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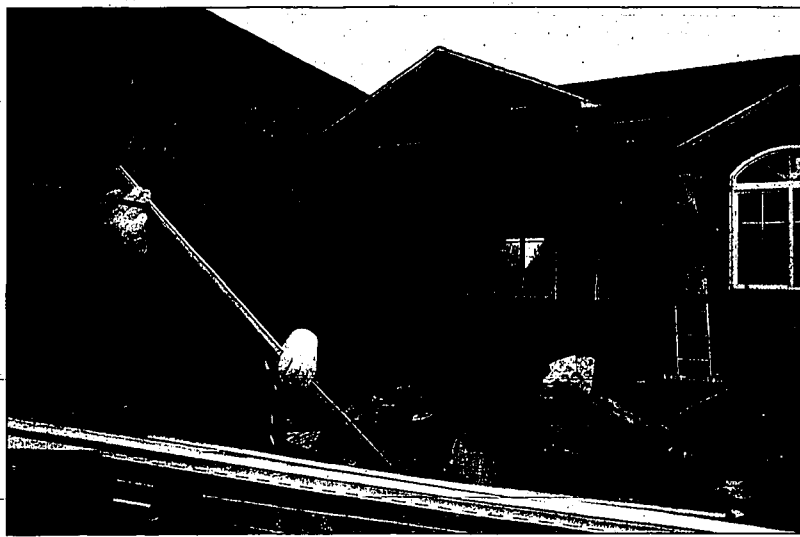
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Scott Brown, left, of B&M Siding of Twin Falls and Tim Mingo work on placing the siding on one of 36 new homes in the Park View Estates Subdivision off of Hunter Avenue in south Twin Falls Friday.

First-time buyers spur T.F. boom

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

TWIN-FALLS—There's an explosion of new houses going up in most directions around Twin Falls.

But it is not a reflection of a population explosion. The city has remained at or slightly below 2 percent annual growth since the mid-'90s, city officials say.

Yes, there are people coming from out of state — namely California and Nevada — who have sold high and are buying considerably lower by moving to Idaho, local real estate people say. That group includes families coming back to Idaho to raise families as well as empty-nesters and retirees, said Dave McAlindin, the city's economic

development director. But the vast majority of new homes over the past year are going to first-time homebuyers who were previously renters. Low interest rates and no-money-down deals are enticing renters to buy when previously they wouldn't have been able to afford to.

The lower end of the market price-wise is where the most activity is taking place over the past year," said Rich Leonard of Zions Bank.

The prices for homes in that range are running at about \$115,000 for 1,200-square-foot homes. The buyers for the most part are young families getting into their first homes. Look for many of the subdivisions with starter homes on the southwest side of town, said Willis Stone, a local real estate agent.

Most of those people are going through the Idaho Housing and Finance Administration, Leonard said. The mortgage rate over the past year has been downright attractive at 5.57 percent for a 30-year fixed loan. A couple needs to have a combined income of

about \$40,000 to get into a \$115,000 home on a 4,000-square-foot lot, Stone said.

The Twin Falls boom is also leaving 'burley with up to a 25 percent vacancy rate on rentals, said Heather Dodds, a real estate agent. It also makes it a challenge to sell older homes inside the city limits, she said.

McAlindin said he considers 5 percent to 6 percent a healthy vacancy rate on rentals. But the city does not keep track of vacancy rates, he said. When people are looking to move up, it's the west side of town where they will find the slightly larger homes in the \$125,000 to \$140,000 range. Those homes tend to average

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Bush says he believes Halliburton overcharged

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Friday that he believes Halliburton Inc. overcharged the Pentagon in Iraq and that the company once led by Vice President Dick Cheney should repay any such overcharge.

Democrats said the preliminary findings by a Pentagon audit — that Halliburton may have overcharged the Army by \$61 million for gasoline — proved that the Bush administration was giving favorable treatment to its friends



President Bush on Friday looking out after the taxpayers' money," Bush said after promot-

and supporters. But Bush said the findings, released Thursday, demonstrated the government was closely monitoring its contracts.

ing Alphonso Jackson to be his new Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. "And if there's an overcharge, like we think there is, we expect that money to be repaid."

The audit found Halliburton, of which Cheney was chief executive before becoming Bush's running mate, may have overcharged the Army by \$1.09 per gallon on nearly 57 million gallons of gasoline delivered to citizens in Iraq by buying from Kuwait instead of Turkey. The charges were part of a no-bid contract Halliburton

received for rebuilding the Iraqi oil industry.

A Halliburton executive who declined to be identified said in an interview Friday that the company's subsidiary, Kellogg, Brown and Root, picked the lowest eligible bidder. The executive said KBR was required by the Army Corps of Engineers to purchase some — of the — higher-priced Kuwaiti fuel and was only permitted to do business in Kuwait with companies approved by the gov-

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U.S. effort to train first Iraqi Army gets off to shaky start

Half the soldiers quit; some contend training was too soft



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Donald Coleman, of Arlington, Va., works with Iraqi 1st Battalion Sgt. Major Adel Hussain.

By Ariana Eunjung Cha The Washington Post

KIRKUSH, Iraq — More than half the men in the first unit to be trained for the new Iraqi army have abandoned their jobs because of low pay, inadequate training, faulty equipment, ethnic tensions and other concerns, leaving the nascent 1st Battalion dramatically understaffed just days before it is scheduled to leave training camp for its first assignment, Iraqi, U.S. and other coalition officials say.

About 480 of the 900 recruits who began training in August have left the U.S.-backed force, according to Australian Maj. Doug Cummings, chief instructor at the training academy here in Kirkush, 62 miles northeast of Baghdad.

Some of the recruits were not even given the basics as to how to march in formation and how to properly respond to radio calls.

On Monday, the 1st Battalion is scheduled to begin assisting the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division in running traffic checkpoints and securing defense perimeters around bases in the eastern part of the country. Plans also call for the battalion to move to the northern city of Mosul in mid-February to serve as an independent unit under the command of the 101st Airborne Division.

Creation of the new Iraqi army is a key component of the Bush administration's plan to restore security and to return sovereignty to Iraq. Establishing a capable military force also would yield

They will not be evened for pursued, officials say: "Among those who remain, some still have not

More flu vaccine arrives

Doses are reserved for people most at risk

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — If you're at high risk for complications from influenza, you still might be able to get a flu shot.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new recommendations that will redistribute flu vaccine to people deemed to truly need it, said a news release issued Friday by South Central District Health.

The district will offer vaccine to high-risk people on a scheduled basis during immunization clinics — next week, said Tom Machala, communicable disease and prevention director for South Central District Health.

High-risk people include healthy children ages 6-23 months, adults over the age of 65; pregnant women in their second or third trimesters during flu season; residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities; and people with chronic long-term health problems such as lung disease, congestive heart failure, diabetes or kidney dysfunction, sickle cell disease or HIV.

Health care workers are also encouraged to get vaccinated. As of Friday, the health district had 180 doses to give to qualifying people over the age of 2, and another 130 doses of pediatric vaccine, the release said.

The CDC said it will ship 2,000 doses to Idaho this month; 1,500 pediatric doses and 500 adult doses.

Appointments to get the vaccine are required. The vaccine is being reallocated from reserves held for second doses needed by children. Kids getting their first shot need two doses to make it effective.

Additional vaccine is expected to arrive in January for booster shots. Parents are asked to call health district offices next month to check availability.

Idaho is among 24 states in which flu infections are considered widespread by the CDC. The season has not yet peaked nationally, the CDC said.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Rain showers expected. Highs near 46.
Tonight: Rain mixing with snow possible. Lows near 31.
Tomorrow: Brisk with more moisture likely. Highs near 37.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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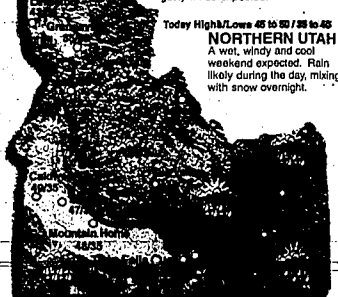
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Today: Breezy with afternoon rain showers. Highs in the upper 40s.
Tonight: Clouds with a chance of rain and snow. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cloudy with valley rain and mountain snow developing today. Snow may be heavy at times.
NORTHERN UTAH A wet, windy and cool weekend expected.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 46 at Lewiston. Low: 8 at Stanley.
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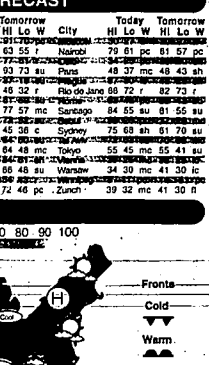
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Schwarzenegger breaks campaign promises, struggles to keep others

Lawmakers OK his fiscal proposal

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — On the campaign trail, Arnold Schwarzenegger laid out a bold plan of action for California, promising to wipe out the state's budget deficit and sweep a decade of political culture out of the Capitol. Less than one month into his term, though, Schwarzenegger finds himself already breaking some campaign promises, while struggling to fulfill others.

"We raised all kinds of expectations, he couldn't possibly deliver on," said Shaun Bowler, a political science professor at the University of California at Riverside. "He was doomed to fail in some ways. He couldn't match expectations."

Schwarzenegger's allies dispute that he is backtracking, and analysts agree the Hollywood action hero has had a largely successful first month. His biggest win so far came Friday, when the Legislature sent him a plan asking voters to let the state borrow \$15 billion and set new restrictions on spending. Those restrictions, however, are not as tough as Schwarzenegger initially proposed.

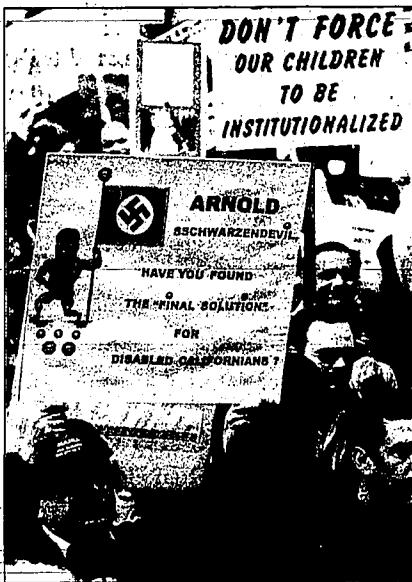
In other respects, he has not delivered. For example, candidate Schwarzenegger pledged never-to-target-education-when cutting spending to balance the budget. But he conceded this week he might have to suspend a key school funding guarantee.

During the campaign, Schwarzenegger said Gov. Gray Davis lagged in enrolling children in a state insurance plan; as governor Schwarzenegger now proposes to limit enrollment in the program, which could put tens of thousands of poor children on a waiting list for health insurance.

Meanwhile, his key campaign pledge for an outside audit of the state's books failed to find the large-scale waste or fraud that he suggested was there. Schwarzenegger insists the audit is a continuing, and more details from the analysis will emerge.

The governor has also abandoned a pledge to hire private investigators to examine campaign allegations that he groped women over several years, saying the probe would only be used as political fodder.

Schwarzenegger is also raising millions from powerful Capitol forces, the same as any conven-



Michael Wolf holds up a sign protesting budget cuts to health services for seniors and the disabled during a rally held at the Capitol on Sacramento, Calif., Wednesday.

tional-politician, after announcing, "I don't need to take money from anybody" during his Aug. 6 announcement for governor on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno." He has four fund-raisers scheduled in December.

The new governor did keep a key promise — to repeal the state's \$4 billion increase in the car tax. It was his first official act as governor. But he also said he would protect cities and counties that rely on that money — something he has had trouble achieving.

Finally, the governor's stand against a law giving driver's licenses to illegal immigrants has been undermined by suggestions he will sign a new measure letting them apply for licenses after background checks.

Karen Hanrety, a California Republican Party spokesman and Schwarzenegger campaign aide,

said the new governor has not been abandoning his promises. She cited his budget reform package, which honors his campaign pledge not to raise taxes.

Many of the other examples are still in the talking stages, she said. "It's a group of special-interest groups to start panicking and saying the sky is falling because conversations are occurring," she said, adding that "with regard to campaign promises, governing is often a very slow process."

To former Davis aides such as Roger Salazar, now a Democratic consultant, Schwarzenegger's actions reflect "a hubris that you see both in his campaign and the beginnings of his administration, that 'The people voted for us so we can do what we want.' That is a trap I've seen lots of administrations fall into."

President signs Syrian sanctions

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush signed legislation Friday calling for economic penalties against Syria for not doing enough in the fight against terrorism in the Middle East and in Iraq. Bush signed the bill into law with no fanfare before leaving the White House for the Camp David retreat in Maryland. The White House announced the move Friday evening.

Bush is generally not enthusiastic about such restraints on his diplomatic options and, in a statement, signaled that was the case with this bill as well.

"My approval of the act does not constitute my adoption of the various statements of policy in the act as U.S. foreign policy," he said. Syria long has been on the State Department's list of state sponsors of terrorism, along with North

Korea, Sudan, Cuba, Iran and Libya. But Syria is the only country on that list to have full diplomatic relations with the United States.

The legislation says Syria has provided a safe haven for anti-Israel terrorist groups such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad and is accused of producing the biological and chemical weapons.


Buying foreign goods hikes trade deficit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' demand for imported goods — everything from cars and clothing to those hot toys for Christmas — climbed to an all-time high in October, in the process creating a record U.S. trade deficit with China.

In a more hopeful sign for battered manufacturers, American exports also rose, to the highest level in 2.5 years.

The overall trade deficit hit \$41.8 billion, a 5 percent increase from September's imbalance of \$41.3 billion, the Commerce Department reported Friday.

The deficit was the biggest in five months and kept the country on track for a record shortfall this year of around \$490 billion. Americans' seemingly insatiable appetite for foreign goods continued unabated, pushing October's total imports to a record \$129.7 billion, an increase of 2.1 percent over September.




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Report: Human impact halts rain

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Heat and pollution rising from the world's cities both delay and stimulate the fall of precipitation, cheating some areas of much-needed rain and snow while dousing others, scientists said.

The varying impacts support growing evidence that urbanization has a sharp and alarming effect on the climate that can wreak havoc with precipitation patterns long relied on to supply life's most precious resource: water.

"These are going to become big issues," said Steve Burian of the University of Utah.

Details were presented Thursday and Friday at the fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union.

In California, eastward-blowing pollution induces a precipitation deficit across a large swath of the Sierra Nevada equal to about 1 trillion gallons of water a year, said Daniel Rosenfeld of Hebrew University in Jerusalem.



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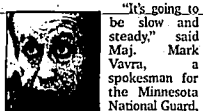
NATION



Searchers drill another hole, lower right, as a camera team, upper left, sends a camera into the frozen Red River in their search for missing college student Dru Sjodin, Friday.

Police search river for missing college student

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) - National Guardsmen lowered cameras through the ice on the Red River and scoured abandoned buildings and roads in two states Friday in a search for Dru Sjodin, the college student apparently kidnapped from a mall parking lot.



Dru Sjodin

"It's going to be slow and steady," said Maj. Mark Vavra, a spokesman for the Minnesota National Guard, after teams began searching under a bridge near Thompson, 10 miles south of Grand Forks.

Police uncover new evidence in murder

BALTIMORE (AP) - Investigators suspect they have found blood from a second person in the car of slain federal prosecutor Jonathan Luna, a senior law enforcement official said Friday.

Investigators are conducting DNA analysis on the blood, the official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. The officials would not say how much blood was found or whether police had any clues to the killer's identity.

If two sources of blood are identified, it could suggest that Luna struggled with his killer, but officials cautioned that a second source of blood could be from an unrelated event.

Luna, an assistant U.S. attorney in Baltimore, was found last week, stabbed and drowned in a creek in rural Lancaster County, Pa., about 70 miles from his suburban Baltimore home.

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Pastor, brother get prison term in beating case

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - A church pastor was sentenced to 26 years in prison Friday for severely beating a little boy with a tree branch after the child misbehaved during a summer Bible program.

The pastor's twin brother received a 14-year sentence for his role in the beating.

"Justice was served," prosecutor Beth Payan said. Prosecutors had said Joshua and Caleb Thompson beat Louie Guerrero, then 11, so badly that he spent a week in intensive care facing the threat of kidney failure and needing a blood transfusion.

Guerrero, 12, and a doctor who treated him said he was hit at least 100 times. During the trial, jurors saw graphic photos of the boy's back with red and purple bruises and blood spots from scrapes or puncture wounds.

Last civilian lighthouse keeper dies

NEW YORK (AP) - The last living vestige of a bygone era is gone: The keeper of a Brooklyn lighthouse, who stood watch over New York's gateway to the Atlantic Ocean for 43 years, has died.

Frank Schubert, 88, was the last of the Coast Guard's civilian lighthouse keepers in the United States.

Schubert's work earned him many fans, including President George H.W. Bush, who invited him for a White House visit.

"The Coast Guard mourns the loss of its most courageous sentry of the sea," said Capt. Craig T. Bone, commander of Coast Guard Activities New York.

Night after night, year after year, Schubert ensured that the ocean traffic at the nation's busiest port found safe passage around the pointy end of Brooklyn.

Over the course of his career, Schubert was credited with saving the lives of 15 sailors. He survived howling hurricanes and towering waves, keeping the lighthouse beacon flashing through the rain and surf.

Even after the lighthouse became automated by the late 1980s, Schubert stayed on as an ambassador of good will and a reminder of maritime history.

Schubert was first assigned to a lighthouse off his native Staten Island at age 22, when the Coast Guard took over the U.S. Lighthouse Service in 1939.



Caleb Thompson, left, and Joshua Thompson, right, 23-year-old twin brothers, are shown before opening statements in their trial, Dec. 3, in Austin, Texas. The two were found guilty of injury to a child and aggravated assault in the July 2002 beating of 11-year-old Louie Guerrero.

New Americans enjoy U.S. history

WASHINGTON (AP) - Tamara Vladimirovna Pecheroga left Ukraine 12 years ago in search of medical treatment for her 9-year-old, Katherin, who suffered radiation sickness from the aftermath of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

Pecheroga found treatment and something else: opportunities in America that she and her family lacked in their homeland.

During a ceremony Friday at the National Archives, Pecheroga and 31 other immigrants became U.S. citizens.

With ornately framed originals of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights serving as backdrops, they raised their right hands and pledged allegiance to the United States.

Afterward, they shared their stories of struggle and sacrifice.

When Pecheroga, 51, came to America, she worked two jobs to

make ends meet. She and her husband live in Washington, and she now teaches Russian and Ukrainian at a private language institute in the area.

Her daughter, who's now 21, has flourished. She receiving straight As at Northern Virginia Community College and is considering a major in psychology.

"I feel very good," Pecheroga said. "I am an American like 20 minutes, but I feel different. It's real."

Christmas, she said, will be especially memorable this year.

Around 600,000 immigrants are sworn in as citizens each year, according to Russ Knocke, spokesman for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

An immigrant must live in the country for five years as a legal per-

manent resident before applying for citizenship.

Then, there are background checks, an application process that lasts about 12 to 18 months and two tests - one in English and the other on civics and history.

Passing the exams was a triumph for Said Latif al-Waely, who spoke no English when he fled Iraq in 1991 to escape President Saddam Hussein's government, leaving behind eight sisters and five brothers.

"It's a big day for me. It is an important date in my life, like my birth date," said al-Waely, 31, who works for a security company.

The swearing-in at the National Archives was the first naturalization ceremony in the newly remodeled rotunda since it was closed for renovations in July 2001.

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How much: Free.

'A Christmas Gift'

What: The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present "A Christmas Gift."
Where: Room 119, CSI Fine Arts Center.
When: 8 p.m. today.
How much: Tickets are \$6 for general admission and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased by calling 732-6788.

'Messiah'

What: The Magic Valley Choral will present Handel's "Messiah."
Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.
When: 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.
How much: Tickets, which are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for seniors and students, are available at Welch Music and the CSI Bookstore in Twin Falls, at Arlene's Flowers in Jerome or at the door.

'The Christmas Star'

What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present "The Christmas Star."
Where: Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.
When: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. today.
How much: Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens 60 and older, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children 4 and under are not admitted. The afternoon show is 51.

Festival of Wreaths

What: St. Benedict's Foundation will present its 2003 Festival of Wreaths.
Where: The old Ridley's store on West Main Street in Jerome.
When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today. The Jerome Chamber of Commerce Holiday Home Tour Live Auction will begin at 6 p.m.
How much: Admission to the festival is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$1 a kid 6 and under.

'The Nutcracker'

What: Jennifer Sager and Centre Stage Ballet Company will present their 15th annual production of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker."
Where: The King Fine Arts Center, Burley.
When: 2 p.m. today.
How much: \$8 for general seating and \$10 and \$12 for reserved seating. Call 436-6484 for reservations.

'Retro Steel'

What: "Retro Steel," a retrospective of the work of Twin Falls artist LaVae Steel, will be on display.
Where: The Jean B. King Gallery at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.
When: 1 to 9 p.m. on Saturdays.
How much: Free.

The Lamphouse Theatre

What: "Masked and Anonymous" will be shown.
Where: The Lamphouse Theatre, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
When: 4:30, 7 and 9:15 p.m. today and Sunday.
How much: \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors and students and \$4.50 for matinees.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake Basin	99%	29%
Salmon Falls	102%	27%
Salmon	86%	24%
Coley	94%	23%
Big Wood	83%	23%
Little Wood	92%	25%
Henry's Fork/Teton	102%	29%
Big Lost	96%	25%
Little Lost	89%	24%

AS OF Dec. 12

*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average.
**An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in late March.

City passes audit

Fairfield gets approval of 2003 fiscal spending

By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — To top off a politically volatile calendar year, the city of Fairfield was told Thursday that its fiscal year 2003 audit had been approved.
And it's clean.
The news could put to rest a controversy that began in January when Matt Croner resigned as mayor and city officials began insinuating that city officials had misappropriated funds.

“We wracked our brains, trying to find any improprieties”

— Rich Basterrechea, CPA

Rich Basterrechea, a CPA from Gooding, said his firm watched specifically for improprieties because of the citizens' concerns. “We wracked our brains, trying to find any improprieties,” Basterrechea said, but the accounts only turned up a few computer errors that had occurred during the switch from an old system to a new one this spring. “There were no \$7,000 bonuses to city employees or anything like that.”

In general, the accounts are healthy because of capital assets being depreciated, but the city does need to tighten its belt, the auditor said.

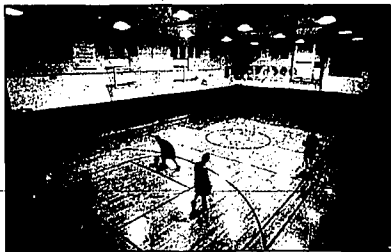
“You can't continue to decrease your fund balance,” Basterrechea told the council.

Other business included:
• Resignation — Council members accepted the resignation of Doug Hoskinson from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Hoskinson was elected to a seat on the City Council this November.

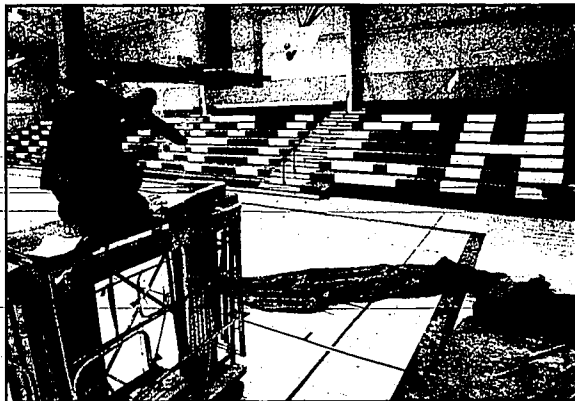
• Fire board — The City Council voted to allow Mayor David Hanks to look into reactivating an independent board of directors for the fire department to better facilitate the department's planning.

• No free hook-ups — In response to citizen letters, the council agreed to draft a letter stating that the city has no plans to install water and sewer hook-ups for the Railroad Subdivision at the city's expense, but would hear any engineering options the property owners might present.

FROM GLOOMY TO ROOMY



Facility now becomes pride of community



Top left, A weights and conditioning class plays basketball in the old Dietrich gym, often called the 'Dietrich Dungeon.' Above, Keaton Southwick attaches a guard around a backboard in the new Dietrich School gym Thursday. The gym, which is markedly bigger than its predecessor, will have its grand opening today.

New gym replaces old 'Dietrich Dungeon'

By Karl Kowalski
Times-News writer

DIETRICH — The new gym at Dietrich School is like a breath of fresh air compared with the dark, jockingly called the "Dietrich Dungeon."

Local dignitaries will cut a ribbon at the gym tonight celebrating the completion of this phase of the school's expansion project.

The middle part of the school building, which contains the old gym, cafeteria and locker rooms, will be demolished in March to make way for a two-story building with a cafeteria, locker rooms, a room for the Dietrich Network Technology Academy, a science room, a science lab and about five other classrooms.

It will double the middle part's space, not counting the gym to about 25,000 square feet, Dietrich Superintendent Peter Bolz said.

The new gym, costing close to \$500,000, was built using some of the district's reserve funds and about 15 percent of the money from a \$1.5 million bond issue. The owner of a home in the district assessed at a taxable value of \$50,000 will pay about \$28 a year over 13 years. This is more than the community originally expected, but it's worth it, Bolz said.

The gym has a basketball court with six hoops, a coaches' and referees' room, a stage and space for weight equipment. It has bleachers on one side that will seat about 600 people and

Grand opening events tonight at the new Dietrich School gym:

- 6:30 p.m. — spaghetti feed to benefit student activities is \$3 per person or \$15 per family.
- 7 p.m. — ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by an auction of the right to make the first four baskets in the hoops.
- 8:15 p.m. — alumni basketball game.

room on the other side to install another set of bleachers in the future. Bolz said the school will install them in several years, and that will make it the largest-capacity gym in Lincoln County — all the better. Please see GYM, Page A7

Man takes plea

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — In exchange for entering a plea of guilty in a pending case, prosecutors have dismissed a lesser charge against a Twin Falls man facing one count of aggravated assault.
Jeffery Shell, 22, agreed to enter a plea of guilty to one count of delivery of a controlled substance, said Suzanne Craig, Twin Falls County senior deputy prosecutor. That case was scheduled to go to trial in January.

Magic Valley in brief

In return, the state dismissed a charge of aggravated assault stemming from a separate incident last month.
“The goal is to get him in the system,” Craig said. If he's sentenced to a rider program, he can get the help he needs and be less of a threat to the community, she said.

A rider program, or retained jurisdiction, can take two forms, Craig said. Offenders can go to a military-style boot camp at North Idaho Correctional Institute in Cottonwood. The environment focuses on strict discipline and self-achievement. Alternatively, offenders sentenced to a rider program can be sent to a work center, where the defendant works an outside job and returns to detention judges decide what sentences offenders receive.

The maximum sentence for delivery of methamphetamine is life.

Shell's change of plea hearing will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks, Craig said, with a sentencing to follow.

On the evening of Nov. 13, words were exchanged between two parties in the parking lot of a 7-Eleven convenience store in Twin Falls, according to an affidavit filed in the case. The groups that night either "other" again that occurred while in their cars. One of the occupants, identified in the affidavit as Shell, pointed a pistol at the occupants of the other car. The affidavit said. Shell's car followed the other to a bar and a fight ensued.

Burley tree festival raises \$46,000

BURLEY — The 2003 Burley Festival of Trees raised \$46,000 for Cassia Health Care Foundation, festival Chairwoman Pat Hansen said.

"We exceeded our goal," Hansen said. "We sold everything that was donated and consider the festival a success."

The hospital auxiliary collected \$11,000 in its gift shop, on-site cafe and through the gingerbread house activities. The rest of the event generated \$35,000 through the sale of the 38 trees, the gala dinner and its accompanying fund-raisers and admission fees.

Last year's festival raised \$40,000.

The money funds scholarships for local students who are studying health-care and helps purchase hospital equipment.

Killing of pet deer raises flap

Fish and Game officers put down deer suspected of terrorizing local residents

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Lifelong outdoorsman and retired Idaho Department of Fish and Game officer Lee Frost is dealing with a personal grief that he also bitterly believes was an inexcusable betrayal by longtime professional friends.

An orphaned male deer that Frost said state Fish and Game officers asked him to adopt and raise back to health two years ago was caught and killed Thanksgiving Day by game officers after it was suspected of chasing and threatening people last month.

The carcass then was taken to a dump outside Carey and unceremoniously discarded — before Frost was notified the day after Thanksgiving through a Fish and Game e-mail of the deer's death and disposal.

ally grew from nine pounds to 200 pounds before it was killed.

But Magic Valley Fish and Game District Director Dave Parish disagreed with Frost. Officers had no alternative other than to euthanize Putch, he said.

"I'm sorry he feels that way," Parish said. "We have policies and rules. When animals threaten human safety" Fish and Game must act.

Parish said the agency gave Frost several opportunities to prevent Putch from becoming a problem. "This deer had no fear of humans. There was no place we could move it that it wouldn't come in contact with humans."

Parish said the state could be held liable for injuries or damage caused by Putch or other animals if the agency failed to act to restrain them. The decision to put down the deer was approved by Fish and Game Director Steve Huffaker.

Meanwhile, Frost said sympathetic callers are outraged:
His wife, Jean, a librarian at Wood
Please see DEER, Page A7



Retired Fish and Game officer Lee Frost is shown here with the orphaned deer named Putch he raised back to health. Putch was euthanized by game officers after they received several reports of a deer threatening Sun Valley residents. "I feel betrayed," Frost says.

WANTED

In the Magic Valley

Name: Theresa
Frost
Albertson.
Age: 36
Description:
5-foot-7, 125
pounds, blonde
hair, blue eyes.
Wanted for: Probation violation.
Original charge: Possession of a controlled substance. The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Albertson's whereabouts to call 736-4100 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387.

MAGIC VALLEY

Strong market boosts Idaho fund

BOISE (AP) - Wall Street's economic enthusiasm, especially since last spring's attack on Iraq, has allowed Idaho's public employee pension fund to recover nearly all of the \$1.7 billion it lost when the high-tech bubble burst. "We're on one of those runs you see rarely in a lifetime," Bob Maynard, investment manager for the Multibillion Public Employee Retirement System fund, said on Friday. With the Dow Jones Industrial Average over 10,000 for the first time in 18 months this week, the fund's balance was \$7.3 billion - just \$100 million short of its peak before the market decline began. Only 14.5 months ago, the fund balance had fallen to \$5.7 billion, and its governing board voted to return the employer and employee contribution rates back to their authorized level. The rates are being increased in three steps beginning next July. They had been at reduced levels since late 1997. About 60,000 state and local public employees are active members of the pension plan. While any decision on the rate policy must be made by the board, Maynard said that the market would have to remain strong for another year or more to justify retreating from the scheduled increases, and he does not expect that to happen. "We were artificially depressed before the war started," Maynard said. "Now what you're seeing is the markets have already priced in a good underlying economy, good underlying profits and at least the beginning of a recovery on jobs. "Now you're seeing good news kind of being discounted by the market," he said. "It's still kind of going up a bit but calming down, and you're going to need another surprise, an upside surprise, to get it going again."

But the growth has been strong enough for the pension board to approve the full 2.2 percent cost of living raise, effective March 1, in pensions for the 25,000 retirees relying on the plan. A year ago, the board approved only the mandatory 1 percent increase because of the pressure the bear market had put on the fund. It was the first time since 1989 that only the minimum increase was authorized. Since Jan. 1, the pension fund has grown by 22 percent, Maynard said. The only better one-year increase was just over 23 percent in 1995. While the underlying market has been solid, he said some specialty investments the fund has made for balance and diversity have also performed much better than expected. "It's one of those times when everything's working," he said. "You just keep your hands off and watch it for a while."

Bake sale protests affirmative action

LOGAN (AP) - A bake sale protesting affirmative action at Utah State University recently left a bad taste in some students' mouths. Now, a new group called the Aggies for Education on Affirmative Action is countering the protest with a scheduled debate. The bake sale was staged Dec. 2 by the USU College Republicans. White students were charged \$2 a cookie, and minority students less for the same cookie - some as little as 25 cents. College Republicans at other schools across the country have staged similar bake sales. One at Southern Methodist University in Dallas was shut down just after it started. But some minorities at Utah State say it wasn't the message that angered them. It was the method. "He was mocking me for the color of my skin," said student Carol Cabanillas. "They could have carried out their message very passionately without harassing other students." They crossed the line when they brought in "race and color."

Cabanillas said one of the College Republicans laughingly shouted at her as she walked by that a special sale was going on just for her. The chairman of the College Republicans, Gabriel White, said ridiculing other students wasn't the intention, and he said others were harassing the Republicans. Some students and professors "were very rude to the point of yelling obscenities," he said. "It was important to us to get people talking," said White. "The activity was to highlight some of the inequality created by affirmative action." The College Republicans agreed to hold a debate with the newly formed Aggies for Education on Affirmative Action, which includes members of the Black Student Union, College Democrats, Hispanic Student Union, and a multicultural student organization and fraternity. The debate is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 23.

Century-old Mormon academy makes way for new high school

PRESTON (AP) - Southeastern Idaho residents are coming out this week to see how crews pick up the Oneida Stake Academy and move it three blocks down the street to Mason Park. The Mormon Academy was constructed 113 years ago, but has sat vacant for the past few years. The building will find new use as a community building once renovated. It will take four days and 41 dollies to move the 1,800-ton stone edifice, that schooled Ezra Taft Benson and other Mormon leaders. The building rolled onto the streets Wednesday morning, but workers had trouble with some of the dollies carrying the two-story building, and work went slower than expected. Power lines were cut to make way for the building, giving school students in town an unexpected one-day vacation from school Wednesday. Reed Hart was there with his camera at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday to be sure he wouldn't miss a thing. "I don't think we'll ever see anything like this again," Hart said, with camera in hand. Hart also attended some classes in the building. His grandfather taught at the school, and his father and uncles all attended.



Crews from Lindsay Moving of Seattle move the Oneida Stake Academy in Preston, Wednesday. A group of volunteers dedicated to restoring the Latter-day Saints Academy raised more than \$4 million to help move the building from a high school campus to a local park, three blocks away.

classes there. "It's just got a lot of sentimental value to a lot of people in this community, and to me," Hart said. "The Academy is being moved to make room for an addition to the

high school. It was scheduled for demolition until local residents and large benefactors, including Utah Jazz owner Larry Miller, raised \$1.1 million to save the building.

CONTROVERSY CONTINUES

Debate rages at University of Idaho over botched construction project

New foundation president counters claims of financial wrongdoing, mismanagement

BOISE, Idaho (AP) - The new president of the University of Idaho Foundation took issue Friday with the suggestion that the foundation attempted to hide at least some of its financial involvement in the school's botched University Place project. James Hawkins, a businessman and one-time state commerce director under Democratic and Republican governors, said the timing on money the foundation borrowed from a trust it managed was intended to provide the quickest possible payout to the trust beneficiaries. "There was no attempt to hide anything," Hawkins said. He also defended the financial transaction itself against charges that it violated the foundation's fiduciary responsibility to those lending it the money for its own development. The foundation also borrowed \$10 million from the university and \$6 million from a commercial lender to get the project off the ground. The Prince report questioned the legality of some of those transactions as well. The project east of downtown Boise has since been scaled back from 136 million and three buildings to one 348 million building. Controversy over its financing cost university foundation Robert Hoover remain his financial vice president their jobs, and two prosecutors and a State Board of Education panel are all evaluating the Prince report to determine if legal action is warranted. Prince said the foundation first borrowed \$10 million for managing the trust in early 2001 to permit the loan and then timed the transaction so the money would be borrowed and repaid in the same fiscal year - July 2001 through June 2002. Prince claimed the timing would have kept the loan from being disclosed in its audited statements for the year. "I'm offended by that," Hawkins said. "We wanted it there by June 30 so the interest would be paid out."

Prosecutor says he may consider filing charges, if warranted

MOSCOW (AP) - Latah County Prosecutor William Thompson is prepared to file criminal charges if his review of the report on the independent investigation of the University of Idaho's University Place complex justifies them. "If there's a prosecutable case it should be prosecuted," Thompson said. "But there are other factors that will come into play. Whether it's appropriate to prosecute, the strength of the evidence, the circumstances." Thompson only received the 600-page report on Thursday and said he could not determine whether any illegal activity occurred or who would face potential charges. Ada County Prosecutor Greg Bower said on Friday that he had assigned several deputies to evaluate the report after obtaining it late Wednesday but had reached no conclusions. "I would like to get done with our analysis of this next week," Bower said. The report by Boise attorney Larry Prince was released by the State Board of Education on Tuesday. The report said the university may have illegally used a special account and both it and its foundation could have breached the fiduciary trust owed to their financial donors in the financial maneuvering on the botched real estate deal. The \$136 million project just east of downtown Boise was launched in 2001 when the economy still seemed strong. It originally was to include a building for University of Idaho classes, a health-sciences center for Idaho State University Programs and the Idaho Water Center. The complex was seen by many university advocates as critical to maintaining the University of Idaho's clout against the rising influence of Boise State University. But questionable financial dealings, including a loan that may not have received the required state board approval, cost both universities. President Robert Hoover and former Financial Vice President Jerry Wallace were his jobs.

OBITUARY

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Annette Christine Montoya - Twin Falls

Annette Christine Montoya, 45, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, as the result of an automobile accident. She was born Dec. 25, 1957, in Sun Valley, Idaho, the daughter of Tom and Dallas Ann Hutchison. Annette married Benjamin Montoya on Aug. 28, 1976, in San Diego, Calif., and they were later divorced. She worked over 14 years for K-Mart. Annette loved to go camping, skiing and playing pool. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She was a loving daughter, mother, grandmother, sister and friend and was always there to help those in need. Annette also enjoyed early American Indian art. Annette will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She is survived by three children, Tiffany (Robert) Montoya of San Diego, Calif., Rachel



Young of San Diego, Calif.; a grandmother, Alice Burgess of San Diego, Calif.; two grandchildren, Robert Montoya III and Jesse Montoya and one on the way; siblings, Michael Hutchison of San Francisco, Calif., Linda (Tony) Collins of Twin Falls, Idaho, Scott Hutchison of San Francisco, Calif., Robert Hutchison of Kimberly, Idaho, Angela (Timothy) Mooney of Sparks, Nev., Colleen (Christopher) Phillips of San Jose, Calif., and Michael Avatar of Malibu, Calif. She was preceded in death by Ben Montoya; grandparents; and one great-nephew, Camden Collins. The memorial service for Annette will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, at the Hansen 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 222 Birch St. S., Kimberly, Idaho, with Bishop Mark Olsen.

SERVICES

Oran Albert Jones of Hollister, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary. Robert William Ratto Sr. of Hansen, service at 1 p.m. today at the Kimberly 2nd Ward The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel; interment will follow at the Magic Valley Veterans Cemetery south of Hansen (White Mortuary, Kimberly Chapel).

Chapel; burial will be in the Valley Vu Cemetery in Malta; friends may call from 10:30-11:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley). Keith E. Moon of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. Monday at The

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Emerson Ward Chapel, 950 W. 125 S., Paul; burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. Monday at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

DEATH NOTICES

Floyd Samuel Barker of Vallejo, Calif., and formerly of Elba, service at 11 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Elba Ward Chapel; burial will be in the Grandview Cemetery in Elba; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Kathleen Rutherford BUHL - Kathleen Rutherford, 84, of Buhl, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. The service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. An obituary will appear at a later date.

Jerry L. Garrison BOISE - Jerry L. Garrison, 52, of Boise, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, in Boise. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Methodist Church in Buhl. Arrangements are under the direction of the Alden Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise.

Mark Randall Childs of Buhl, service at 10 a.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Vaughn Douglas 'Doug' Maughan of Twin Falls, service 11 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 5th Ward building, 421 Maurice St. N., Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Ted DeVon Smith HEYBURN - Ted DeVon Smith, 55, of Heyburn, died Friday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Saint Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Arnold Donald Heidemann BUHL - Arnold Donald Heidemann, 81, of Buhl, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N., Buhl.

Rachel Ann Bankhead of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Malta, service at noon today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Albion Ward

Dale Barningham HEYBURN - Warren Dale Barningham, 64, of Heyburn, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Saint Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Paul Aguilar PAUL - Paul Aguilar, 54, of Paul, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Officials go after wolves killing sheep

LIVINGSTON, Mont. (AP) - Federal biologists plan to kill three members of the Lone Bear wolf pack to secure the pack away from an area where wolves killed at least 17 sheep on two Paradise Valley ranches. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also issued kill-on-site permits to the two ranch owners and changed the rules by allowing them to kill up to two wolves each on their ranches about 13 miles south of Livingston. "If the problem continues, we remove wolves until the problem

stops or there's no wolves left (in the pack)," Ed Bangs, a federal wolf recovery coordinator, said Friday. Hubert Weber said the total number of dead sheep on his ranch increased to 10, after an attack Wednesday night or early Thursday. Federal officials confirmed the sheep were killed by wolves. Seven other sheep are injured, but Weber said four of those "are nearly dead." Weber's brother, Bob Weber, lost seven sheep to wolves Tuesday night or early Wednesday.

Bangs said USFWS biologist Val Ashler picked up radio frequencies indicating the wolves that attacked the sheep most likely belong to the Lone Bear pack of eight to nine wolves. The Lone Bear pack is one of three which range north of Yellowstone National Park. "A lot of time if you break the pattern of behavior it will stop," Bangs said. "If there's no problems, the pack will be eliminated. The bottom line is early on we said we wouldn't let wolves become chronic livestock depredators."

American Red Cross offers way to support troops during Christmas

To our readers: The following story was inadvertently cut off in the Dec. 6 newspaper. It follows in its entirety. The Times-News regrets the error.

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Looking for a way to help the troops in Iraq? The American Red Cross has a way. "Treasures for Troops" is a new program that allows people to send sealed gifts to deployed troops, said Linda Norris, senior regional director for U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo.

The Sawtooth Branch of the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho was host to more than a dozen members of the South Central Medical Society Alliance on Dec. 5 when the group presented two separate checks totaling \$3,500. The alliance donated \$2,500 to aid in local disaster relief and \$1,000 was earmarked for Treasures for Troops. "I'm humbled by their generosity," local Red Cross Executive Director Patricia Lindholm said.

Each Treasures for Troops kit contains sunscreen, hand wipes, cookies, candy, gum, an electronic game, a deck of cards, crossword puzzles, a wooden game, a Hackley Sack — ball — magnetic checkers/chess game, a hand-held

How to help
For more information about buying a gift package in the "Treasures for Troops" program, call Patricia Lindholm at 733-6464 or e-mail her at lindholm@usa.redcross.org. The gift packages cost \$20 each, including shipping.

fan and a multi-tool. The medical group's donation was presented by Sue McCluskey, whose son, John, is serving in Iraq as a captain in the Army. "My son is in Iraq fighting for the people of America to protect them from future terrorist attacks," she said. "Any items, cards or words of encouragement from home are extremely helpful."

When McCluskey told her son about the Treasures for Troops program, he sent the following message, which she shared during an emotional ceremony. "Packages are about more than the contents, they are reminders of who we are fighting for. They help us to remember our loved ones and those special to us. They help us to hang onto memories of our homeland. With each package there is an underlying meaning of care and thanks. "As soldiers, we stand tall on for-

sign and hostile soil and ask not for your thanks, but it is comforting to know that our efforts are appreciated," McCluskey wrote.

He is not alone in his appreciation. With regard to Treasures for Troops, Norris also shared some sentiments from Crapo.

"I commend the South Central Medical Society Alliance for being one of the first groups in the country to support. Treasures for Troops," the senator said in the statement. "This new program sends a bit of home to military personnel far away, but more importantly, it sends a message of caring and support from the people of America."

The local alliance is made up of the spouses of area physicians and has a long history of charitable work in the community, said Jane Davis, a 50-year member of the organization.

And while the gift packages are not a targeted holiday program, the Red Cross is committed to having the first 10,000 packages reach service members during this holiday season. If public donations exceed that number, they will be distributed as soon as possible, Lindholm said.

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



Cody Dodson, 28, left, and Stan Patterson, 27, who manage the BG & CM Railroad between Cottonwood and Lewiston, pause by the scenic Hallmoon Trestle above U.S. Highway 95, in the Winchester Canyon.

Over rail, over trestle

Two railroaders face test in running old Camas line

LEWISTON (AP) — They perfectly complement one another. One has the words, the other the attention to detail.

Together, they make up the two-man team that will manage the BG&CM Railroad between Cottonwood and Lewiston.

As Cody Dodson, 28, scans ahead of the Suburban for rocks and trees. The vehicle runs on the rails. His business partner, Stan Patterson, 27, rattles off the tale of how the two young, single men came to operate one of the most scenic railroads in the country after the tracks were nearly removed.

"This is one of the few railroads of this caliber," Patterson said as the Suburban weaves its way down the hillsides right above U.S. Highway 95, across railroad trestles and through dark tunnels.

The line will again see train traffic early next year as the two reopen the line abandoned by Camas Prairie RailNet and purchased a year ago by Mike Williams, a Kansas-based railroad salvager.

Patterson and Dodson are the North Idaho and Pacific Railway, and together they have contracted with Williams to breathe life back into the defunct line.

Both have a history working on railroads despite their ages. Patterson is enthusiastic about being able to operate a line in his home state.

Dodson, originally from Texas, is now making Idaho his home as well.

The two met while working for other railroads.

"He was everything I needed," Patterson said. "I put this deal together, but I didn't have any railroad management experience. Just because you can run a train doesn't mean you can run a railroad."

The biggest problem is it will cost \$60,000 to get the 42 cars up and running.

Now, with a contract, Williams and the BG&CM will pay the bills and Patterson and Dodson get paid a salary in the process.

They would like to run everything east of Lewiston, Patterson said.

But Camas Prairie RailNet still owns the main line west from Lewiston to Ayer, Wash., 60 miles west of Lewiston, and east up the Clearwater River to Kookkia and to Jaype near Pierce.

And the company isn't interested in breaking up the remainder of the line.

Roger Nelson, president of North American RailNet, parent company of Camas Prairie RailNet, said the company is taking bids on the remainder of the line in order to find out the market value.

He said the only way of finding out the value of a railroad is to see what people would pay for it.

A decision should be made soon on whether to sell the Lewiston-Ayer line or continue on, Nelson said. No matter what the decision, he adds, the company has no intention of breaking the remainder of the line apart.

Based in Priest Lake, Patterson is enthusiastic about being able to operate a line in his home state.

Dodson, originally from Texas, is now making Idaho his home as well.

The two met while working for other railroads.

"I bought it to run it, not to liquidate it," owner Williams said.

"I promised Mike Williams I would put everything into making this line break, even," Patterson said.

They have 48 months to do so. Unlike others who have operated the line before them, Patterson and Dodson are looking at outside ventures to increase business.

They have re-established relationships with former shippers like Primeland Cooperatives and Shearer Lumber.

They also have sought out the Nez Perce Tribe, which is considering mining lime near Lewiston, and worked with the local economic development group to try to lure a company that makes railroad ties, and even a railroading school out of Sacramento, Calif., that is looking to relocate.

"If those things don't work out, the lion's share of our traffic is going to be seasonal," Patterson said, mostly hauling grain.

Jackpot getting airport upgrades

By Sam Feltman
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — Changes are coming soon to the Jackpot airport. It's master plan calls for a parallel runway, another overlay on the existing runway and more tie downs.

When completed, the general will be upgraded from a general aviation airport for light aircraft to a B-2 rating, Elko County Public Works Supervisor Lynn Forsberg told the Jackpot Advisory Board Thursday.

A B-2 rating will allow the airport to handle up to 29-seat passenger planes. Forsberg said the 29-seat maximum capacity cutoff is to avoid the extra fire protection larger airports are required to provide.

And there's an added bonus, Forsberg said. "It will give us better capability for BLM firefighters," he said. "Starting time will depend on the (Federal Aviation Administration's) grant cycle."

In other business, Jackpot Fire

Chief Verl Jarvie told the Advisory Board he's encouraging his firemen to get their commercial driver's licenses.

He said while going to an emergency, it is perfectly OK for a firefighter to have a regular driver's license, but the law says when returning from an incident the emergency technician is over, meaning only a firefighter with a commercial license should be driving.

Jarvie said the department will help all who pass the test with a portion of the nearly \$200 fee that each license requires.

"I've been telling them it looks good on a resume," Jarvie said.

He said he hopes to have eight to 10 firemen with commercial driver's license certification within the next few months.

Other activity at the Advisory Board meeting included:

- Money request — Teresa Jarvie, with a letter in hand from Steven C. Hansen, CEO of the Nevada Health Centers Inc., appealed to the board for \$3,000 for a new processor for the X-ray

machine in the Jackpot Clinic.

Jarvie, who works at the clinic, said that many times the X-rays cannot be read, so patients have to be sent on to Twin Falls when they could be served in Jackpot with proper equipment. Jarvie said she has identified a refurbished processor that would do a better job than the one currently in the clinic's possession.

Advisory Board member Darrell Jack said he would like to know the cost of leasing one instead of buying a used unit. The Board will OK the expenditure if they find it costs more to lease.

- Jackpot chamber? — Jerry Tucker, a Jackpot resident, told the Advisory Board he feels the community is ready for a chamber of commerce.

Tucker has invited Elaine Barkdull of the Elko Chamber of Commerce to come to Jackpot. He said she will host a meeting on Dec. 16 at the West Star Resort for all interested persons. The time has not yet been determined, but it will be posted around town before the meeting.

Gym

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to serve the small community's passion.

"Dietrich lives and dies by basketball," said Wendy Auker, a School Board member.

The old gym was so small that the basketball court was both narrower and shorter than the regulation 50 feet wide and 94 feet long. Balls bounce off the walls when students miss layup shots,

and spectators are close enough to interfere with games.

The school will start construction of the new middle wing in May or June to finish it by February or March 2005. The new gym still has some painting and carpeting to be finished.

While the new wing is being constructed, the school will have no locker rooms and will have to make do without them for a few

months.

At least 25 people helped paint the beams in the gym. Students helped wipe down the bleachers, which were covered in construction dust, before the ribbon cutting today.

"It's the pride of the community," Bols said. "It's going to make a really nice contribution."

Dietrich has about 200 students in grades K-12.

Deer

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River High School, placed full-page ads in the Wood River Journal and Idaho Mountain Express newspapers costing hundreds of dollars with three photos of Putch and her husband. The ads included a strong message denouncing Fish and Game's action and inviting the public to contact agency officials.

"I ask the citizens of Blaine County to look around and see what the Fish and Game personnel are really doing for wildlife resources in Blaine County," the ad read. Fish and Game's killing of Putch, the advertisement said, was "a total slap in the face to Lee Frost who spent his 29-year career trying to help and do what's right for wildlife."

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posals. "I've not heard from any of them," Frost said.

When reports of the threatening deer began to surface, Frost contacted Fish and Game officials regarding Putch. He said he was assured by Director Parish "they would not kill the deer unless absolutely it was a last resort. I feel like that was an answer to please me until they could destroy the deer," Frost said.

A deer presumed by Fish and Game to be Putch made news last month when it appeared in Sun Valley, perhaps 10 miles or more from Frost's remote, 40-acre hill-top home northeast of Hailey.

It chased a bicyclist two miles before a Sun Valley police officer intervened in a church parking lot near downtown Ketchum and the deer died. Then, the next day, only a few blocks away, the deer reappeared and confronted a jogger who also was spared any injury when another Sun Valley officer drove on radar speed control nearby between the man and the deer.

Frost insists Putch was no threat, but simply was acting like most deer during mating season. In fact, Frost said he cut off Putch's antlers to prevent it from harming anyone. The deer was shot by Fish and Game and had no horns.

Putch was last seen at Frost's property on about Nov. 6.

When Putch was caught, it had been loitering near a home in Triumph, which is between Hailey and Ketchum. Frost contends it was representing no threat at the time.

In his long career with Fish and Game, Frost said "I never entered my mind that an animal had to be destroyed." He recalls dealing with a bull elk hanging out in a driveway of a Ketchum Meadows home north of Hulen; homeowners fended off the elk by starting a fire nearby.

Frost said he believes that Fish and Game has a new policy when dealing with orphaned or troublesome wildlife — dispose of them immediately.

But Fish and Game headquarters spokesmen, Jack Truublood and Cecilia Spoke, said they continue to turn orphaned animals over to rehabilitation groups.

Frost had several disagreements with Fish and Game wildlife policies over the years and occasions to "speak out" publicly. But he said he retired under good terms with the agency.

He continues to receive several calls each week from Blaine County residents who ask of his work and ask for advice on wildlife. He also works three days a week as a police officer in Hailey.

U.S. claims company stole more than 66,000 trees

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A former U.S. Forest Service investigator testified Friday that Weyerhaeuser Co. stole at least 66,000 healthy trees from Oregon in the early 1990s but the agency never recovered damages or prosecuted any corporate officials.

Dennis Shrader told a judge that he briefed former Forest Service chief Ward Thomas about the potential scope of the alleged theft but instead of taking action, the agency disbanded the investigative unit.

Shrader testified that he had feared Weyerhaeuser would exert political pressure on the agency and the Clinton administration, and the decision in April 1995 to disband the Timber Theft Task Force created by Congress in 1991 to investigate the industry suggested "his concerns were legitimate."

"The bottom line is, it's one of the largest timber companies in the world," Shrader said of Weyerhaeuser, based in Federal Way, Wash.

"When you've got an organization that large, with that kind of clout and that amount of resources, they are able to apply political pressure," Shrader said.

Weyerhaeuser spokesman Frank Mendiaz said the company did mistakenly take some trees that were part of the task force's investigation. But he said

the company reported the error to the Forest Service and paid extra for the timber.

Mendiaz also said the company never pressured the Forest Service into disbanning the Timber Theft Task Force.

"We operate in a legal and ethical manner at all times," Mendiaz said in a telephone interview.

The task force's investigation involved salvage logging of dead trees on the Chemult, Ranger District in the Winema National Forest in southern Oregon. Shrader testified that Weyerhaeuser crews would cut healthy or "green" trees along with the dead trees in violation of the timber sale contract.

"They bundled the trees, sometimes 20 trees to a bundle, and I estimated up to 10 trees per bundle were green trees," Shrader said.

He also testified that Weyerhaeuser crews were allowed to log at night, scooping up healthy trees that could not be distinguished from dead trees with the dust and poor lighting for logging crews.

The trees intended for harvest were mostly lodgepole pine which had been killed by fire or by insect damage. The pine trees typically are ground into chips and used to make paper or building products, rather than particleboard, rather than lumber.

Man goes to trial in selling phony cure

BOISE (AP) — The trial of a former Meridian resident accused of falsely promoting a cure for spinal injuries has been set for next month.

Authorities claim Thomas Vigil was a fugitive for nearly six years after he and his ex-wife, Beverly, were indicted by a grand jury on charges including conspiracy, wire fraud and delivering a misbranded drug into interstate commerce with intent to defraud.

Beverly Vigil was arrested and detained, but Thomas Vigil fled to Mexico, U.S. Attorney Tom Moss said. He turned himself in Oct. 11.

Prosecutors said the Vigils owned and operated the Alternative Medicine and Biophysics Research Institute in Nampa and promoted Neuralyn, a product they claimed relieved spinal cord injuries. More than 100 patients — most of them paraplegics or quadriplegics — paid up to \$10,000 each to come to Nampa or affiliated clinics in Utah and Colorado for treatment, Moss said.

According to the indictment, the Vigils told prospective patients that Neuralyn was up to 95 percent successful, and could enable them to regain movement by regrowing nerve cells. But the drug was simply a topical anesthetic and gave some patients temporary pain relief, leading Attorney Moss said they were improving, Moss said.

NATION/WORLD

Envoy: UN might have to leave Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - The United Nations - already forced out of Iraq by suicide bombers - may have to abandon its two-year effort to stabilize Afghanistan because of rising violence blamed on the Taliban. Its top official here warned Friday in an interview with The Associated Press.

Lakhdar Brahimi said his team could not continue its work in this war-ravaged nation unless security improves. He called for more foreign troops to halt attacks that have killed at least 11 aid workers across the south and east since March.

"Countries that are committed to supporting Afghanistan cannot kid themselves and cannot go on expecting us to work in unacceptable security conditions," Brahimi said.

"They seem to think that our presence is important here. Well, if they do, they have got to make sure that the conditions for us to be here are there," he said. "If not, we will go away."

NATO, which commands a 5,500-member peacekeeping force in the capital, Kabul, has agreed in principle to expand into the provinces. But nations have been slow to come forward with pledges of troops and equipment.

In addition to the peacekeepers, a U.S.-led force of some 11,700 soldiers are still pursuing Taliban remnants, followers of al-Qaida and fighters loyal to renegade warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan, responding to Brahimi's



Afghan men watch as two roosters battle it out during a cock fighting competition in Kabul, Afghanistan, Friday.

comments, said the Bush administration hopes the world body remains in Afghanistan.

"Our military and those working with us there as well in the coalition efforts have done an outstanding job to improve the security situation," McClellan said.

"There's more to do and they're continuing to do that," he said. "But the U.N. has an important

role to play in the efforts going on there - they have been playing an important role and we hope they will continue to."

German and Canadian troops now make up the bulk of the NATO peacekeeping force.

Brahimi said Turkey was considering sending more soldiers to join up. "We hear that the Turks are thinking about sending more

troops and that's very welcome." But he emerged empty-handed from a meeting Friday with the French defense minister.

The minister, Michele Alliot-Marie, "tells me she is not against the principle of expansion but nobody is coming in with resources; with soldiers and they, France, are committed elsewhere," Brahimi said.

Man pleads innocent after bodies found in basement

HAMMOND, Ind. (AP) - A convicted killer who authorities say lured teenagers into his apartment with offers of alcohol and drugs pleaded innocent Friday to strangling one of them and burying the body in a basement tomb of concrete.

David Maust told the judge he wants to represent himself. A hearing on his request was scheduled for Dec. 19.

Maust, 49, was a tenant of the rundown apartment house where investigators this week unearthed the bodies of three teenagers who had been reported missing in recent months. Only one count of murder was filed against him while officials continue the investigation.

During the brief arraignment hearing Friday in Crown Point, Maust looked around the courtroom, and he appeared to smirk as he was escorted out.

Maust, who has been in police custody since Tuesday, has a criminal record that includes a murder conviction for the death of a 15-



David Maust

year-old boy in Illinois and a conviction in Texas for committing bodily injury to a child, police said.

Lake County Coroner David

Patrick identified the remains found this week as those of Michael Dennis, 13; James Raganyi, 16; and Nick James, 19.

Dennis and Raganyi were last seen Sept. 10 at a home near where Maust lived in the northwestern Indiana city.

About three weeks later, on Oct. 2, police arrested Maust on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, alleging he had given Dennis and a 12-year-old boy marijuana and beer at his home during August.

Maust was released on \$300 bond the same day and later pleaded innocent to the charge.

GUARDING GAS



U.S. soldier Sgt. Jamal K. Robinson of Chester, Pa., jokes with an Iraqi man while supervising the limited distribution of gas Friday in Baghdad, Friday. Iraq, which has the world's second largest oil reserves, imposed petrol rationing as it stepped up efforts to deal with a shortage of fuel.

Pilots brought plane in after missile strike

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The mail run started out as routine as a flight can be over Baghdad - until, at 8,000 feet, a missile slammed into the full left-wing fuel tank.

As part of the left wing melted in the flames, the hydraulic system named of fluid. The three DHL Airways cargo pilots, all longtime veterans who had volunteered for duty in a combat zone, were several thousand feet above the Iraqi desert with no flight controls and - even if they could somehow make it back to Baghdad International Airport - only minimal braking.

There was only one option left. The engine thrust controls still worked, and fuel tanks on the other wing were intact. The missile had just missed the left engine, and luckily the fuel lines to it from other tanks remained intact. And as damaged as it was, much of the left wing retained its aerodynamic shape, providing enough lift to stay in the air.

So for 16 anxious minutes, the pilots used the only tool they had, turning the thrust on and off to each engine to crudely steer the Airbus A300 jet. More fuel to the left engine to turn right. More fuel to the right engine to turn left. Reduce the fuel to descend. Give more fuel to climb. It was the same technique that Capt. Al Haynes used in 1989 to bring in crippled United Airlines Flight 232 at Sioux City, Iowa, for a crash landing that saved 184 lives.

Figuring out the "asymmetric thrust" technique as they went along, the pilots became so confident that they actually aborted one landing. They apparently were not satisfied with how they

were lined up on the runway. Then they went around and approached Runway 33 Left again, knowing they had no way to steer on the ground and only the thrust reversers on the engines to slow them down. They effectively became helpless passengers as the plane shot down the runway and veered to the left.

For more than 600 yards, sand howling around them, they blasted through a razor-wire fence to a sandy slope between the runway and the taxiway.

Soft sand makes for a pretty good braking system. The DHL incident, which occurred on Nov. 22, was noted at the time as the first confirmed case of a hand-held surface-to-air missile hitting a wide-body civilian jet. What wasn't known at the time was the crew's feat of airmanship, described by investigators this week as "fantastic." The only injury occurred when one of the pilots was cut on a piece of razor wire while evacuating the plane on the ground.

DHL spokeswoman Patricia Thompson in Brussels said the airline would not release the pilots' names, for security reasons, nor make them available for an interview, because an investigation is still underway. But she said DHL is proud of the crew's "exceptional performance."

Once investigators had a chance to examine the plane on the ground, they were struck with how close the wing came to burning off. One of the two spars running through the wing, a main structural support for the wing, was burned away. The ribs that provide the structural integrity of the fuel tank were at least half burned away.

Roadside bomb kills U.S. soldier

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Insurgents detonated a bomb alongside a U.S. military convoy west of Baghdad on Friday, killing one soldier and wounding two others, the military said. Separately, another soldier died in Baghdad from what was described as a "non-hostile" gunshot wound.

As of Friday, Dec. 12, 452 U.S. service members have died since the beginning of military opera-

tions in Iraq, according to the Department of Defense. Of those, 311 died as a result of hostile action and 141 died of non-hostile causes, the department said.

The bomb attack occurred at 6:30 a.m. in Ramadi, about 60 miles west of the Iraqi capital, the U.S. Central Command said. One of the injured soldiers was evacuated to a combat hospital and died of his wounds.

Attack in Iraq claims Idaho soldier

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) - Men from Idaho and California were identified Friday as soldiers assigned to the Fort Campbell-based 101st Airborne Division killed this week in separate attacks in northern Iraq.

Pfc. Jerrick M. Petty, 25, Idaho Falls, was killed by hostile fire Wednesday while guarding a gas station in Mosul, Iraq, according to the Department of Defense.

Petty was assigned to Company B, 3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade

Husband shoots terminally ill wife at hospital

CHULA VISTA, Calif. (AP) - A man shot his terminally ill wife to death at a hospital outside San Diego on Friday, then killed himself. No one else was injured.

The man was visiting his wife, a patient at Sharp Hospital in Chula Vista, shortly before 8 a.m. when two shots were fired, police Lt. Buddy Magor said.

"It appears to be a mercy-type killing," Magor said.

The husband and wife were both in their 70s.

There were no witnesses to the shooting. The shooting happened in the hospital's 28-bed intensive-care unit, where only family members and staff are allowed, said hospital spokesman Gustavo Friederichsen.

"It's a sad day for us, but at the same time people are coming together to support the other patients as much as possible," Friederichsen told reporters.

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Left, 5-year-old Scotta Nutt is held by her father Kelly and nurse Patty Stewardson, left, while nurse Carolyn Martin gives her a flu shot.



Above, Robert Faulkner, 3, lets his mother know how his shot felt.
Left, Maria Galvan holds her daughter Erica Sanchez, 4, as she gets a shot from medical assistant Patricia Leon.



Above, 6-year-old Quinlan Dugan is held by his dad Tom Dugan as he receives one of the last 1000 doses of vaccine available in Allegheny County, Pa.



Left, nurse Jan Woolfler Inoué injects 3-year-old Shoyda Uphaw as her mother, Amy Uphaw, looks away.

More flu shots offered

People at high risk for complications from influenza may call these offices to see if they can get vaccinated. Flu shots are scheduled to be given at the listed times.

Burley
• When: 9:11:30 a.m. Monday.
• Where: District Health Office, 2311 Park Ave., Unit 4.
• Contact: 678-8221.

Halley
• When: 2:4 p.m. Tuesday.
• Where: District Health Office, 513 N. Main.
• Contact: 478-4335.

Jerome
• When: 1:30 p.m. Thursday.
• Where: District Health Office, 951 E. Ave. H.
• Contact: 324-8838.

Rupert (children only)
• When: 2:4 p.m. Monday and 9:11 a.m. Wednesday.
• Where: District Health Office, 1218 Ninth St., Suite 15.
• Contact: 436-7185.

Twin Falls
• When: 1:4 p.m. Wednesday and 9:11 a.m. Thursday.
• Where: District Health Office, 1020 Washington St. N. (CSI campus).
• Contact: 734-5900.

Over-the-counter relief: Flu remedies fly off the shelves

DENVER (AP) — Hours after Dave Stellék arrived on a flight from Atlanta, he was in a drug store looking for cold and flu medication.

"I was sitting next to a guy on the plane that was sneezing and I was just thinking, 'I know I'm going to get sick in a week,'" said Stellék, 35, of Atlanta. "Too much traveling, too much flying sitting next to sick people."

Nyquil, Tylenol, Robitussin, Advil, Tamiflu: With the flu vaccine running out and the number of flu cases climbing, drug stores and online companies around the country are reporting brisk sales of both over-the-counter remedies and prescription drugs in the past few weeks.

"I'd say this is the most severe year we've seen in quite a number of years," said Ken Clao, pharmacy director for the King Soopers grocery chain. The number of states hit hard by the flu has doubled to 24 over the past week and now includes most of the western half of the country. Nationwide, at least 20 children have died in what could become the worst flu season in years.

Drugstore.com reported a 46 percent increase in sales of over-the-counter flu products in the past five weeks, compared with the same period of 2002, said Rassa Perhanian, who oversees such sales. "Last week alone, I sold 50 percent more product than the week before," she said.

Walgreen Drug Stores and Wal-Mart reported a rise in sales of flu drugs in the past week, but gave no figures.

Among prescription drugs, demand has picked up for Tamiflu — which can prevent or relieve the flu — and for Flabest, a nasal version of the flu vaccine, according to the makers of the medicines. They gave no numbers.

Some stores have reported intermittent shortages of certain products. A test that doctors use to determine if a patient has the flu was also reported in short supply. Manufacturers of the rapid diagnosis kits said they're straining to meet demand from hospitals and doctors' offices.

Cincinnati-based Meridian Bioscience Inc. said it's running about a week behind in filling orders for the kit. The test involves

Flu symptoms

Flu is an infection of the airway tract and worsens more quickly and severely than the common cold. Telltale signs include:

Onset: Symptoms developing 24 to 48 hours

Peaks: Worsens rapidly over a few hours

Symptoms include:

- ▶ High fever, sweating and shivering
- ▶ Aching muscles, typically in the back
- ▶ Severe exhaustion
- ▶ Sometimes sneezing, stuffy, runny nose, sore throat and cough.

SOURCE: American College of Physicians AP

swabbing a patient's throat and exposing the sample to flu antibodies. If the antibodies attack the sample, a color or pattern shows up to indicate the person has the flu.

Jake Mossman, owner of a Taos, N.M., pharmacy, said the number of inquiries he has had from customers needing advice on the flu has doubled in a two-day period.

"Over-the-counter and prescription volume has gone up tremendously in the same time frame, so I think there are people who are definitely ill," he said. "We haven't gotten to the point where we're run out of anything other than the prescription anti-virus have been hard to get."

Ben's Best kosher deli in New York City first offered its "cold and flu baskets" with chicken soup and tissues in 1986 as a way for customers to comfort sick friends.

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FDA OKs more help with wrinkles

WASHINGTON (AP) — People hoping to smooth wrinkles around the nose and mouth won an alternative to collagen Friday — a wrinkle filler called Restylane long used in Europe.

Restylane is the third injectable wrinkle treatment to win approval from the Food and Drug Administration.

Restylane temporarily paralyzes muscles beneath the skin to smooth frown lines between the eyes.

Collagen is used to fill other wrinkles, including those around the mouth and around the eyes.

Restylane is made with hyaluronic acid, a substance normally found in the skin that helps keep it plump.

In studies, 138 patients had wrinkles on one side of the nose injected with Restylane and the other side with collagen. Both sides appeared comparable.

Side effects include a slight tendency toward increased bruising, swelling and pain with Restylane, in roughly 3 percent of patients. But the problems were mild and resolved in less than two weeks, Witten said.

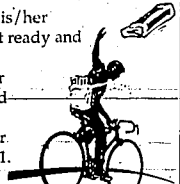
Most of the patients studied were Caucasian. Maker Q-Med AB of Sweden has agreed to do more research on whether Restylane would cause any pigment alterations if used by non-Caucasians, although FDA said widespread use in other countries hasn't raised concern.

Q-Med spokeswoman said shipments would begin within two months.

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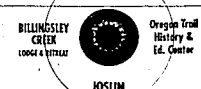
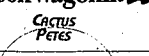
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Dean the underdog has real chance

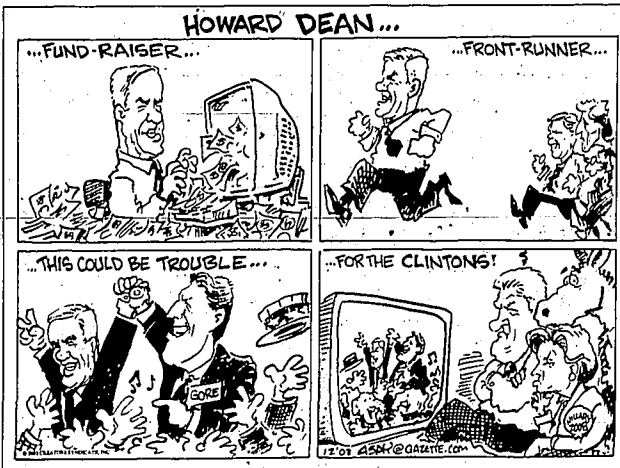
Going into the final day of the college football regular season, Oklahoma was undefeated and ranked No. 1. The Sooners had the best defense in the nation, had outscored their opponents by an average of 35 points and had a nine-game winning streak against ranked teams. "OU: Among best ever?" USA Today asked (historically) on Friday. Kansas State, by contrast, had three losses, and had never won a Big 12 championship. Oklahoma was favored by two touchdowns. Kansas State, of course, won, 35-7.

WILLIAM KRISTOL

For the next 11 months, Republicans, conservatives and Bush campaign operatives should, on arising, immediately following their morning prayers, repeat that score along 10 times. Underdogs do sometimes win. Howard Dean could beat President Bush. Saying you're not overconfident (as the OU players repeatedly did) is no substitute for really not being overconfident. And if Bush loses next November, it's over. There's no PCS computer to give him another shot at the national championship in the Sugar Bowl.

Could Dean really win? Unfortunately, yes. The Democratic presidential candidate has, alas, won the popular presidential vote three times in a row - twice, admittedly under the guidance of the skilled Bill Clinton, but most recently with the hapless Al Gore at the helm. And demographic trends (particularly the growth in Hispanic voters) tend to favor the Democrats going into 2004.

And President Bush will be running for reelection after a two-year period in which his party has controlled both houses of Congress. The last two times



the American people confronted a president and a Congress controlled by the same party were in 1980 and 1994. The voters decided in both cases to restore what they have consistently preferred for the last two generations: divided government. Since continued GOP control of at least the House of Representatives seems ensured, the easiest way for voters to re-divide government would be to replace President Bush in 2004. And with a plurality of voters believing the country is on the wrong track, why shouldn't they boot out the incumbent president?

But is Dean a credible alternative? Was Kansas State? Dean has run a terrific primary campaign, the most impressive since Carter in 1976. It's true that, unlike Carer (and Clinton), Dean is a Northeastern liberal. But he's no Dukakis. Does anyone expect Dean to be a patsy for a Bush assault, as the Massachusetts governor was? And how liberal is Dean anyway? He governed as a centrist in Vermont, and will certainly pivot to the center the moment he has

the nomination. And one underestimates, at this point when we are all caught up in the primary season, how much of an opportunity the party's nominee has to define or redefine himself once he gets the nomination.

Thus, on domestic policy, Dean will characterize Bush as the deficit-expanding, Social Security-threatening, Constitution-amending (on marriage) radical, while positioning himself as a hard-headed, budget-balancing, federalism-respecting, compassionate moderate. And on foreign and defense policy, look for Dean to say that he was and remains anti-Iraq war (as he will point out, were lots of traditional centrist foreign policy types). But Dean will emphasize that he has never ruled out the use of force (including unilaterally). Indeed, he will say, he believes in military strength so strongly that he thinks we should increase the size of the Army by a division or two. It's Bush, Dean will point out, who's trying to deal with the new, post-Sept. 11 world with a pre-Sept. 11 military.

But what about Sept. 11?

Surely Bush's response to the attacks, and his overall leadership in the war on terrorism, remain compelling reasons to keep him in office. They do for me. But while Bush is committed to victory in that war, his secretary of state seems committed to diplomatic compromise, and his secretary of defense to an odd kind of muscle-flexing-disengagement. And when Bush's chief of staff, Andrew H. Card, Jr., said on Sunday with regard to Iraq, "We're going to get out of there as quickly as we can, but not before we finish the mission at hand," one wonders: Wouldn't Howard Dean agree with that formulation? Indeed, doesn't the first half of that sentence suggest that even the most senior of Bush's subordinates haven't really internalized the president's view of the fundamental character of this war? If they haven't, will the American people grasp the need for Bush's continued leadership on Nov. 2? If not, prepare for President Dean.

William Kristol is editor of the Weekly Standard.

Reformers, cheer while you still can

RICHARD L. HASEN

For years, reformers have argued that the U.S. Supreme Court's 1976 decision in Buckley vs. Valeo prevented the implementation of effective campaign finance laws.

Everything changed Wednesday, when the court decided in McConnell vs. FEC a case that probably will be viewed as the most important campaign finance case since Buckley. In McConnell, a 5-4 court majority upheld virtually all of the 2002 McCain-Feingold law's loophole-closing provisions.

Although McConnell did not expressly overrule Buckley, it brushed aside Buckley's single-minded First Amendment concern that campaign spending should remain unlimited to allow for "Robinson Crusoe" political debate. The court's attitude now is one of significant deference to Congress over the appropriate role of money in politics.

With this newly minted court deference, which is foreshadowing in the case of three more recent campaign finance cases, reformers have good reason to celebrate. But the celebrations will not last for long.

Even before Wednesday's ruling, reformers were calling on Congress to close new loopholes, including some in McCain-Feingold itself, and to ensure that the Federal Election Commission interpreted the law consistent with congressional purposes, something that has been a problem in the past.

Reformers should be aware especially of three potential dangers. First, just because a law like McCain-Feingold is constitutional does not mean that it is desirable. We have already seen a somewhat anticipated consequence of the soft-money ban: more money has been flowing in recent months to groups outside of the political parties to pay for election advertisements. George Soros and other wealthy individuals have begun funding such groups with Democratic-leaning tendencies, and we can expect other individuals to follow suit by funding Republican-leaning organizations. Under the McCain-Feingold law as written, such groups are likely to be subject to disclosure rules but no limits on funding. These "shadow parties" could weaken real political parties and potentially

undermine candidate messages. After the 2004 election cycle, reformers should consider whether Congress did more harm than good in the desire to break the sale of access to candidates by parties.

Second, the people must be vigilant to ensure that incumbents in Congress and state legislatures do not pass self-interested campaign finance laws in the name of "reform." More court deference means that the people will be the main check on laws purportedly aimed at preventing corruption or promoting fair elections but really aimed at incumbency protection.

Indeed, the majority in the McConnell ruling rejected plausible arguments that aspects of the McCain-Feingold law should be struck down as incumbency protection measures.

Third, the McConnell decision is the product of a fragile court majority. Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who had voted to uphold limits on corporate campaign expenditures in a 1990 case, switched his vote to opposition here. In response, perennial "swing voter" Justice Sandra Day O'Connor switched her vote in the opposite direction - her third apparent shift on the issue since she has been on the court.

This 5-4 decision upholding major aspects of the law easily could be overturned by the other had O'Connor not changed her mind, or had she retired in June at the end of the court's term. President Bush has promised to replace retiring justices with jurists along the lines of Antonin Scalia or Clarence Thomas. In McConnell, Scalia and Thomas voted to scrap virtually all campaign finance laws. Indeed, Thomas would have struck down McCain-Feingold's basic disclosure provisions.

McConnell's vote is no doubt a victory for reform; how long it lasts may depend upon who gets to appoint the next Supreme Court justice.

Richard Hasen is a professor of law at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles.

LETTERS

Pediatric therapy needs public attention

Usually I'm advocating for my daughter. But today, I'm speaking not only for my daughter but for a group of special needs children in our community.

I just learned that Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is closing down its pediatric therapy offices as of Jan. 9, 2004, due to difficulty recruiting and retaining pediatric therapists. I'm not sure what exactly they are doing to recruit and retain these therapists, but I am both disappointed and disturbed that our local hospital would make this decision. Most children with disabilities are on Medicaid, and many don't have any other insurance.

After calling some other private therapy agencies, I discovered that according to Idaho law, speech and occupational therapy services can only be billed to Medicaid if the agency is affiliated with a hospital. So these children can't just go get therapy at other private agencies. Some do get therapy at their public school but need the extra outside therapy. But others attend private schools or are homeschooled, and this is their only resource.

There are things I can do and encourage others to do. If you are the parent of one of these children, discuss your concerns with your pediatrician. Also,

voice your concerns to the hospital administration and our wonderful county commissioners. You can also write or call your local representative or Mrs. Kemphorne, our first lady, who is an advocate for the children of Idaho. And, most importantly, say a prayer for the future of these kids whom our loving Heavenly Father holds so dearly in his hands.

Finally, to any students who have a passion for working with kids, consider pediatric therapy as a career. There are shortages nationwide. I personally thank each therapist who has worked with my daughter, knowing that she would not have made the accomplishments she has without them. Each time I hear her lovely voice singing, I remember the therapist who said, "Because of the damage to her vocal cords, she may never be able to sing. I can't promise anything, but let me work with her."

KATHRYN GOEMMER
Twin Falls

Come back to our senses on homosexuality issue

In a recent letter, Father Patrick O'Grady clearly emphasized the value of inter-gender marriages to society, addressing the "marital" complementarity of men and women and the "unnatural" non-complementarity of "same sex" marriages. Mr. Walsh of Burley, in an

attempted rebuttal to O'Grady's letter, objected to the term, "unnatural," in describing homosexual activity. "Natural" does actually mean "human"; therefore, I suggest to both men that we use the more accurate word, "normal" and its counterpart, "abnormal," in a sober discussion of the above topic.

There are many physiological activities which control the development of any organism, human or otherwise. These activities, mostly biochemical, include the "hormone blasts" which seem to fascinate Mr. Walsh.

These interactions follow specific prescribed patterns, the result being a "normal," healthy, heterosexual individual. When something disrupts these developmental stages, an aberration or "abnormality" occurs and the result is a deviation from normal, which we call a "pathological condition" or "disease." Medical science attempts to understand the pre-natal and post-natal conditions which result in such "abnormalities" in order to either prevent or successfully treat such conditions.

For many decades, up until the 1970s, the American Psychiatric Association categorized homosexuality as a mental or behavioral pathological condition. The condition was not considered an "alternative lifestyle" any more than schizophrenia would have been consid-

ered an "alternative behavioral choice."

In 1973, after several years of bitter disputes, the American Psychiatric Association decided to remove homosexuality from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual. The American Psychiatric Association had fallen victim to the disorder of a tumultuous era, when disruptive conflicts threatened to politicize every aspect of our social life and, instead of scholarly and sober research taking place in this area of human behavior, we find biased and politically motivated research such as the search for the "gay gene." Also, there has been a disproportionate amount of pro-homosexual political pressure resulting in attitude "conditioning" or "brainwashing" as we used to call it, on college campuses, some seminaries, and in the entertainment and media industries. As in other areas of our culture, "political correctness" has gone too far and must be checked before we go the way of Sodom and Gomorrah. There are many documented cases of homosexuals who have desired to go "straight" and have done so through successful counseling and treatment. It is time for the American Psychiatric Association and related agencies and our society in general, to come back to our senses.

DONALD W. PUDDER
Twin Falls

LETTER

Administration has no exit strategy for Iraq

If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, quacks like a duck - it's a duck! Iraq doesn't look like a duck, but it sure looks like Vietnam. Reason to enter Vietnam: To keep communism from spreading throughout the world. That was a lie sold to the American people. Reason to enter Iraq: Saddam has weapons of mass destruction, and he will launch them on America! Quack, quack. Another lie. Remember Vietnam?

Some say, "Now that we're in Iraq, we just can't pull out." Why not? Would Saddam take over the country? How about, "It was a stupid idea to take military action against the country in the first place, but let's not make another stupid decision by leaving the country high and dry!" Echoes from Vietnam? Journalist Tom Friedman claims, "If we don't solve this, we will never solve the

Israeli-Palestine issue." Sorry, Tom, it's the other way around. How many wars or military actions will it take to make nations realize you can't change people's minds by force or occupation?

Just as in Vietnam, this administration has no exit strategy, let alone an occupation strategy for Iraq. It will continue to quack away with lies, excuses and explanations why we "shouldn't leave the country at this time." Maybe one of the reasons is that Halliburton hasn't been paid yet.

It's not that Bush continues to terrorize Americans with the suggestion that you're not a patriot unless you support the troops in Iraq. What garbage! With comments like this, is it any wonder national polls show schizophrenic responses to questions concerning the occupation?

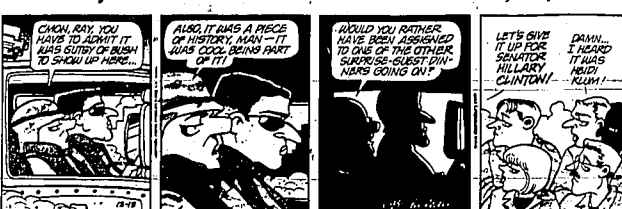
I'm partially incorrect - there is a difference between Vietnam and Iraq. It's greener.

MARC LONGLEY
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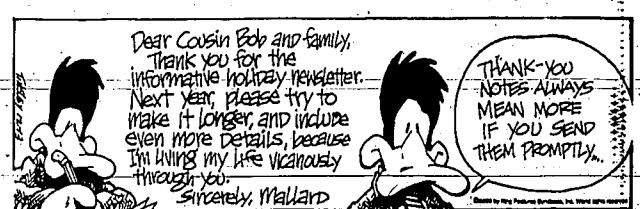
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WORLD

Canadian prime minister steps down

OTTAWA (AP) — Jean Chretien stepped down Friday, after 10 years as Canada's popular and often combative prime minister, giving way to Paul Martin, a former finance minister who has pledged to seek smoother ties with the United States despite strains over Iraq.

The private resignation and Martin's nationally televised swearing-in took place in back-to-back ceremonies in a chamber guarded by red-coated soldiers at the offices of Canada's governor-general.

Martin took his oath of office in both English and French, becoming Canada's 21st prime minister. The multicultural ceremony included a string ensemble rendition of "O Canada" and a purification ritual in which an elder from one of Canada's Indian nations dusted Martin with an eagle feather.

In his first major act, Martin appointed an array of new ministers to the Cabinet and created a new department of public security — geared to cope with terrorism and disasters — that will group together the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the national intelligence service, disaster response agencies and the agencies overseeing border control and ports.

Martin, 65, has been a powerful figure for years in the governing Liberal Party and overwhelmingly won a leadership election after Chretien announced his retirement plans earlier this year.

"I look forward to the opportunity to rally Canadians toward a new sense of national purpose and around a new agenda of change and achievement," Martin said in a statement accompanying his swearing-in.

"We are going to change the way things work in Ottawa in order to engage Canadians in the political process," he said.

Chretien, raised in a Quebec mill town, was one of the longest-serving heads of government among major Western nations. He resigned both as prime minister and member of Parliament, and made comment to reporters as he left the ceremony — ending a political career that spanned 40 years.

Chretien enjoyed a warm friendship with former U.S. President Bill Clinton, but relations with the Bush administration have been tense due to Canada's refusal to join the war in Iraq.

Martin, considered slightly more conservative than Chretien on some issues, has expressed interest in improving ties with Washington, for example by forming a Cabinet-level committee dedicated to Canadian-U.S. relations.

However, he spoke critically this week of U.S. President George W. Bush's plan to exclude countries outside the U.S.-led coalition from bidding on lucrative rebuilding contracts in Iraq. Bush's decision was "difficult to fathom," said Martin, indicating he would raise

the issue with American officials.

Chretien said Bush called him on Thursday to congratulate him on his career, express thanks for Canada's deployment of troops in Afghanistan and suggest that there might be some flexibility regarding the contract ban.

"He was basically telling me not to worry," Chretien told reporters Thursday after his last Cabinet meeting in Ottawa, the capital.

Chretien, who was sworn in as prime minister in 1993 and turns 70 in January, had planned to retire in February but agreed to leave earlier after pressure from Martin, Liberal Party members and opposition parties.

Chretien argued Bush earlier this year by refusing to contribute Canadian forces to the Iraq war, prompting the U.S. president to cancel a planned visit to Ottawa in

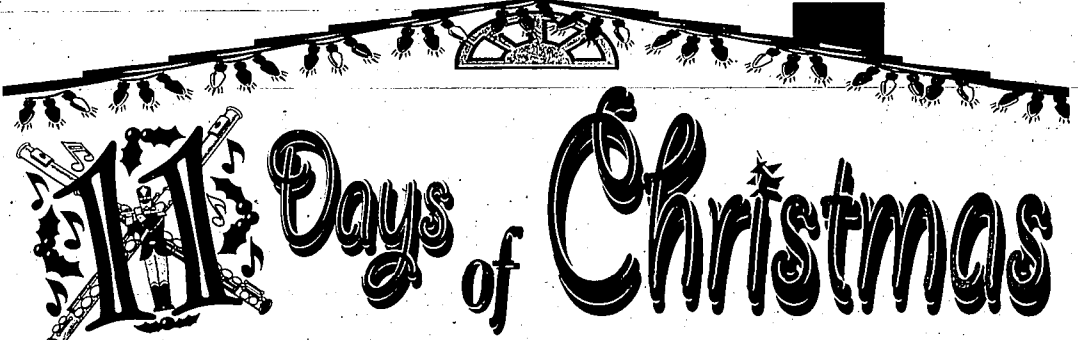
May. Previously, some of Chretien's subordinates publicly ridiculed Bush over his unilateral policies; one aide was dismissed after calling the president "moron."



Jean Chretien



Prime Minister Paul Martin hugs Labor and Homelessness Minister Claudette Bradshaw after he was sworn in as Canada's 21st prime minister, Friday.



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It's nice to get some accolades for the fat boys in the line instead of the pretty boys getting all the praise.

Oklahoma tackle Tommie Harris, after winning the Lombardi Award as the nation's top college lineman

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who did the Lakers trade to the 76ers to get Walt Chamberlain in the summer of 1967?

Answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College basketball

Coca-Cola tournament
Women, Midland (Texas) at CSI, 8 p.m.

High school girls basketball

Pocatello at Minico, 6 p.m.
Twin Falls at Skyline, 1 p.m.
Filer at Glens Ferry, 4:15 p.m.
Valley, Carey, Cole at Murtaugh Tournament, 7A
Mountain Home at Jerome, 6 p.m.
Burley at Declo, 6 p.m.
Buhl at Middleton, 6 p.m.
Gooding at Shoshone, 6 p.m.

High school wrestling

Twin Falls at I.F./Skyline, 1 p.m.
Burley/Madison/Minico at Rigby, 6:30 p.m.

High school boys basketball

Idaho Falls at Twin Falls, 1 p.m.
Kalt River at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
Declo at Wood River, 6 p.m.
Mackay at Richfield, 6 p.m.
Glens Ferry at Filer, 4:30 p.m.
Lighthouse Christian at Castelford, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

TFHS sports teams sell fruit today

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High baseball and softball teams will sell grapefruits and oranges today at \$15 a 20-pound case or \$27 for one case of each as a fundraiser for the programs.

The fruit will be available at the corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Falls Avenue from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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CSI equestrian team gets off to solid start

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho equestrian team is having great success so far this season.

CSI recently achieved status as the High-Point English and Reserve High-Point team at the University of Montana. Stephanie Waindles, Katie Collier, Meghan Sederholm and Amanda Howard led the way with first-place finishes. Sederholm tied for high-point rider in both the morning and afternoon sessions.

CSI also hosted its own meet this season, again claiming High-Point Western titles in both the morning and afternoon shows. First-place winners for the hosts included Collier, Sederholm, Katie Brunelle, Howard, Nic Eisenbarth, Chris McCann and Nicole Moretti.

At Utah State, CSI beat out four other squads for High-Point Western team honors in both the morning and afternoon shows. The team achieved a perfect score, meaning all CSI's riders took first place.

Several CSI riders have already qualified for regionals at Utah State on March 13 and 14. CSI will then host zones in April, with nationals being held in Tennessee May 7-9.

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Bruins bust Bobcats

T.F. dominates the boards in win

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Bruins rode a 39-25 rebounding advantage to a non-conference boys basketball win over the Burley Bobcats 71-54 Friday night at Bruin Gymnasium.

After a week of tough practices following the Bruins' Saturday (3-1) road loss to Boise High, coach Matt Harr's team came out in the first quarter fired up. Twin Falls took a 19-10 lead going into the second, putting Burley (1-2) into a deficit it would not make up.

"We came out and we were intense," Harr said. "Burley did a good job of denying our wings early, but we came out and hit the first bucket inside, then we started kicking it out."

Junior wing Mike Smith pumped in three first-half 3-pointers on his way to a 17-point performance to lead the Bruins. Senior post Luc Martin continued his solid play, hurting the Bobcats not only with his scoring, but with his passing out of the post.

"Passing is his best quality, maybe because he's also a quarterback," said Harr. "He's an excellent post passer."

Martin finished with 15 points, 10 rebounds, four assists, three steals, and one block, generally making life difficult for the less physical Bobcats.

"They hurt us a lot on the offensive rebounds during the first quarter," said Burley coach Jack Bagley. "We didn't do a good job boxing out and they're just more athletic. They jumped over us."

Senior Bobcat post Scott Rankley gave a valiant effort, posting career-high 23 points, but Twin Falls' defense held Burley wings Anthony Curiel and Graydon Funk to a combined eight points. Senior guard Wes Hadden stepped up with an eight-point performance to help Rankley.

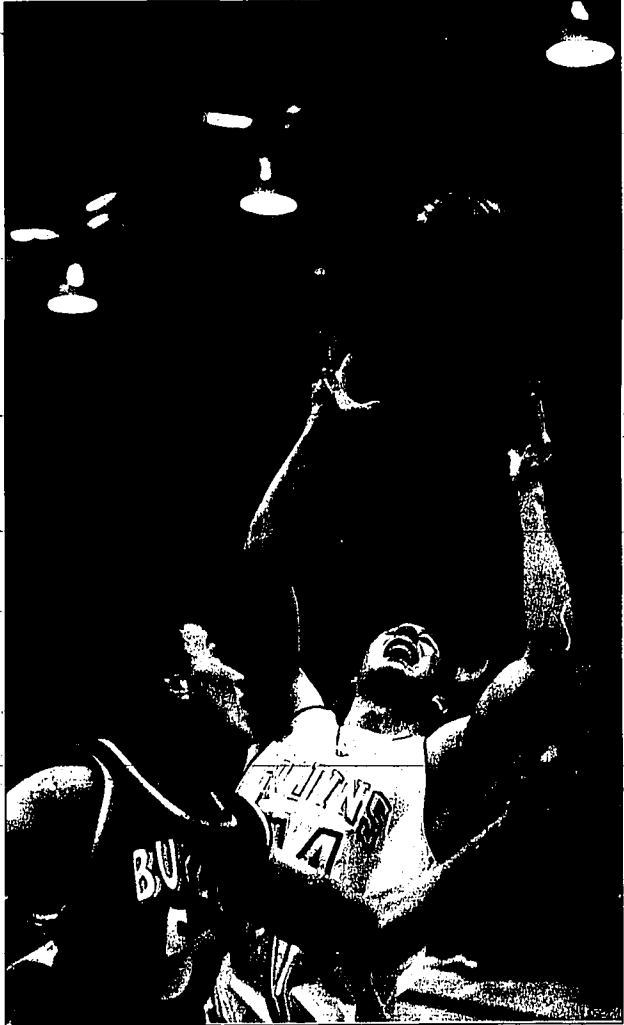
"To see some other guys step up is a good sign though. If we can get everyone playing together we could be a good team," Bagley said.

While Burley was able to keep the game interesting, often cutting the Bruins lead to 15 points, the Bruins wouldn't let Burley get any closer.

"I thought the kids did the best they could, we had a few break-downs," said Bagley. "If we had a few more shots fall, it would have been a different game."

Burley will host Century

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Bruin post Luc Martin, right, lunges for a rebound over Bobcat senior Scott Rankley during the second quarter of Twin Falls' 71-54 win over the Bobcats in Twin Falls Friday. The Bruins outboarded the Bobcats 39-25.

Yankees close in on Brown, Lofton

Toronto reaches deal with pitcher Batista

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - Far from Bourbon Street, the New York Yankees still managed to join the party at the baseball winter meetings Friday, trying to complete the trade for Kevin Brown and zeroing in on Kenny Lofton.

Toronto made the first move of the annual swap session, agreeing with free agent pitcher Miguel Batista on a \$13.1 million, three-year contract. Yet that deal was overshadowed by the possibility of bigger things and bigger names.

Texas and the Red Sox kept talking about their potential blockbuster - Alex Rodriguez for Manny Ramirez - and free agent



Kevin Brown

closer Keith Foulke was trying to decide between resigning with Oakland or going to Boston.

Everything might have a new home, too, by the time the meetings wrap up Monday. The four-time Cy Young winner was let loose last week by Atlanta, and the Chicago Cubs and San Diego were among the teams said to be interested.

Free agent outfielder Mike Cameron was in town, with the New York Mets and Oakland in pursuit.

The opening day of the meetings typically produces more talk

Harrington emerges after topsy-turvy day

The Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. - No wonder they call this the silly season:

In a topsy-turvy day at the Target World Challenge, Padraig Harrington made four birdies from off the green on the final six holes for a 5-under-67 that gave him a one-stroke lead Friday over Tiger Woods, Davis Love III and Chris DiMarco.

Harrington, the defending champion, figured a round like that would at least get him in reasonable position heading into the weekend.

Imagine his surprise when he tapped in for par on the 18th hole and saw his name atop the leaderboard at 3-under 141.

"There's a lot of ups and downs out there," Harrington said.

They weren't his to find. It was below freezing when Woods woke up. Not long after the sun thawed Sherwood Country Club, he proceeded to make a "snowman" - golf vernacular for an 8 - on the par-5 second hole, in part because of a snap decision to drop in an unfavorable spot.

He recovered - with six birdies the rest of the day, the last coming from 15 feet on the final hole for a 1-under 71.

That was probably one of the uglier rounds he's had to contend with in his career. "I could have played," Woods said. "I didn't kill anybody." I didn't kill myself. In all, it was a good day."

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Intense Manning carries Ole Miss

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press writer

JACKSON, Miss. - Moments before one of Mississippi's biggest games of the season, Eli Manning gathered his teammates on the sideline for a fiery pep talk.

Television cameras caught the Ole Miss quarterback screaming over the din of a huge crowd at Auburn, surrounded by antsy Rebels.

Manning's rare display of emotion surprised many Ole Miss followers, who had never seen the subdued star so juiced up.

"That's something I did before every game this year," Manning said.

Last in a weeklong series of profiles on Heisman Trophy contenders Manning, downplaying its significance.

"Just talking to try to get them ready and tell them what we have to do to win the game."

By returning for his senior season, Manning became a better player, more accurate with his passes and smarter in his decision

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making. Maybe just as important for the resurgent Rebels, he became a more forceful leader.

"I don't think there is any question he was more vocal," Ole Miss coach David Cutcliffe said. "Not that he became a rah-rah guy. I think his intensity showed through somewhat."

For carrying No. 16 Ole Miss to its best season in more than a

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Mississippi
quarterback Eli
Manning (10)
tries to elude
Louisiana State
linebacker
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Vaughn (48)
while looking
for an open
receiver in
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SPORTS

Local sports

Idaho Falls—The Twin Falls Lady Bruins improved to 6-1 (2-0 conference) on the early season Friday with a win over Idaho Falls 46-29, holding the host team to only 11 points total in the first three quarters.

The win sets up a 2:30 p.m. varsity match (1 p.m. junior varsity) today with Skyline that will determine first place in Region III District Four-Five-Six.

The Bruins had nine girls score in the contest. Amy Bravolov was the only Bruin in double figures with 10 points. In Idaho Falls was spreading the ball around, its defense put the lock-down on Idaho Falls, allowing a meager 11 points through the first three quarters.

"We came out and played hard defense early in the game and hit a couple early shots," Idaho Falls head coach Joe D. Shepard said. "We didn't shoot the ball super well, but we did hold them to seven points in the first half. We shut them down 8-0 in the second quarter."

The Lady Bruins opened the game on a 16-1 run on their way to a 28-7 halftime lead.

Amanda Hovey defended six assists and five points from her guard position. Hannah Kuehlich held the Bruin post with eight points and nine rebounds.

The Bruin junior varsity also beat Idaho Falls 46-22.

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Valley 58, Cole Valley 27.
MURTAUGH — The Valley High girls downed Cole Valley 58-27 to set up a championship game at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Murtaugh girls basketball Holiday Tournament.

Valley takes on Carey at 6:30 p.m. while Cole Valley plays Murtaugh in the consolation championship.

Carey 41, Murtaugh 31.
MURTAUGH — Jessica Royal scored 12 points to lead Carey past Murtaugh 41-31 in the opening round of the Murtaugh girls basketball Holiday Tournament.

Jillian Court scored 11 points while Haile Rosebrogh added 10 for Murtaugh.

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AMERICAN FALLS (69) — Even though senior Ricky Zdrov led Kimberly with 32 of their 62 points, Kimberly still fell short in overtime against American Falls, 69-62 in overtime.

The Kimberly girls played hard, they got off to a good start and played great defensively. J.J. Shovert and Ricky Zdrov both played most inside," said Kimberly coach Roger Keller, who led Kimberly 44-10 to a 56-16 victory over American Falls at 8 p.m.

Camas County 59, T.F. Christian Academy 53

TWIN FALLS — Jenna Fenderson recorded a rare triple double with 38 points, 14 rebounds and 10 steals for Twin Falls Christian Academy, but the Warriors fell to Camas County 59-53 Friday night in Twin Falls.

Grace Backstrom led Camas County with 26 points. Fenderson had seven three pointers in the loss.

"Jenna played one of the most phenomenal games I have ever witnessed, it was just a shame that we came out on the losing end," TFCA coach Rachel Owens said.

TFCA (4-6) hosts Jackpot, Nev on Monday.

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Hansen 44, Castleford 36.
CASTLEFORD Freshman Charlotte Frestad led all scorers with 19 points for Hansen, as the Huskies defeated Castleford 44-36 Friday night in Castleford.

Echo Frey led Castleford with 12 points. Castleford fell by seven points before falling behind in the fourth quarter.

"We played a great game, and we will learn to deal with the pressure and win more games," said Castleford coach Roger Wells.

Castleford (1-5, 1-3 Magic Valley) hosts Magic Valley Christian on Tuesday.

Shoshone 57, Community School 13.
SHOSHONE — Shoshone defeated the Community School Cuthroats 57-13 Friday night in Shoshone.

Katie Strunk led all scorers with 17 points for Shoshone. Six Perkins added 11 points for the Indians.

"Katie Strunk had a great game for us tonight and really got on our way in the first quarter. Overall, we had a great team defensive game," stated Shoshone coach Tim Chapman.

Shoshone (8-0, 3-0 Northside) hosts Gooding tonight.

Boys basketball Jerome 59, Buhl 43.
BUHL — Led by Jared Miller who had 16 points, the Jerome boys got their first win this year against Buhl 59-43. For Buhl, Will Chivers led them in scoring with 20 points.

"Jerome came out hard and shot the ball well," said Buhl coach Ryan Bowler.

Buhl (1-1) hosts Middleton Dec. 20.

Carey 80, Murtaugh 47.
MURTAUGH — Carey blew past Murtaugh in the second half to grab an opening round 80-47 win at the two-day Murtaugh Holiday Tournament Friday.

Murtaugh (1-2) kept pace with the Panthers until the second half, managing only 17 points after trailing 37-30 at the break.

Carey's defense could take most of the credit, but Murtaugh coach Daren Garey pointed to his team's passivity on offense.

"We only had two guys being aggressive," Carey said. "We need someone else to step up."

Bridger Ward scored 22 and Trent Cummins 12 for the Red Devils. KC Rivera led the Panthers with 18 points, followed by Todd Green with 17, Kyle Cook 15, Ty Simmons 14 and Blake Surerus 13.

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Raft River 45, Magic Valley Christian 20

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Community School 42, Shoshone 37

SHOSHONE — The Community School grabbed an important road victory, as the Cuthroats defeated Shoshone 42-37 Friday night in Shoshone.

Jim Fairchild led all scorers with 19 points for the Community School. The Panthers netted 18 points for Shoshone.

"There was too much Jim Fairchild for us to handle tonight. We tried to get back in the game, but we came up a little short," said Shoshone coach Larry Messick.

Shoshone (1-3, 0-1 Northside) travels to Richfield on Wednesday.

Wendell 63, Filer 38.
WENDELL — Kael Pope led all scorers with 27 points for Wendell, as the Trojans defeated Filer 63-38 Friday night in Wendell.

Pope also grabbed 16 rebounds to notch a double-double. Kyle Robinette led the Wildcats with 12 points.

Kael had a great game for us and we had great team defense throughout the game," stated Wendell coach Alan Kelsey.

Wendell (4-0) travels to Castleford on Monday.

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TWIN FALLS — Camas County defeated the Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors 55-37 Friday night in Twin Falls.

Blake Roemer led TFCA with 17 points. The Warriors fell down by 11 at halftime and could not get closer eventually falling to the Warriors.

"Camas was well coached and definitely deserved the win tonight," TFCA coach Brent Walker said.

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Stan Akkerman scored 25 points while JP Sach added 21.

Gooding 76, Glenns Ferry 75.
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Sacramento wins another one in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY — Mike Bibby scored 25 points, Peja Stojakovic added 24 and the Sacramento Kings held on to win for the eighth straight time in Utah, 100-93 Friday night.

Stojakovic scored 13 of his points in the last five minutes, including seven straight free throws in the final 2:37 to help the Kings prevail in their first game after a franchise-record eight-game homestead.

Bobby Jackson, who missed the previous game with bronchitis, added 22.

Raja Bell led the Jazz with 17 points off the bench, including six in a 1:37 span of the fourth quarter to give the Jazz an 87-86 lead with 2:55 remaining.

The Jazz managed only two baskets the rest of the way, however, and both came in the final 25 seconds.

Andre Kirilenko scored 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Jazz, while Greg Ostertag added 12 and 10 rebounds.

The Jazz committed 17 turnovers, while the Kings had only four.

Matt Harpring had 13 points and eight rebounds for the Jazz, and Ben Handlogten added 11 points and six rebounds off the bench.

Timberwolves 110, Wizards 91.
WASHINGTON (AP) — Sam Cassell scored 25 points, Kevin Garnett had 23 points and Ben Gordon had 23 points and Minnesota made 17 of its first 22 shots in a 110-91 victory Friday night over the Washington Wizards.

It was the fourth straight road victory for Minnesota, which got 21 points from Latrell Sprewell and 16 from Gary Trent. The Timberwolves have beaten Washington five straight times.

Larry Hughes led the Wizards with 16 and Christian Laettner added 14. Washington has dropped three straight and seven of eight.

Nuggets 86, 76ers 77.
PHILADELPHIA — Andre Miller had 23 points and Marcus Camby had 16 points and 17 rebounds. Each of Denver's starters scored in double figures as the vastly-improved Nuggets snapped a two-game losing streak.

Kenny Thomas had 19 points and 12 rebounds and Eric Snow had 14 points and 11 assists for the Sixers, who had won three straight.

Allan Iverson, back after missing one game with a knee injury, missed 16 of 22 shots and finished with 18 points. The Nuggets (14-8) are off to their best start since the 1989-90 season.

Celtics 114, Raptors 111.
BOSTON — Paul Pierce had 33 points and 11 rebounds, leading the Celtics to their fourth straight win and snapping Toronto's five-game winning streak.

Vince Carter, who scored 35, missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer that would have tied it. The loss was the Raptors' first since their six-player trade with Chicago.

Pacers 103, Hawks 92.
INDIANAPOLIS — Fred Jones took over for Harrison led with an injury, scoring a career-high 18 points.

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18 points. Harrington had a strong first half before leaving with a bruised right cheekbone, scoring nine points on 4-of-4 shooting with three assists as the Pacers built a 52-35 lead.

Jason Terry had 18 points, five rebounds and four assists for the Hawks, who lost their sixth straight road game.

Heat 91, Grizzlies 88.
MIAMI — Lamar Odom scored a season-high 29 points and the Miami Heat held off a rally to prevent the Grizzlies from setting a franchise record for consecutive wins.

Dwyane Wade scored 14 and Brian Grant had 11 points and 13 rebounds for Miami, which has won six of eight home games. Rafer Alston added 11 points and a season-high seven assists.

Pat Gasol scored 19 points and Earl Watson 16 for Memphis, which trailed by 16 at halftime and by nine after three quarters.

Nets 99, Magic 95.
ORLANDO, Fla. — Kerry Kittles snapped out of a slump to score 22 points, including three 3-pointers in the final four minutes, in leading the Nets to their fourth straight victory — 99-95 over the Orlando Magic on Friday night.

Richard Jefferson added 19 points while Kenyon Martin had 16 points and 15 rebounds for his seventh double-double of the season. Jason Kidd scored eight points on season-best 19-for shooting with a season-high 15 assists and eight rebounds.

Orlando, which had a modest two-game winning streak after 19 straight losses, got 20 points and a season-high six assists from Juwan Howard. Tracy McGrady shook off an early foot injury to add 20 points and nine rebounds, and Drew Gooden had 19 points and 13 rebounds off the bench.

SuperSonics 93, Pistons 72.
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Rashard Lewis scored 33 points to lead the Seattle SuperSonics to a 93-72 victory over the slumping Detroit Pistons, whose only consolation Friday night was Darko Milicic scoring his first NBA points.

Seattle also got 19 from Ronald Murray and 18 from Brent Barry. Detroit, which has lost four straight after a 14-6 start, got 14 points and 11 rebounds from Ben Wallace and 12 points from Chauncey Billups.

Bucks 109, Pistons 95.
MILWAUKEE — Michael Redd added a season-high 22, helping the Milwaukee Bucks send the Chicago Bulls to their fourth consecutive loss, 109-95 Friday night.

Milwaukee's Eastern Conference highest scoring team, blew a 16-point first-half lead before a late 16-2 run to drop the Bulls to a 1-4 since Scott Skiles became head coach.

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coach Angelo Hill. The Thunderbirds caused 29 CSI turnovers in the game, 16 in the second half.

"That's probably the reason he plays zone," Rogers said. "They do have the biggest players, but they have players with those long arms that are able to cause some problems and get some touches."

The Eagles led by as many as 17 in the first half at 29-12 following Lenka Zimova's turnaround jumper off the glass.

CSI had led 19-10 and then went on a 10-2 spurt, highlighted by Orndorff's shot from beyond the arc and a

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NFL Injury Report
New York Jets: QB Matt Cassel (knee) is doubtful for the injury report...

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Oregon vs. Kansas, ESPN, noon

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Area ski report

Boyer Basin - Open 12/21 for the day
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Boxing

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Golf

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Rodeo

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For appropriate reports check out the sports page at... and click on New Castle.

CSI students accepting canned goods at tourney

TWIN FALLS - College of Southern Idaho students are collecting non-perishable food items for the needy during this weekend's Coca-Cola women's basketball tournament...

CSI baseball camp set for late December

TWIN FALLS - The 23rd annual Southern Idaho Baseball Camp will be held Dec. 27-29 at the Eldon Evans Expo Center...

Open gym times are available in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department and the Twin Falls School District are sponsoring a free open gym on Sundays through Feb. 29 at Robert Stuart Junior High...

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SPORTS

New weapons for Raptors

Toronto is winning after big trade

TORONTO (AP) — Vince Carter isn't the only scoring threat in Toronto anymore. Suddenly, the Raptors have several other offensive options to choose from thanks to their big trade with the Chicago Bulls.

And it shows. They won their first five games after acquiring Jalen Rose, Donyell Marshall and Lonny Baxter, averaging 100 points after scoring an NBA-worst 78 before the trade.

"It's amazing how things have changed," said coach Kevin O'Neill, whose team is no longer on pace to break the record low set by the post-Jordan Bulls of 1999, who averaged only 81.9 points.

"We don't just have good scoring, we have good shooting. By that I mean, guys that can penetrate and kick and make plays for each other."

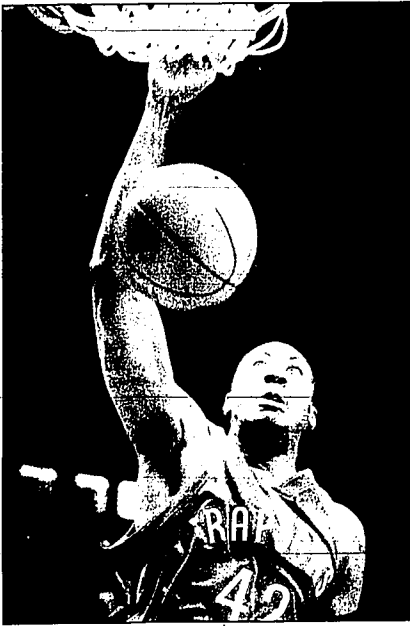
It's quite a turnaround for a franchise that started this season 8-8 and went 24-58 last year.

Rose, Toronto's new starting point guard, and Carter are attracting double teams, leading to open shots for Marshall, Alvin Williams, Morris Peterson and rookie Chris Bosh.

With more space to operate, Bosh has flourished as the starting center, averaging 14.6 points, 9.8 rebounds and 37 minutes despite being undersized at 6-foot-10 and 228 pounds.

He's even being mentioned with LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony for rookie of the year. "It's pretty early, but I'd love to be in that race," said the 19-year-old Bosh, who against Seattle had 22 points and tied the club's rookie rebound record with 16 grabs.

"The trade has gone better than expected," he said. "I'm thinking when trades happen you have to kind of start over and find your team again, find what kind of style of team you are, but we've looked pretty good. We



Toronto's Donyell Marshall dunks the ball in the first quarter against the Cleveland Cavaliers, Dec. 9 in Cleveland. The Raptors won their first five games after acquiring Marshall, Jalen Rose and Lonny Baxter, averaging 100 points after scoring an NBA-worst 78 before the trade.

have an identity now."

But it's Williams and Peterson who appear to have benefited the most from the Dec. 1 trade that sent Antonio Davis, Jerome Williams and Chris Jefferies to Chicago.

Alvin Williams, who moved from point guard to shooting guard, is averaging 11 points and can now focus on making open jumpers. And Peterson doesn't have to create his own shot.

"I think everybody now gets to play their role, and be who they

are," Carter said. "Mo Peto is a flat-out 3-point shooter."

Peterson made four open 3-pointers to help the Raptors pull away in the fourth quarter of their victory over Seattle on Dec. 7. A driving Carter assisted on three of them.

In the revamped Raptors' first win over Philadelphia on Dec. 2, Carter recorded a career-high 12 assists and 21 points. Marshall scored 27 points and Rose added eight assists, despite not practicing with their new team yet.

"I don't think we could have asked for much better," Toronto general manager Glen Grunwald said. "It's been good from the won-loss perspective, but also from the perspective of putting points on the board. It's a little easier on the eye to watch."

The next night against Boston, Carter collected 10 assists and 21 points while Marshall scored 21 in the victory that gave Toronto a franchise record of 17 3-pointers.

"Glen Grunwald has really put together a team that's very, very difficult to guard," Celtics coach Jim O'Brien said. "I thought our team really completed their guts out. I don't know if anybody could have beaten them shooting the way they did."

Two nights later in Atlanta, and then again Tuesday against Cleveland, Carter, Marshall and Rose each scored at least 20 points to help push the Raptors to 13-8, the fourth best record in the Eastern Conference.

"Grunwald admits his team is undersized without Davis and Jerome Williams: Marshall is 6-foot-9 and is more of a perimeter threat, and Baxter is just 6-foot-8. "It's certainly a concern, but at the same time hopefully we can deal with it," Grunwald said.

Not everyone is convinced, though, that the new Raptors will be able to sustain their momentum.

Among them, two former Raptors, whose new team has gone 1-3 since the deal. Davis, who had been a strong defensive presence in Toronto, questions whether his former team will play defense after the honeymoon period — even Williams believes Toronto's lack of size might become an issue in the playoffs.

"When they beat the Lakers, then I'll take notice," he said. "You can be hot for one, two possibly three games. But when you talk about playing seven games with one day in between, jump shot get old. They don't always fall."

Rose, on the other hand, is optimistic and feels rejuvenated with his new team. He raves about Carter's unselfishness and how it took two months to get four wins with Chicago, but just a week to do that in Toronto.

After a torrid start, Seattle's Flip sits

Unlikely star finds his coach needs more defense

SEATTLE (AP) — Ronald Murray started the season as an NBA sensation, an unlikely star who put together a slew of high-scoring games while grabbing plenty of "Who Is This Guy?" headlines.

So why wasn't he upset when Seattle SuperSonics coach Nate McMillan benched him?

Murray said it's because he understands he remains a rookie, no matter how well he played during his first real opportunity to prove himself in the league.

"I'm still just learning the game," said Murray, a second-year guard who's averaging 19.2 points this season, the same as Shaquille O'Neal. "Knowing when to take a shot and when not to, stuff like that. I've just started playing, I'm not a vet. It's going to come along, slowly but surely."

Despite his eye-opening start, Murray was grounded last week-end when McMillan replaced him with Antonio Daniels in the starting lineup against the Houston Rockets.

"He's been professional all along in the way he played when he was given the opportunity and in the way he has played and responded to being brought off the bench," McMillan said.

"I like what I see. He knows he'll get his opportunities to play." The 6-foot-4 Murray is a little-known scoring guard from Division II Shaw College in Raleigh, N.C., who seized his big chance when



Seattle SuperSonics' Ronald 'Flip' Murray scores in a game Nov. 23 in Atlanta. Going into this week, Murray ranked among the NBA's top 10 scorers.

All-Star teammate Ray Allen went down with an injury.

He answers to Ronald but prefers to go by his nickname, Flip. A friend joked with him that he resembled one of the characters in a movie they saw together, and the nickname stuck.

"I got it from a movie, 'Above the Rim,'" Murray said.

Being benched didn't dash Murray's hopes, since his NBA career could be viewed as good fortune in his own right. His arrival from Milwaukee in the Allen-for-Gary Payton trade was another good break.

"I thought it might be a chance

for me," said Murray, thrown into the deal along with Kevin Ollie to make the salaries match. "I knew I wasn't going to get a chance to play in Milwaukee."

In 14 games last season with the Bucks and Sonics, Murray scored 27 points.

He drew raves from scouts, though, for his summer league play. Then with Allen sidelined by ankle surgery, Murray opened the regular season by scoring at least 20 points in 10 of Seattle's first 11 games.

His name instantly was listed among the NBA scoring leaders, right up with Tracy McGrady and

so many people." About 600 Kentucky and Michigan State band members will blast their fight songs behind the baskets, instead of just a dozen toting tubs and trombones from the home team's pep band. With no seats behind the baskets, thousands of students will stand — and jump — on the artificial turf to watch the action and be seen by a national television audience.

Heisman trophy often fails to translate to success in NFL

NEW YORK (AP) — When the winner of the Heisman Trophy steps to the podium on Saturday night, the moment of football glory could be his last.

The most prestigious individual award in college football doesn't mean much in the NFL. Instead of dominating as professionals, most recent winners haven't even been able to get into a game.

Eric Crouch quit football before his career started; Chris Weinke, Ron Dayne and Carson Palmer haven't produced a yard all season; Danny Wuerffel and Rashan Salaam are out of the league; and Charlie Ward chose basketball over the NFL.

Only three of the last 10 winners — Eddie George, Charles Woodson and Ricky Williams — have had any impact as professionals this season.

So while winning the Heisman would be the crowning moment of a college career for Larry Fitzgerald, Eli Manning, Jason White or Chris Perry, it won't necessarily be a launching pad to NFL greatness.

"It puts you in a very elite group," said Fitzgerald, a receiver for Pittsburgh. "It's something that can never be taken away from you regardless of how your career is after college. It can never be earned and went on to be a star, there were players like Gino Torretta, Ty Detmer and Andre Ware, whose career highlights were only in college.

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Watch it
TV: ABC, 6 p.m.

Of the 67 winners, just seven are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, with Sanders and Tim Brown likely to follow.

"A different type of player is successful at the college level as opposed to the pro level," said Gil Brandt, the former general manager of the Dallas Cowboys and the NFL's senior draft consultant. "So sometimes the best college player doesn't become the best pro player."

Brandt cites a perfect example in this year's Heisman race: White is considered by many to be the favorite to win the trophy after throwing 40 touchdown passes and leading No. 3 Oklahoma (12-1) to the Bowl Championship Series title game in the Sugar Bowl.

But some draft time in April, White's name probably won't be called until the second day, after loads of linemen, defenders and even other stronger-armed quarterbacks who never were in contention to win the Heisman.

White's future is clouded by two serious knee injuries that almost ended his career and a lack of what NFL scouts describe as measurables — speed, size and strength, which usually count more than production in the draft.

There are a lot of ways to determine who is the best player in college football," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "If it's about draft status, we should wait until the draft and see who the top pick is."

Manning

Continued from B1 decade, Manning is a Heisman Trophy finalist.

"That's what my goal was coming into this season," he said. "For Ole Miss to win a bunch of games, for me to play smart football and try to put us in a situation to win those games."

Manning is the third member of his family to be in the running of the Heisman.

When dad, Archie, was the star quarterback for Ole Miss, he finished fourth in the Heisman voting as a junior in 1959 and third as a senior.

Big brother, Peyton, lost one of the closest Heisman races ever to Michigan's Charles Woodson in 1997.

The Heisman hysteria was made on Peyton Manning, who was more the overwhelming favorite for the award the day he announced he would return for his senior season at Tennessee.

"Eli's overall experience has probably been better, because he kind of jumped up there in the last few weeks," Archie Manning said.

Eli Manning started the season as more of a second-tier Heisman candidate.

Sure, he had the skills and the name recognition, but Manning seemed destined to be a very good player on an ordinary team. Ole Miss went 7-6 in 2002 and wasn't expected to be much better in 2003.

At his own request, Ole Miss did little to promote him.

When the Rebels got off to a 2-2 start, Manning's name all but disappeared from the Heisman watch lists.

Then Ole Miss rallied to win at Florida with Manning leading a game-winning fourth-quarter TD drive.

Eli-Manning's Game-by-Game

Opponent	Att	Com	Yds.	TD	Int.
at Vanderbilt	32	22	215	1	0
at Memphis	48	29	242	4	2
La.-Monroe	26	21	353	3	0
Texas Tech	29	49	409	3	2
at Florida	29	17	262	0	0
Alabama St.	35	23	306	1	1
Alabama	24	14	230	3	0
Arkansas	32	17	145	1	1
South Carolina	42	30	391	3	1
at Auburn	39	19	218	1	0
LSU	36	16	200	1	0
at Mississippi St.	19	12	260	3	0
Total	410	283	3341	27	9

this season, passing for 3,341 yards with 27 touchdowns and nine interceptions.

If the Heisman Trophy was given to the most valuable instead of most outstanding player, Manning might be the favorite.

The Rebels (9-3) won nine regular-season games for the first time in — 13 years — with only a three-point loss to No. 2 LSU keeping them from their first appearance in the SEC title game.

Cutcliffe, who was Peyton's quarterback coach at Tennessee, believes Eli's excellence rubbed off on the rest of the Rebels.

"I think it actually has an affect not only on the offense, but on the defense as well," Cutcliffe said. "It's a great player, who is a team player, so they do rally around him."

"They think, 'If we play well and get ourselves in position to win games, Eli's the type of player who will make plays to win the games.'"

Some make it sound like Ole Miss was one player away from being Vanderbilt — a suggestion that makes Manning uncomfortable.

It's that modesty that makes Manning such an effective leader. The other Rebels don't begrudge all the attention he gets outside of school.

"But I still would have to say he is as important to our team as any other player in the country is to his team," the coach said. "He is certainly our most valuable player."

Officials expect record crowd for 'BasketBowl'

DETROIT (AP) — How big will the crowd be at the game they're calling "BasketBowl?"

Well, there will be so many fans that most will have trouble figuring out whether the game starts with a jump ball or a coin toss.

When Michigan State hosts Kentucky on Saturday, a world-record crowd of close to 80,000 is expected to pack into indoor Ford Field home of the Detroit Lions.

They'll be sitting on a 3-foot platform above the 50-yard line.

"It's going to be wild," Michigan State guard Chris Hill said. "We've played in domes, but usually, the court is in the end zone and there's a curtain that cuts off half of the seats. It's going to be different to play in the middle of a big football stadium."

"I can't even imagine what it's going to be like playing in front of

so many people." About 600 Kentucky and Michigan State band members will blast their fight songs behind the baskets, instead of just a dozen toting tubs and trombones from the home team's pep band.

With no seats behind the baskets, thousands of students will stand — and jump — on the artificial turf to watch the action and be seen by a national television audience.

High-rollers have paid \$500 each for seats on the court. A slew of standing-room only spectators will watch from the concourse between the bottom and top levels. Others have spent \$8 just to say they were there — even if they're so far away the players look like ants.

The basketball attendance record is 75,000, set in 1951 when the Harlem Globetrotters played at Olympic Stadium in Berlin.

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



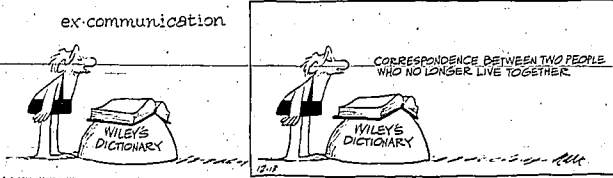
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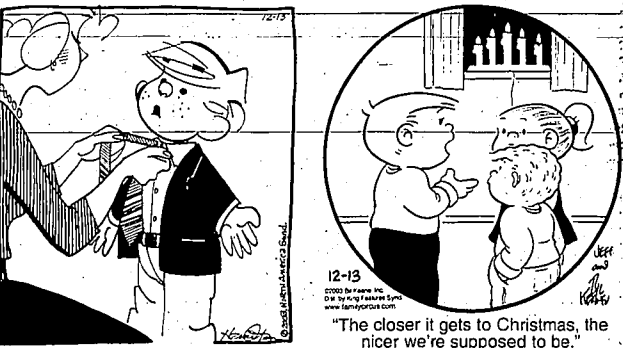


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The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



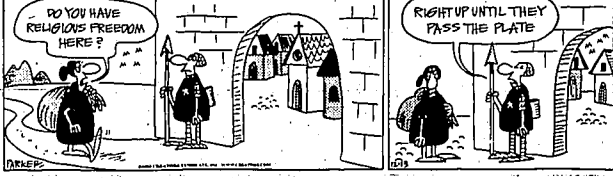
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By Chance Browne



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Luann

By Greg Evans



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves

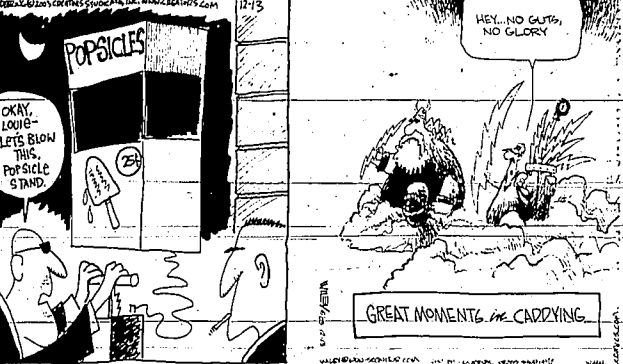


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



The Bom Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Tax-Aide volunteers - The AARP Tax-Aide Program needs volunteers throughout south central Idaho to help low- and middle-income people with their tax returns. Volunteers are especially needed in Camas, Cassia, Lincoln and Minidoka counties. Study guides will be distributed in December. In January, volunteers will receive free comprehensive classroom training. No prior tax experience is needed, but some computer experience is helpful. Volunteers will need to commit at least 40 hours of volunteer service over the two-week tax season. Call Bob Wunderlic at 837-9178 or Fred Ripley at 543-6544.

Treadmill - The North Side Head Start needs a treadmill in good condition. Call Linda or Judy at 324-2385.

Volunteer tutors - The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program needs volunteer tutors to assist students

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help.

If you need a volunteer, call the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 320. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

Please submit your request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Call weekly to retain request.

three to four hours a week in advanced math in the Mini-Cassia area. Call Ruth Scott at 732-6536 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6536.

Storm door installation - A volunteer is needed to install/modify a storm door for an elderly woman in Twin Falls. Call Nora at 733-6333.

Winter clothes, blankets - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs winter clothing for men, women and children and heavy blankets and comforters. Items may be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. To adopt a family for Christmas, call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

Transportation - Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers/Faith in Action needs a volunteer to transport a woman from Jerome to counseling from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Twin Falls. Call Nora at 733-6333.

Walking companion - Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers/Faith in Action needs a walking companion for a disabled woman once a week in the afternoon or early evening at Magic Valley Mall. Call Nora at 733-6333.

HELP FROM A SCOUT

Scout Kyle James, right, built a sign for the South Central Community Action Partnership Burley Center for his Eagle project. With him is Ken Robinette, Community Action executive director. Kyle is a member of Troop 118 and an honor student at Oakley High School. With this project Kyle completed all merit badges and requirements for his Eagle award. His parents are Dennis and DeeAnn James. Roland Bean was the Eagle projects advancement chairman, Tom Garrard the troop leader, Scout Dillon Bingham helped, Dan Price of JP Sales provided a trailer to haul materials, Ronco Building supplied the concrete, Butte Fence provided the sign and Graphix Sign the lettering.



Photo courtesy of South Central Community Action

Kimberly City Library adds new books

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly City Library has announced the addition of the following new books:

Adult fiction: "Dark Inheritance" by Michael Gear, "Kiss an Angel" by Susan Elizabeth Phillips, "Star Wars: Light" and "Follow the Stars Home" by Lucie Rice, "Both Ends of the Night" by Marcia Muller, "Foggy Mountain Breakdown and Other Stories" and "Ghost Riders: A Novel" by Sharyn Bruehl Newman, "Shatterpoint" by Matthew Woodring Stover, "Missing Pieces" by Joy Fielding, "The Soul Catcher" by Alex Kava, "Tell Me

No Lies" by Elizabeth Lowell, "Exit Wound" by J.A. Jance, "Presumption of Death" by Perri O'Shaughnessy, "Cane River" by Lalita Tademy, "Cordina's Crown Jewel" by Nora Roberts, "Seizure" by Robin Cook, "Street Dreams" by Faye Kellerman, "To the Nines" by Janet Evanovich, "Stonebrook Cottage" by Carla Neggers, "Heart of the West" by Penelope Williamson, "Haunting Rachel" by Kay Hooper, "Fire Cloud" by Cassie Edwards, "Waiting for the Moon" by Kristin Hanna, "The Accused" by Craig Parshall, "An Echo of Hope" by Dianna Crawford, "Speak to me of Love" by Robin Lee Hatcher,

"Fatal Harvest" by Catherine Palmer, "The Fall" by Kirsten Lasinski. **Adult nonfiction:** "Ice Age" by Windsor Churlton, "The Doctor's Book of Home Remedies for Children: From Allergies and Animal Bites to Toothache and TV Addiction" by Denise Foley, "Mice as Pets" by Mervin F. Roberts, "Banish Your Belly, But and Thighs Forever," "Know Your Rights and How to Make Them Work for You" by Reader's Digest and "Bitter Harvest" by Ann Rule. For more information, call the library at 423-4555.



Sandra Wisecever/The Times-News

From front, Dennis Lutz, Mike Graybeal and Steve Henry sing out during a rehearsal for the 2003 Christmas Cantata.

Holiday tradition continues in Buhl with Christmas Cantata

By Sandra Wisecever
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - A holiday tradition for many Magic Valley residents is the annual Christmas Cantata.

The 2003 performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Buhl United Methodist Church and 3 p.m. Dec. 21 at the Clover Trinity Lutheran Church. Freewill offerings are taken to help cover the cost of music.

Singers - of all faiths from throughout the valley will perform "Once Upon A Night" by Pepper Choplin. It tells the story of Christ's birth from the perspective of Luke.

"It's a really good piece of music for this community," cantata director Gary Heidel said. "We've never done anything quite like this before. It's a different kind of cantata, a brand new 2003 release. I think parts of it are just down right gorgeous."

Soloists this year include Carol

Barness of Filer, Steve Henry of Buhl, Charlotte Maffin of Buhl and a speaking part by Mary Iverson of Buhl. At the keyboards are Mavis Easterday, Janice Jensen, Carolyn Kohntopp and Lois Lehman, all of Buhl, and Judy Lieberman of Filer.

"I sang in the cantata every year, then I was the house manager and this year I am the narrator," Terry Kramer of Castledorf said. "It is a tradition in the community. It is an opportunity for us to come together and celebrate Christmas. It's a fabulous amount of people who volunteer their time and put on a show for the community."

The cantata started with 20 singers, a piano and organ and has grown to 60 singers and five keyboard orchestras this year. The event was organized in 1985 by John Enns of Castledorf.

"Every year the Castledorf churches would try to get choirs going for Christmas performance,

and each church would end up with a little choir," Enns said. "I thought it would be a good idea if the churches got together and formed one choir."

Enns and wife, Diane, recruited performers for the first one, and he directed the cantata for several years.

"In all honesty, I had taken that choir as far as my abilities would go," Enns said. "Gary and I sang together in the Vandalers at the University of Idaho. He has taken the cantata to a higher level."

"It started in the Castledorf area, then Buhl got involved, then Filer and Clover," Heidel said. The performance sites are alternated each year between those locations.

The Castledorf Men's Club purchased a keyboard last year and provides financial support for the performances. Subsidizing the purchase of the music is the West End Men's Association. J&D Printing also helps each year.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Twin Falls cafe displays children's artwork

TWIN FALLS - A free winter display of artwork by students of the Twin Falls Creative Arts Center will be displayed at the Metropolis Cafe, 125 Main Ave. E. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays through Jan. 3. Students are Ashley and Ethan Alexander, Savina Barth-Brown, Hadley Biagiotti, Samantha Brizee, Grace Brown, Megan Burr, Brayden Claar, Adam and Josh Clark, Emma Cugno, Nick Dixon, Alexis Elliott, Brooke Fitzgerald, Chris Flournoy, Megan Hinton, Maddie Johnson, Britany Kline, Danica Kluth, Sunny Leavitt, Jake Lindsay, Melissa Lockwood, Reed McKenzie, Torrin McKenzie, Ausha Messman, Alec and Connor Meyerhoeffer, Brad and Britany Pierce, Katherine Reed, Anthony and Camellia Scholes, Kevin Tegan, Mary Toft, Taryn Trotter, Caleb Turner, Abel and Tasia Turner, Maddie Watkins, Bradley Whitesell, Natalie Whiting and Michael Zitterkopf. For more information, call Karen Fothergill at 737-9111.

Rock Creek-Brew Master's Club holds Christmas party

TWIN FALLS - The Rock Creek Brew Master's Club will hold its Christmas party at 7 p.m. Dec. 20 at the home of Rob Steinko, 589 Whispering Pine Drive in Twin Falls. Members should bring a

Christmas dessert to share and beer and wine samples to play name the sample game. Prizes will be awarded. New and old members are invited. For more information, call 736-0961.

Magic Breathers Club meets Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Breathers Club will meet from 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Office on Aging Annex at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. The meeting room can accommodate wheelchairs and portable oxygen equipment. For more information, call Kurt at 734-9330, Lisa at 734-4450 or Mardo at 734-6507.

Desert Sage Quilters hold Christmas party

TWIN FALLS - The Desert Sage Quilters will hold its monthly meeting and Christmas party at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the KMVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Soup and bread will be served. Members are asked to bring stockings, wrapped candy, and stocking stuffers for various community Christmas projects for those in need. Charlotte Maffin will present the quilting program.

Jerome HS Band presents Christmas concert

JEROME - The Jerome High

School Band will present its Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Monday in the school auditorium, 104 N. Tiger Drive. The public is invited. A freewill donation will be taken.

Magic Valley Viking Lodge meets Monday

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Viking Lodge of the Sons of Norway will hold its annual Christmas party at 7 p.m. Monday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. in Twin Falls. The video "Christmas in Norway" will be shown. Guests are asked to bring a \$5 gift to exchange and a plate of cookies to share. For more information call 324-4085.

Single senior women's peer support group starts up

TWIN FALLS - A single senior women's peer support group, Birds of a Feather, will meet from 12:30 p.m. beginning Monday at the Twin Falls Senior Center library. The meetings will be held every Monday. There is no charge and the group is open to all.

Center accepts Christmas baskets applications

SHOSHONE - The Shoshone Senior Center, 218 N. Rail St., W., is accepting applications for

Christmas baskets of food or toys for needy people in Lincoln County.

Food will be delivered after 9 a.m. Dec. 20. For more information, call 886-2369.

Filer High School Christmas concert benefits food bank

FILER - The Filer High School Christmas concert will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in the school auditorium, 3915 N. Wildcat Way. The Madrigals, Bel Canto Choir, concert choir, concert band and jazz band will perform various Christmas selections. Admission is one food item which will be donated to the Filer Ministerial Association for the local food bank. A silent auction will be held during the intermission with funds used for music scholarships.

Filer Middle School concert takes place Tuesday

FILER - The Filer Middle School Christmas concert will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the auditorium. Under the direction of Penni Coon, The Sixth, seventh and eighth-grade bands will perform a selection of Christmas music. Admission is one food item to be donated to the Filer Ministerial Association. A silent auction is scheduled during the intermission with funds going to music camp scholarships.

Buhl Community Ed offers class on essential oils

BUHL - The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association will offer a class on essential oils and herbs from 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Buhl High School library, 525 Sawtooth. Students will learn how to use oils and herbs to treat joint pain, allergies, infections, headaches, insomnia, arthritis, acne, diabetes, asthma and fibromyalgia. The cost is \$6. For more information, call Connie Glander at 543-6553.

Diетrich High School holds Christmas program

DIETRICH - The Dietrich High School music department will hold its Christmas program at 7 p.m. Monday in the school gym, 406 N. Park. For more information, call 544-2158.

Square dancers schedules Christmas potluck, dance

JEROME - The Magic Valley Square Dancers will hold its Christmas potluck and dance at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the American Legion Hall in Jerome. All square dancers are invited. Everyone should bring a dish to share. Meat, rolls and drinks, along with the table service, will be provided. There also will be a gift exchange and a "Share the Santa Fun" with 50 cent per ticket

B.J. Duplicate Bridge Club announces results

RUPERT - Results for the B.J. Duplicate Bridge Club for Dec. 9 were, north/south first, Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland; second, Ella Amnest and Lola Mowman; third, Dot Crosson and Norma Goodman; and fourth, Howard and Mary Tucker. East/west: first, Jane Keicher and Donna Moore; second, Peggie Payne and Dona Kuanu; third, Margarine Manning and Steve Sams; and fourth, Fann and Warren McEntire. Play continues at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Rupert Elks. The public is invited.

Little Flower Catholic Church announces winners

BURLEY - The Little Flower Catholic Church in Burley held a raffle in conjunction with its annual bazaar. Winners were Bernard Bond, blue ribbon aghans; Lori Herischied, tied quilt; Jerry Ennis, ceramic St. Nicholas; Uta Quan, tin man; Jean Mayes, gift basket; and Janet Ward, hand-loomed rug. Juanita Medellin and Dorothy Rose each won 50 pounds of potatoes. Lupe Sena won the turkey door prize.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Poll: Some tots think Santa uses the door

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Mall managers conducted a little market research this season.

The findings? Among children polled, 18 percent believe Santa uses the door to deliver their presents.

Chicago-based Jones-Lang LaSalle Inc., a real estate services and investment management firm that manages Magic Valley Mall, surveyed more than 3,000 children ages 3 through 11 who waited in line to visit Santa over the Thanksgiving weekend at Magic Valley Mall and 19 other shopping centers managed by Jones-Lang LaSalle.

Survivors at the 20 malls across the country asked the children what they wanted most this year. Boys' top pick was Nintendo's Game Boy Advance, while girls expressed the highest desire for Mattel's Barbie of Swan Lake. Santa and his reindeer will be rewarded for their generosity on Christmas Eve, as 76.9 percent of the children said they would leave out cookies and milk for Santa, and 10.3 percent said they will leave carrots for his reindeer. Children's favorite reindeer? Rudolph led the pack (70.7 percent) with Comet coming in second (4.2 percent).

Though most children believe Santa's transportation is reindeer-powered, how Santa gets their presents into their homes is under debate, with 53.3 percent of children saying it is through their chimneys. Children also believe Santa uses the door (18.0 percent), magic (11.1 percent), a "Santa key" (7.0 percent) and the window (3.3 percent). And 4.9 percent were unsure how Santa gets in.

Coeur d'Alene Mines will issue new stocks

COEUR D'ALENE — Coeur d'Alene Mines Corp. has filed papers with the Securities and Exchange Commission asking permission to sell various types of securities to raise up to \$150 million.

The move is called a "universal shelf" filing. The securities may include debt securities, preferred stock, common stock and warrants. The company said this week that it expects to use the proceeds for general corporate purposes.

Coeur d'Alene Mines is the world's largest primary silver producer, and also produces gold.

Company shares have recently flirted with 52-week highs, but are trading just under \$5 a share. The 52-week low was \$1.22, set last March.

IHOP's genial champion of free enterprise dies

GLENDALE, Calif. — Richard "Kim" Herzer, the charismatic chief executive who helped build IHOP Corp. into a 1,000-restaurant empire, has died.

Herzer, a 36-year employee of the Glendale-based pancake-house chain, died Sunday at his home after suffering a heart attack. Respected for his knowledge of the restaurant business and his affable nature, Herzer won credit for saving the chain in the 1980s.

After leading a management buyout of the chain from its troubled corporate owner, Herzer took IHOP public in 1991 and shepherded it through steady development until his retirement last December.

"He truly believed in the entrepreneurial spirit, and his legacy is evident," said Julia A. Stewart, IHOP's current president and chief executive. "He created opportunities for hundreds of people across the country, who started out as dishwashers and are now millionaires. They look to Kim as the reason why."

During his time heading the company, he operated an unusually generous franchising program, lending franchisees money to get restaurants running and giving many independent operators a chance in an environment dominated by large corporations. The company has since shifted to a more traditional program, but Herzer's plan allowed for steady growth and stable income for decades.

The chain includes a franchised restaurant in Twin Falls.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Special agent: Scrutinize currency

By Anna Dovenmuehler
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — In the United States arrests for counterfeiting have climbed from 37 in 1995 to about 4,500 last year. P-Notes — or printer notes — account for nearly 40 percent of the \$47.5 million counterfeit bills seized each year, according to the Treasury Department.

Jaime Fitch, a Secret Service special agent, recently told a gathering of Jerome Chamber of Commerce members what to look for, the precautions business owners can take to help guard against counterfeit-

ing, and what to do if you have received counterfeit notes or checks.

Fitch gave these tips on spotting counterfeit currency:

- \$100 P-Notes are almost always missing a thread that reads "USA 100," which is embedded in the paper and can be read from both sides when held up to the light. The thread should glow light red or pink under ultraviolet light.

- You will find colorshifting ink (green to black) in the number in the lower right-hand corner of authentic bills larger than \$5.

- Genuine portraits will appear crisp and clear and stand out distinctly from the background. A counterfeit portrait is usually flat and lifeless.

- Serial numbers are evenly spaced and have a distinct style on genuine bills, while on counterfeit bills the numbers may vary in size, shade or color.

- Genuine currency paper has very small blue and red fibers embedded throughout. On counterfeit bills the lines are printed on the surface.

- Treasury seals on a genuine bill are distinct, sharp and clear. Seals on counterfeit

bills may have blunt, uneven or broken saw-tooth points.

- The feel of a counterfeit bill is slick; it will not feel as if the printing is raised as on a genuine bill.

- Counterfeit checks are harder to recognize and becoming more frequent. Look for erasures, pen and ink corrections or strikeovers. Look for color changes or bleaching around numbers or letters. Check for misalignment of type or uneven spacing.

- Look for irregular signatures, differences in handwriting and different colors of ink used on checks, Fitch said.

Sandwich chain stays on a roll

Hartford Courant

MILFORD, Conn. — Of all the recipes cooked up at the Subway sandwich chain, perhaps the most important is founder Fred DeLuca's unconventional recipe for growth, which goes something like this: Set an absurd, ridiculous, pie-in-the-sky, what-are-you-nuts goal — and then exceed it.

That might make 'em wince at the MBA programs, but DeLuca — the world's richest sandwich king with a net worth that some peg at more than \$1 billion — has consistently silenced his doubters. Last year, Milford-based Subway surpassed almighty McDonald's as the largest restaurant chain in the United States, and every four hours, a franchisee cuts the ribbon on yet another Subway shop somewhere around the globe.

That pace has helped Subway become a \$6 billion-a-year powerhouse, and every year more than \$100 million in profits reportedly is returned to Subway's two owners: DeLuca, and the lucky neighbor who loaned him \$1,000 to open his first store in Bridgeport 38 years ago.

But alongside that irresistible rags-to-riches tale are nagging questions about whether Subway is growing too fast, and whether the corporation's relentless and profitable drive for store openings comes at the expense of struggling franchisees.

Some store owners have complained they have lost significant business when new shops sprouted nearby. And for years, Subway was held out as the poster child for lopsided franchise agreements. Five years ago, a spokesman for the House Committee on Small Business described Subway as "the biggest problem in franchising."

DeLuca said the company's structure now gives franchisees a better voice in strategic planning. And he said the business can't be had a deal — because as fast as the chain is growing, he said, the number of people who want to get in on a Subway shop is



Fred DeLuca, co-founder and head of Subway, the sandwich shop chain that recently opened its 20,000th franchise, stands in the company's headquarters in Milford, Conn., where flags are on display from all the countries in which Subway has outlets.

growing even faster. "Thirty-eight years ago, DeLuca just wanted to sell enough sandwiches to get him through college.

In 1965, as an eager 17-year-old, he borrowed \$1,000 from Peter Buck, a family friend, and opened Pete's Super Submarines in Bridgeport. After the grand-opening burst, however, it became a money-losing operation. But DeLuca and Buck confronted failure with a curious strategy: They

opened a second store. And then a third and a fourth and a fifth, figuring the expansion would give the impression of success while improving the visibility of the chain.

It worked. With five stores, DeLuca started to see a decent profit, and he confidently set a goal of 32 shops in 10 years. Eight years in, DeLuca hit on franchising.

"We saw McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken and they

were growing, and they were franchising," DeLuca said during an interview in his large office overlooking Milford's Mondo Pond. "So we thought, let's do that, too; it'll help us get to 32. And we didn't really think much beyond that."

The chain, which was renamed Subway, blew past 32 stores, thanks to bargain-basement franchise fees and a simple concept.

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At first, Subway passed on successful pitchman

Hartford Courant

MILFORD, Conn. — Subway's growth in recent years is due in part to popular menu innovations, including new breads and new sauces. But a chunk of the credit goes to a wildly successful marketing campaign that the company nearly missed.

In the late 1990s, Subway founder Fred DeLuca noticed a spike in sales at restaurants around Houston. The reason: a local ad agency had noticed seven sandwiches on the menu

with a relatively low 6 grams of fat or less, and built an ad campaign called "7 Under 6."

The message worked, and the chain — which has franchised locations in Magic Valley — eventually rolled the concept out nationwide, positioning Subway as the healthful alternative to burgers and fries.

"And then," DeLuca said, "Jared comes along."

Jared Fogle, a college student who had been overweight most of his life, noticed the 7 Under 6 campaign and shed 245 pounds

sticking to a diet made up primarily of low-fat Subway sandwiches.

In 1999, Fogle's mother wrote DeLuca a letter of thanks, and DeLuca immediately saw marketing gold. But others in the organization weren't so sure — individual cases of extreme weight loss are typically the province of snake-oil diet pills.

Mrs. Fogle's letter ended up in the trash.

But Fogle's college newspaper ran a story on his remarkable weight loss, which prompted an

article in Men's Health magazine, a copy of which landed in the mailbox of a Subway franchisee in Chicago.

"He said, 'Let's call this kid. Maybe he can make an ad for us here in Chicago,'" DeLuca said.

Fogle agreed, and DeLuca saw the same uptick in sales he had seen in Houston.

Other franchisees started calling, and before long, Fogle quit his marketing job at an airline, hired an agent, and became a full-time spokesman for Subway.

Don't let the ghosts of Christmas past haunt your credit.

The Baltimore Sun

Even those who head into the holidays with the best intentions not to overspend sometimes can't resist overindulging.

Once in the mall, they get caught up in the holiday spirit and the emotion of buying for loved ones, said credit counselors who usually see their business pick up in the New Year when bills roll in. Or, they get so irritated by the crush of fellow shoppers that they spend whatever it takes to escape the crowd.

This season, despite signs that the economy is picking up, consumers want to restrain spending more than usual, according to a recent survey of more than 1,000 adults by the Consumer Federation of America and Credit Union National Association. Half

of respondents said they would spend the same this holiday as they did a year ago. But 34 percent said they would spend less, compared with 21 percent last year.

To Bill Hampel, the credit union association's chief economist, the survey suggests that consumers are less convinced that an economic recovery is at hand and they are worried about their debt. Knowing how easy it is for good intentions to go awry, experts suggest some simple steps to keep from overspending:

- Plan ahead. "The way to spend the most is not to think about what you are going to buy, go to the mall with a credit card with a \$7,000 credit limit and start spending," said Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the Consumer Federation.

Before leaving the house, decide how much you can afford to spend, not only on gifts but other holiday items, such as cards, postage and wrapping paper. Then make a list of the people on your gift list, how much you will spend on each and gift ideas for every person. This reduces impulse purchases.

Some advise putting the list away for a day. When you come back to it with fresh eyes, you might see items to delete, such as the gift for the co-worker who never remembers your name.

Don't step into a store without first doing some comparison shopping through newspaper ads and the Internet, experts said. And don't procrastinate. The more time you have to shop, the less likely you'll end up at the last minute grabbing whatever is left

on the shelves no matter the cost.

- Paper or plastic? Paying with cash is an easy way to avoid spending more than you have, Brobeck said. If you're worried about carrying too much cash around, use a check, he said.

- Or use a debit card that offers the convenience of a credit card but takes money directly out of your bank account so you're not accruing interest.

- If you prefer credit cards, take no more than two with you shopping so it's easier to track spending, Mike Kidwell, co-founder of Myvesta, a debt-management company in Rockville, Md.

- Also, before using a card that you might carry a balance on, call the card company and ask for a lower interest rate; he said. Many card companies will lower rates for good customers.

- Beware of credit offers. Some retailers allow customers to take home a big-ticket item immediately and pay for it in interest-free installments over six months, Kidwell said. Read the fine print, he warned.

- "If you take more than six months to pay off that product, you're charged interest on the original purchase price, not the remaining balance at the end of six months," he said.

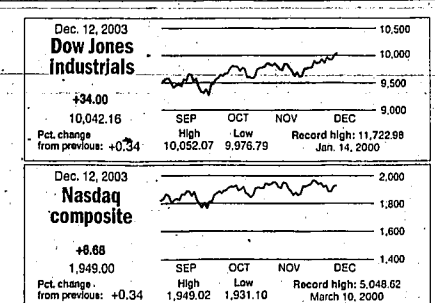
- Also, avoid offers from your card issuer to skip one month's payment during the holidays, Kidwell said. Even if you're not making a payment, you're still accruing interest, he said.

- Fargo offers to sign up for a department store charge card and get a one-time discount on purchases, experts said.

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Dow closes above 10,000 for second day, despite gloomy consumer survey

NEW YORK (AP) - The Dow Jones industrial average closed above the 10,000 milestone for a second day Friday as investors shrugged off a doombate report on consumer sentiment to push stocks higher.



Federal Reserve suggesting that interest rates were unlikely to rise anytime soon and a strong retail sales report for November.

500 index closed up 2.93, or 0.3 percent at 1,074.14, for a weekly gain of 1.19 percent.

Wall Street welcomed a government report that wholesale prices declined more than expected, suggesting inflation remains well under control.

Investors were not sure the gains would hold through the holiday season. Retailing behemoth Wal-Mart Stores Inc. lost 31 cents to end the day at \$52.50.

Chain

DeLuca, deliberate and soft-spoken to the point of seeming shy, eventually came to embrace a vision of Subway as a major restaurant chain.

announced the goal to employees at a meeting at a local Howard Johnson's, and later asked his how he thought his idea had been received.

The appeal of Subway franchises is driven mainly by its easy operation and low start-up costs.

There's nothing to prevent another franchisee from opening a competing store, but cannibalism is discouraged as it enriches the parent company.

the concentration of stores, saying multiple locations help the entire concept by promoting name recognition.

Kezios, of the American Franchise Association, said that growth has made the dissemination of many franchisees, as stores that were once "barely worth operating" are now showing a profit.

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The decline in the Producer Price Index, which measures prices before they reach store shelves, came after prices rose by 0.8 percent in October, the Labor Department reported Friday.

That jump had unsettled some analysts who worried whether the seeds of inflation were being planted and could lead to higher interest rates, and economists were expecting wholesale prices to calm down in November after October's big increase. But they were forecasting a tiny, 0.1 percent rise.

The 0.3 percent drop marked the first decline in wholesale prices since May. "There is no inflation threat to the current economic rebound. None whatsoever," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economatics.

Excluding energy and food prices, which can swing widely from month to month, "core" wholesale prices dipped by 0.1 percent in November, down from a 0.5 percent advance in October. Analysts were expecting core prices for last month to be flat.

In another report, the Commerce Department said the trade deficit soared to \$41.77 billion in October. Shoppers preference for imports hit a record high, offsetting a sizable gain in exports, including the best showing for sales of farm products in seven years. The October trade imbalance was up 1 percent from a September deficit of \$41.34 billion and was the biggest deficit number in five months.

On Wall Street, stocks were mixed. The Dow Jones Industrial Average up 12 points, while the Nasdaq was down 3 points in morning trading.

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Children can make coupons

For grandparents, promising to cut their hair or wash their car, experts said.

Those with a talent for crafts or cooking can make gifts, experts said.

Recycle gifts. "A lot of us get things we are not going to use," Barnett said. She suggests unused presents stowed away in closets can be passed on to others who appreciate them.

Send a message. "This is OK, provided you change the wrapping paper and the original giver and the new recipient don't know that the gift has been recycled."

"You have to be careful who you give it to," advised Barnett, who speaks from experience of almost recycling a gift to the person who had given it her in the first place.

Start early. Once this holiday season ends, it won't be too early to start planning for the next, experts said.

Take advantage of sales after the holiday by gifts for December 2004, although make sure you keep track of what you bought and where you stored it, Barnett said.

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Mick Jagger gets knighthood from queen

Bandmate scoffs at the notion of Sir Mick

LONDON (AP) — An icon of rock rebelliousness officially joined the British establishment Friday — and hardly anyone objected.

Rolling Stone Keith Richards was that rare dissenter as bandmate Mick Jagger — the group's raffish, womanizing front man once convicted on a drug charge — accepted a knighthood from Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace.

The lack of fuss marked a shift in British attitudes since 1965, when some outraged dignitaries returned their gold medals in protest after The Beatles were made Members of the Order of the British Empire, or MBE. Times change, former Beatle Paul McCartney, Beatles' producer George Martin, Elton John and Cliff Richard preceded Jagger as rock knights.

The announcement last year of Jagger's honor elicited a couple of angry letters to The Daily Telegraph. A Canadian woman whose husband, mother and grandfather all received honors wrote: "By giving a knighthood to a rogue like Mick Jagger, the prime minister has denigrated all the worthy recipients of honors



Rolling Stone Sir Mick Jagger, 60, with his 92-year-old father, Joe, and daughters Elizabeth, right, and Karis, displays the knighthood insignia he received for services to popular music, during a ceremony held at Buckingham Palace by Prince Charles, Friday.

as we knew it exists any more," he told reporters. Honors are very nice "as long as you don't take it all too seriously." Jagger laughed off the criticism from Richards, who denounced the knighthood as a disgrace.

"I think he would probably like to get the same honor himself," Jagger said. "It's like being given an ice cream — one gets one and they all want one. It's nothing new. Keith likes to make a fuss."

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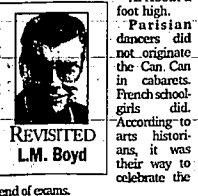
TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Someone is trying to alter your plans. Before you get hot under your collar, ask yourself: you could save yourself useless hassle. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Partners may force you into a discussion. Show confidence and trust, but be aware that there's a manipulative edge involved. Rationalizing this, you find that the same is to you. CANCER (June 21-July 22): All right casts a shadow and the Mercury-Saturn opposition is casting doubt in your mind. There's no reason why things can't be changed for the better. Now that the dice are cast, don't let fear hinder your progress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Asking the right questions and getting straight answers help a work project along. Using tactics in love could rock your boat. Just enjoy the fun. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Looking ahead can be misleading

English puts 'chop' in 'suey'

The "chop" in "chop suey" is an English word, not Chinese, further research reveals. The "suey" comes from the Chinese "sui" meaning "bits." What you've got here is a bilingual battery meaning "cut bits."

A honeybee's blood never clots. Q. How big were those original camels in North America? A. About a foot high. Parisian dancers did originate the Can Can in cabarets. French schoolgirls did. According to arts historians, their way to celebrate the end of exams. At last report from Malaysia, if you're convicted there of drunken driving, you're automatically jailed, and if you're married, your matrimonial mate is jailed, too.



Girl feels deserted by abused mother

DEAR ABBY: My mom has not been herself ever since her boyfriend beat her. For example, we were baking a cake. I accidentally bumped into her and she got really mad. We used to just laugh about things like that.

As a matter of fact, she doesn't laugh at all anymore. I miss the mom who would play games with me or blast up the music when we were in the car together. She used to dance with me, or make me soup and crackers even when I wasn't sick. Sometimes Mom would make hot chocolate with marshmallows, and we'd sit on the porch and talk about everything. All my friends thought she was the coolest, and they wished their moms were like her.

Now she's caught up with her boyfriend and college and never has time for me. We don't talk and she doesn't dance with me anymore. I miss her so much. What can I do?

- FEELS LIKE AN ORPHAN



DEAR ABBY: Four years ago, my 68-year-old mother-in-law, "Glady's," moved into our home with us. Now I don't know how much longer I can take living in the same house with her. I have a full-time job, plus all the household duties to take care of when I get home. Glady's doesn't lift a finger to help, and does nothing but complain about how bad she feels day in and day out. Please give me some advice. I don't want to hurt my mother-in-law's feelings, but I am burned out. I don't even like being at

home anymore. - TOO MUCH TO HANDLE IN ILLINOIS

DEAR TOO MUCH: With three adults living under the same roof, there is no reason why you have been stuck with "all the household duties" — assuming Glady's is in reasonably good health. I don't know if your mother-in-law is depressed or if complaining is her way of communicating.

So have a frank discussion with your husband. Marital or family counseling may be in order. Glady's may be no spring chicken, but she isn't over the hill. She should have some friends and a social life of her own. It's possible that all of you might be happier if Glady's moved to an independent living complex with contemporaries.

DEAR ABBY: My friend

"Delia" died recently, causing a lot of people to be very upset. Surprisingly, her death hasn't affected me at all. Friends have called, sobbing hysterically. I haven't shed a tear. Could it be because I refuse to believe it? Or that I don't really care? Please help me. I am confused. - SCARED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SCARED: Losing a friend is traumatic, and people react to trauma in different ways. I seriously doubt that your friend's death has "not affected you at all." More likely, you're numb. Grief is an individual process. Some people cry. Others "carry around a load of anxiety or ache inside. Still others "postpone" the grieving until they can handle it. Please don't judge yourself harshly. Everyone grieves in his or her own way.

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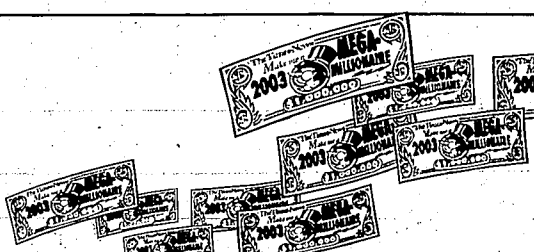
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Section C

Without sadness, there would be no joy

I'm in a festive, holiday mood, though I'm not fooled by the colorful decorations and merry music that trumpet the season. These are not tidings of comfort and joy, ye merry gentlemen. As hard as it can sometimes be to believe, true joy blooms from sadness. That's the message of this season and of seasons yet to come, though many people miss it or misunderstand it. That insight hit home again while my wife and I were having our Advent devotion this week. Each morning, we set aside some time to read from a devotional book of selected writings by Henri Nouwen, Catholic priest, psychologist and spiritual writer.



TOM SCHAEFFER

"Joy and sadness are born at the same time," he wrote, "both arising from such deep places in your heart that you can't find words to capture your complex emotions."

I began to dig deeply. I remembered the joys of my children's births, and the sadness of their leaving home.

I remembered the joy of my father's laugh, and the sadness of his sudden death.

I remembered the joy of holding my niece as an infant, and the sadness of learning of her death as a young mother.

There would be no sadness if at first I hadn't experienced joy. But what many fail to recognize is that the opposite is also true, and has broad implications.

Without the sadness of a death, a family might not pull together in a stronger bond of love.

Without the sadness of a town or city's loss - unemployment, homelessness, natural disasters and the like - people might not reach out to extend and receive help.

Without the sadness of a national struggle - with its death and destruction - free nations might not emerge.

From those sadnesses, deeper joy can arise.

Are such acts of death and destruction good things? Of course not. Only the most perverse like to see others suffer.

But suffering is real. Loss is inevitable. Death is unavoidable. How understanding is crucial. "Sorrow is a condition of time, but joy is the condition of eternity," said St. Bonaventure, the 13th-century Franciscan theologian.

And when temporal pains are linked to eternal joys, hope is restored.

Nicholas Wolterstorff, professor of philosophical theology at Yale University Divinity School, describes mourners who understand the temporal-eternal connection as those who have "caught a glimpse of God's new day and ache with all that is being for that day's coming."

Most religions teach about a new day that will eventually come. In Christianity, the new day is longed for - watched for - by those who believe that the daystar is dawning in Jesus Christ.

In other religions, the hope is that a better world will be created, that an era of justice and peace will finally be established, or that a new beginning will be realized for every creature.

Getting our sights adjusted to catch a glimpse of God's new day can be hard when the pressures and pains of this life intrude and sadness overwhelms. After all, distractions abound, losses cut deep.

But hope is real, too. "This intense experience in which every bit of life is touched by a bit of death can point us beyond the limits of our existence," Nouwen writes. "It can do so by making us look forward in expectation to the day when our hearts will be filled with perfect joy, a joy that no one shall take away from us."

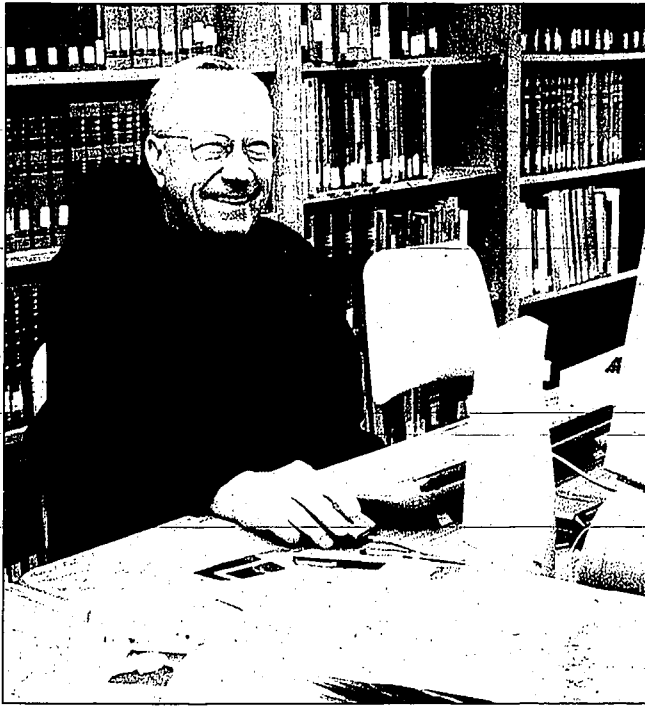
Such hope isn't pie-in-the-sky; it's grounded in a firm faith that the One who promises an end to sorrow and despair will deliver.

"Weeping may linger for the night," the psalmist says, "but joy comes with the morning."

How true and sweet that will be - in God's good time.

Tom Schaeffer writes about religion and ethics for the Wichita (Kan.) Eagle.

Story of a Monastery



Father Simeon Van de Voord, in his office working on his book, has charted the early history of the Ascension Priory in Jerome.

Book details beginnings of the Monastery of the Ascension

By Dixie Thomas Roale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The Monastery of the Ascension in rural Jerome County has been nearly 50 years in the making.

In August 1998, it was launched as an independent monastery by the Mount Angel Abbey in St. Benedict, Ore. Father Simeon Van de Voord recalls its early struggles in "Monastery of the Ascension: An Early History."

Brother Sylvester Sonnen, who assisted Simeon with photos, proofreading and text, said the book is more a memoir than a history. It is the story of "what life was like in the early days of the monastery ... you get a feel for Father Simeon's personality by reading the book," he said.

Simeon calls his book "a reflection on life in a monastery," and starts the memoir as a young man in the 1950s just out of college looking for what's next in life. He writes that he and a few friends went on a retreat at Mount Angel. At the end of the retreat, Simeon decided to apply for the academic program at Mount Angel's seminary, where he studied philosophy and theology.

He entered as a novice and even-

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ually became a monk and was assigned to the Idaho Diocese.

In the early 1960s, Father Nicholas Walsh, pastor of a Jerome parish, was spending time in prayer near a prominent hillside in Jerome County about eight miles from his rectory. He fell in love with the spot, which provided a panoramic view of Magic Valley.

Walsh and his bishop applied to the Bureau of Land Management for a desert entry claim on the 600-acre plot of ground. BLM accepted the application and deeded the land. The land was initially used as a farm by the monks.

Meanwhile, the Mount Angel Abbey was growing to the point of overcrowding. The diocese owned land off Falls Avenue in Twin Falls near the College of Southern Idaho. A building there would serve a dual purpose as a college student center and monastery. The

monks leased the land and constructed a monastic building and church in 1969.

When the lease on the Falls Avenue building came up for renewal, the monks began to look for an alternate spot, and finally settled on the land that the diocese already owned on the butte.

On May 4, 1978 - Ascension Thursday - a bulldozer broke ground on what would become the Idaho home of the Benedictine Monks. On July 28, 1980, the monks moved to their new building in rural Jerome County.

Today, the monastery serves the Catholic Church and residents through various ministries, including parochial work, retreats, teaching and scholarship, ecumenical activities, counseling, spiritual direction and social services. It is also home to 15 monks, who live a celibate life in a deliberate countercultural environment.

Simeon said he hesitated to write the history of the monastery because "I don't like to write about things that were or have been an intimate and integral part of my life." But a heart attack in 1987 convinced him of the fleeting nature of life.

So he got busy and wrote the history of Ascension Priory.

Family puts the spirit back into Christmas

By Donna Gehrke-White The Miami Herald

MIAMI - Like a lot of parents, Karen Workman of Weston, Fla., decries the Season of Gimmie - the relentless TV advertising, the boasts her five children hear at school about what other kids are getting for Christmas. But she and her husband, Tod, have found an effective way to combat that - and have meaningful Christmases that everyone enjoys.

They celebrate the spiritual from reading holiday stories and Bible passages to attending Christmas pageants at their church. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Pembroke Pines, Fla. They emphasize being together picking out the Christmas tree, making gifts for teachers, going as a family to visit a nursing home.

The Workmans are doing what many religious leaders are advising their members to do: This Christmas, seek more of the spiritual, less of the material world.

Many Christians worry that children know more about Santa than Jesus. Meanwhile, their parents are

exhausted and broke instead of being spiritually nourished during one of Christianity's holiest seasons.

The remedy: "Put the Christ back in Christmas," says the Rev. Dr. Win Green, pastor of Everglades Community Church in Pembroke Pines. Recently, his congregation made Advent wreaths to use at home for four weeks of candle lightings, readings and prayers.

William Wood, an economics professor at Virginia's James Madison University, says ministers are right to be concerned about the increasing secularization of Christmas - and the sacred holiday being seen as a reason to spend. Wood says he knew the nation had gone overboard when "I was coming home from - a beautiful - candlelight Christmas Eve service one year and I heard a report of a dismal Christmas season ... because of disappointing retail sales."

"That caused him to coin the term 'Excessmas,' he says, a symptom of 'Excessmas,' a result of overspending and overdoing secular holiday activities, is that by Christmas, people are tired and tense.

Observing the religious traditions heightens the joy - and brings families closer, says the Rev. Fernando Heria, pastor of St. Brendan Catholic Church in Westchester, Fla. He says his mostly Latin congregation observes the traditional three-week Cuban Christmas season, which begins Dec. 15 when parishioners go caroling and then to Mass at the start of "noventa." Their holiday ends Jan. 6, the Epiphany, celebrating the three kings bringing gifts to Jesus. In between are family and church get-togethers.

People can also adopt their own traditions, such as feeding the birds at Christmas as St. Francis of Assisi did, suggests William McKibben, in his book "Hundred Dollar Holiday: The Case for - a More - Joyful Holiday."

In Palmetto Bay Fla., St. Andrews Episcopal Church has a month of programs, including a Christmas pageant in which everyone has a part.

Even more important, says deacon Joanne Katon, is how the congregation helps others, from buying Christmas gifts for poor children to supplying food to their parents.



Pastor Duane Strickler traveled from the Community Church of the Brethren in Twin Falls to work with children whose families were burned out in recent fire storms in California. Disaster Child Care sent in volunteers from throughout the United States to help the youngsters cope.

Local pastor fights aftereffects of fires

By Denise Turner Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The house was nearly destroyed, but the American flag was still flying in the yard.

That's one of the many poignant memories that Pastor Duane Strickler carried home with him after two weeks of caring for families burned out in the recent California fires.

Strickler and his wife, Carol, currently serve as interim copastors at the Community Church of the Brethren in Twin Falls. But Strickler spent the first half of November in Valley Center, Calif., working with other volunteers from Church of the Brethren Disaster Child Care. He was trained through the church's Emergency Response Services in New Windsor, Md., in conjunction with the Red Cross.

This was his first experience on site.

"Now that I have what is called my 'local experience,' I am qualified to go on air search," he explained. "My wife volunteered during 9/11 in New York."

The Strickler home is in Gerrardstown, W. Va. They arrived in Twin Falls on Nov. 1, the first of several interim pastors to serve during the last several years at the small Brethren church on Filer Avenue.

The church is looking for a permanent, possibly full-time pastor to grow the church. Weekly attendance now aver-

More information

To learn more about Disaster Child Care training or to join a care team, call Carol or Duane Strickler at 734-3789 or 734-0022.

ages around 30.

When Strickler was in California, he and fellow volunteers established three centers - in Ramona, San Bernardino and Valley Center. In Valley Center, he helped care for children from 6 months old through age 13. During his stay, his team worked with 240 children, while the parents were doing paperwork with Red Cross, FEMA, and other local and state agencies.

"Children need a safe place where they can be loved and cared for at all times," Strickler said. "This is particularly true during a disaster and when parents are trying to get things together for the family."

Strickler described his own work as, mostly, supplying a listening ear so the children could talk about what happened to them - why their bikes got burned up, why their homes were gone.

The volunteers also distributed donated supplies. Just the basic stuff, that turns out to be so important when disaster hits.

"I remember when they brought in pillows one day," Strickler said. "Talk about something disappearing in a hurry."

Interfaith couples strive to find common ground

By John Boudreau San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. - Santa Claus will not visit their home. But a Christmas tree is OK.

That's how the negotiations concluded for Pam and Joel Chernoff. They have been married for 16 months. She is Methodist. He is Jewish.

The Pinole, Calif., couple, knowing holidays could pose problems for their interfaith relationship, began talking about them early and often. When they have children, Christmas will be celebrated at Grandma and Grandpa's house.

Pam Chernoff expects children "will throw us curveballs. But I feel better talking about it ahead of time."

The couple is not alone in devising a plan to navigate the holidays. As the nation becomes more diverse, interfaith and intercultural relationships have become relatively common. Thus, the holidays can become a minefield. Childhood memories, religious faith and pressure from in-laws can all add layers of complication to the task of developing new traditions as a couple and family.

Even partners who come from different denominations

Getting through the holidays

- Talk about plans long before the holiday hits.
• Be sensitive to the feelings of extended family members and keep them updated on new plans.
• Understand the needs of your partner.
• Know that everything will become more complicated once children show up.
• Communicate early, communicate often.
- Sources: Charlotte Olsen, Kansas State University; Tina Tessina, "How to Be a Couple and Still Be Free."

can clash: Do they attend the Christmas Eve Protestant service or Christmas Day Mass? BeliefNet.com, a Web site that provides a forum for an array of religious topics, has a chat board for people involved in interfaith relationships. In the end, it's about making compromises, says Dawn Kepler, a counselor with the Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay. "This is the first step in a lifetime of compromises. If this person is the love of your life, that's part of the picture."

RELIGION

Crossroads United Methodist holds brunch

KIMBERLY — The annual Christmas brunch and church decorating is set for 9 a.m. today at Crossroads United Methodist Church, 205 Madison St. E.

Sunday School for the family starts at 9:30 a.m. Susan Brown and the southern gospel quartet, Sagebrush Serenades, will sing "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" and "Christmas Time is Coming" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. The children will present a Christmas program at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 21.

A live Nativity will be presented from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 21 in front of the church.

Reformers Unanimous director will speak Sunday

TWIN FALLS—Ben Burks, national director for Reformers Unanimous, will speak at the 9 and 11 a.m. services Sunday at Cornerstone Baptist Church, at Shovay Avenue West and Blake Street.

Burks hopes to start a local chapter of the organization, which is

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designed to help people with additions by using spiritual principles from the Bible. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

For more information, call Keith Thompson at 733-5312.

Kings Kids perform 'The First Leon,' free admission

BURLEY — The Kings Kids will present "The First Leon" at 11 a.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave.

Peggy Soulsby directs the 25-30 first through sixth graders. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

For more information, call 878-7613.

Prepare for Christ's coming with church's Advent service

BURLEY — Mid-week Advent services, "Being Prepared for

Christ's Coming," are set for 7 p.m. Wednesday at Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave., with a soup and sandwich supper at 6 p.m.

Team Kid Christmas Party will be Thursday evening

TWIN FALLS — The Team Kid Christmas Party is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at First Southern Baptist Church, 492 Washington St. N.

"Crown 'n' Ministry" will perform. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

For more information, call 733-4806.

Rupert United Methodist Church plans Advent service

RUPERT — The third Sunday of Advent will be celebrated Sunday at Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St.

Sunday School for all ages starts at 9:45 a.m., and worship is at 10:50 a.m.

The Sunday School Christmas program is set for 6 p.m. Sunday, fol-

lowed by a "birthday party" for Jesus. Live services are broadcast on KUMC-FM 93.3.

For more information, call 436-3354 or 436-8837.

Anniversary services for St. Ignatius start next week

TWIN FALLS — Services to celebrate the 10th anniversary of St. Ignatius of Antioch Orthodox Church begin next week at 1830 Addison Ave. E.

Great Vigil, with breaking of bread, is set for 7 p.m. Friday. First Hour and Divine Liturgy are set for 9 a.m. Dec. 20. The feast day of St. Ignatius of Antioch also falls on Dec. 20.

The public is invited.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Treva Tegan, The Times-News Burley Bureau, 1263 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday.

MISSIONARIES



Ryan Hepworth



Kim Cook

RUPERT — Elder Ryan Hepworth, son of Quinn and Kelli Hepworth of Rupert, has been called to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the California San Diego Spanish speaking Mission. He is in the Rupert 3rd Ward.

RAFT RIVER — Elder Kim D. Cook, son of Vaughn and Lorna Cook of Raft River, has returned from serving an LDS

Mission in the New York Rochester Mission.



Travis Turner

BURLEY — Elder Travis Turner, son of Roger and LeeAnn Turner of Burley, has returned from serving an LDS Mission in the New Hampshire Manchester Mission. He is in the Unity 1st Ward.

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Sit on the side of love, not greed

'Tis the season — To prepare for the birth of the savior (or whom ever) or shop 'til you drop! Or perhaps 'tis the special season of rampant "existential depression," as the Pope recently warned the first world (that's us). That's just a fancy way of saying, "My life has no real meaning. Existence is futile." The bridge seems so enticing. I know that couch all too well.

READER COMMENT Phil Auth

When I was little, my purpose in life was to play. Too often, school and chores got in the way. As a young adult, my purpose was to study and learn everything there was to know. But that got old, too, after a few years. Later, I found meaning in work and collecting adult toys and converting my purpose to believe the same way I did. None of that really worked either. For a few years, raising a potlode of kids was the focal point around which my life's meaning revolved. Then the kids started flying out of the nest and I experienced yet another bout of "existential depression," spiritual flu. What's life for anyway?

Christmas is a time many folks ponder deeply and come up pretty empty. Many get busier this time of year as a way of avoiding the question all together. And every merchant makes sure we stay that way: working more hours, buying more stuff and salivating over still more. We Americans are a "bipolar" lot: I hate Christmas, no I love Christmas. Hate, love — hate, love?

But what if God were one of us? So goes the song of the series, "Joan of Arcadia." What if in the "eternal now" (where watches quit running), the creator of the universe dropped his "son" on a tiny infant and the note pinned to his blanket said, "love me" (that's all)? Maybe then life would begin to have real meaning, lasting meaning?

In the end, there are only two views of the world and its ultimate reality: either money makes the world go round or love does.

Christmas is a time of choice! (No hedging your bets!) That's why the feeding frenzy at Wally World and existential depression go hand-in-hand. Which side of the canyon are you on?

Sex abuse crisis dogs Long Island bishop

By Frank Etlman The Associated Press

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. — Nearly two years into the clergy sex abuse crisis, Roman Catholic Bishop William Murphy remains an object of distrust and criticism over how he handled disgraced priests in his Long Island diocese and elsewhere.

The local chapter of the lay group Voice of the Faithful continues to call for Murphy's resignation from the Diocese of Rockville Centre. And a leading child welfare-advocate, whom Murphy had recruited for a diocesan team addressing the abuse issue, has joined in.

Seeking to allay clergy concerns, Murphy is planning to meet next month with all 400 of his priests. But Jeanne Novaro, a spokeswoman for Murphy said a bishop has no intention of resigning.

Overshadowed in public perception by places like Boston, Los Angeles and New York, Rockville Centre is the nation's sixth-largest diocese, with 15 million parishioners. Murphy became head of the diocese more than two years ago, following a long tenure as the top aide to disgraced Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston, where the abuse crisis began.

Last February, a Suffolk County grand jury concluded the



Bishop William Murphy Still endures criticism

Rockville Centre Diocese repeatedly protected and transferred alleged abusers, but filed no indictments because the statute of limitations had expired. Murphy was not implicated in the report, but has been criticized for allowing a local priest accused of abuse to say Mass publicly.

Don Bartley, co-chairman of the Long Island chapter of the Voice of the Faithful, said while the scheduled Jan. 19 meeting between the bishop and priests is "a great thing," he still believes Murphy should step down.

"A recent survey showed 92 percent of our members go to Mass weekly and 34 percent attend Mass daily," Bartley said. "These are the people who have been

banned. We are not the enemy. If we're the enemy, then we're all in lots of trouble!"

A committee of four priests, who said they represented another "small group of priests," wrote to Murphy seeking next month's meeting and saying they "perceive a fairly-widespread-dissatisfaction with the way you have related to some clergy and laity and we sense a certain lack of confidence in your pastoral leadership." The priests also noted the shortfall in donations to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the diocese's main fundraiser. The diocese set a goal of \$15 million, but Novaro conceded that pledges total just over \$9 million with only weeks before the end of the campaign.

One decision, in particular, has fueled continued discontent. The bishop has allowed Monsignor Alan J. Placa, a former top official in the diocese, to celebrate Mass in certain instances despite being the focus of a sex abuse investigation. A friend of former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Placa was permitted to preside at funeral Masses for both his mother and the mayor's late mother and at the baptism of a relative, Novaro said.

Murphy has defenders, such as Catholic League president William Donohue, who blamed the disagreements on a small number of "malcontents."

CD puts Christmas in your heart

The Dallas Morning News

"Christmas is All in the Heart," Steven Curtis Chapman (Hillmark, 52 minutes)

A tinge of country, a lot of pop and a winning Christmas collection of guitar-driven spiritual and secular favorites. The title track is a sentimental gem. "Winter Wonderland" is playful and bluesy. Most memorable is his stunning interpretation of the Advent staple, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

— Susan Hogan/Albach

"Under the Light of a Single Star," Duane Stephenson (Rascal 4 Music, 40 minutes)

Built around Stephenson's exquisite guitar and heartfelt vocals, this album casts the music of Christmas in its simplest form — a group of (talented) friends play some vintage carols and a few new tunes built around the traditions of Christmas and have a heck of a time doing it. Stephenson and his Dallas-area pals offer a rollicking version of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" — but there's no doubt

this CD is built around the birth of Jesus.

— Michael E. Young

"Songs 4 Worship: Kids Christmas," Various Artists (Time-Life Records, 30 minutes)

"Kids Christmas" might bring to mind favorite scenes from cherished holiday movies. And nothing beats an album aimed at children with songs sung by children. The album includes 12 classic Christmas carols, such and more contemporary Christmas worship songs such as "Gentle Mary Humble Mary" and "Mary What Will You Sing."

— Berta Delgado

"Christmas Worship," John Tesh (Garden City Music, 44 minutes)

It's holiday electronics, much like listeners have come to expect from Mannheim Steamroller. But John Tesh is more upbeat and festive. He opens with "This is Your Gift," a wonderful new holiday song focusing on the real gift of Christmas. This is a 2-CD collection that includes shots of Tesh and his band in Italy.

— Susan Hogan/Albach

For bishops, tradition never falls out of fashion

By Susan Hogan/Albach The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON — By day, the American Catholic bishops debated theology, social issues and definitions of "sexual activity." By night, they sat on committees and sipped bourbon at receptions. In between, they headed-to-the-10th floor of their Capitol Hill hotel to eye displays of "clergy wear" and wares.

Two companies, the Ralph Laurens of the ecclesiastical world, showcased clergy clothes, headwear, jeweled and unjeweled bishop rings, giant pectoral crosses and gold, silver and crystal chalcas.

Slabbinck, a Belgian outfitter, lured bishops to its door by giving each a box of European chocolates and a pair of \$53 silver cufflinks. CM Almy, an American outfitter, relied on its reputation.

Both companies say dressing for success in the spiritual world is every bit as important as it is in the business world. But bishops are at the mercy of a few specialty stores and catalogues — or private showings, like these at their fall conference.

Clergy fashions, like church rituals, are steeped in tradition. "They have four basic liturgical colors that never change — white, red, purple and green," said Mark Aune, CM Almy's sales rep. "Of course, some prefer light red or green over darker versions of the color."

For office wear, Catholic bishops — like priests — uniformly wear black, down to their shoes. They say dark garments are a reminder that out of the darkness of sin comes the light of Jesus and the promise of resurrection.

Catholic-bishops fall-into-two camps when it comes to chalcas, the colorful worship vestments. Some prefer classically ornate designs similar to 1950s draperies or the upholstery on the dining chairs of English royalty. Others favor contemporary styles made of crepe-weave textures. To complete the outfit, bishops need holy headwear, a beret known in prelate parlance as a zucchetto, and a mitre, the pointed hat that looks like a large, decoratively folded dinner napkin.

A chalcas can set a bishop back anywhere from \$115 to more than \$1,000. Bishops need at least four, one in each of the liturgical colors. Accessories, such as matching stoles, altar clothes, lectern covers, banners, funeral palms — not to mention those mitres and zucchetto — can add hundreds, even thousands, to the price.

Some bishops believe liturgical garments and vessels should be simple and inexpensive. Others say only the best should grace God's table. Most fall somewhere in between.

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RELIGION

Season leads to searching for spiritual value in Santa

As a teenage writer 30 years ago, my first published pen name was Santa Claus.

That winter, I got mad at a Flint (Mich.) Journal columnist who urged going away with Santa Claus, arguing that his image was overcommercialized. So, I sent the columnist a spirited defense of the old boy, signed "Santa Claus." I was stunned when he published my piece with Santa's name attached - and thus began my career in newspapers.

As long as I'm disclosing Santa secrets, I'll also admit that, even though I almost never cry, my eyes were moist the first time I read the gorgeous picture book about Santa, "The Polar Express," in 1985.

This year, however, it's clear that some people are fed up with the jolly old elf as a symbol of consumer greed. A few days ago, I went to see the R-rated "Bad Santa," in which the main joke is watching Billy Bob Thornton as a drunken department-store Santa committing every major sin shy of murder. I had a few people in the theater chuckle.

I didn't. But it did lead me to ask: Is there any spiritual value left in Santa?

DAVID CRUMM

In search of an answer this week, I visited artist Patricia Banker in Royal Oak, Mich., studio. She creates jewelry, sculptures and wall hangings featuring images of saints, which she sells via an Internet site, www.saintsreserved.com. Because of her fascination with St. Nicholas, Banker is now part of a small but growing movement to solve the Santa problem by raising the profile of St. Nick, a 4th-Century bishop from what is now Turkey who, tradition says, focused his generosity on needy children.

Getting ready for St. Nicholas' annual feast on a few minutes, Banker sat making pendants by wrapping copper strips around small images of the saint and attaching black cords. As she worked, she talked about her own ghosts of Christmas past. "Raising three boys, I think we overdid it. My kids turned out to be good people and they're all community-minded. But I think now that our Christmases were too materialistic."

At age 55, she said, "I'm trying to simplify my life."

While I was attracted to Banker's images of Nicholas, witnessing her moment of guilt was a downer. As a parent, I also wondered: Has Santa been overplayed in my home?

Just then, reality walked into Banker's studio in the form of Geoff Peart, her 23-year-old son, who was visiting after a year of working with AmeriCorps poverty-relief programs in Ohio.

I told him, "We were just discussing Santa vs. St. Nicholas and your Mom was saying that Santa and Christmas may have been way overdone in your home."

He looked like I had hit him with a two-by-four: "You want to know what I think? I loved it! It was exciting! I looked forward to it every year!"

He was raised on "The Polar Express" and, for a while, believed that the Santa his family visited at the Detroit Institute of Arts was the real deal.

Hearing him talk, I felt my own fond memories warming again. Santa is fine, he said. "The thing is to emphasize that we all need to give like that. We are given so much and, then, life is about learning to give in return."

David Crumm is a columnist for the Detroit Free Press.

Try waking up to meditation

By Elizabeth Large
The Baltimore Sun

A funny thing happened to meditation on the way to the 21st century. It got demystified, and in the process became acceptable to mainstream America.

You won't hear people talking about Nirvana much with today's Westerners. Meditation, and there's hardly a crystal in sight. Instead scientists are studying Buddhist monks with electroencephalographs and magnetic resonance imaging. Health care professionals are recommending meditation when drugs and other therapies don't work, and sometimes - when they do - they may call it a "relaxation technique," to the m-word.

Meditation, a discipline nearly as old as human life and a mainstay of Eastern spirituality, has gained recent recognition as a treatment for everything from high blood pressure to attention deficit disorder. By sitting quietly and concentrating on a word, breath or image, meditators can put themselves into a state of deep relaxation. Recent scientific studies have shown the process may boost the immune system, control pain and lower stress.

Several months ago, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Tibetan Buddhist monks and their spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, met with leading U.S. neuroscientists and behavioral researchers to plan future studies. "Meditation works," a cover story in Time magazine proclaimed, detailing the scientific research.

While it's true that meditation is being stripped of the mystical trappings that make Westerners uneasy, the chanting, incense and Sanskrit mantras (a repeated word or phrase to quiet the mind) - people who start practicing for health reasons often end up finding the spirituality of meditation for their own. Reaching Nirvana might be even better than, say, controlling migraines.

You don't need any special equipment to practice, although a whole industry has sprung up selling cushions, clothes, audio and videotapes, books and focusing aids like meditation crystals. You don't have to wait for an appointment or worry about whether your health insurance will pay for it. And you don't have to be a New Age kook.

Three or four evenings a week, Brown, Md., graduate student Elia Sanders goes into her bedroom, puts on a compact disc of meditation music she bought at Best Buy, sits with her legs crossed and meditates for 15 or 20 minutes. If scientists were recording the 23-year-old's EEGs as she focuses on her breathing, she'd enter the outside world and enters a meditative state, they would find that the activity in the areas of her brain that process sensory information slows down. Conscious thought decreases and relaxing.

But getting your mind to focus on the present and become quiet isn't something all Westerners are comfortable doing. Meditating takes patience and perseverance. Experts advise to get a book, tape or the Internet to get started - and finding a quiet, comfortable

place to practice on a daily basis, even just for a few minutes. Meditators close or half close their eyes and pick a word or a phrase to say over and over - sometimes in the form of a prayer, such as "Be still and know that I am God." Or it could be a syllable like "om." Meditators also concentrate on the sensation of breathing, to the exclusion of everything else, and let any thoughts that intrude float away.

Yoga classes at a gym probably include a little meditation practice. Some churches, Quaker meetings and yoga centers offer meditation classes, too.

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We saw an estimated 2500 people attend "Rock the Canyon" this year, with attendees from Idaho, Washington, Utah, and Nevada. It was great to see the different churches in the Magic Valley come together and make an event like this happen. Thanks to all our sponsors, supporters, and volunteers!

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Evening Service • 6:30 pm
Wednesday Service
Mid-Week Service • 7:00 pm
Home of Twin Falls Christian Academy
Daycare, Pre-School and Kindergarten through 12th Grade
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798 Eastland Drive N. Twin Falls • 733-1452
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Corner of Fall Ave. & Royal in Shoshone, ID
733-5155

Church of Christ
"Come now, and let us reason together," Isaiah 1:18
Worship Services Sunday 11am & 6 pm
Bible Study Sunday 10 am & Wednesday 7 pm
Radio Program Sunday 10:05 am KLIK 1310 AM
513 S. Buchanan Street, Jerome phone 324-9131
www.christiancourter.com

AMAZING GRACE FELLOWSHIP
Celebration Services
8:30 am & 10:30 am
Pastor Lynn J. Schaal
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Visit Our Website: www.ogf.org
e-mail: ogf@ogf.org

First Southern Baptist Church
492 Washington St. N.
Sunday
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Church Service - 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.
Call 733-4806
Thursday
Team Kid - 6:30 p.m.
Friday
Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE OF TENANTS PERSONAL PROPERTY. Magic Valley Storage 1592 Elm Street N., Twin Falls, Idaho, will call to AUCTION SERVICE on December 16, 2003 the contents belonging to Robert Smith (IP-200) Address: 1224 Addison, Twin Falls, ID. VCR/TV, rocker and misc. boxes, Karl Kington (M-748) Address: 1429 9th Ave. E., Van Falls, ID. Skis, snowboard, games, 5-gallon fish, misc. household. Debra Liddy (M-127) Address: 317 Florida Ave., Amsterdam, NY, 12010. Reling, dryer, clothes, cabinet, household misc.

PUBLISH: December 6, and 13, 2003

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CASSIA Case No. CV 2003-1308 SUMMONS
Melanie Jo Schouten Plaintiff
S. James Schouten Defendant

You have been sued by Melanie Schouten, the plaintiff, in the District Court in and for Cassia County, Idaho, Case No. CV-03-1308.

The nature of the claim against you is for divorce. Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you with our further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 1459 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318, (208)878-7351. And served a copy of this response on the plaintiff whose address and phone number are 2531 Kelly Ave. Burley, ID 83318, (208)219-9012.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either

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the Clerk of the Court or the plaintiff. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. Dated: Dec. 3, 2003
Cassia County District Court
by Myra Kramer
PUBLISH: December 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2003.

PUBLIC MEETING
On December 16, 2003, 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Idaho-Farm-Bureau-building, 2732 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho, there will be an informal workshop meeting to discuss a proposed pilot project for improved collaborative management of Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service administered federal public lands in the BLM-Twin-Falls-and-Burley-Ranger Districts, Sawtooth National Forest. This meeting is open to the public. This meeting is being conducted by Perkins Coie LLP as a consultant contractor for the Idaho Department of Lands. For more information contact Bob Maynard at 208-343-3434.

PUBLISH: December 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2003.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

IMPORTANT
Please address all legal advertising to:
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PO Box 548
Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548
Deadline for legal ads: 3 days prior to publication, noon on Wednesday for Sunday, noon on Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Saturday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Sunday for Friday and Saturday. Holiday deadlines may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby at 735-3924.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND Dog - Illicity Gray female, has been nursing on 4500 North, Twin Falls. Call to identify 735-0115.

FOUND Llama - Apsa of Shih Tzu female, older dog found on Hwy 93, west end and poor health. Call 735-9136.

FOUND Tool Box - 2 mimos and one of Gooding on HWY46 w/ tools. Call 208-764-2376

REWARD!
12 year old, male, Tan & white, wearing red collar. Call 208-733-9171.

LOST 2 Labrador Retrievers - a west of Buhl on 120903 PM. Both males, 1 adult chocolate, 1 younger black with collar and tags. Call 208-543-5341 or 208-837-4015.

LOST Australian/Border Collie X - black, tan and white with purple collar. Last seen 11/26 just south of Timberman Hill on Hwy 75. Reward - \$21-0002.

LOST Cocker Spaniel 2 - year old, male, Tan & white, wearing red collar. Call 208-733-9171.

LOST Dobberman - Hayburn area on 11/28. Older black female; answers to Sheena - 208-678-9979.

FOUND dog training collar north of Bliss. Call 208-734-0226 to identify.

LOST Lab puppy, near 100 South In Jerome. Waiting collar, comes to Oiler. Little boy very sad. Call 324-0033.

LOST Man's Ring, with a sentimental valued Gold band with an engraved black stone. Lost in TF downtown on Friday. Offering a reward. Please call 208-404-9442 or 208-734-5100.

LOST Yorkshire Terrier, male; 3 pounds; black and brown wearing a blue collar. Answers to Kung, and has a severe medical condition and must have medications on a regular basis. Last seen 12/03/03 on 9th Ave. E. 733-5701.

MISSING Lab since 11/23, small, black, answers to "Clois". Around SCL \$300 reward. Please Call 539-3463.

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REMEMBER

That birthday ad you placed some time ago in The Times-News? Now is the time to come pick up your pictures. Stop by the Classified Dept. today!

104 PERSONALS

To the person who stole a Booster pump from my Ranch in Tuttle, I wish you bad Karma for ten years. And that the Fox visit you for your thievery!

107 PREGNANCY ALTERNATIVES

PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER
FREE TESTS. Always Confidential. 734-7472

108 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

BANKRUPTCY
Competitive rates on Chapter 7 bankruptcies. Jeff Sicker at 734-8452.

110 HOME/HEALTH CARE SERVICES

CERTIFIED Family Home has room available, for elderly person who needs a loving, safe, friendly, & caring environment. Please call 208-326-6560.

111 ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES

SANTA FOR HIRE - Available Days & Evenings! sells 610r-228-3325 • 326-5258-Leave Msg*

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NANNA'S HOUSE Daycare & Pre-School. ICCP & CPR. 31 years experience. 24 hours, Meals & snacks included. All ages! 208-735-4193*

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DRIVERS Full-time OTR drivers 2 years experience req. Health, Vision Ins. 401k, Safety and Fuel Bonus. Idaho Milk Transport, Inc. Burley, ID 1-800-967-2911 M-F 8 AM to 5 PM MDT

MECHANIC FT. diesel mechanic for local trucking company. Must have own tools. Benefits, Wago DOE. Send resume to Box 95647 in c/o The Times News PO Box 548 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303

MEDICAL MA & Co-manager position needed for a new assisted living facility in Burley. Call for details. Warm and friendly atmosphere, competitive wages, all shifts available. Maquel 1-208-677-5451 to schedule interview

MEDICAL Full-time LPN. Join a busy cardiology practice. Cardiology or ICU experience preferred. Submit resume with references and cover letter to Suite B, Twin Falls, ID 83301 or Fax 734-3959

TECHNICIAN HVAC/Cleaning Tech with customer service skills will train. FT Mon-Sat. Great benefits & pay. If driving record, mail resume to PO Box 933 Twin Falls, ID 83303

TECHNICIAN Service technician for forklift application equipment. Must have knowledge of troubleshooting, diagnosis, and repair for electronic, hydraulic, wiring, plumbing and some welding. Valid drivers license with clean record. Will travel to job sites in Idaho and out of state. Send resume: Ag West Distributing, P.O. Box 1144, Burley, ID 83318. No phone calls please.

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RETAIL Co-Store has Store Director position opening. Send resume to 1018 E. 3000 S. Wendell, ID 83355 EOE

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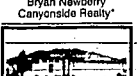
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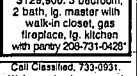
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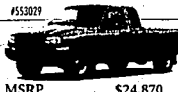
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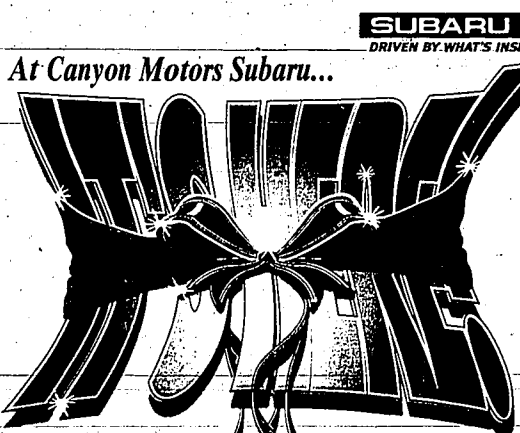
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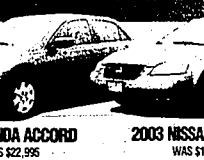




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Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

All losses are restored, and sorrow ends. - Shakespeare

On today's deal the hands themselves look entirely normal. It is only the answer to the problem that seems to require an unusual maneuver.

Let us look at what happened at the table. In six spades South won the spade lead in hand and played the club ace and ruffed a club. Then he crossed back to hand with a second trump, planning to ruff another club. The 4-1 split brought him up short, as he realized that he would be locked in dummy if he ruffed another club. So he tried leading a heart to dummy's 10, but East won and thoughtfully returned a heart. Declarer did his best when he put in the heart king, ruffed a club, and tried to return to hand with the heart jack, but West ruffed in and cashed a club for an embarrassing two down.

The winning line looks peculiar, but the more you think about it, the better it appears. With the opening spade lead in hand, play the club ace and ruff a club, then lead the heart 10 from dummy! If East wins and returns a heart (as good as anything), you take this in hand, ruff a second club, draw trumps, and pitch your last club on dummy's hearts. And if East ducks his heart queen, you overtake with the jack, ruff a club, and have 12 tricks: four spades, three hearts, two diamonds, the club ace and two trumps.

This line essentially guarantees the contract unless hearts are 5-1.

NORTH 7 6 4 3 AK105 AK64 J

WEST 10 9 8 3 7 3 9 8 2 K10 9 4

SOUTH AKQJ J94 5 3 A652

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: North

The bidding: South West North East

1 Pass 3 Pass 4 Pass 4 Pass 4NT Pass 5 Pass 6 All pass

Opening lead: Spade 10

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: 7 6 4 2 AK105 AK64 J

South West North East 1 Pass Pass Pass 2 Pass Pass Pass

ANSWER: Bid one no-trump to show 11-15 points and a balanced hand - sort of. Since you cannot pass, your choice is to reopen with a double, which would leave you nowhere to go over a two-club response, or to bid one no-trump and hope to deal with the problem in clubs one way or another.

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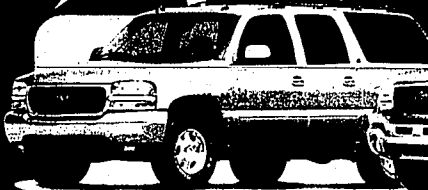
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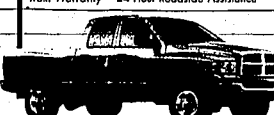
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