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Opening tonight: The 19th annual edition of Christmas in City Park opens this afternoon with a concert by the Lighthouse Christian Lighthouse Choir. The Soroptimist-sponsored event, which brings music to the park on the four Sundays before Christmas, starts at 5 p.m. It's free, and coffee, hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies will be available.

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Are you ready for the holidays?

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Oh, Henry!

Hailey's Company of Fools reprises the timeless Christmas fable, 'Gift of the Magi.'

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Needy kids in Mexico may soon have a new orphanage.

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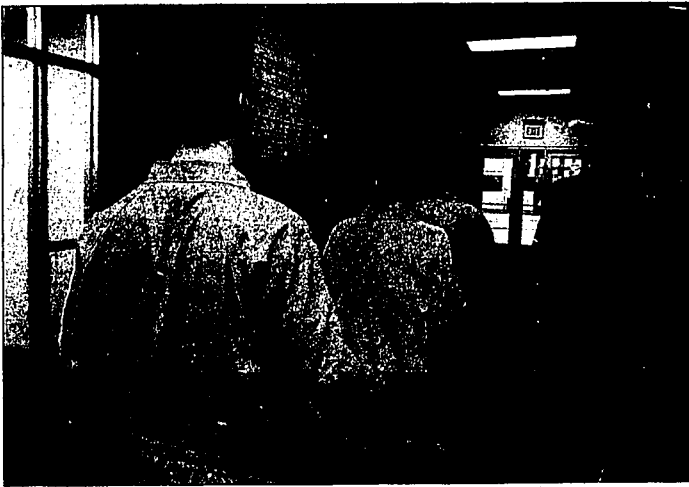
Toys that fail

You've heard all about the best toys for Christmas '03. Now look at the worst.

Sunday

The Times-News

The big squeeze



Inmates from the Twin Falls County Jail make their way into a courtroom for their arraignment hearings.

T.F. County looks for ways to deal with jail overcrowding

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's a Friday afternoon, and Steve Byers is hopeful. There are two empty beds in the Twin Falls County Jail, and with any luck they'll stay that way. As the administrative sergeant walks the halls of the jail, a call comes through. Someone has been arrested and is on her way. A little later, another suspect is booked. The jail is full, and the sun hasn't yet set on what is proving to be another busy weekend for the jail staff.

Even cautious optimism is a luxury when you're running a jail that constantly exceeds capacity.

The 220-bed jail was built in 1989 and was supposed to last 10 years. Demand quickly outgrew capacity, even with alternative programs such as work-release sentences. Increasingly, inmates have been sent to other county jails to serve time.

Madison, Bonanza, Cassia and Bannock counties are all recipients of men and women who couldn't be accommodated in the

Monthly comparisons

Here are total bookings for the month of September over the past decade at the Twin Falls County Jail:

Table with 5 columns: Year, Total Misdemeanors, Felonies. Rows for years 1993-2003.

Source: Twin Falls County Jail

Twin Falls County Jail. During 2002, the county spent \$455,000 housing inmates elsewhere.

It costs about \$45 a day to house an inmate in an out-of-county facility. 'On Nov. 19, we had 27 inmates in other jails,' Twin Falls County Commissioner Gary Grindstaff said. 'That's \$1,215 a day, and we've been about that way all week. It adds up pretty fast.'

The meth connection - A11 Group: Look at alternatives to incarceration - A14

The costs - and the effectiveness of locking up some offenders - are being called into question. County officials are looking for ways to solve the jail overcrowding problem, but they've yet to find solutions. People in the criminal justice system agree that something's got to give. But what?

Why it's filling

The introduction of methamphetamine to the area, an increase in countywide population and enhanced efforts at targeting some crimes have all contributed to the burgeoning jail population, Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb says.

'We clearly have too many people in custody for the jail we have,' he said. 'From a prosecutor's standpoint the jail is overcrowded, and it's costing us a lot of

money to farm people out.' Indeed, the county has faced a surge in prisoners.

'Our caseload has gone up,' Twin Falls County Public Defender John Hansen said. 'We have more cases on the docket than we have time to do.'

A couple of years ago, county commissioners began looking for ways to build a new jail. The county considered, then abandoned, plans to enter into a \$30 million, 30-year lease with a trio of companies. In May 2002, voters rejected a \$16 million bond issue to pay for a new jail.

This fall, commissioners and members of the justice system fielded bids for needs assessment studies on how to deal with the issue. A trio of entities, including Boise-based Lombard-Conrad Architects, was selected to conduct the \$50,000 study.

'We're looking at where (the county) has been, where they're going and the type of inmates, booking and trends they have,' managing partner Russ Moorhead said. 'We just don't know until we

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Trail, highway boost Westpark plans

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - One decade after its controversial rezoning, the 100-acre chunk of north Twin Falls now dubbed 'Westpark' boasts both a trail with public views of southern Idaho's famously gorgeous gorge, and the prospect of the highway frontage that's attractive to huge commercial stores.

With a smattering of businesses, offices and homes already, the former farmland is drawing new investment by residential developers and relocation-minded local professionals. Westpark's various

handovers pre-empted a first decade report more.

The development area bordered by Washington Street North, Pole Line Road, the Perrine Coulee and the Snake River Canyon rim, J. Francis Florence contends, represents a project in cooperative community planning of mixed-use development.

'Where you live, work and play,' said Florence, a leader in a Westpark office park. A special package of Times-News stories in today's Money section takes stock of Westpark 10 years after the City Council unanimously approved the last piece of a commercial planned-unit development there, in early December 1993.

The 1993 rezoning happened in pieces and covered land east of the coulee, as well. It was granted to the MOVE partnership of developers Richard Messersmith, Bruce Oh and former mayor

Vollmer, who sold their interests in the mid-1990s. The approval came after extensive comment by the public, including nearby homeowners and advocates of canyon-rim preservation. The California Supreme Court is set to hear the case Dec. 2.

Versions of the law have been adopted in 20 states after lawmakers concluded private employee prescription plans without contraceptive benefits discriminated against women. Lawyers closely following the debate said the only other legal challenge is in the lower courts of New York, before a judge of the Supreme Court of Albany County. California's case is years ahead of the New York litigation, and civil rights groups, health care

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U.S. shifts to more mobile force

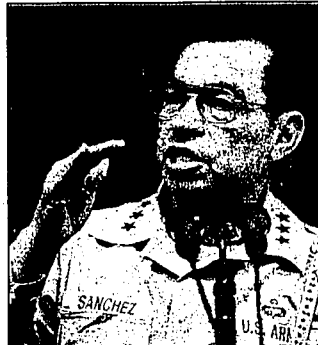
Ambush claims 7 Spanish officers

Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq - In an effort to take the fight to the guerrillas who are attacking the United States and its allies, U.S. commanders in Iraq are shifting to a new, more mobile rapid reaction force that will be tailored for small-scale urban warfare.

Undercutting the need for more aggressive tactics, gunmen Saturday ambushed a team of Spanish military intelligence officers 18 miles south of Baghdad. Seven officers were killed and one was wounded, said Spain's Defense Minister, Federico Trillo.

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Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the U.S. military commander in Iraq, tells the media Saturday that the United States is boosting the number of infantry soldiers in Iraq and moving from a force based on tanks and heavy armored vehicles.

Catholics ask courts to be absolved of contraceptive law

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - If you don't believe in the law, do you have to follow it?

That's the question before courts in New York and California, which are being asked to exempt branches of the Catholic Church from state laws requiring contraceptives be included in employee prescription drug plans. Under church doctrine, contraception is sinful. 'The Catholic Church explicitly teaches that artificial contraception is morally unacceptable and, if knowingly and freely engaged in, sinful,' Catholic Charities of Sacramento attorney James Sweetney said.

After California's law was enacted in 2000, the group unsuccessfully sought a court ruling to bar the law from being enforced on the church's charity outreach programs. A state appeals court also denied the church relief. Now the California Supreme Court is set to hear the case Dec. 2.

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NATION

COINS EMERGE FROM SHIP

Sunken, Civil War-era steamer starts releasing its riches

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Historical records indicate the sidewheel steamer SS Republic was carrying 20,000 gold coins — worth \$120 million to \$180 million today — when a hurricane sent it to the bottom of the Atlantic in 1865.

But there could be more. A lot more. Based on early examination of the sunken wreck by the crew of the ship Odyssey Explorer, coin expert Donald Kagin thinks there could be close to 30,000 gold pieces down there, 1,700 feet beneath the surface.

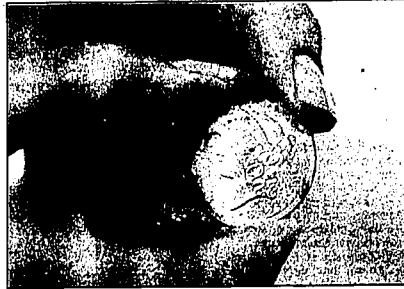
Either way it will almost certainly be one of the richest shipwrecks ever salvaged. And because it is so far out in international water, salvage company Odyssey Marine Exploration doesn't have to share the wealth with coastal state governments. The company also gained legal possession of the site in federal court under a principle known as "admiralty" that bars anyone else from laying claim to the treasure.

High-resolution photos taken by a remotely controlled underwater vehicle show a massive pile of coins that looks like something out of "Pirates of the Caribbean." "This is what we all dream about," said Kagin, an author and authority on U.S. coins who has been hired to catalog and preserve the treasure.

It's too early to say how much it will end up being worth, he said. "This is like predicting the presidential election at 9 o'clock in the morning," said John Morris, president of Odyssey Marine Exploration, a publicly traded company based in Tampa. "We have a lot of investors here that make it look really good, but there's a lot of work to do."

The discovery in July of the Republic wreck, about 100 miles southeast of Savannah, was the culmination of more than a decade of searching by Morris and his partner Greg Stemm.

Along with their 250-foot Odyssey Explorer, the heart of the project is Zeus, a "remotely operated vehicle" — or ROV — that acts as the crew's eyes and hands. The ROV is equipped with cameras and has robotic arms that can handle the most delicate finds. A vacuum system lifts coins and



This Coronet Head \$20 Double Eagle coin, shown in an undated photo, was lifted off the shipwreck of the S.S. Republic during salvage operations this month.

other artifacts into a container to be hoisted to the surface. "It's as good as being down there," said project archaeologist Neil C. Dolson. "In fact, it's even better because you can get so close. It's the nearest you can get to getting the archaeologist on site."

So far, the Odyssey Explorer crew has recovered about 1,750 coins and 300 other artifacts, including the ship's bell. It could take another three months or so to finish. A National Geographic film team is chronicling the expedition.

The Republic, a 210-foot steamer that was once part of the Union fleet, was carrying 59 passengers and taking money and supplies from New York to New Orleans for post-Civil War reconstruction when it went down.

All the passengers escaped aboard life boats, according to newspaper accounts at the time, but the ship was lost until the Odyssey explorers detected it last summer.

The company also has plans to salvage another ship, the HMS Sussex, which sank in 1694 off Gibraltar while leading a British fleet into the Mediterranean Sea. Historians believe the 157-foot warship was carrying nine tons of gold intended to buy the support of the Duke of Savoy for war against France.

But while the Sussex's cargo could be more valuable than the

Republic's, Odyssey will have to share it with the British government. The company will get 80 percent of the first \$45 million and about 50 percent of the proceeds thereafter.

Officials say abductions aren't linked

FERTILE, Minn. (AP) — A teenager told police she was kidnapped while leaving work at a store 45 miles from where a North Dakota college student recently disappeared, but authorities said Saturday the two apparent abductions were not related.

The latest reported kidnapping, outside a grocery store as the girl was leaving work Friday, had raised speculation about a connection to Nov. 22 disappearance of Dru Sjodin, a University of North Dakota student who was last heard

from outside the Grand Forks, N.D., mall where she worked.

Grand Forks police had spoken with authorities investigating the teenager's report and released a statement Saturday saying: "Law enforcement officials have determined that this case is not related to the Dru Sjodin case and are handling it as a completely separate investigation."

Authorities in Fertile would not immediately say why a connection was ruled out.

The girl told authorities she was able to escape when her attacker's car slowed down, and she ran to a nearby house for help. She said the vehicle smelled of cigarette smoke, but she apparently was not able to give a further description of the man or the car.

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NATION

FDA lacks statistics on Canada drug dangers

By Tony Pugh
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Although they've been warning Americans that the dangers of prescription drugs from Canada for nearly a year, U.S. Food and Drug Administration officials can't name a single American who's been injured or killed by drugs bought from licensed Canadian pharmacies.

"We don't have that," said Tom McGinnis, the FDA's director of pharmacy affairs. "I can't think of one thing off the top of my head where somebody died or somebody got put in the hospital because of these medications. I just don't know if there's anything like that."

Neither does Canada. Health Canada, which regulates Canada's prescription industry, "does not have any information that would indicate that any Americans have become ill or have died as a result of taking prescription medications purchased from Canada," said Jirina Vik, a spokeswoman for Health Canada.

That doesn't mean there are no such cases, nor does it mean that all drugs from Canada are safe. But the absence of documented harm strongly suggests that medications obtained from licensed Canadian pharmacies are safe, and raises questions about whether the FDA may be overstating the risk of buying less expensive Canadian drugs.

FDA Commissioner Margaret McClellan, in a speech last week in Canada before a group of drug information experts, said the agency had found "thousands of examples of unapproved and potentially unsafe medications" coming into the United States from many countries, including from Canada.

In a subsequent news conference in Ottawa, McClellan was more specific, according to news reports, saying there were "lots of examples of unsafe drugs coming into the United States from Canada."

"A recent report by the Congressional Research Service — the Library of Congress expert that Congress turns to for objective information — supports the safety of drugs from Canada. It found that medications manufactured and distributed in Canada meet or surpass quality control guidelines set by the FDA."

Concern that the FDA may be misleading consumers has hurt its credibility among some Capitol Hill lawmakers, who say the agency is carrying water for the powerful drug industry.

"There's no question in my mind that the (FDA) is too dependent on the pharmaceutical industry for their attitudes and decision making," said Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., who chairs a House subcommittee that's studied the Canadian drug issue. "I had four hearings and I asked (FDA) Associate Commissioner William Hubbard to give me examples where people have been damaged by Canadian pharmaceuticals and re-importation, and he couldn't even give me one, not one."

In response to Burton, Hubbard cited examples of people who got the wrong drugs from Canadian pharmacies. While that's a danger, U.S. pharmacists make similar errors, Hubbard also told Burton that the FDA thinks many people don't report adverse incidents that result from Canadian drugs.

That's because they fear being prosecuted for violating federal laws against foreign drug imports, said Carmen Catzone, the executive director of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, in Park Ridge, Ill., group that repre-

Buying prescriptions over the Internet

Buying Canadian drugs over the Internet — the main method that Americans use to cheat higher U.S. prices, even though it's illegal — will never be as safe as a face-to-face transaction with a licensed U.S. pharmacist. Gabriel Levitt, research director at PharmacyChecker.com, an online company that for a fee advises Americans on Canadian Internet pharmacies and their comparative prices, offers these suggestions to make the transactions as reliable as possible:

- **Make sure** the Canadian Internet pharmacy is licensed. You can do that via the Canadian National

Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities, at <http://www.napra.org/>

- **Deal only** with Canadian Internet pharmacies that require a copy of a doctor's prescription.
- **The Canadian online address** should have a street address and a phone number that works, a privacy policy that prohibits sharing customers' medical information with third parties and encryption security that protects credit card numbers.

More safety information about buying foreign drugs online is available on the Food and Drug Administration's Web site, at <http://www.fda.gov/cder/consumerinfo/border.htm>

injured after taking Canadian drugs. In each case, the drugs weren't the problem. The problem was that the Canadian pharmacist made a mistake in filling the prescription.

Studies indicate that such errors also occur in about 3 percent of the 3 billion-plus retail prescriptions filled annually in the United States, said Mike Cohen, a pharmacist and president of the Huntington, Pa.-based Institute of Safe Medication Practices, a non-profit group that's working to reduce medication errors.

In one case, according to Catzone's Senate testimony, an Illinois woman who ordered an asthma inhaler for her child got the wrong drug. Contacted later, Catzone said he could provide no further details of the case.

In the second case, a Canadian pharmacy mistakenly sent Jan Baross of Portland, Ore., hypertension medication instead of the breast cancer drug Tamoxifen. Baross purchased her drugs through Medicine Sharpe Canada, a storefront in Alberta that forwarded her prescription to the Canadian pharmacy that filled the order.

sents state boards appointed by U.S. and Canadian governors.

In testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee, Catzone said injuries from bad drugs might not surface for years, and then might not be linked to Canadian drugs.

McGinnis said FDA warnings about bad drugs from Canada were valid and reflected the "buyer beware" caution that's justified when people buy drugs via the Internet. "A lot of internet pharmacies that claim to be Canadian aren't even based in Canada," McGinnis said.

With U.S. spending on Canadian drugs expected to hit \$1.4 billion this year, the FDA has warned con-

sumers against counterfeit, tainted or mislabeled drugs from Canada. This reflects the fact that neither government takes responsibility for the safety of cross-border drug purchases.

"Looks can be deceiving," one FDA announcement read. "The medicine you buy across the borders may be unsafe or ineffective. Don't risk your health."


However, in only two publicized cases have U.S. buyers been

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NATION

Senators vow to revisit energy bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with steadfast opposition, Senate leaders had no choice this month but to turn out the lights on a sweeping energy policy, including provisions aimed at expanding energy production in the Rocky Mountain West.

But both sides recognized that a stalemate in the Senate was a time out rather than a decisive victory.



Sen. Pete Domenici

"I'm hopeful that in the next couple of months as we watch things get worse on the energy front, that we will find a way to come back to the energy bill and pass it substantially as it is," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. "I hope we don't have another black-out. If they do and the American people ask what we've done about it, our answer will have to be 'nothing.'"

"A dispute over protecting makers of a gasoline additive from lawsuits and budget-hawk opposition to lavish spending in the \$31 billion legislation led to the deadlock in the Senate. Last year, energy legislation was abandoned when the Senate and House could not reach agreement.

"We hope this monstrosity dies the ignominious death it deserves," said Geoff Fettus, an attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council. "It was a special interest bonanza. That's all it was."

With concern about the U.S. reliance on foreign oil, a recent energy crisis in the West and a massive summer power outage in the Northeast, Republicans

What the bill would do

- Allow oil and gas construction activities, including wells, pipelines and refineries, to be exempted from the Clean Water Act.
- Establish the White House Office of Federal Project Coordination to expedite energy projects.
- Exempt gas mining operations that use hydraulic fracturing from regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act, despite concerns that the chemicals used could pollute drinking wells.
- Allow oil and gas companies to be reimbursed from mining royalties for the cost of environmental studies.
- Reduce the royalty rate on oil and gas stripper wells that would otherwise not be economically viable.

believed the time was ripe to pass the new energy policy.

The legislation contained dozens of subsidies to energy producers, exempted some types of gas exploration from environmental regulation, tried to expedite construction of new pipelines, and sought to speed up the permitting process to drill for oil and gas.

At the same time, it would also have provided billions of dollars for energy research, authorized spending \$50 million to assess renewable energy resources and provided tax incentives for hybrid vehicles.

"It seems to me this energy bill was a step in the right direction. To not see its passage is discouraging," said Marc Smith, executive director of the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States. "We think there can be a balance between the environmental protections and quality of life and I think there are some things in this energy bill that were aimed toward that goal."

Democrats and environmentalists complained the bill, ham-

- Reduce the federal role, including some environmental standards, for energy projects on American Indian land to encourage development of resources.
- Designate seven Bureau of Land Management field offices to participate in a pilot program to find ways to speed the oil and gas permitting process.
- Require a new study of restrictions to drilling on public lands. The first found little of the oil and gas beneath federal land was off-limits.
- Provide \$30 million for a controversial uranium mining pilot project in New Mexico.
- Offer \$100 million in aid to companies using new technologies to drill for oil or coaled methane.

pered into in months of secretive negotiations, went too far to break down environmental safeguards.

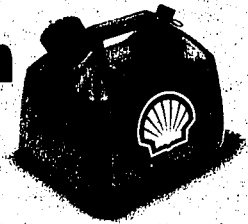
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BY MILES CARSON
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"All our vehicles are posted with an incredibly low price on each and every one, but that's just the beginning of the savings," said Ken Lynch Used Car Manager. "Our mission is to sell every one of these cars by the close of business on Sunday, so we're going to be slashing prices on the spot throughout the sale. We needed to blackout the prices from drive-by traffic because there's a good chance that the posted price is going to be reduced."

And that's what's caused the problem. "Too many used vehicles," stated Barry Langdon. "We've been taking in trades like 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 have to get rid of one way or another."

"Basically we're dealin'." Said Barry Langdon. "We're just going to keep cutting the price until the vehicle sells."

Oftentimes, when a car dealer is over-loaded with used cars they take them to the nearest used car auction and dump them, in many cases accepting offers that are far less than the car is actually worth. "All of our managers got together to come up with a solution. Frankly we're tired of the auctions getting bargains and then turning around and marking up the same vehicle to be sold to the public," Barry Langdon explained. "We decided that if we were going to have to just blow these cars out we might as well give the people in Twin Falls the first chance at the deal. It makes a lot more sense for us to sell a deeply dis-

counted car to one of neighbors and get a happy customer. Makes sense but why the mystery? Why black out the lot? All our vehicles are posted with an incredibly low price on each and every one, but that's just the beginning of the savings," said Ken Lynch Used Car Manager. "Our mission is to sell every one of these cars by the close of business on Sunday, so we're going to be slashing prices on the spot throughout the sale. We needed to blackout the prices from drive-by traffic because there's a good chance that the posted price is going to be reduced."

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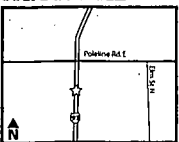
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Trial is messy retelling of Olympic scandal, but bribery hard to prove

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A month into the Olympic bribery trial, prosecutors have dazzled the jury with testimony about scads of suspicious payments doled out by the globe-trotting Salt Lake bid leaders.

But they're having trouble adding it all up.

It's not clear that Tom Welch or Dave Johnson committed bribery



in testimony so far from nine prosecution witnesses or hundreds of checks and wire payments flashed on courtroom screens. Many times those payments to International Olympic Committee delegates were shown without explanation, leaving jurors unable to decide if they were bribes or travel or expense reimbursements.

—And Utah's strict legal definition of bribery, which anchors the government's 15-count indictment against Welch and Johnson, is a poor fit for Olympic lobbying. The law was crafted for commercial dealings, making it a misdemeanor to offer bribes or kickbacks "without the consent" of higher-ups and damaging to a company's interest.

Defense lawyers plan to show Salt Lake Olympic trustees gave at least their tacit approval and that nobody was hurt by the generous reimbursement for IOC visitors, the scholarships awarded the children at U.S. schools or the "grants" for foreign Olympic

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teams that often went directly to IOC members' bank accounts.

Justice Department fraud prosecutor Richard Wiedis has had better success exposing the bid campaign's creative accounting, which booked IOC payments under innocent-sounding budget categories. Even so, defense lawyers contend the thinly disguised bookkeeping was apparent to any Olympic trustee who wanted to know how his money was being spent.

The next phase in the trial will unfold Monday as Wiedis starts calling Salt Lake's leading Olympic trustees — chairman Frank Joklik, banker Spencer Eccles and former Utah Power president Veril Topham. James Beardall, who was chairman of the bid campaign's audit committee, also is on the prosecution's witness list.

All four have claimed they were deceived by the actions of Welch, 59, who was president of the Salt

Lake bid and organizing committees, and Johnson, 44, who was senior vice president.

The two men are on trial charged with masterminding an elaborate bribery racketeering conspiracy. They're accused of paying IOC delegates and relatives with \$1 million in cash, gifts, jobs, medical care and every manner of favor.

But the picture emerging so far is of a pair of naive defendants who learned it would take more than saltwater-taffy or cowboy hats to win the loyalties of IOC delegates. Testimony has suggested that in 1991, Salt Lake was out-gifted by Japanese boosters who won the 1998 Winter Olympics, forcing it to campaign a second time with more resolve.

By then, Salt Lake was an undisputed front-runner for the 2002 Winter Olympics. The irony is that Welch and Johnson revved the favor machine for games they probably would have won anyway.

But defense lawyers say the bid leaders could have nothing to chance. They're trying to depict the gift-giving as so commonplace among competing cities that Salt Lake had to match the best of them. They argue the men's actions were not a crime and left no victims.

The scandal forced the expulsion or resignation of 10 IOC members for the worst excesses, but defense lawyers established that 65 of the IOCs then-100 delegates accepted gifts or reimbursement from Salt Lake that exceeded a \$150-per-gift limit.

Plane crash kills pilot in Spokane

SPOKANE (AP) — A twin-engine plane crashed on its final approach to an air strip in the Spokane Valley on Saturday morning, killing the pilot.

No one else was on board when the Merlin aircraft went down near Felts Field, north of town, according to a duty officer in the Federal Aviation Administration's regional headquarters in Renton.

Additional details were not immediately available.

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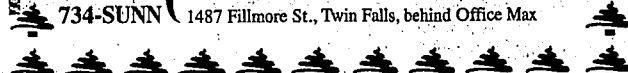
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NATION

Alaska land-rights dispute drags on

By Elaine Harden
The Washington Post

The curious case of Papa Pilgrim and the bulldozer he drove inside the largest U.S. national park continues to lurch across the legal and environmental landscape of Alaska.

It began a year ago, when Pilgrim, whose legal name is Robert Allan Hale, drove a bulldozer 14 miles over an abandoned road inside Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, which encircles his ranch in the mountains of eastern Alaska. He said he did it out of love for his wife and 15 children, who needed food and other supplies.

Pilgrim's self-assigned road repair infuriated the National Park Service, which quickly closed the freshly cleared track. That infuriated land-rights activists, who have embraced



Robert Allan Hale, also known as Papa Pilgrim, with his 14-year-old daughter, Jerusalem, on the front porch of their house on the Pilgrim ranch inside Wrangell-St. Elias National Park in eastern Alaska. Pilgrim has said that if the federal government does not allow his family to use a road he bulldozed last winter, it is because it wants to "starve us out."

A federal judge in Anchorage last week ordered all sides in the Pilgrim affair to, in effect, chill out. "The showmanship and emotionalism that have characterized their interactions in the past must

cease," wrote U.S. District Judge Ralph Beistline.

In the future, the judge said, he expects that all parties to the bulldozer imbroglio "will each respect the other and will communicate openly and candidly."

That seems extremely unlikely, given that the Pilgrims and some Park Service workers have made it quite clear that they do not like or trust each other.

The judge, ruled Nov. 18 against Pilgrim and in favor of the National Park Service. If Pilgrim wants to run a bulldozer on the derelict road, the judge said, he must first get a permit from the Park Service. Pilgrim drove the bulldozer last year without applying for one.

Pilgrim, 62, who bought his 410-acre ranch inside the park two years ago, has said that if the federal government does not allow

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 his family to use the road this winter, it is because it wants to "steer us out." He has characterized the dispute as a David vs. Goliath battle, one that pits his "simple family that never knew anything but how to live in the wilderness" against federal bureaucrats who have shown a "selfish, greedy and hateful attitude."
 Park Service rangers have said they are fed up with the pushy behavior of the Pilgrim family, especially the sons who carry revolvers and rifles. "We are not going to back off," Hunter Sharp, chief ranger in the park, said in August.
 Pilgrim's attorney, from a national conservative public interest foundation, insists that under federal law Pilgrim does not need an access permit to bulldoze the road.
 Russell Brooks, of the Pacific Legal Foundation, filed a motion for reconsideration yesterday with the federal court in Anchorage.

Brooks said last week that he will appeal the federal court ruling in Anchorage because the judge did not address two fundamental legal questions about private access across federal land. The first involves federal land in Alaska, but the second affects access to federal land across the United States.
 As for Alaska, Brooks noted that Congress "promised a right of access to landholders" inside the 104 million acres of parks and refuges created there in 1980.
 "To us, it is pretty clear that the Park Service does not have discretion to deny access," said Brooks, whose group often represents "in-holders" people who own property in the parks.
 In Alaska, a group of highly vocal in-holders has complained for years that the Park Service is trying to force them off their land. These landowners have chartered—and are helping to bankroll—Pilgrim's cause.
 Beistline, however, said in his

ruling that Congress gave the Park Service the power to "reasonably regulate access routes that pass through park property."
 Pilgrim wants to "open up a road that has been overgrown and

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Officials: Meth plays big role in jail overcrowding

Beds are filled due to drug habit

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The mid-1990s saw the advent of what many would argue to be the most insidious substance to plague south-central Idaho: methamphetamine.

"I wish I had a magic wand to make meth go away," Twin Falls County Public Defender John Hansen said.

Jail beds are filled with people convicted of methamphetamine use, possession, and the jail was built before the drug became a problem in the community, Hansen said.

Related crimes such as forgery and burglary — stemming from addicts trying to get money for drugs — also land people in jail. And often, their addiction leads to frequent, destructive behavior.

"Meth is a hard drug to get off," Hansen said. "The prognosis for recovery to get off it is worse than for heroin or cocaine."

What's worse, other old habits die hard.

"When they finish their sentence and get released," Hansen said, "they find their old friends."

If they don't have something positive to go to, they'll turn to something negative.

Exact statistics for drug offenders, and other offenders, in the system are not available. Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb said those figures would be of little use because there are so many variables and swings in offender population.

Higher bookings on weekends, people who are charged with crimes but bail out and judges' sentencing preferences all add to fluctuations in jail population, he said.

But few disagree that meth is a huge burden, and that users and abusers are filling the jail.

"There are absolutely not enough drug treatment programs," Hansen said. "There's a waiting list to get into Drug Court and inpatient facilities."

It's tough to get money allocated to treatment programs because their benefits aren't seen right away. But Hansen argued that there is an ethical basis for it, as well as financial incentives.

"Even though my clients are addicted and have broken the

law," he said, "they're still members of the community. As a community, we have to decide what to do."

The jail staff is doing what it can on a limited budget, said Capt. Bob Wright, Twin Falls County jail commander.

"We do our part, and we do it well," Wright said. "We've got Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, GED programs and church programs (in jail). If they want a high school diploma, we work with them on that. You'd like to offer more in the facility, but counties don't have the funding to bring in vo-tech or rehab that the state offers."

Instead, he relies on volunteers to offer services to inmates.

But getting and spending more money in the short term, Hansen argued, might end the revolving-door syndrome. Programs like Drug Court save money in the long run by ending the cycle of abuse, he said.

"Babies stay drug free, and families remain intact," he said. "Drug treatments are really making a positive impact on my clients and their families."

If more money were available, alternative options could include counseling for drunken driving and domestic violence.

