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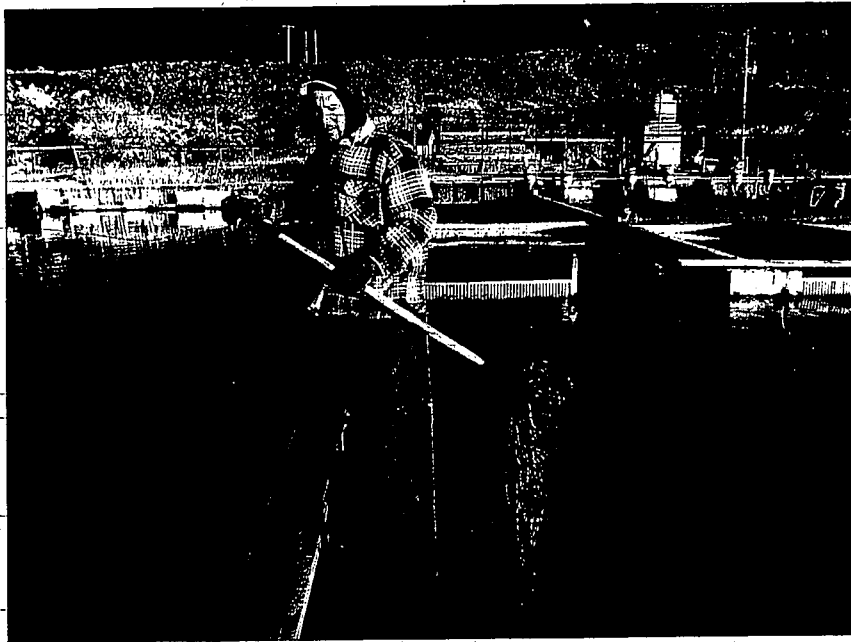
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Who should get water?



Stan Hoskovec, manager of the Ten Springs Hatchery, checks moss off of the screens to the overflow pond. Trout are grown at the fish hatchery that overlooks the Snake River in the Hagerman Valley, where canyon spring flows have dropped significantly in recent years.

Dispute pits industries against each other

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

PAUL — Like many groundwater users who draw water from wells across the Snake River Plain, Richard Blincoe depends upon a series of water rights and water sources for his livelihood. But there's a chance some of those wells could be shut off next year. And not just at his family's business, but at farms, dairies and industries across the Magic Valley on the north side of the Snake River. The economic losses would be huge.

"They'll have to rename Magic Valley, because it won't be magic anymore," Blincoe said.

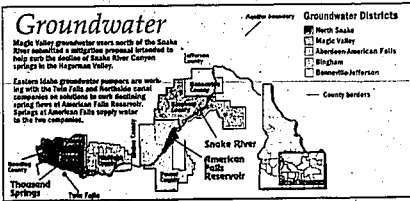
His parents homesteaded on the Minidoka Irrigation District project, and he wanted to expand the family operation. That meant buying neighboring farms or looking north to break ground from sagebrush and develop a new water source — groundwater. Blincoe was among the first to farm north of Paul in the 1950s. Three generations of his family continue to farm the area today.

His earliest wells predate the water rights established in the 1960s by Hagerman Valley fish hatcheries. Other wells do not and a significant portion of the farm could lose water if a dispute between groundwater pumpers and fish producers isn't resolved.



Gary Flisk welds a new pump Friday to the irrigation system at Richard Blincoe's family farm north of Paul.

The reconfiguration of the Blincoe's watering system on an A&B Irrigation District well will use less water, less electricity and protect the aquifer from contamination by eliminating a drain well. Such projects are occurring throughout A&B in partnership with irrigators and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Other water users would be affected even more, said Blincoe, a past board member of the



Magic Valley Ground Water District

The dispute revolves around this issue: How much do wells punched into the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer affect declining freshwater springs that feed the Snake River at the river's edge? While state water managers deal with this question, the region's water dispute at its most basic level could come down to a choice between the Magic Valley's trout industry and the local dairy and farming economy.

Money in the bank

A local banker whose customers include farmers and businesses on both sides of the water debate is reminded of the biblical story of Solomon.

"How do you decide? It's a difficult situation," said Ernie

Bengeochea, vice president and chief credit officer for Magic Valley Bank.

Solomon was faced with judging a dispute between two women, each of whom claimed she was the mother of the same baby. Solomon ordered the baby cut in half to see which woman would give up the baby to save his life.

Water users aren't about to walk away from their water rights to show who loves the valley more. Yet if the state chooses to shut down wells to satisfy canyon spring users, it could in effect cut off one leg of the region's economy. On the other hand, continuing to allow canyon springs to decline could be like cutting off the other leg.

Valley agricultural lenders say Please see WATER, Page A10

Gala rings in second century for Twin Falls

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News Writer

TWIN FALLS — It's meant to be a night you'll remember for years. The New Year's Eve gala at Magic Valley Mall will launch Twin Falls' centennial celebration with glitz and glitter, dancing and drinks, family fun and hometown history.

"We're hoping it will be nostalgic," said Bonnie Lozamin, executive director of the Twin Falls Centennial Commission.

Magic Valley's youngest and oldest — alike — should find something at the gala to enjoy — from face painting to — Glenn Miller swing, from storytelling to Gala guide — E6 black ties and evening gowns.

"We've tried to accommodate every age," Lozamin said.

Your complete guide to the gala appears on today's Centennial page in *The Times-News*.

The night's headline performers will be the local volunteer musicians of the Twin Falls Centennial Dance Orchestra, led by Hollywood and Lake Tahoe musician Brian Farnon. He retired to Twin Falls and promptly formed the dance orchestra that will ring in Twin Falls' second century.

Orchestra players in evening wear will do their best to get you dancing. The... has rubbed the shaggy hair of Spike Jones and Nat King Cole and performed for years at renowned nightclubs and hotel casinos.

But New Year's Eve performers elsewhere in the mall will cater to dancers with other musical tastes, as well.

Dozens of local volunteers and a million-dollar budget aim to ensure the city's 100th birthday, celebrated over the next 10 months, will be something you'll never forget. The New Year's Eve party accounts for a \$22,000 chunk of that budget.

The Centennial Commission hopes ticket sales will cover two-thirds of that \$52,000, Lozamin said. The commission's overall funding sources — including donations, grants and merchandise sales — will cover the rest.

"This is not a fund-raising event by any means," Lozamin said.

As a top-level contributor to another commission project, canyon-rim trail construction, First Federal Savings Bank gets billing as the Dec. 31 gala sponsor.

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Afghan constitutional assembly will likely begin today

The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — Amid repeated delays and furious behind-the-scenes negotiations, the country's historic constitutional assembly appeared set to open Sunday, marking a milestone in Afghanistan's erratic journey toward democratic rule.

But the final hours before the assembly were marked by international criticism of the proposed charter, charges of delegate

intimidation and reports of high-level bargaining to predetermine what form of government the nationwide assembly will choose.

In addition to disputes between the government and rival political factions over whether Afghanistan should have a presidential or parliamentary system, several sources said an equally divisive challenge has emerged from influential groups seeking to restore the Afghan monarchy.

"There are now three options on the table, and there is a serious possibility that people will go for the monarchy," said one government source. The political party promoting the monarchy isn't backed by the elderly former king, Mohammed Zahir Shah, the source said, "but they are playing an excellent card."

Diplomatic sources said late Saturday that President Hamid Karzai, assisted by U.S. officials here, had persuaded key leaders of

rival Islamic and ethnic factions this week — including former President Burhanuddin Rabbani — to accept his proposal for a strong executive and a weaker parliament without a prime minister.

Karzai, 46, who has headed the country for two years as transitional leader, was said to have promised various positions of influence to those leaders if he were elected president next year. In addition, he has appointed sev-

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7 days, 7 reasons to read

Spuds and Atkins
Can you eat potatoes and still lose weight?
Monday

Dear Abby
Wife tires of spouse's lies.
Tuesday

Christmas giving
A new cookbook from the Wood River Valley.
Wednesday

Birds of a feather
You can get started now on a winter bird-feeder.
Thursday



Making baos on it
What's new and local in book-stores for Christmas '03?
Friday

Chrismons everywhere
A unique Christmas tree — at Filer First Baptist.
Saturday

Early T.F.
Making the town livable in it's early years.
Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and brisk with periods of rain changing to snow. Highs in the upper 30s.
Tonight: Cloudy and windy with snow likely. Travel could prove difficult. Lows in the middle 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and windy. Winds are expected to diminish towards the end of the day. Highs in the middle 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and brisk with periods of rain changing to snow. Highs in the upper 30s.
Tonight: Cloudy and windy with snow likely. Travel could prove difficult. Lows in the lower 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy skies with gusty winds early in the middle to upper 30s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 38, Low 25, etc.).

Yesterday's Weather

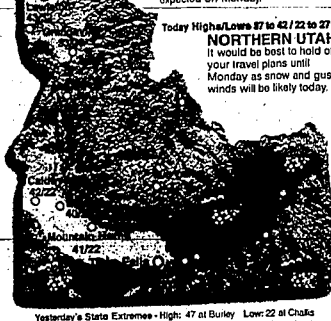
Table listing weather for various locations: Boise, Burley, Challis, etc., with High/Low and Precip. data.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN-VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Be ready for snow and gusty winds today. In fact, the snow could be heavy at times with heavy winds making traveling difficult. Continued windy at times on Monday but the snow will be tapering off.
Today Highs 20 to 35 Tonight's Lows 0 to 15
BOISE Today will be a poor travel day with rain changing to snow. Winds will be gusty at times. Dry conditions are expected on Monday.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 47 at Burley, Low: 22 at Chalk Bluffs. Weather key: su-sunny, so-partially cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, b-broken, dr-dreary, sh-snow, fl-fog, r-rain, w-wind, m-mixing, h-hazy, o-obscured.

Moon Phases

Table showing moon phases: Last Cr., New Moon, First Cr., Full Moon.

REGIONAL FORECAST

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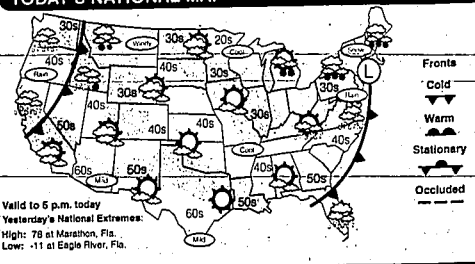
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CANADIAN FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Afghan

Continued from A1. Former Islamic militia leaders to seats at the assembly, known as a loya jirga. Most of the 500 delegates have been elected, but Karzai was allowed to name 50 members.
'I think Karzai and the Americans are going into the meeting believing they have it sewn up,' said one diplomat. The loya jirga, already postponed from October, was delayed for four days this week while intense private negotiations took place. Sources said it is now likely that Sibghatullah Mojadeddi, a respected former Afghan president, will be chosen to chair the meeting at Karzai's behest.
While Karzai may have gained the political upper hand, however, both the charter draft proposed by his administration and the process of electing delegates came under strong criticism from international monitoring and rights groups on the eve of the assembly.
The International Crisis Group, a nonprofit organization based in Brussels that follows Afghan affairs closely, said in a report issued Thursday that the draft is 'significantly flawed' and 'aimed purely at securing the status quo in Kabul' rather than building democratic institutions with broad national support.
The group was especially critical of the draft for specifying a 'greater concentration of power in the presidency' than the version approved by a national constitutional commission. Karzai and his aides have justified this move by saying it would make for a more stable and governable country than a system with a strong prime minister as well as a president.
In a separate report issued Friday, the New York-based group Human Rights Watch said that

militia leaders and commanders had threatened and bribed candidates to the loya jirga in an effort to get their supporters elected. According to some analyses, more than two-thirds of the elected delegates are affiliated with Islamic factions.
Ironically, several groups of delegates with dramatically different agendas have complained that the pre-meeting procedures have been 'highly undemocratic.' Both women's rights activists and Islamic fundamentalist groups said they were upset that the loya jirga would be broken into small, private working groups, that Karzai has weighed in so forcefully on who should chair the assembly and that appointed delegates may have the right to vote.
One issue complicating the political dealmaking is the role of Islam in the constitution. Many conservative delegates want the charter to specifically enshrine strict Islamic legal codes known as sharia, a proposal that is strongly opposed by government reformists, U.S. officials and international donors.
But several sources said key Islamic leaders - including Abdurrahman Rasool Sayyaf and Sayed Ashraf Hashimi - now agreed not to press for changes in the current draft, which merely says that no Afghan law shall contravene the 'sacred religion of Islam.'
The one remaining wild card appears to be a groundswell of support to restore the monarchy. A similar issue that nearly derailed a loya jirga in 2002 before U.S. officials stepped in and made sure the former king publicly opposed any move to restore him to power. Zahir Shah, now 88 and in-failing health, ruled for 40 years before being deposed by a cousin in 1973.

Dean's surge hastens search for alternative

HOPKINTON, N.H. (AP) - Wesley Clark had talked for nearly an hour about Iraq, national energy, taxes, even windmills, fielding questions at a rat-a-tat rate from prickly New Hampshire voters. Finally, he threw his hands in the air and smiled.
'You're a tough crowd to warm up!' the Democratic presidential candidate said as heads nodded in agreement throughout the cramped conference room. 'I'm excited! What about you?'
The plea drew a polite cheer, but one Clark supporter gazed across the crowd of 75 and gave voice to a thought that spoke volumes about the rapidly shifting nomination fight: 'Howard Dean doesn't have to work this hard.'
Clark is one of five hardworking, hard-charging candidates with a reasonable chance of overtaking Dean when the primary season begins in mid-January, along with Rep. Dick Gephardt and Sens. John Edwards, John Kerry and Joe Lieberman.
Party leaders are divided over the strength of Dean's surge. Many Democrats are wary of an inevitable gathering around the former Vermont governor; just as many warn that the landscape can shift quickly once the voting starts next month.
The debate suggests that Dean has come a long way in achieving his goal in the face of skepticism from the party establishment: create a perception of inevitability before the first votes are cast.
The task for Dean's rivals got harder last week when former Vice President Al Gore's endorsement gave the anti-war, Washington-outsider candidacy a stamp of approval from the ultimate insider. Democratic pollsters tracked an enormous initial bump in support for Dean.
A few Democratic governors moved closer to endorsing their former colleague, White House advisers braced GOP allies for a Dean nomination and wary Democratic leaders intensified efforts to embolden one of the



Democratic presidential hopefuls Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., Rev. Al Sharpton, former Amb. Carol Mosely Braun, Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., former Gov. Howard Dean, and Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., stand on stage prior to their debate sponsored by ABC's Nightline and WMUR-TV 9, Tuesday at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, N.H.

anti-Dean candidates.
'With Gore's endorsement, if Dean wins New Hampshire and Iowa and comes down here with momentum, he could win South Carolina and the nomination fight would be over. I would not have thought that was possible a month ago,' said Joe Erwin, chairman of the South Carolina Democratic Party.
The state holds the first-in-the-South primary Feb. 3.
'Gore's announcement helped Dean tremendously,' said Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico. Like Erwin, he is not yet committed to a candidate. 'Nonetheless, this race is not over and the Dean camp better not take anything for granted,' said Erwin. 'Voters have a funny way of sending a message, and the message this time might be, 'Hey, boys. We haven't voted yet,' Richardson said.

GOP congressman calls for hearings into Halliburton allegations

RENO, Nev. (AP) - A Republican congressman Saturday joined Democratic calls for hearings on allegations that Halliburton Co. charged up to \$61 million too much for delivering gasoline to Iraqi citizens under a no-bid contract.
Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev.,

called the allegations "an absolute outrage" and said he wants the House Armed Services Committee to hold hearings early next year on Halliburton, Vice President Dick Cheney's former company.
'If these allegations which were found in a Pentagon audit of gov-

ernment contracts is true, then it's time for Halliburton to break out its checkbook and refund American taxpayers," Gibbons said.
Gibbons, a committee member, said he's the first Republican member of Congress to call for congressional hearings of the company.
Halliburton has received more than \$2.2 billion so far under an oil reconstruction contract. The company is providing gasoline and other fuel to Iraqis while the

country's oil industry is being rebuilt.
A Pentagon audit found Halliburton may have overcharged the government by \$1.09 a gallon. The company denies overcharging.
Gibbons said he's also concerned by news reports that Halliburton may have overcharged \$67 million to supply cafeteria services to U.S. soldiers in Iraq. The company has been paid about \$3 billion for supporting the military with canteens, mail delivery and other services.
Cheney headed Houston-based Halliburton from 1995 until he became President Bush's running mate in 2000. Other executives from the company gave generously to the Bush campaign.
'I don't think Dick Cheney had anything to do with these contracts. He's far too smart to let himself be taken in. I don't think you'll find that the contracts were issued in exchange for contributions in this case. I just think it's greedy overreaching.'

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Scientist: Flu pandemic would be 'horrific'

Experts warn that it's about time for next one

NEW YORK (AP) — As bad as this year's flu season is, it hasn't brought the worldwide outbreak known as a pandemic. But experts warn that a pandemic is coming, it's just a question of when.

"It's going to happen," said Dr. Greg Poland of the Mayo Clinic. "For the American public in particular, I think it will be horrific."

Many Americans haven't experienced the overwhelming crush of patients at hospitals and doctors' offices and the widespread fear a flu pandemic could bring. And by historical pattern, Poland said it's about time for the next one.

There have been three in the past 100 years, igniting in 1918, 1957 and 1968. There's no way to predict when the next one will appear, but the pattern does give experts pause.

It's all up to a virus that is variable and fickle, constantly changing its genetic makeup, and the time when it hits upon a combination that lets it take off worldwide is a "roll of the genetic dice," said Dr. William Schaffner of Vanderbilt University.

So the lack of a pandemic in the past 35 years basically means "the genetic dice haven't been rolled



Renee Thompson, annual fund manager for Wuesthoff Hospital in Rockledge, Fla., alerts the public on Saturday that there are no more flu shots available at the clinic.

that way," Schaffner said. "While we're grateful for that, it makes us nervous."

There's plenty to be nervous about. It's estimated that in the industrialized nations alone, the next pandemic is likely to send 1 million to 2.3 million people to the hospital and kill 280,000 to 650,000, according to the World Health Organization. Its impact will probably be greatest in developing countries.

As a practical matter, flu shots probably could not be counted on to prevent a pandemic. For one thing, pandemic virus strains emerge unexpectedly, and there would probably not be enough time to recognize the threat and then provide vaccines that target them, Schaffner said. What's more, many countries outside the United States wouldn't have the means to give enough flu shots to stop the spread, Poland said.

Dr. Robert Couch of the Baylor College of Medicine noted that health authorities are making major efforts to prepare for controlling a pandemic, including putting an emphasis on developing and manufacturing vaccines faster and in greater quantities.

The pandemic of 1918-19, known as the Spanish flu, sickened an estimated 20 percent to 40 percent of the worldwide population, with a death toll believed to exceed 20 million. In the United States alone, nearly 500,000 people died. An ordinary flu epidemic kills an average of 36,000 Americans.

The next pandemic, the Asian flu of 1957-58, killed about 70,000 in the United States, while the 1968-69 Hong Kong flu led to about 34,000 deaths in the United States. New strains of the flu virus, and so potential pandemics, get their start in rural Asia, where the various strains that infect chickens and other birds, pigs and humans can mingle. That gives them a chance to swap genetic information as well as mutate on their own.

The potential spark for a pandemic occurs when that environment produces a new virus that infects people and bears surface proteins that people's bodies have never seen before. That means people have no natural defense against it.

Potatoes and a slim waistline

Are they compatible? Monday In-The Times-News

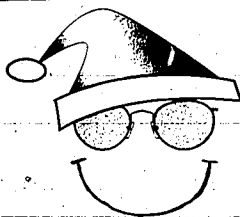


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Authorities plan to call off search for N.D. student

Knight Ridder News Service

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — Saturday's manpower-intensive, widespread search for Dru Sjdin might be the last conducted by law enforcement officials in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Earlier in the week authorities said they would conduct searches all weekend with the help of the National Guards.

But after exhaustive searches on Friday and Saturday, the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office said it has searched all the places it knows to search. The Polk County Sheriff's Office was close to the same conclusion Saturday afternoon.

Sjdin, a 22-year-old University of North Dakota student, has been missing and presumed kidnapped for three weeks. She disappeared from the parking lot of Columbia Mall in Grand Forks on Nov. 22.

"If we're not successful here and in Minnesota, we may conclude the only person who would really know

Dru's whereabouts is the suspect," said Maj. Mike Fonder of the Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office.

"This is possibly the last search of this type we will conduct this winter," he said.

"We have nowhere else to go." The suspect, Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 50, is at the Grand Forks County jail. He has said he had nothing to do with Sjdin's disappearance.

The phrase "needle in a haystack" comes to mind when describing Saturday's search.

The area to be searched encompassed hundreds of square miles of snow-covered farmland dotted with thousands of places a kidnaper might hide evidence, a still living woman or, perhaps, a body.



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NATION

Coalition plans to rethink salaries for Iraqi army

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Faced with the desertion of nearly half the new Iraqi army, the U.S. military is thinking about raising the pay scale for Iraqi soldiers as it trains more to join the force, the commander of U.S.-led coalition forces in Iraq said Saturday.

U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez said a separate, 550-member force drawn from militias affiliated with Iraqi political parties was being trained to fight insurgents in Baghdad. The unit, he said, was part of the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps and would work under the command of the 1st Armored Division, the U.S. military unit in charge of the Iraqi capital.



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The new unit, whose members were recruited as individuals rather than party militiamen, has been under discussion for months between major political groups and the U.S.-led occupation authorities. The rationale behind it is that coalition forces, who are fighting Saddam Hussein loyalists, would benefit from the experience of those who have fought the ousted dictator in the past.

Sanchez said the major reason for the defections of Iraqi soldiers was pay, specifically allowances for married soldiers who were struggling to support their families on \$60 a month.

"We're working to review the pay scales and I think we'll have a decision in the coming weeks," Sanchez said. Of 700 soldiers originally in the new army, only 400 are left.

Sanchez said the setback shouldn't hinder the overall goal of training 40,000 members of light infantry battalions by next October. That contradicts reports that the U.S. military had scaled back that goal.

"I believe our targets in training for the new Iraqi army are still valid," Sanchez said. A new battalion of about 1,000 men is being trained, while a recruitment for a third one is under way.

Sanchez, who had previously stated 5,000 detainees were under coalition control in Iraq, conceded the number is now "almost to 10,000."

Among that total are 3,800 members of the Mujahedeen Khalq, a group of Iranians who oppose their religious government and have been living in Iraq. The coalition, which considers them terrorists, has restricted them to their camp northeast of Baghdad and "separated" them

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from their weapons, Sanchez said.

Earlier this week, the U.S.-appointed Governing Council said it wanted all Mujahedeen Khalq fighters to leave the country by the end of the year. Sanchez said the U.S. military was trying to arrange their expulsion but there were still details to work out with Iraqi leaders. The group has strongly protested the decision to expel its members.

Israeli officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, have said American officials have met with them to learn some of their methods in their fight against Palestinian militants.

Asked whether U.S. troops in Iraq planned to adopt Israeli tactics, including targeted killings and collective punishment, Sanchez said: "It's a different time, it's a different place, it's a different enemy and it's a different world." U.S. forces in Iraq operate within the boundaries of international law and treat civilians with dignity and respect, he said. "That's not going to change and that's what the American forces are. We can be a ferocious army, but at the same time we can be a very benevolent army and we will not change."

Sanchez said he had no idea how long it would take to catch Saddam, but said there should be no doubt that despite frequent attacks against them, the insurgents were likely to step up attacks in the run-up to July 1, the date agreed between the U.S.-led coalition and the Governing Council for an Iraqi provisional government to take office with full sovereign powers.

He also echoed recent remarks by L. Paul Bremer, Iraq's U.S. chief administrator, that insurgents were likely to step up attacks in the run-up to July 1, the date agreed between the U.S.-led coalition and the Governing Council for an Iraqi provisional government to take office with full sovereign powers.

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Supporters push to lift foreign-born presidential ban

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — For those pushing a constitutional amendment to allow foreign-born citizens such as California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to run for president, consider how long it took to pass the last constitutional amendment: 203 years.

The campaign that led to final approval in 1992 of the 27th

Amendment, which bars Congress from voting itself an instant pay raise, was launched by James Madison.

But supporters of efforts to remove the constitutional bar to presidential candidates who are not "native born" believe the proposed amendment, which has languished in Congress for three years, may gain momentum because of the election of

the Austrian-born Schwarzenegger.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, has proposed an amendment to allow foreign-born Americans to run for president after 20 years as U.S. citizens.

An amendment with a 35-year requirement has been introduced in the House by a bipartisan group of lawmakers including Rep.

Darrell E. Issa, R-Calif., who helped bankroll the successful recall of California Gov. Gray Davis, paving the way for Schwarzenegger's election.

Issa said he was not backing the long-debated constitutional amendment in order to promote the governor for president. But he said that Schwarzenegger was a "good poster child" for amending the Constitution.

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Law gives boost to chronic care programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A diabetic in Ohio sends basic medical information each night to a nurse who may be a thousand miles away. If a significant condition change is detected, the nurse calls to find out why and contacts the patient's doctor and pharmacist.

The goal of this heightened monitoring is to prevent a medical crisis that could send the patient to the hospital. Such coordinated care for people with chronic illnesses such as diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure is the focus of disease management programs, which got a big boost in the Medicare law signed by President Bush last week. It is these patients who consume most health care dollars.

The government hopes to enroll as many as 400,000 older people with chronic conditions in these programs. By involving the patient, physicians, pharmacists and other providers in common-sense steps to improve patient health, the government seeks to limit costly hospital stays.

"We want to prevent diabetics from becoming dialysis patients," said Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-



Rep. Ben Cardin, D-Md., speaks at a town hall meeting on the new Medicare legislation and how it affects senior citizens Friday in Laurel, Md.

Conn., a leading supporter of including disease management in Medicare.

The chronic care effort, plus a new Medicare physical and other preventive screenings, are a marked change in the 38-year-old

government health care program for 40 million older and disabled Americans. Traditionally, Medicare has paid for treating illnesses, not preventing them.

But the number of Medicare beneficiaries with chronic condi-

tions is large and growing, said Mark Miller, executive director of the federal Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

Three-fourths of Medicare beneficiaries have at least one chronic condition, and close to one-third have four or more, Miller told a recent congressional forum. These people account for 80 percent of Medicare spending.

Such numbers make the benefit of early intervention indisputable, said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

"It's better for us to start managing diabetes, hypertension, asthma and other conditions before they get exacerbated," Thompson said. "It will save us money in the long run."

Programs in place on a small scale are demonstrating savings, proponents of disease management say.

At Aetna Inc., 3,000 people with chronic heart failure are in a disease management program that has produced a 17 percent drop in costs and a 32 percent reduction in hospitalizations, according to John W. Rowe, the company's chairman and chief executive officer.

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U.S. hopes for new round of talks with N. Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — New talks aimed at resolving the future of North Korea's nuclear ambitions could come in January but not earlier because of the communist state's continued insistence on preconditions, senior Bush administration officials said Saturday.

The United States and its allies in the region want to persuade North Korea to end its nuclear programs through six-nation talks. The first round, held in Beijing in August, ended without much progress.

Discussions over a U.S.-backed plan for easing tensions with North Korea are continuing, among the United States, China, Russia, Japan and South Korea, U.S. officials said.

The countries have not hit major snags over what eventually could become a joint statement to be released at the end of a new round of talks, and the debate over the past week has focused mainly on fine-tuning the document, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The administration does not see a need for the language to be worked out completely before talks can go ahead, the officials said. Standing in the way, they said, are North Korea's demands for concessions before officials from the North will come to the table.

Washington has offered North Korea a written security guarantee, but the North has said it wants a formal nonaggression treaty that promises the United States will not attack.

North Korea indicated last week it would join the talks and freeze its nuclear weapons activities only if the United States agreed to

remove the North from its list of terrorism-sponsoring countries and provide fuel and economic aid.

China has acted as a go-between with North Korea, and American officials say all indications are that the North is not backing down from its demands.

"We're willing to enter talks at an early date and with no preconditions," one official said.

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NATION

Girl lets foster children know they matter

BOWIE, Md. (AP) — More than 28,000 foster children have received the note, a duffel bag and the cuddly friend.

"I want you to always know that you are loved, especially by me," the letter says. "And always remember to be positive, polite and never give up. Love Your Friend, Makenzie."

The writer is 13-year-old Makenzie Snyder, who has been sending duffel bags and stuffed animals to foster children since she was 7. Her mission: comfort neglected children who often are shuttled between temporary homes.

"I like to cheer up foster kids who have no real family," the Bowie girl says. "They are important, but no one cares for them. They are mostly forgotten."

Makenzie recently won a national award from the Caring Institute, which was founded in 1985 to honor and promote public service. Some other award recipients this year were Nebraska Congressman Tom Osborne and retired Vice Adm. William Lawrence, a former superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy.

For Makenzie, the idea to help foster children came to her when she was 7. She and her two older brothers had won an essay contest on the topic "How to Change the World." Makenzie had



Makenzie Snyder, 13, of Bowie, Md., has sent stuffed animals to 28,000 foster children. She also sends a note saying: 'I want you to always know that you are loved, especially by me.'

been working with her brothers to raise money for firefighters since she was 4.

The prize was a trip to Paris to take part in the World Children's Summit. There, Makenzie met two children who had been wards of the state.

She soon learned that many foster children end up with nothing but a garbage bag to carry their belongings to temporary homes.

So she decided to collect duffel bags to send through social workers. "Then I thought about how I love to cuddle with a stuffed animal when I'm sad or lonely or missing my family, if they went away on a trip," Makenzie said in a recent interview from her backyard office, which is now filled with thousands of stuffed animals.

She called her project Children to Children and started out shopping at yard sales throughout Maryland for the items she needed. But that took time.

It wasn't long before the Freddie Mac Foundation heard about Makenzie.

Makenzie soon found herself sitting at a large conference table with Freddie Mac officials, answering questions about her project. They liked it, and gave her \$15,000. The Washington Council of Governments kept the books for her and helped coordinate with regional foster care agencies.

"She's just a neat girl who is beyond her years in terms of being able to see a problem and start addressing it," said Shawn Flaherty, a spokeswoman for Freddie Mac.



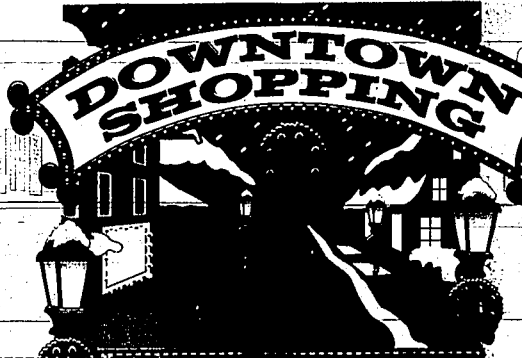
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Retaliation over Iraq fits Bush's pattern, say those who know him

By Ron Hutcheson
Knight Ridder News Service



President Bush tells reporters Thursday in the White House that countries that opposed the war in Iraq are not entitled to share in the \$28 billion in American-financed reconstruction projects.

WASHINGTON — President Bush's decision to take revenge on countries that opposed the war in Iraq shocked the diplomatic world, but it fits his longstanding pattern of rewarding friends and punishing enemies.

In a family that prizes loyalty, Bush is known for playing hardball with anyone who crosses him. By his description, he was the chief loyalty enforcer in his father's White House. Later, as governor of Texas, he cracked the whip on Republicans who failed to back his policies — a practice he has taken with him to Washington.

"He's a velvet hammer. He can charm with the best of them, but he can also cut you off at the knees if he thinks you're not coming," said Thomas DeFrank, a veteran Washington journalist who has firsthand experience with Bush's wrath. "He never forgets."

Now Bush is making sure that foreign critics of his Iraq policy pay a price by denying them a major role in Iraq's reconstruction. Companies based in the offending countries will not be allowed to serve as prime contractors on any Iraq projects.

Although the policy was drafted and announced at the Pentagon, Bush gave it his full support. In his view, countries that opposed the war should not reap any financial benefit from the sacrifices of American troops and their foreign allies.

The policy has provoked outrage in Canada, Russia, Germany and France, all of which are on the contract blacklist. Even some of Bush's Republican allies have criticized his approach as heavy-handed.

But some longtime Bush watchers weren't surprised.

"He has this thing about personal loyalty," said Tom Finken, a Dallas businessman who headed the Texas Republican Party when Bush was governor. "It's: If you're not with us 100 percent, you're against us. And the more independent you are, the more you're against us."

Loyalty has always been a highly-valued trait in the close-knit Bush family.

When Bush's father, George H. W. Bush, was president, the younger Bush served as the president's eyes and ears within the

White House. "It was the enforcer when I thought things were going wrong," he told Washington writer Ann Grimes in an interview for her 1990 book on political spouses. "I had the ability to go and lay down some behavioral modification."

No transgression was too big or too minor for his attention. In late 1991, Bush helped force John Sununu's resignation as White House chief of staff by telling Sununu that he had become a liability to the president. He made political adviser Lee Atwater apologize to first lady Barbara Bush for his lack of discretion after Atwater posed for Esquire magazine in boxer-shorts, with his pants around his ankles.

Rep. Chris Shays, a moderate Republican from Connecticut, ran afoul of Bush by voting against his father's 1989 legislative program

more than any other GOP lawmaker. Bush called Dorothy Stapleton, Shays' chief campaign fundraiser, and told her to rein in the maverick congressman.

Bush turned his anger on DeFrank, then a White House correspondent for Newsweek, when the magazine published a cover story exploring the notion that the elder Bush was a "wimp."

DeFrank, now Washington bureau chief for the New York Daily News, had been promised inside access during the re-election campaign. Bush revoked the offer.

"You're out of business," he told the reporter.

Bush aims to cut deficit by half in 2009

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's next budget will propose spending restraints and other steps as part of a plan to slash federal deficits in half in the next five years, a White House budget official says.

The election-year goal, which the Bush administration has been touting for months, will be featured at a time when conservatives have been chastising the White House for allowing too much spending.

It also comes as the government reported a \$43 billion deficit for the month of November. A month earlier, the red ink totaled \$69.5 billion. Bush's predecessor, President Clinton, presided over four straight years of budget surpluses.

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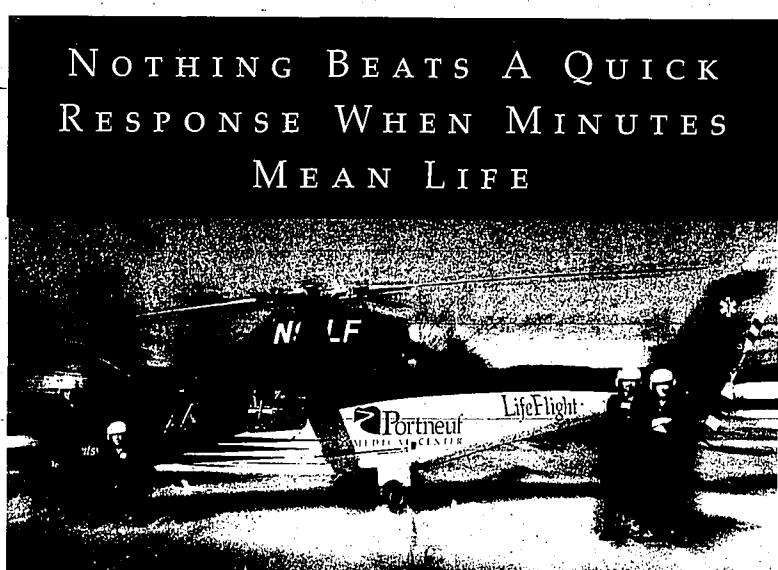
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They haven't denied operating loans to farmers, dairies or fish producers because of the uncertainty surrounding next year's water. Magic Valley Bank and Farmers National Bank both said they review loan applications on a case-by-case basis.

Farmers do a good job of tailoring their operations to cope with the amount of water available, Bengochea said. The drought so far has been manageable. Some small irrigation tracts in southern Twin Falls County have had little water. The bigger canal companies have been getting by.

But now it's not just the drought farmers are dealing with when it comes time to secure their annual operating loan. It's the water dispute, too.

"That's very difficult, because we're still dealing with both parties," said Ron Brown, president of Farmers National Bank in Buhl.

Why the decline?

Efficiencies in irrigation practices such as conversion from flood to center pivot irrigation have reduced water recharge to the aquifer. Wells began to extract water from the aquifer at about the same time the trout industry



George Lemmon stands next to his Hagerman Valley fish hatchery, where he sold production is down by a third because he does not have enough water.

was starting up. Water that had once flowed during winter through the irrigation canals, which are a significant source of aquifer recharge, was shut off to be stored for the growing season.

Irrigators also point to mitigation water for endangered Lower Snake River salmon as another loss source of aquifer recharge. When the water is available, some 200,000 acre feet passes below

Milner Dam rather than through Magic Valley canals. That's enough water to cover the more than 200,000 acres in the North Snake and Magic Valley groundwater districts with water nearly a foot deep.

To top it all off, drought has exacerbated declines in the water table that have shown up as dwindling canyon springs.

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What's going on

- **A big decision:** Karl Dreher, director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, must decide whether to accept a five-year mitigation proposal by Magic Valley groundwater users. The proposal attempts to make up for losses in canyon springs that supply water to fish producers.

- **What could happen:** Groundwater users need the plan adopted to avoid having their wells shut off — a prospect that first hit them in the mid-1990s and resurfaced again in 2001.

- **Why it might happen:** Three Snake River Canyon fish companies have pending water "calls" against groundwater users with junior water rights, which could be any wells developed after a certain date in the 1960s. The precise date has not yet been determined. Under Idaho law, the oldest water rights have first priority when there isn't enough water to go around. Senior water users who are short "call" on the

department to deliver their full water right. That means curtailing someone else's water.)

- **Dispute between spring users:** The fish companies' calls for curtailment of groundwater use came after Clear Springs Foods Inc., in a move to protect its water, made a call against neighboring trout producer Clear Lakes Trout Co. Clear Lakes suffered severe water shortages in the wake of Clear Springs, call Clear Lakes said it was left with no choice but to turn call for water. Because of Clear Lakes, location up against the canyon wall, groundwater users are next in the water supply line.

- **Looming deadline:** Dreher decided Clear Lakes couldn't make a call against groundwater users until the end of the year. That is when an agreement expires that has protected groundwater users for two years, while they worked on initial mitigation efforts to restore canyon springs.

- **Joining the fray:** Fish producers Rangen Inc. and Aquarius Aquaculture, also experiencing significant water shortages, joined Clear Lakes in making calls for water against the groundwater users.

- **Opposing the plan:** More than 60 water users and organizations including the federal government and Idaho Power Co. object to the groundwater users' mitigation proposal for a number of reasons, such as lack of a guarantee that canyon springs will be restored.

- **Already in court:** Clear Lakes brought a lawsuit against Dreher in Ada County that could overturn any order he issues on the mitigation plan. The lawsuit challenges Dreher's decisions in its dispute with Clear Springs, his enforcement of the expiring agreement with groundwater users, and the constitutionality of state rules that allow groundwater users to submit mitigation plans.

What's at stake

Here's a summary of who's affected by the dispute between canyon spring users and Northside groundwater pumpers:

Domestic and municipal wells

Idaho water law doesn't exempt these wells from curtailment, but Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Karl Dreher did not target them in 2001 when curtailment orders almost were issued to about 1,300 groundwater users in the Magic Valley and eastern Idaho.

If private domestic wells and city-drinking-water supplies were curtailed, they ultimately would be protected by the Idaho Constitution, said Dick Larsen, spokesman for Water Resources. The constitution gives priority to domestic water supplies. Domestic water users who have been curtailed may condemn and buy other water rights to satisfy their water demands.

Dairy Industry

The heart of Magic Valley's dairy and cheese industry is on the north side of the Snake River Canyon in Jerome and Gooding counties — and the industry depends upon groundwater use.

Farmers

The Magic Valley and North Snake groundwater districts represent nearly 220,000 irrigated acres in areas of Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and southern Blaine counties. The acreage is irrigated with well water rather than surface water. It's not clear yet how many of these acres could be affected if curtailment orders are issued.

- **Twin Falls and Northside canal companies** and other irrigation companies that draw water from the Snake River will not see their water directly affected by this dispute. The two big canal companies are involved in negotiations with groundwater pumpers in eastern Idaho because of declining springs at American Falls that supply the

companies' water rights. But the outcome of the Hagerman-area dispute could affect policies that govern what happens between these two companies and eastern Idaho groundwater users.

A&B Irrigation District is watered primarily by groundwater with water rights claimed in 1948 on 177 original wells in Minidoka and Jerome counties. A&B is a regulated water district in and of itself. With its 1948 water right, it is not at risk of curtailment.

In 1994, A&B made a call for water against fellow groundwater pumpers. The call resulted in warning letters sent to about 7,200 groundwater pumpers. Rather than see 7,200 wells shut down, A&B wanted to push the state to regulate water use from private irrigation wells. Negotiations resulted in creation of the groundwater districts and the beginnings of private well regulation.

Fish hatcheries

The heart of the nation's trout industry along the Thousand Springs reach of the Snake River from Twin Falls into Bliss is suffering severe water shortages.

The industry also is suffering from a slack fish market. Idaho hatcheries produced 46 million pounds of trout in 1999 compared with 37.4 million pounds last year. Sales that were \$37.3 million for foodsize trout in 1999 dropped to \$29.9 million in 2002, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service.

Industry

Other industries such as fresh-potato plants that use wells or rely on industrial city water supplies could be affected. But many manufacturers in Twin Falls County are on the south side of the canyon and are not in danger of curtailment.

Economy

How much do the dairy and trout industries contribute to the local economy? Here are some

figures from Job Service and the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service.

- **Milk:** Dairy farms, cheese processors and related businesses in Jerome, Gooding and Twin Falls counties provide about 7,000 local jobs. The industry is credited with raising Gooding County's per capita income to \$26,623, up from a ranking of 33rd in the state in 1990 to fourth in Idaho in 2001. Idaho is the sixth-largest milk-producing state in the country. The Idaho dairy industry generated nearly \$1 billion worth of milk products in 2002.

- **Fish:** Magic Valley's trout industry in Jerome, Twin Falls and Gooding counties is No. 1 in the nation and the world. The industry employs about 2,000 workers.

- **Farms:** Another 5,000 to 6,000 agricultural jobs are produced by farms in Jerome, Gooding and Twin Falls counties alone.

About the groundwater districts

- **The North Snake Ground Water District** has 336 members operating 842 wells serving domestic, stockwater, commercial, municipal and industrial users and 98,487 acres of farmland in areas of Jerome, Gooding and Lincoln counties. The priority dates of their water rights range from 1910 to 1997. Not all district members have water rights junior to all Hagerman Valley water users, but some Hagerman Valley rights date back to the 1800s.

- **Magic Valley Ground Water District** has 178 members operating 505 wells serving domestic, stockwater, commercial, municipal and industrial users and 121,451 acres of farmland in areas of Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and southern Blaine counties. The priority dates of their water rights range from 1948 to 1994. Not all district members have water rights junior to all Hagerman Valley water users.

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The water table has been declining since the late 1970s, said Dan Temple, manager of A&B Irrigation District.

A&B is a groundwater irrigation tract in Minidoka and Jerome counties that was established in 1948. The company has been lowering pumps and deepening wells to maintain its water supply, which has declined somewhat.

Water management

When it comes to deciding who gets the water, Idaho law simply states that water users with the earliest water rights are first in line when there isn't enough to go around. That is straightforward when it comes to diverting water "in streams and canals." Deciding which wells deplete specific canyon springs is not.

To deal with the uncertainty, state water managers are looking at a group of wells near the Snake River that if shut down would, with a reasonable degree of certainty, result in an increase in spring flows along the Thousand Springs reach.

A mitigation plan proposed by groundwater users involves recharging the aquifer near the canyon rim. The plan isn't a guarantee that it will result in more water to the specific canyon spring users being shorted.

"We can't direct that water to those few springs. It would go to the whole Thousand Springs reach," Blincoe said. "And shutting down wells won't necessarily result in immediate spring increases, he said. It could take years.

Watching the springs drop

Down in the Hagerman Valley, George Lemmon knows the water better than just about anyone. Born on his family's Hagerman homestead, he farmed in the valley and then started raising trout. His family's Blind Canyon Aquaranch sits on a plateau



Minnie Miller Springs, pictured here in 1998, seeps from the wall of the Snake River Canyon near Hagerman. Settlers found many uses for the spring water that emerges from the Snake River Plain Aquifer at a constant 58 degrees. Trout farms from Twin Falls to Bliss run the clean, cool water that is perfect for raising trout.

where the Snake River Canyon steps down toward the river. Elected by his fellow water users, Lemmon refereed water disputes for 40 years as the local Please see WATER, Page A12

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German students protest planned cuts to universities

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Tens of thousands of students took to the streets of three German cities Saturday, protesting government plans to slash funding for universities. More than 20,000 students marched in Berlin, carrying banners that said "Berlin without education is like a motor without gas" and "Don't leave education out in the rain."

Medical students pushed gurneys while one demonstration followed along in a wheelchair, wearing a sign around his neck that said "Educational cripple."

Frankfurt and Leipzig were also the scene of large demonstrations Saturday.

German universities do not charge tuition and all students who qualify have the right to attend. But with the country facing one of its worst financial crises in years, the government says it must cut back on its generous social benefits system, including higher education. Berlin's three state-run universities stand to lose \$92 million from their budgets between 2006 and 2009.

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water master. He still has his spiral notebooks filled with hand-recorded measurements of springs and streamflows. He has watched the springs drop and acreage and raceways go dry.

"It's a much bigger problem than just the well pumpers. Of course they pump a lot of water, and when you're running out, that hurts," Lemmon said.

The state must look at water use up and down the Snake River Plain to solve the canyon springs water problem, he said.

Donnie McFadden, breeder of the race horse Buddy Gil and owner of Billingsley Creek Ranch, said he bought some acreage in the 1990s after a fish producer could no longer operate because of declining springs. Today the raceways and fish ponds on the property are gone and now so are the springs, which were tributary to the troubled Billingsley Creek. They dried up last year.

"The key to the value of our property is Billingsley Creek and the water rights," McFadden said. At its recorded peak, the now-depleted Hewitt Spring produced 10 cubic feet of water per second, he said.

That amounts to nearly 20 acre feet of water a day — enough to cover 20 acres with water a foot deep each day.

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Saudi cleric renounces militancy

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — A jailed Muslim cleric renounced his calls for Islamic militants to attack non-Muslims during an interview aired on state-run TV Saturday, the third major Saudi cleric to recant in less than a month.

Ahmad al-Khalidi urged militants to "lay down their arms, reintegrate into society, return to their brothers because they are not our enemies and we are not their enemies."

Al-Khalidi was one of three radical clerics who publicly praised Islamic militants believed linked to the May 11 attacks on Western residential compounds in Riyadh.

Saudi authorities arrested the three men in May. They were detained during an anti-terror sweep after the May attacks, which killed 35 people, including the nine suicide bombers. The three clerics were charged with advocating violence in sermons in mosques and on the Internet. No dates for their trials have been set.

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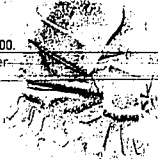
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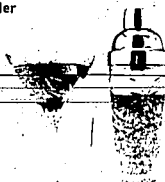
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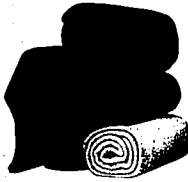
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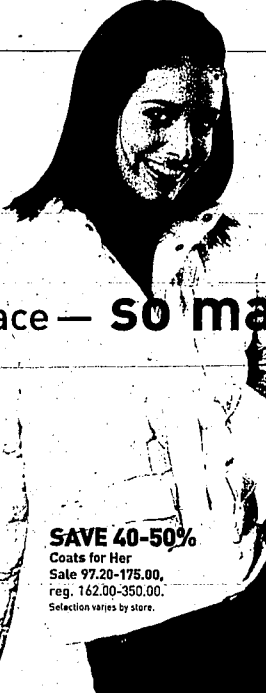
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American farm producers head to communist Cuba

HAVANA (AP) - The door to American trade with Cuba was nudged open a bit more this weekend as more than 250 U.S. agribusiness representatives traveled here for sales talks, marking the second anniversary of the first U.S. commercial food shipments to the communist island.

Pedro Alvarez, head of Cuba's food import company, Alimport, told The Associated Press on Saturday that he expected at least \$130 million in new sales contracts would be signed during four days of talks, which begin Monday.

"We've had a really strong response from companies" to the government's invitation to participate in the talks, said Alvarez, adding that 147 companies from 29 states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico are expected to attend.

Alvarez said the companies included Riceland Foods Inc. of Stuttgart, Ark.; Cargill Inc., of Minneapolis, Minn.; Archer Daniels Midland of Decatur, Ill.; FC Stone of Des Moines, Iowa; and Kaehler's Homedale Farms in St. Charles, Minn.

The steady interest by American

agribusiness in Cuba comes despite a tightening of restrictions on the island by the Bush administration, including stepped-up enforcement of rules on American travel.

Most average Americans are effectively barred from visiting the island under U.S. Treasury Department regulations prohibiting them from spending money here. In recent weeks, American authorities have increased inspections of Cuban-bound flights from Miami to ensure they have approval to travel here.

But a law passed in 2000 made an exception to the four-decade-old U.S. trade embargo, allowing direct commercial sales of American farm products to the Caribbean country on a cash basis.

Alvarez said that since then Cuba has signed contracts to buy \$509 million worth of American farm goods.

Chris Aberle, domestic sales director for FC Stone, said in a telephone interview from his base in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., that "Cuba has been a good business for us."

Canada's prime minister holds Cabinet meeting

OTTAWA (AP) - A day after he was sworn in, Prime Minister Paul Martin met Saturday with his new Cabinet and said the first order of business would be creating an independent ethics commissioner to monitor his Liberal Party government's behavior.

Martin, who served nine years as finance minister for outgoing Prime Minister Jean Chretien, also rejected a call from the leftist New Democratic Party to cancel several billion dollars in planned tax cuts in order to bolster health care and other social programs.

Martin said the tax cuts were needed to stimulate job creation and "indicated" his government was more likely to look hard for cutbacks in nonessential govern-

ment spending. Conflicts of interest and other ethics problems cropped up frequently during Chretien's 10 years in power. A bill to create an independent ethics commissioner died in Parliament this year, but Martin said it would be swiftly reintroduced.

Martin already has ordered his ministers to travel on regular commercial aircraft and avoid use of private jets unless authorized in advance by the ethics commissioner. Martin recently expressed regret for his own failure to immediately disclose trips he took on associates' corporate jets while he was finance minister.

The new finance minister, Ralph Goodale, said it would be difficult

to control government spending in a period where an array of first-time Cabinet ministers would be seeking money for attention-getting initiatives. He smiled when a reporter asked if he merited the

nickname "Minister No." "I hope it's 'No' for a purpose, not 'No' just to be a miserable character," he said. "It's 'No' because we have to make the right choices for Canadians."

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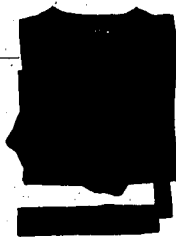
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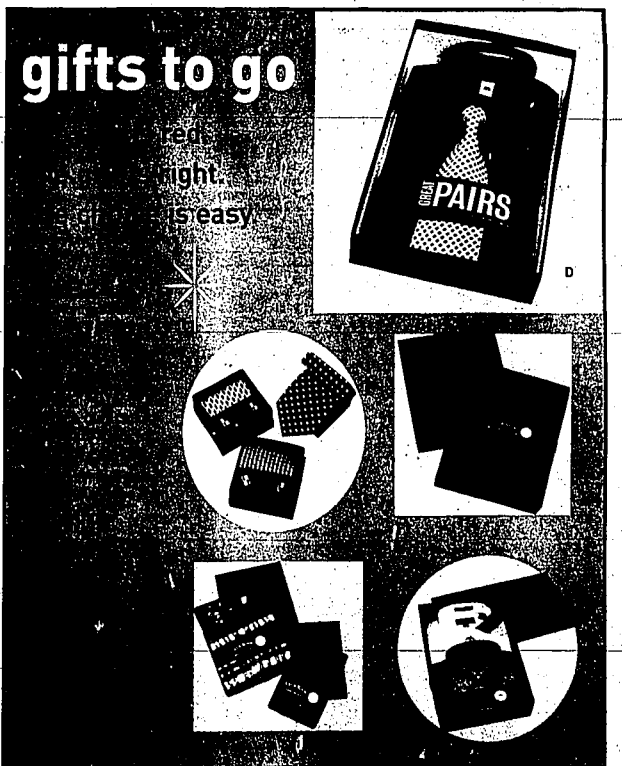
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EDITORIAL

Airport relocation is worth a look, but it still won't fly

Just because the idea of a north rim airport in the Magic Valley has been off the table for years, doesn't mean it's dead.

But fortunately, Twin Falls city leaders and members of the Magic Valley Airport Advisory Board, are taking precautionary steps and preparing for discussion, just in case a new proposal is made to move the city airport from Joslin Field—even if it now seems highly unlikely.

Twin Falls officials aren't jumping the gun. But they're wise not to be sitting on their heels, either. Should an official decision be made to relocate the airport, they need to be ready with research and data showing that it's probably not a good idea.

That's the stance Twin Falls Councilman Chris Talkington recommended the city take, during a recent meeting with the Magic Valley Airport Advisory Board.

Talkington is right. Officials should gather input from all sides, and keep emotion out of the equation. Eventually, their information should reaffirm the belief that airport relocation is too costly and too inconvenient.

Recently, authorities at Friedman Memorial Airport in Halley have discussed moving that facility farther to the south. That airport may have outgrown its capacity along Highway 75, and new locations are being studied.

That has led to some outside speculation that perhaps Magic Valley Regional Airport should merge with Halley, or move closer to the north side, and capture more traffic from nearby cities.

This debate has a long history going back decades. What resulted was a north side vs. south side skirmish. Thrown in

with that quarrel was the dilemma over where to place the interstate. Eventually the highway went north of the rim, and the airport stayed south of Twin Falls. But time has not fully quelled the lingering dispute.

It appears that merging airports from the Wood River Valley and Magic Valley would be an impossible task. Jet-setters flying into Sun Valley would oppose a facility that's too far from their destination. And Twin Falls travelers aren't crazy about abandoning an existing facility in order to travel due north.

Northiders may feel they have the best theoretical location. But politics and money will play a big role. In short, cows will fly down the canyon before these can be overcome.

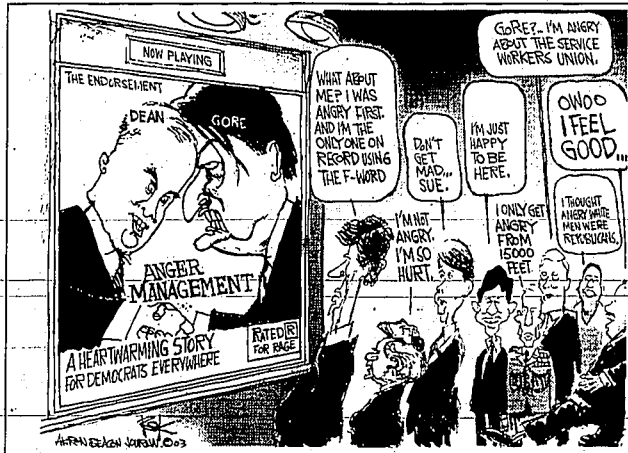
Officials may have other concerns in moving from Joslin, including finding another favorable spot that's amenable to weather patterns, not to mention close to the city. And gaining regional support from Twin Falls and Jerome counties, not to mention the Mini-Cassia area, will be a huge obstacle in any relocation effort.

Last and not least is the question of money. Relocation of Halley's airport is estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$100 million. And if Twin Falls abandons Joslin Field, it would be on the hook to repay a huge bundle of cash to the Federal Aviation Administration from previous grants.

But Talkington and the airport board are wise to watch all the options, for and against a move. They should welcome any new findings or studies that may prove or disprove the need for one regional airport.

A north side regional airport may be a dream for some, but at this stage it appears to be more of a flight of fantasy.

Our view: Twin Falls airport officials wisely keep their options open to see if relocation has any real merit. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



Gore finally plays the wild card

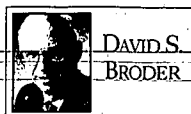
On Monday, just about the time word was spreading that Al Gore was going to endorse Howard Dean for the Democratic presidential nomination, Andrew Kohut, the respected pollster who runs the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, released his latest survey showing "voter opinion is still fluid in the early Democratic primary states."

Dean, the former Vermont governor, led Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri by 8 points in Iowa and Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts by 14 points in New Hampshire, with 17 percent undecided in each state. But in South Carolina, the most contested state on the first multi-state day of voting, Dean was running sixth, trailing Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, retired Gen. Wesley Clark, Gephardt, Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut and even activist Al Sharpton.

Kohut's national poll of Democrats showed four candidates bunched within the margin of error - Dean, Clark, Lieberman and Gephardt - with none having more than 15 percent support and 23 percent saying they were undecided.

In the light of that survey and others like it, Gore's decision to intervene early - and especially his call on Dean's rivals to "close ranks" behind the governor - is one of the more eccentric developments in modern political history.

As a private citizen, Gore has as much right as anybody to express his preference. But as the former vice president and most recent presidential nominee, his obligations are much different. Since he waged his valiant campaign and conceded with remarkable grace after the 36-day Florida recount ended in the Supreme Court, Gore has largely abandoned his role as titular leader of the Democratic Party.



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He played a minimal role in the 2002 midterm campaign and his scattered but well-crafted policy speeches have been made in non-party forums.

For him now to intervene in a dramatic way in the choice of the next nominee is, at the least, a reversal of form - done with no consultation with other key players and with the same combination of secrecy and surprise as his decisions in his own campaign to change managers, to move headquarters and to pick Lieberman as his running mate.

Gore's action changed the race and rattled Dean's rivals, though even to campaign in Tuesday night's New Hampshire debate that they would carry the fight to the voters. With Gore running interference, Dean has the best blocker he could find to fend off attacks on his position and his electability. The endorsement should boost Dean in Iowa, where Gephardt has been a real threat, and it may help with African-American voters in South Carolina and other states.

Sorensen, however, may wonder how much confidence to place in Gore's political judgment. This is the man, after all, who lost the White House in a time of peace and prosperity, a strategist who refused to permit President Clinton even to campaign for him in New Hampshire, West Virginia or Florida - all Clinton states, any one of which would have given Democrats the victory.

Gore said he had been impressed by Dean's grass-roots support, and indeed, the cam-

paign has been brilliant in mobilizing volunteers and contributors on a scale no one else has come close to matching. But Kohut's survey shows that support is based on a very well-defined constituency.

As he put it, "Dean's advantage is bolstered by his strong appeal to the well-educated liberal wing of the party in Iowa and New Hampshire. Nearly half of Dean's Iowa supporters are college graduates and far more describe themselves as liberal (38 percent) than conservatives (17 percent)." The Dean supporters are notable, not just for the vehemence of their opposition to the Iraq War, but also for their support of gay marriage and for their variance from national norms of religiosity. Forty percent of the Dean supporters in New Hampshire, his strongest state, say they seldom or never attend church.

As Gore knows well, one of the great divides in 2004 will be between the regular churchgoers, who went heavily for Bush, and the less-churchy, who voted Democratic. And Gore was a candidate, unlike Dean, who spoke openly and often about the role of religion in his own life.

Thus far, despite his glowing notices, Dean has failed to dominate any of the Democratic candidate debates. On Tuesday, while basking in the Gore endorsement, he virtually disappeared for long periods while long shots such as Dennis Kucinich made their rhetorical points. Dean's great achievement has been not what he has done on stage with his rivals but in building his grass-roots organization. The best test of that organization's prowess is still to come, starting in Iowa and New Hampshire and continuing in later primaries.

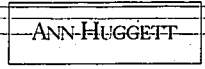
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Big Brother wants your Internet

Maybe Al Gore invented the Internet, but leave it to the United Nations to really screw it up. This week, more than 6,000 delegates representing 61 states and government organizations converged on Geneva for the World Summit on the Information Society.

The supposed goal of the summit is to help people in poor nations get online. According to U.N. apparatchiks, "knowledge and information should be easily accessible to all... the marginalized, unemployed, underprivileged, disenfranchised peoples, children, the elderly, the disabled, indigenous peoples and those with special needs."

It's really wonderful that the United Nations wants to help armed chicken farmers in Bangladesh surf the Web. But maybe these same international bureaucrats should focus on more pressing issues - like providing plumbing, electricity and medicine - before obsessing over whether malnourished children in Ethiopia have DSL access.



ANN HUGGETT

Besides, the only Macintosh a starving North Korean wants to see is the bright red fruit. And what good does a flat-panel monitor do if reading the opinions expressed thereon gets you hanged from the nearest apple tree?

Right now, the best thing to do is Internet governing body is a small U.S. organization called the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers. ICANN was created by the Department of Commerce in 1998. It is run as a semi-private, non-profit with a government-mandate to oversee technical issues and other details - such as making sure there are enough Web-site addresses available.

As the gatekeeper of cyberspace, ICANN is far from perfect. The tech magazine eWeek writes that "bureaucracy and secrecy have long been the organization's strong suits." But despite ICANN's weaknesses, give U.N. bureaucrats the key to the Internet's chastity belt would be a certain disaster.

For starters, if the United Nations had to pass a simple resolution stating "the cyberspace is blue," it would take three years and include a condemnation of Zionism. Getting scores of U.N. member states to agree on complex technical standards would be next to impossible.

But there's a much bigger problem with giving the United Nations regulatory control of the Internet.

Despite the sunny charm of countries like Cuba and Iran, the United Nations is populated with many despots who strive to censor anything that might enlighten their own people. They regard freedom of speech and individual rights - which are the life-blood of the Internet - with contempt. In some countries, sending the wrong e-mail can get you killed.

The United Nations gives legitimacy to these turgid regimes. Syria has a coveted position on the U.N. Security Council. And Libya presides over the Commission on Human Rights.

These tyrannical regimes would love to regulate cyberspace through the United Nations. But the Internet doesn't need their help. It already works splendidly well. Indeed, for many of the world's oppressed people, the Internet is a source of liberation, where they can access uncensored information.

Although the Internet was born out of a U.S. military project to ensure reliable communications in the event of nuclear war, it has been nurtured in the public domain for over a decade. Without any guiding political hand, the Internet has changed the way we work and communicate.

Ruled by free-market forces, the Internet has become the miracle of our times. Sure, cyberspace has its problems. But if you think pop-up ads and spam are annoying, wait until China and Syria start meddling with your e-mail.

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Iraq conflict is one U.S. can't afford to lose

My dad was one of the last farmers to start using a tractor on the west end of Twin Falls County.

He used to tell us kids about the farmer who took a sledgehammer and knocked his horses to their knees before he harnessed them for the workday.

One of his neighbors asked him why he did that and the farmer replied, "I'm getting their attention."

I'm sure that never happened, but my father was teaching us kids not to be as hard headed as those horses. Sometimes it seems we all are that way, though we try not to be.

On entering this Christmas season, I think of our troops in Iraq. For those of us who were raised during Vietnam, the newspapers are full of news that is painful reminders of that time. I get bile in my throat and a little sick to my stomach every time I read of our troops being in those ambushes.

But this war is lots different than Vietnam. The mission is clear: We were attacked not so differently than at Pearl Harbor. This is one we can't afford to lose, and it is an expensive war in value of lives - our troops as well as innocent Iraqi citizens.

Though I am extremely aggrieved when I read about the

loss of our troops, I am fully aware of another fact.

We are losing Americans in Iraq. But if we weren't over there, they would be over here killing innocent Americans by the thousands as they sat at their work desks. They have already proved that. They would do it again, if our troops weren't there to stop it. It's just plain "horse sense."

My wife, Anita, and I wish the troops in Iraq a Merry Christmas, and we send our prayers and appreciation to you for the jobs you do. We haven't forgot 9-11.

DANNY CRAFTON
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Theatre owner puts on a charitable show

We would like to let the Magic Valley know of a person who doesn't like to stand in the limelight but is always willing to give back to the community. This past November marked the 20th anniversary of Interstate Amusement's "Can of Food for a Movie," and the man who has made this an annual tradition to help support economically disadvantaged families is our quiet hero, Larry Roper, along with his wife, Kim.

For 20 years, Interstate Amusement has been collecting food annually for immediate holiday distribution through South

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Central Community Action Partnership by providing good quality movies for families and kids in exchange for a couple of cans of food. This year, "Spy Kids" and "The Sandlot" by Almighty" were enjoyed by many who might not otherwise be able to afford a day out at the movies. Kids of all ages, some accompanied by grandparents, frequented the movies with their two cans of food in hand. Larry sat back with a big smile of satisfaction across his face as he watched the young kids filled with enthusiasm stream into the theaters. For many of those young kids, it is their one and only time each year that gives them the opportunity to watch a movie on the big screen. In almost every case, the theaters were filled for those selected films. Interstate Amusement is a good role model for businesses unselfishly giving back to the community.

The generosity of the community was also very apparent as many who attended the movies far exceeded the required number of cans needed for admission. Leanne Trappen, South Central Community Action Partnership's Community Services director, her staff and great volunteers, including Scott Trappen and Beta Sigma Phi Alpha Phi Sorority, filled case after case of food, with the added help of Levi Orman, Interstate Amusement's city

manager, who worked over and beyond the call of duty to make sure all our needs were met - 4,500 pounds of food were collected, representing 2,172 movie tickets so generously given out by Interstate Amusement's Larry and Kim Roper. Over the years, they have given so much enjoyment to so many people without once asking for anything in exchange. This is why you are our quiet hero.

KEN J. ROBINETTE
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(Editor's note: Ken Robinette is the executive director of the South Central Community Action Partnership Inc.)

Study has questionable amounts of funding

The Dec. 4 issue of The Times-News reshapes the odor standards issue once again. In March, Commissioners Grindstaff, Brockman and Mikesell, along with Prosecuting Attorney Loeb, Ginny Gunn and myself, met with Tami Frank from the Idaho Department of Agriculture and Ron Sheffield of the University of Idaho. At this meeting, Mr. Sheffield stated he was running out of funds and would not be able to complete his study as planned.

A few weeks later, The Times-News reported Sheffield had put his study on hold because I had asked for information he would

not disclose. He did not contact me in regard to the request and was suddenly unavailable for several weeks this spring. Upon his return, I was contacted by Julie Fence of The Times-News and told my request had been denied.

Later in the summer, I was assured by several of our local representatives in the Legislature the study was continuing as planned.

Now it seems the study is on hold again. Sheffield cites "scarce resources" as the reason this time, and he wants to wait for spring as winter odors are not as foul. He was "short of funds" this spring when I received the blame or credit for halting the study. At the meeting with the commissioners, he indicated he had done some data gathering in January. Wouldn't that be a winter month?

I would be interested in what the budget for this project is. Where do the funds come from and how are they being spent? Is it underfunded or poorly allocated? I'd suggest no one ask for this information because the study would probably have to be put on hold and no one wants that again.

We need to sit back and relax as "overstuffed" as we recently will be completed, and Idaho will have the best, most accurate data in all of the 13 colonies.
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OPINION

The benefit and boredom of homework

HERB LONDON

My youngest daughter complains about homework incessantly. She has a point. Her school demands about three hours of home study a day. There are undoubtedly enough examples of this kind to elicit the popular notion that kids are overburdened. But this popular conception is wrong.

According to Jay Mathews, The Washington Post's education writer, recent research indicates that daily time on homework increased from 16 minutes in 1981 to 19 minutes in 1997. In a survey conducted with 287,000 college freshmen, about one hour of homework during the senior year of high school is the norm. My daughter is obviously pulling up the average.

Yet half the children surveyed in a University of Michigan study of 8,000 families said they didn't do any homework. Moreover, the quality of homework varies from math problems to watching "The West Wing," which one of my daughter's teachers said is "essential" if you want to know how Washington operates.

Clearly teachers vary in their approach to homework. I'm sure that in upscale neighborhoods with college educated parents, there is more homework assigned.

Kids in every generation complain about homework. What differentiates the current crop from the kids of yesteryear is that the parents have taken up the cause. Many school boards across America now impose limits on the time students can spend on homework. Of course, how does anyone know whether John or Mary exceed the limit? Does a bell go off after one hour?

The problem with homework—as I see it—is that it is often compensation for poor teaching. What the teacher cannot communicate he hopes textbooks or workbooks can. There is the belief that homework can clarify issues discussed in the classroom. If everything works as it should with sound teaching, motivated students and enriched materials, there is every reason to believe homework is an important adjunct to the process.

Unfortunately teaching is often dull, students are easily distracted and materials have been diluted to satisfy the politically correct. Homework then becomes "make work," an exercise comparable to learning how to build a typewriter. In a book entitled "The End of Homework," the author, John Buehl

and Etta Kralovec wrote that if homework "were a prescription drug, the Food and Drug Administration would long ago have demanded its recall—especially for children of elementary school age." It is not at all clear that homework is correlated to achievement. But I should note, that for autodidacts it is critical. I learned to write by writing and rewriting homework essays. Since writing is a craft, repetition is critical in doing it well.

Overlooked in the analytical studies of homework is a cultural backdrop that promotes lassitude. Young people are generally not accustomed to working hard; teachers don't like having to grade homework assignments and principals are not willing to impose rigorous standards on teachers or students.

Sometimes union officials won't let either principals or teachers impose standards that go beyond some predetermined limit. As a consequence, Johnny feels overburdened when homework exceeds his expectations. Mom doesn't like to see her son "overworked." Teachers often don't like

their "free time" encroached upon with homework evaluations. And principals won't keep their jobs very long if they make waves.

In my view, kids of every age including my daughter in high school should be hitting the books harder than they do at the moment. Keep in mind there are millions of hungry students across the globe totally convinced that their own passage to affluence depends on hard study.

Globalization translates into educational competition as a complement to economic competition. Homework isn't the answer for this competition, but then it does engender discipline and maybe, just maybe, an appreciation for learning that isn't fostered in the classroom.

For those who don't see the point, they might consider a youngster in Bangalore or Beijing or Manila who is saying to himself, "I will be sufficiently well-educated and disciplined to replace the American student in a job he once thought was his."

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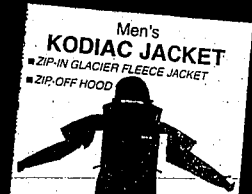
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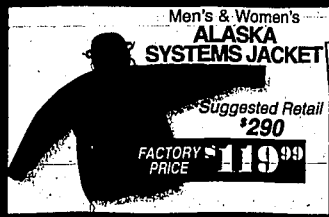
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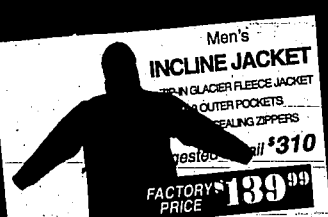
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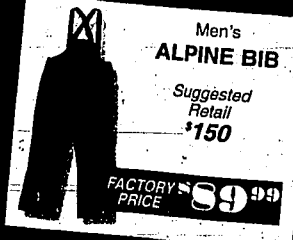
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PARIS — Leaders at a European Union summit in Brussels, Belgium, failed to agree Saturday on a proposed constitution intended to reduce disproportionate voting clout wielded by medium-sized countries, exposing fault lines of conflict widened by resentment of "Old Europe" dominance and the Iraq war.

The two-day summit that ended Saturday was a chronicle of a failure forlorn. Even before the summit, the worsening political rifts of recent years — on the constitution, the U.S.-led war, EU budget rules and other issues large and small — made an accord very unlikely.

Despite high-level wheeling and dealing, Spain and Poland on Saturday refused to accept new voting rules demanded by Germany, France and others as the 15-nation union prepares to incorporate 10 new member states — Poland included. Under a treaty agreed to by all EU members three years ago, Spain and Poland were granted a similar number of votes in the EU governing body as Germany, which

has about twice the population of each.

The outcome, at least in the short term, was more of an embarrassment than a calamity. The cumbersome decision-making structure and wildly disparate political and cultural make-up of the EU have hindered decisions even on minor issues, let alone a landmark step like a constitution. At the same time, Europe has

achieved once-unthinkable breakthroughs, such as a common currency and the disappearance of internal borders, with remarkable smoothness.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who along with Berlusconi played a mediating role in Brussels, predicted that negotiations will resume and advance in the coming months.

"To look at this in apocalyptic

terms is rather misguided," Blair said. "I think, ultimately, it will be resolved."

Nonetheless, the latest round of acrimony in Brussels gave new ammunition to Euro-skeptics in Britain and elsewhere who regard the EU as fundamentally divided, dysfunctional and distant from its citizens — even before it swells to an entity overseeing a population of 450 million.



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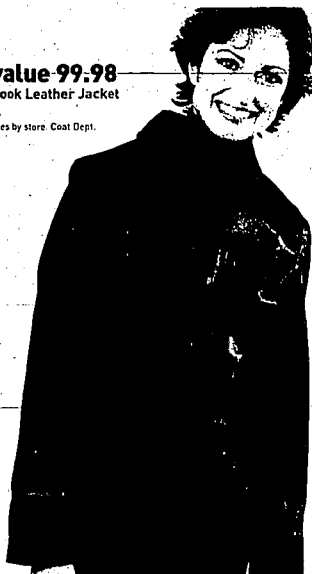
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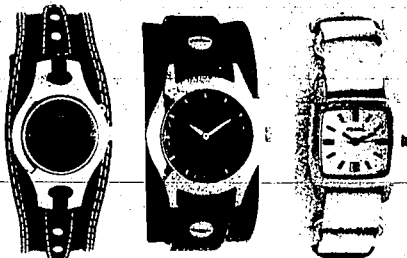
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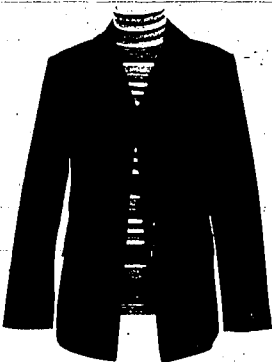
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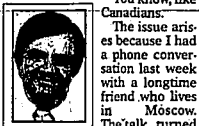
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Section B

Why does north Idaho put up with us?

Is it possible that folks who live in the Panhandle are the Canadians of Idaho?
And I don't mean just geographically. The residents of the nine counties north of the Salmon River just seem nicer, blander, and quite a bit less obnoxious versions of us southerners.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

You know, like Canadians. The issue arises because I had a phone conversation last week with a longtime friend who lives in Moscow. The talk turned to University Place, the University of Idaho's alumnus attempt to establish a major bricks-and-mortar presence in the state capital within sight of the Boise State University campus.

"Didn't surprise me," Frank said with Eschscholm resignation. "That sort of thing happens to us all the time."
Fact is, apart from the U of I, there isn't an institution in northern Idaho that has much of a footprint in the south. Worse, there's only one statewide elected official from the north — Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard — and there hasn't been a U.S. senator from the Panhandle since 1973 nor a 1st District congressman since the '60s (Helen Chenoweth, who once lived in Orofino, had long since moved to Boise by the time she was elected to Congress in 1992).

Northerners of both political parties have for years been outflanked, outvoted and marginalized on important legislative committees, outnumbered on the State Board of Education and the State Land Board and forced to drive rigs with "Famous Potatoes" license plates although there are few potatoes in northern Idaho, famous or otherwise.

And the only highway linking the north with the south is universally known as The Goat Trail.
So why do the northerners keep sending their taxes to Boise anyway?

Maybe because they're exceptionally good sports, not counting a pocketful of right-wing loons in Kootenai and Bonner counties. Refusing to contribute to Idaho's governance would strike most northerners as simply ungracious.

Oh, there have been sporadic discussions over the years of secession and union with northern Idaho's real heartland — eastern Washington. But they've never gone very far. Having lived in the house for so long, northerners just can't bring themselves to move out.
Still, after the appointed lieutenant governor, Jack Riggs, from Coeur d'Alene, was voted out of office — and the inside track to the governorship — last year and replaced by a southerner, it must be apparent even to Idaho's Canadians that it's time for some tough love.

I have a few tactical suggestions:
• They could keep all the steelhead for themselves. Southern Idahoans have an abiding passion for pulling these migratory trout out of the Salmon River, and if they couldn't do that many of them would take to strong drink and voting for Democrats.

• They could close the Middle Fork. You're not a man in southern Idaho unless you've floated the Please see CRUMP, Page B7

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake Basin	99%	29%
Salmon Falls	102%	27%
Salmon	90%	24%
Oakley	94%	23%
Big Wood	86%	23%
Little Wood	97%	25%
Henry Fork/Teton	100%	26%
Big Lost	97%	25%
Little Lost	85%	24%

As of Dec. 13

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

Festival of Trees proceeds more than double

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — At \$118,000, this year's Festival of Trees auction proceeds more than doubled the take from the previous year for the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation.

And this time around, Larry Baxter is giving credit to more than just cooperation from the weather.

"It's a lot of things coming together," said Baxter, executive director of the foundation. Baxter attributes the 2003 windfall in part to the addition of new events on this year's holiday agenda.

Sold-out events included a gala black-tie dinner following the opening night's premier tree viewing. The other event new to the Festival of Trees was a silent auction held at the "Ladies Night Out" gathering at Tomato's Italian Grill.

While some nice weather was a definite factor, the ample parking at the Lynnwood Mall was equally beneficial, Baxter said.

And factoring in an attendance of more than 13,000 people, "it's our very best festival — ever," he added.

While new events made a difference, it's a community working together that really makes things happen.

The festival raised just over \$70,000 last year, but with an increase of more than 60 percent at this year's event, "it says so much about the team effort — even while the economy is soft," Baxter said.

Winning trees

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation's Festival of Trees competition included individuals, groups and area businesses. This year's winners included:

- Best of Show tree — Key Bank.
- Best of Show mini-tree — Teapot tree by Mary Heida.
- Best of Show wreath — Twin Falls County employees.
- Best of Show quilted item —

Winning trees

- Backroom Girls.
- Best execution of festival "The Angels Among Us" theme — Calvary Chapel of Buhl.
- Best professionally decorated tree — The Money-Tree.
- Best professionally decorated wreath — Edward Jones.
- Best decorated tree by youth group (under 12) — St. Edward's Catholic Church.

- Best decorated tree by youth group (12 and over) — Magic Valley Christian.
- Judges' choice of tree — Kurt's Hallmark.
- Most creative tree — Janet Goffin.
- Most Humorous — Physicians Center.
- Most Nostalgic — Wells Fargo.

quilts, centerpieces and more. "And with so many volunteers and businesses involved, it made this year's festival the best it could be," Huether said.

The Magic Valley Regional Foundation has served the community since 1978. Its efforts center on the purchase of medical equipment and with the development of health care programs by providing scholarships to nursing students and continuing education for the hospital staff. The foundation also assisted in developing the cancer center and medical library. This past year proceeds from the auction helped to pay off the hospital's \$187,000 digital cardiac ultrasound project.

Some \$40,000 of this year's proceeds will be used to support efforts to fund the organ's heart initiative. Proceeds will also benefit area quick response units, Baxter said.

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

LIGHTING THE WAY FOR SANTA



Participants in Buhl's Night Light Parade wave to the crowd while passing through the heart of Buhl Saturday night.

Buhl lights the way for Santa

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Facing stiff competition from basketball game and the weather, Buhl residents lit up the town for Santa on Saturday during the annual Night Light Parade.

A good crowd lined the streets to watch the floats, cars, horseback riders, a one-horse open sleigh on wheels and the sound of jingle bells heralding Santa's arrival on a fire truck. Christmas music flowed from the school band and

voices could be heard from the spectators as they joined in to set the mood.

Nineteen entries made their way from the Visitor's Center on Highway 30 at the east end of town, down Broadway to Main with the help of the Buhl police and Citizens On Patrol squads.

Prior to the parade, there was an open house at the Moose Hall and a chili feed for about 170 people at the West End Senior Center, which was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

After the parade, voices from the high school jazz and select choirs presented Christmas music from the balcony of the Eighth Street Center.

Winners in the parade categories included: Civic Adult: Buhl Civil Air Patrol, which led the parade as color guard and featured a search and rescue truck; Civic Youth: Kiwanis Club, which featured the K-Klub Kids; Commercial: Knutson's Kustom Kutting, which featured a decorated 1959

Chevy. Music: Buhl co-school band; Private Group: Rock Creek Community Church of Twin Falls, which featured children rocking to lively Christmas music.

The winners will receive a certificate and a representative for each winner will be a guest of the Chamber of Commerce at its Jan. 6 luncheon.
Judges for the parade entries included Mayor Barbara Gietzen, Cari Kaster, Mimi Ford and Holly Langdon.

M.V. children hunt for reindeer on skis

Youth hit ski slopes to benefit children charities

By Karen Bosack
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Magic Valley youngsters and teenagers are invited to join the Great Reindeer Hunt on Skis for Charity that will be held on Bald Mountain Dec. 20.

The new event is designed to offer kids a chance to ski and earn prizes while raising money to benefit charities that benefit children.

For a \$10 fee kids will be given a blank card and a mission: get the signatures of Santa's nine reindeer on their Christmas cards.
• Reindeer include Idaho Rep. Wendy Jaquet as Dancer and state Sen. Clint Stemmer as Comet. They will be crowned with antlers and wearing bibs identifying their reindeer aliases.

They'll also be given a 10-minute start. Then the hunt will be on as the kids and hunters try to track them down for their autographs. Santa has loaned a few additional reindeer on the mountain to enhance kids' chances of getting nine signatures.

Great Reindeer Hunt on Skis for Charity

Registration for the Great Reindeer Hunt on Skis for Charity begins at noon Dec. 20 at River Run Lodge at the base of Baldy. The race begins at 4 p.m.
Children and teenagers are responsible for their own lift tickets and a \$10 fee to enter the race.

For more information, contact Susan Springer at 728-5349, extension 10 or susanspringer@cox-internet.com or Teresa Gregory at 622-3432 or oisp3432@aol.com

And, yes, even Santa was feeling charitable to give up his reindeer so close to Christmas Eve.

"These are fast reindeer so they'll zip in and zip back to the North Pole," said co-organizer Susan Springer. "In fact, they consider this their training run."
At the close of the event at 3:45 p.m., hunters and reindeer will report back to River Run Lodge for pizza and awards. Hunters who successfully find all nine reindeer are eligible for drawings for numerous prizes donated by local businesses. Even hunters who miss their mark will be eligible for other prizes.

The completed Christmas cards and Blaine County Senior Center.
The \$10 entry fees will go to Sun Valley Adaptive Sports, which provides ski and snowboard lessons and summer camp for disabled youth; Camp Rainbow Gold, which provides a summer

camping experience for Idaho children with cancer; Silver Creek Alternative School for at-risk youth pursuing high school degrees and YAK! Youth Adult Konnection, which provides asset-building programs for youth.

The idea was conceived by Springer, church administrator for St. Thomas Episcopal Church, and Teresa Gregory, church administrator for Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Ketchum as a variation on charitable events held at big malls in big cities.

"In addition to teaching about spirituality, we try to teach kids about community service and giving," said Springer. "This combines charitable giving with notable people modeling charitable behavior by giving the gift of their time."

IN SEARCH OF HER FATHER

Quest leads to a dead end in Twin Falls, but a quick change of course produces a bittersweet conclusion

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

GRESHAM, Ore. — For more than half of her life, Becky Sue (Peterson) Erler had searched for the father she never knew. This past week her 30-year search came to an end.

And the news was bittersweet. The discovery revealed that her father, Ralph Otto Peterson died in 1975, when Becky was 18 years old. Becky made her first attempt to locate her father when she turned 16. Near the first of this month, Becky, who lives in Gresham, Ore., called The Times-News seeking assistance in a lead that brought her to Twin Falls County. A recent follow-up call from this reporter revealed a fascinating story of triumph and heartache.

From the age of two, Becky lived with her mother and her stepfather. When she was 20 years old her mother died. Throughout those years her mother had struggled with mental illness and consequently never provided much information about Becky's natural father.

However, in some of her mother's old letters, there was a mention of "the boys," and while there was no clue as to their identity over the years Becky could only wonder if the boys who were referred to in the letter were her brothers.

They were. And though the finality regarding her father was an enormous disappointment, the good news confirmed her long-held hopes of having two living siblings.

But even with the long-awaited finding, her feelings were mixed. Please see FAMILY, Page B7

Employees pitch in for toy drive

By Rose Marie Parsons
Times-News correspondent

PAUL — Many Mini-Cassia kids will find a new toy under the tree Christmas morning because of the generosity of workers at The Amalgamated Sugar Co. plant in Paul.

In early November Sal Salazar, a mechanic at the sugar beet processing plant, began asking co-workers to donate toys for the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council. He posted flyers to extend the invitation to employees he might not personally run in to.

The response has been great, Salazar said. Several people donated two toys — one for a girl and one for a boy. When the owner of Red's Sport Shop in Paul heard about the toy drive he was quick to contribute, too.

A sugar tote has been the designated collection point at the plant, but many people have also been putting toys into Salazar's car. The tote, that usually holds 2,500 pounds of sugar, measures 34 inches by 34 inches by 55 inches. It was full when Salazar delivered it to the Project Mutual Telephone office in Rupert Friday.

Salazar noticed an insert promoting a toy drive for the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council in his PMT bill last year, but it was too late to do anything about it by the time he gave it much thought. He decided to get an earlier start this year and he also decided to

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Injured snowmobiler flown to Boise

FAIRFIELD — An injured snowmobiler was airlifted to Boise Saturday, the Camas County Sheriff's Department reported.

The injury occurred north of Fairfield in popular snowmobiling country. No other details were available about the snowmobiler's condition Saturday evening.

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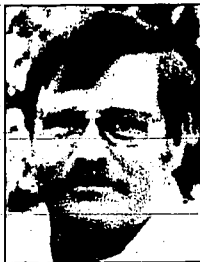
DEATH NOTICES

Ted Devon Smith - Heyburn

Ted Devon Smith, 55, of Heyburn, passed away Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Saint Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, from complications following heart surgery.

He was born March 28, 1948, in Cornish, Utah, the son of DeVon and Dorothy Leavitt Smith. At the age of four, he moved to Heyburn, where he attended Minidoka County schools. As a boy he enjoyed 4-H and FFA. He helped his dad haul milk and work at the family dairy. He married Leann King on Nov. 14, 1966, and they had four children together. He worked at Big-O-Tire Company and at age 19 he got his big break. Handy Truck Line gave him a chance to prove himself and they were never disappointed. He drove for them for 13 years accident free. At that time, his priorities changed and he began farming, so that he could spend more time with his family and teach his children a strong work ethic by working side-by-side with them.

The most important thing in the world to Ted was his family. As his



children married, he welcomed their spouses with open arms and was the world's greatest grandfather. He continued farming until last year when he returned to his first love, driving truck for Rocky Mountain Agromotives.

He is survived by his parents of Paul, his loving wife, Leann Smith of Heyburn; his children, Staci (David) Joyce and Steve (Dawn) Smith of Rupert, Brent (Kristi)

Smith and Jolynne (Tyler) Stoker of Burley; his grandchildren, Kendra, Christopher and Tiffany Joyce, Baile Smith, and Braxton Stoker; three sisters, Marilyn (Ron) Butlers of Woods Cross, Utah, Carolyn (Jerry) Konrad and Jean Neibaur, both of Burley; his brother, David (Jeannie) Smith of Burley; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Darwin Neibaur.

Ted will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at the Paul 3rd and 4th Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 300 S. 500 W., Heyburn, with Bishop Kay Cammull officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church. The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Ted Smith Trust Fund in care of D. L. Evans Bank.

Kathleen Rutherford - Buhl

Kathleen, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away on Dec. 12, 2003, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, from complications resulting from pneumonia.

She was born Kathleen Walpole on May 25, 1919, in Twin Falls. Kathleen was the daughter of Horace Walpole and Annie Alice Lundin. Kathleen spent her early years in the Shoshone Basin area, moving to Castletown, Idaho, as a young child. She attended schools in Buhl, Willardale and Castletown. She married Lloyd Eugene Rutherford on Nov. 19, 1939, at her godparents home in Buhl. From this marriage three children were born, Carol (Jay) Cox of Meridian, Idaho, Roger Rutherford (deceased) and Roger's wife (Mary) of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Beulah Young of Boise.

Kathleen lived in the Buhl area all her life, working side by side with her husband on their farm east of Buhl. In 1966, she began working in the health care field, spending many years lovingly taking care of elderly people in nursing homes throughout the Buhl and Twin Falls area. She was a lifelong member of the Buhl Methodist Church. Kathleen also was a member of the Cedar Draw Grange and the Moose Lodge of Buhl.

Kathleen was the proud grandmother of five grandsons, Richard (Wendy) Rutherford and their three children of Draper, Utah, Brad (Jackie) Cox and their two children of Boise, Idaho, Mark (Marcelle) Green and their one child of Portland, Ore., Nick (Shelly) Cox and their three children of Pierceton, Ind., and Randy (Annie) Rutherford and their one expected child of Draper, Utah. She is also survived by her sister, Betty Menard of San Lorenzo, N.M., and many nieces and nephews. Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents, three siblings, her husband of 63 years who passed in November of 2002, and her beloved son, Roger, who passed in February of 2003.

Mother was one of a kind and will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her, for the person she was and her determined spirit. "Mom, it's okay to go with Dad and Roger and enjoy eternity with them, you have been away from them long enough."

The funeral for Kathleen will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho, with interment to follow at sunset at the Buhl Cemetery.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the wonderful staff at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for the very special care and concern. And a very special "Thank You" to Dr. Desmond for his tireless efforts to save our Mother. The family would like those who wish to make memorial contributions in Kathleen's name to the charity of their choice. "We will miss you!"

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Dale Barningham - Heyburn



Warren Dale Barningham, 64, of Heyburn, died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Saint Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was born July 30, 1939, in Milaca, Minn., the son of George S. and Margaret Grahm Barningham.

He served his country in Korea as a radio operator. He liked to play-pool, loved the outdoors, and collected antiques. He made friends everywhere he went. He will be missed by all! We love you Dad.

Dale is survived by his wife, Verlyla Barber Barningham of

Burley; his sisters, Margerie, Elsie and Bernice; one brother, Delbert; his first wife, Naomi R., and their children; G-Scott Barningham and Roxanne Marie Rambo; and his nine grandchildren, Verlyn, Gary, Kevin, Michael, David, Taylor, Jazmin, Alexis and Morgan. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Dorothy Marie; a brother, Donald; and a sister, Janice.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th Street, Burley, with Bishop Gary Mecham officiating.

Zona Tappan - Heyburn



Zona Tappan, 97, Heyburn, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2003.

Zona was born July 2, 1906, in Hanksville, Utah, the daughter of John Henry and Edith McDougall Noyes. She married George Robert Tappan on March 5, 1929, in Burley and then moved to Encampment, Wyo., for 14 years. During World War II, they moved to Vallejo, Calif., and in 1946 they moved to Arco, Idaho, where they worked their cattle ranch until 1963 when they moved to Heyburn, Idaho. Zona was a member of the Paul 4th Ward LDS Church. She enjoyed quilting and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Robert Tappan, and her two sons, Gerald Robert and John Tell Tappan.

She is survived by one brother, two daughters-in-law, 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, at the Paul 4th Ward LDS Church with Bishop Myron Wilfson officiating. Burial will follow in the Paul Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

William (Dick) R. Beeson - Rupert

William (Dick) R. Beeson, a 97-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at Minidoka Memorial Extended Care.

Dick was born Feb. 20, 1906, in Fox Home, Minn., to Ralph B and Marjha C. Honans Beeson. After schooling, he spent three years in the service, between World Wars. He was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., in the Cavalry Unit. After discharge from the service, he worked in Oregon and then came to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1931. He worked for Colorado Milling & Elevator for 26 years, first in Twin Falls, Buhl and Rupert in 1941. After retiring from Rupert Bean Elevator, he worked as a carpenter during the week and worked on weekends at Pomerelle Ski Area, where he was one of the five original owners. During these years, he was also on the Rupert Fire Department, serving for 50 years - part of that time as secretary. He belonged to the Rupert Lions Club and Elks Lodge. Dancing was a favorite past time even in the years at the Minidoka Memorial Extended Care. He also loved skiing, gardening, friends, and especially his family.



Dick married Helena Sherlock in January of 1932 in Briggs, Idaho, who passed away in 1960. They had one daughter, Ella Mae. He married Ruth Priest in 1961 and later divorced. They had one son, Billy. Dick helped raise her children from a previous marriage, Patti and Joe Priest.

He was survived by his two daughters, Ella Mae Rule of Rupert and Patti (John) Yeoman of California; and two sons, Joe



(Emiloy) Priest of Inkom, Idaho, and Billy Beeson of Rena, Nev.; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and two brothers, Ralph Beeson of Wahpeton, N.D., and Albert Beeson of Big Bear City, Calif. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helena, and three sisters.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Jerry L. Garrison - Boise

Jerry L. Garrison, 52, of Boise, passed away suddenly on Dec. 8, 2003, in Boise, Idaho.

Jerry was born on Feb. 7, 1951, to Neal and Loah Garrison in the old Twin Falls Hospital. Jerry attended grade school through high school in Twin Falls, graduating with the class of 1969. He received his associate degree from CSI and attended two years of college at Boise State. Jerry married his soul mate, Carole Jean

Carlson, in John Day, Ore., on Nov. 11, 1989. For the past 13 years until Jerry's death, he was employed at Boise State University.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Carole; mother, Loah Garrison; brother, Bill Garrison and family; sister, Vicki Fuller and family; and his mother-in-law, Jean Carlson. His father, Neal Garrison, and father-in-law, Robert Carlson, preceded him in death.

Jerry's greatest passions were his wife, Notre Dame football, classical music, movies, and books.

A memorial service to celebrate Jerry's life will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, at the Methodist Church in Buhl, Idaho.

Because of Jerry's love for books, in lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Buhl Public Library, 215 Broadway Ave. N., Buhl, ID 83316.

Dorothy Steelman

BURLEY - Dorothy Steelman, 90, of Burley, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley. Arrangements will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Orval T. Hymas

FILER - Orval T. Hymas, 96, of Filer, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at the Cedar Draw Living Center. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Oma Stockard

KIMBERLY - Oma Stockard of Kimberly, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Bert Blackmer

JEROME - Bert Blackmer, 81, of Jerome and formerly of Boise, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at Creekside Residential Care Center in Jerome. Arrangements will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Norman Miranda

WENDELL - Norman Miranda, 84, of Wendell, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital. Arrangements will be announced by Demary's Wendell Chapel.

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SERVICES

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).

Annette Christine Montoya of

Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Hansen 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 222 Birch St. S., Kimberly; family will greet friends one hour before the service at the church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Arnold Donald Heldemann of Buhl, service at 2 p.m. Monday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N., Buhl.

OBITUARY

Paul Montezuma-Aguilar -- Paul

Paul Montezuma Aguilar, 54, of Paul, passed away Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at the Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

Paul was born June 26, 1949, in Madero, Texas, to Florentino and Cruz Aguilar. When Paul was young the family moved to Paul, Idaho, where he attended schools there and graduated from Minico High School. After high school, he joined the United States Marine Corps, where he served for four years. In 1975, Paul married Carolyn Hernandez and they had two children, Daniel Aguilar of Paul, Idaho, and Christina (Gabriel) Villaseca of Burley, Idaho.

Paul enjoyed doing many things, most of all his job at Boise Cascade, where he worked for 33 years. Paul so enjoyed his friendships he made with all his co-workers. Paul's greatest enjoyment was spending time in the mountains, camping, fishing and bike riding, where he loved the trails in Sun Valley. He was an avid reader and was often found outside under the tree reading his favorite Stephen King novel. He also loved looking up to the heavens at night, watching the stars and satellites, and staying home and spending time with his family. Paul was a very caring and generous man who would often give up his time to help others in their time of need. He was also a member of the Roman Catholic Church St. Nicholas Parish, in Rupert, Idaho.

Paul was preceded in death by his nephew, Alcario Chapa III, and a



niece, Stephanie Vasquez.

He is survived by his parents, his wife and children; and six brothers and sisters, Elva (Marcos) Villaseca of Boise, Idaho, Mary (Ralph) Kramer of Mountain Home, Idaho, John (Char) Aguilar of Boise, Idaho, Cande (Robert) Gomez of Twin Falls, Idaho, Mike Aguilar of Boise, Idaho, and Luis (Becky) Aguilar of Filo, Idaho.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Rupert, Idaho. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the mortuary and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Utah jobless premiums will jump significantly in 2004

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The director of the state Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund says Utah businesses can expect their unemployment insurance premiums to increase from 40 percent to as much as 300 percent in the coming year.

After several years of economic downturn and a statewide unemployment rate that breached 6 percent, the fund lacks adequate reserves for future benefit payments, which under state law must be sufficient to pay 15 to 19 months of unemployment benefits, said director Christopher Love.

"Our rates have to go up" to replenish the reserves, he said. Utah businesses pay into the fund based on a complicated formula that considers the level of taxable wages they pay their workers. The formula also takes into account how many of a company's former workers collected benefits over the previous four years.

For some businesses, the increase will push the annual premium cost of unemployment insurance for each employee from \$22.50 to more than \$90. A small business employing 100 people, for example, may see operating costs increase nearly \$7,000 a year as a result of the increase.

Utah's small-business community

will be hit particularly hard by the increase, said Peter Corroon, president of the Salt Lake West Pocket Business Coalition, a small business advocacy group.

"We're pretty nervous about it," he said. "Profit margins are slim for many small businesses and a lot of them operate right on the edge. If they get hit with an unexpected \$50 here and another \$50 there, pretty soon not much is left."

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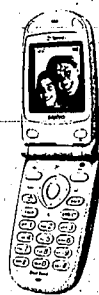
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Report: Minorities not prepared for college

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Too few minority students are getting proper preparation for college, according to an organization aiming to increase the college success rates of these students.

As a result, racial and ethnic minorities continue to be underrepresented on the campuses of Utah's public colleges and universities, Sam Curley, president of the Utah Coalition for the Advancement of Minorities in Higher Education, said Friday.

Approximately 81,000 of Utah's total 487,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade are identified as racial minorities.

"The recent census report shows the demographics of Utah are changing. There are more Hispanic and other minority stu-

dents in public schools, but we are not seeing representation in higher education," said Curley, a Navajo.

This week, the organization presented a report of its concerns about minority college participation to the state Board of Regents.

A lack of outreach and access are among the barriers minority and other underrepresented groups face in going to college, coalition president-elect Kate Maxwell-Stephens said. Other problems include data collection, campus climate, financial aid and the eligibility of nonresident students.

Other than the federally funded programs and a national effort targeting women and minorities in math and science courses, she

added, Utah's higher education system suffers from dismal coordination and communication in reaching out to minorities.

"Many (high school) minority students are not even aware of what college preparation programs are available to them. And they know even less about college admission requirements," Maxwell-Stephens said.

She also noted a lack of uniformity in simple data collection on minority enrollment for individual public schools and districts, as well as colleges and universities. Utah School Board Chairman Kim Birmingham says the state fully supports efforts to increase minority enrollment on Utah's college campuses and is implementing a tracking system that complies with the federal No

Child Left Behind Education Reform law.

"We are committed to putting those things in place, but we need the financial support to make it work," said Birmingham.

Gov. Olene Walker did not include any additional financial aid for need-based students in her proposed budget, regent officials said. Walker's budget calls for a \$39 million increase next year for higher education. The regents had sought a \$43 million increase.

But Regent Marie Sweeten said higher education officials can no longer simply talk about the poor participation rate of Utah minorities in higher education.

"It's time for us to address these issues that have to do with faculty, staff, and student populations," she said.

Murder trial will resume in January

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Despite an appeal before the state Supreme Court on evidence in the Cody Lynn Nielsen murder case, Nielsen's trial will resume next month, a judge has ruled.

First District Court Judge Clint S. Judkins ruled Friday that the trial will resume as scheduled Jan. 6. Meanwhile, the Utah Supreme Court is reviewing whether taped jailhouse interviews can be introduced as evidence.

Defense attorneys for Nielsen filed a motion for a stay in the trial in November after the Supreme Court agreed to review the appeal. However, prosecutors have agreed to present their case without introducing the taped interviews in order to move the trial along since the appeals process is expected to take between 18 and 24 months to review.

Judkins ruled in June that the taped interviews conducted Jan. 20 and 22 with Cache County Chief Deputy Bob DeGasser and Sgt. Chad Jensen could be used as evidence. The interviews reportedly reveal information about the circumstances of Trisha Autry's death.

BYU student's mother will be deported to Peru

Student still stranded in his native country

OREM, Utah (AP) — The mother of a Brigham Young University student stranded in his family's native country will be deported Monday.

Through Castro's request for a business visa has been denied because the small company didn't employ enough professionals.

The 17-year-old son, Alex, was to have started classes at BYU last fall as a freshman, but has been stranded in Lima, Peru, because of real trips.

Castro's parents applied for a business visa for their copyright and patent business in Orem. Under this type of visa, their son would be considered a legal resident.

However, Castro's legal status came into question after the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services reportedly lost the original application and the family began the process of reapplying.

While waiting for the new applica-

tion to be processed, Castro was accepted at BYU and told by school officials that he needed to return to Peru for a student visa. He left his home in Orem for Lima nearly three months ago.

He was banned from returning after U.S. Embassy officials said he had been living illegally in the United States for more than a year because the business visa had not gone through.

Now, the Castros are closing their Orem business and moving home, a move they hope convinces U.S. officials that Alex does not intend to become a permanent resident here.

Euroica Castro plans to visit the U.S. Embassy in Peru upon her return Monday to issue a plea for Alex to be allowed to study at BYU. "She feels sad that they can't keep working at the business that they started," said S. Austin Johnson, the family's attorney. "She feels she wants her son to learn to be a professional and get the education here, where the values are so important and where the moral teaching is just as important as the secular teaching."



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NATION

Transforming Yosemite ignites debate over access

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — The hum of chain saws and clanking of steel on steel have replaced the chattering crowds of summer in this lush sub-alpine meadow as officials push forward the largest effort to transform Yosemite National Park since its creation in 1890.

"It's kind of like remodeling your house. We're not building a new house. We're just fixing what we've got to make it better," said Yosemite National Park Superintendent Michael Tollefson.

Development continues to encroach on park boundaries, bringing new housing projects and commercial construction — and thousands more people.

The newly opened Chickadee Casino, one of the state's largest, is just 30 miles down the road, advertising with billboards throughout the region: "Now, Yosemite has a

night life."

And with the recently approved SilverTip Resort Village, a 47-acre commercial and residential complex slated to go up in the tiny park border town of Fish Camp, many area residents fear an onslaught of the tourists and a scar on the scenic surroundings.

With development and a boost in domestic travel after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, visits to the park are increasing and changing direction. The park sees 3.5 million visitors annually. Thirty years ago 80 percent of Yosemite's visitors were overnighters; now, it's 80 percent day-use.

And vehicle traffic has increased about 30 percent over the last decade. Seven bears were killed by cars on park roads in 2003.

Park managers say they are forced to make changes in order to protect natural resources and accommodate a fluid demographic.

The controversial \$441 million Yosemite Valley Plan, part of which is currently under way, aims to "reduce the human footprint," pruning parking spaces, moving campsites and roads, rebuilding housing destroyed in the 1997 flood and improving a shuttle bus system, among many other things.

Tollefson calls it a restoration project.

"Some do tend to look at it as new development. But in reality what we're doing is taking facilities that often look very tired and making them more user and visitor friendly, but at the same time providing better protection of the resources," Tollefson said.

Wooden walkways are being installed over wetland meadows, buildings are being moved from the flood plain and an 85-year-old dam that once provided electricity for valley homes is being

demolished, allowing 81 miles of the scenic Merced River to flow freely through the park.

But Yosemite's back-to-nature scheme is not without its critics.

"The thrust and the balance of the plan is development and the singular intent is more development," said Greg Adair, co-director of Friends of Yosemite Valley.

"The park does foresee more visitors and an increasing population in California and if it is their claim that they can accommodate that with the plan, it is probably true, but it will cost the environment," Adair added. "It will also cost visitors their freedom."

Writers, artists, and photographers spread the fame of Yosemite throughout the world during the early to mid 1800s, attracting a steady increase of visitors and ultimately, drastic changes to nature's landscape.

Senator wants religious monument at Capitol

BOISE (AP) — A Republican lawmaker wants the Idaho Statehouse to have its own monument to the Ten Commandments.

State Sen. Gerry Sweet plans to introduce legislation authorizing the marker.

"This isn't a religious issue. The issue is about where our laws come from and who is the great legislator of the universe, which the Idaho Constitution points out is Almighty God," Sweet told The Idaho Statesman on Friday. "It's becoming more and more critical to stand up and defend our Judeo-Christian heritage."

Sweet plans to detail his proposal during Sunday's rally for the Ten Commandments display in Boise's Julia Davis Park.

A lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho says Sweet's proposal is unwise, and would very easily be rejected in court.

"When you place a Ten Commandments monument on state property, there is an implied endorsement of religion, which is exactly what is prohibited by the Constitution," said Marty Durand, staff attorney for the ACLU's Idaho chapter.

But Sweet said the dispute over a Ten Commandments monument in Alabama prompted him to bring the fight to the Idaho Legislature next month.

"Either laws come from God or they come from man, and the laws that come from man are ever-changing," Sweet said. "And therein lies a great danger."

Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore was removed from office Nov. 13 for refusing an order by U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson to move a Ten Commandments monument from the Alabama court building.

Sweet said his proposal would require a monument to the Ten Commandments located in a place that is "significant and

reflect the importance of it. We want to make sure it's not just a plaque stuck on the back wall."

Also at Sunday's rally, members of the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., plan to picket the prayer demonstration at the city monument behind the bandshell in Julia Davis Park.

Rev. Fred Phelps has formally asked the city for permission to install a 6-foot granite edifice bearing the name and image of Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old Wyoming college gay student who died in 1998 after he was lured out of a Laramie bar by two men, kidnapped and beaten into a coma. He died five days later.

Phelps' monument would say that Shepard went to hell because he was gay. He argues that if the government allows one religious marker, such as a Ten Commandments monument, it must also allow monuments of other religious belief or it will unconstitutionally be promoting one religious belief over another.

Sweet wants the monument to go in the first-floor Rotunda, and says the basis for such a display is the state constitution, which recognizes God.

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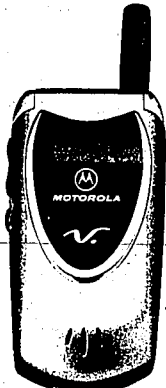
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Sheriff, family settle death lawsuit

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — The Weber County Sheriff's office and the family of Glen Lutz have settled a lawsuit over Lutz's hog-tying death for \$240,000.

"It was a compromise on both sides," said Lori DeLand, lawyer for the Lutz family. "We weren't ecstatic about the amount, nor was the defense."

The suit filed by Lutz's family sought \$27 million in damages for the death they claimed was relat-

ed to the Oct. 16, 1999, traffic stop where three deputies hog-tied the combative Lutz.

Put on his stomach with his hands handcuffed behind his back and tethered to his shackled legs, Lutz briefly stopped breathing and lapsed into a coma. Paramedics restored Lutz's breathing, but he lapsed into a coma and died a month later without regaining consciousness.

A neighbor videotaped the incident. Deputies Steve Handy, Chris Bitten and Brian Jacobs can be heard on the tape yelling obscenities at Lutz as he was restrained on his stomach after he fought with officers who mistakenly thought he was drunk.

"Mr. Lutz's death was tragic, but we still contend our deputies did nothing to contribute to his death," said sheriff's spokesman Lt. Clint Anderson.

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Coach may face charges in rape cases

Man in custody; no formal charges yet

BOISE (AP) — A physical education teacher and coach at a private parochial school was being held Saturday on suspicion of three rapes committed last year.

Kenneth Kip Wilkins, 28, was arrested after a neighborhood resident called police to report a man was lurking near another home shortly before 7 a.m. Friday.

Wilkins, a Nampa resident, is scheduled to make his initial court appearance Monday, an Ada County Jail deputy said Saturday. Meanwhile, he has not been formally charged and is being held without bond.

When Wilkins was arrested Friday, it had been exactly one year since the last of the three reported rapes in the Winstead Park area.

Boise Police Chief Don Pierce said he believes Wilkins had targeted a teenage girl at the home where he was reported to be lurking.

"The most recent rape in the string of three Winstead Park attacks was Dec. 12, 2002. In each case, the victims were 15 or 16 years old.

Police initially took Wilkins into custody on suspicion of peeping into a private residence. Detectives working on the rape cases quickly noticed a strong resemblance between Wilkins and a composite sketch of the serial rapist, Pierce said.

One of the Winstead Park victims celebrated with her family at the news of the arrest.

"I feel much safer... I don't have to worry," said the 16-year-old girl as her friends and family gathered Friday afternoon. "I had trouble sleeping and stuff. Now I don't have to think about it anymore."

St. Mark's Catholic School teaches kindergarten through eighth grade. Wilkins has taught physical education and coached basketball there for the past three years.

The school is less than a mile from where Wilkins was arrested Friday and within two miles of where the rapes occurred last year.

School administrators say the arrest came as a shock.

"It's just the furthest thing from who he would seem to be as a person to me and that's why it's such a shocking thing," Dan Maloney, the principal of St. Mark's School, told KBCI Channel 2 News. "The background check that was done in this situation never picked up on anything that would be suspect."

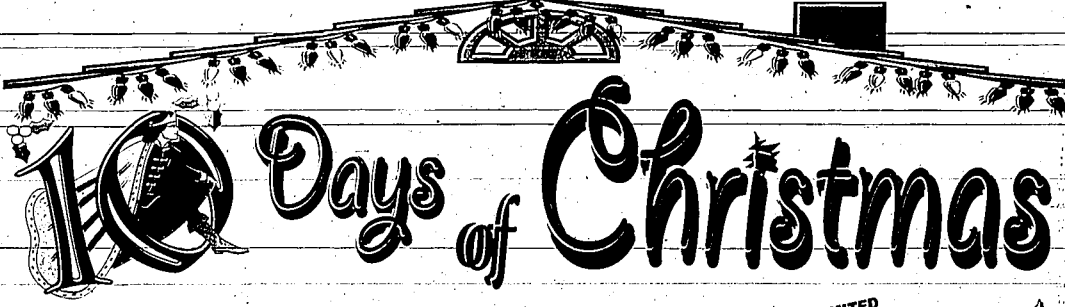
Maloney said he has suspended Wilkins, but wouldn't say whether the suspension was with or without pay.

Pierce said officers had been working on the case for a year and a half and had investigated 326 leads, but none of them pointed at Wilkins.

DNA testing showed that all three victims in the Winstead Park attacks were raped by the same man, police said.

Investigators will take a sample from Wilkins and submit it to the Idaho State Police Crime Lab for comparison, police spokeswoman Lynn Hightower said. The Wilkins sample also will be put in a national database to see whether there is a match to other crimes.

Hightower declined to say whether any of the victims had been students at St. Mark's or neighboring Fairmont Junior High, saying investigators did not want to risk identifying any of the victims.



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East End Providers share holiday spirit

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - The days until delivery time for people receiving Christmas boxes from the East End Providers is growing short.

Families that picked up applications for boxes need to get them returned immediately since a lot of work goes into filling the food box and selecting the appropriate toys for each family, organizers say. Further, families receiving boxes need to be home in the afternoon on Friday, Dec. 19, as Santa will be making deliveries to Murrough and Hansen at that time.

Boxes will be delivered to Kimberly homes on Dec. 20. If nobody's home to receive the boxes at delivery time, they will have to be picked up in Kimberly.

The East End Providers have been helping needy families in the east-end of Twin Falls County year-round since the 1980s with Christmas boxes filled with food, clothing and bedding. The Providers also sometimes distrib-

ute in the Eden, Hazelton and Hunt areas.

The first boxes were filled by Mary Morse - assisted by her husband Roy and daughter Karen - with donated toys, food and clothing. Throughout the years the group has grown. Providers gave Christmas goods to more than 200 families with 575 kids last year.

This year's boxes will contain fish from the Idaho Trout Farm, a small turkey and canned items that should provide for a Christmas dinner and goods that will last several more days. There will be toys for the children and clothing if needed.

Monetary support is provided each year by various groups. A group of Magic Valley cyclists raised several hundred dollars and pickup loads of toys with their toy ride. Lamb-Weston has donated potato and clothing boxes for the produce-for-many years. Quilts have been made by women from area churches and the Kimberly LDS church provides boxes filled with baby needs.

Judge rules against employees of company

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho (AP) - There is no convincing evidence David Hinkson intended to sign away half of his lucrative water bottling company to the man who would be his legal researcher, a judge ruled.

Hinkson is awaiting trial on Jan. 12 after being indicted on federal tax and food and drug violations over his business, Water Oz.

Second-District Judge John Bradbury on Friday ruled against Richard Bellon in his civil suit. Bellon claimed Hinkson designated him to be an equal partner in Water Oz.

Bradbury also lifted a preliminary injunction against Hinkson's wife and others who have been managing the company since Hinkson's arrest in April, which will allow them to return to work.

Hinkson is charged with four counts of misbranded drug, four counts of adulterated drug and one count each of misbranded drug and adulterated device. The charges stem from the bottling of the water at Water Oz. The company claims the water contains metals such as gold and

silver which have medicinal purposes.

The charges also include three counts of willfully failing to file tax returns and 13 counts of willful failure to collect federal tax.

Bradbury said it is unlikely that Hinkson, who has operated Water Oz for 14 years and has made a huge success of it, would turn it over to Bellon based on a handful of remarks and a document he dictated over the telephone to Grangeville attorney Brit Groom.

Bellon's attorney, Todd Richardson, played a tape recording Friday of Hinkson talking from jail with the company officials.

Hinkson was asked whether he had made Bellon part owner and Hinkson did not deny it. He said he had a verbal agreement with Bellon.

Bellon said the company grosses between \$15,000 and \$30,000 per day.

Hinkson's attorney, Wesley Hoyt, maintains that is why Bellon tried to gain half of Water Oz with Hinkson in jail.

Officer gives tresses to victim

BOISE, Idaho (AP) - As a cancer survivor, city police officer Sherry Sonnenberg realized the benefit she had to give this holiday season was under her hat - a foot of her long, brown tresses.

She went under the scissors Friday so she could help a cancer-stricken child fight back the effects of chemotherapy.

"When you have cancer, sometimes your hair falls out in clumps," she said. "That would be devastating for children. It won't take me long to grow this back."

have nice thick hair," Sonnenberg can relate. She lost much of her hair nine years ago when she underwent chemotherapy and remembered how that felt.

"It would be way worse for kids," she said.

So she decided last year to let it grow and grow, then give it away to Locks of Love, a nonprofit foundation which makes wigs out of human hair for underprivileged cancer-stricken children who cannot afford the \$3,000 to \$5,000 price tag.

Crump

Middle Fork of the Salmon River - at least once, and preferably several times a year. This tactic alone would bring Bonnevillie, Bannock, Madison and Bingham counties to their knees in about a day and a half.

They could elect Mark Fuhrman, radio personality, crime writer, villain of the O.J. Simpson case and a northern Idaho resident to the Legislature.

They could hire Dennis Erickson to coach the U of football team as soon as the San Francisco 49ers fire him. Erickson coached at

Idaho in the '80s, and his teams made a regular practice of folding, stretching and mutilating Boise State.

They could exile all their expatriate Californians - an estimated 10,000 since 1980 - to Kuna. Or maybe Jerome.

They won't do any of those things, of course: Northern Idahoans are just too Canadian for their own good.

Here's wishing them all a good day, eh?

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Toy

asked their own children for advice on what toys to buy. His two daughters, ages 11 and 13, are proud of Salazar for organizing the toy drive.

This year's Salazar's only involvement in the community. He is also an emergency medical technician and volunteer firefighter in Rupert.

The Mini-Cassia Christmas Council has approved applications for Christmas boxes this year, according to the council's Dolly Freiburger. Recipients receive food, gifts and sometimes clothes from the Christmas council.

Salazar is hopeful that he and other Amalgamated Sugar employees will be able to collect even more toys for the council next year.

encourage his co-workers to get involved.

"I was overwhelmed when he called and told me what he was doing," PMT employee Doreen Swisher said. "Because of him, that many more kids will be getting toys."

At first, Salazar set a Nov. 30 deadline for toys to be turned in, but he moved the deadline back several times as donations kept streaming in.

"Everyone was happy to help. This isn't about me," Salazar insisted. "Everyone has been very generous."

Most of the Amalgamated Sugar employees are men, according to Salazar, so many of them

Senate leader makes worthy opponent

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - A week ago, when it looked like Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger would fall to win legislative approval for his plan to address California's fiscal crisis, administration officials began threatening to bypass the Democratic-dominated Legislature by taking measures directly to voters.

The first shaking subsided when lawmakers eventually passed a modification of the governor's plan.

Schwarzenegger's willingness to compromise with Democrats might have been driven in part by the reality that he can't turn to voters for everything he needs: The governor still must enlist the support of two-thirds of lawmakers in both the Assembly and the Senate to pass a budget and to win approval for many appointments.

And that leaves Senate President Pro Tem John Burton - the crafty, cranky San Francisco Democrat - as the legislative key to the governor's ultimate success or failure over the next year, Burton's last in the Legislature because of term limits. With five decades of legislative experience, including eight years in Congress, Burton commands the unwavering loyalty and respect of the Senate's Democratic majority, 25 votes in the 40-member Senate.

Schwarzenegger readily acknowledges Burton's power and importance. The governor has made time for dozens of potential Democratic adversaries since winning the Oct. 7 recall election, but he has taken particular pains to stroke Burton. When conservative talk-radio hosts have tried to bait Schwarzenegger into taking shots at the liberal lawmaker, the governor wouldn't bite.

"Sen. Burton is a great man," Schwarzenegger gushed to reporters the other day. "We're having a good time with the negotiations. They've told me that this is great entertainment that he provides. And he does!"

The 70-year-old Burton, who won't say what he plans to do after leaving the Senate next year, has been matching wits with California governors since his election to the Assembly in 1994.

Before leaving the lower house, for the first time in 1974, Burton engineered the only override of a Ronald Reagan veto, a political triumph that kept state mental hospitals open.

During the tenure of Republican Gov. Pete Wilson from 1993-99, Burton battled the man he referred to as "the little



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, middle, shakes hands with Senate President Pro Tempore John Burton, D-San Francisco, right, as Senate Republican leader Jim Brulte, R-Rancho Cucamonga, left, looks on before Schwarzenegger signed a fiscal recovery package that includes a \$15 billion bond measure and new spending restrictions, at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif., on Friday. The package will be placed before voters in March.

Marine" over budget support for state programs for the poor and other issues. But Burton's clashes with Wilson were nothing compared to his tempestuous relationship with the moderate Democrat who became governor in 1998, Gray Davis, Capitol veterans said.

Davis' lack of passion and calculating style infuriated Burton, and the Senate leader took his revenge at the most politically inopportune moments, forcing Davis' hand on issues such as increased benefits for injured workers, union representation for farm workers and universal health care, according to Davis aides and lawmakers.

At the very least, Burton probably will enjoy the company of Schwarzenegger more than his predecessor, many Democrats and Republicans said.

"When you're dealing with serious issues, as we're dealing with regularly, having the ability to connect at a personal level is very, very important," said Senate Republican Leader Jim Brulte. "Arnold knows what he believes and what he wants and John knows what he believes and what he wants. Given those dynamics, (they) can do

things on which John and I see the world differently, both in terms of how his policy view might be and how he goes about things from time to time. But you know where he's coming from and what he cares about. He will fight ferociously for those things, but he knows that ultimately legislation requires compromise."

Burton said he long ago learned the value of deal-making in politics, a craft at which his older brother, Phillip, excelled.

"You cannot get stuff done as an ideologue," said Burton. "You can believe very deeply and still understand that half a dollar is better than none. The purpose is not to be pure before some ideological group but to help as many people who need help as you can."

The practical side of Burton has enabled him to confound the critics who questioned whether a San Francisco liberal with a foul mouth and mean temper could effectively run the Senate. Since rising to the leadership of the Senate in February of 1998, Burton has won praise from Democrats and Republicans alike.

"He's a great strategist," said Sen. Tom Torlakson, a moderate Democrat. "And he's a fighter. He will be blunt, letting everyone know where his concerns and his stands are. Then he will focus in a way to get results."

Republicans credit Burton for fighting fair.

"If I yell at somebody, I'm really, really upset," said Brulte. "If John yells at somebody, it's normal. People take that into account."

His strength as a lawmaker and a leader lies in his passion and his consistency, colleagues say. He negotiates by instinct rather than a set plan, a style that often frustrates his supporters. Burton himself concedes he isn't a details person. His attention span is fleeting. His mind works faster than his mouth, resulting in a torrent of sentence fragments and unfinished thoughts.

In policy areas, Burton also might have more in common with Schwarzenegger than with Davis. Burton notes that Schwarzenegger has a number of moderate advisers and is to the left of Davis - and closer to Burton - on criminal justice issues. In his first days in office, Schwarzenegger paroled two convicted murderers. In five years, Davis granted parole to only eight convicted murderers and rejected parole recommendations by the state Board of Prison Terms for 286 others.

Burton is an unapologetic, old-school liberal who sees as his highest calling the defense of the poor, elderly and disabled.

"The one good thing all good politicians share is sincerity of purpose," said Steve Peace, a former state senator and Davis administration finance director who now advises Burton on budget matters. "There are many, many

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Family

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Ernest and Esther. And with information from the 1930 census they found that "Ernest and Esther" had two sons. One was Ernest, and the other was Ralph.

"And Ralph was in the right age range," and though their search centered primarily in the Utah area, nevertheless, they felt they had finally found the right family, Ron said.

But once more, they were wrong.

According to the census, the family lived in Clover and the records also listed Buhl as a previous residence.

"This is when I contacted the paper to try and locate any relatives in the area," Ron Ertler said.

With that, they called on the Ralph Peterson Livestock - then another Ralph Peterson in the area, but to no avail.

And while neither was a match, it changed the way the Ertlers proceeded with their search. Funeral homes would prove to be key in putting the long search to rest.

"I found on the LDS Web site that Ernest had passed away in 1969 - this gave me the idea to call the local Funeral Home in the Buhl area," Ron Ertler said.

Steve Bonar, the director at Farmer Funeral Chapel, confirmed the service for Ernest Peterson, but according to the obituary, it was not the "Peterson" they were looking for.

At this point Becky was ready to give up the search for good. The disappointments had to come to an end.

"I couldn't take the roller-coaster ups and downs any more," she said.

Becky finally decided that "it wasn't meant to happen."

But she was wrong.

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Becky Ertler's long search began with only the knowledge that her father's name was Ralph Otto Peterson and that the year of his birth was either 1925 or 1926.

On her own birth certificate, she said, her father was born in Boise. And with the erroneous information about his place of birth the "roller coaster search" began, she said.

Some of her earliest leads were from the letters she had found that were written by her father to her mother - from Alaska - dated between 1956 and 1958.

According to what she could learn, her father was previously married to a lady named Irene. They had two boys, but there was never any mention of their names.

From her mother's belongings she found a picture of her father, which showed him with a polar bear that he had supposedly killed.

From that photo, he appeared to be a Navy photos on his arm indicating that he "may have served in the military."

And though Becky followed many leads over the years they were all dead ends. Sometimes she'd give up - but only for a while. Then she'd begin again, and again and again.

Becky's husband, Ron, said their primary avenues included ancestry Internet sites and phone books.

Their first real break was when Becky's older sister thought she had found the first names of Ralph's father and mother -

Becky finds her brother

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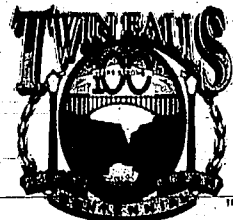
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“We know the fans may be disappointed, but if you're counting us out next year, don't bet the house.”

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—Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, about losing Andy Pettite to Houston

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who is the only major leaguer to have won batting titles in three decades?

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IN BRIEF

Districts announce volleyball honorees

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High junior Sharese Quigley and Minico senior Michelle Fennell were both named to the second team of the District 4-5-6 All-Conference Volleyball Team, it was announced recently.

Four Minico players received honorable mention. They were: Kabree Dayton, Meghan Whitlock, Kelsie Arrit and Wendy Meiners. The Twin Falls honorees were Heidi Reitsma and Whitney Bond. The co-coaches of the year were Tami Sorensen of Skyline and Wendy Johnson of Idaho Falls. The MVP was senior Pam Cousin of Idaho Falls.

Open gym times 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. Adults play from noon-3 p.m. with youth playing from 3-4 p.m. For more information, call 736-2265.

Pomerelle holds free day to learn ski, snowboard

ALBION — Anyone age seven or older that has never tried skiing or snowboarding is encouraged to come to the Pomerelle Mountain Resort Saturday, Dec. 20 at 9 a.m. for a free equipment rental and one and a half hour lesson. After the lesson, participants are welcome to spend the rest of the afternoon practicing on the beginner rope tow area with a complimentary ticket. Lessons begin at 10:30. All participants will need to bring valid identification. To assure space, please pre-register by calling 673-5599.

Candleridge offers golf packages 'til end of year

TWIN FALLS — Candleridge Golf Course is offering all-inclusive golf packages through Dec. 31. Unlimited golf, unlimited range balls and use of an electric cart may be purchased for the 2004 season at rates of \$300 for one person, \$750 per couple and \$1,000 for a family. Call 733-6577 for more information.

Burley football team will be 'Santa's helpers'

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

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

George Brett



2003 Heisman Trophy winner Jason White, a quarterback from Oklahoma, holds the trophy at the Yale Club in New York Saturday.

AP photo

Oklahoma's White wins Heisman

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jason White capped a remarkable comeback with college football's most prestigious award, winning the Heisman Trophy on Saturday night a year after an injury nearly ended his career.

The Oklahoma quarterback, who almost quit football following his second major knee injury in September 2002, beat out Pittsburgh receiver Larry Fitzgerald by 128 points for the award.

"Last year about this time, I was sitting at home watching the Heisman and thought how neat it

would be to be there, to be one of the finalists," White said. "I never thought, after two surgeries, that I'd be here."

White threw 40 touchdown passes and led the third-ranked Sooners to 12 straight wins to open the season and a spot in the Bowl Championship Series title game against No. 2 LSU.

White, The Associated Press Player of the Year, led the nation in passing efficiency, completing 64 percent of his passes for 3,744 yards and only eight interceptions.

White beat Fitzgerald 1,481-1,353. Eli Manning was third with 710

points and Chris Perry was next with 341.

White, the first Oklahoma player since Billy Sims in 1978 to win the Heisman, had 319 first-place votes, 204 seconds and 116 third-place votes.

Fitzgerald, who set an NCAA record with touchdown catches in 18 straight games, had 253 firsts, 233 seconds and 128 thirds. He was trying to become the first sophomore to win the award.

Manning became the third member of his family to come close but fall short for the Heisman. His father, Archie, finished fourth in 1956. Please see HEISMAN, Page C5

CSI ladies bounce back

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Apparently, losing doesn't sit too well with the College of Southern Idaho's women's basketball team.

After seeing an 11-game winning streak snapped in a loss to Casper College just one night earlier, the Golden Eagles used relentless defense in the second half to roll to a 78-67 victory over Midland College Saturday night in the final game of the Coca-Cola Tip-Off Classic at the CSI Gymnasium.

CSI (12-2 overall) turned up the defensive intensity in the second half, throwing Midland (10-5) off-stride with full-court pressure.

The Lady Chaparrals committed only nine of their 19 turnovers after halftime, but after a slow-paced first half, the tempo changed to the Eagles' liking.

"I thought the first half was just going back and forth there," said CSI head coach Randy Rogers. "When I got to the locker room, I was thinking I just don't like the pace of this game. I think they wanted to play slow."

"We haven't been playing fast very well, but we went to the 2-2-1 (press) and it got (Midland) out of sync. They turned the ball over. We did give up some shots, but for the most part, it got them out of sync."

Andrea Sivakova led CSI with 15 points, 13 of which came after halftime, and eight rebounds. Jennifer Pond chipped in with 13 points and five rebounds, and Megan Kane, 11 points and seven rebounds.

Pond finished the game 6-of-7 from the field and provided a strong defensive presence along with Brandi Moore down low for the Eagles.

"I gave Jen player of the game because in the (16 minutes) she played, she had 12 points, made some big shots and made a big 3," Rogers said. "It's tough to find playing time for some of these kids. She needs to be in the game more, but who do you take out?"

Irma Kmitaitė led the Lady Chaps with 22 points. Tashia Combs added 11 points and seven rebounds.

Moore was named to the all-tournament team, along with CSI's Sidney Orndorff, Kmitaitė, Casper College's Tiffany Scott and the Northwest All-Stars' Melanie Pearson.

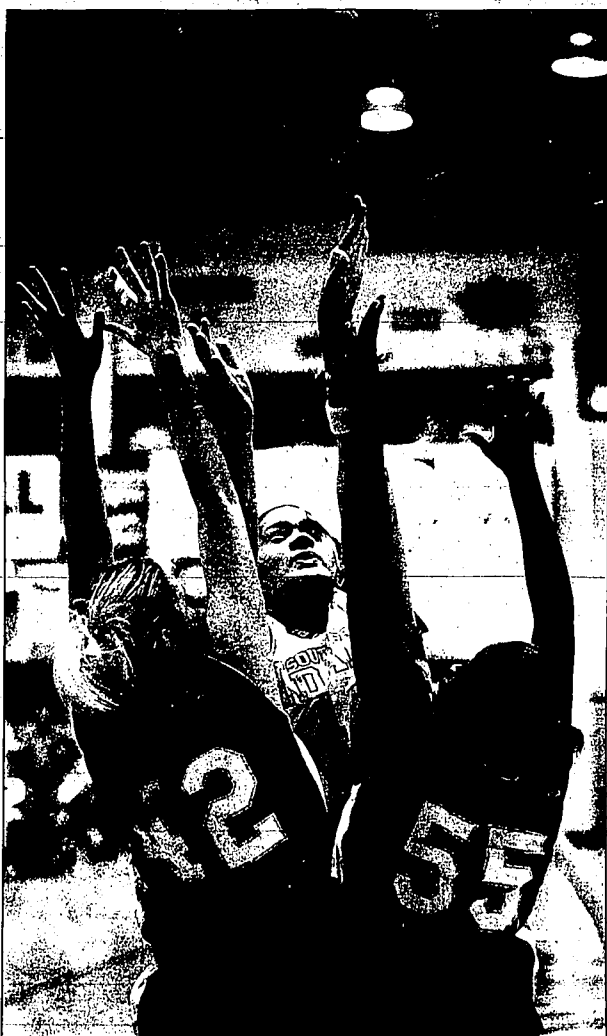
The Eagles took advantage of strong shooting from the free throw line, connecting on 16-of-21 charity tosses. Midland made just seven of its 16 attempts.

The lead changed hand eight times in the first half.

The Eagles tied the game at 3-3 on an Orndorff 3-pointer and then again at 14-14 on a Denisa Svarova shot from beyond the arc.

Kane, playing point guard in place of the injured Delicia Jernigan, then sparked CSI with five consecutive points, coming on a 3-pointer along the right baseline and a jumper from just

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College of Southern Idaho's Mellame Halautia, center, shoots the ball over Midland Texas' Evelina Janisyte, 44, and Stephanie Bouterese during the first half of the Golden Eagles' 78-67 win over Midland.

Seahawks try to end road curse

The Associated Press

The Seattle Seahawks are going from dome to dome as they try to secure a playoff berth.

Dome? They'd rather be home.

After getting beaten 34-7 in

Minnesota last week,

More NFL — Seahawks go to St. Louis on Sunday

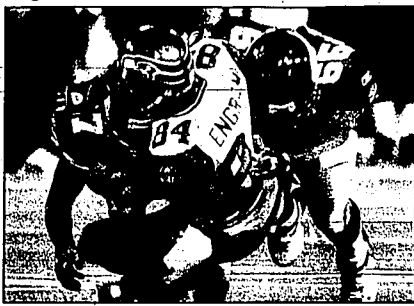
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to play the Rams, who are two games ahead of them in the NFC West. Unless they win, the Seahawks will be chasing a wild-card spot — a St. Louis victory clinches the division.

Seattle is 1-5 on the road and the Rams are 6-0 at home, but Mike Holmgren is conceding nothing.

"This is the time of year when your best players have to grab hold and lead you to the playoffs."

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Minnesota Vikings defenders Brian Russell, left, and Chris Clairborne drive Seattle's Bobby Engram to the turf after a catch Dec. 7 in Minneapolis.

Red Sox sign All-Star closer

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The Boston Red Sox revved-up the arms race by closing a deal for All-Star closer Keith Foulke, while J.D. Drew and Juan Encarnacion also found new homes when talking turned into trading Saturday at the winter meetings.

Adriana filled its need for a right fielder by getting Drew in a five-player swap with St. Louis. Desperate for hitters, Los Angeles acquired Encarnacion from Florida.

Miguel Tejada, Ivan Rodriguez, Greg Maddux and Vladimir Guerrero were among the many top free agents still available. So was former Gold Glove outfielder Mike Cameron, who personally came to the fringe of the French Quarter hoping to get a deal done.

No major news, at least for now, from the New York Yankees. The

only team that didn't send top executives to this four-day session, they tinkered to complete their Kevin Brown-for-Jeff Weaver trade with Los Angeles and worked on signing Kenny Lofton.

Sterling Hitchcock, and Kent Mercker were among the middle-level pitchers hoping to soon find out where they'll play in 2004. Hitchcock was leaning toward returning to San Diego and Mercker might wind up back in Cincinnati.

Foulke, however, decided against re-signing with Oakland. Instead, the free agent reliever who led the AL with 43 saves last season reached agreement with the Red Sox. A deal that guarantees him \$24 million.

"We're trying to build a bullpen that's deep," new Red Sox manager Terry Francona said, while not

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SPORTS

Glenns Ferry wins thriller over Filer, 51-49

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

FILER — This is why they play games on the hardwood, not paper. The Glenns Ferry Pilots earned a non-conference road victory, coming back from a 10-point first-quarter deficit to win 51-49 over the bigger, more athletic Filer Wildcats Saturday night.

across the key sailed long, landing out of bounds. On the ensuing inbound play, the Pilots were bailed out of a cross-court pass that sailed into the stands by a foul called on Filer senior guard Jay Karol. Senior Pilot guard Scott Arellano hit one of two free-throw attempts, giving the Pilots a 51-47 lead that wouldn't relinquish.

Arellano finished with 11 points, while senior forward Heath Cameron posted 10 for the Pilots. After a tough road loss to Wendell Friday night, Filer came out intense, taking a 10-point first-quarter lead on tough inside play, taking advantage of their size and speed. With Filer's offense centered with senior floor leaders Kyle Robinette and Cody Ehrmantrout sitting with early foul trouble.

attempts. Robinette posted a 10-point, 10-rebound double-double, while Karol added 10 points in the pivot for the Wildcats. "It's not an easy loss to swallow because we should have won it," Annala said. Filer plays at home next Thursday against Bull in the Whitst's Snowcreek Central Idaho Conference opener.

Celtics win fifth straight

CLEVELAND (AP) — Paul Pierce scored a season-high 41 points and stole the ball from LeBron James in the final minute to help the Boston Celtics win their fifth straight game, 95-89.

Cleveland Cavaliers on Saturday night. James scored a season-high 37 points, but Cleveland's rookie star missed a 3-pointer in the last two minutes and was stripped by Pierce with 15 seconds to go.

win for the third time in four games after losing 19 straight.

Grizzlies 110, Nets 63 MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Bonzi Wells had 22 points in the Memphis Grizzlies' most lopsided victory in franchise history.

Mike Miller and Stromile Swift led Memphis with 18 points each, and Pau Gasol had 12 points and nine rebounds. Keyon Martin led New Jersey with 10 points.

Spurs 86, Rockets 73

SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili scored 16 points and Tony Parker had 14 points and 12 assists to help San Antonio beat Houston for the "second time-in-three-days; 86-73 Saturday night in the game.

The win was the sixth straight and lifted the defending NBA champions within a half-game of Midwest Division-leading Dallas.

Rasho Nesterovic scored 14 points, and Hedo Turkoglu had 13 for the Spurs, who never trailed in the game. Tim Duncan scored a season-low eight points in 2-for-10 shooting, but had 12 rebounds.

Bulls 86, Pacers 75

CHICAGO — Jamal Crawford and Kirk Hinrich scored 18 points apiece and Chicago used a 16-0 third-quarter run to beat Indiana.

The Bulls, breaking a four-game losing streak and improving to 2-4 since Scott Skiles became coach, beat the top team in the Eastern Conference with one half of its trip to the arena. Indiana scored a season-low eight points in 2-for-10 shooting, but had 12 rebounds.

Bruins' Stanley lights it up against Idaho Falls

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Graham Stanley went 7 for 7 from the blue line en route to a game-high 26 points to help the Twin Falls High boys basketball team rally from a 29-28 halftime deficit for a 61-49 District III Region Four championship win Saturday afternoon in Basin Gymnasium.

Local sports

Richfield Monday.

Senior Luc Martin added 12 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Bruins to a 44-29 rebounding advantage. The Bruins outscored Idaho Falls 20-10 in the second quarter to take a 39-35 lead into the final quarter.

"Twin Falls shot 60 percent from long range in the second half thanks to Stanley's performance. Stanley finished with 26 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists. He was the only player to score in double-digits in the Tiger win. Jerome coach Michelle Skyles said, "We were doing really well. We started out in man and went to full-court man pressure and got some steals. We switched to zone in the second and stuck with that."

Erica Stuart led Mountain Home with 12 points, which was half the total for her team.

"We're nowhere near our best," said Skyles. "We just want improve as the season goes on." The Lady Tigers will play at Madison Friday. MURTAUGHI — Ty Simonsen scored 20 and Tadd Green added 16 to lead Carey-Past Valley 64-61 in overtime Saturday night in the Murtaugh Holiday boys basketball Tournament championship game. Michael Grant scored 27 for Valley.

Wrestling

Burley 42, Madison 41 Rigby 49, Burley 30 RIGBY — No report.

Late Friday

Boys basketball Minico boys drop three at Casper tournament

CASPER, Wyoming — The Minico boys basketball team is on its trip to the Spartans' first tournament of the season.

A few of the Spartans are even taking their ACTs while on the trip. The tests will be taken at Casper College. Because of a number of injuries and the exams, coach Graefc has had to use his junior varsity players in games, each gaining valuable experience along the way, Graefc said.

Filer 60, Glenns Ferry 44

GLENN'S FERRY — Jennien McQueen posted 19 points while teammate Krystal Demayo added 12 to lead Filer past Glenns Ferry Saturday night, 60-44.

The Pilots were paced by Kenzie King with 12 points. Glenns Ferry (1-7) plays Wednesday at Dietrich.

Cole Valley 47, Murtaugh 44

MURTAUGHI — Cole Valley defeated Murtaugh 47-44 to claim third place at the Murtaugh Holiday girls basketball tournament Saturday night. Jillian Cutler scored 12 points and Dore Tolman scored 10 for the Red Devils.

"Tonight we played a very good basketball team; we just couldn't catch them," Graefc said after the loss.

Shoshone 50, Gooding 35

SHOSHONE — Sarah Hulsbuth led all scorers with 18 points for Gooding, as the Indians defeated Gooding 50-35 Saturday night in Shoshone.

Kate Strunk chipped in 11 points for Shoshone who led by 15 points at halftime to help them secure the victory.

"We played well throughout the whole game, and the 15 point edge at halftime definitely helped. The game was a lot closer than the score showed," stated Shoshone coach Jim Chapman.

Shoshone (9-0; 3-0 Northside) hosts Dietrich on Thursday.

Minico 45, Pocatello 23

RUPERT — Minico defeated Pocatello 45-23 Saturday night in Rupert.

Erica Miller led all scorers with 12 points for the Spartans. Minico picked up their first conference win with the victory.

"We had a great defensive game. We held them to no field goals in the second quarter," stated Minico coach Clint Stratman.

Minico (3-6; 1-2 District III Region 4-for-five) hosts Highland on Wednesday.

Dietrich 66, Richfield 62 0T

RICHFIELD — Shawn Devine led Dietrich Friday night to a 66-62 win over Richfield. He had 20 points and was 5-of-6 at the free throw line.

Richfield's Vaneza Vasquez scored 20 points to lead Richfield in scoring.

Valley 63, Carey 38

MURTAUGHI — Mindy Malone led all scorers with 20 points for Valley as the Vikings defeated Carey 63-38 Saturday night in the girls basketball championship at the Murtaugh Holiday Tournament.

Lindsay Wood chipped in 13 points to add to Valley's offensive attack.

Senior Luc Martin added 12 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Bruins to a 44-29 rebounding advantage. The Bruins outscored Idaho Falls 20-10 in the second quarter to take a 39-35 lead into the final quarter.

Raft River 67, Hagerman 64

HAGERMAN — Hagerman's shot at buzzer to force overtime missed and Raft River escaped with a 67-64 road win in Magic Valley Conference play Saturday.

The Trojans hit 4 out of 4 free throws down the stretch to hold on for the win, despite a 22-point fourth quarter for the host Pirates. Alex Welton scored 26 points while junior Braden Barrett scored 18, 12 from the free throw line.

"They got a lot of their fouls on dribble penetration," said Hagerman coach Kevin Cate. "They're quick and athletic and they attack the basket."

Nick Billiard and Quinn Smith each scored 13 for Hagerman, which next plays Monday at Gooding.

Castleford 81, Lighthouse Christian 37

CASTLEFORD — Castleford easily defeated the Lighthouse Christian Lions 81-37 Saturday night in Castleford.

Erin Nolenko led all scorers with 22 points for the Wolves, and teammate Drew Tverdy chipped in 19 points.

"We had a great game overall, and we proved that we were ready to play tonight," Castleford coach Tyler Gaston stated.

Castleford (23-1; 4 Magic Valley) hosts Wendell on Monday.

Declo 41, Burley 16

DECLO — The Declo Lady Hornets built an early lead Saturday, 41-16 in Declo.

The Declo defense held Burley to only six points in the second half, including a goose-egg in the third.

"The girls were really well defensively," Declo head coach Curt Murdoch said. "We had weekside help all night and we stayed out of foul trouble. They scored 20 points from the line last time, tonight they only had two."

The Hornets didn't have a single player in double-figures, but nine of them did get on the scoreboard.

"The girls were excited," Murdoch said. "They're always excited to play Burley and beat Burley."

Sawtooth 54, 1-2 CIC visits

Declo Central Idaho Conference opponent Bull Tuesday.

Jerome 72, Mountain Home 24

JEROME — The Jerome Lady Tigers won remained undefeated on the season (9-0, 2-0 Great Basin) with a 72-24 win over Mountain Home in Jerome Saturday.

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Girls basketball

Skyline 58, Twin Falls 49

IDAHO FALLS — The Twin Falls girls basketball team fell to Skyline Saturday 58-49 in Idaho Falls. The loss drops the Lady Braves to second place in Region III District Four. Five-Six behind Skyline.

Lady Grizzly Ashley Baldwin, last season's District Four-Five-Six Player of the Year, scored 34 points to lead Skyline in the win. Fifteen of her 34 came in a fourth-quarter rally.

"Baldwin took over," Twin Falls head coach Joe D. Shepard said. "She's a great player and she's just a good player inside and outside."

The Bruins were losing 33-32 at the end of the third quarter, before Baldwin went on her tear. Baldwin and Bettinger each hit from long distance to open up a six-point lead for Skyline, Shepard said.

"From there we were chasing them and we had to foul," said Shepard.

With the pressure on them the Lady Grizzlies hit 6 of 8 shots free throws to seal the victory.

"The girls were 6-2, 2 conference games to Pocatello Wednesday. Skyline (8-1, 4-0 conference) hosts Hillcrest Thursday.

"We knew they'd be tough," Shepard said. "But we will get a good shot on them when they come to Twin Falls, Jan. 16."

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Mackay 77, Richfield 44

RICHFIELD — Mackay defeated Richfield 77-44. Mackay was led by J.T. Park who had 32 points, including five 3-pointers. Victor Vasquez scored 17 for Richfield.

"Mackay came out and executed fast and it was hard to catch up to them," said Richfield coach Carr Ward.

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Boston has won 12 in a row over Cleveland. Pierce, who scored 33 points in a win over Toronto on Friday night, added nine rebounds and six assists — his biggest a feat to Jiri Velcich, who biggest 3-pointer with 119 remaining made it 106-94.

Kinicks 95, Nuggets 88

NEW YORK — Antonio McDyess scored a season-high 15 points against the team that traded him nearly 18 months ago, helping New York snap a sixgame losing streak with a victory over Denver.

Keith Van Horn had 16 points, and Allan Houston, back after missing three games with a sore knee, added 15 for New York. Carmelo Anthony led Denver with 25 points, and Marcus Camby added 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Magic 105, Hawks 102

ATLANTA — Tracy McGrady scored 30 points, and capped a late rally with a 20-foot jumper for Orlando.

Shannon Williams finished off the comeback with a steal and five free throws, helping the Magic

beat the top team in the Eastern Conference with one half of its trip to the arena. Indiana scored a season-low eight points in 2-for-10 shooting, but had 12 rebounds.

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Seahawks

Continued from C1 he says. "I'm talking about your best players playing their best. I'm counting on them to do that."

Easter said that done. The Rams are built for their advantage of the artificial turf with speed on both offense and defense. Comparative scores usually mean little, but here's one: The week before the Vikings traded the Seahawks, they lost 48-17 in St. Louis.

Seattle won the first meeting, 24-23 in Week 3 when St. Louis was still tinkering and Marc Bulger was still settling in at quarterback. Since then, the Rams have won 10 of 11 and are tied with Philadelphia (10-3) for best record in the NFC.

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Transactions

Continued from C1 confirming Foulke's signing. "You can call it what you want, but we're trying to shorten games."

Foulke reached agreement on a three-year deal that includes a player option for a fourth season. He was set to take a physical to complete his deal, a source close to the negotiations told the Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

Foulke's joints' starter Curt Schilling as top pitcher acquired by the Red Sox since the season ended. Boston also is talking about getting AL MVP Alex Rodriguez from Texas in a trade for Manny Ramirez.

The 31-year-old righty was 9-1 with 43 saves and a 2.08 ERA for Oakland last season and was an AL All-Star.

After letting loose Gary Sheffield — who is close to going to the Yankees, too — the Braves wanted a right fielder with a good bat. They hope they found one in Drew, getting him with all-purpose player Eli Marrero from St. Louis for pitchers Jason Marquis, Adam Wainwright and Ray King.

Wainwright is on the rising prospect and that was tough to do but under the circumstances we had no choice," Atlanta general manager John Schuerholz said.

Drew, 28, has been full of promise since becoming the fifth pick of the 1998 draft. But he's been hurt a lot, never playing more than 135 games in a season, and has been on the disabled list five times in the last four years.

Drew hit .289 last season with 15 homers and 42 RBIs in just 100 games.

The World Series champion Marlins sent Encarnacion to Los Angeles for a player to be named.

The Dodgers were eager to add offense after scoring a major league-low 574 runs last season.

Encarnacion hit .270 with 19 home runs and 94 RBIs last season. He had 10 homers, eight 37 doubles and also stole 19 bases. He hasn't made an error in his last 220 games.

Continued from C1 inside the arc. The second of her shots gave the Eagles their first lead at 21-0.

"(Kate) played with a lot of confidence tonight," Rogers said. "She knocked down a couple big '3s' in the corner."

"When you know you're going to be in there, one way or another, you step up and say, 'I better do my thing.'"

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SPORTS

Long journey lands former janitor in Cowboy's backfield

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Erik Bickerstaff's status line in his debut with the Dallas Cowboys was nothing remarkable: nine carries for 41 yards, two kickoff returns for 24 yards.

What is remarkable: The last time he played that much he was a junior in high school. Seven years ago.

Since then, Bickerstaff has faced dead end after dead end, escaping them all like only a shifty running back could.

Convinced he could make it to the NFL, he refused to give up on his dream. He certainly had plenty of chances — such as this time last year, when he was a janitor cleaning Wisconsin's Camp Randall Stadium.

"I just knew that I had the talent to play at any level," Bickerstaff said. "I got calls from my friends in the league. They told me, 'You've got the talent, just keep it up and you're going to be right here with me.'"

Before playing last Sunday against Philadelphia, Bickerstaff's last action in college was in 1996, his junior year at North High School in Waukesha, Wis. He was named all-league and was looking forward to a big senior season when he was caught drinking. The punishment was a yearlong suspension.

Forgotten or ignored by colleges, his only scholarship offer was from

Division IAA Northern Iowa. And it was to run track.

Bickerstaff walked on at Wisconsin's Madison. But the Badgers already had Ron Dayne and Michael Bennett at tailback, so Bickerstaff was moved to fullback.

He paid his dues for four years, a redshirt season plus three more. He paid his tuition, too. Along the way, Bickerstaff had just one carry — in the final minutes of a 59-0 win over Indiana.

In spring 2002, Bickerstaff was preparing for his breakthrough. Coaches said he'd start at fullback.

He also was finally going on scholarship. His eagerness showed on the practice field.

"It was pretty much a wedding crew out there," Bickerstaff said. Shortly before the annual spring game, running backs coach Brian White came to him, apologizing in advance for some bad news. Although his grades were fine, it was just discovered that Bickerstaff was academically ineligible.

The problem: a low ACT score made him a "marginal qualifier" for some schools. That meant he wasn't allowed to play his first year, then had only three more seasons — not four, like most players. And he'd used them up.

His only option was going to an NAIA school. Wisconsin coaches steered him to Sallman College in Tecumseh, Ala. But soon after he arrived the program was accepted into the NCAA. The Badgers invit-



Philadelphia defenders stack up against Dallas Cowboys rookie running back Erik Bickerstaff Dec. 7, in Philadelphia. Before playing last Sunday against Philadelphia, Bickerstaff's last action at tailback was in 1996, his junior year at North High School in Waukesha, Wis.

ed him back, still honoring his scholarship even though he couldn't play.

His old coaches helped him get a job. At all places, the stadium.

For \$250 an hour, he swept floors and fixed things. He often went to empty the trash in White's office and wound up spending hours studying film and talking

football.

Bickerstaff also was given a workout plan designed by the strength coach. With no one to push him, and no games to prepare for, it took a lot of dedication to work it.

In the spring, he focused on the campus workout for NFL scouts. He wasn't expecting to get drafted,

but he hoped to impress them enough to get invited to a training camp.

The Indianapolis Colts were the only team that called and didn't make an offer.

So agent Adam Robbins got busy. For months, he called teams and mailed a package featuring a "highlight" tape that was mostly from a spring scrimmage, a bio and newspaper articles.

A sympathetic NFL contact steered Robbins to a Cowboys scout who agreed to look at the package.

Bickerstaff, meanwhile, got his sociology degree. He cut back on his workouts and started looking for a real job.

Then in June, the Cowboys offered a tryout.

Bickerstaff wasn't prepared and coaches could tell. Yet they liked his size (6-foot, 230-plus pounds) and the speed and moves he'd honed running the 400-meter hurdles. Coaches recommended he get back in shape because they might let him try again.

The June chance came in August and Bickerstaff nailed it, earning a spot on the 53-man roster. He became the scout-team tailback but seemed out of the picture. When coach Bill Parcells wanted to spark the running game, he signed Adrian Murrell, who'd been out of the league since 2000.

Bickerstaff was inactive the first eight games, then waived and resigned to the practice squad.

His big break came last week. With Murrell gone, third-down back Avonian Cason hurt and the running game lagging, Parcells decided to use Bickerstaff in a pivotal game at Philadelphia.

"This is a player who was a very, very long shot coming to training camp," Parcells said. "But he's not without some skill and he's done everything we've asked him to do."

Bickerstaff got in early in the second quarter. He played up the middle for seven yards on his first carry and did it again the next play. He finished that drive with five more yards on two more carries. His only other extended action came on the final, mop-up series of a 36-10 loss.

The next day, being sore never felt so good.

"Everyone thought I ran the ball hard and well," Bickerstaff said. "I was unable to stop smiling. 'Hopefully I can get more opportunities and I can take advantage of it.'"

So far, Bickerstaff is no Kurt Warner, who gave every NFL reject hope by going from bagging groceries to Super Bowl MVP.

Don Hutson is the guy who led the league, this hard-luck janitor already has a tale that serves as a lesson in perseverance.

"And it's just going to begin. 'I'm trying to make the most of these last three games,' Bickerstaff said. "Hopefully I can stick with the Dallas Cowboys. That would be great. 'I definitely don't want to go back to cleaning floors.'"

NFL has too many boring games on tap

By Jerry Greene
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Remember last Sunday, otherwise known as "the Golden Age" of NFL football? Oh, we had some wonderful games to watch. Those were the days.

And now we've got this — "Sappy Sunday." One mismatch after another. We have one stinking game that involves two teams with winning records — Seattle (8-5) at St. Louis (10-3). Only problem is that the Seahawks turn into Seatarkies on the road, while the Rams don't play an artificial turf at home. They play in the center ring.

Jets Coach Herman Edwards put it best: "I'm just in the belief if it doesn't mean anything, they should just cancel the season."

Hern was trying to be facetious because he thinks these games do mean something — but he was right. Too many Sundays like this and we'll all be begging to get outside and shovel snow or, worse, with the NBA.

LAST WEEK: Nothing to shovel here. We saw a rebirth of my sagging prognostications with a mighty 12-4 straight up (140-68 for season) and solid 10-6 against the spread (111-88-9 for season). The challenge now will be to know which teams still want to play and which ones already have packed their bags.

Jacksonville (4-9) at New England (11-2) — Patriots favored by 7. One of the dumbest things TV "talking heads" like to say is how wise it is for a passer to "spread the ball around." Well, the Jags have 16 guys who have caught at least one pass, but that's not wise. That just means that except for Jimmy Smith, they don't have any receivers. Parties by 9.

Houston (5-8) at Tampa Bay (6-7) — Bucs favored by 10.5. The outcome doesn't matter. What matters is the deadly smell coming from the Bucs' decision to drive GM Rich McKay into the eager embrace of the Atlanta Falcons. The Bucs will pay for that mistake for years to come. Bucs by 13.

Atlanta (3-10) at Indianapolis (10-3) — Colts favored by 7.5. These guys are not your grand-ma's Colts. Just listen to macho QB Peyton Manning: "We have tough guys. I get tired of people talking about how tough they are, how far they throw their helmets or if their nose bleeds. We have toughness here." Get it? Do not mess with a man named Peyton. Killer Colts by 10.

Buffalo (6-7) at Tennessee (9-4) — Titans favored by 6. Here's what Titans Coach Jeff Fisher has to say about QB Steve McNair's bad ankle: "The key right now is to get the swelling out of there because there's so much swelling and bleeding in the joint." And you thought it was serious. Healthy Titans by 10.

Dallas (8-5) at Washington (5-8) — Cowboys favored by 1. Washington Coach Steve Spurrier said a disturbing thing when discussing his fragile job security: "Are you 100 percent sure that you'll be in your job next year?" Oh, Lordy, I need this job, Steve. This is one reason I've got to stop picking your team right now. Dallas by 6.

Detroit (4-9) at Kansas City (11-2) — Chiefs favored by 14. This is my Mortal Lock Game of the Year. I think the last time the Lions won on the road was when newspapers declared "Dewey beats Truman — Lions win on road!" Or if not that far back, certainly it goes back to when we wrote "Gore beats Bush — Lions win on road!" Even Dick Vermeil will be bawling in sympathy at the end.

Minnesota (8-5) at Chicago (5-8) — Vikings favored by 3. Consider this — the fading Vikings' defense is 27th in giving up points (23.2) and next-to-last in rushing TDs allowed (18). And that was before defensive coordinator George O'Leary agreed to coach at Central Florida (but after he was the third man to walk on the moon). Can you say "distraction!" In a Focus-Focus-Focus-Unset Special, Bears by 3.

Pittsburgh (5-8) at East Rutherford Jets (5-8) — Jets favored by 3. Back to our buddy, Herman Edwards, who let us in on a little secret about his team: "They have to play for themselves and the guy that's in the locker next to them." Personally, I don't want to antagonize any guy who lives in a locker. Shutouts by 7.

Seattle (8-5) at St. Louis (10-3) — Rams favored by 8. Don't listen to me about the Seatarkies, listen to their QB, Matt Hasselbeck, about winning

Minnesota at Chicago
6-5 5-6

Green Bay at San Diego
7-6 3-10

The Improving Bears, who will give rookie QB Rex Grossman his first start, are 4-2 at home and have won three of their last four, the only loss by two points to St. Louis. They could make it difficult for Minnesota. It's the Packers win and the Vikings lose, they're tied entering the final two weeks. Green Bay also is chasing Dallas and Seattle for a wild-card spot.

Atlanta at Indianapolis
3-10 10-9

The Colts have all but wrapped up the AFC North, leading the Titans by a game and a tiebreaker. Last week, Michael Vick finally came back as starting quarterback, then Dan Reeves left as coach.

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Seattle at St. Louis
8-5 10-3

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Dallas at Washington
8-5 5-8

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win on the road: "It's not just us, but we are obviously the worst or one of the worst." You'll get no argument here, Matt. Rams by 11.

San Francisco (6-7) at Cincinnati (7-6) — Bengals favored by 3. The Bengals are 4-2 at home, while the Niners are 0-6 on the road. So my pick is obvious, right? Wrong, Consistency Breath. In a Don't-Ask-Me-Why Upset Special, Niners by 9.

Green Bay (7-6) at San Diego (3-10) — Cheese Heads favored by 5. When asked about sitting down Dr. Doug Flutie to go back to hapless Drew Brees, Dis-Charger Coach Marty Schottenheimer said: "Benching him? Is that what you call it?" Well, uh, yeah, Marty, that is what we call it. And when we no longer require the services of a coach, we call it "firing him." That's a term you may hear again. Cheese Heads by 8.

Baltimore (8-5) at Oakland (3-10) — Ravens favored by 6.5. The Raiders are strange. Here's QB Rick Mirer on his bad ankle: "I've been lucky

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Seahawks try to end road curse

The Seattle Seahawks, trying to secure a playoff spot, are undefeated at home, but 1-5 on the road. Two of their remaining games are away, including Sunday's match at St. Louis.

A St. Louis victory clinches the division. Seattle is 1-5 on the road and the Rams are 6-0 at home.

Houston at Tampa Bay
5-8 6-7

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets
5-8 5-8

N. Y. Giants at New Orleans
4-9 6-7

The Bucs and Saints still harbor playoff hopes. One of them might even win the NFC South at 9-7 if the Panthers keep losing.

Carolina at Arizona
8-5 3-10

Buffalo at Tennessee
9-7 6-4

Tennessee clinches a wild-card spot with a win and losses by Miami and Cincinnati. The Bills have won two straight from the Giants and Jets.

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8-5 5-8

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win here and the right results in games involving the Vikings, Packers, 49ers, Saints, Bucs and Seahawks.

Cleveland at Denver
4-9 8-5

Denver's demolition of Kansas City last week kept the Broncos in the final AFC wild-card spot, a tiebreaker ahead of the Dolphins. So if they win out, they get in.

Baltimore at Oakland
6-5 3-10

San Francisco at Cincinnati
6-7 7-6

Baltimore can move closer to the AFC North title with a victory over the Raiders. The Bengals remain upbeat. Under Marvin Lewis, they've already won five more games than they did last season. The 49ers are about done because they're 0-6 on the road.

Carolina at Arizona
8-5 3-10

It's been an agonizing uphill hike for the Panthers to get to one win that will clinch the NFC South. They've lost three straight and Pittsburgh's win over the Cardinals have nothing to lose.

Monday night
Philadelphia at Miami
10-3 8-5

The Eagles, who have won eight in a row, lead Dallas by two games in the NFC East with three to go. If the playoffs started now, Miami would be out — they're tied with Denver for the second wild-card spot, but are 5-5 in the AFC compared to 7-3 for the Broncos.

Philadelphia (10-3) at Miami (8-5) — Fish favored by 2. Loyal readers know I've been waiting for this December game to trash the Fish some more after they were scaled and shut out last week. But you would be wrong because I still don't believe in the Eagles either. Consider this: My Surprise Pick of the Week: Fish by 6.

Saturday Specials: Tampa over Atlanta by 8. Kansas City over Minnesota by 5. And in a Patriots-Turn-Patsy Upset Special, E.R. Jets by 6 over New England.

— Dave Goldberg/AP Football Writer

Longwell plans to break Hutson's scoring record

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Ryan Longwell's goals... never... were modest.

He arrived in Green Bay seven years ago as a free agent "camp leg" and vowed not only to win the job over third-round draft pick Dan Hutson — but to become the most accurate kicker in the NFL.

He accomplished both goals, and in 2001 he fulfilled another of his fearless forecasts by becoming the league's highest-paid kicker.

After signing his five-year, \$7.5 million contract, he flipped through the media guide and found a new ambition: Hall of Famer Don Hutson's team scoring record of 823 points.

Longwell is only six points shy of passing Hutson as the most prolific scorer in the Packers' 84-year history.

"It means a lot to me in regard to longevity in a tough place to kick," Longwell said. "Hutson is the top scorer in any organization is a big deal, but to happen with the Packers —

that's pretty special." Hutson had 105 touchdowns, 172 extra points and seven field goals from 1935-45. He revolutionized the downfield passing attack and also had 30 interceptions as a safety.

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Cowboys need the right ship against Redskins

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — How does 8-5 feel? Not good at all when the last two games were won by a combined 45 points.

And when the coach is Bill Parcells, it feels downright miserable.

"It makes for a loooooong week," safety Darren Woodson said. "You can't wait until they blow that whistle for the Washington game. That's the kind of week this is... a lot of yelling, a lot of screaming. Nothing's going to be right no matter what it is. He's a sore loser, and I think that's what he wants us all to be, sore losers."

"It's doing a good job of that."

After going 1-3 through a tough November schedule, the Dallas Cowboys are in danger of losing their grip on the improbable playoff run they crafted with a 5-1 start. Their final three games, all against teams currently with losing records, will determine whether the quick start in Parcells' first year was just an early fluke.

The homestretch starts Sunday against the Washington Redskins (5-8).

"I'm glad that we have something to play for. That's very important, particularly in your first year," Parcells said. "This is a very key game for us."

If other results fall just the right way, the Cowboys can even clinch a playoff berth with a victory. The AFC East title looks out of reach, however, following last week's loss to Philadelphia.

But the trip to Washington is no gimme. The Redskins have lost seven of their last nine, but most of the games have been close. A weight was lifted when they beat the New York Giants last week, ending a three-game losing streak and saving quarterback Tim Hasselbeck's first NFL win.

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Grand Valley St. downs North Dakota for title

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) — Grand Valley State won its second straight NCAA Division II title Saturday, with Mike Hood intercepting a fourth-down pass with 27 seconds left to seal the Lakers' 10-7 victory over North Dakota.

Grand Valley State (14-1) dominated most of the game. But led by John Bowenknapp's passing, North Dakota cut it to 10-3 in the final period and fell just short in the final minute.

College football

Delaware will play for the Division I-AA crown, and record-setting Mount Union will take on St. John's, Minn., for the Division III championship.

Chris Brown threw for 207 yards and three touchdowns to lead Colgate (15-0) to a 36-24 win over Florida-Atlantic, while Germaine Bennett ran for 186 yards and three TDs to power Delaware (14-1) over Wake Forest 24-9.

The I-AA title game is Friday at Chattanooga, Tenn.

In D-III, Mount Union broke its own NCAA record by winning its 55th consecutive game, 66-0 over Bridgewater (Va.). Randall Knapp and Nick Sirianni each caught three TD passes as the Purple Raiders (13-0) broke the 54-game streak they set from 1996-99.

Josh Nelson caught three TD passes and ran for a fourth to lead St. John's (13-0) to a 38-10 victory over RPI.

Mount Union, looking for its seventh national title in the past eight years, meets St. John's in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl in Salem, Va., next Saturday.

I-AA, D III title games set

The matchups are set for two national title games: Colgate and



Detroit Pistons center Dariko Millicic, right, watches from the bench with teammate Chucky Atkins during their game against Cleveland Oct. 7 in Auburn Hills, Mich. Even though the Pistons did not expect Millicic to help them much this season, it's unusual to see the No. 2 draft pick relegated to the bench and scoreless through 22 games.

Pistons keep No. 2 draft pick Millicic on the bench

WHURON HILLS, Mich. (AP) — While LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony soar and score, Dariko Millicic sits.

Unless he's at practice.

The 7-foot, 250-pound center shows up early for workouts, stays late and spends extra time working with coaches. Millicic is willing to do whatever it takes to get off the bench.

"Those are my games, for now," said the No. 2 draft pick, referring to practice. "I'm working hard to get a chance. I hope to play more soon."

Millicic started playing professionally at age 14 in Europe, initially living in a room that was about 100-square feet. Last season, he had a 300-square foot apartment and scored as much as 37 points a game.

Now, with a three-year contract worth about \$11 million, he lives in a 5,000-square foot home in suburban Detroit. And he's embracing American culture. Rap is his music of choice while zipping around town in his BMW or Audi sports car.

The Pistons could have taken Anthony, a Syracuse standout who has helped Denver become competitive. But Dumars, a former Pistons star, chose Millicic.

Detroit, which lost to New Jersey in the Eastern Conference finals, landed the high pick from Memphis because of a 1997 trade for Otis Thorpe.

Brown says Millicic has not earned the right to play in a front-court that includes Ben Wallace, Elden Campbell, Mehmet Okur, Corliss Williamson and Zeljko Rebraca.

"It's not a bad thing. It's just unique to see such a high pick not play," Brown said. "What you don't hear or read is that there were teams that wanted our No. 2 pick so that they could take Darko. But we may not know until his third year, when he's about 20, what we've got for sure."

Detroit hopes it didn't make the same mistake Portland did in the 1984 NBA draft when it took center Sam Bowie instead of Michael Jordan.

But not too long ago, some thought Dallas made a poor choice when they traded for Dirk Nowitzki, the ninth pick in the 1998 draft. Nowitzki played just 47 games as a rookie and averaged 6.2 points and 3.4 rebounds.

Wallace has noticed the rookie get stronger and better.

"He's getting tougher when we push him around in practice," Wallace said. "If he gets knocked down, which we can't do as easy as we did when he first got here, he gets right back up. Now he has a lot of fight in him. That's important because, as long as he improves his strength and stamina, his skills will take care of the rest."

Record crowd watches Kentucky win

DETROIT — Gerald Fitch scored 25 points to lead No. 8 Kentucky to a 79-74 victory over No. 21 Michigan State at Ford Field on Saturday in front of a basketball world-record crowd of 78,129.

The Wildcats (50) have won their first five games for the first time since 1992-93.

Paul Davis had 24 points for Michigan State (3-4), which last had a losing record in 1995-96. Tom Izzo's first season as head coach.

College basketball

Basketball's previous attendance record was 75,000, set in 1951 when the Harlem Globetrotters played at Olympic Stadium in Berlin.

After trailing by 15 points in the first half and by 10 early in the second half, Michigan State pulled to 62-61 with 8:21 left.

Kentucky then built three six-point leads before Shannon Brown's two free throws pulled the Spartans within two with 1:04 left.

Fitch's two free throws with 21 seconds left and Brown's 3-point miss sealed the win for the Wildcats, who shot 60 percent.

Louisville 73, No. 1 Florida 65

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Francisco Garcia scored 21 points and Louisville beat No. 1 Florida 73-65 Saturday, Rick Pitino's 400th win as a college coach.

The Cardinals (4-1) led by as many as 15 points in the second half then sealed the win by holding Florida (5-2) without a field goal over the final 67 seconds.

It was Garcia's second game since learning his only brother had been murdered in New York City.

David Lee scored a career-high 24 points and matched a career best with 12 rebounds as the Gators lost their second straight since becoming the nation's No. 1 team. They lost 69-68 to Maryland on Wednesday.

The Cardinals defeated a No. 1 team for the third time in their history. The last was a 72-69 victory over Duke in the 1986 national championship game.

No. 17 Gonzaga 87, No. 3 Missouri 80, OT

SEATTLE — Ronny Turiaf scored 17 of his 23 points in the second half, then added another four points in overtime for Gonzaga.

Steve Stepp had 14 points and 10 assists while freshman Morrison scored 17 points for the Bulldogs (7-1), who won their seventh straight.

Ricky Paulding scored 23 points for Missouri (3-1), including a 3-pointer with 10 seconds remaining in regulation that tied it at 73.

Linus Kleiza scored 16 points and Trevor Bryant had 13 for the Tigers, who shot 34 percent in the game played at KeyArena.

No. 5 Kansas 77, Oregon 67

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Wayne Simien had 19 points and 14 rebounds for the Jayhawks in his first game at Kemper Arena since dislocating last January and missing 22 games.

The Jayhawks (5-1) took a 49-20 lead early in the second half on consecutive 3-pointers by freshman J.R. Giddens, who had 18

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"It's especially true for some of the teams in this conference, who are, quite honestly, tired of playing all-star teams, alumni teams and traveling teams because that's the only avenue they have to build their schedule."

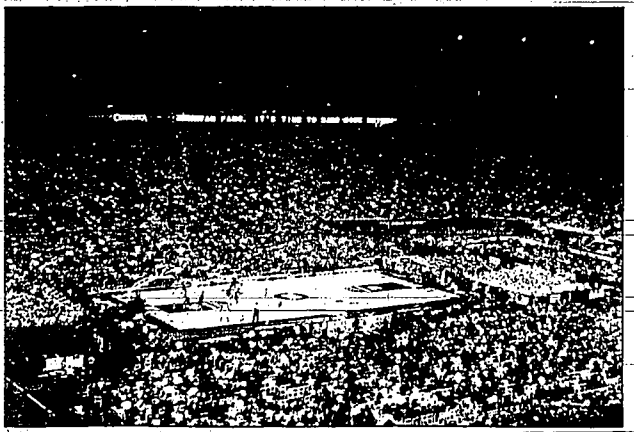
Playing conference foes back-to-back just once so far this season has already made things interesting in the SWAC standings. Teams didn't have to play the same squad two nights in a row last season, and the second game of the series is becoming increasingly dangerous for the top-tier programs in the league.

The Dixie State men found that out earlier this season. After defeating Eastern Utah 64-60 in the series opener, the Rebels fell to their record 75-73 the following evening, seeing their 73-game home winning streak come to an end.

"You know everything (the opponent) is trying to do," Arnold said. "You know everyone's tendencies. Your preparation is just about perfect."

With the new schedule seemingly favoring the weaker teams in the league, the records, and national rankings of the best conference teams, are suffering.

Snow College, ranked 18th nationally at 6-5, is the only men's team from the SWAC to be ranked in the NJCAA Top 20, but it is likely to drop out due to a loss



With an elevated court above the 50-yard line at Ford Field, a basketball world-record crowd of more than 75,000 watches the Michigan State-Kentucky basketball game at Ford Field in Detroit, Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003.

No. 9 Arizona 85, No. 22 Marquette 75

TUCSON, Ariz. — Salim Stoudamire scored 27 points, including a career-high seven 3-pointers, and Arizona rallied from a 15-point second-half deficit.

The Wildcats (4-1) trailed 50-35 with 17:15 to play but outscored the Golden Eagles 50-25 the rest of the way, even though Stoudamire was on the bench most of the time with four fouls.

Trevor Diener had 21 points and 10 assists and did not commit a turnover while playing 38 minutes for Marquette (6-1).

No. 10 Georgia Tech 75, Saint Louis 62

ATLANTA — B.J. Elder scored 17 points and had two steals during a game-changing run early in the second half to lead the Yellow Jackets in the Peach Bowl Classic.

Georgia Tech (8-0) continued its best start since 1989-90.

Josh Fisher had 14 points for the Billikens (3-3).

No. 13 Stanford 86, UNLV 71

STANFORD, Calif. — Justin Davis scored a season-high 21 points and unbeaten and 13th-ranked Stanford snapped UNLV's four-game winning streak, defeating the Runnin' Rebels 86-71 on Saturday.

Davis, three points shy of his career high, and Rob Little dominated the paint in only the third meeting between the schools and Stanford's first home game since beating Sacramento State on Nov. 22.

Davis, a senior forward, excelled in a warm-up when he led the game with 15:2 remaining. He also had 10 rebounds, three assists, no turnovers and only one

foul in arguably the most effective 8-of-11 shots in just 15 minutes.

Romel Beck had 17 points and J.K. Edwards added 12 for the Runnin' Rebels (5-2), whose only other loss was 74-62 to Nevada on Nov. 24.

No. 23 Wisconsin 89, Wis.-Milwaukee 71

MADISON, Wis. — Mike Wilkinson scored 18 points for the Badgers, who won their 18th straight at home and beat the Panthers for the 20th time in 21 games.

Drewin Harris added 13 points and matched a career high with nine assists for the Badgers (6-1), who shot 51 percent.

Dylan Page had 16 points for Wisconsin-Milwaukee (4-3).

Utah 87, Savannah St 39

SALT LAKE CITY — Andrew Bogut scored 17 points and Utah set a school record for defensive field goal percentage in an 87-39 win over Savannah State Saturday.

Savannah State (1-6) managed to make just 10-of-55 shots for 18 percent.

Bogut, a freshman center who made 8-of-11 shots in just 15 minutes of play and scored 11 straight Utes points early in the game to stretch the Utah's lead to 18-4.

The Utes (6-2) never led by less than that 14-point margin the rest of the game, which marked their 21st win in their last 23 home games.

Tim Frost had 13 points and 12 rebounds, while sophomore center Chris Jackson posted career highs with 10 points and nine rebounds as Utah won convincingly for the third straight time in the league and playing an up-tempo game in New York.

Thomas Simpson and Dairien Taylor each scored seven points to pace Savannah State in their worst loss of the season.

In the first-half, the smaller Tigers tried fronting Utah's big men in the post but the Utes passed the ball over the top time after time for easy lay-ups. Utah

outscored Savannah State 50-10 on points in the paint.

Women

No. 8 Purdue 58, UCLA 57

INDIANAPOLIS — Beth Jones made a 3-pointer from the corner with 1.8 seconds left, and eighth-ranked Purdue overcame 32-percent shooting to beat UCLA 58-57 Saturday for its sixth consecutive victory.

Lisa Willis made two free throws to give UCLA a 57-55 lead with 8.6 seconds left. But Erika Valek drove the length of the court and found Jones for the winning shot. Jones finished with 12 points, and Shereka Wright had 17 for the Boilermakers (7-1).

Willis and Nikki Blue had 20 points apiece for UCLA (2-3).

No. 14 Oklahoma 79, Stephen F. Austin 52

ACOGDOCHIES, Texas — Maria Villarreal made 10 of 12 shots and scored 24 points as the Sooners remained undefeated.

Diannah Jackson 15 points and five assists for Oklahoma (6-0), which forced 27 turnovers while keeping the Lumberjacks winless.

Reserve Britany Vinson led Oklahoma 18 points for Stephen F. Austin (0-7).

No. 21 Utah 61, Washington St. 51

SALT LAKE CITY — Kim Smith had 17 points and Shona Thorburn 16 for No. 21 Utah, which extended its home winning streak to 20 games with a 61-51 victory Saturday over Washington State.

Carley Marshall added 10 points as the Utes (6-2) held Washington State to 32-percent shooting.

Jessica Perry scored 16 points and Kate Benz added 10 for the Cougars (4-3), who have lost three of their last four games.

Utah rebounded from a 73-65 loss to the Cougars last Sunday and led almost the way. But the Utes were never able to gain a comfortable edge.

Heisman

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1969 and third the following year, while older brother, Peyton, came in second in 1997.

Manning, who passed for 3,341 yards with 27 touchdowns this season, had 95 firsts, 132 seconds and 10 thirds.

Perry, who was fifth in the nation with 132.4 yards rushing per game and also scored 19 touchdowns, came in fourth with 27 firsts, 66 seconds and 128 thirds.

Fitzgerald got the most points from people who voted in the first week, but it wasn't enough to catch White.

White became the fourth-Sooner to win the Heisman, joining Sims, Steve Owens (1969) and Billy Vessels (1952).

White is hoping to become the third quarterback to win the Heisman and the national title in the same season, joining Florida State's Charlie Ward (1993) and Florida's Danny Wuerffell (1996).

Kansas State running back Darren Spikes was fifth, followed by Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart, North Carolina State quarterback Philip Rivers, USC receiver Mike Williams, Miami of Ohio quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and Texas-Tech quarterback B.J. Symons.

A regional voting breakdown had White winning the Far West, Southwest and South regions. Fitzgerald won the Midwest, Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.

SPORTS

Retiring coach wants to finish on top

Indiana and St. John's will meet in NCAA men's soccer final

By Anita Chang
Associated Press writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jerry Yeagley wants to punctuate 31 years at Indiana with a win — and a sixth college title.

With one game remaining in a storied career that included 15 appearances in the NCAA men's soccer semifinals and more wins and a higher winning percentage than any other college men's soccer coach, Yeagley is hoping to get out on top in Sunday's College Cup championship game.

No. 8 Indiana will face No. 6 St. John's for the title.

"I don't think anybody expected this young team to be playing in the national championship game, other than the players and the coaches," Yeagley said of his starting lineup that includes five freshmen and a couple of seniors.

Indiana advanced to the finals with a 1-0, double-overtime victory over Santa Clara on Friday. Sophomore Pat Yates scored in the 104th minute on a header off a pass from Brian Plotkin.

St. John's reached the final with a 1-0 semifinal win over Maryland. Sebastian Alvarado-Ralph scored on a penalty kick in the 35th minute. The Red Storm was awarded the penalty kick after Maryland goalkeeper Noah Palmer clipped Ashley Kozicki's head while reaching to deflect a shot.

The finals will be a rematch of the 2001 College Cup semifinals, which was won by Indiana, 2-1, in double overtime. The Hoosiers lost 2-0 to North Carolina in the finals.

On Sunday, the Hoosiers will have to penetrate St. John's solid defense for a chance at victory. The Red Storm defense is anchored by senior Chris Wingert,



Indiana coach Jerry Yeagley acknowledges the crowd before the start of the Indiana-UCLA match at the NCAA men's soccer quarterfinals Dec. 9 in Los Angeles. Yeagley, college soccer's winningest coach, is retiring after this season.

AP photo

a finalist for the Hermann Trophy, soccer's version of the Heisman.

St. John's relied on its strong backfield to shut down Maryland, which finished with 25 shots and nine shots on goal.

The Hoosiers will carry a 15-game winning streak into the title game.

"Indiana has a strong-attack game and great players," St. John's coach Dave Mastur said.

That attack game could get even stronger, with the return of Ned Grabavoy and Drev Moor, members of the U.S. Under-20 team that completed Friday at the World Youth Championships in the United Arab Emirates.

Grabavoy leads the Hoosiers in goals (10), assists (9) and points (31), while Moor, a defender, was unanimous first-team All-Big Ten pick.

while St. John's is making its first College Cup final appearance since 1996, when it won the title with a 4-1 victory over Florida International.

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SPORTS

Davis Love III makes his approach shot on the 18th fairway during the third round of the Target World Challenge on Saturday in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Love finished the day with a three stroke lead at 11-under-par.



Love pulls away at Sherwood

THOUSAND-OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Davis Love III made four straight birdies to leave Tiger Woods in the dust and pull away from a world-class field Saturday, finishing with a 9-under 63 to build a three-shot lead in the Target World Challenge.

Despite a bogey on the par-3 17th, Love tied the tournament record set last year by Radrige Harrington in the third round. Harrington built a record six-shot lead and hung on to win against Woods.

Love, at 11-under-205, only had a three-shot margin over K.J. Choi (65), although he won't have to worry about Woods.

As most of the leaders were posting birdies on a sunny, benign afternoon at Sherwood, the tournament host gave up ground with a three-putt bogey on No. 3 and then hit his tee shot into the water for a bogey on the next hole.

Woods lost all hope on the final hole, hitting off the pine straw and coming up well short, into the water, and he had to make a 15-footer for bogey. He had a 72 and was nine shots back at 214.

Meanwhile, Love played some of his best golf since early in the year.

"I was confident all day," Love said. "I'm getting more and more comfortable playing with Tiger and around the lead."

Love was tied with Choi and Justin Leonard when his 4-iron on the difficult par-3 8th climbed just enough to hop into the fringe and stop about 6 feet above the hole for one of only two birdies in the round.

Love holed putts of 20 feet and 15 feet for birdies on the next two holes, then easily reached the par-5 11th with a 5-iron to set up his fourth straight birdie.

"I had my pompons out, cheer-

ing him on," Woods said. "I told him on the 10th tee I was two ahead. He said, 'How's that?' I told him I was getting a stroke a hole."

Love smiled when asked about Woods' comments.

"I didn't want to stick my hand in the cage and ask him if he wanted strokes," Love said.

Indeed, Love put seven shots between him and Woods over the first nine holes, and it left himself in great position to become the first repeat winner of the Target World Challenge since Woods created it five years ago.

Love won in 2000 with a 64 in the final round.

It would be a great way to end his best season on tour. Love won four times, and no victory bigger than his final-round 64 at The

Players Championship on a cold, windy day at Sawgrass.

While this tournament only counts in the bank — \$1.2 million of the \$5 million purse going to the winner — a victory would be meaningful coming against a 16-man field of high-ranked players and three of the four major champions.

Plus, Love has played the last two rounds with Woods, a situation that in the past hasn't allowed him to play his best.

Love has worked all year to worry about only his own game. In fact, he was having dinner with friends Friday night when they told him to beat Woods.

"K.J. is the guy to beat right now," Love said. "People don't see it the way we do. You've got to beat the golf course."

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Course developers said the role of accountants and financial personnel in corporations has become broader and more demanding, and the recession and unsettled business environment due to the war on terrorism create a challenging job for the business controller.

The ACPEN program will get down to business in the new economic environment. A panel of experts will focus on how companies can develop key performance metrics that can mean the difference between success and a failure, organizers said. Participants will learn how to manage the recovery and their company's rebound, what measures they should have in place to chart the direction of their firms, the best approaches to budgeting, forecasting and treasury practices and the debate about pro forma reporting.

The course is designed for industry members in the management field. Participants may bring cell phones to enhance interactivity with the panel. Cost for the course before Dec. 31 is \$175 for ACPEN members and \$250 for nonmembers; after Dec. 31, the fee is \$200 for members and \$275 for nonmembers. Eight hours of continuing professional education credit are offered.

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Real estate panel slates meetings in Boise

BOISE - The Idaho Real Estate Commission and the Idaho Association of Realtors Errors and Omissions - Insurance Joint Committee will hold a public meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Idaho Association of Realtors office, 633 N. Fourth St.

A public meeting of the Joint Idaho Real Estate Commission and Education Council will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Idaho Real Estate Commission office, 633 N. Fourth St.

The regular meeting of the Idaho Real Estate Commission will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday at the commission office.

Meeting agendas are available from the commission office, 334-3285.

Book offers advice on dealing with holiday friction

Rare is the office or factory where all people and personalities mesh harmoniously. And the year-end holiday rituals and stresses can exacerbate that friction.

So, consider a few tips from a new book, "Toxic Co-Workers: How to Deal with Dysfunctional People on the Job," an early holiday gift. The book was written by Alan Cavaletta, an associate professor of psychology at Monmouth University in New Jersey, and Neil J. Lavender, a psychologist in Fort Worth, N.J.

The authors say that some of your least-favorite bosses or co-workers may have obsessive compulsive personality disorder, marked by an "unreasonable preoccupation with minute details, rules, order and organization." Such people often insist that others submit to his or her way of doing things and are excessively devoted to work and productivity to the exclusion of other activities.

Some advice:

- Don't expect to change these individuals.
- Stick to your own agenda, don't get waylaid by irrelevant details and complete tasks.
- Don't get stuck in their perfectionism: Remember to just keep trying your best.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's already in record-setting territory for the year, but Twin Falls construction slowed its pace substantially last month.

With just two six-digit commercial projects - a spec warehouse and an auto showroom - Twin Falls saw November construction values drop 49.7 percent from a year earlier. The city last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated \$2.76 million for combined construction types. That's \$2.73 million less than in November 2002.

That decline, however, erased only a portion of 2003's gain.

In Twin Falls, hearty construction - both residential and commercial - has been a key driver of job growth.

For building inside the city limits, the previous \$55.09 million annual record for the values of combined construction types was set in 1994. Last year's full-year total was \$49.84 million.

Already, 2003 has set a new annual record. By the end of November, year-to-date building permits in Twin Falls showed total values of \$62.13 million for all types of construction, compared with \$46.59 million for the first 11 months of 2002. That's a 33.4 percent gain in construction values so far this year.

New residential building slowed last month, too.

The city issued just 15 permits for new single-family homes last month, compared with 28 a year ago and 18 in November 2001. But Twin Falls builders already have set a new annual record for home building, topping the previous annual high on Oct. 21.

By the end of November, the year-to-date tally stood at 373 permits for new single-family houses, up 17.7 percent from January-November 2002.

Each month's permit list also provides a window into local business investment. Highlights from November:

Luring a tenant

It worked once, so they're trying it again.

Developers of Twin Falls' truck-train transloading site southeast of town earlier this year built the shell of an office-and-warehouse structure on Hankins Road South in hopes of attracting a tenant. And one did materialize: Western Farm Service Inc.

So developer Todd Bliss and his partners will employ that tactic again.

"When you have a client that's ready to move, they're ready to move right then. And if you have a building ready, they're more inclined to go into it," Bliss said.

Igloo II Development's second spec building is going up at 427 Hankins Road S., next door to Western Farm Service.

It's designed to have a front office of 1,000 square feet or larger partially protruding from the front of the building. That's for the sake of an appearance

Slowed Twin Falls construction backs off from record-setting pace



Jose Meraz tightens bolts on steel beams on a new industrial spec warehouse and office in the Intermodal area southeast of Twin Falls.

Estimated values

Estimated values for construction that received permits in November from Twin Falls city:

Type	Nov. '03	Nov. '02	Nov. '01
New single-family homes:	\$1,607,297	\$2,596,932	\$1,632,871
New multifamily units:	\$125,765	0	\$130,890
New commercial projects:	\$498,432	\$1,586,396	\$331,205
Commercial alterations/additions:	\$276,900	\$1,186,016	\$2,803,053
Total (including such things as mobile homes, residential alterations/additions and signs):	\$2,788,060	\$5,484,967	\$5,492,387

Source: City building department

more interesting than a standard square warehouse, Bliss said. A business could run a retail or service operation in that front

and a warehouse or maintenance operation in the back.

But Igloo, for now, is building just the shell, which should be

finished by late February or early March.

"We'll do the interior based on the requirements of a potential tenant," Bliss said.

He has no prospects yet.

"I'm just very optimistic that this community that we're in is going to see steady growth in the commercial and industrial for quite some time," he said.

A November building permit lists a \$347,602 estimate for the 16,040-square-foot shell.

Bliss is a partner in both Igloo and the intermodal center's sole owner, InCom Development Co.

Auto dealer's investment

For all of the 57 years since its

Recent numbers at a glance

Here's how Twin Falls' total construction values in the past six months stacked up against the same months a year earlier:

Nov. '03	50 percent
Oct. '03	▲ 87 percent
Sept. '03	▲ 2 percent
Aug. '03	▲ 75 percent
July '03	▲ 125 percent
June '03	▲ 152 percent

1946 opening, Wills Toyota has occupied an Old Towne property. There it has added onto its main building twice and, last year, made improvements including a service department expansion and sidewalk replacement.

Now the automobile dealer is erecting an additional, two-car showroom to house its sales force and managers more centrally, said Ernie Wills, general manager and co-owner. Wills Toyota owns about a block and a half, and its existing showroom is near one end of the property. The old one will remain, as well.

A building permit for the new 3,540-square-foot showroom and 2,150-square-foot canopy at 218 Shoshone St. W. shows an estimated construction value of \$144,126. That's just a portion of the investment which Wills expects to exceed \$200,000.

Wills Toyota had a poorly utilized warehouse on the back of the 300 block of Shoshone. The dealership tore it down this fall, and the new showroom - elevated and nicely visible - is going up on that spot.

Showroom construction and the removal of an old used-car building elsewhere on the property will boost the dealership's display area by about 35 spaces - some indoor and some out - and might create a couple of new jobs for sales representatives, Wills said.

He hopes for showroom completion in March and a grand opening perhaps in early April. The project, he said, "shows our dedication to the Old Towne."

Elsewhere in town

Among the other notable commercial projects receiving permits last month:

• Nazz Kart's addition of a \$70,000 commercial-kitchen to its indoor go-cart track at the corner of Third Street South and Third Avenue South.

• Claire's Boutique's \$60,000 tenant remodeling of a space at 1485 Pole-Line Road E.

• U.S. Cellular's \$40,000 remodel for a computer clean room at 3228 E. 3rd N.

• Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers' \$30,000 interior remodeling at 818 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

• Washington Mutual Finance's \$25,000 tenant remodeling to change the use of 669 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. to an office.

Construction values listed on building permits are estimated.

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Many boomers are content to keep working into their 60s

By Jodi Mallander Farrell
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Ken Mendelsohn put in 28 years as an on-air personality, but when his radio station was sold and its classical-music format dropped, he didn't even consider retirement.

Despite having long since celebrated his 65th birthday, he continued working, freelancing commercials and voiceovers. Today, his career is back in full swing: He has revived his Ken Martin personality to host an afternoon drive show on Miami's WKAT-AM (1360), where he also works as

music director.

Rhoda Kurzwelldt marked her 65th birthday by graduating magna cum laude from Florida International University with a bachelor's degree in English. Four years later, she's looking forward to bringing two of her granddaughters - to Take-Your-Daughter-to-Work Day at the Pompano Beach, Fla., adult-education center, where she tutors, and is a substitute teacher.

Pat Nord, 72, "retired" four times in the past five years. The former Miami-Dade County public school assistant principal keeps returning to public and

private education jobs, the latest as a part-time teacher in the school system's assessment department.

Part of an advancing wave of retirement-age people, Mendelsohn, Kurzwelldt and Nord are simply not satisfied with living the lives of leisure - they'd worked so hard to attain. Once viewed as a middle-class entitlement, retirement is undergoing a seismic shift these days as many continue to work, part time or full, paid or volunteer.

Like John Glenn rocketing back into space at age 77, many retirees are re-thinking their so-

called relaxation years and using them to explore new careers, embark on exciting adventures or try a hand at something entirely different.

Call it "unretirement." "All my life, I was trying to make up my mind about what I was going to do when I grew up," said Kurzwelldt, who raised three children and worked part time as an office manager in her husband's tile business.

"I was thrilled to go back to school. Every day - I was there, I was enjoying it. Now that I'm tutoring and teaching, I really feel like I'm giving so much. But

while I'm giving, I'm really getting.

"I don't think I could ever just hang back," she said. "Retire? Never. Why would I?"

Such antiretirement attitudes are only expected to increase as the nation's 77 million baby boomers enter the second act of their lives. This trend-setting, massive group of Americans possesses a different mind-set about work than that of their parents. Instead of disconnecting from the workplace, boomers are expected to stay closely entwined, in part because they enjoy better health. Please see WORK, Page D4

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Newspaper employees

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News this year honored five employees. Barbara Hinther, as employee of the year, received a \$1,000 bonus.

Hinther supervises the Inside Sales Department, sells advertising to Boise clients and sells advertising in The Times-News to business owners and managers. She has worked for the paper for over eight years, starting as assistant to the publisher.

Hinther's sales career, for over 20 years, has included selling radio and television advertising as well as print. She is attending Leadership classes through Leadership Development Resources. Hinther also was a Sunday school teacher and did substitute teaching for local schools. She and her husband, Brian, live in Dietrich.

The newspaper's employees of the quarter throughout 2003 received \$250 bonuses each.

Leslie Whitescarver has handled the newspaper's payroll and accounts payable since June 2001.

She earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of La Verne in California, operated a retail store with her husband for 15 years and spent 10 years as a nurse.

Whitescarver and her husband, Rich, have lived in Twin Falls for six years.

Tracey Emery, web services director, joined the company in December 1997. He leads the newspaper's online edition and its growing Internet ventures.

Emery graduated from Filer High School in 1992 and lives in Twin Falls with his wife, Julie, and their children.

Michelle Campbell, an advertisement designer working from the newspaper's Mini-Cassia bureau, joined the company in March 1999.

She graduated from Raft River High School in 1993 and took classes at Idaho State University. Campbell lives in Heyburn with her husband, Grant, and their three children.

Leticia Coronado, an advertising sales representative, joined The Times-News in May 1990 as a graphic designer. She leads the newspaper's ad sales for the Comunidad page and the Bite of Magic Valley feature.

She graduated from the University of Oregon in Eugene

with a bachelor's degree in fine arts. Coronado is single and lives in Twin Falls, where she helped found a Hispanic business network and is on the board of the Snake River Freeze-On-Skis Inc., a charity fundraising organization.

Amy Davis RUPERT - Amy Davis, a registered nurse, has become one of the "first" in "Mini-national certification in perioperative nursing, according to Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Certified nurse of the operating room is a voluntary recognition program for nurses whose specialty in clinical practice is operative nursing. Certification recognizes the professional achievement demonstrated when a nurse's performance in the surgical role exceeds that which is necessary for competency.

Davis has been an employee at Minidoka Memorial Hospital since graduating from nursing school in 1997. She has worked in surgery since 1999, becoming director in 2002.

Louise Bergener BURLEY - Mike Olson, Cassia Regional Medical Center's administrator, presented the hospital's "Catch the Spirit" customer service award to Louise Bergener in food service.

She was nominated by Dolinda Schwendeman, the previous recipient. In Cassia Regional's customer service program, a trophy is displayed in the winning employee's work area for one month. The award also comes with the responsibility of choosing the next recipient outside of his or her department. The award winner must look for great customer service within the current month that goes beyond the call of duty.

Travis Shepherd TWIN FALLS - Travis Shepherd recently completed two field maintenance programs in Grand Prairie, Texas.

The first was a two-week program for a rotor copier, the AS350 series helicopter, and the other, a one-week program for the Turbomeca Arriel engine.

Shepherd is the maintenance manager for Reeder Flying Service and has worked there for several years.

Almee New GOODING - Gooding County Memorial Hospital welcomed Almee New to its nursing depart-

ment as a certified nurse's aide. New certification is the highest credential in the teaching profession. It is a voluntary process through which teachers obtain certification after a performance-based assessment. The process can take between one and three years.

This year 8,195 elementary and secondary teachers nationwide achieved certification. The total number of National Board certified teachers stands at 32,120.

John Ney RUPERT - Project Mutual Telephone promoted John Ney to vice president of customer opera-

tion. His responsibilities include customer service, marketing, human resource development and public relations. Ney has experience in the telecommunications industry, having held progressive positions of responsibility with GTE/Verizon, and has done private consulting in customer service and work-force development.

Ney has a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Idaho and a master's degree in organizational development from Gonzaga University.

Ney lives in Pocatello with his wife, Laura, and their son.

Lynn Rasmussen TWIN FALLS - Lynn Rasmussen recently completed the Council of Residential Specialists' "Using Today's Technology" on his way to earning the CRS designation.

Rasmussen is co-owner of Gem State Realty. He has listed and sold properties in Twin Falls for more than 29 years. He can be reached at the main office of Gem State Realty at 737-3900.

Debbie Setser TWIN FALLS - Former Magic Valley resident Debbie Setser became a new teacher this fall at North Gem High School in Soda Springs.

Setser has been employed by the North Gem school system for several years, working in the cafeteria, as a custodian and now as a special education paraprofessional serving in the kindergarten. She has lived in Bancroft (near Soda Springs) with her husband, Boyd, for 20 years. They have two children who both graduated from North Gem High School.

Setser is the daughter of Robert and Dolly Peterson of Twin Falls. She was raised in the Jerome and Shoshone area and graduated from Shoshone High School.

Robyn Barnes TWIN FALLS - Robyn Barnes and Diann Gergen, both Twin Falls teachers, recently earned National Board certification. The district now has 13 teachers, one administrator who have attained that status.

Barnes is a language arts teacher at Robert Stuart Junior High School. She has taught for 11 years. She holds a degree in art at Shoshone Junior High School and is endorsed to teach reading, speech and drama.

Gergen teaches sixth grade at Shoshone Elementary School. She has been a

teacher for seven years and holds an elementary education degree.

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HISTORY LESSON



Jim Evans, left, a commercial loan officer for D.L. Evans Bank in Twin Falls, presents 100 copies of 'Twin Falls Centurybook' to the Twin Falls School District on the bank's behalf. The book, written by Mary Inman, right, will be used in eighth-grade Idaho history classes throughout the Twin Falls School District. Accepting the books for the district are William Brulotte, principal of Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School, and Marjorie Atkins, an O'Leary eighth-grade history teacher.



Magic Valley Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Don Hall, left, presents U.S. Bank's Buhl branch manager, Laurie Baker, with an appreciation plaque for the bank's donation for a Buhl pilot program held at Poplewell Elementary School last summer. Schools Superintendent Rick Hill looks on.

U.S. Bank in Buhl gave Magic Valley Boys & Girls Club \$4,500 to defray costs of a summer program for Buhl youth.

The club's summer program for next year is on the drawing board and will be held at Poplewell Elementary School with operating hours of 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting in June, one week after school is out.

Last summer's program drew about 92 children in the Buhl area, and next year's attendance is expected to number about 150.

The new Boys & Girls Club facility in Buhl is still in the planning stages and will operate year-round. The facility will be at Linden and Seventh avenues, close to the park and schools, and is scheduled to open in 2005.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

Your Business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

Please e-mail items to Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at virginia@magvalley.com

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MILESTONES

IHC Hospice receives accreditation for standards

BURLEY - IHC Hospice at Cassia Regional Medical Center recently achieved accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, for compliance with nationally recognized health care standards. Founded in 1951, the Joint Commission is dedicated to improving the safety and quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. The Joint Commission's on-site survey of IHC Hospice at Cassia Regional occurred in early November.

Hospital administrator Mike Olson, spoke of his pride in a staff whose members provide care that is recognized by a national survey body to be at this high level of achievement.

"In addition, the hospice employees appreciate the educational aspect of the survey and the opportunity to interact with the surveyor," he said.

Olson called the accreditation results of 100 percent "proof of a hospice organization committed to provide compassionate and quality care to its patients it serves."

The IHC Hospice team includes Alma Blakeslee, registered nurse; Marcie Bedke, hospice volunteer coordinator; Joyce Praegitzler, registered nurse; Joyce Miller, certified nursing assistant; and Dana Talbot, office coordinator.

D.L. Evans Bank opens branch in Meridian

MERIDIAN - Mini-Cassia-based D.L. Evans Bank opened its nationally first branch at 2560 E. Fairview in Meridian.

The new Meridian office opened for business at its on-site temporary facility Dec. 5 while

construction began on the permanent building, scheduled for completion in fall 2004.

The Meridian office is a full-service bank.

D.L. Evans Bank has grown for more than 99 years. In addition to

four Treasure Valley offices; the bank has seven full-service offices in Magic Valley and a real estate lending office in Twin Falls and will soon open a new office in Ketchum.

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Cory Doggett presents one of many boxes of Golden Reserve beef to Leanne Trappen, community services director for the South Central Community Action Partnership.

In time for Christmas, the South Central Community Action Partnership received 283 pounds of processed select-cut beef from Cory and Aimee Doggett, owners of Golden Reserve Beef Co. in Kimberly. The beef is federally inspect-

ed and grown on high-quality grains and forages with no hormone implants or unnecessary antibiotics, the partnership said. The beef will be added to food boxes distributed to low-income families in Magic Valley.



Carl Grinstead, Zions Bank branch manager in Twin Falls, presents a check to Linda Grubbs, a second-grade teacher at Morningdale Elementary School whose students made many of the snowman ornaments adorning the bank's tree.

Zions Bank invited elementary school students from throughout the state to decorate a Christmas tree with homemade ornaments in the lobby of each Zions Bank branch. The bank provided the lighted tree, and students contributed ornaments they made themselves. In return, bank branches made cash donations to each participating school.

Post commander Leroy Klammt said the equipment will be used at the Paul Post as well as other American Legion posts in southern Idaho. The equipment was listed as surplus after the hospital remodeled and upgraded its existing kitchen.

Domino's Pizza stores nationwide delivered more than 12,000 pizzas to nonprofit organizations across the country Dec. 9. The company expected to feed nearly 50,000 people through the initiative. Domino's envisions this becoming an annual tradition, with franchises and corporate stores banding together every Dec. 9 to make special deliveries in their communities. Nonprofit organizations receiving pizza included food banks, soup kitchens, shelters, crisis centers, afterschool programs and chapter offices of local charities.

Founded in 1960, Domino's Pizza operates a network of 7,332 company-owned and franchised stores in the United States and more than 50 countries. The Minicassia Domino's, locally owned by franchisee Ann Petwell, donated 10 pizzas to the Community Oasis Outreach in Rupert for its evening meal.

The Paul Post No. 77 of the American Legion received several pieces of kitchen equipment donated by Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Computer purchasers look at maker first

The Associated Press

As new PCs are more powerful — is any new computer sluggish? — consumers appear to be getting the message: We all don't need the fastest or biggest machine in the store. A survey of people who are shopping or recently bought a new computer found that most were not all that intrigued by the hard drive size or processing power, instead favoring the look, feel and brand of the machine.

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Outlook brightens for Idaho potatoes

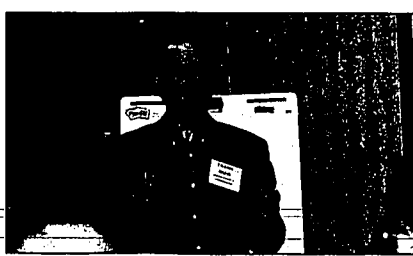
POCATELLO — The J.R. Simplot Co. might be rethinking its plans to shut down its Caldwell potato processing plant because the quality of Canadian potatoes targeted for its new Manitoba processing plant is inferior to Idaho spuds.

Keith Espin, executive director of Potato Growers of Idaho, said there are even rumors that Simplot is having second thoughts about closing its Heyburn plant because of other concerns north of the border.

Espin made those comments Thursday, Dec. 4, during an opening session of PGI's annual conference here.

Idaho's approximately 400 potato growers are struggling with low commodity prices, a widespread water shortage and dwindling demand for french fries and other potato products.

In a session focusing on the potato outlook, Espin rattled those in attendance that PGI was pretty sure last spring that Simplot would announce a Caldwell shutdown as McDonald's, one of its major customers, was suffering financial losses. However, McDonald's since has put renewed emphasis on the quality of its french fries and increased its quality specifications, which is good for the Pacific Northwest, where higher quality potatoes are grown, Espin said.



Frank Muir, executive director of Idaho Potato Commission, leads a discussion of industry concerns at the Potato Growers of Idaho annual winter meeting last week in Pocatello.



Highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

It old technology that will be replaced by new technology. High tech companies, however, are exporting their jobs off shore, Takasugi said.

Babbitt's rangeland reform gets reformed

WASHINGTON — Common sense and federal agencies do not often go hand in hand. But recent grazing rules proposed by the Bureau of Land Management have factored in a healthy dose of workable solutions for both ranchers and the agency.

BLM said the new rule "would improve management and support the continuation of public lands grazing by improving the BLM's working relationships with its grazing permittees and lessees."

Rangeland Reform rules passed in 1995 under former Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt have made it difficult for ranchers to manage grazing lands, said Brenda Richards, federal lands committee chairman for the Idaho Cattlemen's Association. "Rangeland Reform took away a lot of land management adaptability," she said. "There was no flexibility, and agencies hands

were tied with a lot of paperwork. That trickled down to ranchers." In addition, the rule proposal recognizes grazing as a valid use of the land, Richardson said.

Population growth, better diets anchor bean prices

DAHO FALLS — The prices for dry edible beans still fluctuate from year to year, but some long-term trends are encouraging, said Paul Patterson, an agriculture economist for the University of Idaho in Idaho Falls. "The overall trend in recent years has been for a slight increase in domestic consumption," he said.

These trends include the growing U.S. population, the rising Hispanic population and the increasing popularity of Mexican

restaurants, he said. The overall U.S. population grew by 11.3 million people just since April 2000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Per capita consumption has also risen 24 percent since 1980-1982, and 1 percent since 1990-1992, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. "It's at least a positive trend, as opposed to going the other way," Patterson said.

Agricultural imports growing; exports lag

IDAHO FALLS — Some economists say that if current trends in agricultural trade continue, imports could overtake U.S. exports by 2007.

U.S. agricultural export surplus has fallen to the lowest level since 1987, and import growth has nearly doubled since a year ago, according to a newly released report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. While Fiscal 2003 U.S. agricultural exports reached \$56 billion — which is 5 percent or \$2.7 billion over fiscal 2002 — the 2003 cumulative U.S. agricultural imports have risen 11 percent to \$4.8 billion. The report called the rise in imports "a new record."

"Which import is exceeding export growth, the U.S. agricultural export surplus is down 19 billion or 19 percent," the report said. U.S. agricultural exports are projected to climb by \$500 million in the coming fiscal year, which began in October, to \$56.5 billion. Imports are estimated to jump as much as \$3.5 billion in 2003-04.

Takasugi: Attacks on agriculture won't slow

POCATELLO — Instead of government of, by and for the people, farming and ranching operations are confronted with "government of the courts, by the attorneys and for the special interests," Idaho Agriculture Director Pat Takasugi told Potato Growers of Idaho members here last week.

Attending PGI's annual conference, Takasugi warned at the Friday breakfast that the greatest threat to farmers is government out of balance or what he called a "judicial takeover."

In his seventh year directing the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Takasugi said environmentalists would rather go to court to achieve their objectives than go through the Legislature.

Agriculture in Idaho is a \$4 billion industry representing about 20 percent of the state's economy, he said, yet many people consider

Business owners look at more pricey gifts for clients

The Associated Press

Business owners may be a little more generous with their gifts this holiday season.

Owners who send clients or customers gifts say they'll spend slightly more this month, with the average gift budget inching up 2 percent to \$95, according to a semiannual survey of small businesses by American Express.

Cards and calendars continue to dominate the category, with fruit sent by 9 percent of the firms. Gift certificate popularity is soaring, doubling to 8 percent from last year.

The bigger the firm, the more generous owners may be.

Sixty percent of firms with revenue above \$200,000 are likely to award bonuses, compared to 26 percent of smaller firms. More than half of the bigger firms had a holiday party planned, compared to about a third of smaller ones. They're also more likely to give holiday gifts (40 percent versus 28 percent) and offer pay raises (27 percent versus 10 percent).

The 11-day telephone survey was based on a nationally representative sample of 787 small business owners/managers of companies with fewer than 100 employees.

Spuds and Atkins

Can you eat potatoes and still lose weight? Monday in Health & Fashion



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Seniors could boost housing market

An aging population might want to downsize, move closer to the grandkids.

By Steve Brown
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Over the years, Lucile Payne has done interior design on some of Dallas' most exclusive residences.

One of her next design jobs may be closer to home.

After 38 years in her North Dallas house, Payne has decided to downsize and move to a smaller home.

"I'm now 83 years old, you understand, and I really don't need this large house," said Payne, who plans to relocate to a small apartment in one of the local seniors communities. "It's the right time to make this move."

It's a move that millions of Americans will make in the next decade, and it could be a boon for the U.S. housing market.

"Six thousand Americans will turn 65 every day until 2013," said California real estate agent Jill Corliss, who helped create a senior sales specialist program for the National Association of Realtors. "By 2025, we will have 70 million people here in the U.S. who are 65 or older."

"That statistic should be enough to get you going with the older generation," Corliss told real estate agents who met in San Francisco last month. "What began as a niche market is fast becoming a very large segment."

Real estate agents are taking notice.

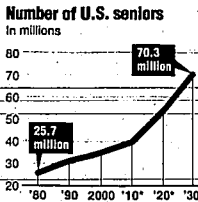
"It's going to be an extra lucrative market for Realtors," said industry consultant John Tuccillo. "The two fastest-growing segments of the American population in the first decade of the 21st century are 45-to-64 year olds, and 65 and over."

Dallas real estate agent Ken Martin with Ebby Halliday Realtors found this out recently when he sent out a mailing to homeowners in some Lake Highlands neighborhoods.

"So far, I've discovered close to 75 percent of the respondents are over 65," Martin said. "I've heard the reasons for considering selling

Homing in on seniors

Real estate agents see retirees and buyers age 65 and older as one of the biggest growth areas for their business in the coming decades.



Where seniors are moving

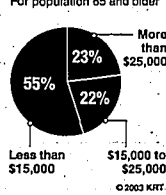
State	Annual percentage increase in retiree population for selected states
Nevada	71.5%
Alaska	59.8%
Arizona	39.5%
New Mexico	30.1%
Hawaii	28.5%
Utah	28.3%
Colorado	28.3%
Delaware	26.0%
U.S. average	12.0%

Source: National Association of Realtors
Graphic: Chris Morris, The Dallas Morning News

Where retirees live

State	Percentage of population
Florida	17.6%
Pennsylvania	15.6%
West Virginia	15.3%
North Dakota	14.7%
Rhode Island	14.5%
Maine	14.4%
South Dakota	14.3%
Arkansas	14.0%
Texas	9.9%
U.S. average	12.4%

Senior Income



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are recent death of a spouse, downsizing, "cousin living" and "to move closer to children."

Retired Air Force General John Jaquish and his wife are relocating to Texas from Maryland to be near their children and grandkids.

"Our three children and grandchildren live in the Coppell area," said John Jaquish. "It was an easy decision for us to make."

"In the Air Force, we moved 26 times," he said. "And we've been stationed in Texas before."

Karen Gearhart, with Coldwell Banker Residential said two agents in her Irving and Las Colinas office are specialists in the retiree and seniors market. "They have done presentations at a local senior center because a lot of those folks

have homes that need to be sold as part of their transition into the senior living/assisted living phase of their lives," Gearhart said.

But not all of these buyers — including the Jaquishes — are downsizing. "What we are finding is that they have so many valuable furnishings and artwork from their travels, etc., that they need a large home to accommodate," Gearhart said.

Payne has decided to go with a small residence.

"I've visited many retirement homes already to get an idea," she said. "Living in 535 square feet is like living in my office," she said.

Payne chose to list her house for sale with Virginia Cook Realtors because she had known the owners

“... when you get into your 70s, you don't want as much stuff to take care of.”

—Becky Hopkins, Carrollton, Texas Realtor

for many years. "Trust is as important as marketing and financial considerations when seniors pick a sales agent," says Corliss of the Realtors association. "It's relationship marketing," she said. "It's not in and out of the door in five minutes — you have to learn all about them, and it takes time."

"A lot of time, you are dealing with their children who are very concerned about mom and dad," