.
- Buhl Public Library, \$2,000 to help support a young adult empowerment program.
- Filer School District, \$4,000 to help buy Spanish-English dictionaries.
- I.B. Perrine Elementary School in Twin Falls, \$2,500 to help buy reading education software.
- Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Magic Valley in Twin Falls, \$4,000 to help with general operating support.
- YMC of Twin Falls Inc., \$5,000 to help support a membership scholarship program.

Blaine County

- Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence Inc. in Hailey, \$1,000 to help with funding for a nonprofit community child-care center.
- Blaine Manor Foundation Inc. in Hailey, \$500 to help support health-care services.
- Campfire Foundation Inc. in Ketchum, \$500 to help support a community scholarship fund.
- Caritas Choral Limited in Ketchum, \$1,000 to help fund an artistic director position.
- Council Circle Foundation Inc. in Hailey, \$2,700 to expand the Youth Council after-school program.
- Crisis Hot Line Inc. in Ketchum, \$2,500 to help support volunteer training.
- Hospice of the Wood River Valley in Ketchum, \$2,500 to help with general operating expenses.
- Sagebrush Equine Training Center for the Handicapped Inc. in Sun Valley, \$3,287 to help fund a work-study program for at-risk teenagers.
- Silver Creek Alternative School in Hailey, \$5,000 to help implement an art program.
- Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation, \$1,650 to help support a cross-country skiing outdoor activity program for youth.
- Wood River High School in Hailey, \$1,000 to help purchase sound system equipment.

Cassia County

- Burley Public Library, \$3,650 to help buy an LCD projector.
- Declo Junior High School, \$4,000 to help support after-school tutoring programs.
- Sagebrush Equine Training Center for the Handicapped Inc. in Sun Valley, \$3,000 to help implement a summer reading program.
- Oakley Junior-Senior High School, \$4,000 to help support an after-school program.
- Raft River Bookmobile in Alto, \$2,000 to help maintain

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Colorado mountain cemetery blends closely with nature

Memorial park, and others like it around the country, strive for environment-friendly burials

WOODLAND PARK, Colo. (AP) - Tucked into thick forest at the base of Pikes Peak, the small cemetery is almost indistinguishable from the mountain terrain.

Beneath towering pine trees, cremated remains are worked into the ground and marked by a flat brick with a bronze plate inscribed with a name, dates and sometimes a short phrase. Some are decorated with pine cones, native stones and branches. Aside from a small gathering area with 10 log benches and a stone podium, the two-acre site is natural.

"It's peaceful, it's serene. I think it's a good alternative for people who don't want the traditional cemetery," said John Schmidt, whose first husband is buried in the park. "My husband didn't want it to be a sad thing, he wanted it to be positive."

"And that's how we look at the land. It really fit into what we had. We kind of homesteaded out 40 acres up here, so it's a back-to-nature kind of thing. It's really perfect."

Mountain Wilderness Memorial Park is among a handful of "green" cemeteries devoted to environment-friendly burials. The idea is to leave the sites looking natural by not allowing head-

stones or artificial landscaping. Some say such sites help bridge a modern-day division between humans and nature.

"If your father is buried there, you have a deeper connection to the land, whether you have strong convictions to the environment or not," Dr. Billy Campbell said.

In 1996, the South Carolina physician founded Memorial Ecosystems to help people create environmentally friendly burial sites alongside nature preserves.

Hundreds of green burial sites exist in the United Kingdom, where they are called woodland cemeteries. As open space diminishes, nature preserves that maintain a small area for green burials help protect the environment and provide a peaceful setting, Campbell said.

"The idea is to make these graves look almost natural - woodland in England, prairie in Colorado," he said. "The idea of dust to dust in a real life sense."

Mountain Wilderness owner Don Blehm came up with the idea after years in the funeral business, tucking the cemetery at the end of a dirt road outside this small town about 80 miles south of Denver.

Too often, people would feel pressed to spend more than they could afford on a loved one's funeral, he said.

As cremation became more popular, some families wanted to spread the ashes in the mountains - prohibited in national and state parks - but needed a place they could visit.

Some people chose Mountain Wilderness for its simplicity or to protect the environment; others wanted an inexpensive burial.

The cemetery contains more than 300 gravesites although it resembles a common hiking trail. Small statues, American flags and other mementoes left at sites are gathered every other week to keep the area natural.

Fees range from \$545 to \$1,045, said Blehm, who provides services through his Mountain Memorial Funeral Home in nearby Divide.

An entire service, including cremation, a memorial service, the plot and bronze plaque, is less than \$2,000.

The average funeral in the United States costs \$5,320 excluding cemetery costs, according to the National Funeral Home Directors Association.

A portion of Campbell's 33-acre Ramsey Creek Nature Preserve in Westminster, S.C., is a green cemetery that allows full-body burials. Vaults and toxic embalming fluids are prohibited. Only biodegrad-



A grave site in the Mountain Wilderness Memorial Park near Woodland Park, Colo., is marked with a cross made of two tree limbs Nov. 14. Mountain Wilderness Memorial Park is among a handful of "green" cemeteries in the United States, devoted to environment-friendly burials.

able caskets are allowed. Campbell wants to expand to a 70-acre site in metropolitan

Brothers John and William Wilkerson sought Campbell's advice to preserve their family's 350-acre farm in Glendale, a tiny town in the Florida Panhandle.

They created a preserve to maintain the farm's ponds, streams and woodlands and provide a small cemetery in the natural setting.

Blehm also is looking to open a larger site because many people have inquired about body burials, which are prohibited at Mountain Wilderness. The new site would allow biodegradable caskets but embalming chemicals would be prohibited.

Blehm does not advertise Mountain Wilderness, only offering it to people if they ask about scattering ashes. But word-of-mouth has attracted people from across the country, from different economic backgrounds and from various religious beliefs.

Hospice nurse Linda Shelhamer's son is buried in the park. The 15-year-old died in February, but the family waited until June to spread his ashes.

"When they actually put the stone down, we were really dredging going out there - seeing it in writing would make it more real. But when we went out there, there was a double rainbow. Pikes Peak was in the background. The view was beautiful," Shelhamer said.

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Helen H. Nielsen - Twin Falls

Helen H. Nielsen, 75, of Twin Falls passed away Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003, in Palm Springs, Cal.

Helen was born September 12, 1928, at her grandfather's home in Kimberly, Idaho. She was the daughter of Hughston and Beatrice Hall. She attended schools in Hazelton, Kimberly and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1946. Helen worked as a bookkeeper for Magel Tire Co., Blue Lakes Country Club, Farm Home Administration in Twin Falls and for La Buid Record Co. and Edward and Susan Walpert in Palm Springs.

On April 3, 1947, she married John "Jack" Nielsen, the love of her life, of Salt Lake City. They raised their two children in Twin Falls. In 1979 they moved to Desert Hot Springs, Cal., and spent the next 20 years enjoying many cruises and doing a lot of traveling with friends and family. In 2000 they returned to Twin Falls and bought a new home while still



wintering in Palm Springs. Helen was an excellent cook, seamstress and homemaker. Her family was her joy. She was always available to lend a helping hand to those in need and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Helen is survived by her husband of 56 years; a daughter, Geri Lynn Peterson (Keith); a step-

daughter, Jackie Lumley (Larry) of Colorado; two sisters, Dorothy Brandon (Dwight) of Twin Falls, Lois Ambrose of Boise; grandsons, Jeremy and Kaylan Peterson of Twin Falls; two step-grandchildren Lincoln Peterson and Maline McMath; brothers and sisters-in-law Edythe (Gene) Wildner of Kimberly, Del (Marge) Nielsen of California and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, John Jr.; father, Hughston; her mother and stepfather Beatrice and Glen McKee; a brother, William Hall; and a sister, Barbara Goertzen.

A celebration of Helen's life will be held 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at the 7th Ward LDS Chapel, 847 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls, with Bishop Devere Burton, conducting. Entombment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum. Friends may call at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," Sunday from 4-8 p.m., and at the Church Monday from 9-4:45 to 10:45 a.m.

(Demary's Wendell Chapel).

Lucas O'Killa of Roseville, Calif., graveside memorial service at 1 p.m., Dec. 6 at the Brunau Cemetery, a gathering will follow the service at the Brunau American Legion Hall in Brunau.

Jesse B. Villanueva

RUPERT - Jesse B. Villanueva, 73, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Besy Janet Vargas

BURLY - Besy Janet Vargas, one-year-old daughter of Sergio and Neida Vargas, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at her home in Burley. The funeral is pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Paul Edward Riebold

GOODING - Paul Edward Riebold, 80, of Bliss, died Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003 at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

SERVICES

Harlan Eugene Mink Sr. of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. today at White Mortuary; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 9 a.m. until the time of the service today at White Mortuary.

Lydia M. Peters Vanllyper of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church, 407 Fifth St., Rupert; viewing one hour before the service at the church; interment will be at the Rupert Cemetery.

Francis P. Cammack Sr. of Bull, visitation from 10 a.m. to noon today at Farmer Funeral Chapel; service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Church of the Nazarene in Bull with burial to follow at West End Cemetery.

Robert J. "Bob" Rippe of Hailley, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall in Hailley (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Jan A. Christian of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2050 Normal Ave.; burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery; family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Virginia Maud Judd Ash, formerly of Bull and Rupert, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., Rupert; burial will fol-

low at the Rupert Cemetery; viewing from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday.

Jesse Alan Driessel, infant son of Larry and Chisel Driessel of Wendell, memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday at New Life Community Church in Wendell

Shirley Marlene Hettich

TWIN FALLS - Shirley Marlene Hettich, 61, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, near Rogerson, Idaho, due to injuries sustained in a car accident.

A Celebration of Shirley's Life will take place at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Pastor Dale Metzger officiating. Friends may call on Sunday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

A full obituary will appear in tomorrow's edition of The Times News.

Merle Ray Martin

TWIN FALLS - Merle Ray Martin, 66, of Twin Falls died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, following a sudden illness at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

A celebration of Merle's life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Pastor Daniel Riecke of Our Savior Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Military honors by Area Veterans and Auxiliary. Friends may call on Sunday from 3-8 p.m.

Utah doctor faces fraud charges

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A Cedar City doctor was charged in a 54-count indictment for billing government and private insurance agencies for unconventional blood cleansing, then labeling that therapy by a different name because insurers won't pay for it.

Dr. Scott Werner, 46, was indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury in Salt Lake City on charges of submitting false insurance claims for 54 patients who received chelation therapy, a series of intravenous infusions said to detoxify blood and ward off cardiovascular and a host of other diseases.

Medicaid, Medicare and most private insurers cover chelation therapy only for treatment of heavy metal toxicity, including

lead poisoning. Werner was accused of disguising his treatment as simply "IV therapy."

The indictment came more than a year after federal agents raided Werner's Cedar City clinic, Total Health Center, for patient records. Neither Werner nor Total Health Center could be found in telephone directories. He's still listed as a licensed doctor in Utah, but the state Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing had no current contact information for him.

Werner told The Spectrum of St. George a year ago that he had been performing chelation therapy since 1997 and that, "For every patient I've given the therapy to, they've felt better."

It typically costs \$75 to \$125 for

each of dozens of treatments, according to quackwatch.com, run by retired Allentown, Pa., psychiatrist Stephen Barrett, who has been debunking dubious medical procedures for 30 years.

Although no date has been set yet, Werner was to receive a summons to appear in federal court. If convicted, he could face 270 years in prison and \$1.3 million in fines for all 54 counts, the U.S. attorney's office said. However, any actual sentence likely would be much less severe.

Chelation can purge lead and other heavy metals from blood, but the American Heart Association says there is no evidence the procedure cures coronary artery disease or provides any general health benefits.

Wife's claim doesn't help husband

BOISE (AP) - The denial of violence by an abused wife does not preclude prosecutors from trying her husband on a felony domestic violence charge, the Idaho Court of Appeals ruled on Wednesday.

The three-judge panel unanimously agreed that Magistrate Jay Gaskill misinterpreted the law when he reduced the felony charge of domestic violence against Hermin Reyes to misdemeanor domestic battery just because Reyes' wife said her broken arm occurred accidentally.

"The magistrate found that, because the victim testified that she would agree with the characterization of the events as a freak accident of the events as well as the burden of showing the willful

infliction of a traumatic injury," Judge Darrel Perry wrote for the court.

"The facts of the incident between Reyes and his wife are undisputed," Perry wrote. "The victim testified that during a disagreement Reyes picked her up so that her feet were not in contact with the floor and then either threw or tossed her down with sufficient force to cause the victim's arm to break."

"These facts, combined with all reasonable inferences drawn therefrom, would lead a reasonable person to believe that Reyes was probably or likely willing to inflict traumatic injury upon his wife, thus committing the offense of felony domestic battery."

The appellate court held that to force Reyes to testify, prosecutors only had to show that a crime occurred and that the Nez Perce County man could reasonably have committed it. They were not required, at that stage, to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt, the court ruled.

Gaskill reduced the charge after the woman said she did not believe her husband intended to hurt her and when her husband's attorney asked her if her broken arm could have been the result of a freak accident she said, "I guess you could say that."

Second District Judge Jeff Brudie agreed with Gaskill, upholding his decision in the initial appeal.

Idaho mining firm will retire debt early

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Coeur d'Alene Mines Corp. will spend \$13.5 million in cash to pay off a \$4.5 million debt more than three years early.

The payment includes the principle amount of the note, plus interest on the 9 percent senior convertible notes, the company announced this week.

Coeur d'Alene Mines will sell 3.1 million shares of stock to repay the debt, and has filed a prospectus with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Chairman Dennis Wheeler said shareholders would benefit from the early payment of the debt.

If the company had waited until the notes were due in February 2007, when note holders could convert the notes to shares, Wheeler said the company would have ended up issuing a larger number of new shares than 3.1 million.

Company shares reached a 52-week high on Wednesday, briefly selling for \$4.99 before closing at \$4.88, up 50 cents for the day. The 52-week low for the company was \$1.22 set last March.

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Bonnie Stewart Family

Senator: Casinos could boost economy

BOISE (AP) — A Democratic lawmaker from northern Idaho wants to end the state's total ban on casino gambling so struggling rural economies can benefit the same as American Indian reservations have from tribal gambling operations.

Sen. Marti Calabretta of Osburn said the proposal, which would require changing the state constitution, is ripe for consideration because Idaho's economic recovery appears to be happening slowly.

"We know we are not going to have the type of recovery that everyone does the song and dance

about," Calabretta said.

Voters approved a constitutional amendment in 1992 outlawing casino-style gambling in the state. Despite that, the Coeur d'Alene, Nez Perce, Kootenai and Shoshone-Bannock tribes have offered some types of wagering devices.

None of the tribes has table games, such as blackjack, but they all use devices that look and act very similar to slot machines.

"The tribes claim they are only electronic facsimiles of the state lottery. Critics say there is nothing substantially different between

the tribal gambling machines and those used in Nevada casinos.

In 2002, voters approved a statewide initiative to legalize the tribe's machines, but also limit their growth and dedicate some of the tribe's profits to local education programs.

Voters approved the proposal by a 16 percent margin after an intense campaign that highlighted how the casinos have benefited once-improvised tribes.

The measure passed in 27 of the state's 44 counties with the state's most conservative counties — in the southern and eastern parts of

the state — leading the opposition.

Since the 1992 vote, "I think there's another level of discussion now. I think the tribes' success has changed the picture," Calabretta said.

Kimberly Republican Sen. Laird Noh, the Legislature's leading opponent of gambling, said he will fight the proposal.

Gambling "eventually expands beyond the reservations and into the community, and pretty soon you have the tremendous drain of resources, until the community realizes those losses are coming out of people's pockets," Noh said.

DEQ seeks comment on Goose Creek cleanup

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is seeking public comment on a proposal to clean up polluted streams in the Goose Creek Subbasin.

The DEQ is required under the Clean Water Act to develop plans for impaired streams to control excessive sediment, bacteria, nutrients, temperature and low levels of dissolved oxygen. The Goose Creek plan targets these creeks: Goose, Trapper, Birch, Cold, Beaverdam, Little Cottonwood, and Left Hand Fork Beaverdam.

The DEQ also is proposing to remove Emery, Bluehill, Mill and Big Cottonwood creeks, and the Lower Goose Creek Reservoir from the state's list of impaired waters. The DEQ said that these waters meet state water quality standards.

Public comment will be accepted until 5 p.m. Dec. 12. The proposal can be found online at www.deq.state.id.us/water/mdms/mdms.htm. It also is available for review at libraries in Burley, Rupert, Oakley, Albion, Malta and Declo and at the DEQ Twin Falls office. Direct questions, comments and requests to Clyde Lay. He can be reached at DEQ Twin Falls, 601 Pole Line Road, Twin Falls, 83301, 736-2190; or clay@deq.state.id.us.

Around the valley

Richfield, Shoshone, Glens Ferry, and King Hill to get to and from their breast care services.

Breast care services include screening and diagnostic mammograms, diagnostic breast imaging, procedures and breast cancer treatments. The cost of breast care services are not included in the grant — only the transportation, cost to and from the service.

Women who live in the areas listed, are low income and need financial assistance for transportation to breast care services should call Andrea Summers at 934-4433, Ext. 112, for more information and eligibility.

Natural resources plan for bombing range released

TWIN FALLS — A public comment period will run through Dec. 29 on revisions to an environmental management plan for the small acreage and Saylorville Creek and Juniper Butte bombing ranges used by the Mountain Home Air Force Base in Owyhee County.

A final Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan will be issued in January, and a final news release said. The original draft was released for public comment in August. The plan outlines wildlife and other natural resources monitoring and management strategies to mitigate for the air base's use of the desert training range.

Contact 1st Lt. Joe Campbell at the base's public affairs office to obtain a copy of the revised draft. He can be reached at 208-828-6800 or by mail at 366 FWPA, 366 Gunfighter Ave., Suite 331, Mountain Home Air Force Base, 83648-5442. The plan also is available at the Mountain Home Public Library, 790 N. 10th E. in Mountain Home, and at the Brunau Valley District Library in Brunau.

— compiled from staff reports

HELP ON THE HOLIDAY



Elmer Baglake, of Bellingham, Wash., receives cranberries and a roll from volunteer Suzanne Tagney, of Sedro-Woolley, Thursday at the Sedro-Woolley Community Center during the community Thanksgiving dinner. Serving yams is Austin Kvaniskoff, 30, second from right. The annual free meal has been served for 24 years.

Idaho senator will propose legislation banning smoking

REXBURG (AP) — An Idaho state senator plans to sponsor legislation next year that would ban smoking in and near public access buildings.

Republican Sen. Brent Hill of Rexburg says he will draft a bill to impose a 20-foot smoke-free perimeter around entrances of most buildings statewide.

Bars, tobacco shops and other privately operated social and religious meeting places would be exempt, as would the entrances of businesses along main streets. That's so people wouldn't have to snuff their cigarettes while walking down the street.

Smoking has been long labeled a matter of preference, but that is no longer the case, Hill

said. In the past two decades medical evidence has shifted the issue to a matter of public health and second-hand smoke.

"This was a matter of preference there would be no restriction on the bill," Hill said. "People have a right to their own health."

Hill said he is getting support from the National Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association and the Coalitions for Health Idaho.

The bill will likely be opposed by the tobacco industry and the Association of Restaurants.

Republican Sen. "Skip" Brandt of Kootenai said he will oppose the proposal because it infringes on an individual's rights.

Murder suspect claims victim had raped relative

LEWISTON (AP) — A Nez Perce County Deputy said a 17-year-old boy told him he "probably" killed his stepfather with a shotgun, but that it happened after he confronted him about allegedly raping his sister.

Samuel Olson was bound over on a first-degree murder charge in the death of Sam George, 46, who was shot in the early morning hours of Oct. 11.

Deputy John Hildebrand told Magistrate Kent Meica at a preliminary hearing Wednesday that he and FBI Special Agent Douglas Hart got the information from Olson during an interview.

Hildebrand testified that Olson told him and George were playing a late-night drinking game and had consumed four or five beers. Olson said he obtained a shotgun and "probably" shot George, but he couldn't remember doing it.

Hart also testified, saying Olson said, "I was the only one there and I was the only one having."

Olson's mother was also in the room at the time of the shooting,

but was allegedly passed out on the couch and did not wake up, Hart said.

Hart said Olson told him that after the shooting, he went to his bedroom to listen to music.

Around 6:15 a.m., Olson called a friend to tell him about George's death, Hart said. A neighbor later notified Nez Perce tribal police and another neighbor took the shotgun out of the house, according to court documents.

During testimony, Olson sat quietly next to his defense attorneys.

Because Olson is a Nez Perce tribal member and the crime occurred on the reservation, jurisdiction for his case fell to the tribe and the federal government.

Olson was bound over for trial as an adult. If he is convicted, Nez Perce County Prosecutor Dan Spickler said he will not seek the death penalty.

"It is just reserved for the most heinous and depraved situations and this doesn't fit into that category," Spickler said.

Utah soldier killed in Iraq had married just before deployment

LAYTON, Utah (AP) — A Utah soldier killed Wednesday in Iraq was married only three days before he left.

Spec. David J. Goldberg had met his future wife, Sarah, while shopping at a Wal-Mart in January, a month before he deployed.

"Thank God for the telephone," his mother, Dolly Goldberg, said. "They talked a lot and grew quite close. She's devastated."

Goldberg, 20, died in Qayyarah, Iraq, of a "non-combat related injury," the Pentagon said. No other details of the death were immediately released.

"His parents also have not been told how he died."

"We don't know if it's firearms related or a road accident, all we

know it's under investigation," his father Chuck Goldberg said.

The specialist joined the Army when he was 17 and served in Bosnia.

He returned home two years later, but signed up for the Army Reserves because he wanted to serve in Iraq. His mother said he felt it was his responsibility as an American citizen to serve.

"It's a shock, but as long as he's with the Lord, that's what counts," said Chuck Goldberg, who moved his family to northern Utah from Chicago five years ago for his job with the Internal Revenue Service.

David Goldberg was homeschooled for several years, and also attended Layton Christian Academy and Northridge High School.

Idaho holiday tree heads to D.C.

BOISE (AP) — The 2003 holiday tree that will adorn the U.S. Capitol next month is on its way to Washington after a long tour through Idaho.

The 65-foot Engelmann Spruce harvested from the Boise National Forest is scheduled to arrive at the Capitol on Monday morning. It will be decorated with more than 6,000 ornaments crafted by Idaho residents, along with 10,000 lights.

The tree was cut down on Nov. 3, bundled tightly and a watering system was attached. Then it was

placed on a trailer and trucked around the state, visiting nearly every sizable town to kick off the holiday season.

The tree was encased in shrink-wrap to protect it during its 2,500-mile, 23-day journey to Washington.

A lighting ceremony is scheduled for Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. MST. Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert will throw the switch at dusk.

The holiday tree has been a tradition at the U.S. Capitol since 1964.

Rupert

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reinder home and is driven around Rupert on a fire truck. He flips the big switch to light up the square at 7 p.m. Firemen then set off fireworks. Santa is scheduled to spend time in his house inside the square tonight, visiting as long as there are children waiting with their wish lists.

Many Rupert stores plan to stay open until 9 p.m. tonight, according to Organization of Rupert Businesses Secretary Joyce Burfuss.

Santa returns to visit with kids in his house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday and each of the next

Christmas City activities

• Today 5 p.m. — Chili feed, Rupert Square. 5 p.m. — Caroling and Sharing Festival, Rupert Civic Auditorium. 6 p.m. — Minilojo Jazz Combo, Wilson Theater. 7 p.m. — Santa arrives, lights turned on, fireworks, Rupert Square. 9 p.m. — Stores close.	• Saturday 2-4 p.m. — Santa visits, Rupert Square. 2 p.m. — Drawing for two tickets and	hotel accommodations to see Henry Rogers in Salt Lake City, Rupert Square. • Dec. 23 2 p.m. — Drawing for \$1,000 shopping spree, Rupert Square. 2-4 p.m. — Santa visits, Rupert Square. • Dec. 20 2 p.m. — Drawing for \$1,000 shopping spree, Rupert Square. 2-4 p.m. — Santa visits, Rupert Square.
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three Saturdays. They're in the house for parents to step in to take a picture of their child with Santa.

Children can mail their lists to Santa by leaving them in the mailbox on the front of his house until Saturday, Dec. 20. Letters should include the child's full name and address so Santa's helpers can send a personal reply.

Christiansen expressed her gratitude to all of the volunteers and city employees who work so hard to make the Christmas lighting event a success.

Former Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus signed a proclamation in 1987 naming Rupert "Christmas City." The proclamation noted the community had already been using the name for more than 20 years when Andrus made it official.

Grants

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- the bookmobile service.
- Raft River Junior-Senior High School in Malita, \$4,000 to help support musical programs and afterschool activities.
- Gooding County
 - Hagerman Valley Historical Society in Hagerman, \$2,500 to help support educational programs.
- Jerome County
 - Valley School District in Hazelton, \$4,000 to help buy Spanish-English dictionaries.
- Minidoka County
 - Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert, \$1,649 to help buy training equipment.
 - Renaissance Arts Center Inc. in Rupert, \$3,500 to help buy the historic Wilson Theatre.
 - The Reading Foundation in Rupert, \$1,000 to help with general operating support.
 - Camas County
 - Camas County School District in Fairfield, \$3,000 to help support a Spanish language instruction program.
 - Elmore County
 - Glens Ferry School District, \$3,000 to help support an afterschool tutoring program.

Red Cross

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With a statewide average of one fire a day, "we continue to make strides in preparedness through volunteer education," Lindholm said.

The Red Cross stresses the need to teach children how and when to call for help, and there are charts available to help with the teaching.

But even with budget constraints, the best insurance against disaster is to invest in emergency preparedness, and the youth of the community have not been left out. In a new volunteer program, the local chapter is providing the education necessary for young people to be involved in humanitarian projects.

Last week more than 15 of the area's youth attended a volunteer group meeting, as part of a disaster training course.

For the holidays, the group will volunteer at the South Central Community Action Partnership carrying boxes of food to those in need.

"Our focus is getting the kids active, enthusiastic and energized," Lindholm said.

Times-News correspondent Loretta Burkhardt can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3990.

Community

A page for you and your neighbors.

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TURKEY FOR TOTS



Michelle Lopez, 11 months, takes a bite of turkey offered by her mother, Rosa Hernandez, during a Thanksgiving dinner at the Fred Jordan Mission in Los Angeles Thursday. The mission served an estimated 2,500 underprivileged people nearly 4,000 pounds of turkey and 80 gallons of gravy, as well as the usual trimmings.

Authorities seek man suspected in friend's death

POCATELLO (AP) — Authorities are looking for a transient suspected in the bludgeoning death of his traveling companion.

Police Lt. Brad Hunt said investigators believe Raul Lopez Espinoza, 30, killed Rene A. Morales, 38, Sunday night or early Monday, based on physical evidence collected at the scene and interviews with witnesses.

A judge issued a bench warrant for Espinoza on Tuesday morning, Hunt said. Since Espinoza is not in custody, he has not been formally charged. If he is apprehended, police intend to charge him with second-degree murder, Hunt said.

"We suspect him because we have evidence and probable cause to believe he committed the crime," Hunt said.

Court will auction Boise River Festival memorabilia

BOISE (AP) — Memorabilia from the defunct Boise River Festival will soon be on the auction block.

Idaho U.S. District Bankruptcy Court has ordered the remaining assets of the festival to go up for public bid.

An auction is set for Dec. 6. It will include everything from mugs and hats to the River Festival name.

The Boise River Festival was Idaho's signature summer festival for the last 13 years.

The four-day event drew hundreds of thousands of visitors to its parade, balloon launches and massive food court.

The festival started facing financial difficulties in 2001 and it was drastically cut back this year. It filed for bankruptcy last month after a 13-year run.

Bill granting LDS right to lease land goes to Bush

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — President Bush is expected to sign a broad-spending bill that includes a provision allowing The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to lease an historic emigrant site in central Wyoming.

The Mormon Church considers the site, known as Martin's Cove, hallowed ground. In 1856, about 150 Utah-bound Mormons died there when their handcart caravan was stranded in a blizzard. The site is now on U.S. Bureau of Land Management property.

The bill provides funding for the Energy Department, Interior Department, water projects, the Army Corps of Engineers and independent agencies such as the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

During debate in September, Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo., inserted a provision into the Senate version of the measure authorizing a 25-year lease to the church.

The church had initially tried to purchase 1,640 acres of BLM land, but after strong public opposition asked for a 99-year lease. Thomas offered instead a 25-year lease for a 940-acre parcel.

Church officials said they are satisfied with the legislation. While the bill provides a time frame for the lease, it does not contain many specifics, said Casper conservationist Barbara Dobos, who has fiercely opposed the church's previous efforts to buy or lease Martin's Cove.

The specific terms will not be worked out by the Department of Interior and the church until after the president signs the bill, Dobos said.

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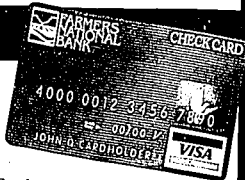
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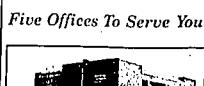
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Woman credits angels for survival

She spent seven nights outside in freezing temps

WALLOWA, Ore. (AP)—A year after an elk hunting accident left her stranded in a remote canyon for seven nights of subzero temperatures, Michelle Hileman returned recently to the same pine-covered mountains where she almost died.

Sinking into a folding chair, she stretched her new artificial legs toward a crackling campfire and assured the hunters gathered around that she was doing fine.

"I don't need anything," said the 40-year-old Wallowa woman. "My feet are nice and warm. I'm comfy."

Both of Hileman's frostbitten legs were amputated below the knees a year ago this month. As she continues the long process of adjusting to artificial legs, many locals still struggle to understand how she survived.

"I think we witnessed a true miracle," said Wallowa County Sheriff Fred Sien.

Nighttime temperatures dropped to at least 4 below zero in Alder Creek Canyon where Hileman lay injured for more than a week. She was dressed lightly, without a winter coat or matches to build a fire.

Hileman believes her survival was miraculous. The former home health worker says that during her struggle to survive, two angels appeared and remained with her, radiating warmth and keeping her from dying of hypothermia.

"The best way to describe it was two golden bright lights, just in the shape of two people," she said. They appeared on the second night when she began to pray for help. They never spoke and disappeared at daylight, but they were with her every night until she was rescued, she said.

Ken Nash, a bishop of the Mormon church in Enterprise that Hileman attends, was among searchers. He thinks the conditions were too terrible for anyone to survive as long as Hileman did without shelter and a fire.

"It was a cold that would just suck through you, pull every bit of



Michelle Hileman, third from left, relaxes at a hunting camp near Wallowa, Ore., this fall. Hileman returned recently to the same pine-covered mountains where she almost died.

strength out of you," he said.

Charles Lyons, 50, professor of psychology at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, said Hileman's desperate condition and physical suffering — freezing, exhausted, starving and dehydrated — might have left her in a confused dream state. But Lyons suspects the strength of Hileman's religious faith and her single-minded determination were keys to her survival.

Hileman's ordeal began on a sunny 55-degree Sunday morning on Oct. 27, 2002, when her father, Benny Hileman, 62, pulled his pickup off a logging road 12 miles northeast of Wallowa to let her out. It was elk season, and Michelle planned to hunt on foot along a fence line for 45 minutes, then rendezvous with her father at another road.

Mischelle deviated from the plan by following three elk into Alder Creek Canyon, where she fell. Suffering from a deep puncture wound to her left leg, she was unable to make it out of the canyon.

Within hours, a winter storm moved in. Four inches of snow obliterated any tracks rescuers

might have been able to follow, and the snow soaked her trousers. Then an arctic front slammed the region with the coldest early season temperatures most people can remember.

More than 100 volunteers, friends and family members turned out to search for her. Most quickly became convinced that Hileman, who suffers from diabetes and asthma, had little chance of survival. The search was scaled back on Oct. 31, but many refused to quit, and 27 people turned out the next day, spreading across the forest on horses and ATVs.

Hileman, meanwhile, was foraging for berries, rose hips and moss and used a pocket knife to excavate shelters beneath fir trees where she could cover herself with boughs. After elk broke the 6-inch thick ice in Alder Creek, she was able to get a drink before it froze again.

"They were the same elk I'd been chasing that broke the ice," she said.

She fired all 11 rounds she had for her 30-06 rifle, but nobody heard the shots or her cries for help. At one point she removed her red fleece pullover to wave it at a helicopter passing overhead, but

no one spotted her.

She was found Nov. 3, three days after the official search ended.

Friends Bill Lehr, 45, and Mariyva Seifert, 43, both of Wallowa, worked their way into the canyon calling Hileman's name. Near the bottom, they came upon an alarmed Lehr drew his handgun. Moments later, he heard Hileman's voice float up to him.

"When we got there, she was kind of half on the ice and half on the bank," said Lehr. "She thought that was her last trip to get water. She was about done in."

An Oregon National Guard helicopter flew her to a hospital in Boise, where she began a long ordeal. Her legs were amputated Nov. 26, more than three weeks after her arrival in Boise. She now wears the second of what probably will be six pairs of prosthetic legs before she is properly fitted.

Hileman's determination to survive touched many of those who searched for her.

"Michelle has given us a motto of 'Never Give Up,'" said Matt Marmor of the Wallowa County Sheriff's Department search and rescue unit.

Diver down

Ocean gliders take flight to new depths.

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Soldier will face Army trial in fatal shooting

TACOMA (AP)—A Fort Lewis soldier will be tried by the military rather than by the state for the fatal shooting of another soldier from the nearby Army post, Pierce County prosecutors say.


All witnesses to the shooting death of Brandon M. Gallegos, 21, of Post Falls, Idaho, are in the Army, so military officials are more able to monitor them, deputy prosecutor Gerald Costello said Tuesday.

Daniel Isaiah Taylor, 21, who served in the same infantry division as Gallegos, will face a court-martial for premeditated murder, Costello said. Taylor remained in the county jail pending transfer to Army custody.

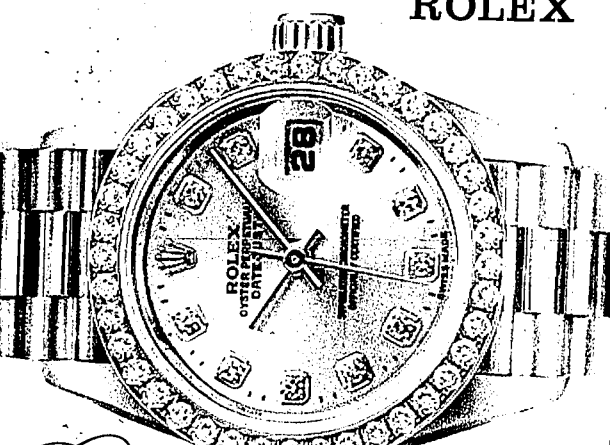
Taylor's home town and the two men's ranks were not available. Capt. Alyssa Schwinn, assigned to prosecute Taylor, would not comment on the case Tuesday.

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What's Behind The Black Plastic On The Corner of Pole Line Road and Blue Lakes?

BY MILES CARSON

Twin Falls, Idaho - Everyone's asking but no one has had the answer until now... just what is going on behind the black plastic on the corner of Pole Line Road and Blue Lakes went to search of the story and was floored by what I discovered.

"People are saving a ton of money," revealed Barry Langdon General Manager of Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls. "All are vehicles are posted with an in the last several months, the Lithia now incredibly low price on each and every car and truck stores in Idaho have set a one, but that's just the beginning of the blistering pace in new vehicle sales. savings," said Ken Lynch Used Car Manager. "We've become known as the place to go Manager. Our mission is to sell every one to for the right selection and an upfront of these cars by the close of business on great deal with our Promo Prices," said Sunday, so we're going to be slating Barry Langdon. "Add that to the historic prices on the spot throughout the sale. We rebate and finance offers coming from the needed to blackout the prices from manufacturers and it's just set our new by traffic because there's a good chance vehicle sales on fire."

"And that's what's caused the problem. reduced."

"Too many used vehicles," stated Barry. "In reviewing the inventory included in the sale it's tough to see how the prices crazy and we've been focused on new vehicles sales. The truth is we've got a glut of used vehicles on our lots that we simply "We're just going to keep cutting the price have to get rid of one way or another."

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Makes sense but why the mystery? Why black out the lot?


"All are vehicles are posted with an in the last several months, the Lithia now incredibly low price on each and every car and truck stores in Idaho have set a one, but that's just the beginning of the blistering pace in new vehicle sales. savings," said Ken Lynch Used Car Manager. "We've become known as the place to go Manager. Our mission is to sell every one to for the right selection and an upfront of these cars by the close of business on great deal with our Promo Prices," said Sunday, so we're going to be slating Barry Langdon. "Add that to the historic prices on the spot throughout the sale. We rebate and finance offers coming from the needed to blackout the prices from manufacturers and it's just set our new by traffic because there's a good chance vehicle sales on fire."

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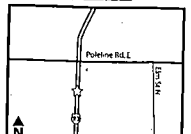


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Medicare legislation encourages health savings

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—A provision of the Medicare bill Congress passed this week would allow workers to turn a health insurance feature they normally dislike — a high deductible — into tax-free savings that could grow to large sums over a lifetime.

The measure would allow people under age 65 who buy medical policies with deductibles of at least \$1,000 for a single person or \$2,000 for a family to establish tax-free "health savings accounts." They, or their employers, could fund them each year with an amount equal to the deductible and the money could be used to pay health care expenses. If not needed, the money could be invested. The money going in would be pre-tax dollars and withdrawals for medical care would be tax-free.

The provision, effective next year, is expected to cost the Treasury \$6.4 billion in lost revenue over 10 years. The new accounts and high-deductible insurance would replace, not supplement, existing coverage.

The provision could have a profound effect on employer-based medical insurance plans, some experts said.

Conservatives argue that allowing participants to keep unspent money in their accounts gives them an incentive to restrain their use of medical services and shop for the best combination of service and price, putting downward pressure on health care charges. That is in contrast to the flexible spending accounts now offered by many employers, in which workers set aside up to \$5,000 pre-tax dollars to pay medical costs not covered by insurance. Those have a use-it-or-lose-it feature that critics say encourages unnecessary year-end spending to avoid forfeitures.

Liberals say the accounts would appeal to young and healthy workers, drawing them out of traditional plans and undermining them.

The new accounts are modeled on the Archer Medical Savings Account, first allowed on a limited basis in the 1990s but which are not very popular. Although 700,000 Archer accounts were permitted, only about 80,000 people opened them, according to tax filings. Supporters contend that various restrictions discouraged people from opening the accounts, and that the caps on total participants convinced insurers that there would be only a limited market.

Some employers have introduced "consumer-driven" health care plans, and several experts said they think the new savings account feature will make such plans much more attractive.

"I would expect this would become far more popular than Archer accounts, and that high-deductible plans would become more common and popular," said Joseph J. Martingale of Watson

Wyatt Worldwide, a big benefits consulting firm.

Martingale said he could imagine an employer offering workers the option of a health spending account, and perhaps making a contribution to it, much like an 401(k) retirement plan. The employer might find the high-deductible plan cheaper, and workers who invested successfully could accumulate a substantial

nest egg to help pay medical expenses in retirement. Withdrawals from the accounts for medical expenses would be tax-free, and the accounts could be passed on tax-free to a surviving spouse.

Employers might contract with operators of their 401(k) plans to handle the new savings accounts, Martingale said.

Critics say the new accounts

will appeal mainly to the healthy and the wealthy — to the healthy as tax shelters and to the wealthy as low-cost coverage because they don't expect to have claims.

Edwin Park, a senior health policy analyst with the liberal Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, said the new accounts "could increase premiums and in turn drive more healthy and affluent workers — who are also healthier —

out of the risk pool." That might encourage employers "to say 'I can't afford this anymore' and switch to a (health savings account) exclusively, or say, 'I'm going to pass on more of the cost to the employees,' and then the older and sicker workers want to stay in, but can't afford it," Park said. "Employer-based coverage is eroding but this accelerates that trend."

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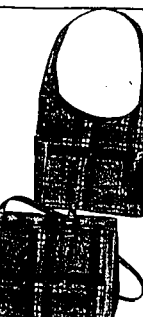
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The holiday's red glare



Up!
Shania Twain will play Salt Lake City's Delta Center Tuesday night.

Multi-media holiday

An astronomy show, "The Christmas Star," starts tonight and continues Saturday and Tuesday in the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. The projected star field on the Faulkner's 50-foot dome is adjusted to reflect the way the stars would have looked over Bethlehem some 2,000 years ago.

Such good friends

The Friends of CSI Players will present A.J. Gurney's "Love Letters" tonight and Saturday at the Lamphouse Theater in Twin Falls, featuring Jud Harmon and Camille Bangar.

Imagine

Tim Piper, a John Lennon tribute act, will play the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls Saturday night.

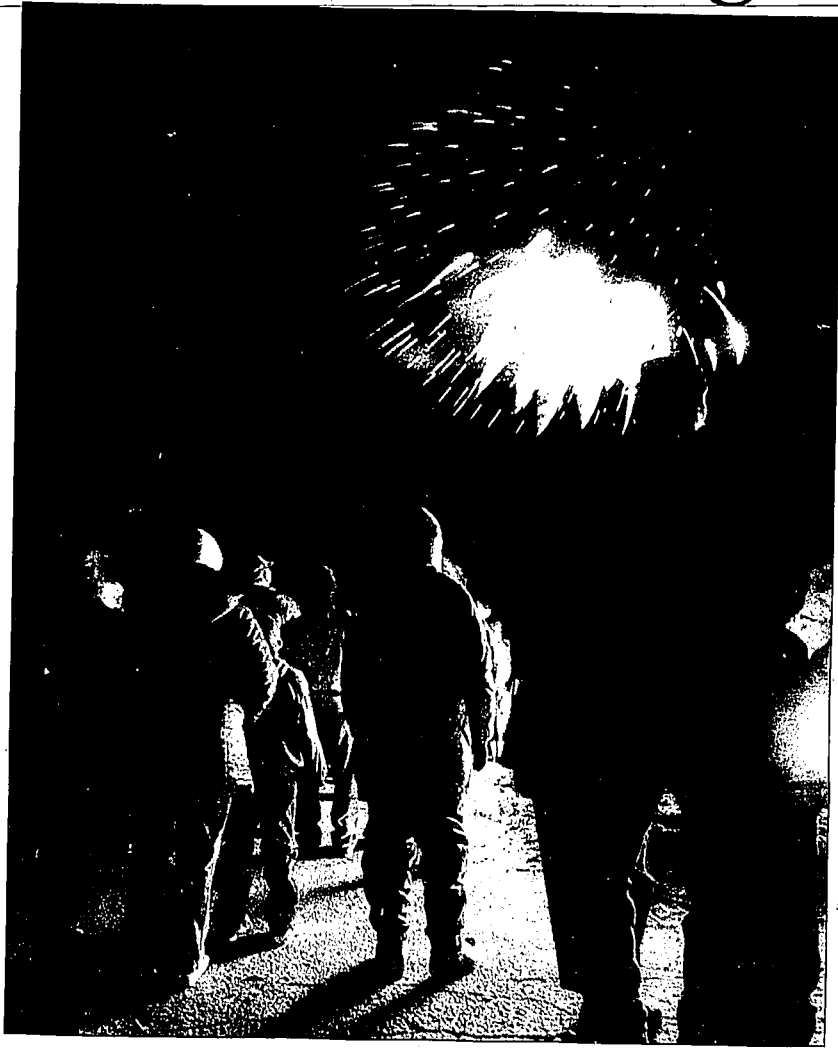
Nativity sets

See creches from around the world at Charity Anywhere Foundation's seventh annual Celebration of the Nativity tonight and all day Saturday and Sunday at the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley, located on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

One of a kind

'70s R&B maven The Spinners will do two shows a night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot Friday and Saturday.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Page 5.



Between 5,000 and 6,000 spectators are expected for Christmas in the Nighttime Sky tonight at Kimberly Nurseries east of Twin Falls.

Bring a toy and enjoy fireworks, food at Christmas in Nighttime Sky

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - When you're doing your Christmas shopping today, pick up a toy for a kid who wouldn't otherwise have one.

Then take it to Kimberly Nurseries this evening for the 13th annual Christmas in the Nighttime Sky, a food-and-fireworks event designed to gin up gifts for use by KMVT-TV's Toys for Kids program.

Between 5,000 and 6,000 people - packing as many toys - typically turn

up for the event, depending on the weather. Fireworks are touched off in a field across Addison Avenue East from Kimberly Nurseries at 7:30 p.m. Between 5:30 and 7 p.m., there's a free chili-and-potato supper served.

There will also be a Santa Claus on scene, a live Nativity scene and music by the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Praise Band.

Volunteers take the toys - which must be unwrapped when they're donated - wrap them and donate them to service-providers, who add them to food baskets given to fami-

lies or distribute the toys individual-

ly. Kimberly Nurseries founder Jack Wright started Christmas in the Nighttime Sky in 1991, patterned after a similar event at his store in Elko. Now eight businesses, including Kimberly Nurseries and KMVT, now co-sponsor the event.

The weather forecast for tonight is for rain with temperatures in the high 30s or low 40s.

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at scrump@magicvalley.com

Where to park

Parking is at a premium along Addison Avenue East and Harkins Road near Kimberly Nurseries during Christmas in the Nighttime Sky, so three free shuttle buses will run all evening between Kimberly Nurseries and the Kmart parking lot a half-mile to the west. If you're planning to attend, organizers recommend that you take advantage of the shuttle buses and not attempt to park near Kimberly Nurseries.

WHAT THE DICKENS?

CSI drama students present 'Christmas Carol' with a twist

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Imagine "A Christmas Carol" in which Scrooge isn't around because he's moved on to better things - and which dispenses with Bob Cratchet because he's been fired.

Imagine "A Christmas Gift," a riff on Dickens at the College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will stage, starting next week.

"It's just a different take on a classic," says PLAY, Page C5



C. R. Call, as Scrooge, responds to Naomi Hitchcock, as Marley, during the rehearsal for 'A Christmas Gift' at the College of Southern Idaho on Tuesday in Twin Falls. The play begins at 8 p.m. Dec. 3 through 8 and 10 through 13 in the CSI Fine Arts Center in Room 119.

Christmas in City Park returns for 19th season

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - As traditions go, it isn't that old. But Christmas in City Park has taken on a life of its own since former Twin Falls City Councilwoman - and longtime Soroptimist - Mary McClusky started this alfresco Advent celebration in 1985.

The 19th Christmas in City Park starts Sunday at 5 p.m., with music by the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Choir, under the direction of Allison Laird, and a message by the church's pastor, the Rev. Greg Fadness.

And on each of the next three Sundays in Advent, there will be music and inspirational words, with coffee, hot chocolate, apple



Christmas in City Park

cider and cookies sold by the Soroptimists, who spend the money to replace light bulbs and prepare the strings of lights that the Twin Falls Department of Parks and Recreation uses to decorate the trees in the park.

Depending upon the weather, anywhere from a few dozen to a few hundred people attend the event each week, which is held at the park's band-

shell. Other musical programs will include the Amazing Grace Fellowship Worship Team on Dec. 7, the Magic Valley Carvers on Dec. 14 and the Girl Scouts of the Magic Valley on Dec. 21. The Dec. 14 program is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. The concerts are free.

WEEKEND

Fireworks light up Christmas in the Nighttime Sky tonight

CHRISTMAS

Tonight
The 13th annual Christmas in the Nighttime Sky, a fireworks show and dinner designed to collect toys for needy kids, will be held at Kimberly Nurseries on Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls. Fireworks start at 7:30 p.m., with a free chili-and-potato dinner to be served starting at 5:30 p.m. Admission is one unwrapped Christmas toy.

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday
Charity Anywhere Foundation will sponsor its seventh annual Celebration of the Nativity, a display of Nativity sets from around the world, on Nov. 28 from 6-9 p.m., on Nov. 29 from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and on Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley, located on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Free.

Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday
The fifth annual Caring and Sharing Festival, sponsored by the Minidoka Health Care Foundation, will be held at the Rupert Civic Center. Hours are 5-10 p.m. tonight, noon-8 p.m. on Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday and noon to 8 p.m. on Monday. Admission is free.

Sunday
Symphonist International will present Christmas in City Park at 5 p.m. in Twin Falls City Park, with a performance by a different musical group each week. Free. Refreshments will be available. Other performances are scheduled for Dec. 7, 14 and 21.

Wednesday through Dec. 7
The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation's Festival of Trees will be held in the old Lynwood IGA building at the Lynwood Mall in Twin Falls. Highlights include the opening-night gala on Wednesday, with a 7:30 p.m. social hour, a 7:30 p.m. formal dinner, 8:45 p.m. live auction and 10 p.m. silent auction.



and live entertainment by the Twin Falls Centennial Band; tickets are \$95 per person. There will also be a Ladies' Night Out at Tomato's-Maceroni-Grill on Thursday, including hors d'oeuvres and champagne at 7 p.m. and a silent auction from 7-9 p.m.; tickets to that event are \$35. General admission to the Festival of Trees Thursday through Dec. 7 is \$4 for adults and \$1 for children, and hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday through Dec. 8 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 7.

Dec. 5
The 11th annual Downtown Festival of Lights Christmas Parade starts at 6 p.m. at the intersection of Fifth and Main Avenue; travel northwest up Main Street.

Dec. 13
The Buhl Light Parade rolls through Buhl at 7 p.m., followed by caroling by the West End Singers at the Eighth Street Center.

ROCK 'N' ROLL

Tonight - Utah
Simple Plan will play Club DV8 in Salt Lake City at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club DV8 is located at 115 South West Temple.

Tonight and Saturday
The Spinners will play two shows a night, at 8 and 11 p.m., at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Tickets, which are \$25 and \$30, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1103.

Tonight and Saturday
Cobalt Blue will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121, Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Cover charge is \$4.

Saturday
Tim Piper, a John Lennon tribute act, will perform at 8 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$18, can be reserved by phoning 735-5007, or are available at the door.

Saturday - Utah
Amesic Front will perform at Brick's in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

Saturday - Boise
Stacie X, Soil and Skrape will perform in the Big Easy Concert House at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 888-TIXX, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com> or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Tuesday - Boise
The Big Wu will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com> or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Wednesday - Boise
Mondo Generator will perform at the NeuroLux Lounge at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com> or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The NeuroLux Lounge is located at 111 N. 11th St.

Wednesday - Utah
Dimmu Borgir will play Brick's in Salt Lake City at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

Thursday - Utah
Alkaline Trio will perform at Brick's in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m.

Tickets, which are \$13.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

Dec. 5 - Boise
Young Dubliners will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com> or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Dec. 9 - Utah
All-American Rejects will play Club DV8 in Salt Lake City at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club DV8 is located at 115 South West Temple.

Dec. 9 - Utah
The Deftones will play Saltair Resort in Magna, Utah, at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Saltair is located 30 miles west of Salt Lake City; take Interstate 180 West to Exit 104.

Dec. 10 - Boise
The Deftones will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, call (800) 965-4827. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Dec. 12 - Utah
Chimaira and Sellwork will perform at Brick's in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$14, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Brick's is located at 579 West 200 South.

Dec. 20 - Utah
Rancid, Tiger Army and F-Minus will perform at the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Utah State Fairpark is located at

COUNTRY

Tonight and Saturday
Renegade will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at TJ's Lounge, 112 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl. No cover charge.

Tonight and Saturday
Country Classics will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Saturday
The Fugitives will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Highway 81, Declo. No cover charge.

Tuesday - Utah
Shania Twain will perform at the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$26 and \$32, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT. The Delta Center is located at 301 W. South Temple.

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Events

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Tuesday - Utah

Michael Martin Murphy will sing at Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$26 and \$32, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 West South Temple.

Wednesday through Dec. 7

Highway 101 will do two shows a night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Prices for the 8 p.m. cocktail show starts at \$14.99 on weeknights and Sundays and \$19.99 on Saturdays. Tickets for the 11 p.m. cocktail show are \$10 on weeknights and Sundays and \$12.50 on Saturdays. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

Dec. 5 - Utah

Kenny Rogers will play the E Center in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$24.50 and \$37.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The E Center is located at 3200 South Decker Lake Drive.

Dec. 6 - Boise

Kenny Rogers will perform "Christmas from the Heart," with a special presentation of "The Toy Shoppe," at 7:30 p.m. at the Pavilion at Boise State University. Tickets, which are \$27.50 and \$37.50, are available at the Pavilion box office, all Select-A-Seat locations or online at www.idahotickets.com. For more information, call (208) 426-1766.

Dec. 30-31

Lee Greenwood will do two shows a night, at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot. Ticket prices start at \$30. For reservation and information, call (800) 821-1103.

TIXX or online at <http://smithstix.com>.

Wednesday

Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to midnight at The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Thursday

Deejay night with Markus from Z103 will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Dec. 13-14

The Magic Valley Choral will present its annual Christmas concert at 8 p.m. on Dec. 13 and 3 p.m. on Dec. 14, College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for senior citizens and students, are available at Welch Music and the CSI Bookstore in Twin Falls, at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome or at the door.

Dec. 19-20 - Utah

Peter Schickel will perform a holiday concert with the Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$22, \$29, \$36 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 W. South Temple.

Jan. 9

New Hollywood String Quartet will perform at the Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood in Ketchum at 7:30 p.m., the second Sun Valley Center for the Arts Chamber Artist Series event of the season. Tickets, which are \$25, are available at the door or by phoning (208) 726-9491, Ext. 10.

HIP-HOP

Dec. 6 - Utah

Aesop Rock will perform at Club DV8 in Salt Lake City at 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$13, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club DV8 is located at 115 S. West Temple.

Dec. 20 - Utah

Naughty by Nature will play Teazer's Sports Bar and Grill in Ogden at 10 p.m. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX and online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Teazer's Sports Bar and Grill is located 366 36th St.

JAZZ

Dec. 5 - Utah

Nicholas Payton will perform in the Olpin Ballroom on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

NEW AGE

Dec. 5-6 - Utah

Jon Schmidt will perform at Christmas concerts in Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$12 and \$18, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

BLUES

Dec. 9 - Utah

Pigface will play Club DV8 in Salt Lake City at 8:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$14, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club DV8 is located at 115 S. West Temple.

CLASSICAL

Dec. 5-6 - Utah

Stanislav Skrowaczewski will conduct Utah Symphony in Bruckner's Eighth Symphony, 8 p.m. nightly in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 W. South Temple.

Dec. 6

New York Chamber Soloists will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood in Ketchum, the opening Sun Valley Center for the Arts Chamber Artist Series event of the season. Tickets, which are \$25, are available at the door or by phoning (208) 726-9491, Ext. 10.

Dec. 10 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform

Bach's Christmas Oratorio at 7:30 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$29, \$36 and \$45, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 W. South Temple.

Dec. 14 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform "The Messiah Sing-in at the Tabernacle" in Salt Lake City's Temple Square at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$6 and \$13, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>.

Jan. 9-10 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform Dvorak's "Concerto for Violoncello and Orchestra," 8 p.m. on Jan. 9 and 2 p.m. on Jan. 10, in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$24, \$28, \$36 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 W. South Temple.

Jan. 15 - Utah

Utah Symphony will perform a program of baroque and neobaroque music at 7:30 p.m. in Gardner Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$27, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

KARAOKE

Tonight

Karaoke contest with comedian Wade O will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder, Jerome. No cover charge.

Tonight

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Garbaldi's, 113 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl. No cover charge.

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High Mountain Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Highway 81, Declo. No cover charge.

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Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody, 502 Sixth St., Rupert, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers, 163 West U.S. Highway 30, Burley.

Tonight, Saturday and Sunday

Karaoke with Rabid Dog Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Saturday

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Sagebrush Lounge, 325 Main St., Hazelton. Singers can bring their own CDs for karaoke. No cover charge.

Saturday and Thursday

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club,

1054 Overland Ave., Burley.

Saturday

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Drift Inn, 545 F St., Rupert, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna, 9 E. Main, Declo.

Tuesday

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Tuesday

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the George K's East Restaurant, 325 E. Third N., Burley.

Tuesday through Saturday

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main N., Twin Falls.

Wednesday

Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Office Lounge, 118 E. Idaho St., Paul.

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P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Thursday

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

Thursday

Kronkers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside, 197 W. Highway 30, Burley.

DANCE

Tonight

The Snake River Elks Lodge will host a dance at 8 p.m. at the lodge, 406 E. 200 S., Jerome. Music will be provided by The Echos. A \$5 donation is suggested. Dinner also will be available in the restaurant. For more information, call 324-0200.

Saturday

Roseland Band will play for a dance from 8-11 p.m. at 1101 Main St. in Buhl. Cover charge is \$4.

Dec. 5-31 - Utah

Ballet West will dance Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" at 7 p.m. on Dec. 5-6, 10-13, 17-20 and 22-24 and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 6, 13-14, 20 and 26 in Salt Lake City's Capitol Theater. For ticket information, call Art Fix at (801) 355-2787. Capitol Theater is located at 50 W. 200 S.

Dec. 15

The Eugene, Ore., Ballet will perform Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$18 for adults and \$10 for students and children, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark. Crowley's Old Time Soda Fountain, the CSI Community Education Center and the Magic Valley Arts Council office in Twin Falls; at Saw-Mor Drug in Buhl; Arlene's Flowers in Jerome and at CSI Outreach Centers in Burley and Gooding.

COMEDY

Dec. 6 - Boise

Eric Idle will perform at the Egyptian Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com> or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Egyptian Theater is located at 700 W. Main St.

THEATER

Tonight and Saturday

The Friends of CSI Players will present A.J. Gurney's "Love Letters," p.m. nightly, Lamphouse Theater, Twin Falls. For ticket information, call 732-6288.

Saturday - Utah

"Charlie Brown & Friends Christmas," a musical starring Al Jarreau, Melissa Manchester and David Benoit, will play the Delta Center in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$27.50, \$37.50 and \$50, can be reserved by phoning (801) 325-SEAT or online at <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. The Delta Center is located at 301 W. South Temple.

Monday and Tuesday - Boise

The national touring company of Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey's "Grease" will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. nightly. Tickets, which are \$46, \$38.50 and \$25, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494 or online at <http://www.idahohotickets.com>.

Wednesday and Thursday

The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present "A Christmas Gift," 8 p.m. nightly, Room 119, CSI Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$6 for general admission and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased between 1 and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Fine Arts box office (use west entrance of building) and between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the CSI Bookstore or by calling 732-6788. The production continues Dec. 5-6 and Dec. 10-13.

Dec. 5 - Boise

"Charlie Brown & Friends Christmas," a musical starring Al Jarreau, Melissa Manchester and David Benoit, will play the Pavilion on the campus of Boise State University at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$30, \$45, \$70 and \$15, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494.

Dec. 9-13 - Elko, Nev.

The Great Basin College Theater Program will present Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at 7 p.m. in the Western Folklife Center's G. Three Bar Theater at Fifth and Railroad streets. A matinee will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 13. Admission is \$5 per person or \$15 for families.

Dec. 10-21

Company of Fools will present O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi," at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays, Liberty Theater, Hailey. Tickets, which are \$12, are available by phoning 578-9122.

Dec. 15-20

The Friends of CSI Players will present Jason Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard's "Tuna Christmas," 7 p.m. nightly, Lamphouse Theater, Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door, can be reserved by phoning 732-6288.

PLANETARIUM

Tonight, Saturday and Tuesday

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Harrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls will present "The Christmas Star" today and Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. Another attraction is "Steamrolling Through the Holidays" at 4 and 8:15 p.m. today and at 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday. Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens 60 and over, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children 4 and under are not admitted. Afternoon shows are \$1.

ART SHOW

Through Saturday

"Book of Art," featuring the work of several Magic Valley artists who have rethought the idea of books, will be on display at the Magic Valley Arts Council's Galeria Pequeña. With unconventional methods, they have illustrated, molded and blended literary masterpieces into books of art. The Magic Valley Arts Council is located in the Main Street Plaza building, 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Through Saturday

Two shows are on display at the Magic Valley Arts Council's galleries, including "Fall Falls Near the Falls-Know As Twin Falls" in the Full Moon Gallery through Saturday, and "Los Renablos Del Sueño - Allans of Dreams," artwork by Chris Bolton, in the Galeria Pequeña through today. The Magic Valley Arts Council is located in the Main Street Plaza building, 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls.

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WEEKEND

It appears Eminem's racial slur won't mar his marketability

By Marian Liu
San Jose Mercury News

Eminem, the white superstar of black urban music, apparently is being forgiven for the unforgivable, using the n-word in a song.

A "decided" tape surfaced last week through the Source, a top hip-hop magazine that has attacked Eminem's credibility. The Detroit rapper explained the 1993 tape, saying it "was something I made out of anger, stupidity and frustration when I was a teenager."

On one of the raps, Eminem uses the n-word followed by an expletive. On another track, he says, "Black girls only want your money cause they're dumb chicks."

It's just the latest salvo in a battle between the rapper and the Source, which has discounted Eminem as a "culture stealer." The magazine says it obtained the tape from "three white kids from Detroit." "Right now we're in a dangerous time because there's a double standard being applied," says the magazine's co-owner Ray Scott, a.k.a. Benzino.

What is historic is that as a white rapper, Eminem has earned the credibility to transcend racial bounds.

"He's one of the few powerful white men to actually come out and say the n-word, says Sony advertising agent Thembiisa Mbeka. "His white fans need to know that racism is not OK. Who better to drive the point home than Em, who has benefited immensely from the fairness and generosity of African-Americans?"

In the past, Eminem has been attacked for the n-word and his phobia. But this is the first time the artist - who likens himself to Elvis for being a white man singing black music - has been accused of being a racist.

"He's a white guy coming into the game a few years ago, with everything working against

him," says Todd Boyd, who wrote "The New H.N.L.C.: The Death of Civil Rights and the Reign of Hip Hop." "Vanilla Ice, the most popular white rapper before him, was a failure and embarrassing. Eminem had this hanging over his head, but he came into hip-hop with Dr. Dre, a significant connection."

Representing the disenfranchised and angst-ridden, Eminem is one of the main reasons that rap is the music of teenagers in the white suburbs as well as the inner city, earning him five Grammys, three No. 1 charting albums, plus a chart-topping protégé, 50 Cent.

"I think it's important to remember that although most of today's top rap acts are black, the industry is powered by suburban white kids," says Demone Carter, a.k.a. Dem-1 of the San Jose crew the Basics. "So ultimately this incident will not take away from Eminem's credibility, i.e. selling power."

Eminem's use of the expletive doesn't seem to have phased many of his fans.

Fifty percent of hip-hop fans say they have and will continue to support Eminem, while less than 10 percent of current supporters say they will end their support, according to an informal Internet survey by www.SOHM.com, named the best overall hip-hop site by Rolling Stone.

The main consensus seems to be that "this situation will be smaller than a speed bump in the journey of American pop culture and hip-hop subculture," says Adisa Banjoko, radio host of "One Mic," which airs Sundays on KNEW-AM (910) in the Bay Area.

The most powerful man in hip-hop, Russell Simmons, has also backed the rapper, saying in a statement on www.allhiphop.com. "He continues not to be an icon of hip-hop, but also has evolved into a

good soldier who gives back money, time and energy to the community, encouraging this generation of youth to reach their highest aspirations."

Eminem's language also brings up hypocrisy within the hip-hop community. Banjoko says, "Misogyny is a norm for many artists, from Ludacris to Lil Jon."

"Much of the hip-hop industry thrives on the denigration of black women," Banjoko says. "Look at BET and MTV; you know the integrity of black women is not a priority. So one foul from 1993 by Eminem is not going to stop the show."

Although the use of the n-word is prevalent in rap, it's almost always being sung by black artists.

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ally known and emerging artists explore the cosmos and examine the relationship among chance, causality and the laws of nature. Gallery hours are Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and admission is free. The Sun Valley Center is located at 191 Fifth St. E. in Ketchum.

Through Jan. 29

"Retro Steel," a retrospective of the work of Twin Falls artist LaVar Steel, will be on display in the Jean B. King Gallery at the Herrert Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Gallery hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 1-9 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is free.

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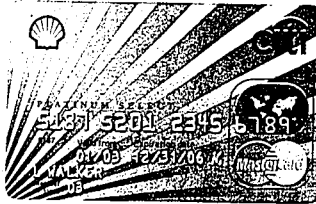
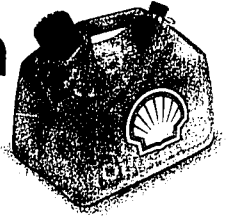
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The wedding is planned for 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at Sweetheart Manor in Burley. A



Carrie Tamcke and Tyler Clark

reception to honor the couple will be held following the ceremony at Sweetheart Manor.

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story that everyone knows," said Laine Steel, CSI theater professor and director of the production, "From a commedia perspective."

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Christmas Carol

"It's a funny play," Steel said. "It takes characters and situations and gives them a different twist." Cast members include C.R. Call, Bethany Branton, David Chandler, Jodie Essma, Tristan Griffin, Naomi Hitchcock, Afon Hollingsworth, Brandon McKinney, Lauren Short, Kayla Stephenson, Amanda Sorensen, Chely Watkins and Corrie Winterholler.

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• **Bad Santa** — You better watch out. The ads for this movie suggest that it's a wacky holiday romp, with Billy Bob Thornton playing a slovenly Santa who "doesn't care if you're naughty or nice." It's actually relentlessly dark — and much funnier — than you'd think. Director Terry Zwigoff proves again, as he did

with "Ghost World," how acutely observant he is of human quacks. And Thornton

proves again that he's not afraid to play a miserable character. There's nothing likable about Willie, a part-time department store Santa Claus and full-time alcoholic con man. Yet he's strangely irresistible — to his reluctant partner (Tony Cox), a midget who dresses as an elf; to a sexy bartender (an adorable Lauren Graham), who happens to have a Santa fetish; and to a chubby, cherubic boy (Brett Kelly), who sees him as a father figure. R (pervasive language, strong sexual content and some violence).

• **Brother Bear** — With top-notch (traditional) cartooning talent and script laced with jokes that parents and guardians can smile at, Disney's "Brother Bear" is a solid entry in the family film fare category — a generally upbeat and engaging tale of friendship and understanding. G (mild violence).

• **The Cuckoo** — A three-character allegory set in Lapland in 1944, as advancing Russian soldiers have Nazi occupiers (and their Finnish conscripts) in retreat. A tiny jewel of a film written and directed by Alexander Rogozkin. PG-13 (discreet sexual content, war violence).

• **Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat** — Mike Myers adds the stripe-hatted feline to his repertoire of characters as he turns upside-down the world of two lonely children. With Kelly Preston, Alec Baldwin, Dakota Fanning, Spencer Breslin, Anya Hill and Sean Hayes. PG.

• **Elf** — An enjoyably goofy Yuletide tale, "Elf" follows Will Ferrell in yellow tights as he leaves Santa's workshop at the North Pole to look for his biological father (James Caan) in New York — bringing the Candy Cane Forest, the Sugar Plum Valley and the Lincoln Tunnel to get there. PG (profanity, cartoon violence).

• **Gothika** — Psychiatrist Halle Berry wakes up incarcerated as a murder suspect in the prison where she works in this psychological horror thriller. With Penelope Cruz, Robert Downey Jr. and Charles S. Dutton. R.

• **The Haunted Mansion** — Let your mistake the lineage of "The Haunted Mansion," starring an agreeably nutty Eddie Murphy, the good folks at Disney have included an opening credit that reads "based on Walt Disney's 'Haunted Mansion' ride at Disneyland. Cleverly designed — with the obligatory secret passageways and haunted crypts — and about as scary as a dust devil, this post-Halloween entry clearly is meant for the very young. The ghosts, led by Terence Stamp, are amusingly over the top, the ectoplasmic occurrences are cartoon ka-RAA-zy and the scabrous undead (compliments of Oscar-winning Rick Baker) are straight out of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video. PG (slight profanity).

• **Intolerable cruelty** — The Coen Brothers steer George Clooney and Catherine Zeta-Jones through a fast-talking screwball comedy about a divorce lawyer and a gold digger, squaring off, and then, perhaps, falling for each other, if what they say is to be believed. Which it's not. Laughs aplenty, and sexy, goofy, irreverent charm. PG-13 (profanity, violence, adult themes).



Photo courtesy of Revolution Studios

"The Missing" is a Western kidnap thriller built around a rescue mission.

• **Looney Tunes: Back in Action** — Animation and live action come together in this backlot comedy with high jinks involving Bugs, Daffy, etc. With Brendan Fraser, Jenna Elfman and Steve Martin. Written by Larry Doyle. Directed by Joe Dante.

• **Love Actually** — Shameless, sappy and just about impossible to dislike, "Four Wedding and a Funeral" Richard Curtis presents a kaleidoscopic celebration of the vicissitudes of love. Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman, Laura Linney, Liam Neeson and a gang of others play the heart-struck and heart-torn. R (sex, nudity, profanity, adult themes).

• **Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World** — Russell Crowe portrays the British Navy's greatest fighting captain who balances duty and friendship as he pursues an enemy on the high seas during the Napoleonic Wars. Paul Bettany and Billy Boyd. Based on the novels by Patrick O'Brian. Directed by Peter Weir.

• **The Matrix Revolutions** — The Wachowski Brothers bring their epic cyber-trilogy to a close with a crash and a whimper, as the great battle of Zion is fought, the Oracle

cracks wise and bakes cookies, deal with that sinister, sneering Agent Smith dude. R (sex violence, sexual suggestion).

• **Mystic Rivers** — Clint Eastwood's exceptional murder mystery swells with the twin themes of violence and vengeance that have long haunted the filmmaker. Sean Penn, Tim Robbins and Kevin Bacon coast as the South Boston ex-gangster, ne'er-do-well and cop, childhood friends who are still reeling from an act of violence 25 years earlier, when the cop is sent to investigate the murder of Penn's daughter. With Laurence Fishburne, Laura Linney and Marcia Gay Harden. R (mature themes, violence, profanity).

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WEEKEND

Movies

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school football coach who befriends him: PG (profanity, adult themes).

• **Scary Movie** - A whiz-bang compendium of pop-cult minutiae, from the Coors Twins to American Idol's Simon Cowell to Master P's cinematic oeuvre, "Scary Movie 3" is a veritable time capsule of of-the-moment kitsch, schlock and bad taste. And it's funny, too. PG-13 (crude humor, profanity, violence).

• **Secondhand Lions** - Edgewise as a marshmallow and twice as syrupy, "Secondhand Lions" is the story of two crusty Texans (Robert Duvall and Michael Caine) recruited to turn a soft, fatherless boy (Haley Joel Oment) into a self-sufficient man. Written and directed by Tim McCanlies, screenwriter of "The Iron Giant," "Lions" iron whimsy is a jackhammer on the heart. PG (threat of violence, rough language).

• **Texas Chainsaw Massacre** - For those who have feverishly believed that what the world needs now is a remake of the 1974 horror movie "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre," my suggest-therapy. That skin-crawling shocker about a chain-saw aficionado nicknamed "Leatherface" may not be one for the ages, but compared to the remake it's some kind of freaky classic. Slightly retooled by credited screenwriter Scott Kosar and directed by newcomer Marcus Nispel, the remake follows the original story in broad outline if not detail. The remake moves faster and sounds louder, but

What's playing

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Twin Cinema "The Missing" "Looney Tunes: Back in Action"	"The Cuckoo"
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	Jerome
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The Orpheum "Master and Commander"	

comes off as callous rather than creepy. R (strong horror violence, gore, language and drug content).

• **The Missing** - Ron Howard is trying to channel "The Searchers" with this Western kidnap thriller, but what he achieves is closer to "The Elizabeth Smart Story": cloying and clunky. A belated father-daughter relationship serves as the backdrop for a perfunctory rescue mission. When the daughter of rancher Maggie Gilkeson (Cate

Blanchett) is kidnapped, she enlists her estranged father (Tommy Lee Jones) to track the bad guys. Howard leaves no doubt about the creepiness of the American Indian villain (Eric Schweig), but provides no hint about the motivations for his actions. R (violence).

Sources: Knight Ridder News Service, Los Angeles Times, The Associated Press, The Washington Post

A 'Sopranos' thug goes straight

By Frazier Moore
The Associated Press



Joe Pantoliano appears in a scene from "The Handler." He stars as Joe Renato, a Los Angeles-based FBI agent who handles a team of undercover agents and often goes undercover with them.

NEW YORK - Joe Pantoliano, an actor who made his bones playing mobster Ralphie Cifaretto on "The Sopranos," gets to be a good guy for his CBS series "The Handler."

He stars as Joe Renato, a Los Angeles-based FBI agent who coaches and commands a team of undercover agents, and often goes undercover with them.

Roaring hither and yon in his beat-up Bonneville, Renato plays "let's pretend" with operatives including a rookie (Anna Belknap), a veteran (Hill Harper), an assistant (Tanya Wright) and a newly arrived transfer (Lola Glaudini), whom "Sopranos" fans will fondly remember as the FBI agent who went undercover to get chummy with mob moll Adriana.

"The Handler" can get gritty when it penetrates the squalid side of L.A. life. But it also has a certain lighthearted tone: Renato's team masquerades as a wide range of characters (from junkies and hookers to rambunctious dealers) and sets up stings that are fun to see unfold. (The pilot episode for the series, which premiered in September, re-airs today.)

Pantoliano sees his show as a combination of "Columbo" - where the audience knows who-dunit, but delights in watching how the scoundrel gets nabbed -

the Killer Pimp in the movie "Risky Business," then "Midnight Run," "The Fugitive," "The Matrix" and "Memento." But he didn't turn him the riotous reception of his role as Ralphie, the baddest man in Tony Soprano's crew. Ralphie was maniacal, divisive and roundly despised - except by viewers, who rooted for him as much as they were sickened by his depravity. Striking that balance with the unbalanced Ralphie was a neat trick for the actor who portrayed him.

"I lived in the dark side a long time," explains Pantoliano, a street kid from Hoboken, N.J., whose mother was alcoholic and whose stepfather spent much of his life in prison. "One of the reasons why I've been able to give really bad guys a twinkle in their eye and make them likable is because I understand that side."

Ralphie met his inevitable but still shocking end in a "Sopranos" episode that first aired last November. He was strangled in his kitchen after a bloody brawl with Tony that included cookware and a street can of Raid.

Then Tony faced the messy chore of "disappearing" the body - hacking it up in the bath tub. Ralphie's severed head was stashed in his own bowling bag.

For viewers who haven't seen that episode, or just can't get enough, it repeats Sunday on HBO.

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Section D

Coming Saturday

A look back at CSI's volleyball season



MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

"I don't want to say it has been a while since they were any good, but the team's official bandwagon runs on leaded gas."

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- Jim Armstrong of *The Denver Post*, on the surprising Cincinnati Bengals

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
The 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers own the NBA record for most consecutive games won in a season, 33. What is the record for most consecutive games lost in a season?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College basketball
Women, CSI at North Idaho, 6:30 p.m. MST
Men, CSI at North Idaho, 8:30 p.m. MST

IN BRIEF

Gooding volleyball offers gift boxes

GOODING - Gooding High School volleyball players are taking orders for holiday gift boxes of apples as a fundraiser to help the players attend camps. The cost is \$14 per box. Varieties of apples available are Red Delicious, Fuji, Granny Smith and mixed. Orders will be taken until Dec. 7 and the apples will be delivered Dec. 14 or 15 directly to customers. Call Joleen Toone at 934-4831 (work) or 934-5771 (home) with any questions.

Youth hoops signups to take place in Kimberly

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Youth Association will hold basketball signups for boys and girls in grades 3-6. The signups will take place from 6-8 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday in the Kimberly High School commons area. The cost to register is \$22. For more information, call Jamie in the evening at 423-6173.

Burley team becomes 'Santa's helpers'

BURLEY - Coach Scott Palm and the Burley High School football team are offering their services as Santa's helpers this holiday season. Anyone in need of holiday help - decorating, putting up lights, wrapping presents - can call 678-3903 or 431-4274, or e-mail hand@bpmr.org to ask for assistance. The fee for help is a donation made to the Bobcat Football Camp Fund. For your donation, a team of adult-supervised athletes will help you get ready for the holidays. They will also be available after Christmas to help take down decorations and haul away Christmas trees.

Roping schedule set for Copus Cove Arena

BUIHL - Roping competitions will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Copus Cove Arena in Buhl. The Jackpot Team Roping contest, featuring No. 5, No. 7 and No. 9 roping competitions, will get underway at 7 p.m. Friday night. On Saturday, the two-man ranch hand team sorting competition will begin at 1 p.m.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

23, by the Vancouver Grizzlies in 1996 and the Denver Nuggets in 1998

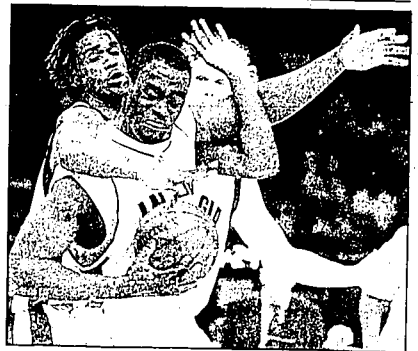
No. 1 UConn ponders loss

By Hal Bock
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - Coach Jim Calhoun has no idea how Connecticut will respond after its shocking loss to Georgia Tech in the Preseason NIT semifinals. He'll find out Friday, when the Huskies play Utah in the tournament's consolation game, an embarrassing place to be for the No. 1 team in the country. "I don't really know," Calhoun said after UConn lost to Georgia Tech 77-61 Wednesday night. "We can get beat again or bounce back - and I assume we bounce back. But once again, I was deflated and I very rarely get deflated." The result is top-ranked UConn plays in the warmup game, before Texas Tech comes Georgia Tech for the tournament championship. The Red Raiders

advanced with a defensive clinic that shut down Utah 65-54 and left coach Bob Knight glowing. Calhoun had plenty of reasons to be disgusted after UConn came up terribly flat against the unranked Yellow Jackets. Time after time, possessions produced no points, and the result was reflected in the box score: Connecticut shot 37.9 percent, including 1-for-10 on 3-pointers. The trouble was further complicated by making just 10 of 30 free throws. Calhoun seemed almost puzzled by Connecticut's complete collapse. "You have an empty trip after empty trip after empty trip, that defeats a team," he said. "What a great team does is make a few stops." UConn made very few and the result was a blowout. "They imposed their will on us,"

Calhoun said. "That's something we try to do upon other teams. I have to say I'm more than the most surprised guy in the building. To me, it's about will and toughness. You have to respond better than we did, and we didn't respond very well at all. It scared me." Connecticut was hampered because preseason All-American Emeka Okafor, limited by a bad back, managed just nine points and operated much of the game at half-speed. Georgia Tech seized the opportunity getting 22 points apiece from B.J. Elder and Isma'il Muhammad, playing racehorse basketball. The Yellow Jackets applied coach Paul Hewitt's game plan perfectly. "We really liked the matchups," Hewitt said. "We told the kids, 'If Please see UCONN, Page D2



Connecticut's Emeka Okafor is hounded by Georgia Tech's Clarence Moore during the second half of a semifinal game of the pre-season NIT Wednesday at Madison Square Garden in New York. Georgia Tech upset No. 1 UConn 77-61.

Holiday hugging

Lions hold on, 22-14

By Larry Lage
Associated Press writer

DETROIT - Brett Favre threw away a game and hurt the Green Bay Packers' playoff chances. Against the Detroit Lions, no less. Favre tossed three interceptions - two to Dre' Bly - and lost a fumble, and the Lions relied on five field goals by Jason Hanson to stun the Packers 22-14 Thursday. At 48, the Lions surpassed their victory totals from each of the past two seasons and extended their home winning streak to three games. The Packers (6-6) dropped 15 games behind the Minnesota Vikings, who play at St. Louis on Sunday. Green Bay had won three of its previous four games to get back in the division race, but the Lions' defense was just too tough in Detroit's traditional Thanksgiving Day game. In addition to harassing Favre throughout, the Lions stifled running back Ahman Green, holding him to 57 yards. Green came in averaging an NFC-best 120.5 yards and had gained at least 100 in a franchise-record four straight games. Favre broke his right thumb Oct. 19 against St. Louis, but on Thursday he tied Forrest Gregg's team record by playing in his 187th consecutive game. It was also Favre's 185th straight start, extending his NFL record for a QB. It was not Favre's finest effort, however. He was 23-of-37 for 296 yards with two touchdowns. But in the second half, he threw the three



Green Bay Packers wide receiver Donald Driver, front, is brought down by Detroit Lions cornerback Otis Smith after an eight-yard gain as safety Brian Walker, left, comes in to assist in the second quarter Thursday in Detroit. The Lions won 22-14.

interceptions and had the fumble. Bly played a big part in the miscues. His first interception, at Detroit's 26, negated a scoring opportunity for Green Bay. And Bly forced a fumble by Jason Walker, setting up Hanson's go-ahead 49-yard field goal to make it 16-14 two minutes into the fourth quarter. On Detroit's next drive, Mike McKenzie made a diving interception. But on the very next play, Favre fumbled, and he struggled to make it off the field after Shaun Rogers hit him. Then, Hanson's 46-yarder gave the Lions a 19-14 lead with 9:17 to go. That was plenty of time for Favre to engineer a comeback, of course, but Bly made his sixth interception of the season and returned it 19 yards to Detroit's 46. Eight plays later, Hanson's 32-

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Eagles head to North Idaho

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - While most people were stuffing their mouths on Thanksgiving, the College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball teams were stuffing their travel bags. Both squads hopped on a plane to Coeur d'Alene Thursday en route to a Friday-Saturday Scenic West Athletic Conference West Idaho matchup with North Idaho College. The women's contests will begin at 6:30 p.m. MST while both men's games are scheduled to tip off at 8:30 p.m. While the cozy camaraderie at NIC may not offer all the comforts of a typical holiday weekend, the Golden Eagles will do their best to make themselves feel at home.

Men

After earning a series split in Twin Falls last weekend with eighth-ranked Dixie State, the cup is more than half full for CSI (5-3 overall, 1-3 SWAC), according to head Coach Gib Arnold. "We were disappointed that we weren't able to hold home court completely. We didn't want to lose on our home floor," he said. "But I'm very pleased that our 'big' are getting better and that they dominated the first night. They did it scoring-wise and rebounding and did a good job defensively." Yusuf Baker, a 6-foot-9 forward-center scored 20 points and hauled in 11 rebounds in CSI's Please see CSI, Page D2

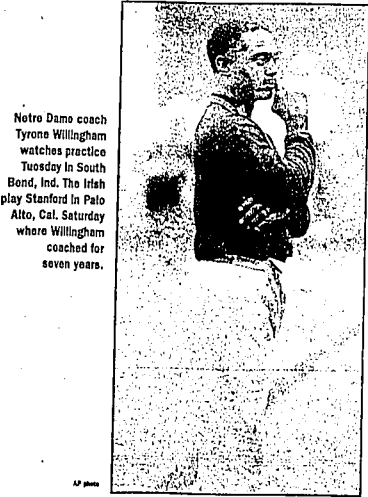
Stanford finally over Willingham's departure

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press writer

STANFORD, Calif. - Rarely did a day go by last season that Stanford's players didn't speak Tyrone Willingham's name. As in: Would the team be better if Coach had stayed? Surely, he would have known just how to deal with the Cardinal's problems. Willingham and his former players moved on by now, but their past ties will be an undercurrent Saturday when Stanford faces the coach's current team, Notre Dame. "The attention and commitment to this coaching staff has been 180 degrees different. You don't hear the comments 'If Tyrone was here...' It seemed like every day or every other day," Stanford receiver Luke Powell said. "Going 2-9, you're looking for any answers to why it was happening. That was an easy one, because Notre Dame was doing well." This weekend's matchup features two 4-6 teams that have seen their share of struggles this season. The Fighting Irish aren't nearly as good as they were last season, Willingham's first, and three of their losses were by at least 30 points. Still, this game won't be lacking for emotion. "We want to win just as bad as

they do," Notre Dame linebacker Courtney Watson said. "We have the same record. We want to win for Coach just as much as they want to beat him. We have our own reasons for being ready to play the game, and they have theirs." New Stanford coach Buddy Teevens sensed his players' divided loyalties last season - it was hard not to. But he understood that many had been recruited and coached by Willingham before he left for South Bend. So Teevens forced himself to block out his players when he had to. There was so much more to be concerned about for the former Florida assistant. "I changed a lot of things," Teevens said. Eventually, the Cardinal bought into Teevens' ways. They forgot Willingham, the man who spent seven seasons on Stanford's sideline as head coach and another three as an assistant. Playing against Willingham at Notre Dame last season, Stanford lost 31-7. Willingham delivered an emotional speech to his new players at halftime. His feelings might be even stronger on his first return to Stanford Stadium. "I've said all along that it's impossible to divorce yourself from the

emotions of going back to a place that you spent 10 years at, so I won't even try to do that," Willingham said. "It will be emotional. It will be emotional probably before the game and after the game, not during the game. During the game, all my focus will be on everything we can do at Notre Dame to win that football game." That's how Teevens is approaching it, too. "We really just address the fact that we're playing Notre Dame," Teevens said. "That's the bottom line." It might not be that simple. Teevens wasn't recruited by Willingham only to later see him leave. Cardinal linebacker Brian Gaffney clearly remembers the day word came out that Willingham was headed to Notre Dame. Gaffney's brother rushed in to wake him up. They watched the news on TV, and Gaffney called many teammates, who also were in a state of shock. Willingham still considers many Stanford players his kids. And he said some have called him at Notre Dame to chat. "It is kind of mixed emotions," Willingham said. "I'll be on the other sideline."



Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham watches practice Tuesday in South Bend, Ind. The Irish play Stanford in Palo Alto, Cal. Saturday where Willingham coached for seven years.

SPORTS

O'Neal scores 27 in Pacers' victory

UConn

Indy uses 18-2 run in 3rd quarter to pull away

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jermaine O'Neal had 27 points and 11 rebounds and Ron Artest added 21 points in the NBA-leading Indiana Pacers' 93-70 victory over the New York Knicks on Thursday night.

The Pacers (13-2) used an 18-2 run in the third quarter to pull away for their seventh straight victory.

O'Neal helped put the game away with 4:37 to play in the third, hitting a hook shot in the lane to give Indiana a 69-50 lead.

The star forward, who apologized after criticizing Pacers fans for booing earlier in the season, slapped hands with several fans after hitting the shot.

Kurt Thomas had 12 points and nine rebounds for the Knicks, who lost for the first time in four games.

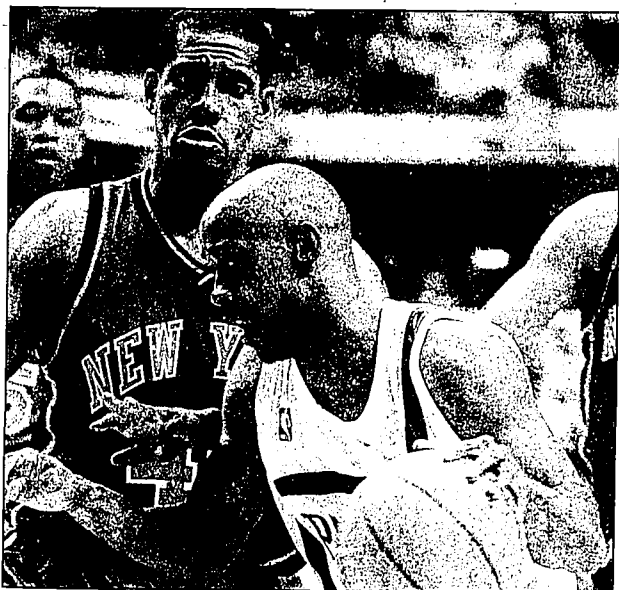
New York was coming off a 97-92 victory in Minnesota on Wednesday night.

The Pacers scored 27 points off 24 Knicks turnovers and held their opponent under 79 points for the eighth time in nine games. They came into the game leading the NBA in fewest points allowed, with opponents averaging 81.4 points.

The Knicks shot just 35 percent from the field in scoring a season-low 70 points.

Frank Williams was the only other New York player in double figures, finishing with 11 points.

The Pacers relied heavily on their two biggest offensive stars.



Indiana Pacers guard Kenny Anderson drives to the basket on New York Knicks forward Kurt Thomas during the first quarter in Indianapolis on Thursday. Indiana used an 18-2 run in the game to help spark a 93-70 victory over its conference rival.

O'Neal jump-started the Pacers with 12 points and four rebounds in the first quarter, and Artest took over in the second with 11 points and two steals to lead the Pacers to a 52-40 halftime lead.

The Pacers didn't turn the ball over until the 8:50 mark of the second quarter and had just three

turnovers in the half.

O'Neal, who has struggled with back injuries this season, played just three quarters. Artest also had five steals.

The Pacers wore throwback jerseys, dating to their 1971-72 and 72-73 ABA championship teams. After getting season highs with 18

points and 17 rebounds against the Timberwolves on Wednesday night, Knicks center Dikembe Mutombo had eight points and eight rebounds against the Pacers. The Knicks shooting woes did not extend to the free-throw line, where they were a perfect 20-for-20.

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you go out and play to your ability with these matchups, we're going to win the basketball game."

And that's exactly what they did, beating the Huskies up and down the court, hitting from inside and outside, unimpressed with UConn's fancy ranking.

"They capitalized repeatedly on transition baskets."

"That's just the way we play," Hewitt said. "We were not going to walk it up. We felt like: Let's see who's in better shape."

On this night, the answer was Georgia Tech.

Now the Yellow Jackets face Texas Tech for the title. The Red Raiders were impressive against a young Utah team, stealing the ball 12 times.

Knight was pleased with the way his team responded after some early difficulties, settled

down by senior Andre Emmett, who scored 23 points.

Just as he started to compliment Emmett, Knight pulled back.

"He's just got to move better," the coach said. "He's a little bit too much like, 'Let me have the ball and then I'll play.' I want him to have 'Let me get open and throw me the ball.' There's a big difference."

But that was a bit of nitpicking. Knight had to like the big picture, especially with the way Texas Tech handled Utah's deliberate style.

Coach Rick Majerus knew the Red Raiders had dominated Utah. "We got manhandled," he said.

A couple of hours later, the same thing happened to Calhoun and UConn.

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yard field goal padded the Lions' lead with 3.5 minutes left.

Hanson has missed just one of 19 FG attempts all season.

Detroit QB Joey Harrington was 21-of-32 for 183 yards and an interception. He completed 17 of his first 19 passes one game after throwing four interceptions in a loss at Minnesota.

Green Bay is 21-2 when Green runs for 100 yards, but the stand-out didn't get close to that mark against Detroit's suddenly stingy defense.

The Lions scored on their first three possessions in the first half.

Shawn Bryson capped Detroit's first drive with a 6-yard run, the team's fourth rushing TD of the season. A 38-yard pass to Michael Ricks set up Hanson's 42-yard kick, which gave Detroit a 10-0

lead at the end of the first quarter.

On the ensuing possession, Green Bay's 84-yard drive ended with a 5-yard pass to Bubba Franks, giving Favre a TD pass in 21 games in a row.

Detroit responded by driving to Green Bay's 1, but had to settle for a field goal — and a 13-7 lead — after Harrington recovered his own fumble and was sacked.

The Packers were without two key players on defense.

Safety Darren Sharper (bruised ribs) and linebacker Nick Barnett (ankle) were sidelined after being injured in last weekend's win against San Francisco.

The Lions have been playing on Thanksgiving Day since 1934, before 24 current NFL teams existed. They have played the Packers 17 times, more than any other team, on the holiday.

CSI

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win. Jason McGriff (six points, five rebounds) and Abdoulaye Ndiaye (four points, nine boards) also played a big role in the Eagles' rejuvenated inside game.

"I always expect them to rebound," Arnold said. "But now we're going to start throwing them the ball a little bit and give them a few more chances to score."

CSI's 87-81 win in the first game was followed by a flat performance the following night, an 85-66 defeat. Still, Arnold isn't concerned about his squad having any lingering memories from the back end of the series.

"We have a 24-hour rule on Saturday nights," he said. "You can enjoy it or mourn it for 24, then it's done."

One Engle that has remained consistent throughout the season is sophomore guard-forward Dante Sawyer. Sawyer is averaging 19.0 points per game, tops in the SWAC. He has not scored fewer than 14 points in any game this season, and achieved his high-point performance of 28 in the win over Dixie State.

"He can score inside and out, which is nice," Arnold said. "He can post it up or he can drive."

North Idaho (6-0, 2-0) has two go-to options of its own with 69 forward Matt Gipson, a transfer from Oklahoma who has signed on at Hawaii for next season, and 6-4 guard Paul Hafford. Hafford was averaging a team-best 16.6 ppg through five games while Gipson was pouring in 15.0 ppg and grabbing 6.0 rebounds.

CSI will have to take on the Cardinals without the services of sophomore guard Clint "Doc" Gully. Sawyer's cousin, Gully, was dismissed from the squad after failing to meet team academic standards. Gully has since returned to his hometown of San Francisco.

"Dante had to drive him to the airport on Saturday and then turn around and play on Saturday night," Arnold said. "It was hard on Dante, as it was all of us."

"It's so important for these guys to realize that the ball just stops bouncing some days," he added. "This is like a nice party to be invited to, but once the party's over you've got to go to work. And you need an education to go to work."

end, the Eagles (6-1, 4-1) were not voted into the NJCAA Top 25 this week.

According to head coach Randy Rogers, Rodney Dangerfield has nothing on CSI.

"Absolutely no respect, yet," he said. "None. We didn't move up one spot."

The Eagles applied unrelenting full-court pressure on Dixie to make the Rebels submit this past weekend. CSI forced 29 DSC turnovers the first night in an 80-61 win before jumping on Dixie for 21 more in a 90-65 victory Saturday.

That pressure could be equally effective against inexperienced North Idaho (0-2, 0-2). The Cardinals have just three sophomores on their roster.

"We're going to approach these games on the road like we approached our home games," Rogers said. "We might get ourselves in foul trouble, but we're going to stay aggressive and stay after them and hopefully wear them down."

Along with the convincing victories and sparkling record comes a target that has now come to rest on the Eagles' backs. But Rogers knows that's nothing new for players at CSI.

"We just lost two games to Colorado (Northwestern), and we're sitting 4-0 (in the SWAC) and we have to go to their place," he said. "They're going to come out with a lot of energy and aggressiveness to try to get on the winning track. Everybody, in general, dislikes CSI and North Idaho will be no exception."

Freshman guard Sidney Orndorff, who scored 21 points and grabbed 14 rebounds in the first win against Dixie, and freshman center Lenka Zimova (18 points on 10 boards on Saturday) continued their strong play this season.

But sophomore forward Meliame Halauia also stepped forward, scoring nine points and collecting six caroms in just 11 minutes in the second win over the Rebels.

"She's kind of like a bull in a china shop," Rogers said with a good-natured chuckle. "She's pretty physical. She'll turn and take it right to the rim."

Halauia and the rest of the Eagles will be charged with stopping Cardinals top gun Britanna Thompson. The 6-0 freshman has led NIC in scoring and rebounding in both her team's games. She's averaging 19.5 points and 8.5 rebounds.

Belfour's gem between pipes lifts Leafs

ATLANTA (AP) — Ed Belfour made 31 saves, allowing only Ilya Kovalchuk's NHL-leading 17th goal Thursday night in the Toronto Maple Leafs' 3-1 victory over the Atlanta Thrashers.

Kovalchuk scored with 1:26 left to bring the Thrashers within 2-1 but Owen Nolan scored his second goal of the game 27 seconds later to seal Toronto's third straight win — matching a season-best streak.

Belfour had an injury scare two minutes earlier when he was sent sprawling to the ice following a collision with Atlanta's Serge Aubin. Belfour took a shot to his left knee, but remained in the game as Aubin drew penalties for charging and roughing.

Darcy Tucker had a goal and an assist for the Maple Leafs.

Atlanta, which had its franchise-best four-game winning streak snapped against Ottawa on Tuesday night, dropped its second straight at home.

In Toronto's 2-1 win over Vancouver on Monday, Belfour passed Glenn Hall for fifth place on the NHL's career victory list. Belfour has won 409 games, 14 fewer than Tony Esposito, who is in fourth place.

Atlanta's comeback hopes were burt four minutes into the third period when Marc Savard was ejected after he hit the glove of a Toronto player during a scuffle. Savard was given a penalty for attempting to injure.

Toronto took a 2-0 lead with two goals in a span of 2:33 in the first period. The first was set up by Bryan Marchment, whose deflection robbed Kovalchuk during a breakaway.

After Marchment's stop, Nolan gave Toronto a 1-0 lead at 12:25. Tucker pushed the lead to 2-0 with his sixth goal of the season.

With 2:49 left in the first period, Atlanta defenseman Ilya Majesky was knocked out of the game by a sprained left knee.

Canucks 3, Senators 2, OT

OTTAWA — Markus Naslund scored 4:13 into overtime to lift the Vancouver Canucks past the Ottawa Senators 3-2 Thursday night.

Naslund got the winner with 46.2 seconds showing on the clock. The puck went in off Naslund's leg during a scramble following defenseman Sami Salo's point shot.

Vancouver's Dan Cloutier made 31 saves, including a pad stop to Rob Zdeno Chara 1:50 into overtime, for his 100th NHL victory. Ottawa defenseman Chris Phillips hit the crossbar with less than a minute left in regulation.

The Canucks won their second straight after ending a five-game road losing streak Tuesday in Montreal.

Vancouver blew a 2-0 lead when Peter Schaefer and Jason Spezza scored 51 seconds apart late in the second period. Schaefer scored with 1:36 left in the second, shortly after Daniel Sedin gave Vancouver a 2-0 lead.

Spezza got his sixth of the season with 41.4 seconds remaining in the period to bring the sold-out crowd to its feet.

Mike Keane gave Vancouver a 1-0 lead for the second straight game in the first period, and Daniel Sedin completed a nifty give-and-go with twin brother Henrik 15:21 into the second.

Vancouver defenseman Marek Malik was struck on the nose shortly afterward by the stick of Senators' right wing Martin Havlat. There was no penalty called, and Malik left a trail of blood along the ice from the circle to the right of Cloutier to the Vancouver bench as he went to the dressing room.



Toronto Maple Leafs goalie Gary Roberts, top, takes down Vancouver Canucks' Brandon Monson during first-period NHL action in Toronto Monday. The Leafs won 3-1.

Before there was another whistle, Schaefer scored his seventh to draw Ottawa within 2-1 at 18:24.

The Senators caught a break to tie it at 19:15. Spezza got control of a bouncing puck in the Canucks zone and put a shot into the top right corner as Havlat jumped across the goal mouth in front of Cloutier.

Ottawa goalie Patrick Lalime came up with a big stop on rookie goal-scoring leader Jason King's

shot from the slot midway through the third to keep it tied.

After ending a 38-game goal-scoring drought on Tuesday, Kenne got credit for his second goal of the season — but only after a lengthy video review.

The goal stood when replays showed that the puck went into the net off Keane's leg after Canucks' defenseman Brent Sopel's point shot struck Lalime and popped up in the air.

Manning leads Ole Miss by state rivals

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP) — Eli Manning and Mississippi sent Mississippi State coach Jackie Sherrill into retirement with his worst Egg Bowl loss ever.

Manning threw for 260 yards and three touchdowns in Ole Miss' 33-0 victory Thursday night in the 100th meeting between the Magnolia state rivals.

The Rebels (9-3, 7-1) remained in the SEC West title race and reached nine regular-season victories for the first time since 1990. Ole Miss can earn its first trip to

the SEC championship game if No. 3 LSU loses to Arkansas on Friday in Baton Rouge.

For Sherrill and the Bulldogs (2, 10, 1-7), the season ended with a sixth straight lopsided loss. Since the 60-year-old coach announced his retirement on Oct. 17, the Bulldogs have been outscored 267-57.

He received a long, loud standing ovation from the Bulldogs fans when he was introduced before the game.

But by the fourth quarter, most

of the rain-soaked fans remaining in Scott Field were rooting for the Rebels.

Sherrill completed 13 seasons at Mississippi State, 75-75-2, but was just 8-27 in the final three.

Sherrill won over Bulldogs fans by becoming the first Mississippi State coach in decades to consistently beat Ole Miss, doing it seven times in his first 11 seasons.

In the end, he couldn't even do that.

The Rebels won the Battle for the Golden Egg for the second

straight season, a first during the Sherrill era.

And never have the Rebels so easily dismantled Sherrill's Bulldogs.

Ole Miss outgained the Bulldogs 359-192. Kevin Fant, playing his last game for Mississippi State, was 14-for-28 for 91 yards.

The previous largest margin of victory for Ole Miss against Sherrill's teams was 15. The shutout was the Rebels' first against the Bulldogs since 1971.

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Despite an impressive sweep over the 10th-ranked Dixie State at the CSI Gymnasium last week.

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Dolphins' duo carves Cowboys defense

By Jalmo Aron Associated Press writer
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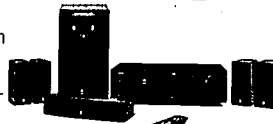
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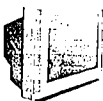
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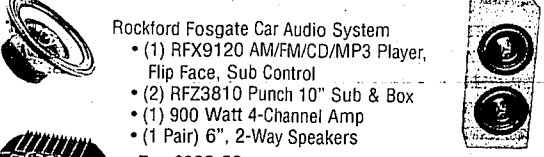



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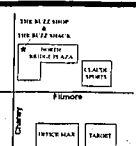


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Running lights off, Air Force One heads for Baghdad

Surprise Iraq trip shows extraordinary secrecy, preparation

By Mike Allen
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The running lights were off and Air Force One was hauling faster than normal through the Thanksgiving eve blackness as President Bush headed off from his Texas ranch on a journey into Iraq that his aides hoped would become public only after he showed up for dinner with the troops.

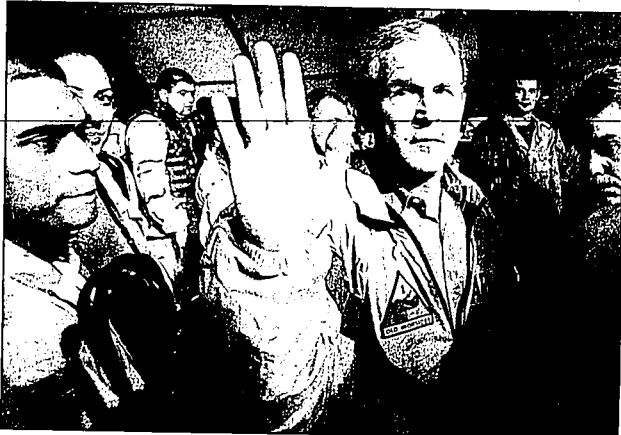
The trip, aimed at boosting soldiers' morale and steadying Bush's political standing, had been in the works for weeks but only a handful of his closest aides knew about it until after it was over. The chosen few had talked about it only on secure telephone lines.

A senior administration official told reporters that at that moment even some members of Bush's Secret Service detail believed he was still in Crawford, Texas, getting ready to host his parents for Thanksgiving. It was just one reflection of the extraordinary preparation — and secrecy — that went into this most unusual presidential trip.

With just a few hours' notice, seven reporters and photographers — half the size of the rotating pool of journalists that usually flies on Air Force One — had been spirited onto the secluded, secure tarmac at Texas State Technical College, in Waco, that Bush uses when he is staying at his ranch.

The reporters were forbidden to tell even their families or employers what was up. The journalists were told they would be handed new cell phones when they hit the ground in Baghdad.

Reporters had previously been told, falsely, that Bush planned to spend Thanksgiving at his Prairie Chapel Ranch, and reporters were assured that nothing would happen. With Bush's public schedule blank, most of the regulars on the beat were home with their families. A few news organizations



President Bush gestures while explaining to members of the media that he would not answer questions at Baghdad International Airport Thursday. Bush made a surprise visit to troops serving in Iraq for Thanksgiving.

Bush talks to troops — A1

were keeping a vigil that they had assumed would be pointless, and the reporters' idea of adventure was arranging to commandeer the kitchen of the Marriott to try to cook their first bachelor turkey.

The White House had tried to throw journalists off the trail by telling one of them that Bush would be making holiday telephone calls to a few soldiers in Iraq. Deputy White House press secretary Claire Buchanan announced at a briefing in Crawford on Wednesday that he would be joined at his Prairie Chapel Ranch by his parents, the former president and first lady, and that the menu would include free-range turkey, chipotle sweet potatoes, Texas grapefruit and Prairie Chapel pecan pie made with nuts gathered on the ranch.

The pecans would have to wait. Bush usually hitches to Air

Force One, where the magazine racks include Bassmaster, by riding from his ranch on the white-topped Marine One chopper. He also gets around in a motorcade of at least a dozen vehicles that includes staff vans, a communications truck and an ambulance.

To slip out unnoticed, neither would do. So Bush was driven to the Waco airstrip in an unmarked vehicle, with only a tiny Secret Service contingent.

"If you were sitting outside the ranch waiting for the president, you would not have known the president just left," said White House communications director Dan Bartlett.

This reporter, who represented newspapers in the press pool and provided a download for all his colleagues who could not be there, was first approached about the trip less than four hours before takeoff. I was talking on my cell phone on the front lawn of Crawford Middle School, where the White House sets up a press

filing center in the gymnasium, seven miles down the road from Bush's ranch. Steve Atkiss, a young advance official, beckoned for me to climb into his mammoth white rented Dodge pickup.

Atkiss drove a few blocks to a concealed parking lot and told me to step out, that someone wanted to talk to me. Bartlett stepped out of his car, smiling mischievously at the surprise meeting.

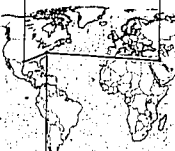
"I have news," he said. "The president is going to Baghdad." He said I was coming, but that I could not tell my employer or family what was up. It was 3:45 Texas time, and Atkiss told me that I should get changed and meet him at 5:30 in the parking lot of the Baylor stadium where the Secret Service and military aides regularly cream the press corps in softball.

At the rendezvous, several of the magazine and wire-service photographers were still convinced that they were the victims of an extremely elaborate princi-

Bush visits the troops in Iraq

President Bush made a surprise visit to Baghdad Thursday.

8:25 p.m. Wednesday, leaves Waco, Texas.
9:31 a.m. Thursday, lands in Baghdad, Texas.



11:05 p.m. leaves Washington.
12:03 p.m. leaves Baghdad.

SOURCE: White House AP

cal joke, and were plotting what they were going to do to Atkiss when he finally came clean.

The two-vehicle motorcade from the softball field was joined by a white Jeep Grand Cherokee with Blake Cotteaman, the president's personal aide, at the wheel. Deputy chief of staff Joseph Hagin riding shotgun and Bartlett in the back seat. The motorcade headed for the airstrip outside Waco.

The shades in the press cabin on Air Force One had been pulled down, and both doors were closed so the reporters could not see Bush arrive or what personnel and firepower accompanied him. The reporters knew he was aboard only when they heard the engines fire and rev.

Now, the plane was cruising at an average speed of 665 mph, Baghdad or bust. Richard Keil, a 6-foot-3-inch reporter for Bloomberg News whom Bush calls "Stretch," leaned across the aisle of the hushed press cabin.

"The president of the United States is AWOL, and we're with him," a grinning Keil said as he shoved aside his I-Pod headset. "The ultimate road trip."

After leaving Texas, the nearly empty plane streaked toward

Andrews Air Force base in Maryland to refuel and pick up chief of staff Andrew H. Card Jr. and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice. Another six journalists — two wire-service reporters and a six-man team from Fox — joined the group at the refueling stop. They met in the parking lot of a Holiday Inn Express, and officials confiscated all their electronics gear, from television cameras to their pagers, so they would not be tempted to make any record of the super-secret hangar where they would join the president's party.

The hangar has two identical planes, each of which becomes Air Force One when Bush is on it. The other is called "the spare," and they are rarely seen together. On this night, the president was to use the super-secret Air Force One hangar at Andrews to transfer to the second plane, which was already fueled, catered and ready to go.

Bush's plane pulled into the hangar, where the ground is painted grass white, at about 10:45 p.m. Washington time. As he switched planes, Bush spotted the reporters.

The sound in the hangar was so loud that he couldn't be heard, but Bush held his thumb and pinkie apart, and raised them to his ear, in the symbol of someone using a phone, and mouthed, "No calls, got it?" He emphasized the point by crossing his arms back and forth in front of him. He made the "m" sign to his throat and mouthed again, "No calls."

Air Force One took off for Baghdad 10 minutes later, and Bush was asleep within 20 minutes.

Each of the president's staff donned camouflage tops and bottoms, both to blend in for security reasons and to avoid spoiling the pictures.

The reporters were fitted for "ballistic vests" en route. "Anyone have a tailor?" asked the fastidious Keil.

A little after five o'clock in the morning Baghdad time, about 10 hours after takeoff from Andrews, the cabin lights were turned out and all the shades were touched. Twenty minutes later, we touched down in Baghdad.

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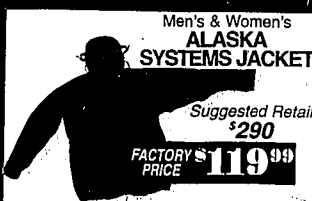
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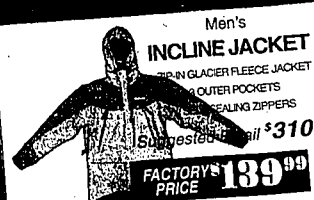
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Big cat stories hound Hawaii

OLINDA, Hawaii (AP) - Nearly a year after the first reports of a mysterious large cat lurking in the hills of Maui prompted an intense and expensive state search, the hunt has been called off - catless.

Department of Land and Natural Resources chairman, Peter Young said the effort involved a "large investment of manpower" and would cease unless new, credible evidence of this animal emerges.

The state has tried everything from on-foot searches to infrared cameras. Three weeks ago, 19 traps were set up, costing about \$3,000 a week to monitor. When they were installed, state wildlife biologist Fern Duvall estimated the cat hunt had already cost the state \$15,000.

Last December, Maui officials began receiving reports of a dark brown or tan, catlike creature with a big head and a long tail. Since, authorities have tried everything to find the animal.

Velcro strips - some soaked in the ocelot-favorite "Obsession for Women" perfume, others in the urine of an African wildcat - failed to collar a fur sample. Technology using an infrared beam to snap a photograph produced no images.

Box traps and snares struck out. Even forest broadcasts of an injured animal in hopes of convincing the cat that dinner wasn't far away turned up nothing.

Young said the animal may have moved elsewhere, is being confined by its owner or is dead.

"I believe there was a cat out there," said Peter Baldwin, who said he heard what sounded like a wild cat screaming in the middle of the night about a month ago. "Maybe it will come back again."



From left, Johnny, 7, Jolo, 4, and Georgia Lee, 6, and Reagan Corisano, 10, visiting from Virginia, had a surprise waiting for them outside their Ormond Beach, Fla., condo early Tuesday. A 72-foot shrimp boat, the 'Two Pirates,' had run aground with the high tide.

This magic trick can turn deadly

A gun is fired at a stage magician who seemingly snatches the bullet out of the air with fast fingers. That stunt was invented around 1900 by a conjurer named William Ellsworth. He did it for 18 years before it killed him. Powder had seeped through a crack in the phony cartridge, bang! At least 12 magicians likewise have been killed trying it. Survivors say it's magic's deadliest trick.

Would you go for a steamed spleen sandwich on deep-fried bread? That's said to be a popular specialty in Sicily.

The "yard" wasn't standardized at 36 inches until 1830. It varied greatly for centuries. For good reason. It started out as the girth of a Saxon.

It was Martin Luther King, Jr., who said, "That old law about an eye for an eye' leaves everybody blind."



REVISTED L.M. Boyd

He-men of early England didn't think much of Richard II. He introduced the lace handkerchief there. And triple-taxed the citizenry. And went around stealing estates of his relatives. Finally, the he-men tossed him into jail where his death presumably was murder. He'd become such a tyrant everybody wanted him dead. It wasn't just the lace handkerchief.

Any man who carries his wallet in his hip pocket ought to keep one of those big rubber bands around it. To give it a little tread. A professional pickpocket says you can't lift a wallet so bound without alerting its owner.

Pretty superstitious bunch, gamblers. If they win the first game, they'll win the third, many think.

A bluebird's eggs are robin's egg blue.

Dad balks at giving up beer to help son

DEAR ABBY: Our son, "Jonas," got to trouble with the law because of drugs. He is now in rehab seven days a week, and lives here with his father, "Harry," and me. I'm proud to say Jonas is doing well. However, one condition set by the court is that alcohol not be on the premises where he lives.

When Jonas told Harry about it, Harry went ballistic and claimed his own rights were being infringed upon by the courts. Harry stubbornly insists that he will drink beer in his own home if he chooses even though it could get our son sent to jail.

I am standing my ground that alcohol may not be brought into our home. I used to have a glass or two of wine in the evenings, but I'm willing to sacrifice that in order to protect our son's freedom.

I am so torn. I love my husband, but I can hardly stand to look at him right now, because he is willing to risk his son's freedom for a beer. How can he think like that?

- WORRIED MOTHER



DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren

Now that they have moved out, it's just the two of us. The problem we seem to have is communication.

It is difficult to talk to Andy about anything without getting into an argument. The only safe topic we can discuss is his job, which he absolutely loves. Most of the time, I just sit here nodding and pretending to be interested while deep inside I want to scream.

When I want to talk about something that interests me, I call a friend or family member, but I would much rather spend quality time talking with my husband. Abby, please tell me how I can break down these barriers of communication and open Andy's mind and heart to me.

- TOTALLY FRUSTRATED IN MARYLAND

DEAR WORRIED: You have every right to be concerned because if there is a surprise search, your son will be blamed for something that's not his fault.

It's unfortunate that your husband is either so wedded to his beer or such a stubborn contrarian, that he's unwilling to sacrifice his transitory pleasure for the sake of his child. You can't force him to make a mature decision. Since he's unwilling to cooperate, it might be in your son's best interest to live elsewhere.

DEAR ABBY: I was 15 years old when I met "Andy," and by my 19th birthday we were married. We have been together 31 years and have two wonderful sons.

Suspect forgot to cut eyeholes in his mask

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) - An alleged bank robber identified by witnesses because he forgot to cut eye holes in his disguise has been arrested - a few blocks from where he pulled off the flawed caper, police said.

Stephen David Walker was spotted Thursday afternoon walking down a Modesto street near the Oak Valley Community Bank branch police say he was on Monday, Walker, 49, was booked at the Stanislaus County Jail on a bank robbery charge.

Police said Walker wore a square piece of flannel under a hat and draped over his head during the heist. But, without eye-holes, the bandit was forced to repeatedly lift the front corner of the cloth so he could see where he was walking, police said.

Before fleeing with an undisclosed amount of cash, the suspect humped into a door headfirst, knocking off his hat. Blake and giving witnesses a look at his face.

Birthday today? You have standards

IF NOVEMBER 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you expect the best and can go to extremes in getting what you want. Best self-employed, you also have managerial skills with an interest in foreign travel, with some languages and law. This year sees you taking on added responsibility. There are some financial breaks coming next year, and you may be acquiring a home, boat or plane.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): A sense of achievement. Solving problems keeps you busy. Jumping over your own shadow brings out the superman in you.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): A cozy get-together may turn out to be different. Clearing a misconception puts love back on course. An outing promises fun, but you may become aware that your flexibility is being stretched.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Venus is exercising its erotic influences, and relationships experience a new breeze. Stimulation is key.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

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Everyday stress is winding down. You cherish harmony and an ordered, daily rhythm without having to compromise. Relax, love has surprises in store; your passion is aroused.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Being in the right place at the right time, you may have an opportunity to take a chance. If single, the Sagittarian angle promises sex and love, bringing stormy, impatient and passionate sparks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Despite your talents being taxed, you're in top form, and success is assured. You need no prompting in assisting a friend who needs help and support.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pleasing everybody all of the time is a Libran recipe that, alas, doesn't always work. With charm, you may have to compromise and

avoid a confrontation where words could fly in all directions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Distrusting information is healthy, but kneeling to superstition requires proper discernment. A friend needs time and space to make up his or her mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Belief can move mountains. It's a question of keeping your nerve to reach the goal. Love is an experience, and your heart is about to be tested.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Playing at hero and being one are two things. You may have to admit your weakness before your body reminds you to take a rest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The moon in your sign gives you the tendency to argue for the sake of it. There's an invitation to think about love, which for you is a spontaneous matter. Why think about it? Guard your impatience.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Rivals can be aggravating. Since you know what you can and cannot do, you're not going to quarrel.

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New gliders take to water, not air

Stealthy craft grab attention of scientists, U.S. military

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A century after the Wright Brothers first took to the skies, the world of flight is pushing to new depths.

Researchers are perfecting innovative gliders that can swoop and soar on journeys covering hundreds of miles and lasting for weeks — all deep beneath the ocean waves.

The fledgling technology, barely a decade old, has already produced robotic submarine gliders that move slowly with the nimbleness of a blimp. Now next-generation gliders are being developed to fly just as gracefully as their airborne counterparts, diving and climbing on broad wings that slice not air but water.

"They're coming of age," said Clayton Jones, project engineer at Webb Research Corp., an East Falmouth, Mass., company that has sold 21 of the \$60,000 ocean gliders it builds.

The submarine robots don't use propellers, jets or flapping wings to get off the ground. Instead, they pump ballast water in and out to subtly change their buoyancy. That enables them to alternately rise and fall through the ocean as they glide forward.

The battery-powered gliders have quickly lured the interest of marine scientists who have fitted early models with instruments that measure ocean currents, salinity and temperature. Scientists hope that eventually the gliders could be used to monitor pollution levels, keep tabs on plankton blooms and, quite literally, "swim with the fishes" or other prey.

"They could follow schools of fish — or Russian submarines," said Scott Jenkins, an engineer and glider expert at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego.

The gliders are as efficient as they are stealthy, which has drawn the interest and backing of the U.S. Navy. Potential military applications include mine detection, surveillance and patrol, Navy officials said.

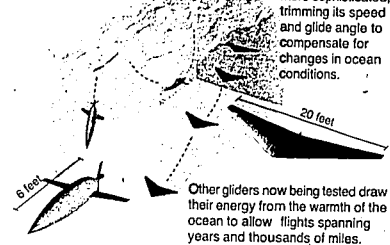
The Navy hatched the glider

Ocean gliders take flight to new depths

Autonomous ocean gliders can take to sea for weeks at a time on flights useful to science and the military. Newer generations of the submarine robots should fly faster, farther and more efficiently while crisscrossing the oceans.

First-generation or legacy gliders climb and dive by changing their buoyancy. The six-foot submarine robot can fly for weeks and dozens of miles.

A flying-wing glider now being designed will be more sophisticated, trimming its speed and glide angle to compensate for changes in ocean conditions.



Other gliders now being tested draw their energy from the warmth of the ocean to allow flights spanning years and thousands of miles.

SOURCE: Office of Naval Research

concept in the early 1960s but the idea soon lost ground to propeller-driven submarines. The idea was proposed again in the late 1980s when engineers realized the technology could spawn thrifty gliders that could embark on watery flights lasting months and miles at a time.

"What they bring to the table is a persistence, a long-term deployment capability," said Thomas Sweeney, team leader for ocean engineering and marine systems at the Office of Naval Research in Arlington, Va.

The aerodynamic principles that guide ocean gliders are the same that apply to airborne gliders, except the underwater versions can climb every bit as effortlessly as they dive.

An important stage in glider development came last summer, when scientists deployed 15 of the robots in Monterey Bay in the first large field demonstration of the technology.

"We've just handed the adolescents the car keys," Jones said. "They're driving around the block and they're doing what are the first glimpses of what we hope to

accomplish." Still, Jones acknowledges that expectations for these autonomous underwater vehicles, or AUVs, have to be reined in for now.

Problems include the build up of barnacles on long flights, which create drag. At the surface, ships, kelp and curious fishermen also pose risks, said Ralf Bachmayer, a Princeton University glider researcher.

During the August experiments in Monterey, fishermen plucked four of the robots from the water after the robots briefly surfaced to communicate with scientists by satellite. Three of the gliders were recovered intact; the fourth was found on shore in pieces.

The first generation of gliders look like little more than 6-foot torpedoes fitted with stubby wings that provide the lift needed to move them forward. For now, experts concede the early robots, built by Scripps, Webb Research and the University of Washington, are basically glorified underwater blimps capable of flights measured in weeks and hundreds of miles.

But engineers designing the next



Clayton Jones, project engineer at Webb Research Corp., works on an ocean glider off the coast of East Falmouth, Mass.

generation of gliders promise huge gains in efficiency, range and speed. Assisting them is the more than 100 years of studies on aerodynamics undertaken since the days of Orville and Wilbur Wright. "There are no new principles being invoked here," Swoan said. "The sea is a very, very harsh environment but it is a fluid. Air and water, except for their densities, are very similar creatures."

The boldest new ocean glider is a large flying wing the Navy is developing with Scripps that should be more B-2 than blimp.

Engineers hope to begin testing the 20-foot, delta-winged prototype this February off the San Diego coast.

Preliminary analysis of the design suggests its shape should produce speeds up to 10 times as fast as today's gliders, which fly at a pokey half-mile an hour. It also should fly more efficiently than its torpedo-shaped predecessors.

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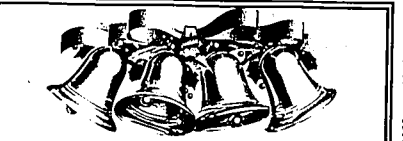
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Girls' buss causes fuss at school

The Washington Post

You've seen Britney and Madonna. You've seen it on "All My Children." Now a Howard County, Md., high school has seen senior Katherine Pecore and junior Stephanie Haaser lock lips on top of a lunch table.

The result? Two-day suspensions, a school protest and 15 minutes of fame.

"It wasn't an affection thing. It was really just a statement," said Pecore, 17.

The girls say the kiss was staged to draw attention to a section on Transcendentalist authors such as Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau. Most students opted for little indiscretions — eating cereal at lunch, for example, or calling teachers by their first names. But Haaser, 17, had a more dramatic idea.

The two girls climbed on top of a lunch table and shouted, "End homophobia now!" Then the girls, both heterosexual, made a 38-second kiss. Estimates for the length of the kiss range from 10 to 15 seconds. "It was full on," Pecore said. "It was intense."

There was stunned silence in the crowded cafeteria at first. But soon staff and students at River Hill could talk about little else. The two girls were suspended from school the following two days for being disruptive. Principal Scott Pifer said, not for the kiss itself. There is no policy against kissing in the cafeteria.

"I'm confident I made the right decision," Pifer said. "Anybody who would stand up and do a disruptive act, I would treat them the same way." The fact that it happened to be two girls "is totally meaningless to me."

Both are stellar students: Pecore got a perfect score of 1600 on the SAT, and Haaser, a math 388 grade-point average. Pecore has applied "early decision" to Brown University and said she didn't think the suspension would mar her otherwise squeaky-clean record.



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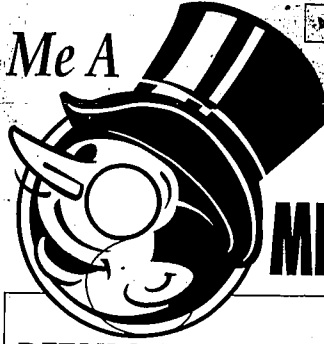
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Homosexuality might be an issue of brain chemistry

By Ronald Kotulek
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - In the ongoing effort to determine whether sexual orientation is hard-wired, University of Chicago scientists have used high-tech imaging to confirm that the hypothalamus - the sex center in the brain - functions differently in gay men than in heterosexual men.

Scientists have searched for ways to determine if sexual preference is a matter of choice or biology. Still, they have failed to develop convincing evidence one way or the other. Genes once touted as prompting homosexuality for example, have fared poorly, and studies of hormonal influences during fetal development are inconclusive.

Since scientific evidence has been lacking for a biological cause of homosexuality, many politicians, religious leaders and others maintain it is a purposeful choice.

As acceptance of homosexuality has increased, however, so has acceptance of the idea that

...it's the strongest research I know to suggest that it might be hardwired.

— Howard Moltz,
University of Chicago,
on brain chemistry

it is not a choice, but that some heretofore unseen cues - psychological, physical or both - that set sexual preference.

Although the new University of Chicago findings suggest male sexual response is regulated in large part by genes or neurochemistry, the results are preliminary and need to be replicated in other studies. And there surely are other factors, both biological and social, that

influence the sexual response.

"I don't think homosexuality can easily be conceptualized as just one thing - a phenomenon that is due to one particular developmental pathway," said Heino F. L. Meyer-Bahlburg, a Columbia University professor of clinical psychology who was not involved in the research. "Like most behavior, homosexuality has multiple pathways. We're at the crude beginning to understand all of this. This (the University of Chicago study) is a promising development and a very exciting one."

The University of Chicago's Howard Moltz, professor emeritus in clinical psychology, headed the team showing that sexual orientation in men appears to be connected with brain metabolism. The report was presented Wednesday at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in New Orleans by Leann Kinnunen, a University of Chicago psychology graduate.

Using positron emission

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Brain and sexual orientation

Scientists have found that a part of the brain involved in sexual behavior apparently works differently in heterosexual and gay men.

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New study on sexuality

Scientists studied the brain activity of 16 men:
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1 Some of the men were given Prozac, which raises levels of a chemical in the hypothalamus associated with sexual arousal; some were given a placebo

2 Researchers then used a positron emission tomography (PET) scanner to measure the amount of activity taking place in the men's hypothalamus

3 Heterosexual men had a different level of hypothalamus activity than the homosexual men

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Your brain on sex or love: It looks different

By Alexandra Witze
The Dallas Morning News

NEW ORLEANS - Ladies, you may be able to fool your lover, but you cannot fool the machine.

A brain scanner can tell the difference between a fake orgasm and the real deal in women, neuroscientists have found. Different parts of the brain become activated depending on how authentic the thrill is.

Aside from the giggle factor, the work could one day lead to new ways to treat sexual dysfunction in women, said neuroanatomist Gert Holstege, leader of the research team.

The findings, reported this month in New Orleans at a meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, topped a long list of new studies into how the brain behaves during sex and love.

Research into sex and the brain may help the millions of people suffering from sexual problems, said Holstege, of the University of Groningen in the Netherlands.

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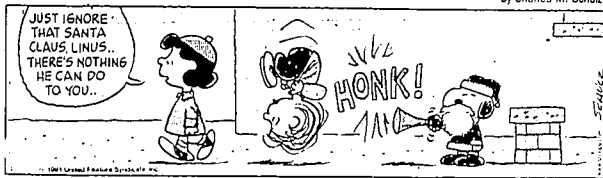
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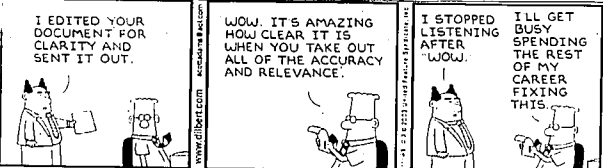
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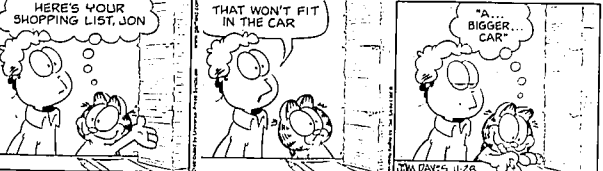
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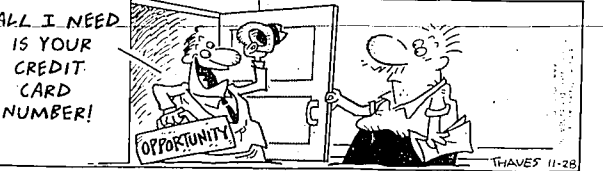
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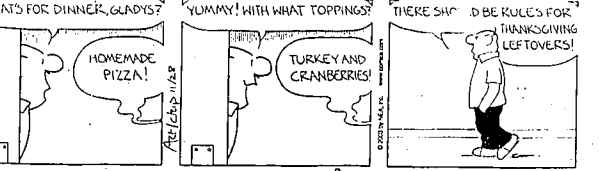
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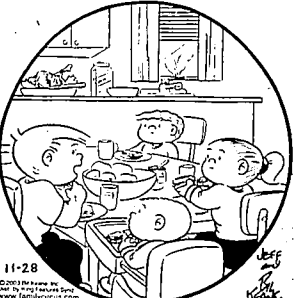
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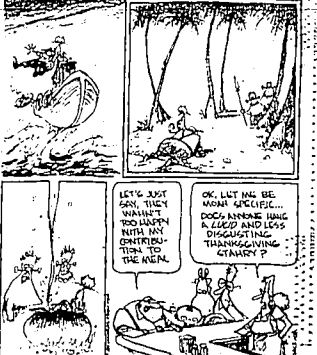
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Author separates Pony Express fact from fiction

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Christopher Corbett was chasing down the truth about the Pony Express one day near Mud Springs, Neb., when a local shared some words of wisdom.

"We don't lie out here. We just remember big."

In "Orphans Preferred: The Twisted Truth and Lasting Legend of the Pony Express," Corbett examines fact and fiction about the short-lived mail relay that captured the expanding nation's imagination.

While carrying mail along the 1,950-mile route between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif., in 1860 and 1861, wary horsemen fought Indians and the elements, barren deserts and desperadoes.

His grit is not in dispute. "What I was trying to do was celebrate the genius of an American legend and, if possible, separate fact from fiction, which in the case of the Pony isn't always easy to do," Corbett said by telephone from his home in Baltimore.

"This is a little like Paul Revere's



Author Christopher Corbett speaks about the tales of the Pony Express on a porch in Baltimore Sept. 12.

ride. It's rooted in fact, but it's layered with 150 years of embellishment, fabrication and outright lies," he said.

Corbett's book, written in an engaging, nonscholarly style and published this fall, is the first major examination of the Pony

Express in 50 years.

Douglas Brinkley, director of the Eisenhower Center for American Studies and history professor at the University of New Orleans, brands it "a first-rate narrative history." Dale Ryan of Carson City, former president of

the National Pony Express Association, calls it "one of the most authoritative books ever written" on the subject.

Not just for a Montana native who knew nothing about the Pony Express until stumbling across an old station in 1996 at Fort Churchill, 50 miles southeast of Reno.

In more than five years of research, Corbett visited research facilities in eight states along the route of "the Pony," as it was known in its time.

"The more I researched the pony, the more I loved it," said Corbett, 51, a University of Maryland-Baltimore County journalism lecturer and former Associated Press reporter and news editor.

But Corbett also found the story was embellished over the years by Mark Twain, Buffalo Bill Cody, Frederic Remington and others. Dime novels and Hollywood added to the lore.

Cody immortalized the fast-mail service by making it a fixture in his popular Wild West shows

from 1883 to 1916, Corbett said, though he doubts stories that Cody was a Pony rider at a tender age.

It's apparent that other people didn't let the facts get in the way of a good story," Corbett said. "It was the golden age of prevarication and these guys were masters. I believe Buffalo Bill was just a messenger for the Pony."

Corbett also is skeptical that the much-repeated phrase "orphans preferred" appeared in Pony Express rider recruitment ads. No evidence of the original has ever surfaced, he said.

"I picked the phrase for the book title because it perfectly evoked the twisted truth and fast-talking legend of the Pony," Corbett said. "There's not a gift shop between St. Joe and Sacramento where you can't buy that ad."

Corbett challenges the whole-some idea that stems from the oath that all Pony employees signed stating they would not drink, gamble or swear.

He cites accounts to the contrary by travelers of the time, and

archaeological digs that uncovered hundreds of fragments of liquor bottles at two Nevada Pony stations.

"The myth is that they were choir boys, but they weren't. These were tough guys," Corbett said.

Despite the legends, the fact remains that the Pony's unprecedented mail service of 10 days or less — was an "amazing feat" that helped link the young country from sea to shining sea, he said.

Corbett praises the grit of riders such as Robert "Pony Bob" Haslam, who's widely credited with making the Pony's longest ride.

Haslam's 380-mile roundtrip gallop from his Lake Tahoe home station to central Nevada took place at the height of the Famine Indian War. He encountered burned stations, slain station keepers and a relief rider who refused to go — all in a ride that took less than 40 hours.

"Pony Bob was a tall tale; he was the real deal," Corbett said. "His ride was the high-water mark of Pony rides."

Sexuality

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tomography (PET) to monitor the neurochemical function of the hypothalamus in eight exclusively heterosexual men and eight exclusively homosexual men. Moltz found a significantly greater level of activity in straight men compared with gays. The hypothalamus is thought to regulate sexual response and behavior, according to animal studies.

"Whether this neurochemical difference is the cause of, or a consequence of, or something that accompanies this kind of heterosexuality and homosexuality is yet to be determined," Moltz said. "But it's the strongest research I know to suggest that it might be hard-wired."

How the hypothalamus functions in lesbian and straight females was not studied, but it is likely that they have patterns of activity that are similar to those of males, Moltz said. "I would expect that a neurochemical difference would show up in lesbians as it did in our exclusively homosexual or heterosexual men," said Moltz, who said he plans to conduct similar studies with women.

Meyer-Bahlburg said the importance of the research was in the use of new technology that provided clear-cut differences.

"The results are stunning because these are very extreme groups, and he finds these pervasive differences that are lighting up on his brain scans

that involve a large part of the known sexual circuitry that we know from animals," he said.

Dr. Fred Berlin, a Johns Hopkins School of Medicine psychiatrist, said the findings need to be replicated, but that even then they may reflect the current functioning of the brain and not pinpoint the cause of homosexuality. "The important point in terms of the cause of homosexuality, or heterosexuality for that matter, is that it isn't due to choice," he said. "None of us as little children sat down and said to ourselves, 'When I grow up do I want to be attracted to men or to women?'"

"We simply discover in growing up who it is we're attracted to," Berlin said.

Numerous studies in animals show that the hypothalamus mediates sexual arousal and sexual behavior but its role in human sexuality has been little studied. And although the hypothalamus may play an important role in human sexual response, other parts of the brain, especially the thought-processing neocortex, are likely to also exert considerable influence.

Gay men were selected for brain scans if they said they had never been aroused by a woman, and straight men were chosen if they said they had never been aroused by a man.

"This report fits in with an increasing body of data suggesting that sexual orientation has a biological basis," said Simon LeVay. In 1991, while at

the University of California, San Diego, LeVay found in autopsy studies that the front section of the hypothalamus of heterosexual men was larger than that of heterosexual women and that the size in gay men was also small, nearly the same size as females.

Another team of scientists last year reported that rams that copulated with other rams had a smaller hypothalamus than rams that copulated with ewes.

Moltz said other studies on living subjects failed to show significant differences in brain function between gays and straights probably because their samples included men whose sexual preferences included both males and females.

Dr. William Gilmer, a Houston neurologist and past president of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, said that there is a growing understanding that "gay and straight brains are wired differently. Sexual orientation is no more a choice for a GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender) person than a straight one."

"This study adds more evidence to the common belief of both gay and straight people that their basic sexual orientation is something they were born with," Gilmer said. "Most gay and straight people know what they think is attractive from their earliest sexual feelings, and those basic feelings don't change much through their lives."

Brain

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brain is active," he said, "we know where to look to try to work further with pharmaceuticals."

His work on orgasm in women builds on earlier research on orgasm in men, using a brain scanning machine called positron emission tomography, or PET scans.

The studies in men revealed that a certain area of the brain, the amygdala, becomes less active just before ejaculation. The amygdala, which acts as a fear center, may be shutting down so that the men won't be distracted on the way to orgasm, said Holstege.

At the same time, a region called the ventral tegmental area, or VTA, also becomes active. The VTA is a reward center for the brain, releasing chemicals such as those that create the heroin rush in heroin addicts.

"It could be that we're looking at the reward aspect of orgasm," said Jannika Georgiadis, a graduate student on the team.

The VTA also lights up for women during orgasm. But unlike men's brains, women's brains also activate the periaqueductal gray matter, or PAG, an area that governs the fight-or-flight response. Earlier research in animals had suggested that PAG was important for sexual behavior; cats in heat have active PAGs when they raise their hindquarters suggestively. No one yet knows why the area becomes active in orgasm for women but not for men.

The experience of faking it was also quite to women. Big portions of the large structure called the cerebellum didn't light up in fake orgasms as they did in true orgasms, said Georgiadis. Instead, the fake

experiences activated brain regions that generally involve control of muscles.

The researchers had no trouble finding volunteers for the study. Eight heterosexual women came to the laboratory and lay with their heads in a scanning machine as their partners stimulated them orally.

The second orgasm study was a little more restrained. Neuroscientist Barry Komisaruk of the National Institutes of Health works with women with total spinal cord injuries.

"Many of the women we've studied here have told us that their attending physicians told them that their sex life is over," he said in a telephone interview. "Our emphasis is on the potential improvement of the quality of life."

By comparing his results with those of Dutch research, Komisaruk hopes to home in on the brain regions crucial for orgasm. Most of their results overlapped, but not entirely, that might be due in part to which parts of the body were stimulated. For instance, Komisaruk saw activity in the brain's hypothalamus, while Holstege's team did not.

Everyone's brain enjoys sex in the same way, as the study on homosexual and heterosexual men confirmed.

At the meeting, Michael Bailey of Northwestern University and colleagues reported on a study of 11 homosexual and 11 heterosexual men. All were asked to look at the same series of pictures, some erotic and some not. They subjects had to rate how much they found each picture arousing.

Apparently, it doesn't matter whether a person is homosexual or heterosexual; the brain gets turned

on the same way for both. In images from fMRI scans, many of the same brain areas — those involved in emotional processing — show activity in both groups of men when shown an arousing picture.

Once sex becomes routine, people's brains shift into a different pattern as they fall in love, according to a final study presented at the meeting.

"Romantic love engages a different brain system than the sex drive," said Helen Fisher, an anthropologist at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

She and her co-workers took fMRI scans of seven young men and 10 young women who said they had been madly in love with someone for between one and 15 months. The researchers showed the subjects pictures of their beloved, interspersed with pictures of a familiar but neutral person (such as a family member) and distraction tasks (such as counting backward by 7s from an extremely large number).

Just as during sex, the brains of people in love also became activated in the VTA, or reward system region. But other areas lit up, Fisher said. Women showed more activity in areas associated with attention and memory recall, while men showed more activity in those associated with vision.

Love may have evolved as the last of three stages, Fisher calculates.

Sex would have arisen first as a method for seeking any possible mate. Attraction would have come next, helping to save time and energy by focusing on just one possible partner. And love would allow a pair to stay together long enough not only to have offspring, but also to raise them.

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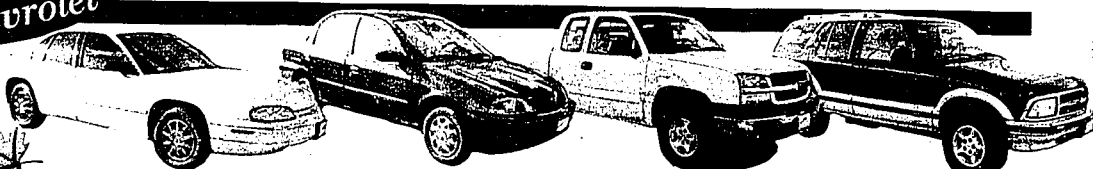
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Chevrolet



2001 CHEVROLET LUMINA
Rob's Price \$9,136

2001 CHEVROLET METRO
Rob's Price \$5,799

2003 CHEVROLET 1500 4X4
Rob's Price \$23,845

1997 CHEVROLET BLAZER
Rob's Price \$8,198

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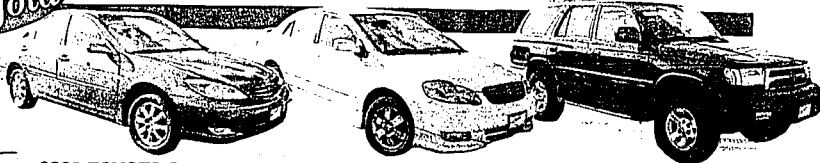
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Rob's Price \$10,480

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Rob's Price \$27,141

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Rob's Price \$15,843

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Rob's Price \$4,749

Toyota



2003 TOYOTA CAMRY
Rob's Price \$19,341

2003 TOYOTA COROLLA
Rob's Price \$14,970

1999 TOYOTA 4RUNNER
Rob's Price \$17,488

Dodge



2003 DODGE STRATUS
Rob's Price \$12,632

2001 DODGE RAM 1500
Rob's Price \$17,754

2003 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER
Rob's Price \$15,198

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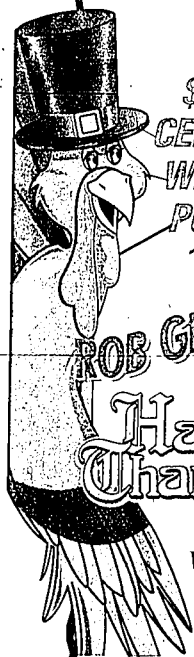
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2003 HYUNDAI TIBURON

WAS \$23,048
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WAS \$27,544
Rob's Price **\$19,688**
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Rob's Price **\$22,188**
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2001 CHEVY CAVALIER

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DEALER #13002

2003 CHEVY MALIBU

WAS \$14,995
Rob's Price **\$9,988**
DEALER #13010

2003 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER

WAS \$26,995
Rob's Price **\$22,988**
DEALER #13010

2003 CHEVY VENTURE

WAS \$20,995
Rob's Price **\$15,988**
DEALER #13010



Ford

2001 FORD EXPEDITION

WAS \$24,995
Rob's Price **\$20,688**
DEALER #13010

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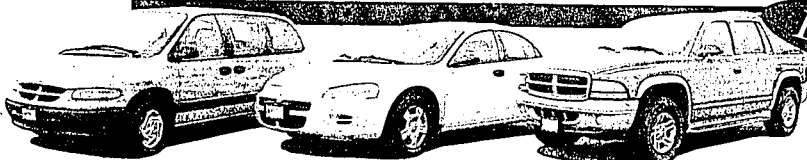
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Rob's Price **\$9,988**
DEALER #13010

2003 FORD RANGER XLT

WAS \$20,995
Rob's Price **\$17,988**
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2001 FORD WINDSTAR

WAS \$18,995
Rob's Price **\$13,988**
DEALER #13010



Dodge

1998 DODGE GL CARAVAN

WAS \$12,995
Rob's Price **\$8,788**
DEALER #13010

2003 DODGE STRATUS

WAS \$15,995
Rob's Price **\$10,388**
DEALER #13010

2003 DODGE DURANGO SLT

WAS \$28,995
Rob's Price **\$23,788**
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Imports

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WAS \$22,995
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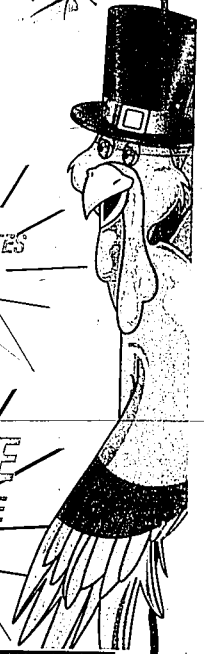
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DEALER #13010

2000 TOYOTA RAV4

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Rob's Price **\$11,988**
DEALER #13010

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12PK COKE
WITH TEST DRIVE
COKE &
HOT DOGS



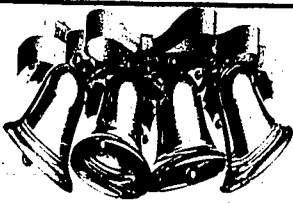
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS.
Case No. CV-03-5009
SUMMONS
In the Matter of the Termination of the Parent/Child Relationship between DEAN FREEMAN, Natural Father, and the minor child of MIVOKO JORDAN FREEMAN AND EMIKO RAQUELE FREEMAN and the Petition for Adoption of said MIVOKO JORDAN FREEMAN AND EMIKO RAQUELE FREEMAN by TODD LEE SHAW.
NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PETITIONER. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.
TO: SEAN FREEMAN
You are hereby notified that you are being sued by the above-named petitioner. You are to respond to the court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Petitioner in the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption. The nature of the action is for termination and adoption of said minor child.
A copy of the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice of or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:
1. The title and number of case.
2. If your response is an Answer to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Petitioner and other defenses you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Petitioner's attorney, as designated above.
To determine whether

you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.
DATED this 27th day of October, 2003.
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Gerry Daw
Deputy Clerk
PUBLISH: November 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2003

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS.
Case No. CV 03-1033
SUMMONS
In the Matter of the Termination of the Parental Rights of the Petitioner ARNOLDO QUINTANA VASQUEZ.
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TO: ARNOLDO QUINTANA VASQUEZ
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AMENDED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by HENRIETTA H. MARION, AN UNMARRIED INDIVIDUAL, AND SCOTT HENNING, AN UNMARRIED INDIVIDUAL, as grantors to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., as trustee, in favor of GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION as beneficiary, recorded February 24, 1989 at 1999-03520 in Twin Falls County, Idaho, in the official records of TWIN FALLS COUNTY, Idaho, covering the following described real property situated in said county and state, to-wit:
LOT 6, BLOCK 3, HIGH LAWN ACRES SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 9 OF PLATS 63, PAGE 3, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO.
Commonly known as: 312 HIGH LAWN DRIVE TWIN FALLS, IDAHO 83401
There is a default by the grantor(s) or other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, or by their successor in interest. The default is:
Failure to pay the monthly payment due November 1, 2002 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter, plus late charges; and subsequent payments due thereafter, plus late charges; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said deed of trust.
By reason of said default, the beneficiary or the beneficiary's successor in interest has declared all obligations secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following: \$106,463.49 with interest thereon at the rate of 6.975% per annum, from February 24, 1989 to date; Monthly Loan Charge of \$42.98 each, until paid; plus monthly late charges of \$2.98 each, until paid; 1/10/2002 until paid; together with title expenses, costs, trustee's fees and attorneys fees incurred herein by reason of said default; and any further sums advanced by the beneficiary or the beneficiary's successor in interest for protection of the above-described real property and its interest in it.
The beneficiary and trustee or their successors in interest, have elected and do hereby elect to cause the property to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and the expenses of the sale, including the compensations of the trustee or successor trustee and the reasonable attorney fees incurred.
The Original Notice of Sale pursuant thereto stated that the property would be sold on 07/16/2003 at the hour of 11:00 AM, Standard Time, at the FRONT ENTRANCE OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, 260 THIRD AVENUE NORTH in the city of TWIN FALLS County of TWIN FALLS State of Idaho; however subsequent to the recording of said Notice of Default the original sale proceedings were held in the District Court or by proceedings under the National Bankruptcy Act or for other lawful reasons.
The beneficiary does not participate in obtaining such sale. Said sale was terminated on 10/20/2003.
WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on December 23, 2003 at the hour of 11:00 AM Standard Time at the FRONT ENTRANCE OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, 260 THIRD AVENUE NORTH, City of TWIN FALLS, County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations hereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee.
Dated: November 18, 2003
FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, Trustee
c/o CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE CORPORATION
1615 E. CAJON, CA 92022-9004
(619) 590-9200

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your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.
DATED this 5th day of November, 2003.
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Deputy Clerk
PUBLISH: November 14, 21, 28 and December 5, 2003

LEGAL NOTICE
The December 2003 meeting of the Board of Directors and the annual general membership meeting of the Idaho Crop Improvement Association, Inc. will be held at the Madison office of Idaho Crop Improvement at 55 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 150 in Meridian, Idaho on December 4, 2003. The general membership meeting will start at 9:00 AM, with the 2003 election of board members from Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7. The December Board of Directors meeting will follow at the conclusion

of the membership meeting and the board meeting will conclude at 5:00 PM.
PUBLISHED: November 28, 27 and 28, 2003
TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee's Sale No. 02-HH-34995 Notice is hereby given that Fidelity National Title Insurance, the duly appointed Successor Trustee of Idaho Code, Title 15, Section 15-2-204, at the hour of 10:00 AM, of said day, at the main office of Alliance Title & Escrow, 311 Second Street North, Twin Falls, ID, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in full payment of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, to-wit: Lot 10

Loan No. 806819002
Parcel No. 08023-09
Parcel No. 101814
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On March 4, 2004, at the hour of 11:00 am, of said day, at the MAIN ENTRANCE OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, 260 THIRD AVENUE NORTH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a State or National Bank, a check drawn by a State or Federal Savings and Loan Association, or a check drawn by a Federal Savings Bank, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of IDAHO, and described as follows, to-wit:
LOT 3, RANDALL SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, FILED IN BOOK 5 OF PLATS, PAGE 29
Commonly known as 519 Lincoln Street, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by JERRY P. KOEHLER AND PATRICIA D. KOEHLER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, recorded October 27, 2004, as Instrument No. 2000-016780, and the above described real property, IDAHO CODE, NO. 15-2-204. REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due June 1, 2003 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent payments due thereafter; plus late charges; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said deed of trust.
The estimated balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$75,410.25 including principal, interest and impounds actually incurred in trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned deed of trust.
FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY
c/o CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE CORPORATION
1615 E. CAJON, CA 92022-9004
(619) 590-9200
Dated: November 03, 2003
First American Title Insurance Company
s/Eлизаbeth B. Mills, Assist. Sec.

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Most bridge hands have a theme that bears a close or passing resemblance to past deals. The more hands you play, the more themes you learn, but the problem is that you cannot always tie in your past experience to the conundrum in front of you. Today's declarer reached four spades and received a club lead. Rather than relying on the diamond finesse, he planned to utilize his diamond intermediates. So he won dummy's club ace, drew two rounds of trumps with his ace and queen, then cashed the ace king and diamonds and advanced the jack. Unluckily for him, East covered, and West over-ruffed South's spade nine with the jack. West then made the thought-ful play of the heart king, making it easy for East to cash out two hearts and a club.

The right line is far from obvious. After taking dummy's club ace, play the spade ace, then the diamond ace and king. Next, lead the diamond jack, planning to run it and pitch your club loser if East plays low or discards. If East ruffs on the third diamond, you over-ruff, draw the last trump with dummy's spade king, and concede two hearts and a club. You have a trump left in dummy for your third heart.

Finally, if East covers the diamond jack with the queen, ruff high, then go to the spade king and lead the diamond nine to throw your club away. West can ruff and cash two hearts, but you have the rest.

- NORTH K 7 4 5 3 A K J 9 4 3 2 SOUTH WEST EAST J 10 5 K J 8 2 7 4 8 7 5 2 A 10 7 4 Q 8 6 10 5 K Q J 9 A Q 9 8 3 2 Q 9 6 10 5 10 6

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: South The bidding: South West North East 2 A Pass West 4 A All pass Opening lead: Club eight

BID WITH THE ACES

- South holds: A 6 A 10 7 4 8 3 3 K Q J 9 South West North East Pass Pass 1 * 2 A Pass Pass

ANSWER: Reopen with a double. Playing negative doubles, you have reason to hope that partner has a penalty pass of two spades here. If he had been able to make a penalty double, you would have sat for it, so despite your minimum high cards, you must reopen with a double and hope that you caught the opponents speeding.

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