Coeur d'Alene County has a drunken-driving court, and coun-

ties in other states have domestic violence and mental health courts, Hansen said.

"Implementation of Drug Court took a group of people getting together and making that work," Hansen said. He advocates a similar push to start others.

"For a lot of people, jail is going to be the right answer," he said. "But it may be more cost-effective to do something besides jail, especially when people come back again with some kind of charge. Sentencing them to jail isn't the only thing or necessarily the best thing."

His office is working with the county to find grants that will help provide money to begin new programs.

"The Department of Justice has a number of programs out there," Hansen said. "We need to make ourselves aware that these kinds of things are possible."

Fast successes in the criminal justice system include a change in the way fees are collected from defendants. With the increase in collection, the public defender's office was able to hire another public defender. The added staff allows cases to get through the system more quickly, Hansen said.

"We're all trying to look at bottlenecks in the system," Hansen said. "We want to get them through more efficiently."

Look at alternatives to incarceration, group says

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Incidents of violent crime are still relatively rare in south-central Idaho. But what feels like a rise in crime leaves many people feeling insecure — and favoring tougher sentences for offenders.

"The core element is, 'I want to feel safe in my community,'" said Ryan King, research associate at Washington, D.C.-based The Sentencing Project. "When people say they want stricter penalties and more people in prison, they're saying that they want more public safety."

But locking people up doesn't have to be the only answer, he said. And with jail overcrowding, other options should get a closer look.

"The dialogue around crime and punishment has degraded into whether it's jail or nothing," King said. "His organization is trying to broaden the debate to ensure the individual is accountable for the act and at the same

time having the punishment be more cost-effective and lessen recidivism."

There's no question that for the safety of themselves and others, some people need to be incarcerated, he said.

"But we need to be identifying the people who don't need to be there. Investing money in treatment is more cost-effective than investing it in prisons," King said.

Long term, he advocates a look at the legislation that puts people in jail in the first place.

"As long as there's the strict legislation, particularly for drug offenses, no matter how many short-term fixes you make, there will be perpetual pressure on entry points," he said.

Rolling back mandatory minimum sentences is another way to ease jails' burdens, he said.

"Legislation has a significant impact on the prison population," he said. "Tweaking policy and procedure isn't going to work. If the goal is a long-term, substantial drop in jail populations, you have to turn to the Legislature."

Catholic

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companies and Catholic organizations have filed extensive position papers with the court.

"It certainly could be very persuasive on other courts," said Rebekah Diller, a New York Civil Liberties Union director who is following the litigation.

At issue is a collision of the right of a religion to practice what it preaches and the newly acquired rights of thousands of women employed by church-affiliated groups to be insured for contraceptives.

Catholic Charities directly employs more than 1,000 workers in California and New York, but a ruling favoring the charity could also prevent more than 100,000 employees at 77 church-affiliated hospitals in California and New York from benefiting from the laws

State regulators point to U.S. Supreme Court rulings in favor of a ban on polygamy, despite objections from Mormons, and against Native Americans who were denied unemployment insurance after being fired for using peyote during religious ceremonies.

"The church's claim that it is coerced into violating its religious beliefs by a state law requiring health insurance plans and disability policies to include prescription contraceptive coverage is nonsense," said California Deputy Attorney General Meg Holleran.

The two states note that churches are exempt from having to provide contraception coverage for employees who work inside parishes and houses of worship. That is known as the "religious employer exemption" because the parishes generally serve worshippers and employ those with similar religious

views.

Several states have no such exemptions for religious entities. Other versions exempt church groups and "qualified church-controlled organizations."

Catholic Charities had a \$76 million budget in California alone last year and provided social services to persons of any religion or background. It does not demand that its workers are Catholic or share the church's philosophy.

The organization, however, says it is carrying out the work of Jesus, and by the law's definition, "Mother Teresa would be forced to offer contraceptives," said Carol Hogan, a spokeswoman for the California Catholic Conference.

Sweeney added that the law is "un-American and disturbing" because of its "disrespect of religious, moral values."

Sweeney pointed out that even

the nation's military allows for the religious views of conscientious objectors by keeping them off the front lines, and that laws demanding certain traffic-safety markings on Amish horsecarriages have been nullified because they treaded on the Amish lifestyle.

An attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union argued that siding with the Catholics would, in essence, impose the church's doctrine on thousands of non-Catholic women who work at the church's hospitals or social-service agencies.

"Catholic Charities' noncompliance with California law would injure three fundamental rights of the people who work for the social services agency: gender equality, reproductive autonomy and religious freedom," attorney Margaret Crosby told California's high court in briefs.



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WORLD

Iraq

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In another sign that the guerrillas are trying to demoralize America's allies in Iraq, Japanese officials on Sunday morning in Tokyo said they were checking unconfirmed reports that two men believed to be Japanese diplomats were killed in an ambush Saturday afternoon near Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown, 110 miles north of the Iraqi capital.

The attacks on the Spaniards and the Japanese, both among America's staunchest allies in Iraq, were the latest blows to the U.S.-led coalition, which has seen 77 American soldiers die in November, more than in any other month since the U.S.-led invasion began on March 20. A total of 73 U.S. soldiers died in September and October combined.

A new, lighter U.S. force will spearhead a new phase in the war, called Iraqi Freedom II. Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the top U.S. military official in Iraq, said on Saturday. The new phase will begin early next year, when existing troops are relieved by the 1st Cavalry Division from Ft. Hood, Tex. and the 1st Infantry Division from Germany, along with about 3,000 Marines.

"What we're in search of is a very mobile, very flexible, yet lethal force that can accomplish its mission," Sanchez said. "Those capabilities are defined by the enemy."

The new strategy, said Sanchez, will involve deploying more infantry troops and reducing the military's dependence on tanks and armored personnel carriers, which have been targets of insurgents who set off roadside bombs and fire rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons.

Stealth, precision and speed are needed to combat the small, hit-and-run groups of former Saddam Hussein loyalists and foreign Islamic militants that U.S. officials say are largely behind the attacks.

The new force will be equipped with better intelligence gathering tools and the skills and hardware needed to conduct lightning strikes and raids into urban areas to flush out insurgents, said Sanchez.

Intelligence officials in Washington, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity, said that while the change in tactics makes sense, it can't be effective unless the coalition has better intelligence than the guerrillas do.

Confirming a Nov. 1 Knight Ridder report, Sanchez said the Iraqi civilians working for the coalition may also be spying for the guerrillas. He also said some U.S.-trained Iraqi policemen have "turned up in attacks against the coalition."

Sanchez said the new tactics would not require more U.S. forces. The number of troops, he added, would be reduced as logistics, communications and transportation troops are replaced by civilian contractors.

The intelligence officials, however, questioned whether U.S. forces can prevail without bringing in additional troops to police Iraq's borders and to clean up some 131 Iraqi ammunition dumps that cover 50 square miles and have served, one official said, "as a shopping mall for guerrillas."

The plans to reconfigure the

force came as the number of attacks on U.S. troops has decreased by more than 30 percent in the past weeks, from an average of 35 a day to 22 now, said Sanchez.

"This decline has been most significant where we have taken the fight to the enemy," said Sanchez. But the assault has shifted toward ordinary Iraqis. The insurgents have launched more than 115 attacks against Iraqi officials, police and civilians during the Muslim Holy month of Ramadan, which ended last week, said Sanchez.

"This is clearly an attempt to drive a wedge between the Iraqi people and the coalition," said Sanchez. "They are using innovative methods to get under security measures."

Although some Bush administration officials claim that there are longstanding ties between Saddam's regime and Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist organization, Sanchez said the coalition has found no strong evidence that al-Qaida is aiding the guerrillas.

"We still have not conclusively established an al-Qaida operative here in country," said Sanchez, who said some terrorists could have died in suicide missions.

Saddam loyalists, he added, continue to be the chief threat. The Spanish intelligence officers were attacked in their four-wheel-drive vehicles with rocket-propelled grenades and rifles in the town of Mahmudiyah, said Trillo, Spain's Defense Minister.

According to footage shot by Britain's Sky News, a group of young men kicked the Spaniards' bodies and chanted: "We sacrifice our souls and blood for you, oh Saddam."

Spain is a strong supporter of the U.S.-led coalition, and has sent 1,300 troops to Iraq. A Spanish diplomat was assassinated near his home in Baghdad last month, and 10 Spanish soldiers have been killed since the March invasion.

Spain's Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, spokesman, said Spain would keep its troops in Iraq.

Italy, another staunch ally of the United States, was targeted earlier this month when a truck bomb outside the Italian base in Nasiriyah killed 19 Italian soldiers and wounded 14.

Toll on U.S. troops in Iraq grows as wounded rolls approach 10,000

Knight Ridder News Service

ORLANDO, Fla. — Nearly 10,000 U.S. troops have been killed, wounded, injured or become ill enough to require evacuation from Iraq since the war began, the equivalent of almost one Army division, according to the Pentagon.

Unlike the more than 2,800 American fighting men and women logged by the Defense Department as killed and wounded by weapons in Iraq.

The number of sick and injured is almost certainly substantially higher, because the figures provided by the military last week include totals only through Oct. 30. As of Friday, 2,401 U.S. troops were listed as wounded in Iraq since the war began in March. At

least 424 have died in combat or in accidents.

Another 2,464 suffered nonbattle injuries, which would include everything from accidental gunshots to broken bones and vehicle accidents, Virginia Stephanakis, U.S. Army surgeon general spokeswoman, said.

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NATION/WORLD

Officer at Guantanamo Bay faces charge

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — An Army intelligence officer was charged Saturday with violating the U.S. Espionage Law for terrorist suspects, the fourth person charged with breaches at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Two Arabic translators and a Muslim chaplain face charges ranging from espionage to adultery at the base, where interrogators are questioning some 600

detainees from 44 countries.

Army Col. Jack Farr was charged Saturday with "wrongfully transporting classified material without the proper security container on or around Oct. 11," and lying to investigators, said a statement from the U.S. Southern Command.

Spokesman Lt. Commander Chris Lounderman, speaking from the command's headquarters in Miami, said he did not

know if Farr had direct contact with detainees. He declined to describe the classified material.

Farr is a reservist who had been on temporary duty at Guantanamo Bay for six months and left to return to his home state, which Lounderman did not know.

"He was departing when the investigation revealed that he had some security violations,"

Lounderman said. "He voluntarily came back."

Farr is not under arrest and has not been suspended, Lounderman said. "He didn't present a flight risk and he was not likely to engage in any further-serious misconduct."

Farr's charges have been forwarded to the base commander, who could dismiss them, refer them to a court-martial or direct a pretrial investigation.

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Turkey arrests key suspect in bombing

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A central figure in the suicide bombing of an Istanbul synagogue was captured while trying to slip into Iran, police said Saturday. He was charged with trying to overthrow Turkey's "constitutional order" — an offense equivalent to treason.

The suspect, whose name was not released, is believed to have given the order to carry out the Nov. 15 truck bombing of the Beth Israel synagogue — one of four suicide attacks that killed 61 people in Turkey in November, said Istanbul Deputy Police Chief Shalil Yilmaz.

Authorities arrested the man Tuesday at the Gurbulak crossing in eastern Agri province, which borders Iran.

A court charged him Saturday with attempting to overthrow Turkey's constitutional order by force, an offense punishable by life in prison. Authorities have charged another 20 people in connection to the bombings, but for lesser roles.

"It is understood that the arrested person carried out intelligence gathering on Beth Israel synagogue before the attack, went to the location with other accomplices on the day of the attack and ordered the start of the attack," Yilmaz said.

He was the first major figure charged in connection with the bombings at two synagogues, the British Consulate and London-based HSBC Bank in Istanbul. Authorities didn't specify his alleged role in the plot or how many others they believe are involved.

The synagogue bombings killed 29 people and the HSBC attacks killed 32. The death toll includes all four suicide bombers, who authorities said were Turks.

Police arrested the suspect in the Beth Israel attack after receiving a tip that he planned to flee the country with false documents, Yilmaz said.

Plane crash kills 22 in Congo

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — A Soviet-made plane crashed Saturday in central Congo, killing all 22 people aboard, a Congo government spokesman said.

The Antonov 26 went down just after takeoff at the city of Bontata, some 550 miles northeast of the capital, Kinshasa, government spokesman Vital Kamerhe said in Kinshasa.

Kamerhe and other government officials said they did not know whether the aircraft was carrying members of the military or civilians. The aircraft is used for passengers and cargo, according to the Aviation Safety Network Web site.

Hamadou Toure, a U.N. spokesman, said the plane was not one of those belonging to Congo's U.N. military mission, which is overseeing cease-fires and peace deals in the central African nation after a five-year war.



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EDITORIAL

Legalized casinos would aid casino industry, not Idaho

You didn't need to be a psychic to see this one coming. A Democrat politician from north Idaho wants to legalize casinos, to give non-Indian communities the same gambling opportunities as tribal reservations.

Our view: Remember, casinos don't generate wealth. They merely transfer it - mostly from gamblers to casino operators. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Whatever benefit casino jobs may bring to a community will be eclipsed by the money the casinos suck out. That outbound cash flow represents lost opportunities to build real community prosperity.

Calabretta says her proposal wouldn't allow casinos everywhere. She only wants them in historic districts such as Wallace (which just happens to be in her district), or maybe in counties where voters approve gambling.

Oh, yeah? The phrase that comes to mind is, "slippery slope." Selectively sited casinos are just a brief stop on the way to universally legalized gambling. Once a few casinos are open in a state, it's only a matter of time till someone demands "fair treatment" for other towns.

Today, despite the Idaho Constitution's ban on slots machines, tribal casinos feature devices that obviously are slots - though the tribes brazenly insist they are something else. Noh and other gambling opponents are fighting in court to have the machines declared illegal.

But Noh and his friends are fighting uphill. Gambling revenue will make the tribes and the casino industry tough to beat. Meanwhile, the pressure will build to let casinos spread beyond reservation boundaries. The Legislature seems unlikely to pass Calabretta's proposal this winter.

State Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, is exactly right when he warns that gambling threatens to spread throughout Idaho communities, draining their resources. Legalized gambling erodes community morality and draws money from families that cannot afford to lose it.



State rescues terror-watch listees

The date was April 24, 2002. Standing on the runway at Ellington Air Force Base in Houston, the cadre of FBI agents, Secret Service and Customs agents had just been informed by law enforcement officials that there was a "snag" with Crown Prince Abdullah's oversized entourage, which was arriving with the prince for a visit to George W. Bush's Western White House in Crawford, Texas.

JOEL MOWBRAY

"Shoot them" - not exactly the answer State was looking for. State, Secret Service and the FBI then began what bureaucrats refer to as an "interagency process." In other words, they started fighting. The FBI believed that felons were to be arrested, even the Saudi variety. State had other ideas. Secret Service didn't really have any other than to make sure that the three Saudis in question didn't get anywhere near the president or the vice president. State went to the mat in part because it was responsible for giving visas to the three in the first place. Since it was a government delegation - where all applications are generally handled at one time - the names were probably not run through the normal watch lists before the visas were issued.

This had the potential to be what folks in Washington like to refer to as an "international incident." But the State Department was not about to let an "international incident" happen. Which is why this story has never been written - until now.

Upon hearing that there was someone who was wanted and two suspected terrorists in Abdullah's entourage, the FBI was ready to "storm the plane and pull those guys off," explains an informed source. But given the "international" component, State was informed of the FBI's intentions before any action could be taken. When word reached the Near Eastern Affairs (NEA) bureau, NEA's reaction was classic State Department: "What are we going to do about those poor people trapped on the plane?" To which at least one law enforcement official on the ground responded,

target President Bush and his oil ties as the culprit of the overly cozy relationship, the roots actually go much deeper. It's the small favors that are done every day - decisions made far below the president's pay grade - that truly define the relationship.

That is how you can have three Saudis get special protection, preventing the FBI from doing its job.

Though it cannot be said that U.S. diplomats do favors for the Saudis in the hopes of lucrative payoffs later on, the Saudis reward those officials who were kind to them while working for the State Department. Scads of former State Department officials now either work directly for the Saudis or for organizations that take Saudi petrodollars.

The Saudis think it is money well spent. Prince Bandar bin Sultan, the Saudi ambassador to the United States, once said, "If the reputation then builds that the Saudis take care of friends when they leave office, you'd be surprised how much better friends you have who are just coming into office."

Middle East Forum President Daniel Pipes recently suggested banning former diplomats from receiving Saudi cash, thereby lessening the pervasive Saudi influence. It's by no means a panacea, but it seems as good as any place to start.

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Art project will provide tribute to visionary

What a commendable job The Times-News has been doing in covering the progression of the Twin Falls Centennial public art piece through its completion. This collaborative project of the Twin Falls Centennial Commission and the Magic Valley Arts Council will serve as a significant visual element of the centennial celebration that our citizens will be proud of and as a lasting legacy to our community. Ralph Lehman's insight into the project has been amazing. He has chosen to portray L.B. Perrine, a truly forward-thinking visionary, in a pose that signifies his understanding of the strength of purpose that the Snake River has held for our community. To quote from Lehman's proposal, "None of what we have here would have been possible without someone to dream it and to see it through." With hand outstretched, Perrine gives us the central vision of the Snake River, the lifeblood of the valley. Lehman's mind and talent in creating a monument to Perrine in gesture to the canyon has been wonderful. Recently, The Times-News recognized one of the financial sup-

porters of this legacy project, the Howard Family Charitable Foundation. I would like to also recognize the other organizations that are making the artwork possible, including the city of Twin Falls, the Grace Keenan Foundation and the Idaho Commission on the Arts. It is with the support of all of these organizations that we will have this incredible piece of artwork to grace the gateway to the city of Twin Falls and show our esteem for the past and embrace the future.

STACY J. MADSEN Twin Falls (Editor's note: Stacy Madsen is the executive director of the Magic Valley Arts Council.)

Original flag pledge didn't include words, 'under God' I am writing in response to the Nov. 21 letter from Mr. and Mrs. Poppy. The American Civil Liberties Union is by no stretch of the imagination attempting to make "Christianity desolate." You cite the Constitution; well, I feel a desire to do the same - something to the tune of "separation of church and state." Alabama ex-Chief Justice Roy

LETTERS

Moore violated the very law he was sworn to uphold when he posted religious symbols in his courtroom. As for the words, "under God," in the Pledge of Allegiance, I think you find it a bit of research, that those particular words were not in the original text of the pledge.

Quite frankly, I don't see how you could ask American children, Be it in any religion, to say their pledge in that manner. You forget the Muslims, the pagans, the Buddhists and the other religions in this great country. Are you going to tell me that they must be required to make a devotion like that to something that they don't believe? Last I checked, that particular passage is a Pledge of Allegiance to a country and her flag. Not to God.

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" Sound familiar? These are the people the ACLU stands up for. The people that can't stand up for themselves. I think if we as Americans are going to claim to live by the laws set down by our forefathers, we should investigate them to the

fullest before we enforce them. The Pilgrims came across as victims of religious persecution. And when the government was formed, it was done with intent to give the right to religious freedom. Just because someone may not believe in God doesn't mean that they are wrong. The ACLU fights for that freedom. I am a veteran of the armed services. I held a position that gave you a right to free speech. But I also held a position that

gave them their right. If I, a 25-year-old kid, can see both sides, one would hope that older, wiser, more experienced individuals could do the same. I fail to see how the removal of a monument to the Ten Commandments in Alabama disrupts your serene life in Buhl, Idaho. GREGORY MALBERG Sun Diego, Calif. (Editor's note: Gregory Malberg is a Navy veteran from Filer, where his family currently lives.)

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Computers should work for us

I know who you are. You have a computer, maybe two. You have an iPod, or you just discovered that you don't just have broadband - you need it. You know the difference between WiFi and FireWire. You have a digital camera and a photo printer, and you use them. You know how much hand drive space you have left. You're a technophile. Computer companies need your money, advertisers need your eyeballs and neighbors need your help setting up their AOL accounts. You're uniquely positioned to understand and use the technologies that are coming to dominate our culture, and I'd like to ask you a question: is it worth it?

SCOTT DIERDORF

I've been asking this of myself lately, and a lot of the time the answer is "No." For example, I'm going ready to write a novel. Here is my pre-novel-to-do list:

- Purchase laptop.
• Install OS upgrade on laptop.
• Install OS upgrade on desktop (to ensure compatibility for file sharing).
• Make desktop images for backup from digital pictures.
• Fix problem with router.
• Get wireless network up and running.
• Make playlist for iPod.

Most people would spend some time preparing their story, characters, etc. I, on the other hand, would spend my personal computer puter lab into shape. While I may be a little more insane than the average person, it's indicative of a general trend. Our digital lifestyle is drowning us in distractions. It's convenient, but it comes at a price. It's long been known that computers do not make us more productive. It's getting to the point now where they are starting to make us less productive, and more costly.

Given the current state of things, I'd say it's a miracle that any work ever gets done at all by anyone. Would John Steinbeck have written "The Grapes of Wrath" if he had to spend his time farreaching out the spyware on his computer? Would Ernest Hemingway have even started "The Old Man and the Sea" if he had been occupied with configuring Windows security patches every two weeks?

Computers are great, but I want to use them. I don't want to waste my morning configuring my operating system. The Internet is great, but I don't want to use it. I don't want to spend 20 hours tweaking my DHCP settings. It's not because I can't. It's because I have better things to do with my time.

Simple user interfaces are no longer for the inexperienced. If we want to get any actual work done, our computers and peripherals must be made easier to use. From now on, our devices must require no setup and no maintenance. That sounds ridiculous, even to me, but why should it? Years of AUTOEXEC.BAT files and labyrinthine instruction manuals have convinced us that personal device requires effort to use, but it doesn't have to be that way. We are the most intelligent species ever to roam the planet. We've cured polio, mastered the atom and sent people into space. I'm confident that if we put our minds to it, we could develop a printer that doesn't require me to install a driver. It can be done. It just a matter of doing it.

Want proof? Take a look at TiVo. The makers of TiVo have conquered Inside, TiVo is a Linux computer with a big hard drive. But on the outside, TiVo is something truly revolutionary - a computer application that lets you watch TV. The makers of TiVo have conquered the personal video recorder. It's well designed because once you pick up the remote, you forget that you're using a computer. From then on you're simply watching TV. The makers of TiVo have conquered that. It's closer than you're figuring it out. How to make technology a boon rather than a time sink. We can hope that other companies will follow TiVo's lead, but not going to happen. It's up to us as consumers to insist on it. Don't settle for the complicated, demand simplicity. Become one of us - technophile or not - has time to waste on more distractions.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'll make a novel to write. First I'll need a playlist.

Scott Dierdorf is a writer and technology professional who writes this commentary for the Baiting Sun.

LETTERS

Education elite won't tolerate original ideas

Head with interest last Tuesday's article in *The Times-News* regarding several local "education" decrees by Rep. Scott Bedke's landmark legislation that passed in last year's session. You would have thought Bedke was the Grinch himself by all the whining going on.

I don't begrudge these folks their right to their opinion, but to praise Bedke's noble efforts as "anti-education" stretches reality. Rep. Bedke's main objective is the educational welfare of the kids, not necessarily the staggering bureaucracy we affectionately call public education. From the National Education Association's radical stands on telling our children that homosexuality is healthy to teaching that simply dumb kids down to the lowest common denominator, I am of the opinion that the "educational elite" care little for our children's welfare beyond their kingdom building.

For Bedke to implement meaningful changes without scolding these folks' prior approval on bonded knee snacks of insurrection. How dare he! Never mind that he managed to acquire majorities in the House and Senate along with Keanthorpe's signature to put the bill into law. Bedke represents the mainstream here, not our educators. (I'm not referring to the many, many excellent teachers struggling under the weight of the system.)

I guarantee that right now, the Idaho Education Association is attempting to recruit a puppet candidate to run against Bedke. "Norse" must be spared in order to show what is to be done with an original thinker" seems to be the mantra.

I urge the voters of District 27 to beware of this most certain, unfair onslaught which is occurring against this fine man.

It is also ironic that in the same issue of the paper, we read about the IRS now performing a full audit on the NEA's books over the apparent comingling of union funds to influence political outcomes nationwide. To be fair, the verdict is not in yet, but the barrel sure appears to be smoking.

More than 20 years ago, Education Secretary William Bennett supplied President Reagan with a staggering report on the state of education nationwide that stated if a foreign power had initiated the current mediocre educational system on our nation in a hostile manner, we would most certainly declare an act of war.

I ask you, are our schools any



better off than we were 20 years ago? No wonder meaningful educational choice scares these elitists to death. Straight-up competition would illustrate their chasms of inefficiency, mediocrity and dishonesty.

KEELY WALTON
Burley

Convicted drug dealer doesn't fit mold of 'hero'

I would like to respond to Mickey Jimison's letter printed in *The Times-News* on Nov. 23.

You referred to the country music heroes as being drug addicts. They were not heroes because they were drug addicts but because the songs they sang were about real life. There is also a big difference in being an addict and being a drug dealer. You can rehabilitate a drug addict if he is willing to be rehabilitated. How can you rehabilitate someone that doesn't have a drug problem?

You think Richard Urrizaga should be a hero because he was helping the handicapped and elderly. I would like to ask you this, do you really think that selling illegal drugs to our youth is a legitimate way to help our elderly and handicapped? I really don't think my elderly parents would let someone put a new roof on their house if they knew that the cost of that roof was a teenager's life destroyed.

You ask what he has done to deserve 22 years in prison. You think he should be rehabilitated. Are you sure that he has not had a chance to change his illegal actions? Why don't you check to see if was his first offense? I think you'll find that it wasn't. Let me ask you this: How many families have been destroyed because he sold them drugs? How many lives have been destroyed or lost because he sold them drugs? What cost has been paid by your youth so that a "local boy" can be a hero?

Am I understanding this correctly, in your opinion, it is fine for a drug addict to steal from his family (including grandparents) and friends then buy drugs from a self-proclaimed Robin Hood so he can help the elderly and handicapped of his choice? Would it not make more sense to get the drug dealers off the street so there are no drugs available, get the addicts cleaned up, then take the tax money that is being spent on rehabilitation and put that money toward helping all the elderly and handicapped?

My final question to you is, why would you think a 49-year-old "local boy" drug dealer from Nevada would make a better hero than the men and women in the military - the "heroes" that are fighting to preserve our freedom?

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Section B

There's stuff you gotta learn in junior high

Last year, the Pocatello School District transformed my old junior high school into an alternative school and turned the city's other three junior highs into middle schools.

Now I'm all in favor of alternative schools and I'm sure middle schools are swell, but junior high is dying, and that's a shame.

But the brilliant idea of putting seventh-graders with ninth-graders gave America the nudge, the atomic wedge and the entire massive catalogue of Sha Na Na.

Such a warmer, fuzzier public education system nowadays, and seventh-graders — "sevies," as they're universally known — as deemed too fragile to be terrorized by a doleful parent's two years their senior.

And too young to just suck it up and spend their days hiding in their lockers, as we did in seventh grade.

The ninth-graders have in most school systems been

shipped off to high school — to the everlasting relief of sophomores — and only 27 public junior highs remain in Idaho, half of them in Boise, Twin Falls and Idaho Falls. Some educators predict that junior high will disappear altogether by 2020.

And so, in my judgment, will the last of character education.

See, combining sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders in the same school is like putting fruit together. It's just not gonna be boring no matter how many reunions you take it to.

But segregating seventh- and eighth-graders with kids whom puberty has hijacked invariably produces a crucible every bit as harrowing as "Lord of the Flies."

Show me a scientist or a Nobel Prize-winning scientist or a doctor who ministers to ebola patients in the Congo, and I'll show you someone who was once a seventh-grader on the wrong end of a dogfight game.

Plus, junior high is responsible for a whole series of behaviors much beloved by this culture.

Ever see smokers huddled outside the back door of their workplace in minus-20-degree temperatures? They learned to do that back in the junior high.

Heck, the very term *junior high* evokes Shaggy and Beavis and Butthead, Clearasil and Donny Osmond and Seventeen magazine, Pop Rocks and laser pointers and Prince Albert in the can. Stupid, we can do without junior high. But should we?

When I was in seventh grade, I fell in love with an older woman, an eighth-grader, named Angela. She liked me, too, sorta, and we used to write each other wacky letters. In fact, some of which Angela's mother discovered one day when she went through Angela's backpack.

It was all very innocent, but Angela's mom was upset, and she told Angela's father, who happened to be my P.E. teacher.

It was a mixed gym class — mostly ninth-graders — and in this class there was a particularly grueling exercise inflicted upon students whenever they ticked the teacher off sufficiently.

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Snowpack levels

Waterhead	% of Avg.	% season peak
Upper Snake Basin	106%	21%
Salmon Falls	97%	19%
Salmon	78%	14%
Oakley	100%	14%
Big Wood	84%	11%
Little Wood	88%	9%
Henrys Fork/Teton	98%	19%
Big Lost	62%	10%
Little Lost	76%	18%

As of Nov. 29

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on the day with a 61-year average.
 **An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

T.F. hospital opens sleep lab

By Sandy Miller
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Some people have trouble falling asleep. Others can't stay awake.

And when the problems become chronic, perhaps it's time to take a trip to the nearest sleep lab.

There are plenty of sleep labs to choose from. Idaho Diagnostic Sleep Center opened its doors a decade ago in Twin Falls. Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley has a sleep lab. So does St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum.

And now Magic Valley Regional Medical Center has opened the Magic Valley Sleep Institute with local neurologists Dr. Richard

Sleep labs in the Magic Valley

- Magic Valley Sleep Institute, Twin Falls: 732-3010
- Idaho Diagnostic Sleep Center, Twin Falls: 738-7648
- Mint-Casita Sleep Lab, Burley: 677-6535
- St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center Sleep Center, Ketchum: 727-8800

Hammond and Dr. John Pilch, internist Dr. Brian Fortuin and pulmonary medicine specialist Ronald Fuller. The hospital and each

of the doctors are equal partners in the venture, Fuller said.

Magic Valley Regional Chief Executive Officer John Kee said the physicians approached the hospital and asked if it would like to join in on the lab.

"We're a 20 percent minority partner," Kee said.

Fullmer, Hammond and Fortuin were affiliated with the Idaho Diagnostic Sleep Center for years before deciding to go in with Magic Valley Regional in opening a sleep lab. Hammond, a board-certified sleep specialist, was the center's medical director.

"We had thoughts of opening it for some time — a couple of years," Fuller said. The Magic Valley Sleep Institute is located

on the hospital's downtown campus on Shoshone Street and features \$100,000 of state-of-the-art equipment, Fuller said.

Kee has often said that when it comes to rural health care, you have to be careful to not duplicate services unless there's a large enough volume of patients to go around. Yet, there has been another sleep lab just down the street for 10 years. Is there enough business for two of them? Everyone will have to wait and see.

"I don't know if there's enough for both labs," Fuller said. "It's a common problem."

Diana Lincoln-Haye, owner of the Idaho Diagnostic Sleep Center, agrees that sleep

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HOLIDAY SPIRIT ON DISPLAY



Marion Johnson, right, and Deanna Bulkley decorate their 'Chocolate, Burgundy and Cream' tree Saturday. The tree will be auctioned off during the Festival of Trees, a fund-raiser for the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation.

Festival of Trees will start this week

By Karin Kowalski
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Even the dust on the floor is sparkly at the 19th Twin Falls Festival of Trees celebrating "The Angels Among Us" with a forest of artificial evergreens festooned with ribbons and tinsel.

Cathy Freeborn, who manages Kurt's Harkmark Gold Crown Store, wired ceramic gold crowns

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Festival of Trees Events

Center at the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Filer Avenue. The Twin Falls Centennial Band will play.

Tickets are \$95.

Thursday, Dec. 4
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Senior Citizens' Day where seniors get free admission and a complimentary photo.
 7 to 9 p.m. — Ladies Night Out at Tomato's Italian Grill. Tickets are \$35.

Saturday, Dec. 6
 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Children's Day where children get free admission.
 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Make and Take a Gift Class. Free for the first 150 children.
 2 p.m. — Santa arrives.
 Sunday, Dec. 7
 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. — International Day featuring entertainment with a world-wide flair.

Daughter, family reunite after 50 years

By Sandra Wisecover
 Times-News correspondent

BUHL — This mom is thankful for a hug, even though it's 50 years late.

"I've been crying for two days," Jan Hoogland said Thursday. That's because her tears of joy came when she was reunited on Thanksgiving Day with the baby girl she gave up for adoption 50 years ago. Her first-born child, Barbara Powell, arrived in time for a family Thanksgiving in Buhl. Powell was reunited with her mother, five siblings, their 11 children and seven grandchildren.

There were hugs all around. When Hoogland became pregnant at age 17, "My parents didn't give me any options," she said. They sent her to her grandmother's in Miami, Fla., where

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Jeff Hoogland enrols his arms around his reunited family including, from left, sisters Jonnie Bradford, Barbara Powell, mom Jan Hoogland, and sisters Jeri Origo and Kay Juiker. Barbara Powell met her family in Buhl for the first time this Thanksgiving Day after being put up for adoption half a century earlier.

Police say two armed robberies may be linked

The Times-News

WENDELL — Police believe two armed robberies Saturday — one in Twin Falls and one in Wendell — may be linked.

Wendell Police Officer Matt Cunningham said. The robber in both instances was described as a white male in his 20s between 5-foot-5-inches tall and 5-foot-9-inches tall with dark brown or black hair, wearing black pants, a black jacket, a black hat and a handkerchief over his face, Cunningham said.

The 7-11 convenience store at the corner of Kimberly Road and Locust Street was robbed at about 4:30 a.m. The subject pointed a handgun at the clerk and took an undetermined amount of money, Twin Falls

Police Sgt. Craig Storts said. He fled on foot heading north on Locust Street.

A man of the same description was in Papa Kelsey's Pizza and Subs at 138 E. Main St. in Wendell at about 2:30 p.m. The subject carried a gun and had the clerk give him about \$400 in cash from the register. The restaurant had no customers at the time of the robbery, said Allen Kelsey, the owner. The restaurant has been open for 15 years and has never been robbed before, he said.

No one was harmed in either incident. Police from Wendell and Twin Falls will meet to compare notes and run fingerprints, Cunningham said. Police had found no suspects Saturday evening.

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Burley tree festival begins Wednesday

By Rose Marla Parsons
 Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — The Annual Festival of Trees moves to a new location in Burley this year, but features the usual line-up of activities.

The festival is based inside the Snake River Plaza in north Burley, using the space vacated when Corral West Ranchwear closed its Burley store in the plaza.

The festival kicks off with a gala dinner Wednesday at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for the meal, catered by George K's. To reserve or buy tickets, people should call Pat Hansen at 678-5603 or Bev Stone at 678-0058. Dinner and dancing entertainment is planned by the Burley Jazz Band.

The 38 decorated trees donated for this year's festival can be purchased during the silent auction that takes place at the gala, festival chairman Pat Hansen said. All trees are marked with a minimum bid price. Any trees not sold at the gala are on sale during the rest of the festival, which concludes Saturday.

People who attend the gala dinner may buy chances to win a piece of silver jewelry. For \$10 the buyer gets a key that may or may not open a locked outer box. Any keys that open that outside box can be traded in for another key and one of those second-round keys will open the interior box that holds the jewelry. Jensen Jewelers donated the item.

The festival opens for viewing on Thursday morning. A special time is set aside for the gala, festival and the physically challenged, who may view the trees, wreaths, centerpieces and other decorations from 10 a.m. until noon. All of those items are on sale, too.

The festival opens to everyone else at noon Thursday. Santa will be on hand for the noon opening.

MAGIC VALLEY

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magic-valley.com and click on "obituaries."

Elmer Donald Eslinger - Twin Falls

On Nov. 28, 2003, Elmer Donald Eslinger passed away from causes incidental to age. His passing was attended by several family members who witnessed Elmer's peaceful transition to a new life.

Elmer was born Jan. 22, 1922, in Oklanao, Colo. He was one of many Americans born into a period of economic stress and then discovered adulthood in the form of World War II. He served in the Pacific Theater from 1943 to 1946 and received the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign medal.



Elmer served as Grand Worshipful Master in 1977. He was also an El Korah Shriner.

Elmer was a man of stature yet large in spirit and physical strength. Though worn down by years of hard work and battling several illnesses, he never gave up. His dry and quick sense of humor was with him to the end. Elmer, like many of his generation, was a careful steward of the farm ground in the Magic Valley. At different times he owned or operated farms in Filer, Twin Falls, Jerome and more recently Kimberly. Over the years he perfected his farming skills with masterful attention to detail. His children say he could make the straightest rows in the valley even though he had only one working eye.

In addition to raising his family and working the untold hours it required to make a success of farming, Elmer found time for civic duties. He was an active member of the Hollister Lodge No. 71 of the Masonic Order and

Elmer was blessed with 20 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Mary Eslinger, and two children, Eddie Donald and Judy Marie, and four siblings, including his brother, Ed, who spent the last month of his life with Elmer.

Elmer was blessed in his final years after Mary's passing with the services and Christian caregiving of numerous people. Those who compassionately cared for Elmer were the staff at Twin Falls Care Center, Dr. Robert Loh, whom Elmer revered, and especially his oldest daughter, Denise, who rarely left his side.

Contributions are suggested to the Shriners Children's Hospital or Hospice Visions who performed loving service to Elmer in his final days. Contributions can be mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

A celebration of Elmer's life will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Pastor Ted Mangini officiating. Masonic rites will be conducted by Filer-Hollister Lodge No. 55 AF & AM and military rites will be conducted by Magic Valley area veterans and auxiliary. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Family and friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at Reynolds Chapel with the family present to greet friends from 6 until 8 p.m.

Marion L. Geer - Twin Falls

Marion L. Geer, 88, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday morning, Nov. 26, 2003, at the Twin Falls Care Center.



Marion Geer spent their retirement years relaxing and traveling.

She was born May 1, 1915, in New London, Ohio, the daughter of Willie and Treva Goldsmith. She married Robert R. Geer on June 13, 1937, in Challis, Idaho. She traveled with him while he served in the Air Force during World War II, stationed in California, Washington and Indiana. Following his discharge, they moved to New London, Ohio, where they owned a restaurant and nightclub.

They returned to Idaho in 1951, moving to Twin Falls, while raising their family. She worked for Save-On Drugs. They spent

Marion is survived by her three sons, Robert (Donna Tomoy) Geer of Albuquerque, N.M., James (Susan) Geer of Middleton, Idaho, and Mac (Kim Garry) Geer of Twin Falls; five grandchildren, Brenda and Josh Geer, Ryan (Amanda) Geer, Alysa (Chad) Beebe and Kevin Geer; and four great-grandchildren, McKayla and Marleigh, Parker and Zoey.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, who passed away Jan. 11, 1997.

By request, no services are planned. Cremation will take place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.

Kaitlynn Ryann Anthony - Twin Falls

Kaitlynn Ryann Anthony was born Nov. 20, 2003, in Twin Falls, Idaho. She joined her Heavenly Father on Nov. 27, 2003.



Kaitlynn was a great-granddaughter of Peggy Anthony and Janice Luker, her grandmothers; and Linda and grandpa Mile Anthony; her uncles, Shawn and Matt; her

in her short time here on earth, she brought joy to many hearts. She was loved by all and will continue to be loved by her mommy, daddy, sisters and all those who were a part of her life.

Her legacy continues on in the lives and memories of her mother and father, Neva and Megan Anthony; her big sister, Larisa; and her twin sister, Taylor; her

grandma Marla and grandpa Randy; her uncles, John, Sam, Spencer, Patrick, James and Tunt; her aunts, Melissa and Robin; and many other friends and relatives.

The funeral for Kaitlynn will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

Richard R. Halpin - Idaho Falls

Richard "Dick" Robinson Halpin, 76, of Idaho Falls, died at his home on Nov. 28, 2003.



(Shirley) Halpin of Fullerton, Calif.; sister, Dorothy (Keith) Elliot of Nampa, Idaho; 15 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Marge Summerfield; granddaughters, Amy Halpin; and a grandson, J.C. Surrusco.

He was born July 14, 1927, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of George Raymond Halpin and Mabel Robinson Halpin. He was raised and attended school in Twin Falls. He attended college in San Marcos, Texas, and Pocatello, Idaho. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army and was stationed in Japan. He married Iona "Blondie" Lee Burke on Dec. 9, 1948, in Twin Falls. He began his career as a dairy equipment salesman in Twin Falls in 1948. In 1957, he opened his own business, Halpin's Dairy Supply in Idaho Falls and a second in Hamilton, Idaho, in 1959. He was a lifetime member of the Elks.

His hobbies and interests included spending time with his family, camping, fishing, hunting, dancing, and water skiing. He was a dedicated and loving husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors include his wife, Iona "Blondie" Halpin of Idaho Falls; daughter, Linda (Marvin) Hanson of West Valley, Utah; daughter, Janet Surrusco of Idaho Falls; son, Curt (Leona) Halpin of Nampa, Idaho; son, Brad Halpin of Idaho Falls; son, Doug Halpin of Meridian, Idaho; son, Richard (Maquel) Halpin of Idaho Falls; brother, George

Besy Janet Vargas - Burley



Besy Janet Vargas, one-year-old daughter of Sergio and Nelida Vargas, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at her home in Burley.

A vigil service with recitation of the rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., Burley. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at Pleasant View Cemetery with the Rev. Father Juan Gerasim officiating. Friends may call from 6-7 p.m. Monday at Little Flower Catholic Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

SERVICES

Jesse Alan Driesel, infant son of Larry and Chanel Driesel of Wendell, memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday at New Life Community Church in Wendell (Demary's Wendell Chapel).

Helen E. Nielsen of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Monday at the 7th Ward LDS Chapel, 847 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls, enhancement will follow at Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary and from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Jesse R. Villanueva of Rupert, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church; burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery; rosary at 7 p.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Merle Ray Martin of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery; friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Shirley Marlene Becker Hettich of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Charles Raymond Thornton of Hansen, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 10-10:50 a.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

Lucas O'Killa of Roseville, Calif., graveside memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Brunson Chapel in Twin Falls; burial will follow the service at the Brunson American Legion Hall in Brunson.

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Community Holiday Memorial Service 4:00 p.m.
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White Mortuary and Reynolds Funeral Chapel would like to extend an invitation to the Magic Valley to attend our annual Community Holiday Memorial Service to honor and remember friends and family members who have died.

This time will be filled with words of encouragement, songs of comfort, and will include a candlelight remembrance ceremony. Holiday ornaments will be offered to each family to personalize, place on the memorial tree, and then take home following the service. The guest speaker at this year's service will be Pastor Dale Metzger, of Rock Creek Community Church, with special music by the CSI Chamber Choir.

This non-denominational service will be held 4:00 PM, Saturday, December 6, 2003 at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. East in Twin Falls. For questions, transportation, or more information please call White Mortuary, 733-6800.

Please come join us, and other Magic Valley families, in this annual Holiday remembrance service. Refreshments will be served.

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Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily. Choice of fruit or juice every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Waffles
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Donuts
Friday: Scrambled eggs
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Corn dogs
Thursday: Cold cut sandwich
Friday: Beef stew

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Cinnamon rolls
Tuesday: Waffle sticks
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Breakfast sandwich

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Beef pot pie
Tuesday: Ham melt
Wednesday: Chicken
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: Turkey sandwich

FILER SCHOOL

Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Tacos
Thursday: Turkey vegetable soup
Friday: Hot ham and cheese sandwiches

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Hamburger
Wednesday: Ham and cheese wrap
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Hot dog

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Pizza
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Baked ham

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Choice of milk every day.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Hamburger
Wednesday: Ham and cheese wrap
Thursday: Spaghetti
Friday: Hot dog

Please see LUNCHES, Page B4

DEATH NOTICES

Della P. Potthast

TWIN FALLS - Della P. Potthast, 89, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Adeline Groves Tipton

TWIN FALLS - Adeline Groves Tipton, 90, of Tacoma, Wash., died Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003, at Tacoma General Hospital. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Clifford M. Anderson

BURLEY - Clifford Monroe Anderson, 66, of Burley, died Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Joseph E. Kukal

JEROME - Joseph E. Kukal, 90,

of Jerome, died Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit in Jerome. Arrangements will be announced by the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Norman Seibold

RUPERT - Norman Seibold, 88, of Rupert, died Friday, Nov. 29, 2003, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Arrangements will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Hattie Cranney Price

SUPERIOR, Mont. - Hattie Cranney Price, 89, formerly of Burley, died Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003, at a Montana nursing home. Arrangements will be announced by Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main, Burley.

Emmett Harrison

TWIN FALLS - Emmett Harrison, 84, of Twin Falls, died

Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Melvin Newlan

JEROME - Melvin "Mel" Newlan, 79, of Jerome, died Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

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Lunches

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KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL

Milk served every day.
Monday: Pizza
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak sandwich

Thursday: Taco salad
Friday: Baked ham

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday: Chili dogs
Tuesday: Fried chicken
Wednesday: Hoogie sandwich
Thursday: Chili
Friday: Pizza

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
Thursday: Shaker salad
Friday: Popcorn chicken

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH

Breakfast menu
Milk served every day.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast pocket sandwich
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Milk served every day
Monday: Chicken sandwich, pepperoni hot pocket or salad bar
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, french dip sandwich or soup and sandwich bar
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, hamburger or potato bar
Thursday: Grilled chicken and bacon wrap, deli turkey sandwich or salad bar
Friday: Pizza or taco bar

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast pocket sandwich
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Hamburger
Tuesday: Ham sandwich or tuna fish sandwich
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
Friday: Italian spaghetti

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Breakfast is served daily.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.
Monday: Salad bar, deli sandwich or pepperoni hot pocket
Tuesday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Taco bar, deli sandwich or cheeseburger
Thursday: Deli sandwich, coyote grill bar or chicken fried steak
Friday: Deli sandwich, potato bar or pizza

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served every day.
Monday: Lasagna
Tuesday: Turkey gravy
Wednesday: Baked ham
Thursday: Cheeseburger
Friday: Potato soup

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Rib-b-cue on a bun
Tuesday: Hot dog wrap
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: Toasted cheese sandwich
Friday: Turkey stir fry

GLENN'S FERRY

Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Sloppy joes
Wednesday: Super nachos
Thursday: Hamburger
Friday: Vegetable soup

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS

Choice of milk offered daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancake on a stick
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Scrambled eggs
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Finger steak
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Chicken wrap
Thursday: Egg roll
Friday: Hamburger

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

Milk served every day.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Scrambled eggs
Tuesday: Ham and toast
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Sausage patty, English muffin
Friday: Biscuits and gravy
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served daily.

Monday: Turkey bagel sandwich
Tuesday: Italian spaghetti
Wednesday: Cheese and sausage pizza
Thursday: French dip or peanut butter and jelly
Friday: Hamburger

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS

Breakfast
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Biscuits and gravy
Tuesday: Scrambled eggs
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Cereal

Lunch

Monday: Pig in a blanket
Tuesday: Chicken patty
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Bean burrito
Friday: Hamburger

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS

Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Hamburger
Wednesday: Pot roast
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Pepperoni pizza

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 - 12:00 Robert Stuart Bel Canto Choir
 - 12:30 Kimberly Elementary & 5th Grade Choirs
 - 1:00 Kimberly Elementary & 5th Grade Choirs
 - 1:30 Kimberly Elementary & 5th Grade Choirs
 - 2:00 Liberty Christian Academy Bell & Select Choir
 - 2:30 Liberty Christian Academy Bell & Select Choir
 - 3:00 Magic Valley Christian Jr. High & H.S. Choir
 - 3:30 Magic Valley Christian Jr. High & H.S. Choir
 - 4:30 Rosin Dusters
 - 5:00 Razz-Ma-Tazz Jazz Dancers
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Groups oppose extended drilling in winter range

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) - Some environmental groups are upset by the number of extended drilling permits the U.S. Bureau of Land Management has granted in key winter range corridors for big game in Wyoming. The BLM has approved 31 of 39 requests by energy companies to keep operating past a November cutoff in big game migration areas such as the Fincastle Resource Area about 70 miles south of Grand Teton National Park. Last year, BLM granted 286 of 311 requests. Companies must ask the BLM for extensions to drill for oil and natural gas or perform other activities in restricted areas between Nov. 15 and April 30. The restrictions are meant to protect elk, mule deer, antelope and moose habitat, but some

environmentalists charge the BLM is threatening big game populations by granting too many exceptions in recent years. "Only one of these 311 requests (in 2002-03) were denied," said Meredith Taylor, the Yellowstone program director for the Wyoming Outdoor Council. "The increasing number of requests and the high percentage of exceptions to the wildlife stipulations granted makes a mockery of the whole public process and the decision to manage the land and resources for multiple use," Taylor said. BLM officials, however, say many of this year's extensions only give energy companies a few extra days to remove drilling equipment at the end of the season. They have denied at least two

requests seeking longer extensions to drill on crucial winter range. "There's a lot of factors that go into these (decisions)," said

Keith Andrews of the BLM's Pinedale Field Office. "We have to look at each individual request to see what they want to do. We look at it case by case."

School

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Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
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Wednesday: Corn dog
Thursday: Chicken and noodles
Friday: Deli sandwich

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Arizona wants to use endangered fish to fight the West Nile virus

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona wants to use endangered fish in its fight against West Nile virus. Wildlife officials are finalizing an agreement to allow rare topminnow and pupfish to be used for mosquito control in ponds and wetlands. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must approve it and hopes to sign off this spring.

The four species — the Gila topminnow, Yaqui topminnow, desert pupfish and Quitobaquito pupfish — have all been pushed toward extinction by habitat loss.

Backers say the plan promises to benefit both fish and humans. The federal Endangered Species Act typically shields listed species with rigorous protections. But a novel application of the law

could turn backyard ponds and stormwater basins along highways into breeding grounds for imperiled fish that are eventually reintroduced into the wild.

As the fish eat mosquitoes, they could reduce the risk of West Nile, a mosquito-borne virus that has been moving steadily across the U.S. from east to west.

The majority of people bitten by an infected mosquito don't become ill.

But the virus can cause flu-like symptoms, meningitis or a potentially fatal swelling of the brain or spinal cord.

Thousands of people across the country have contracted the virus. Colorado has reported nearly 2,500 cases of West Nile

and 45 deaths from the virus this year, more than any other state.

As Arizona officials consider using fish to fight mosquitoes and the virus, one possible target is Sierra Vista's sewage treatment plant, where a water cannon has been used to spray insecticide on 40 acres of artificial wetlands.

Bulwachs and cattails have gotten so thick at the treatment plant that the larvae die some times don't reach the young insects, forcing Sierra Vista to harvest or burn the vegetation.

Cochise County, which includes Sierra Vista, has yet to record a human case of West Nile, but mosquitoes, birds and horses across the county tested positive for the virus this year.

Defunct uranium mine still contaminates reservation

WELLPINT, Wash. (AP) — For nearly three decades, the Midnite Mine on the Spokane Indian Reservation was a source of paychecks and pride.

Truckloads of uranium oxide ore from the open-pit mine on a mountain above Blue Creek rolled 25 miles over winding reservation roads to the Dawn Mining Co.'s mill near Ford. There, the ore was processed into a key ingredient of the nuclear weapons built to defend the country against communism during the Cold War.

But when the mine closed in 1981, the paychecks stopped coming and patriotic pride was replaced by radioactive contamination, leaving Spokane Tribe members like Deb Abrahamson wondering whether it all was worth it.

"I doubt the tribe ever got back as much as went out," said Abrahamson, who helped found Saving Our Health, Air, Water and Land, a mine watchdog group. "We were marginalized and ignored."

Three years ago, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency listed the Midnite Mine for participation in Superfund, a program designed to force dirty industries to clean up their messes.

The EPA is completing studies that will lead to a preferred cleanup plan, but who will pay for the work has yet to be determined. The Midnite Mine is one of only three Superfund sites in Washington state without an identified funding source for cleanup.

Shannon Work, a Coeur d'Alene attorney who represents the Spokane Tribe of Indians, said a large portion of the reservation is off limits because of potential contamination.

"The contamination has impacted the entire Blue Creek drainage — a huge portion of the Spokane Indian Reservation," he said. "Now, that is unavailable for use by tribal members in traditional ways."

"Members can't fish in Blue Creek. They can't use plants along the creek for medicines, food and ceremonial purposes."

Doing so might expose them to low-level radiation that over time could cause cancer.

People weren't so concerned about environmental contamination when the mine opened. In the Cold War 1950s, uranium was in Eastern Washington and many people were flocking to the state to California 100 years before.

The nation's demand for the naturally occurring radioactive ore fed a prospecting frenzy unleashed in the West since Gold Rush times.

Episodes of the popular "I Love Lucy" and "Mickey Mouse Club" television series featured episodes with actors combing the West for uranium deposits — and the \$10,000 bounty the government was offering for finding them.

On a mountain above Blue Creek outside Wellpint, Jim and John LaBret and Leo Bruce found the distinctive uranium oxide ore at Midnite Mine in 1955.

Reunite

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she stayed until her baby was born on Aug. 30, 1953.

"I was never able to hold her or see her," Hoogland said. "They took her. The only thing I can remember now is that I saw the papers for her to be adopted."

She returned home to Columbus, Ohio, where she met Jake Hoogland who was serving in the Air Force. The pair were married and moved to Bakersfield where they raised their family on a dairy farm. Their children include Jeff Hoogland of Rogers, Ark., Jana Kay Juker of Buhl, Jeri Griggs and Jonnie Bradford, both of Bakersfield. Their second child, a daughter named Jackie, was lost in a drowning accident at the age of 2.

"And life went on, but all those years I always wondered where my baby was," Hoogland said.

The Hooglands moved to "Castledale in 1969 to be closer to relatives. In 1972 they divorced. Jan Hoogland moved back to Bakersfield and Jake Hoogland now lives in Buffalo, Mo., but both were in Buhl for 20 years.

Hoogland's children learned about their sister at different times. Griggs was the last to know, finding out five years ago. At the time there were numerous programs on television about people finding their long-lost siblings.

"Those stories always touched my heart," Griggs said. "I told

them we have to find her."

In 1997, Hoogland had called U.S. Search, a search agency, but had no luck finding Barbara Powell. The family then contacted Barbara Chiles, a woman who had overseen the adoption. They learned the birth dates and schools attended by the adoptive parents. They also learned the baby had been in an orphanage for five months before being adopted. But beyond that, the records were sealed.

Jeff Hoogland's wife, Carole, suggested hiring a private investigator. The investigator promised to find Powell, but only provided the family with a name and what they'd learn years several wrong addresses. Letters written to those addresses yielded no responses.

A co-worker helped Carole get in touch with a second private investigator who offered to help at no charge. He was able to come up with the correct address in about four days. He also found out Powell had been married and divorced and provided the name of her ex-husband. Although the husband had not seen or heard from her since 1986, he was able to verify that she knew she was "adopted."

"This time I wrote a much more detailed letter," Carole said. "Before we had been concerned that she might not know who we were, but now we were sure."

Over two weeks passed before the telephone rang. It was Powell. She had just returned home from

a trip to Columbus.

"She had gone to Columbus looking for an answer about her birth mother, and it was waiting for her at home," Griggs said.

At the age of 72, Powell became suspicious that she might be adopted when she found two birth certificates with the same date among her father's papers. When she was 15, her parents told her that she and her sister were both adopted.

"I was rebellious," Powell said. "When they wanted me to do something I didn't want to do, I would say you aren't really my mom and dad."

"I had a good home, good childhood with a warm and loving family. I had everything, but I would go to my room and cry."

In her late 20s, Powell was encouraged by friends to look for her birth mother. At the Catholic Charities office, she found her mother's maiden name, Jan Taylor, and her hometown, Columbus. Through the years, she had searched when she had time. She moved to Sterling Va., where she manages a Lord and Taylor jewelry department.

She came home earlier this month from her disappointing vacation trip to Columbus to find Carole's letter. Powell read the letter over and over and cried each time.

She called the Hoogland's in Arkansas on Nov. 4, and placed a call to her mother on her 69th birthday the next morning.

Utah joins states supporting looser clean-air rules

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah will join eight other states that approve the federal Environmental Protection Agency's decision to loosen the Clean Air Act's regulations to allow older power plants, refineries and factories to modernize without having to install expensive pollution controls.

The Utah Attorney General's office this week intervened in the lawsuit, making Utah among nine states coming to the defense of the EPA's relaxed air-

quality regulations.

Utah's participation comes after the Bush White House sought out friendly states to defend the EPA from New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, who is leading 14 states in a number of cases in seeking a court injunction to short-circuit a measure by the Environmental Protection Agency before it goes in effect Dec. 26.

The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., by the following states: New

York, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

All but one of the attorneys general representing the states are Democrats. Peter Heed of New Hampshire is the sole Republican.

The states sued the EPA last month, but are now seeking a quick court intervention to block the rule change before it can take effect.

Burley

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Public viewing continues Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. each day.

A "giving tree" will be set up throughout the entire festival. It allows people to make cash donations to the Cassia Health Care Foundation instead of buying a

tree or other item. The foundation sponsors the annual event. A holiday house filled with gifts for sale and a holiday kitchen where goodies are on sale are also planned.

Trees will be delivered to successful buyers on Dec. 8.

Admission to the Festival of

Trees is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. There's nearly non-stop entertainment planned.

In the past 25 years, the festival has generated more than \$700,000. The money has been used to buy hospital equipment, provide scholarships and to assist local quick response teams.

Trees

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onto branches of a tree Saturday at the festival site — the former CGA store at the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Filer Avenue. The tree was covered in purple and gold ornaments and lights, proclaiming "Christ the King."

The store and staff donated the tree and decorations worth at least \$700 counting the week of labor to decorate it. The decorations use the store's colors and incorporate them into a religious theme.

"I just dreamed it," Freeborn said. "And had lots of help doing it."

The tree will be displayed and auctioned off this week along with about 50 other large trees, and miniature trees, baskets, wreaths and other holiday decorations.

The events begin Wednesday with a sold-out gala dinner, a silent auction and a live auction. Thursday is a ladies night out. The exhibition runs Thursday through Sunday with days for seniors, children and international performers.

The proceeds benefit the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation's funds for ambulances and women's health, specifically free stroke and heart attack screenings.

Merrily Huehner, program coordinator for Magic Valley Regional, says she hopes to make the tree to \$110,000 this year. Last year's festival drew about 12,000 people and raised at least \$70,000 for the medical center.

"It really does take a whole city to do this project," said festival chairwoman Mary Field.

Twin Falls' Western Days royalty also was present Saturday to

Festival of Trees entertainment

- The Festival of Trees will feature continuous entertainment through four days. Here's a look at the performers:
- Thursday, Dec. 4**
- 10 a.m. — Canyonside Christian School
 - 11 a.m. — Hansen Elementary Choir
 - 11:30 a.m. — Oregon Trail Elementary Choir
 - 12 p.m. — Robert Stuart Bel Canto Choir
 - 12:30 p.m. — Kimberly Elementary and Fifth Grade Chorus
 - 2 p.m. — Liberty Christian Academy Bell and Select Chorus
 - 2:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
 - 3 p.m. — Magic Valley Christian Junior High and School Chorus
 - 4 p.m. — To Be Announced
 - 5 p.m. — Raza-Ma-Taz Jazz Dancers
 - 6 p.m. — Celtic Fire
 - 6:30 p.m. — Fort-Jacobson Fiddle Guitar
 - 7 p.m. — Butch Hulse
 - 7:30 p.m. — Mass Art Kids
 - 8 p.m. — Vena and Gracie
- Friday, Dec. 5**
- 10:30 a.m. — First Baptist Preschool
 - 10:30 a.m. — Immanuel Lutheran Kindergarten
 - 11 a.m. — Lincoln Elementary Choir and Drum Corp.
 - 11:30 a.m. — Clover Trinity
 - 12 p.m. — Vocal and Chime Choir
 - 12:30 — Flier Madrigals
 - 1 p.m. — Flier Jazz Band
 - 1:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
 - 2 p.m. — Immanuel Lutheran Kindergarten
 - 2:30 p.m. — Popplewell Honor Choir
- Saturday, Dec. 6**
- 10 a.m. — To Be Announced
 - 10:30 a.m. — Top Hat Dancers
 - 11 a.m. — Mandolin Dance
 - 12 p.m. — Dance Center
 - 12:30 p.m. — Sarjuntui Martial Arts
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 - 5 p.m. — Alana Davis
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 - 8 p.m. — CSI Institute Choir
- Sunday, Dec. 7**
- 10 a.m. — To Be Announced
 - 12 p.m. — Immanuel Lutheran After School Cloggers
 - 12:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
 - 1 p.m. — El Sol Dancers
 - 1:30 p.m. — Nanayemte & Yamanly
 - 2 p.m. — Asana Middle Eastern Dance
 - 3 p.m. — Magic Valley Dilettantes
 - 4 p.m. — Rosin Dusters
 - 4:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
- Jeep stockings and cowboy hats with hales.
- She looked down the aisle of decorated trees and said, "There's so many gorgeous trees here it's not even funny."

Sleep

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apnea is a common problem in the Magic Valley.

"We see a fair amount of it here," said Lincoln-Hays, who is also a registered polysomnography technologist and supervises the center's technical staff. "It's probably underdiagnosed. We see moderate to severe cases."

How much the hospital's new sleep lab will affect Hays's business is unknown.

She said she offered to sell her business to the hospital several years ago because she wanted to pursue other ventures. The hospital considered the offer and came in and examined her books. In the end, the hospital didn't take her up on the offer.

Because most local doctors are affiliated with the hospital, it could affect referrals to her center significantly, she said.

"It will obviously have some impact — how much I don't know," Lincoln-Hays said. "I'm going to be fine. I'm only working with Dr. (Thomas) Mulweg," the center's medical director, who specializes in neurology, sleep medicine and pain management.

She said her center, which is fully accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, will continue to concentrate on providing quality care. Her husband Stan Hays, the center's business supervisor and scoring technologist, agreed.

"We have a quality lab, and quality is more important than quantity," Hays said.

Fullmer said the most common sleep disorder local doctors see is sleep apnea. He said 3 percent to 4 percent of the population has it. And it can be a serious problem that can trigger or complicate other health problems.

Sleep apnea can raise blood pressure, make heart failure worse and can even contribute to the development of diabetes, he said.

"The upper airway narrows as a person reaches the deeper stages of sleep and closes off," Fullmer explained. "Oxygen can drop significantly, and the person can feel fatigued and drowsy during the day."

Fullmer said the primary cause of sleep apnea is obesity. Fat in

About sleeping disorders

- Common types of sleep disorders include sleep apnea, insomnia, narcolepsy and restless legs syndrome.
 - Sleep apnea is a common breathing disorder that can be serious. In sleep apnea, breathing stops or gets shallow for a number of minutes or longer many times during the night.
 - Most people with sleep apnea regularly snore loudly. Loud snoring and choking or gasping during sleep and being sleepy during the day are the most common signs of sleep apnea.
 - Treatment is aimed at restoring regular nighttime breathing and relieving symptoms such as loud snoring and daytime sleepiness. Treatment will also help associated medical problems such as high blood pressure and reduce the risk for heart attack and stroke.
 - Restless legs syndrome is a sleep disorder in which a person experiences unpleasant sensations in the legs described as creeping, crawling, tingling, pulling or painful. These sensations usually occur in the calf area but may be felt anywhere from the thigh to the ankle. One or both legs may be affected, for some people, the sensations are also felt in the arms. These sensations occur when the person lies down or sits for prolonged periods of time.
 - People with RLS describe an irresistible urge to move the legs when the sensations occur. Usually, moving the legs, walking, rubbing or massaging the legs, or doing knee bends can bring relief, at least briefly.
 - Narcolepsy is a chronic sleep disorder with no known cause. The main characteristic of narcolepsy is excessive and overwhelming daytime sleepiness, even after adequate nighttime sleep. A person with narcolepsy is likely to become drowsy of fall asleep, often at inappropriate times and places.
 - Insomnia is the perception or complaint of inadequate or poor-quality sleep because of one or more of the following: difficulty falling asleep; waking up frequently during the night with difficulty returning to sleep; waking up too early in the morning; and unrefreshing sleep.
 - Insomnia is not defined by the number of hours of sleep a person gets or how long it takes to fall asleep. Insomnia can be classified as transient (short term), intermittent (on and off) and chronic (constant). Insomnia lasting from a single night to a few weeks is referred to as transient. If episodes of transient insomnia occur from time to time, the insomnia is said to be intermittent. Insomnia is considered to be chronic if it occurs on most nights and lasts a month or more.
- Source: National Institutes of Health

Crump

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It was called The Indian Run, and it involved everybody lining up single file and running around the back of the line of the football field. The last guy in line would sprint to the front of the pack, and this continued until everybody — and there were 35 kids in the class — had dashed from the end of the line to the front of the pack.

Nobody could stop running until this process was completed, and one day the coach pulled me aside and put me at the front of

the line to start with, meaning that I would be the last Indian Runner.

By the time I worked my way to the back of the line, my legs were so spent that I would have had a better chance of catching bubonic plague than the lead runner. We kept running until enough guys had to stop and throw up for me to get me the head of the pack, literally on my hands and knees.

Hell hath no fury like a gaggle of ninth-graders really torqued off at a scvie.

By the time I staggered home that afternoon, I was wearing my underwear over my pants, I'd had a bottle of ink poured over my head and my eyebrows had been shaved off.

So junior high, you see, taught me never again to get caught dating an older woman. More importantly, it taught me never again to get caught.

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WEST

THE PERFECT TREE



Travis Philpot, 17, left, and his little brother, Wyatt, 5, both of Maple Valley, Wash., haul a noble fir out of the woods Saturday at Berrydale Forest in Kent, Wash. Their family had already decorated the inside of their home and they needed the tree to round out the Christmas decorations.

Utah churches don't ban guns

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - No churches have registered with the state Bureau of Criminal Identification their intention to ban firearms, which means that under state law, any of the state's 50,000-plus residents with concealed-carry permits can legally pack heat in any house of worship.

Earlier this year an amendment to the concealed-carry law allowing religious organizations to prohibit guns inside houses of worship went into effect.

The church gun-ban provision can be invoked by clergy pronouncing the policy over the pulpit or in a newsletter or publishing it in a general-circulation newspaper. Clergy must also register with the BCI, which will post on its Web site a list of churches, synagogues and other houses of worship barring guns.

But the Web site's list is empty, saying only that "no churches have notified BCI of their intent to prohibit firearms on their premises."

"To me, that means the permit holders can carry in the church unless (the gun owners) have agreed not to carry," said Joyce Carter, BCI firearms section chief. "That would be my interpretation of the law."

Sen. Mike Waddoups, R-Taylorville, sponsored the amendment. He agrees that state notification is required for the law to kick in, but assumed that churches might not know that.

"That's probably part of the reason," Waddoups said. "The other reason is I think it's not a big issue in some of their minds. But I think as soon as there is an incident, then it will become an issue."

An earlier version of the law

required churches to post "no gun" signs. Churches still doing so are complying with the spirit but not the letter of the law, Waddoups said, but added he believed a gun ban should be legally recognized in such cases.

The Episcopal Diocese of Utah was one of the few faiths that posted signs banning guns under the old law and has been active in seeking legal recognition of its right to impose such restrictions.

"It would be inaccurate to interpret the lack of registration (with the state) as indifference on the part of churches which have been so adamant" in opposition to guns in houses of worship, said Dan Webster, diocese spokesman. "What it shows is that churches have been gearing up (for the holidays), and doing their regular work."

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Coming Monday

The result of the Patriots-Colts showdown.

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Section C

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

66 Nobody will ever challenge him for the number of NCAA titles and that's the number that counts.

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—Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski of legendary UCLA coach John Wooden, who won 10 national championships. With an 82-69 win over Pacific, Krzyzewski won the 665th game of his career, moving him one ahead of Wooden to No. 18 on the all-time list.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who is the Los Angeles Kings' all-time leading scorer?
...answer below

IN BRIEF

Burley boosters meet Monday

BURLEY — The Burley Booster Club will hold a meeting Monday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Burley High School conference room. Important issues including budget cut concerns will be discussed, so all interested parents and Bobcat supporters are strongly encouraged to attend. For any questions, contact Kim Terry at 677-4345.

Kimberly Youth Assoc. holds hoops signups

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.

Gooding volleyball offers gift boxes

GOODING — Gooding High School volleyball players are taking orders for holiday gift boxes of apples as a fund-raiser to help the players attend camps. The cost is \$14 per box. Varieties of apples available are Red Delicious, Fuji, Granny Smith or 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.

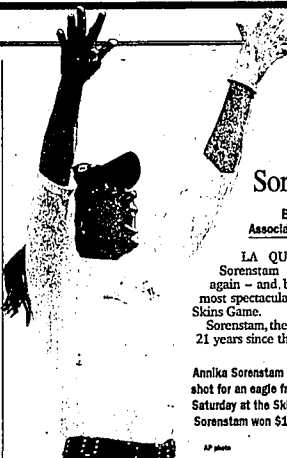
Burley football team will be 'Santa's helpers'

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 hondo@pm2.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.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Marcel Dionne, with 1,307 points. Luc Robitaille is second with 1,096. Dave Taylor is third with 1,063, and Gretzky fourth with 918.



Sorenstam wins \$175,000 with spectacular shot in first day of Skins Game

By Bob Baum
Associated Press writer

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Annika Sorenstam played against the men again — and beat them with one of the most spectacular shots in the history of the Skins Game.

Sorenstam, the first woman to compete in the 21 years since the event began, holed a 39-yard bunker shot for an eagle on the par-5, 524-yard ninth hole Saturday to earn \$175,000.

"I'm pretty much in shock, I must say," she said. Another \$700,000 will be at stake in the final nine holes on Sunday. On Saturday, she won more than her three male competitors did combined. Phil Mickelson earned \$100,000 with a pair of \$50,000 skins. Fred Couples sank a 15-foot birdie putt on the first hole for \$25,000. Defending champion Mark O'Meara had no skins. Sorenstam became the first woman to compete in a PGA event in 58 years at The Colonial in May. She had a solid two rounds but missed the cut. Her invitation to compete in the \$1 million Skins Game drew far less attention, but she knew she faced an uphill battle against the longer-hitting men. She played well but had no skins through the

first eight holes Saturday, then came the shot she called the best of her remarkable career. "I've hit some great shots at major champs onships to win them," she said, "but with all the people watching, against these guys a tough shot like that, I think it's the best shot under the circumstances." There were no skins on the sixth, seventh and eighth holes, building the amount at stake to \$175,000 on the ninth. "This format lends itself to having one incredible shot overshadow the day," Mickelson said. "That's part of the excitement of the format. And to have it happen on the last hole, in front of everybody with the most money on the line, I thought was pretty cool. It would have been even more cool if it were me."

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Bruins win bruiser



Boise High guard Mat Nelson is stripped of the ball by Bruins Mike Smith (24), Graham Stanley (15) and Cory Albertson (12) during their first meeting of the season Saturday. Twin Falls won 88-72.

A steady offensive attack gives Twin Falls 88-72 win

By Eric Larson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — By putting together four 20-plus point quarters, the Twin Falls Bruins earned their first win of the boys basketball season Saturday night against the Boise Braves, 88-72 at Bruin Gymnasium. With star senior post Luc Martin struggling in the first half, the duo of Todd Cook and Graham Stanley stepped up to lead the early Bruin charge. Combining for 17 first-

half points, Cook and Stanley were able to succeed where Martin struggled, scoring only one first-half point. Bruin coach Matt Harr was pleased with how his other players stepped up with Martin struggling. "I liked what I saw," Harr said. "We have 9-10 players that we can play this year." Something must have clicked for Martin in the second half, as the 6-foot-4 post dropped 18 points on the Braves after halftime. His ability to score on three-point plays — both from behind the arc and the tra-

ditional way — vaulted the Bruins to a 15-point lead going into the fourth quarter. While Martin finished with 19 points and five rebounds, it was the strong 21-point, 13-rebound double-double performance of the senior wing Stanley that paced the Bruins. Cook added 13. Harr knows that it will be important for Martin to find his game earlier than the third quarter in future games. "He's our guy inside," said Harr. "He had

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Lakers' Malone becomes oldest NBA player to get triple-double

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Karl Malone gave the Los Angeles Lakers the physical presence they expected.

In the Lakers' most significant game so far this season, he gave them something they didn't expect: a triple-double.

And he accomplished the feat despite playing only 26 minutes.

Malone became the first NBA player to get a triple-double at age 40, leading the Lakers past the defending champion San Antonio Spurs 103-87 Friday night. He sat out all of the fourth quarter.

"I'm glad to be here," said Malone, the second-leading scorer in NBA history. "Hopefully they're glad to have me."

That goes without saying. He's doing a bit of everything for Los Angeles, which is 13-3. Malone had 10 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists for the fourth triple-double of his career and first since spring 1999. The 6-foot-9, 259-

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Lakers forward Karl Malone goes up for a shot against Spurs forward Tim Duncan during their game Friday in Los Angeles.

CSI men scrape out sweep over North Idaho

The Times-News

COEUR D'ALENE — Cardinals guard Curtis Lincoln's 3-point shot from the top of the lane was wide of the iron as time expired as the College of Southern Idaho men escaped Coeur d'Alene with a 62-60 win over host North Idaho College Saturday night in Scenic West Athletic Conference play.

Thirteen men scored in a four-game sweep by the Golden Eagles men and women.

NIC (6-2 overall, 2-2 SWAC) came out firing in the second half, taking a 32-31 lead with 15:48 left in the game, forcing Eagles head coach Gib Arnold to call timeout.

CSI (7-3, 3-3 SWAC) apparently paid heed to Arnold's words and rallied to tie a 38-32 lead with 13:42 left.

The Cardinals would rally again, trimming the CSI lead to 58-54 with 3:20 remaining on a 3-pointer

by Curtis Lincoln, who scored 19 points, 16 after the break.

CSI guard Dani Hartz hit both free throws with less than a minute left to give CSI some breathing room and a 62-57 lead.

Lincoln found his range in the final minute as he stroked two 3-pointers including one on the third offensive rebound with 39.9 seconds left to make it 62-60 CSI.

In related news, the CSI men's basketball 137-game home win streak will remain for a very long time.

The College of Eastern Utah knocked off Dixie State 75-73 Saturday night to end the Rebels streak at 71.

The CSI men led 28-22 at the half in a punishing defensive battle with elbows flying and hard fouls.

Foul trouble hampered CSI with NIC in the double bonus for two

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SPORTS

Tarheels survive scare; Michigan State downs Penn

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jawad Williams made a critical 3-pointer with 1:27 left and No. 9 North Carolina survived a scare Saturday with an 82-76 victory over gutsy Cleveland State.

Williams, who went to high school in Cleveland, drilled his 3 from the right wing as the Tar Heels (3-0) overcame a four-point deficit by scoring the game's final 10 points.

Omari Westley scored 20 points and Perrell Coles had 15 — all on 3-pointers — for the Vikings (2-1), who won just eight games last season but more than held their own against one of the nation's elite programs.

Williams scored 24 points, Sean May 19 points and Rashad McCants 18 for North Carolina, which trailed 76-72 when Coles buried his fourth 3-pointer of the

second half with three minutes left.

No. 3 Michigan St. 77, Penn 52

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Shannon Brown had 12 points, including three spectacular dunks on his 18th birthday, to help No. 3 Michigan State beat Penn 77-52 Saturday in the first game of the Coca-Cola Spartan Classic.

Brown scored 15 points and Chris Hill added 13, all in the final 21 minutes for Michigan State (2-1).

No. 5 Missouri 90, Oakland, Mich. 85

ROCHESTER, Mich. — Jimmy

McKenney and Ricky Paulding scored 21 points each in Missouri's season-opening victory.

Rawle Marshall led Oakland with 27 points.

No. 12 Illinois 75, Temple 60

PHILADELPHIA — Roger Powell had 19 points and 10 rebounds, Deron Williams added 18 points and Dee Brown 16 for Illinois.

David Hawkins led Temple (0-2) with 28 points.

No. 13 St. Joseph's 75, Old Dominion 72

NORFOLK, Va. — Jameer Nelson scored 24 points, including a half-court shot with less than 10 seconds remaining, to lead No. 13 St. Joseph's to a 75-72 victory over Old Dominion on Saturday.

A steal by Troy Nance and a

layup by Isaiah Hunter won the 24 seconds remaining capped a 15-4 run and pulled Old Dominion within 72-70.

After Nelson's long distance 3-pointer, Hunter hit an off-balance jumper in the lane with 1.7 seconds left to pull Old Dominion within three, but St. Joseph's inbounded the ball and time ran out.

No. 16 Gonzaga 82, Georgia 76

SPOKANE, Wash. — Ronny Turiaf scored all 11 of Gonzaga's points in overtime and made key defensive stops.

Turiaf led Gonzaga (3-1) with 22 points. He also grabbed the final rebound of the game to seal the victory.

Jonas Hayes had 20 points for Georgia (2-1).

Iowa 70, No. 17 Louisville 69, OT

INDIANAPOLIS — Greg Brunner scored a career-high 26 points, and Pierre Pierce made a free throw with 9.2 seconds left in overtime for Iowa.

Brody Boyd added 22 points for the Hawkeyes (3-0). Luke Whitehead led Louisville (0-1) with 18 points and 14 rebounds.

No. 18 Wake Forest 86, Yale 61

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Jamal Lory led four Wake Forest players in double figures with 19 points.

Lory also had seven rebounds for Wake Forest (3-0).

No. 19 Cincinnati 76, Coplin St. 56

CINCINNATI — Field

Williams matched his career high with 24 points, hitting eight of his 10 3-point shots, and No. 19 Cincinnati relied on its trapping defense to beat Coppin State 76-56 on Saturday night.

Tony Bobbitt added 21 points for the Hornets, who put up 14 most points this season against the Eagles.

No. 21 Notre Dame 78, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 64

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Chris Thomas scored 22 points, and Chris Quinn added 15 for Notre Dame.

Torin Francis scored 13 points, making all three field goals and all seven free throws attempted, and Torrian Jones chipped in with 12 for the Irish (2-0).

SCORES AND STATS

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Area ski report

Table providing ski conditions and reports for various areas including Ketchikan, Sitka, and other locations.

T.F. Rec coaches get into Bruins games

TWIN FALLS — All Twin Falls Parks & Recreation volunteer coaches who show their T.F. Parks & Recreation volunteer pins will be admitted free of charge to all Twin Falls High School boys and girls home basketball games this season.

Twin Falls Municipal offers winter rates

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course is now offering winter rates at \$10 per round. Ten-round punch cards may be purchased for \$100 at Donnelly's Sports, Claude's Sports, Twin Falls City Hall, and the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

Tim Hasselbeck gets nod from Washington Redskins

WASHINGTON — Steve Spurrier made it official: Tim Hasselbeck will make his first NFL start Sunday for the Washington Redskins against the New Orleans Saints.

Japan's Sugiri wins NHK Trophy; Goebel leads men

ASAHIKAWA, Japan — Fumie Sasaki will capture a cautious free skate Saturday to win the NHK Trophy women's title, while Tim Goebel of the United States took the lead in the men's event.

Twin Falls High School runners need help

TWIN FALLS — Twin Fall High School senior Kody Barker and sophomore Tyler Jones both qualified recently for the Junior Olympics high school cross country meet in Albuquerque, N.M. on Dec. 13.

Garcia leads Goosen by a stroke at Nedbank tourney

SERVO CITY, South Africa — Sergio Garcia shot a 2-under-par 70 Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Retief Goosen after three rounds in the Nedbank Golf Challenge.

Arizona hires Oklahoma coach's brother Mike Stoops

TUCSON, Ariz. — Mike Stoops, the younger brother of Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, was introduced Saturday as the new head coach of Arizona's program-plagued football team.

Sweden's Paerson leads after first slalom run

PARK CITY, Utah — Anja Paerson of Sweden was one step away from a weekend sweep after taking a quick lead Saturday in the first women's World Cup slalom race of the season.

NHL suspends Savard for biting glove of Leafs' Tuckey

TORONTO — Atlanta Thrashers center Marc Savard was suspended one game by the NHL for biting the glove of Toronto Maple Leafs winger Darcy Tucker.

Red Wings 2, Blues 1

DETROIT — The Detroit Red Wings defeated the St. Louis Blues 2-1 Saturday night in a game that was a defensive struggle for much of the first two periods.

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SPORTS

No. 10 Miami runs through Pittsburgh D

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Miami took Larry Fitzgerald out of the game from the start. Not surprisingly, Pittsburgh quickly followed. Tyrone Moss and Jarrett Payton became the latest running backs to exploit No. 20 Pitt's weak rush defense, running for more than 100 yards each.

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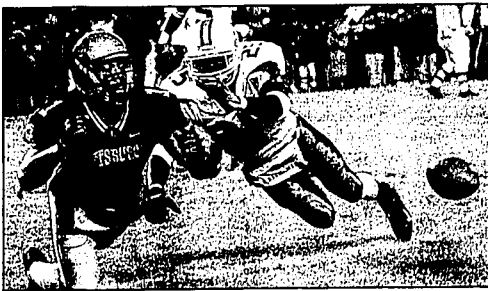
Miami (10-2, 6-1) exited the Big East for the ACC after some dominating play it entered in 1992 — on top, with everybody else playing catchup. The Hurricanes officially share the conference title with West Virginia (8-4, 6-1), but it's Miami that's heading to a big bowl — almost certainly the hometown Orange Bowl, where they last played during the 1994 season.

Moss ran for touchdowns of 30 and 6 yards and Payton had a 1-yard touchdown run as Miami scored on three consecutive first-half possessions in a 7-0 defeat into a 2-lead. Pitt's rushing defense — 80th among the nation's 117 Division I-A schools — now has allowed seven 100-yard rushers.

Pittsburgh (8-4, 5-2) was playing its biggest game since the defeat when it appeared in a major New Year's Day bowl, but the Panthers did almost nothing after driving 74 yards on their first possession for Rod Rutherford's 2-yard touchdown pass to Kris Wilson.

Nothing new there — Miami has outscored Pitt 205-76 in winning their last six matchups, and is 10-1 against the Panthers in Big East play.

The Panthers, in the Top 10 earlier this season, will settle for a likely Continental Tire Bowl matchup against Virginia in what will be regarded as a disappointing season for a team that never did figure out how to stop Pitt. In its last five games, Pitt has allowed two 200-yard rushers and three 100-yard rushers.



Pittsburgh receiver Larry Fitzgerald is shown by Miami's Alfonso Marshall, resulting in a pass interference call in the end zone Saturday, in Pittsburgh. The penalty set up Pittsburgh's first touchdown.

No. 5 Georgia 34, Atlanta Tech 17

ATLANTA — Georgia did its part, but everything else went the Bulldogs way, sending them back to the Southeastern Conference championship game.

Freshman center Nick Jones fell on a fumble in the end zone. Bryan McClendon blocked a punt to set up another touchdown and No. 5 Georgia defeated Georgia Tech for the third year in a row, 34-17 Saturday.

The Bulldogs (10-2) came into the day needing two things to happen. They had to beat Georgia Tech, which they did emphatically, and Tennessee had to knock off Kentucky to force a three-way tie for the SEC East title with Georgia and Florida.

Tennessee won 20-7 and when Florida lost 35-34 to Florida State that wrapped up the title for the Bulldogs. The matchup against LSU will be made official Sunday.

No. 7 Tennessee 20, Kentucky 7

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Cedric Kelly, the quarterback was Steve Lach from Duke. These were quality players. Both Sitko and Lach would wind up in the College Football Hall of Fame.

On this day, Sitko ran for 114 yards and Dewey Proctor from Furman rushed for 155 more, each on 17 carries.

As the game wound down, Notre Dame trailed 12-7 after failing to score in the third quarter for the first time all season. But the Irish went on an 80-yard drive in the fourth and Creighton Miller scored the go-ahead touchdown with 65 seconds left.

Lujack, who scored the first Irish TD in the first quarter, remembered the one that seemed to be the game-winner. "It was a lot of hard work," he said. "There was a fourth-and-one, a fourth-and-two, but we made it."

Now, the Irish led 14-12. The perfect season was in sight.

Notre Dame's kickoff went out of bounds on the Great Lakes 39. On first down, Lach threw 15 yards to Cecil Pinsky of East Texas State, moving the ball to Notre Dame's 46. With 33 seconds left, Lach went back for another pass.

Lujack, in the Notre Dame secondary, recalled how the play unfolded.

"I had him tackled two or three times in the backfield," he said. "He started to run and we moved up."

With the Irish defensive backs out of position, Lach spotted Paul Anderson, who had played at Western Reserve, springing free. He lofted a pass over the Notre Dame defenders. Anderson caught it at the 6-yard line and easily outran Julie Rykovich to the end zone.

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Tennessee finished with 270 yards of offense in cold, windy conditions. But the offense turned in a 13-play, 65-yard touchdown drive in the final minutes to seal the win on Houston's 10-yard run with 1:27 left.

Tennessee's only touchdown to that point came on an 18-yard pass from Casey Clauson to Mark Jones 90 seconds into the second half.

DALLAS — Robert Merrill ran for 98 yards, including a 20-yard touchdown with 7:18 left, and TCU rebounded from its BCS dream-shattering loss by beating SMU (0-12).

The Horned Frogs (11-1) have their best wins since 1938, but won't get to play in a Bowl Championship Series game or even the Liberty Bowl because of their 40-28 loss at Southern Mississippi on Nov. 20.

Merrill's game-clinching run came on the last of his 15 carries when he took a handoff to the right, sidestepped into an opening and run untouched into the end zone. His 1,081 rushing yards are a TCU freshman record.

Virginia 35, No. 21 Virginia Tech 21

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Wali Lundy ran for three touchdowns and caught a pass for another helping Virginia end its four-year losing streak against Virginia Tech.

The Cavaliers (7-5) scored 21 straight points in the second half, twice converting on fourth down from the 1. Lundy caught a 1-yard pass for the tying touchdown, and Jones for a score to make it 28-14.

Virginia Tech (8-4) got two touchdowns runs from Kevin Jones and a 43-yard scoring pass from Bryan Randall to Mike Imoh.

No. 22 Bowling Green 31, Toledo 20

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio — Josh Harris threw for three touchdowns and caught another one, leading Bowling Green to a spot in the Mid-American Conference title game.

The Falcons scored on their first four possessions in the second half after trailing 14-7 after two quarters. Harris did it all, accounting for 379 of Bowling Green's 433 offensive yards against Toledo (8-4, 6-2 MAC).

Bowling Green (10-2, 7-1) will host No. 15 Miami of Ohio on Thursday for the conference title.

No. 24 West Virginia 45, Temple 28

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Jason Colson rushed for two touchdowns in his first career start and West Virginia clinched a share of its first Big East title since 1993.

Lance Frazier returned a punt for a touchdown and set up another score with an interception for West Virginia (8-4, 6-1 Big East), which won its seventh straight game and is expected to head to the Gator Bowl to play Maryland.

Quarterback Walter Washington ran for 117 yards and four scores for Temple (1-11, 0-7).

Notre Dame 57, Stanford 7

STANFORD, Calif. — Julius Jones quickly took the stress out of Tyrone Willingham's return to Stanford, running for 106 yards in the first quarter of Notre Dame's 57-7 victory over the Cardinal on Saturday night.

Jones finished with 218 yards and a touchdown, becoming the first Fighting Irish player in school history to go over 200 yards three times in the same season. Ryan Grant ran for three touchdowns in Notre Dame's highest scoring output in nine years.

Brady Quinn threw a 65-yard touchdown pass to Matt Shelton and a 45-yard strike to Maurice Stovall — and Willingham enjoyed his first trip back to The Farm since leaving to coach Notre Dame after the 2001 season.

The Irish (5-6) won their third straight and were sharp coming off their bye week.

Stanford (4-7) lost its final three games, but still improved over coach Buddy Teevens' 2-9 rookie season last year.

Spoiling a perfect season

By Hal Beck
Associated Press writer

Notre Dame's struggles this season are magnified by the legacy of success that routinely accompanies the Fighting Irish. No college football team has won more national championships. No school has had more Heisman Trophy winners.

The Irish got both in 1943, a perfect season until a galling defeat at the end, one of the most troubling losses in the long, brilliant reign of coach Frank Leahy.

World War crippled college football of its best players and many of them surfaced playing for military-base teams. Those squads often played college teams and it was not unusual for them to be ranked in The Associated Press poll.

Notre Dame lost its share of players to the war effort, with just two starters back from the 1942 team. One of them was Angelo Bertelli, who switched from single wing tailback to quarterback when Leahy went to the formation.

Bertelli threw 10 touchdown passes and the team averaged 43.5 points in just six games before he headed for Marine Corps boot camp. He was replaced by sophomore Johnny Lujack, who doubled as a defensive back in that era of two-way players.

Despite playing seven of their 10 games on the road, the Irish flourished that season. They were shut out in consecutive victories over Navy and Army. They had outscored opponents 312-37 and were 8-0 and No. 1 in the country when they edged No. 2 Iowa Pre-Flight 14-13 in the next-to-last game.

One game to go, this one against Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

In the days before the final game, Capt. R.R.M. Emmett, commander of Great Lakes, received a note from Capt. David Hanrahan, who headed Pre-Flight. "We've softened them up for you," Hanrahan wrote. "Now it's up to your Great Lakes boys."

The game was supposed to be played at Comiskey Park in Chicago, but the war had won. Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, president of Notre Dame, suggested moving it to Great Lakes on Saturday so the men serving at the Naval base could see it. The gesture cost the university's athletic department about \$10,000.

For Notre Dame, this was like an intrasquad game. Great Lakes had a number of Irish players, including Emil Sitko, Mike Romano, Steve Jurzik and Pete Kelly. The quarterback was Steve Lach from Duke. These were quality players. Both Sitko and Lach would wind up in the College Football Hall of Fame.

On this day, Sitko ran for 114 yards and Dewey Proctor from Furman rushed for 155 more, each on 17 carries.

As the game wound down, Notre Dame trailed 12-7 after failing to score in the third quarter for the first time all season. But the Irish went on an 80-yard drive in the fourth and Creighton Miller scored the go-ahead touchdown with 65 seconds left.

Lujack, who scored the first Irish TD in the first quarter, remembered the one that seemed to be the game-winner. "It was a lot of hard work," he said. "There was a fourth-and-one, a fourth-and-two, but we made it."

Now, the Irish led 14-12. The perfect season was in sight.

Notre Dame's kickoff went out of bounds on the Great Lakes 39. On first down, Lach threw 15 yards to Cecil Pinsky of East Texas State, moving the ball to Notre Dame's 46. With 33 seconds left, Lach went back for another pass.

Lujack, in the Notre Dame secondary, recalled how the play unfolded.

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Final score: Great Lakes 19, Notre Dame 14.

That quickly, the perfect season was over. In the dressing room, Leahy tried to console his team.



Florida's Jermaine McCollum (26) is set upon by Florida State players on the field after FSU defeated Florida, 38-34, in Gainesville, Fla., Saturday.

Brawl mars Gators-Seminoles classic

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — P.K. Sam ran a twisting, whirling, falling-down pass route for a 52-yard touchdown that lifted Florida State to a 38-34 victory over Florida on Saturday, a spectacular game that was marred by a brawl at midfield after the game ended.

Sam's catch with 55 seconds remaining pushed No. 9 Florida State (10-2) to the 10-win plateau for the first time since 2000. No. 11 Florida (8-4) had its five-game winning streak halted, along with any hopes of sneaking into the Southeastern Conference title game.

The last touchdown, the third TD throw of the day for Chris Rice, was a thrilling climax to a game that had a bit of everything — great plays, terrible officiating and back-and-forth scoring.

The emotion, however, caught up with the players: When the Seminoles went to midfield to celebrate the win, they were greeted

by the Gators, who didn't want them jumping up and down on their "F" at midfield. Punches were thrown, helmets went flying.

Gators athletic director Jeremy Foley and FSU sports information director Rob Wilson jumped in the middle to separate the 100-or-so players, and police used pepper spray to disperse them.

"I have no idea what happened," Florida coach Ron Zook said. "But I promise you, if our guys were involved, we'll get it straightened out."

There were no immediate reports on injuries from the fight. And hopefully, once tempers settle, this game will be remembered more for the show on the field than what happened afterward.

The lead changed hands four times in the fourth quarter. With 2:55 left, Florida went ahead 34-31 on Ben Troupe's 26-yard touchdown catch from Chris Lach in the back of the end zone. Troupe got one foot down; the official

stared hard at the play, and initially brought his arms to the side, as though he were going to call it incomplete.

But he raised his hands to signal a touchdown, one of the few calls that went surely right on a day that will fade rapidly in the wake of the Atlantic Coast Conference officiating crew, headed by referee Jack Childress.

The crew made at least three questionable calls on fumbles — calling them down when they weren't or vice versa — and absolutely blew at least two more, including giving Seminoles tailback Leon Washington credit for a fumble recovery even though Florida linebacker Channing Crowder sprinted out of the pile with the ball.

Four plays after that call, Rice dove over the goal line for a touchdown that gave the Seminoles a 31-27 lead. But there were still five minutes left, and the fun was just beginning.

"I was very adamant about (now drawing personal fouls)," said Hawkins. "I told our guys I wanted no yapping or talking. I have no time for that. I told them the scoreboard will speak for itself."

Glenns Ferry's Corey Hall recorded seven tackles, one for a loss of three yards.

Nebraska fires football coach Solich

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska fired coach Frank Solich, who was fired Saturday night after winning more than 75 percent of his games over six seasons but failing to keep the Cornhuskers at the national powerhouse they were under Tom Osborne.

The firing by athletic director Steve Pederson was first reported by the Omaha World-Herald and the Lincoln Journal Star.

"He's pretty strong, but he's disappointed tonight," Solich's son-in-law, Jon Dalton, told The Associated Press.

"I don't know the reason behind it," Dalton said. "Get Steve to tell you. This is a sad day for the state of Nebraska."

Solich and Pederson could not be reached for comment. Nebraska spokespeople Chris Anderson and Keith Mann did not immediately return telephone messages left by The Associated Press late Saturday.

Solich had just finished a 9-3 regular season with Friday's 31-22 victory at Colorado. He was 58-19 in six seasons.

Pinnacle Sports Network, the rights holder for Nebraska radio broadcasts, reported that first-year defensive coordinator Bo Pelini would be the interim head coach.

The current group of assistants will coach the in Nebraska's upcoming bowl game. It was unknown whether any of the assistants will be retained after the bowl.

"Frank just said it was over, and that Steve (Pederson) would be contacting us," offensive coordinator Barney Cotton told the Lincoln Journal Star.

Solich took over after Osborne retired after the 1997 season. The Cornhuskers won at least a share of the national title in three of Osborne's final four seasons.

Solich was 42-9 in his first four seasons. He was Big 12 coach of the year in 1999 and 2001, won the '99 conference title and his team played for the national championship after the '01 season.

But Solich's success was downplayed because critics said he won with players recruited by Osborne.

The Cornhuskers went 7-7 in 2002 — the team's worst season since 1961 — and struggled against quality opponents this season.

Their three losses all were by more than 17 points, capped by a 38-9 loss to Kansas State.

Nebraska's worst at home since 1958 — in the final home game of the season.

Solich's record for his six seasons was 58-19.

The last Nebraska head football coach to be fired was Bill Jennings, who was removed and replaced by Bob Devaney in 1962.

Playoff Scoreboard

NCAA Division I-AA Football First Round	
Colgate 19, Massachusetts 7	
Delaware 48, Southern Illinois 7	
Wofford 31, North Carolina A&T 10	
Florida Atlantic 32, Bethune-Cookman 24	
Western Illinois 43, Montana 40, 20T	
Western Kentucky 45, Jacksonville State 7	
Northern Arizona 35, McNeese State 3	
Northern Iowa 35, Montana State 14	
NCAA Division II Football Quarterfinals	
Grand Valley State 10, Saginaw Valley State 7	
North Alabama 41, Carson-Newman 9	
North Dakota 36, Winona State 29	
Texas A&M-Kingsville 49, Central Oklahoma 6	
NCAA Division III Football Second Round	
Bridgewater, Va. 26, Christopher Newport 3	
Illinois 33, Montclair State 13	
North Carolina 39, Wisconsin-La Crosse 14	
Lycoming 13, E. Texas Baptist 10T	
Wheaton 16, Baldwin-Wallace 12	
RPI 40, Springfield 34	
St. John's, Minn. 38, St. Norbert 13	
Linfeltr 23, Wartburg 20	
NAIA Playoffs Quarterfinals	
St. Francis, Ind. 41, St. Ambrose 14	
Siena Falls, S.D. 33, Northwestern Iowa 7	
Carroll, Mont. 49, Mary, N.D. 7	
Northwestern Oklahoma State 24, Dickinson State 17	

Reality says six teams have shot at Super Bowl

Before training camp opened, Indianapolis Colts president Jim Irschell went down a list of the NFL's 32 teams and pronounced 20 of them capable of reaching the Super Bowl, "depending on injury or other misfortune."

And he didn't even include Dallas and Carolina, now legitimate contenders among those 20.

With five weeks left, here that list to six: Kansas City, Tennessee, New England and Polian's Colts in the AFC; St. Louis and

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Philadelphia in the NFC.

Nothing against the Cowboys and Panthers, both of whom will make the playoffs. But teams normally don't get to the big game with inexperienced quarterbacks such as Quincy Carter and Jake Delhomme. Kurt Warner and Tom Brady are exceptions that prove

the rule.

In other words, Bill Parcells already has pulled off his miracle for this season, as Miami demonstrated Thursday. Dallas' turnaround is about all that should be expected out of the Cowboys this season.

Here's how things look by conference as we head into the stretch:

AFC
• Kansas City (10-1), The Chiefs'

momentum has slowed in the last two weeks with a loss in Cincinnati and a close win over Oakland. But winning teams often let down at this point, and the Chiefs remain the consensus favorite in the AFC, in part because a relatively easy remaining schedule is likely to ensure they are at home for the playoffs.

Still, there are pitfalls, even if they get home-field advantage. All that would do is give them a week off, then perhaps a game with

Tennessee or Indianapolis, one of whom will be the top-ranked wild-card team.

They're vulnerable to either. The Chiefs' defense is good but not great and the wide receivers - other than backup Dante Hall - are not deep threats. The leading receivers are running back Priest Holmes and tight end Tony Gonzalez. Pro Bowlers they may be, but Super Bowl winners need dangerous wideouts.

On the other hand, there's the

Dante Factor. After the Raiders were blown out with 22-0 last week, they squibbed the kickoff to keep it away from Hall. He got it anyway at the 16 and took it 29 yards to the 45, field position that set up the winning drive.

• Tennessee (9-2). The Titans have scored 30 points or more in seven of their last eight games. Steve McNair makes them a threat to score on every possession. Eddie George isn't the old Eddie George, averaging 3.1 yards per carry, but he gets important yards.

Belichick looks for another way to stop Colts

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - When Bill Belichick faces Peyton Manning, he designs something special.

It could be a different look, a shift to the snap, a new blitz or even a slight change in formation.



Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning calls a play during the second half against the Saints on Sept. 28 in New Orleans.

Belichick NFL Game of the Week secrets, but whatever he does usually works.

"It starts with good players," Manning said. "You combine that with some schemes out the wazoo. They give you a little bit of everything, so you've got to be very patient against them."

Manning's next challenge comes Sunday when Belichick's Patriots (9-2) visit Indianapolis (9-2) in a critical matchup between AFC playoff contenders.

"The Colts need a win to stay atop the South, while the East-leading Patriots could clinch a playoff spot with a win - and a lot of help. The winner also could have an early edge in the race for home-field advantage for at least part of the playoffs."

And, as usual, the outcome will likely hinge on the head games between Belichick and Manning.

"We'll try to mix it up," New England cornerback Ty Law said. "If you show him something all the time, Peyton will eat you up, so we'll mix it up."

In their eight previous meetings, which have been split 4-4, Manning has sometimes played well and even has one game with a perfect passer rating.

But Belichick usually has had the advantage.

Against one of the league's most consistent players, Belichick's defenses have forced Manning to throw more interceptions (13) than touchdowns (11) and play some of

his worst games. Three times, Manning's passer rating has been less than 55.

While Belichick discounts the notion he knows how to stop Manning - "the way they would give Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy doesn't believe it that complex. "What they try and do is take away what you do best and force you to go to second and third options," Dungy said.

Against the Colts, that could be dangerous.

Manning is having the best season of his career. Edgerrin James is beginning to produce 100-yard games, and a healthier Marvin Harrison will be back in the lineup.

The Colts' other options are pretty good, too. Reggie Wayne is having a career year, and rookie tight end Dallas Clark is blossoming into a legitimate receiving threat.

Injuries have become merely a speed bump for New England and Indianapolis.

The Patriots have started 22 players on offense, 20 on defense.

The Colts, meanwhile, have played various games this year without James, Harrison, former

Pro Bowl tight end Marcus Pollard or starting left tackle Turk Glenn. Glenn will be out again Sunday, and Pollard may be, too.

Yet both teams continued to win, and a victory Sunday would give New England its first eight-game winning streak in franchise history.

"It takes someone, someone to make the plays," Dungy said. "They've had guys out, but they've found a way to win it."

There are other similarities, too. Both teams have rallied for wins, been successful on the road and given themselves a shot at playing at home in January.

The difference is the Colts rely on offense, the Patriots on defense.

Indianapolis enters with the NFL's No. 2 offense, the league's best passing offense and arguably its best quarterback.

New England has the league's No. 7 defense - and Belichick. "They're all tough," Belichick said of the Colts' players. "We're just trying to find a way to be competitive against them."

Given Belichick's track record against Manning, the Patriots can count on it.

Of note: The Titans' losses are on the road to two other top teams, New England and Indianapolis. They could easily have beaten the Patriots in a seaway 30-30 game and they get the Colts at home next week.

The impressive win is 37-17 at Carolina.

Remember this if they get to the Super Bowl in Houston: The Titans were once the Houston Oilers (McNair, George and coach Jeff Fisher all were Oilers).

They've been in the Super Bowl. Belichick has gotten the most with the least. More than 40 players have started games after a spate of injuries on defense and at receiver with starters Troy Brown and David Patten among others.

But Belichick loves role players, so the parts are often interchangeable on a team whose only real stars are Brady and defensive lineman Richard Seymour. A lot of those role players are having good years, from linebacker Gary Bruschi running back/return man Kevin Faulk to rookie Dan Klecko, a defensive lineman/linebacker/fullback.

• Indianapolis (9-2). The constants are all producing. Peyton Manning is having an MVP-type year. Edgerrin James isn't what he once was, but provides a solid running threat; and Marvin Harrison, limited lately by leg problems, remains solid. Reggie Wayne is now established as the lead receiver; they're lacked, and rookie tight end Dallas Clark has helped.

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Beware of the Raider Nation, and other NFL picks

By Jerry Greene
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. - Well, excuse me. Still trying to get past the post-meal celebration after Thanksgiving. Without bragging, I can tell you that I did "step up" to the dinner table and "made some plays."

Turkey Nation took a bit of a hit.

Meanwhile, Denver QB Jake Plummer invades Raider Nation on Sunday and has one strong moment of his last trip to Oakland. "An older lady, maybe a grandmother type, walking down with Raiders stuff and I kind of waved at her - and got the bird back. I was trying to be nice, but I learned my lesson. You don't want to be nice to a bird."

Time to put this Thanksgiving stuff (and stuffing) behind us. Dirty football - the way we like it.

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Minnesota (7-4) at St. Louis (8-3) - Rams favored by 6. Let's check with Rams coach Mike Martz about which quarterback he's using. Marc Bulger or Kurt Warner: "Marc Bulger is our quarterback. Yeah, but, yeah, but, yeah, but - Marc Bulger is our quarterback." Well, golly, Coach, it was just a question. Testy Rams by 9 - as long as Marc Bulger is our quarterback.

Buffalo (4-7) at East Rutherford Giants (4-7) - Giants favored by 3. Is this a football game or something floating by in the river? Giant can't play at home, but here's Billie London Fletcher on their consistency: "We haven't played well on the road lately - or at home lately." That just about covers it - Toxic Waste all around. Giants by 5.

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The 49ers remain in the NFC wild-card race. The Ravens are tied with the Bengals in the AFC North.

Philadelphia at Carolina 8-3 8-3
Another game for playoff positioning. Whether they clinch this week or not, Carolina will win the NFC South while the Eagles battle Dallas in the East.

Arizona at Chicago 3-8 4-7
The Bears finally got a road win in Denver and should have an edge here. They are 3-2 at home. Arizona is 0-5 on the road, where it has been outscored 175-65.

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh 6-5 4-7
The Bengals' upset win over the Chiefs in Week 11 moved them into a first-place tie in the AFC North. Pittsburgh still thinks it has a shot in the AFC North, but the Steelers will probably have to win their final five to do it. It's a lot harder to pass two teams than one.

Minnesota at St. Louis 7-4 8-3
The Vikings will have it tough against a Rams team that's 5-0 at home and is leading the NFC West by a game.

New Orleans at Washington 5-6 4-7
Patrick Ramsey will probably return at quarterback for the Redskins in place of Tim Hasselbeck, who did well in relief in Miami. Washington is out of the playoff race. New Orleans is marginally a contender.

Denver at Oakland 3-8 3-8
Losing at home to the Bears last week was a horrible loss for the Broncos, their fifth in six games. The Raiders, for all their internal

stribe, are playing decently - beating Minnesota and losing narrowly in Kansas City.

Kansas City at San Diego 10-1 2-9
The last two weeks have been tough for the Chiefs. They lost for the first time in Cincinnati, then barely edged Oakland 27-24 on Morten Andersen's late field goal after a fourth-and-14 conversion.

Cleveland at Seattle 4-7 7-4
Seattle hasn't done its part on the road, where it is 1-4 compared to 6-0 at home. That home-field advantage may just about end any outside hope the Browns have in the AFC North.

Tampa Bay at Jacksonville 5-6 2-9
The Bucs, marginally alive for a wild-card spot in defense of their title, could have trouble here. The Jaguars have been keeping games close.

Monday night

Tennessee at N.Y. Jets 9-2 4-7
This is one of those games ABC might like to change if the NFL allowed it the flexible Monday night schedule it wants. But you never know. The Jets are 2-2 since Chad Pennington returned from injury and Steve McNair's calf is hurting. McNair is likely to play but may be limited so this game could be closer than it looks.

Dirty Dozen

The top six and bottom six teams based on current level of play (top teams covered above):

- Tennessee (9-2)
- New England (9-2)
- Kansas City (10-1)
- Indianapolis (9-2)
- Philadelphia (8-3)
- St. Louis (8-3)
- Denver (6-5)
- The loss at home to the Bears is inexcusable.
- Denver (6-5)
- San Diego (2-9)
- LaDanain was right - the Chargers are the new-Bungles.

Rebuilding year:

- Arizona (5-6), 500 team at home. But these road games.
- San Diego (2-9), LaDanain was right - the Chargers are the new-Bungles.

— Dave Goldberg/AP Football Writer

NATION

Gary Larson revisits 'The Far Side'

Anthology includes letters from fans, critics, but don't expect any new work.

The Associated Press

SEATTLE - Crazy cows, restless chickens, talking insects and dorky scientists are invading bookstores across the nation. This can mean only one thing: Gary Larson is back.

"The Far Side" creator broke the hearts of twisted-humor fans everywhere when he retired at the height of his popularity in 1994 to pursue his love of jazz guitar.

But Larson has returned to the monster-filled closet of his past to release a massive anthology, two volumes containing more than 4,000 cartoons that tell the complete story of "The Far Side."

In person, the 53-year-old Larson looks as normal as his cartoon creations are weird. Soft-spoken, with white hair curling just past his ears, wearing black-rimmed glasses and New Balance sneakers, he could be everyone's favorite college professor - laid-back yet geekily passionate about his interests, modest yet smart enough that his punch lines sometimes prompt trips to the dictionary.

He never relished the role of celebrity cartoonist, preferring instead to live quietly in Seattle with his wife of 15 years, Toni, and their bull mastiff, Vivian. He agreed to only a few interviews as his 20-pound anthology landed in bookstores with a thud.

He walked away from "The Far Side" and cartooning in 1994. A perfectionist who could spend hours drawing one pair of eyeballs to achieve the precise goofy effect, Larson wanted to retire before his quality started slipping.

"You have to retain a little dose of fear with it, to keep your edge, to feel like every day is show time," he says. "You can just start coasting a little bit. I didn't want that to happen. I wanted to bring it to an elegant conclusion."

Fear is a recurring motif in Larson's work. He is, after all, the inventor of the Monster Snorkel. One of his cartoons depicts a device that allows children to breathe in a monster-infested room while remaining securely under the covers.

In the essays included in the

THE FAR SIDE by GARY LARSON



anthology, Larson explores the twisted roots of his fertile imagination.

Special credit goes to older brother Dan, a maestro at manipulating Larson's fear of closet monsters.

Even Larson's current passion, jazz guitar, leads him back to the importance of fear. He plays daily, takes lessons, and jams with friends. In classic Larsonian language, the music is "a demon that keeps chasing me."

"The Complete Far Side" includes letters from readers, ranging from puzzled to hostile.

"The Minneapolis Tribune should drop 'The Far Side' until Gary Larson completes psychotherapy to overcome his prob-

lem."

"Dear Sir, I have seen some rude, nasty cartoons in my life, but this is the worst."

"Why don't you get rid of that garbage? We don't need it on the family funny page, and I want to keep my subscription. Whatever happened to 'Annie'?"

The complaints took Larson by surprise.

"You start off thinking that everyone in the world has the same sense of humor as your six friends," he says. "I was surprised at just how upset some people could be."

Besides the hate mail, he also got many fan letters. Scientists named two species after him - a butterfly and a biting louse.

“ You can just start coasting a little bit. I didn't want that to happen. ”

- Gary Larson, on his retirement from 'Far Side' cartooning

Larson still sounds touched by the honor: "It was just extremely, extremely flattering."

Even the louse?

"Oh, yeah!" He laughs. "Maybe especially the louse."

Larson's new anthology published by Andrews McMeel is the first collection of all his "Far Side" cartoons. "The Complete Far Side" has a list price of \$135, though it was recently selling for \$94.50 on Amazon.com. The first print run of 150,000 two-volume sets hit bookstores last month, supported by a marketing campaign that includes a three-month return of some of the greatest hits of "The Far Side" to newspapers across the country.

Nine years have passed since Larson quit cartooning. He designs a yearly Christmas card - part of the still profitable empire of "Far Side" merchandise. He recently drew a cover for The New Yorker magazine, a prestigious offer he said he couldn't refuse. But mostly, he has moved on.

Still, fan letters continue to arrive at his Seattle home. People say how they miss "The Far Side," and how much they loved their daily glimpses into the bizarre, funny world of Larson's imagination.

"That was very wonderful to hear - that for some people, it actually had some meaning," Larson says. He pauses as if savoring one last, sweet jazz note lingering in the air.

Then he smiles and shakes his head. "But I'm outa here!"

Director of new 'Willy Wonka' isn't a fan of the old version

Knight Ridder News Service

LOS ANGELES - Reald Dahl wasn't the only person to dislike 1971's "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory," based on the author's children's book, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Tim Burton, who announced last May that he is directing a new version of the film, isn't a fan of the original either.

"Have you seen it lately? Personally, I don't want to crush people's childhood dreams but, um, I'd rate 'Clinty Clinty Bung Bung' (based on a book by Ian Fleming) much higher than that one."

Dahl's dissatisfaction with the 1971 film led his estate to resist Warner Bros.' attempts to obtain the rights for a remake, until they learned that Burton was on board to direct.

So far, Burton isn't giving away

any details on how his version will differ from the previous one. In fact, he says he hasn't yet received the finished script, and that he's still not sure if he's going to keep the original's musical numbers or not.

One thing that is known is that Johnny Depp is on board to play Willy Wonka. Depp, who has worked with Burton on the films "Edward Scissorhands," "Ed Wood" and "Sleepy Hollow," was recently named People magazine's "Sexiest Man of the Year," a fact that much amused Burton.

"That cracks me up. It's like, I guess he just arrived on planet Earth, Johnny. Jeez," Burton laughs. "You know what? I always find that with good things it's a delayed reaction, you know. I like working with him and he's always surprising and fun, and he's a big star now."

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Vegas becomes rite of passage for youth

Revelers celebrate their adulthood

By Christina Almeida
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS - Huddled inside the Luxor hotel-casino, a trio of newly minted 21-year-olds are big on dreams, but short on know-how. The girls want to play blackjack, but where do they get the chips?

Leslie Berlin, a junior at Vandenberg University, shrugs off these inexperience and throws her arms around her best friends. "We're gambling virgins!"

And so the odyssey begins for the barely legal in this city of Vegas. Lacking dreams and sinful excess, the destination for those seeking their first legal drink and roll of the dice. After all, what better place to celebrate turning 21 than the town that turns on 21?

Whether it's than last party before getting hitched or actually doing the deed in one of the area's dozens of wedding chapels, Sin City is a rite of passage for tens of thousands each year.

And for many of those celebrating their 21st birthday, this desert oasis has become America's must-see partyground.

In Las Vegas, every night is a Saturday night," says Ellen Africano, vice president of public relations for MGM Mirage. "It's always a party."

For the visitors from Vanderbit, it truly is a Saturday night in Vegas. Giggling through the crowd in skirts that would make a cheerleader blush, they enjoy the moment.

"I've been waiting for this day my whole life," says Ellen Africano, a nursing student who turned 21 the day before.

Spotting a nearly empty blackjack table, the young women sit down and nervously pull out a few twenties, giggling. "I'm scared they're going to laugh at us," Africano whispers.

Holding out the money to the dealer (a minor casino faux pas) they are quickly asked for their IDs. "It's the skirt," Berlin says. "It makes me look 12."

The dealer motions for them to place their money on the table and casts a wary eye at the little plastic cards. An all-access pass in Sin City, IDs guarantee a seat at the table of indulgence.

"You can't get in anywhere unless you're 21," says Sarah Foxman, a Vanderbit senior. "It's the hardest of the hard to get in. It's the holy grail of IDs. Nothing but the real thing works."

The heady rush of a spinning roulette wheel, the buzz of a bartender for a rum and coke. The ease of getting into a club with a legitimate ID. It all makes for a winning combination in this city of all-nighters and anything goes attitudes.

But why has Las Vegas become the place to be and be seen for 21-year-olds?

"Sin is in. Skin is in," says Anthony Curtis, editor of Las Vegas Advisor, a consumer newsletter that tracks casino promotions and



Ellen Africano has a drink at Tabu in Las Vegas on Oct. 19. Africano and some of her friends were in the city to celebrate her 21st birthday.

gambling trends.

Curtis says Las Vegas always has drawn those crashing into adulthood, although the city has seen a boost in recent years thanks to Hollywood.

"When somebody turns 21, they feel like all the boundaries are broken. They're going to drink and party and start their adult life, and what better place to do that than in Vegas?" Curtis says.

The girls are ready for their next adventure so they head to the club of all nightclubs - Studio 54, where everyone dares to be decadent.

Recreated in all its sinful glory, Studio 54 is one of the oldest of the trendy clubs on the Strip. Its promise of "erotically delicious entertainers" is too much for most to ignore.

On this night, the club is packed and those lined up 100-deep are drawn to the staccato rhythms emanating from the three-story club.

"There's something magical and surreal about Las Vegas. There's something magical and surreal about doing something you were never supposed to," Africano says. "And when you put the two of them together, it's awesome."

It's well after midnight when the trio gets inside. They work their way through the crowd, head to the bar and later the dance floor, where the bump-and-grind never ends and includes more than a few gropes and grabs.

But even the party-hardy eventually run out of steam. After watching one girl get sick on the bar, the woman heads back to the hotel. Berlin and Africano soon follow.

Her feet aching, Africano has a moment of indecision. She is torn over whether she should take her shoes off and walk barefoot - a frequent sight as the sun rises over the Strip.

"My mom always said a real girl never takes off her shoes," Africano says.

In the end, her feet win out. But moments later a young woman, apparently struggling with the same decision, walks by and tells her friend, "See! She's not wearing shoes!"

Horried, Africano quickly puts her shoes back on.

"I would rather bleed than be trashy," she says. "We had the most gangsta night in my 21 years of existence."

Berlin smiles and throws her arm around her best friend. "At least I wasn't the girl vomiting on the bar."

Meat Loaf prepares to resume tour after surgery

LONDON (AP) - Singer Meat Loaf, who underwent heart surgery after collapsing onstage in London last week, said Friday that doctors have cleared him to resume his stalled British tour.

But the burly belter, renowned for his theatrical, sweat-soaked shows, said the health scare has shaken his confidence.

"I've never really been nervous about going onstage, but I'm a little bit nervous," Meat Loaf told reporters in London. "I'm having a few anxiety attacks."

"I just have to talk myself into being a bit calmer when I take the stage."

The 52-year-old singer collapsed during a show at London's Wembley Arena Nov. 17 and was taken to a hospital with a suspected heart attack. He was diagnosed with Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, which causes an irregular

heartbeat and can lead to dizziness and fainting.

He had a catheter ablation, a procedure in which tissue is removed to restore a normal heartbeat, in London on Nov. 21.

The musician, famous for epic power ballads such as "Bat Out of Hell" and "I Would Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That)," said he experienced dizzy spells all summer but hadn't seen a doctor.

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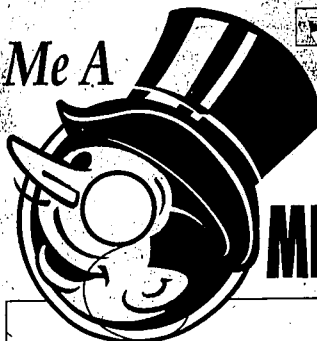
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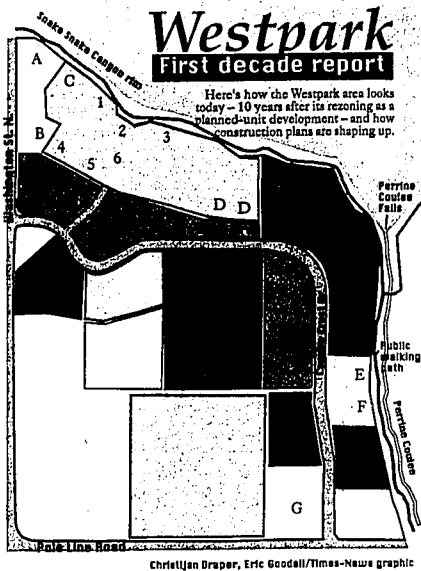
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Planned structures in River Vista at Westpark

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Planned structures in Westpark

- - Rivercrest Apartment Community
- - East Hampton duplexes
- - Possible expansion of East Hampton duplex development

Westpark Partners' general plans

The Westpark Partners own roughly 70 percent of Westpark land. Here's a quick look at its plans for some of its holdings, according to spokesman David Shotwell:

- - Eventual big-box retailer.
- - Zoned for commercial use and currently for sale. "There's been some interest from the medical community and local retailers," Shotwell said. But no offers are on the table.
- - Medical or other professional offices. There's been interest but no movement there, Shotwell said.
- - Shotwell sees this land - with public walking trail, canyon overlooks and a good view of the Perrine Bridge - as a professional campus with offices clustered on the rim, shared green space and shared parking.

Office park on canyon rim signs deals, keeps recruiting

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A fledgling professional office park perched on the Snake River Canyon rim has drawn an insurance firm and three dental practices - all with office buildings planned or under construction - and retained a landscaper to augment the setting's natural beauty.

Developers of River Vista at Westpark, about 11 acres on the Westpark area's north side, envision an eventual array of 120,000 to 130,000 square feet of professional offices and services - close to a \$20 million investment by both developers and occupants for the property and construction, said J. Francis Florence, a principal of Western Real Estate Group.

He and three other Western principals - Steve Di Lucas, Jeff Bick and Rick Giesler - together are the managing member of Federation Pointe LLC, owner of the River Vista development. The other Federation Pointe members are also Twin Falls businessmen: Richard Stivers, Michael McBride and Gary Koumick.

Federation Pointe bought the River Vista land in January 2000 from Westpark Partners - local developers who still hold the majority of Westpark's land - and started construction on the office park in December 2000.

River Vista's first building is home to 10 companies so far, with room for more, and a second building under construction will be home to a relocating Twin Falls dental

practice. Three more existing Twin Falls businesses have announced plans to build in River Vista.

Here are the highlights:

Nearing completion

Dr. Robert A. Adams will replace his Falls Avenue dental office with a larger, stand-alone facility in River Vista that has more modern equipment and a setup allowing a more convenient flow of work.

Adams is the only dentist in his 7-year-old practice, which he said has seen constant growth. He owns and will sell his Falls Avenue office, which is in a condominiumized building.

A building permit the city issued in August lists an estimated \$378,742 value for the new 6,641-square-foot dental office under construction at 188 River Vista Place.

Its architecture, Bick said, is consistent with the rest of River Vista, both existing and planned: stucco, brick, horizontal lines that mimic rock strata, and colors that complement the canyon landscape.

"It's a true campus. Something that's appropriate for the area," Florence said.

Adams earlier this year said he expect-



Daniel Davison of S and R Construction digs a ditch for phone, gas and power lines at the future Canyon Gate Cosmetic and Family Dentistry building in the Westpark area of Twin Falls on Tuesday.

ed January or February completion of the River Vista building, then an immediate move and a name change from Robert A. Adams Cosmetic and Family Dentistry, to Canyon Gate Dental.

Within a year, he said, the relocation might add two or three jobs to a staff that

now has six full-time employees.

Room to grow

Premier Insurance, based in Twin Falls since its 1979 inception as McDonald

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Westpark First decade report

About the office park
River Vista at Westpark, a professional office development, in December 2000 started construction of its first office building, dubbed the Pioneer.

The building's current occupants:

- Western Real Estate Group
- SMI Joliet Co.
- Pacific Republic Mortgage Corp.
- Washington Financial
- Milestone Builders & Developers LLC
- Attorney Jeffrey E. Rolig
- Attorney Daniel C. Hurlbutt
- Attorney Jason R. Mielak
- McFarland Farms
- Messersmith Inc.

The 14,400-square-foot Pioneer Building has 2,000 square feet available and never yet filled. That portion of the interior was left unfinished, waiting to be suited to a large tenant.

But developers now may finish much of the vacant space as small suites for one- or two-person operations that want immediate occupancy, said Jeff Bick, one of the River Vista developers.

"That might be the quickest way to fill that space," he said.

State delays start of road construction

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Expect a lot more traffic on the stretch of Pole Line Road that edges the developing Westpark area of town.

The state's construction of the Twin Falls Alternate route - meant to divert some U.S. Highway 93 traffic from congested Blue Lakes Boulevard - will turn Westpark's southern boundary into a six-lane road with a traffic signal and side-by-side left-turn lanes.

But first-stage construction won't start in spring 2004 as the Idaho Transportation Department predicted this summer.

"The new construction date? It's probably early fall. And that one still could change," said Jackie Fields, project development engineer for the Transportation Department's Magic Valley district. The state now hopes to solicit bids in June.

The first stage of Twin Falls Alternate construction will extend the six-lane Pole Line Road from

Blue Lakes Boulevard North all the way west to Washington Street North, where the state will install a traffic signal.

Also at that Pole Line and Washington Intersection, the Transportation Department plans double left-turn lanes on the east side of Pole Line, so that more people can turn left onto Washington, Fields said. That's meant to speed the westbound-to-southbound movement of traffic.

Even without the signal and extra lanes, the intersection at the southwest corner of the Westpark developments is already a crucial one.

"I think it's probably a high-profile intersection," she said.

Starting at Washington, construction crews will taper Pole Line down to two lanes as it proceeds west.

"It takes a while to lose that many lanes," Fields said.

Westbound Pole Line drivers

Westpark First decade report

will be back on a two-lane road just after Grandview Drive North, before reaching 2700 East.

The Twin Falls Alternates second stage - set to begin in 2007 - will realign and reconstruct the two-lane road from that point on Pole Line, continuing west to 2400 East, then turning south and extending to the interchange of U.S. Highway 30 and U.S. Highway 93 southwest of Twin Falls.

Second-stage construction will also install a bridge at Rock Creek in place of the current earthen fill.

Fields said the project is estimated at \$30 million for construction and \$12 million to pay for rights of way.

The 2004 stage of Twin Falls Alternate construction will advance the city's trails agenda, too.

Where Perrine Coulee flows under Pole Line, the state-built bridge widening the road must build a structure that maintains

the coulee's flow, Fields said. So at the same time, they'll build a tunnel under Pole Line for bikes and pedestrians.

The tunnel's north end will hook up to an existing trail segment which heads north to the Snake River Canyon rim along the east edge of the Westpark developments. That clears the way for the city's planned canyon-to-college of Southern Idaho trail connection.

Another transportation project relevant to Westpark access is the city's ongoing work on widening Washington between Addison Avenue and Pole Line - another effort to ease congestion along Blue Lakes.

The city's master street plan designates Washington Street North as a major north-south arterial, and the city already has improved sections of the road.

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Apartment developer promises high-end units

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TWIN FALLS - A Utah-based residential developer plans to increase Twin Falls' housing inventory by at least 168 apartments.

The planned Rivercrest Apartment Community is on eight or 10 acres roughly at the center of the Westpark area of Twin Falls which is taking shape with a mix of residential, professional and commercial projects.

Bach Corp. of West Jordan, Utah, will erect the Rivercrest units in two phases - the first with 132 apartments, and the second with 36 to 48, said Greg Rindlbacher, senior vice president of Bach.

Among the first will be 12 two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartments which Bach dubs "executive units," with such niceties as microwaves, fireplaces and extra-large tubs in the master bathrooms.

"They'll be the nicest thing in Twin Falls," says Rindlbacher. For that, executive-unit renters will pay something like \$780 per month, he said.

In addition to the dozen "executive," Rivercrest's first-phase construction plans call for 120 standard apartments. Rindlbacher gave this breakdown: 36 one-bedroom units (approximately \$600 per month); 36 two-bedroom, one-bath units (about \$680 monthly); 24 two-bedroom, two-bath units

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YOUR BUSINESS

MILESTONES



First Class Weddings and Catering holds at ribbon cutting at its new location on Overland Avenue in Burley. From left are Lex Hunau, Diane Newman, Summer and Briton Blauer, Barbara Randklev, owners Trish and Rick Hurst, Carleen Clayville, Ward Maxfield, Paul Lyons and Pat Campbell.

Ribbon cutting marks relocation of business

BURLEY - A ribbon cutting commemorated the new location of First Class Weddings and Catering at 1232 Overland Ave. in Burley. The business was previously at 521 E. Main St. in Burley. Owners are Trish and Rick Hurst.

The business offers a selection of wedding backdrops, tables, table linens, chairs, centerpieces, fountains, serving dishes and more. It also has a floral shop and offers arrangements in silk or fresh flowers for any occasion. A variety of cakes are available for weddings, anniversaries, parties, retirements and other occasions. First Class also offers catering for any occasion and has facilities for in-house events.

In addition, First Class Weddings offers tuxedo rentals and is a dealer for wedding invitations, napkins, candles, toasting glasses and other wedding supplies. Also available are custom sewing and photography.

Worldwide Shipping is now open in Buhl

BUHL - Worldwide Shipping is now open in Buhl, in time for the holiday season.

Shipping services include United Parcel Service, Federal Express, Air Borne and U.S. Postal Service. Owner Brian Day said prices are competitive with other shippers, except that there is a 10 percent markup for the U.S. Postal Service.

Located at the Subway store at 713 E. U.S. Highway 30, the shop also carries gifts, candles, cards and chocolates.

The store has three employees, and hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and closed Sunday.

About two weeks before Christmas, weekday store hours will extend from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Worldwide Shipping can be reached at 543-8868.

Company offers help with equity appraisals, riding

HAGERMAN - Krista R. Keeney is the owner and chief consultant of the new Diamond K Enterprises in Hagerman.

Keeney is available for equine appraisals, riding lessons on location, general and nutritional consultation in Sun Valley, awarded Jerry Woolley one of five Service Awards recognizing contributions to the legal profession's involvement through service to the Bar. Woolley has worked for Twin Falls County for 22 years. She is currently the jury commissioner for Twin Falls County and the lead court assistance officer for the district. She was recognized for those services to the court and the 5th District Bar. She received high praise from 5th District Bar President Robyn Brody.

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CAREER MOVES

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Rowe received a gift certificate for Sage Mountain Grill in the restaurant for the district and the restaurant.

Parks awards winners

HAGERMAN - Jack Yarbrough of Hagerman received the Ranger of the Year Award from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

Yarbrough, who works in the Thousand Springs Park District (Malad Gorge State Park), was praised for his can-do attitude and ability to excel in the face of challenges faced this year at the complex parks, the department said in a statement.

The department also recognized Don and Ellen Brown - on the other side of Magic Valley for their volunteer service at Idaho's new Castle Rocks State Park. The Volunteer of the Year award, which Wallace Keck, manager of City of Rocks National Reserve and Castle Rocks State Park. "They are very special people and have made a real difference at the park."

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The Studio of Healing Arts is inside the Escape Salon at 347 Main Ave. E. Rose can be reached at 734-1132.

Clothing store employees

BUHL - Black Rock Clothiers announced the hiring of three employees:

• Janet Franklin will be the in-house bookkeeper. She has experience with computers, both in a accounting duties and Web pages, and skills as a business manager. She previously worked 10 years for the Canyon-Owyhee School District in Caldwell.

• Susan Milton Easterday joined the sales team. She will do inventory control and phone sales and be involved in all matters required to make a team-oriented store run smoothly. She worked six years for Christopher & Banks, both as a manager and sales coordinator.

• Jenny Chambless will be on the sales staff. She will work part time in the store using her design and display skills and will handle outside sales throughout Magic Valley. She worked eight years for Gain's Home Furnishings and has 25 years of sales and marketing skills.

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Williams, serving Idaho, is expected to play a role in the party's efforts to involve top-level people in the process of government reform. He supports Republican goals such as debt reduction and tax reform.

Williams also received a National Leadership Award and was named an honorary chairman of the political strategy meetings with Republican congressional leaders, and his name will be used in a national media campaign in advertisements in the Wall Street Journal and USA Today.

Goals of the Business Advisory Council include cutting or eliminating capital gains taxes, simplifying the tax code, and making health insurance more affordable for businesses and their employees.

Williams is an orthodontist and owner of Williams Orthodontics in Twin Falls.

Jewelers

TWIN FALLS - Luna Davis and Angel Anguiano, both of Jensen Jewelers, completed a course through the Diamond Council of America of Nashville, Tenn., and obtained degrees as certified diamond graders.

The 21-session course included color, clarity, cutting and carat weight; diamond treatments; synthetic diamonds; and facts about diamond jewelry. It included information on where diamonds come from, how they're mined and processed, how they're cut and how they come to market. The program focuses on customer service and professional sales in the retail jewelry business.

Davis is assistant manager and Anguiano is a sales associate at Jensen Jewelers in Magic Valley Mall.

Ryan Horsley

TWIN FALLS - Ryan Horsley, marketing director of Red's Trading Post, completed the Glock Armorer's Course, which teaches the disassembly and repair of Glock firearms. Horsley lives in Twin Falls with his wife, Miah, and their three children. He chairs the chamber of commerce's student leadership program and is a chamber ambassador.

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Landowner courts big-box stores

Westpark commercial area appears suited for large retailer

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Westpark's largest landowner is negotiating with several big-box retail chains interested in a chunk of Pole Line Road frontage.

"The commercial area (fronting Pole Line) is most suited for a large, single retailer, with smaller pad sites to the west," said Twin Falls construction manager David Showell, manager for the ownership of Westpark Partners.

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Showell said he and the other partners are in talks with three big-box chains - a home-improvement retailer, a general merchandise retailer and a clothing store - but declined to name them. The Westpark area's Pole Line frontage has room for only one of them, with smaller stores to the west, by Washington Street North.

City planning director LaMar Orton did name one of the big-box prospects.

Real-estate representatives of home-improvement chain Lowe's Companies Inc. early this summer met with City Hall staffers to talk

about requirements for doing business in the Twin Falls locations, Orton said. One site in those preliminary discussions was in Westpark, between the existing Canyon Rim Ace Hardware and Washington Street, he said.

Based in Mooresville, N.C., Lowe's has more than 925 home improvement stores in 45 states. Its rival, Atlanta-based Home Depot, already operates a north Twin Falls store.

Orton last week said he hadn't had any conversations with Lowe's representatives in several months. And he said he didn't know of any other big-box retailers eyeing the Westpark land.

"That's the only one that I'm aware of," Orton said.

A big-box store might not need a special-use permit from the city

to set up shop along Pole Line in the Westpark commercial area, Orton said.

But if a potential big-box store wanted to operate outside of those hours or to build any kind of drive-in, it would need a permit, he said. The permitting process includes public hearings.

Such a store could take a while to materialize.

"Our big retail development is on hold for a year," Showell said last week.

But he added that he and his

partners have high hopes for recruitment of a large retailer.

"As long as Twin Falls continues to grow, the retail industry will continue to grow. There's no indication that Twin Falls is going to slow down," Showell said.

As negotiations start now, Twin Falls might see a big-box store open its doors in Westpark in a year or two, he predicted.

"That is rapidly becoming the golden child of big-box users. I think something of that nature is eventually going to happen," Twin Falls real estate agent Jeff Bick said.

Development of the construction pads to the west will be driven by the big-box outcome, Showell said. Westpark Partners has had interest from retail tenants as others in the smaller pieces of Pole Line frontage, but the partnership doesn't want to sell them until the big-box question is settled.

Westpark's southwest corner was in contention during the 1993 years as it was eyed as a potential site for today's planned-unit development, Orton said. Nearby residents were concerned about the prospect of heavy commercial use there.

So the southwest corner remained zoned as R4 (residential use as dense as fourplexes) but was given a professional office overlay. That overlay, he said, would allow offices or a bank.

Westpark Partners is marketing its portion of the Westpark land at between \$6 and \$12 per square foot for bare ground with streets and utilities, Showell said. The

exception is land destined for multifamily housing, immediately south of the West Hampton Village townhouses, which Westpark Partners is offering for about \$4 per square foot.

On the \$6 end of the range is Westpark, where they intend to start construction in December on a community of 12 duplexes with natural gas heating, walk-in closets and other pricey amenities.

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Duplex development claims three acres

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Engineers at City Hall in mid-November said they had just received revised construction plans for Rivercrest and were reviewing them.

Rindlisbacher said the brick-and-siding development will have amenities for residents, including detached garages, a swimming pool, a hot tub, a 24-hour fitness center, a basketball court, a children's play ground, a billiards room and a

meeting room. Each will build, own and manage the apartments. The company hoped to start laying concrete this month, finish the clubhouse and the first rentable building by May or June, start leasing in early summer and complete first phases construction in late fall 2004, Rindlisbacher said. The timeline for phase two depends on Rivercrest's success in attracting occupants.

Bach, in business for 26 years, focuses on developing homes, apartments and other subdivisions, Rindlisbacher said. The

Utah developer builds 250-300 apartments a year, but the Rivercrest units are its first Magic Valley project.

Rindlisbacher and his colleagues liked the growth of the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls and surrounding cities.

"We just thought a small community would do well there," he said. "We're excited to be in Twin Falls."

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Apartments

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(about \$700), and 24 three-bedroom, two-bath units (about \$200). These were brought to Twin Falls by two other extensive apartment developments, as well. Both were expansions of existing neighborhoods.

In May, Twin Springs LLC took building permits for eight new four-plex apartment houses - that's 32 units - on Madonna Street. Monthly rents at Twin Springs vary from \$650 to \$745, a co-owner said.

The following month, Carriage

or October 2004. Their Kimberly Road office, which they lease, will be listed for sale.

Why the choice of Westpark for Premier's move?

"We toiled over that for a year," Casperon said. Premier partners were in contact with several new office parks in Twin Falls, he said. But they opted in favor of the growing north end of town, the canyon aesthetic, the nearby walking trail and the prospect of having restaurants as neighbors.

Neighbors matter

For Dr. Craig Pulsipher, a Twin Falls rural specialist, the oral surgeon and the periodontist already practicing in the River Vista vicinity strengthened the office park's draw.

"I just want to build my own building, and there's a couple of other specialists out there," Pulsipher said.

Dr. Marc A. Plant and Dr. Joel Newton share a building on Washington Street North, adjacent to River Vista. Pulsipher said he and they refer patients back and forth.

In a year and a half, Pulsipher will be their neighbor. He purchased a lot over half an acre in River Vista developers in March 2003, intends to start building there in fall 2004 and hopes to finish by

spring 2005. "Right now we're looking at about 5,000 square feet," Pulsipher said. That's bigger than the leased space his dental practice now occupies on Fillmore Street. The move will allow him to add a couple of extra operating rooms, and there will be space to accommodate a partner if one comes along, Pulsipher said.

River Vista developers asked him to use a color scheme similar to the Pioneer's.

"They just wanted to make sure everything sort of fit together," Pulsipher said.

More dentists on the way

River Vista was also the destination of choice when Dr. Craig Rencher and his son, Dr. Brian Rencher, went looking for new digs. The draw?

"Mostly the view. And Blue Lakes is a little hectic for people getting in and out," Craig Rencher said.

The Renchers shared dental practice, Advanced Dental Care of Twin Falls, will move in a couple of years from the Blue Lakes Boulevard North building which he owns. He'll sell or lease it.

The dentists put down money on land in River Vista this year and will purchase part of a building.

"We'll probably want to make it two stories, so it'll be enough to have other offices in it," Craig Rencher said.

He'll own 10,000 square feet, of which the practice will use about 4,000 square feet on the second floor; that's 33 percent bigger than Advanced Dental's current quarters, so the practice may add staff with the move. The remaining 6,000 square feet, on the first floor, will be available to other users, he said. River Vista developers hope to build another 10,000 square feet attached to Rencher's structure.

Craig Rencher predicted a spring 2005 start to construction.

"It'll be a lot more efficient building than this building, because it'll be created for dentists from the ground up," he said.

Still recruiting

With those deals made, Federation Pointe members still need more.

"Obviously, we have others in the works," Florence said. He declined to name those prospective River Vista occupants but said they are attorneys and doctors.

Federation Pointe's landscaping plan, Bick said, could also attract retail and restaurant businesses to River Vista.

The Land Group Inc. of Boise is charged with creating a consistent landscape theme throughout the office park; the phased installation work, however, will follow office construction. By spring, the south entrance will get a

masonry-and-stone feature sporting a metal that's intended to take on the same rusted look as the Perrine Bridge's, Bick said.

A pedestrian plaza inside that entrance will feature sidewalks to the canyon-rim trail, trees, a raised stage for speakers and performances, outdoor tables with canyon views, a canopy and a creek (of the manufactured variety).

"It creates a signature for our project," Bick said.

Near the future plaza's site, River Vista developers plan a two-tenant building which they say could house a restaurant and a professional office. The latter tenant is already lined up, but they declined to name it. That building, east of Premier's future site, will be about four more months into the year when a construction, Florence said.

Recent development progress throughout Westpark also has the Federation Pointe members talking about the possibility of penthouse apartments atop River Vista buildings.

"It's become conceivable," Bick said, "when you start incorporating all these other things that are already in the works."

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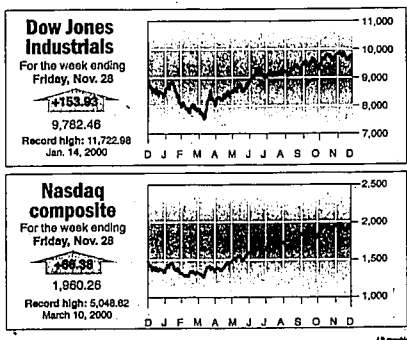
Analysts wonder whether market has strength for 'Santa Claus' rally

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street bounced higher this past week, helping recoup much of its November losses to post a mixed monthly finish and raising hope that the market may post its traditional "Santa Claus" rally.

But analysts caution against celebrating just yet. With share valuations high relative to profits, the risk of rising interest rates growing an investor's concern, stocks might have little room to move much higher.

"Can Santa Claus add to the gains? I think the bigger question is whether we can hold on to these gains," said Brian G. Belski, fund manager at the composite asset manager Piper Jaffray. "The traditional rally is in question just because we have had such huge gains in the market."

Since March 11, the Dow Jones industrials has gained 30 percent, the Nasdaq composite has climbed 54 percent, and the S&P 500 is up 32 percent.



November typically marks the start of the "best six months" for Wall Street as investors begin to

put year-end bonuses and dividends to work and pick up shares on optimism for the new year.

December often performs even better, ranking as the best month for the Standard & Poor's 500 index with an average 1.8 percent advance since 1950. Much of the gains come on a Santa Claus rally that begins in mid-December and extends into a "January effect" of market advances as more money comes into the market.

The reasons for the holiday rally are seasonal and often have little to do with the company's fundamentals of growth and earnings. Investors at year's end are reluctant to sell big gainers - usually small-cap stocks such as technology - because they want to avoid paying capital gains taxes for 2003.

And because trading volume is typically light due to the holidays, the few buyers out there create sharper price swings.

"The market has often rallied for those two weeks between Christmas and New Year's, and I would expect that to continue this year," said Mitch Zacks, director

of research at Zacks Investment Research in Chicago.

But some analysts aren't so sure. They note that 2003 has been somewhat of an anomaly since the market has been playing catchup following three years of declines.

And in November, traditionally a strong month, the three main gauges tumbled to a mixed finish because of investor fears about a weakening dollar and terrorism following several bombings in Turkey.

Meanwhile, after several months of gains and strong earnings, investor expectations for growth might be getting a bit too high. Most economists predict more modest growth in 2004 as the effect of tax cuts and low interest rates fades somewhat.

That could pose problems for investors pile into the market too quickly, because of a mixed finish because of investor fears about a weakening dollar and terrorism following several bombings in Turkey.

"Right now, the valuations are

still fair relative to where interest rates are, but I think the outlook going into 2004 is pretty lofty given the economic backdrop of a very weak dollar and potential concern for rising interest rates," he said.

There was evidence of the market's potential waning off this past week. The three main gauges ended a two-week losing streak, largely on a 119-point surge Monday following upbeat reports on robust economic growth and rising consumer confidence. But they managed to average off strong reports Wednesday on durable goods orders and consumer spending.

In the end, though, many analysts believe recent declines might reflect a more natural "consolidation" of gains. The economy continues to improve and that will help drive the market if not in December, then in early 2004, they said.

"It looks very healthy," Zacks said.

MONEY

CAFTA threatens sugar industry

TWIN FALLS — If more foreign sugar is allowed into the U.S. under the proposed Central America Free Trade Agreement, Idaho sugar officials contend it could seriously hurt U.S. producers.

"It's not a done deal yet, but it's a big concern to us just what they'll come up with," said Mark Duffin of Boise, executive director of the Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association. "We don't know just what is being put on the table."

Talks on creating CAFTA, which is part of a push by the Bush administration to create regional free trade areas, are slated to conclude in mid-December. The five countries involved in CAFTA negotiations — Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua — export about 2 million tons of sugar a year. That much sugar, or even a portion of it, coming into the United States would seriously hurt prices, Duffin said.

Meanwhile, the United States already allows 1.5 million tons a year of tariff-free sugar imports and is the fourth largest importer of sugar in the world.

"We keep promising people more and more access into our market that's already saturated, and it could devastate our industry," Duffin said. "Until the WTO addresses these problems, then any regional agreements you make just exacerbate the problem."



Vic Jaro, Amalgamated Sugar Co.'s vice president of agriculture, keeps an eye on things at company's Twin Falls plant, while the sugar industry keeps an eye on the evolving Central America Free Trade Agreement.

Dairy consultant Alan Levitt said he anticipated blocks would go down slightly, but things would be on the upswing soon.

A spread of 18 cents with the drop in barrels Tuesday was not anticipated.

"Blocks have not moved," executive vice president of Glanbia Foods Jeff Williams said. "Now do blocks trade down to narrow the spread or do barrels trade up? I'm sure a lot of buyers are probably waiting because they think the

blocks will trade down to narrow the spread. Obviously, if you think that, you're not going to buy any excess right now.

Study shows American barley can compete

BOISE — A study commissioned by Idaho and Montana barley growers shows American barley and malt have an advantage over Canada when it comes to supplying Mexico's malting needs.



Fambeat
Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

Researchers found that the cost of moving malting barley from Canada to Mexico crossover points is 60 cents to a dollar per bushel higher than similar movements from the U.S.

Idaho's Bareilly Commission member Evan Hayes said the reason is simple — geography. Canadian origins for malting barley and malt are between 20 and 30 percent further from Texas rail cross-over points than the U.S. origins.

"In logistics we are more competitive into the Mexican market than our Canadian counterparts," Hayes said. Hayes is a barley grower from Soda Springs, Idaho.

The study was completed in early October, just ahead of Gov. Dick Kumpfhorne's trade mission to Mexico. Hayes said the study helped open doors with Mexican brewers, but he did not come back with new deals.

Potato groups whip up nutritional package

BOISE — US Potato Board, Idaho Potato Commission and other groups within the potato industry are working to promote nutritional value in potatoes.

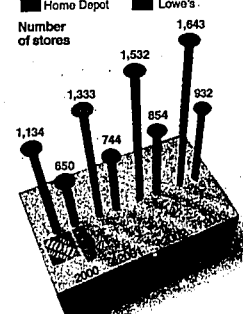
"Research indicates that consumers don't know the true nutritional value of potatoes," said Frank Muir, executive director of IPC.

Instead of the image portrayed by fast food of deep-fried french fries, Muir said the new IPC campaign tells the real story of a spud's nutritional value.

"Given the issue that anti-carb diet have become, it's time to fight back," he said.

Home Depot building on its lead

Home Depot Inc., the world's largest home improvement retailer, has increased its number of stores over the past three years. Now it's renovating its stores, expanding services and retraining employees to compete with rival Lowe's.



SOURCES: Home Depot; Hoover's Inc.; Lowe's

Home Depot reinvents itself amid challenge

ATLANTA (AP) — The Home Depot Inc., facing a growing challenge from rival Lowe's Cos. Inc., is undergoing a transformation, becoming a retailer with more polish, better merchandise and a new service-oriented attitude of "do-it-for-you."

Home Depot is spending \$400 million this year alone to modernize many of its 1,642 stores, making them appear more welcoming and less like cold warehouses. And it's retraining employees and installing computers in stores to teach workers about the products they sell.

Just a few years ago, Home Depot dominated the home improvement industry. But Lowe's sales have been growing at a faster pace.

"We found that there were customers we weren't reaching," chief executive officer Bob Nardelli said in an interview with The Associated Press.

A key part of the company's overhaul is retooling its 300,000 employees on service, once a Home Depot hallmark that some customers say has become inconsistent from store to store.

"There isn't that extensive contractor-type knowledge that Home Depot originally built its reputation on," said Burt Flickinger, a retail consultant who has studied Home Depot shoppers. "To Nardelli's credit, he's realized it's no longer a strength and needs to be addressed."

Nardelli said the change will take time but is necessary for the nation's largest home improvement store chain if it is to grow amid increasing competition.

Some analysts say Home Depot is on the defensive due to Lowe's growing success. With about half as many stores, Wilkesboro, N.C.-based Lowe's reported a 33 percent increase in third-quarter profit behind a 12 percent rise in same-store sales. Home Depot reported a 22 percent increase in third-quarter profit behind a nearly 8 percent rise in same-store sales.

Home Depot employees acknowledged that the retailer needed to improve its stores and service.

"The changes going on now in

our stores, if they were in place seven or eight years ago, we would be better today," said Steve Curtis, manager of an Atlanta Home Depot.

As part of the restructuring, Home Depot surveyed employees about their concerns last year, and reported that 70 percent of the written comments dealt with customer service. Many workers complained about the fact that there wasn't enough staff assigned to help customers.

Home Depot customers interviewed recently said they pick and choose among Home Depot stores because the service is unsatisfactory in some. Lee Anderson said he bypassed his hometown Home Depot in suburban Acworth and drove 30 miles to Curtis' store because employees provide better service.

"If I'm shopping for a saw blade or drywall materials, I like shopping here because they know their stuff," said Anderson, who owns a drywall company.

Another shopper at the Atlanta store, Beverly Hoke, said she also bypassed the Home Depot closest to her home in suburban Decatur.

"If I'm not able to find something, they're there to help me," she said.

Besides retraining employees and using technology to teach them, the company has started a leadership program that has Home Depot recruiting former military officers and those with strong business backgrounds to manage stores. The company also has a human resource worker in each store to work with employees.

"The biggest challenge always is customer service with knowledgeable people and enough aprons on the floor at all time," said Mitch Hart, a Home Depot director. "We're getting better at it. We're not perfect, but I've seen progress."

Hart credits Nardelli for his willingness to listen to others' ideas.

"He's not a rah-rah type of motivator," Hart said. "He's not a Patton that goes out and yells and screams at the rooftops, but he is out there in those stores working with the management team constantly."

Cheese market still soft, stays concern for dairymen

TWIN FALLS — The decline in the cheese market is a cause for concern among dairy producers in Idaho, where, by and large, milk goes into the vat. While the decline in price should spark a purchasing spree by buyers, many seem to be sitting on the sidelines.

Cheese prices started going up 30 to 40 cents last summer, peaking at \$1.60 per pound by the end of July. The market then fell with barrels at \$1.18 and blocks at \$1.36 per pound earlier this week.

Block cheese has been holding at the \$1.36 mark. Historically, the difference between block and barrel is no more than 3 or 4 cents.

Dairy consultant Alan Levitt said he anticipated blocks would go down slightly, but things would be on the upswing soon.

A spread of 18 cents with the drop in barrels Tuesday was not anticipated.

"Blocks have not moved," executive vice president of Glanbia Foods Jeff Williams said. "Now do blocks trade down to narrow the spread or do barrels trade up? I'm sure a lot of buyers are probably waiting because they think the

blocks will trade down to narrow the spread. Obviously, if you think that, you're not going to buy any excess right now.

Study shows American barley can compete

BOISE — A study commissioned by Idaho and Montana barley growers shows American barley and malt have an advantage over Canada when it comes to supplying Mexico's malting needs.

Holiday season is time to think of people in need

By Eileen Alt Powell
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Americans tend to get charitable around the holidays. For family, like Diane Dupuis and her family, it's a tradition.

Each year since the late 1980s, instead of giving presents, Dupuis has made holiday donations to charities in the names of her mother, husband, sister and other relatives. "The presents" she receives are donations they make in her name.

"We try to think about what the other people are up to in their lives," said Dupuis, of Traverse City, Mich. "We try to make donations that are meaningful."

She has translated her contributions to the Audubon Society for her mother, a bird watcher. A sister participated in an Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, so the sponsors got a donation. Dupuis, who is interested in American Indians, has had contributions to the new National Museum of the American Indian made in her name.

"For the kids, we still do traditional presents," said Dupuis, 45, who has a 10-year-old daughter and 7-year-old son. "But for the grown-ups, we wanted to do more — and wind up with less stuff."

Charities usually collect at least half of their contributions between Thanksgiving and the New Year as families prepare for Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa. An incentive for donors is that charitable gifts must be made before the end of the year to qualify for tax deductions next April.

This year, gifts from individuals and families will be especially appreciated because institutional giving is down.

"Corporate, government and foundation giving is expected to be off by 10 percent for calendar year 2003," said Trent Stamp, executive director of Charity Navigator, which rates philanthropic organizations. He blamed the 2000-02 decline in the stock market, and the less-than-robust economy.

With mailboxes already stuffed with charity requests, and solicitors out in force in the nation's shopping malls, how should consumers go about choosing a charity?

Stamp recommends people follow their passions.

"If you're interested in cleaning up your local river... I'll bet you can find a nonprofit dedicated to cleaning up that river," he said. "The same goes for eradicat-

ing homelessness in your neighborhood, stopping the spread of AIDS or supporting missionary efforts."

Stamp suggests that this year, Americans pay special attention to the arts, from museums to orchestras and galleries.

"They are really getting hammered disproportionately because states are in such budget trouble," Stamp said.

Nadia Bolus, executive director of the Ploughshares Fund in San Francisco, said the holidays are especially important for the group, which funds projects aimed at stopping the spread of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

"Well over half of our money comes in at this time of the year," she said. "So far, fund-raising has been about on par with last year... but it remains to be seen what people are able to do."

Bolus said the fund has been attractive to donors interested in peace and security issues "because they have confidence we're doing the research and know where best to put the dollars."

The fund gives close to \$5 million in grants each year to programs working to eradicate land mines, stop the flow of small arms to regions in conflict and limit the

spread of weapons of mass destruction.

There are thousands of charities that focus on everything from animals to education, the environment, health, public needs and international causes.

Consumers who want to make sure an organization is on the up-and-up can check sites such as Charity Navigator at www.charitynavigator.org, which maintains a large data base of non-profit groups.

They also can consult the Better Business Bureau's www.bbb.org site, which sets standards for charitable groups. Local Better Business Bureau and state attorneys general offices also keep track of registered charities.

The BBB advises consumers not to give cash. It suggests checks payable to the charity — and never to the individual who is doing the solicitation.

And it says consumers "shouldn't be fooled by names that look impressive or that closely resemble the name of a well-known organization."

The BBB also recommends that consumers keep track of receipts and canceled checks to document their contributions at tax time.

Using work e-mail address can cause you to lose out on loyalty programs

The Associated Press

Fess up. You occasionally use your work e-mail address on Internet sites instead of your personal address, hoping to keep your own donations to the new National Museum of the American Indian made in her name.

However, that little trickery has the potential to wreak havoc on those who think you really do need their e-mails — loyalty programs to which you may belong, such as airline mileage programs, credit card issuers, hotels, and retailers.

Many larger companies have turned to anti-spam measures for their internal e-mail systems and this week, Microsoft Corp.

announced it would bolster its anti-spam software for e-mail servers.

Good for employee e-mail, but bad when a company is trying to reach someone who has signed up for some sort of loyalty program, according to Maritz Loyalty Marketing, a unit of St. Louis-based market researcher Maritz Inc.

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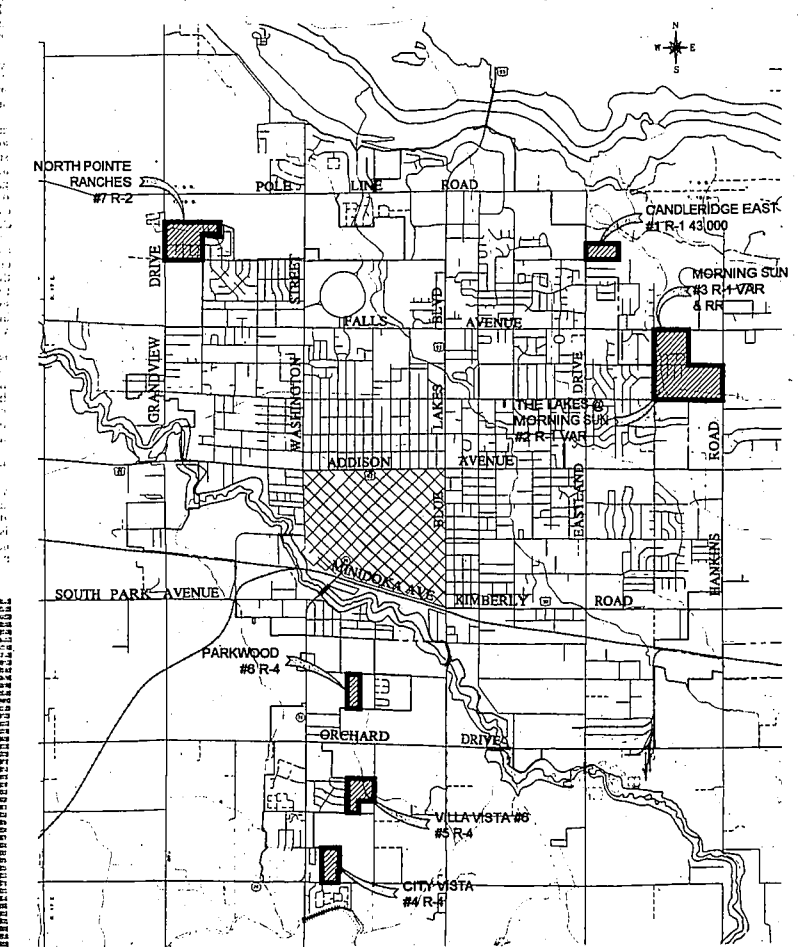
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Bobby Wolf

Dear Mr. Wolff: If you play transfers in response to a no-trump opening bid, is it also correct to play them in response to a one-trump overcall? And what range do you recommend for the no-trump overcall?

Sittler/Leites, West Palm Beach, Fla.

ANSWER: The logic of playing transfers is to allow you to deal with invitational hands with a major (though in standard methods, as well as to let the strong hand be declarer. The same principles apply to making a one-no-trump overcall. The range for that should be 15-18 in second seat, or in fourth seat when both opponents have bid, but approximately 11-15 in balancing seat.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I had to decide whether to go low or shoot for the stars with this hand: ♠ J-9-7-2, ♥ A-Q-8-6, ♦ A-Q-7-6, ♣ 10-9-8-7. My partner opened one spade and the next hand overcalled four diamonds. Was I wrong to use Blackwood and drive to slam?

Blair Bill, Macon, Ga.

ANSWER: I think many people would have settled for four spades, aware that it was an overbid, but taking what was in front of them. By contrast, if you had wanted to try for slam, a five-diamond cue-bid might have given partner some bid in the proceedings. If he held the top trumps, he might have had enough to bid the slam — but don't hold your breath!

Dear Mr. Wolff: When your partner opens a weak two-bid, are new suits natural and forcing, or can they be passed by a minimum hand?

Advance or Decline, Syracuse, N.Y.

ANSWER: Subject to any specific partnership agreement, you may have it is natural to play a new suit as natural and forcing, but not forcing to game. After that start to the auction though, anything that sounds nonforcing by either hand almost certainly can be passed.

Dear Mr. Wolff: My partner did not like my choice of actions here. I held ♠ J-9-7, ♥ K-8, ♦ A-6-4-2, ♣ 10-8-6-3 and elected to raise one diamond to two, rather than bidding one no-trump. But when my partner tried two hearts, I bid two no-trump now, to show I had a balanced hand. It is not correct to play that made eight tricks, but five diamonds would have been easy.

Minor Infingement, New York, N.Y.

ANSWER: My instinct over two hearts would have been to bid four diamonds. My partner's two-heart call is a try for game suggesting length. With nearly all my points in his suits, I should opt for diamonds over no-trump.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Do you believe in opening 11-point hands? If so, what makes you decide for aggression over passivity?

Ed 'Ean' U, Beersa, S.C.

ANSWER: With a six-card suit I rarely pass an 11-count. With 5-4 shape, my action will be based on my ease of rebid (will I be able to bid the four-card suit at a comfortable level?) and the quality of the suit I am opening (do I want partner to lead it?). In third seat I'll often open with even less of an excuse!

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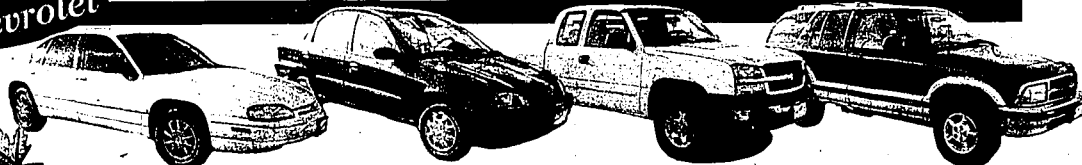
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But the cooking gene skipped part of a generation when my mom came along. She invites everyone to come to her house for TV dinners, even on Thanksgiving when she can get away with it.

Parade magazine's "What America Eats" research study, released this month, proves that my mother is not alone: Ninety-one percent of Americans now use convenience foods, and "each generation does a little less cooking."

The good news is that an increasing number of men and children are helping with this non-preparation of dinner. Sixty-four percent of women still say they do it all, but that's down from 89 percent 10 years ago. Today, one in four men does everything in the kitchen and almost as many share the responsibility with their wives.

More than half of teens pitch in, along with nearly half of children 13 and younger.

Come to think of it, my husband occasionally offers to cook dinner by himself - on the grill. And my son, before he left for college, did learn how to make Dutch oven meals on Boy Scout campouts.

If we had all been willing to move into a tent, he could have become the family chef.

Whether my daughter leaving for college happily ignorant of anything in the kitchen beyond the microwave. Now that she's getting married, she's become mildly interested in putting some kind of food on the table.

I still have the Betty Crocker Junior Cookbook you gave me when I was 9," she told me one day. "All of my recipes say, 'Ask a parent to help.'"

I suppose I'm to blame for raising kids who are culinary-challenged. But every time I thought about teaching them to cook, I thought about my friend in Ohio whose 4-year-old son always wanted to fix dinner. One Thanksgiving when no one was looking, he tucked an unopened can of peas into the oven with the turkey - and was, reconstructing the home in a pale shade of green.

My friends all accuse me of heading to the nearest restaurant whenever the words "home-cooked meal" come up in conversation. But all that time when the kids were little, my husband and I didn't have so many choices.

I remember one anniversary dinner out, baby-sitters in place at home, when the waiter asked my husband how he wanted his steak prepared. "What are the choices?" he asked, without thinking.

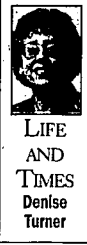
He had forgotten how to eat out like an adult. "They don't ask you how you want your chicken nuggets prepared," I explained to the waiter. Speaking of eating out, the Parade survey asked people to name a celebrity they would like to sit next to at a dinner party. President George W. Bush was the first choice among men, Oprah Winfrey was the first choice among women.

The survey also asked what one food you could not live without. The answer: Pizza. Duh.

But the best part of the survey was a report from researchers in Japan who say that laughter may be the best dietary medicine of all. They found that people with diabetes who laughed soon after eating, by watching a comedy show, had significantly lower blood-sugar levels than those who listened to a boring lecture. The connection showed up in healthy people as well.

Now all I have to do is start cooking more dinners at home. That would get everyone laughing.

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That's a wrap!

Take your time and use your imagination when wrapping gifts

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Two billion gift packages will be wrapped in paper, tinsel and string between Thanksgiving and Christmas in the United States - nine for every man, woman and child in the country.

And many of them will look as if they need help.

"People get in a hurry, or they use too much paper, or they use the wrong kind of wrapping materials," said Lisa Giesler who runs the Country Gift Garden in Twin Falls. "There really isn't a science to making a good-looking package; it takes some practice."

Giesler wraps hundreds of packages each November and December - including two dozen identical cookie jars last week - and she recommends, no pun intended, thinking outside the box.

"Red and green really are overused for Christmas wrappings this time of year," she said. "Why does every package have to be red and green?"

Giesler favors black - that's right, black - paper for Christmas, festooned with grace notes such as holly berries.

"Black is a wonderful color for Christmas packages because it's so versatile," she said. "You can mix and match with a lot of different materials."

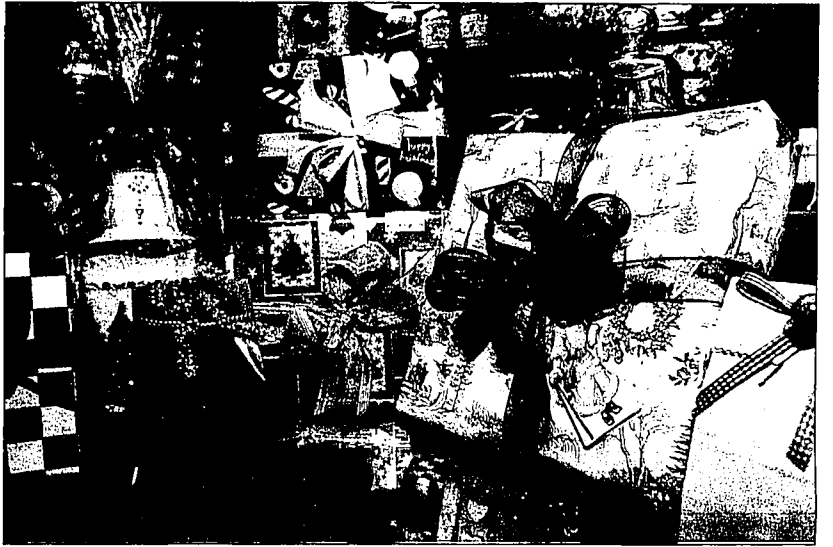
Giesler is also a strict constructionist on the issue of Christmas packages - she never uses the store-bought variety. "A pre-made bow looks like a pre-made bow," she said. "And there's nothing you can do to make it look better."

Instead, Giesler ties her own bows on Christmas packages, using the same ribbon that's wrapped around the package - she favors the kind reinforced with wire.

"The problem people run into with bows on packages is that they tie them like they tie their shoes," she said. "What you want to have is to bring the loop over the top."

"The fit of the paper is critical to a good-looking package - some veteran gift wrappers cut to size using Xacto knives - and the paper needs to be square with the box."

"If you wrap the package crooked, it will show," Giesler said. "And if you use too much paper, that shows too."



Lisa Fairbanks, owner of the Country Gift Garden in Twin Falls, demonstrates how to tie the perfect bow for gifts this holiday season. The main photo shows examples of various wrapping paper for gifts and different fabrics used for bows. The series of photos above illustrate how to tie a bow: Bring ribbon under opposite sides, tie a half knot, make the first loop, then bring the ribbon tall over the top.

"I like to wrap a present within a present. For example, if I'm giving someone a shirt, I might put the shirt in a box and wrap the box in a dish towel. It's more fun to open that way."

Quality of paper is critical, she says - cheap, tissue-paper grades will tear. "You want paper that is flexible enough to work with, but which is strong enough to last until Christmas morning," she said.

But keep in mind that highly refined, glossy wrapping paper is sometimes hard to keep taped shut. "We bought some paper one year that Scotch tape just wouldn't stay stuck to," Giesler said. "And if you put too much tape on a package, it won't look good."

Tracy Dalin, a Fairfield crafter, prefers non-traditional materials for Christmas wrappings.

"I like to wrap a present within a present," she said. "For example, if I'm giving someone a shirt, I might put the shirt in a box and wrap the box in a dish towel. It's more fun to open that way."

And don't neglect plain old brown wrapping paper, Dalin says - the stuff you buy to wrap around packages you ship through the Postal Service.

"Wrap a present in brown paper and add bows and stickers," she advised. "It's unusual, and that's what I like."

Dalin isn't afraid to admit

when an odd-shaped object - a guitar, for example - can't be wrapped to make a decent-looking package.

"That's the salvation of (gift) bags," Dalin said. "I use them all the time."

Giesler seldom, if ever, resorts to bags - but not every gift has to be wrapped in paper, she agrees.

"We use a lot of tin," she said. "It's flexible, looks good" tied with ribbon and makes a great-looking package."

There really is no substitute for imagination, she adds: Wrapping Christmas packages shouldn't be like stamping out widgets on an assembly line.

"Wrapping a gift is a creative process," she said. "If you make it a chore, your package will look like it's a chore."

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Attack of PG-13: Hollywood wants your children

By Liza Mundy
The Washington Post

The white sedan was sleek and expensive, and the woman driving it looked sleek and expensive, too. Her face was heavy with makeup, her hair ambitiously coiled. She pulled up to the curb of a Loews multiple in suburban Maryland, and waited while five children got out of her car. From the front passenger's side came two girls who looked to be about 12 and 13; from the back emerged a boy of 8 or so as well as two smaller children, no older than 5 or 6.

It was a few minutes before 10 on a Friday evening. Most of the movie-nights starting their final, late-night showings; patrons were hurrying to the kiosk, forming a straggling line, which the children joined. The 8-year-old bought the tickets. The driver sat at the wheel of her sedan, saw the transaction completed and drove away.

Alone, the children proceeded inside the crowded multiplex, where they found their way into



"Hulk" the movie is PG-13, but incredible Hulk merchandise is marketed to, and with, children of all ages. The PG-13 movie rating exacerbates generational tension, warning the parent while seducing the child.

Theater 11. That room was almost full, occupied by a resolute crowd of older teenagers and twentysomethings who were passing the time with recreational bickering. A girl got up, and a boy slapped her on the butt. Somebody shot somebody

else the finger. The children found seats as the lights were dimming, arriving in time for a series of trailers, including one for a horror movie in which a busload of high school students are serially eaten, others for action movies featuring gunfire,

imperial women and massive, unexplained conflagrations. In this, the trailers were virtually indistinguishable from the main feature: "S.W.A.T.," a police action movie that begins with a scene of armed thieves cleaning out a bank vault while terrified hostages cover on the floor. "Throw that bitch to the front and kill her!" says a thief, but before he can dispatch one particularly freaked-out hostage, she is accidentally shot in the neck by a headhoned SWAT officer trying to rescue her. Later in the movie, a French criminal slits his uncle's throat; a helicopter full of police officers crashes to the ground in a lethal explosion; and the hero pushes the headhoned ex-officer, now gone over to the side of international villainy, to a grisly death under a train.

The teen-agers found all of this highly satisfying. They laughed during car chases and exulted at explosions. Meanwhile, the five young children sat, absorbing the mayhem

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Whether to be a mother: Nine questions might help

Women trying to decide whether to have a child should think about the following questions, says Diana Dell, co-author of "Do I Want to Be a Mom?"

1. Can I do it all? Do I want to?
2. What will pregnancy do to my health?
3. What does a child do to a relationship?
4. Can we survive "baby boom camp"?
5. How will children affect my career?
6. What does it cost to have a child?
7. What if I change my mind?
8. What if I regret having children?
9. What if I regret not having children?

Source: Baltimore Sun

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

KITCHEN KINKS By Josiah Breward, Scranton, Pennsylvania

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1. Categorize
2. Postal requirements
13. Bit for a horse
14. Garf's breaths
21. Drinking spot
22. Section within a section
23. Intestine thought?
25. Earhart and ...
26. Bloomer
27. Seniors in ...
28. Contents
29. Pieces of pebbles
30. Faculty
31. CD add-on?
32. Dispatch
33. Sinks on skulls
35. Wrongful acts
36. Say cheese!
37. Writing style
39. Climber's spikes
41. Ramsay and Pinkerton
43. Lost one's cool
45. Took off
46. Cruke crosses
48. In what way?
50. Rope fiber
51. Long-gone bird
52. Winsome
53. Virgo's epic
56. Back of car?
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65. Wallah or Whitney
66. Laws
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74. Professional
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97. Men in blue
98. "The Stepford Wives" author
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51. Fictionalized program
53. Iowa State site
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55. Blockheads
57. Handy bag
59. Nastisse of tennis
60. Ill. neighbor
62. Muslim scholar's opinion
63. For a specific purpose
64. Ruined chance
66. Roun's river
67. Felted
69. Writer Shirley Ann
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72. Rani's wraps
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77. Service charge
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81. Gheately
82. Metal containers
85. Blycote stunt
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90. Frankenstein
91. Unbound' writer
92. Fish from Dover?
93. Operatic singer
94. Free from a sty
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107. Dict. entry
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Dad's amorous adventures make his daughter angry

DEAR ABBY: I am 25 years old. My parents and I had a good relationship. Mother died nine months ago, and Dad is living with me. I'm now having mixed feelings about it. I let my father move in with me so he wouldn't be alone.

What bothers me is he has been involved with at least nine women in the months since Mom died. He and Mother were married 26 years, and it depresses me when I see him with other women in my home. He acts like it's OK to bring his ladyfriends here, but I think it disrespectful to Mother for him to see other women so soon after her death.

What can I do about Dad's behavior?

DEAR SAD AND MAD IT DAD: I don't know how long your mother was ill before her death, but your father may have done his grieving at that time. It's also possible that her death has made him realize how short life is.

It was loving and caring of you to take him in. But now that he's living the life of a swinging bachelor, it's time to tell him he needs a bachelor pad of his own. What goes on under your roof is your business. Even if you're in need of a therapist, it's best to refer to your father before he makes any important decisions that could



DEAR ABBY

Abby Cadabby

affect the rest of his life. You'll be doing him a favor.

DEAR ABBY: My friend, "Michelle" is going to be 13 next month. Her mom died recently, and she's been hanging out with an older boy who encourages her to steal cigarettes from the store and smoke them. Maybe it's just a phase, but I'm worried about Michelle. Do you think that I should end our friendship?

DEAR WORRIED: You are right to be concerned about your friend. Everyone knows that smoking is addictive. Do you think that I should end our friendship?

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In the meantime, limit your

Cancer: Weather restores harmony

IF NOVEMBER 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you can be everybody's friend and would make an excellent detective or agent. Having a talent for the written word, you could be a reporter or writer. You would also make a good salesperson or politician.

This is a year for new beginnings and laying foundations for the future. You can expect opportunities for making money and finding romance.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Because of others who dictate what you should do with your time, you may be taken for a ride. By regaining your freedom, you can make the best of your talents.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Others see you as Mr./Ms. Fix-it—someone who can solve any problem. You are not, however. Comparing your efforts with others, you realize your self-worth. Confirmation

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Books are not giving the answers you need. Comparing your efforts with others, you realize your self-worth. Confirmation

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comes from unexpected sources.

CANCER (Jun. 21-Jul. 22): The weather is encouraging you to cuddle up, and a partner is all too ready to join the irresistible scene. This restores harmony at home and may provide you with dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can expect the unexpected. A trip could take longer than anticipated. Double-check your travel plans for loopholes. Yesterday's norms may not apply today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): As Mercury sun leaves Sagittarius, you develop an "I deserve it" attitude. Professionally, there's no one to privately you experience change. You're among big changes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your ambition and get-up-and-go make others wonder whether you're plugged into an energy outlet. Your unusual vim and vigor puzzle and inspire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Work is running like clockwork

time with Michelle. And make absolutely sure that you're not with her when she's stealing—or you could be accused of being an accessory to the crime.

DEAR ABBY: I have always loved my daughter-in-law, "Lucy," and treated her well. Last year, for my son "Tim's" birthday, Lucy surprised him by booking a cruise and inviting her mother along. I felt slighted to have been excluded, so when her mother called me two months later and asked me if I'd share her stateroom and the cost, I refused.

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Web site offers tips for buying safe toys

The Wichita Eagle

Don't forget safety when you're shopping for toys. Some tips from SafeChild.net, just in time for your holiday shopping:

- Check age labels. Just because your child enjoys understanding or can play with a toy doesn't mean it's safe for him or her. Age labels are safety, not developmental, ratings.

Beware of choking. Rattles, balls, blocks and other small parts should be at least 1 3/4 inches in diameter. Here's a simple test: If the item can fit inside a toilet paper

roll, keep it away from small children.

• Examine the toy. Look for sturdy construction, such as tightly secured eyes and noses and well-sewn seams on stuffed animals and dolls. For all children under 8, avoid toys with sharp edges and points.

• Avoid known hazards. Don't let your child put anything in his pockets; they can easily ignite and cause burns. Discard plastic wrappings on toys immediately. And never let your child play with uninflated balloons or balloon parts.

• Check for recalls. Millions of toys are recalled every year. Log on to SafeChild.net to check the status of toys your child has, and then check back regularly for updates.

Stuff your stocking with 'Mr. Stinky Feet'

Kansas City kid, rocker Jim Cosgrove, also known as "Mr. Stinky Feet," has released a new CD celebrating the holidays. "Mr. Stinky Feet's Christmas" features 13 songs that honor the solemn reverence of the season as well as the anticipation it evokes in youngsters.

Several songs feature the Kansas City Children's Chorus along with Cosgrove's band, the Hiccups.

The CD costs \$13 and is available at some bookstores, specialty toy stores and online at www.jimcosgrove.com.

by studies, which aggressively pursue it, and often succeed, not just with relatively innocent movies but with energetically gross ones as well as startlingly violent ones like "S.W.A.T."

These days, you could say that there are essentially three kinds of PG-13 movies: movies that are teen-aged through and through, but often in the worst and most puerile sense, technically eschewing adult fare like nudity while substituting scenes that are in fact smutty and more disturbing (for example, a scene in which a young woman—shown from the rear—lifts her top to flash an onlooker). In addition, there are children's movies that essentially reach for PG-13 movies that probably could have been rated PG, but which have been juiced up with enough gratuitous sexuality and violence to earn them the higher rating. And finally, there are fundamentally adult movies, like "S.W.A.T.," whose true nature is R but which are increasingly able to make a few deft excisions and extract a PG-13 from the board charged with rating films. As a result of this last technique, says Stephen

Franklin, a communications student and professor at Virginia Tech, in terms of content the PG-13 and R ratings have become virtually interchangeable.

wrong thing, too. In particular, what seemed wrong was that from the point of view of the entertainment industry, everything in that scene was right. Everything was working.

That is to say, "S.W.A.T.," that night, accomplished exactly what today's PG-13 movie is supposed to accomplish, attracting older teen-agers as well as younger ones and even children, maximizing its profit-making potential by leaving no group

Unlike R movies, which restrict any unchaperoned child under 17, the PG-13 rating means any child will be accepted who can proffer a bill, even though PG-13 movies by definition contain material inappropriate for these same young moviegoers.

Because of its broad and inclusive reach, PG-13 has become by far the most profitable rating that a movie can receive. Last year, 13 of the 20 top-grossing films were rated PG-13 (most of the rest were rated R). Overall, PG-13 films earned \$4.5 billion in 2002, twice as much as R-rated movies, despite the fact that R films (which include fringe and foreign releases) were more numerous. Those dramatic numbers explain why the PG-13 rating is now the most sought-after

We pay a price for 'psychological' child rearing

A fellow recently approached me at a speaking engagement and asked if it was true, as he had heard, that "I don't believe" in Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder?

My reply: I absolutely believe in the significant percentage of children in America exhibit the symptoms of ADHD. Are these behaviors problematic? Yes. Are these behaviors caused by a gene or biological condition? I don't believe that they are, nor have I seen proof of that hypothesis.

"So you think ADHD is caused by improper parenting?" Yes, but I'm not blaming individual parents. Just as a culture can embrace a dysfunctional political system, a culture can embrace a dysfunctional parenting philosophy. America did exactly that in the 1960s and 1970s. You can't be blamed for thinking that the way 98 percent of your neighbors are raising their kids is the right way to raise kids.

I am convinced—and I am definitely in the minority, but I am not alone—that ADHD is one of many prices we are paying for adopting, 30 to 40 years ago, a "psychological" approach to child rearing, an approach that has absolutely nothing in common with the child rearing practiced before that time.

The simple fact is that you cannot raise children two entirely different ways and arrive at the same outcome. In the 1950s and before, parents and teachers did not have the sorts of problems with children that parents and teachers are having today.

Although some researchers are convinced that a biological smoking gun will eventually be found, the fact remains that one has not been found; its existence is speculative.

Pediatrician and author William Carlos wrote "Understanding Your Child's Temperament" in 1997, says, "The assumption that ADHD symptoms arise from cere-



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bral malfunction has not been supported even after extensive investigations" and "No consistent structural, functional or chemical neurological marker is found in children with the ADHD diagnosis as currently formulated." Carey is an on many investigators who have arrived at this conclusion.

"So, what do you think causes ADHD, John?" The symptoms describe a child who is impulsive, unfocused, unwilling to apply himself to a task, inattentive, distractible, cannot wait his/her turn, and intrusive. That describes a typical toddler, a "terrible two."

The fact is, nearly every toddler "has" Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Furthermore, and again according to published diagnostic criteria, nearly every toddler "has" Oppositional Defiant Disorder and Conduct Disorder of Childhood.

The typical toddler is unfocused, inattentive and impulsive. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. He screams "no!" when his parents tell him to pick up a toy (Oppositional Defiant Disorder) or

stop throwing his food. He flies into rages during which he hits, then bites and screams like someone possessed of demons (Bipolar Disorder of Childhood).

Can you imagine the carnage that would transpire if, as is the case in the animal kingdom, human children reached full size within 2 years? Battered Parent Syndrome is not a pretty picture.

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Keep your pets safe over the holidays

The tumultuous holiday season can be stressful enough for people who plan for it, but what about for our pets? The holidays can be satisfying and safe for your pet provided you take some steps to protect them from often hidden dangers.

Let's start with Thanksgiving. Roast turkey crowned with stuffing, mashed potatoes and giblet gravy, sweet potato casserole smothered with marshmallows, and pumpkin pie are made. That's just a partial list of what many will consume on Turkey Day and the abdominal ascription makes two-legged and four legged mouths water with anticipation.

Thanksgiving is all about giving thanks and sharing the abundance. But before you think about sharing that mountain of meat, scrumptious leg bone, spicy stuffing, or amalgam of half eaten desserts with your pet, think again. While overeating at Thanksgiving may be a "flurry time" for humans, it may result in an unexpected trip to the veterinary emergency room for pets, sometimes with tragic consequences.

Even if you don't end up at the emergency room with a pet, you may end up on your hands and knees cleaning up a smelly mess that spurted from either end of your pet. Unexpected dietary changes can lead to vomiting, diarrhea or worse. In fact, Thanksgiving keeps Dr. Steve Hansen, veterinary toxicologist and director of the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center's staff, very busy. I recom-



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Marty Becker

mend that you keep their Web site - www.wapccaspc.org - handy, not just at Thanksgiving, but for any emergency that might arise.

Here are the top turkey day taboos:

Bones. Bones are not as healthy and safe as you might think. Raw bones can contain bacteria and cooked bones can splinter. As a veterinarian I've had to take ham bones off a dog's swollen tongue and round steak bones off a dog's lower jaw, remove rib bones wedged between the upper teeth along the roof of the mouth, and have had turkey bone shards perforate the intestinal tract causing internal trauma.

Fatty, rich foods. These typically include fatty trimmings off the turkey or roast, turkey skin, butter-coated potato skins, and of course, the gravy. Giving these to your pet is not a treat, it is dangerous for them. Board certified veterinarian Fred Metzger of State College, Penn., says "Pancreatitis or inflammation of the pancreas is a serious disease and unfortunately common during the holidays. This potentially life threatening disorder can occur when pets overeat or eat

fatty foods resulting in pancreatic irritation. Signs include vomiting, diarrhea, anorexia and an extremely painful abdomen."

Sweets. Although you may want to indulge your dog's sweet tooth, a pet's digestive system is not adapted for such foods, and chocolate contains Theobromine, which can be harmful even fatal to dogs in high enough doses. Dr. Metzger says, "White chocolate is less toxic than dark chocolate but avoiding all chocolate is the best advice to avoid a visit to your veterinarian. One pound of dark chocolate or 4 ounces of Baker's chocolate can be lethal to a 16 pound pooch."

Alcohol. While we may enjoy some holiday libations, and many pets will drink alcohol if given the opportunity, even a small amount of alcohol can put a pet in grave danger. Forget the attempt for an America's Funniest Home Videos winner and keep Rover a teetotaler.

Cheeses. "We get a surprising number of phone calls from alarmed people with trembling dogs," says Dr. Hansen. The culprit? Malted cheeses that contain tremorgenic mycotoxins.

If you do want to share a sampling of the Thanksgiving bounty with your cats or dogs, PetPlace.com recommends giving them some small cut up pieces of turkey white meat, cooking some of the vegetables without butter or salt, or stewing the giblets in water to make a tasty turkey broth that can be used to moisten your

pet's dry food on this one special day."

But dangers lurk beyond the dinner table.

Hansen reminds us because many households have visitors, especially grandparents, there are a lot of prescription drugs in pill vials as well as weekly pill minders on nightstands. Dogs, who can crack rock hard leg bones with their teeth, have little difficulty opening a pill vial with or without childproof packaging. All drugs should be stored in a closed cabinet above the counter.

Pets are also attracted to the sweet taste of antifreeze (ethylene glycol), which is lethal to them, even in small doses. Even before Grandpa Jim or Aunt Teresa sits down to watch the Macy's Day Parade, check driveways and wipe up any leaks immediately. Wear gloves or wash your own hands as well.

And don't forget that this is a time of giving thanks and celebration. In all the coming hustle and bustle, remember to take some quiet time to give our pets cuddles and comfort.

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The kids are alright, all right

DEAR EDITOR: I am confused by "all right" and "alright." How do I know when to use "all right" and when to use "alright"?

-TC, BOSTON

DEAR T.C.: The short answer is that "all right" and "alright" are synonyms, so you can choose either one. The long answer, though, is that there are important differences between the two words that might influence your choice. First, "all right" is much more common than "alright." Second, "alright" is much more likely to be found in comic strips, trade journals, and newspapers and magazines than in more literary sources. Third, and maybe most significantly, many people, including the authors of just about every writer's handbook, think "alright" is all wrong.

The controversy over the appropriateness of "alright" seems to have begun in the early 20th century. Some critics have labeled it "a coarse and colloquial" while others have simply denied that it exists. What the critics do not do is offer any compelling reasons for its being considered wrong, apart from its relative newness. (Analogous words like "already" and "altogether" are of course considered perfectly acceptable, but, unlike "alright," they have been in use for centuries.)

Usage commentators note that "alright" is found more often in manuscript than in print; undoubtedly it would be found more frequently in print if copy editors were not so inclined to change it to "all right."

Thus "alright" remains a commonly written but less often printed variant of "all right." If you use it, be prepared to draw some criticism.

DEAR EDITOR: I have an interest in hypnosis. Can you tell me anything about the origin of the word "hypnosis" or "hypnotism"?

G.K., DANBURY, CONN.

DEAR G.K.: "Hypnosis" comes from a name in Greek mythology, and from the same story that also gives us the word "morphine." In Greek mythology Hypnos (in Latin, Somnus) was the god of sleep. The brother of Thanatos (Death) and the son of Nyx (Night), Hypnos lived, according to one tradition, in a land of perpetual darkness and mist. The god's home was a cavern, through which the waters of Lethe, the river of forgetfulness, flowed.

Surrounding Hypnos, who reclined on a couch; were numer-

WORDWATCH

Meriam-Webster

Got a question?

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ous sons - the Dreams. Prominent among the sons was Morpheus. Hypnos and Morpheus were occasionally called upon to exercise their powers when the chief gods wished to intervene in mortal affairs. Hypnos could induce a state of sleep, and Morpheus had the power to make human forms appear to dreamers.

In 1843, Scottish surgeon James Braid (1795-1860) used the name of the Greek god of sleep to create the term "hypnotism," which he introduced in his treatise "Neurophysiology, or the rationale of nervous sleep." "Hypnotism" (also known in the 19th century as "Braidism") is the science or practice of artificially inducing a sleep-like trance, gave rise to the coinage of "hypnosis," the term for the trance itself.

DEAR EDITOR: While we wait for Webster's update recently, my opponent came up with the word "emote." Is it a slang word?

-T.V., MANVILLE, N.Y.

DEAR T.V.: The word "emote" is not slang. Rather, it is a back-formation from the noun "emotion" that was first recorded in 1917 and is defined as "to express emotion in an exaggerated manner."

We usually see the word "emote" used in reference to acting, as in "A method actor can sit on a stage, feeling deeply and emoting strongly, but it's no good if the audience hasn't the faintest idea of what is going on." However, anyone can emote, simply by giving vent to emotions, whether negative or positive.

A quotation from our files exemplifies this extension of meaning: "What will happen to the great old pros who emote from their lecture notes each year?" In any case, "emote" is a legitimate, frequently used word, and you should be able to find it in any good dictionary edited and published in recent decades.

Bush pardons turkey

By Rolly Capps
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Dear Stars: So now you're free. How does it feel? Do you know how lucky you are? In a White House ceremony, President Bush pardoned you, turkey. You were the last bird to be pardoned and therefore saved from ending up on a platter, surrounded by mashed potatoes and a horde of screaming relatives. Bush is the leader of the land you're standing on, and he gets to do the kind of thing you do.

Here's his official pronouncement: "It's time to extend a little compassion to our guest of honor," Bush said in the Rose Garden before dozens of schoolchildren and reporters. "By virtue of the presidential pardon, Stars will live out his days."

You didn't even know it, but you were a goner the day you were born a turkey at Rocky Point Farm in Carthage, Mo. But you were saved by Tom Fix, who raised you and chose you for clemency. But you were impressed with your "uh, personality." Probably, he plucked you at random, and because you have a nice white coat.

But Bush liked you: "He looks pretty friendly. He actually looks like a turkey." Count your blessings. We're in an era when wild turkey refers to a brand of whiskey, and the real wild turkeys have been bred into monsters the size of refrigerators, ready to be stuffed and eaten.

Turkeys like you have come to the White House every year since 1947 to be pardoned. President Clinton continued the tradition, which perhaps helps to assuage some of the national guilt over the fact that some 50 million turkeys will be slaughtered and eaten this Thanksgiving.

Do you know how rarely George Dubya Bush issues pardons? Ask the folks in Texas. As president, Bush has issued fewer pardons than any modern president. Bush has pardoned only 11 people (and three turkeys).

You were presented in the Rose Garden on a crystal-clear, sunny day by Bob Wright, chairman of the National Turkey Federation, and Alice Johnson, the federation's president.

You have a puny brain, so it's possible you won't remember the ceremony Monday. But it was attended by fifth-graders from suburban Flint Hill School, who had earned the right by helping feed the emotees in a shelter. The kids petted you with enthusiasm. You certainly looked proud.

After being pardoned, you puffed up your feathers, shook out your snood, and took a short walk around the garden.

"He's just strutting around, feeling good," said Fix.

A WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS



The design of the official White House Christmas card, bearing a Crawford, Texas, postmark, are being mailed to friends and family of the President and Mrs. Bush, as well as foreign dignitaries. This year's card was designed by artist Barbara Ernst Proy of Oyster Bay, N.Y., and depicts the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House.

Student-teachers put new skills to use at Montessori school

By Kevin Lyons
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH, Texas - In Room 132 at Como Montessori, students come and go as they please. They pick what they want to learn and when they want to learn it. They can take their lessons while sitting at their desks or sprawled on the floor. They go the bathroom without asking for the permission of teacher Liz Howard.

For outsiders, it looks like utter confusion.

Yet for some aspiring teachers, it's the perfect learning environment. Since the mid-1980s, Como Montessori's teaching model has highlighted student-centered learning, with more emphasis on fitting an education around a child's needs and less on traditional learning techniques such as lectures and worksheets. The goal is to actively engage students in the learning process so they reach beyond facts and memorization to concepts and application, education experts say.

Higher-learning institutions such as Texas Christian University have recently tapped into Como Montessori's model as a teacher training ground, placing its student-teachers in the Montessori school's classes for exposure to a new way of instructing students.

"It does look like chaos when you walk in the door, but everyone is learning," said TCU senior Kayla Downing, one of a handful of TCU student-teachers at the Montessori school. "The kids monitor themselves, and it gives them a sense of responsibility. It's one thing to learn how to teach like this in the (TCU) classroom, but it's another thing to practice actually teaching this way."

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- Kayla Downing, a student-teacher at Como Montessori

The shift in the science of teaching at TCU, Texas Wesleyan University and other schools across the nation comes as each institution modifies its education programs in light of the No Child Left Behind Act, the legislation President Bush signed that mandates a qualified teacher for every student, regardless of race, social or financial status, by the end of the 2005-06 school year.

At TCU, student-teachers are not only getting certified in the subject-area they plan to teach, they are also using more of their time as college students to work their craft in real classrooms.

"Ten years ago, our students took classes about how to be teachers" in university classrooms and hardly ever set foot outside of the university until they went for their student teaching the last half of their senior year," said Samuel Deitz, dean of the TCU school of education. "Now, when we teach our stu-

dents how to teach kids to read, we go out to the schools. And in their last two years, they spend much of their time at the schools. They are not just getting the theory of teaching, they are practicing it as well."

Like TCU, Texas Wesleyan is exposing its student-teachers to more classroom time and emphasizing that how you teach children is just as important as what you teach them, said Carlos Martinez, dean of the school of education at Texas Wesleyan. "The assumption is that because you know math, you can teach kids, but the issue is that children provide a great number of challenges that have nothing to do with content and everything to do with the complexities of teaching students."

To bring the point home, Janet Watkins, an associate professor in TCU's school of education, moves her two-hour class along quickly, keeping her students' attention by asking yes/no questions about tomatoes, and then letting the students practice their new teaching skills on each other.

One student uses a piece by Mozart as a means to get into a lesson about mood music; another uses a soccer ball to get into a lesson about sports.

"I realized that lecture alone - and imparting all the great wisdom that I supposedly had - wasn't reaching the student," Watkins said. "I had to be able to do a song-and-dance routine to get them interested in a topic. If a kid can remember something, that's great; but it doesn't help

them much if they can't apply it."

Back in Room 132 at Como Montessori, the student-friendly environment that teacher Liz Howard directs gives first-, second- and third-graders options in how they want to learn subjects such as math, spelling and vocabulary-building. And on this particular day, the chairs are pushed back against the walls as some sit on the floor in one group learning how to read, and others sit in groups of twos and threes getting the lowdown on verbs or the difference between 25 cents and \$25.

One girl sits by herself in a

desk, eyes squinting as she thinks of the answer to an addition problem.


Near the classroom door, students scribble their names on a board when they have questions and then scratch their names off when their questions are answered. They do the same thing to take a bathroom break, and one at a time, they march out and then back in.

This is what student-centered learning looks like.

"This kind of education is very exciting," said Downing, the TCU student-teacher. "It has made me rethink my own education."

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Castleford FFA wins at district

CASTLEFORD - Castleford FFA members took the top three places in the recent Soil Conservation District speech contest in Twin Falls.

Stephanie Guerry was first and received \$100 cash. Wes Rodgers, second, earned \$75, and Travis Henson, third, \$50. The three to five minute speeches were on the topic of "Food for the Future." Guerry advanced to the District Four competition and placed sixth.

The Castleford soils team took fourth in the South Magic Valley District Soil Career Development competition in Jerome. The competition, sponsored by the Soil Conservation Districts of Idaho, required students to evaluate different soils and test soil texture and characteristics to determine best use.

The chapter forestry team took third in district competition at the Diamond Field Jack recreation area in the South Hills. Teams were required to identify plant samples, scale trees, cruise trees, identify forestry tools and show proficiency in map reading.

The team will advance to state competition in Moscow in June.



Castleford FFA top three winners in the Soil Conservation District speech contest were Stephanie Guerry, front; from left, back, Travis Henson and Wes Rodgers.



The Castleford FFA forestry team members include, from left, front: Melissa McCoy and Angie Gantman; second row: Lauren Hillne, Jasealca Bobango and Anna Lopez; back row: Jared Welch, Travis Henson and Michael Brubaker.



The Castleford FFA soils team members include from left, front: Maribel Mondragon, Justin Dahl and Daniela Mayra; back: Echo Frey, Linda Kinsinger and Luis Hernandez.

Photos courtesy of Castleford FFA.

CELEBRATING DOUBLE



Twins and former Twin Falls dentist, Dr. Art Alban, left, and former Kimberly general practitioner, Dr. Harry Alban, will celebrate their 93rd birthday Dec. 12 in Long Beach, Calif.

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Ewynn Leika Muck, daughter of Cynthia Marie and Aaron Leonard Muck of Gooding, was born Monday, Nov. 17, 2003.

Tristram James Wurdle, son of Kimberly Rae and Josh Earl Wurdle of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Nov. 17, 2003.

Alexis May Malvaez, daughter of Deri J. Larra and Francisco Rafael Malvaez of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003.

Ryan Nicholas Delsler, son of Aurelia Helena Leano and Bryan Nick Delsler of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003.

Breken Alan Clarke, son of Melissa Ann and Alan Bruce Clarke of Kimberly, was born Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003.

Kristin Alyne Egan, daughter of Keidi Sue Deville and Chaney

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
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Rowe Egan of Buhl, was born Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003.
Thanner Jay Jacobson, son of Tiffany Ann and Victor Lane Jacobson of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003.
Weston Holt Koudellun, son of Denise Diane and Jeffrey Mallon Koudelka of Carey, was born Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Methodist church offers to give parents a break

TWIN FALLS - First United Methodist Church is offering to parents to take a break and leave their children for free from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday at the church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls. Parents can drop their children off during this time. For more information, call 733-5872. Everyone is welcome.

People for Pets holds public meeting Wednesday

TWIN FALLS - The People for Pets Magic Valley Humane Society Inc. will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 530 Shoshone St. W. The public is encouraged to attend.

Agape Interfaith holds Christmas luncheon

GOODING - The Agape Interfaith Christmas luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Gooding Basque Center, which is located near the intersection of Idaho Highways 26 and 46.

Pastor Gene Kissingner and his wife, Sandy, will speak. The theme of the luncheon is "Star of Wonder." The cost is \$5.50. Those attend-

ing must RSVP by calling Leona at 934-4417.

The Festival of Trees opens in Burley

BURLEY - Cassia Health Care Foundation's 26th Annual Festival of Trees Gala will be from 6:10 p.m. held Thursday through Saturday at the Snake River Plaza, 342 E. 5th N., Burley. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at the door or by calling Bev Stone at 678-0968.

The Festival of Trees will be open to the public Thursday through Saturday. Hours will be 12-9 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. The festival will be open 10 a.m. to 12 noon for senior citizens and the physically challenged. The cost is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. The theme for the event is "Tis the Spirit."

United Methodist Church sponsors Christmas Bazaar

WENDELL - Wendell's United Methodist Church will sponsor its annual Christmas Bazaar starting at 9 a.m. Friday at the church, 175 E. Main St.

Homemade gifts and decorations and cooked food will be for sale. Soup, chili, salad and dessert will be served from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. A free will offering will be

accepted. For more information, call Mary Lou Ruby at 536-6583.

Kitchen Magic offers candy class this week

TWIN FALLS - Kitchen Magic will offer a candy class from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the store in the Lynwood Shopping Mall in Twin Falls.

Students will learn how to make cherry chocolate, caramel turtles and chocolates with cream centers.

The class is \$5 and must be paid by Wednesday. For more information, call 733-4285.

Hansen Community Library holds open house

HANSEN - The Hansen Community Library will hold an open house from 1-6 p.m. Wednesday at the library, 120 West Maple, Hansen.

The event will feature new children and young adult books that have come to the library through the Libri Foundation, a nationwide nonprofit organization that donates new quality, hardcover books to small rural libraries throughout the United States.

The community of Hansen, through a yard sale and book sale, raised matching funds of \$350, allowing the library to

receive \$1,067 worth of new books. Each book will have a plate marking it as part of the donation.

Authors include Jack Prelutsky, Susan Cooper, Herman Parish, Patricia MacLachlan, Jan Brett, Will Hobbs, Ian Redmond, Lois Lowry, Shelly Moore Thomas, Cynthia Rylant, Jean Van Leeuwen, Jack Gantos, Eva Ibbotson and Jean Craighead George.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Eighth Street Center is site of healing arts classes

BUHL - Debbie Cottle is offering healing arts classes on Wednesdays at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth Ave. in Buhl. The cost for each class is \$10.

Thursday: "Color, Sound, Harmonics" from 7-10 p.m. Students will experience and gain understanding of how sound and color affect people.

Dec. 10: "Clearing Sacred Space" from 7-10 p.m. The class focuses on how to give personal space and homes an energy house cleaning.

Dec. 17: "Creating Sacred Space" from 7-10 p.m. Students will learn about labyrinths and medicine wheels.

For more information, call 543-2888.

CANS COME IN



Richard Povison with the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council receives a delivery of canned foods from the booster clubs of Burley and Minico High Schools. The cans were collected the previous night at their annual football game. The donation is given to the council for distribution to needy families in the two counties on Dec. 13. More than 12,000 cans were collected, with Minico High School winning the trophy for the most collected. To donate to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, call Dolly Reiburger at 438-4057.

SERVICE NEWS

Sickle completes Navy basic training in Illinois

Navy Seaman Apprentice Jared R. Van Sickle, son of Connie and Jack E. Van Sickle of Hazelton, has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program,

Van Sickle completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. Van Sickle is a 1998 graduate of Valley High School in Hazelton.

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German cookies look almost too good to eat

By Linda Oliva
The Hartford Courant

Like Santa and the elves who work weeks in advance to fill the toy orders of hopeful boys and girls, German bakers never wait until the last minute to bake the spice cookie called "spekulatius."

"My grandmother would start two months before Christmas," says Ragna Tischler Goddard, who grew up in Germany. "There would be all these tins, because the cookies have to cure. The aroma would permeate the house. To me, Christmas in Germany is all about the aroma." As this holiday season approaches, Goddard's husband, Tom, is continuing the tradition of baking the fragrant and ornate cookies. Unlike doughs that are dropped by tablespoons onto a cookie sheet or rolled and cut out with cookie cutters, spekulatius (pronounced speck-uh-lah-tee-uss) cookies take their shape from special molds.

Intricate designs are carved into planks of wood. The gingerbread-colored, pliable dough is pressed into these designs, then popped out of the mold onto cookie sheets and baked. The resulting cookie is a mirror image of the design.

"They are pictures that you can eat," says Tom Goddard, who is pastry chef and co-owner, with his wife, at Sundial Gardens' tearoom in the Higganum section of Haddam, Conn.

The Goddards own some antique spekulatius molds, dating from the 17th and 18th centuries, that they bought from an antiques dealer. The rectangular wooden molds themselves are works of art and hang on the walls in the couple's home. One oversize mold, called a betrothal mold, has the carved indentation of a bride on one side and the bridegroom on the other. The figures are so large that the molded cookies probably would overhang a modern-day cookie sheet.

Another mold holds a collection of animal figures, including a pig, horse and wolf.

"I think that the original animal crackers probably came from these cookies," Tom Goddard says. Inanimate objects such as a smoker's pipe, a musket and a holiday wreath also are represented among the Goddards' molds.

Spekulatius look almost too good to eat.

"When we were in Germany, we saw them hanging on red ribbons in bakery windows," Ragna Goddard says.

The spicy, crisp cookie is a specialty of Germany's Rhine area and Holland, says the Web site epicurious.com. The name spekulatius - or "speculans," as they are called in Holland - is derived from the Latin word for an overseer, which in the fourth century was one of the duties of a bishop.

Spekulatius are not to be confused with another German specialty, "springerle," another holiday cookie. Springerle, a confectioners' sugar dough often flavored with lemon oil, are rolled cookies, usually cut into squares, with a design pressed into the dough. These cookies are set aside for a day or two to set before baking, so that the dough doesn't puff up during baking and destroy the design, Tom Goddard says.

Where springerle dough is creamy white and delicately flavored, spekulatius dough is heavily speckled and very heavy, he says, although the flavor isn't that pronounced right from the oven. "As the cookies age, the pungent spices like cinnamon, ginger, cloves, nutmeg and cardamom develop their distinctive flavors."

The Goddards have found that children gravitate toward spekulatius, especially when the shapes take the form of St. Nicholas, muskets and animals. Springerle, the Goddards say, are more appealing to adults because their elegant designs

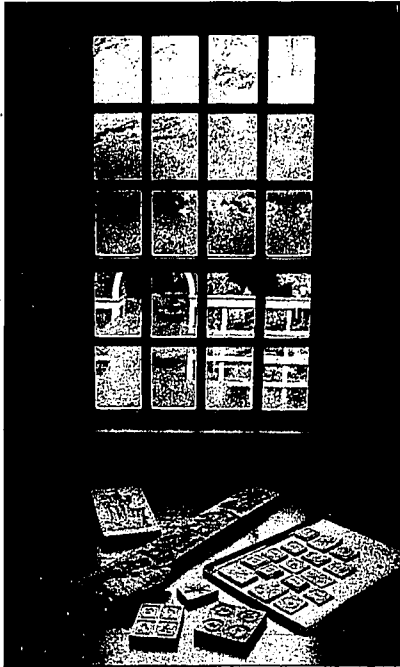


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The Sundial Gardens' tearoom in Connecticut uses wooden molds to make the aromatic and ornate German spice cookie called spekulatius, and the paler springerle (on cookie sheet).



Tom and Ragna Tischler Goddard, who own Sundial Gardens, have spekulatius molds dating to the 17th and 18th centuries.

seem destined for nibbling with afternoon tea.

Spekulatius molds are available by mail order from House on the Hill in Villa Park, Ill., which specializes in reproductions of old cookie molds. The company has a variety of spekulatius molds and springerle stamps. The spekulatius mold range in price from \$16 to about \$50. For information, call (630) 273-4545 or visit www.houseonthehill.net.

Springerle molds, including rolling pins engraved with designs, are easier to find at local kitchenware shops.

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WEDDINGS

TAYLOR-FLUECKIGER

WENDELL - Mary Ann Taylor and Eric L. Flueckiger were married Sept. 20 at Niagra Springs State Park in Wendell.

The bride is the daughter of Barbara Taylor of Wendell and the late Ronald Taylor.

The bridegroom is the son of Paul Flueckiger of Navasota, Texas, and the late Barbara Flueckiger.

Randy Jacobson officiated the ceremony. Rick Marit was the soloist.

Lorrie Huber, friend of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor.

Ashley Taylor, niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

Richard Flueckiger, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Ushers were Rodney Taylor,



Mary Ann and Eric Flueckiger

brother of the bride, and Glen Taylor, uncle of the bride.

Alex Taylor, nephew of the bride, was the ringbearer.

A reception was held following

the ceremony at Niagra Springs State Park. Theresa Gresson and Sharon Hayes, friends of the couple, and Stephanie Taylor and Christina Taylor, sisters-in-law of the bride, served at the reception.

Amber Taylor, niece of the bride, attended the guest book.

Gift attendants were Sarah Michels, niece of the bride, and Diane Schiffer and Kimberly Way, friends of the couple.

The bride is a graduate of Wendell High School. She is employed at Jerome Veterinary Hospital in Jerome.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Livingston High School in Livingston, Texas. He is employed at Randy Rowe Trucking in Twin Falls.

The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

BALTAZOR-MACGREGOR

BOISE - Hollie Irene Baltazor and Richard "Scott" MacGregor were married Aug. 2 at Hillcrest Country Club in Boise.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Juanita Baltazor of Shoshone.

The bridegroom is the son of Mark and Toni MacGregor of Boise.

Judge Michael McLaughlin officiated the ceremony.

Christy Baltazor, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Wendy Baltazor, sister of the bride; Carolyn Gee and Dawn Mosier, friends of the bride.

Aaron Presley, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen included Jon MacGregor, brother of the groom; Brian Sandifer and Tyler Clements, friends of the groom.

Special guests included grandmothers of the bride, Lucille Baltazor of Nampa and Hazel Reed of Coeur d'Alene, and grandparents of the groom, Tom MacGregor of Boise, Elizabeth MacGregor of Boise and Jack and Karen Robinson of Billings, Mont.

GENTERT-COBBLEY

TWIN FALLS - Karl Gentert and Robert Cobbley were married Oct. 11 at The White House in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Roger and Sharon Gentert.

The bridegroom is the son of Richard Cobbley of Pocatello.

Pastor Paul Kroeger officiated the ceremony.

Amanda Gentert, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Dalcyce and Grace Wheatley, nieces of the groom, were the flower girls.

Groomsmen included Chris Wilde and James Baker, friends of the groom.

Ushers were Brandon and Arlen Gentert, brothers of the bride.

A reception was held following the ceremony at The White House.

The bride attended Wendell



Hollie and Richard MacGregor

A reception was held following the ceremony at Hillcrest Country Club. The groom's grandmother, Karen Robinson made the cake.

Mandy Francer, friend of the bride, attended the guest book.

The bride is a graduate of Boise State University. She is employed at Courtyard by Marriott in Hillsboro, Ore.

The bridegroom is also a graduate of BSU. He is pursuing his doctoral of physical therapy degree at Pacific University.

The newlyweds reside in Forest Grove, Ore.



Karl and Robert Cobbley

High School and Albertson College of Idaho. She currently is attending the Idaho State University physical therapy graduate program.

The bridegroom attended Pocatello High School and the College of Southern Idaho law enforcement program. He is employed at the American Falls Police Department.

The newlyweds reside in American Falls.

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Centennial

Project emphasizes area authors

Magic Valley Reads! will feature 20 suggested titles

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Between the salad and the sandwich, will you bring up local literature on your lunch date? Librarians hope so.

They and their collaborators in the third annual Magic Valley Reads! project aim to get Twin Falls folks talking about poetry at the office, coffee machine, discussing local history and journalism at club meetings. And chatting about pioneer women during evenings at home.

And they've suggested the books that will put you on the same page as other readers all over town.

"Since next year is the centennial for Twin Falls, the committee decided it would be fun to introduce more community adults and students to an experience of enjoying reading and writing of local authors," said Susan Ash, one of the Magic Valley Reads! organizers.

In its third year, the communitywide reading-and-discussion project will feature about 20 suggested titles instead of one. Selections for 2002 and 2003 were Wendell Berry's "The Memory of Old Jack" and Idaho author Heather Parkinson's "Across Open Ground."

You might need an early start this time. Organizers announced the title list now, Ash said, so "everyone should have ample time to read the books and start discussing them informally before the early spring events."

Free public gatherings will feature panel discussions, poetry readings, talks, videos, a short film and multimedia presentations.

The centennial-themed Magic Valley Reads! schedule starts in early March with a panel discussion titled "Role of Journalism in Twin Falls," led by retired editor and local author Lorayne O. Smith. Local journalists who are also published book authors will be invited as panel members.

Organizers aren't yet ready to announce specific dates.

About two weeks later, the second event will highlight women who lived in Twin Falls during 1904-24. Led by Fran Frost, the "Women of Early Twin Falls" event will feature books about women during that and other periods of early Magic Valley history.

In early April, the "Poetry and Poets of Twin Falls" discussion will be led by Jim Irons, a College of Southern Idaho English professor and Idaho's writer in residence for 2001-03. The plan also includes readings by and writings of local students and poets.

The fourth major event, "History of Twin Falls" in mid-April, will begin with a short film about Magic Valley's beginnings, "Sagebrush Empire." The evening program, led by CSI history professor Jim Gentry, will continue with talks by authors of books on local history, then with discussion and questions involving both the authors and audience.

As their finale for the year, Magic Valley Reads! organizers plan an open house and reception, hosted by the Twin Falls Public Library as part of National Library Week in late April, to honor all the local authors and books as part of the city's centennial celebration.

All the spring events are free, so watch for details of locations and times," Ash said.

Brochures available at the public library and at local bookstores list the



Susan Ash, adult services supervisor at the Twin Falls Public Library, holds some of the books that will be featured during the 2004 Magic Valley Reads! program. The annual communitywide reading-and-discussion program has a centennial theme this time to encourage better understanding of local history.



This 1926 photo shows a Book Week gathering of young readers at the Twin Falls Public Library. The library at that time was in the McCollum Building on Shoshone Street.

recommended book titles, but not event details.

"All the titles are available for check-out at the library, and some of the books can be purchased at the bookstores," said Ash, adult services supervisor at the Twin Falls Public Library. "Start reading the books, have fun discussing the titles and then enjoy participating in the literary events."

This year's Magic Valley Reads! Twin

Falls Centennial project is supported in part by a \$1,991 grant from the Idaho Humanities Council, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The community project's steering committee includes Twin Falls Public Library trustees and librarians, library foundation members, educators from Twin Falls High School and CSI, local business people including some from bookstores, local newspaper and

television representatives and local readers.

In 2003, the main talk in the Magic Valley Reads! schedule drew 80-100 people, Ash estimated. This time, organizers hope hundreds will participate. The reading selections, in general, are suitable for junior-high through adult readers.

If you're particularly excited about drawing other readers into the project,

The reading list

Organizers of the Magic Valley Reads! Twin Falls Centennial project selected these titles as the basis for discussions and public events. Each selection is either about Twin Falls or was written by a local author. They're divided into four categories:

Role of Journalism in Twin Falls

- "Idaho: Off the Beaten Path" by Julie Fanslow, a local author and former journalist.
- "Animal Husbandry and Other Social Graces" by Steve Crump and Suzanne Husbud.
- "Zest for Living" and "Daisies Don't Tell" by Lorayne O. Smith, a retired reporter and local author.
- "Tales of the Tract," a 2002-04 column series from The Times-News by James Varley, a local historian.

Poetry and poets of Twin Falls

- "Earthbound" and "Gleanings" by local poet Sudlo Hager.
- Various poems by College of Southern Idaho professor James Irons.
- "Short of a Good Promise" and "Travelers in an Antique Land" by CSI professor William Stuckelbauer.
- "Culture of Reclamation," a video integrating poetry, historical narrative and photographs. It includes historical materials from the Twin Falls Public Library's Idaho Room. The video is a work in progress, a joint project of Boise State University and Idaho State University.

Women of early Twin Falls

- "Lady Bluebeard: the True Story of Love and Marriage, Death and Flypaper" by William C. Anderson. The book is about Twin Falls murder Lydia Southard.
- "We Sagebrush Folk" by Anne Pike Greenwood. It's about social and farm life in the Twin Falls area.
- "Twin Falls Centurybook, 1904-2004: Celebrating the Twin Falls, Idaho, Centennial" by Mary J. Inman, along with her "Tour of Twin Falls" cassette.
- "Gently Down the Stream" by local author Ethlyn Wallington. It's about life in the Twin Falls area.

History of Twin Falls

- "In the Middle and on the Edge: The Twin Falls Region of Idaho" by CSI professor Jim Gentry.
- "Julie" by Helen Markley Miller. It's fiction about early Twin Falls.
- "Sagebrush Empire," a video about early Twin Falls.
- "Tribute to the Past: Legacy for the Future," a 1990 volume on the history of early Twin Falls businesses, edited by Donna Scott.
- "Steamboats, Shoshoni, Scoundrels and Such: Seldom Told Tales of the Western Frontier" by James Varley.
- "Six Decades Back," Charles Walgamott's historical sketches of early days in the Twin Falls area.

Organizers might add more local books to their suggested reading list later, on bookmarks and announcements.

consider wearing a Magic Valley Reads! souvenir button. They'll be given away at the library and at bookstores, to help spark discussions about the books and attract people to the spring events.

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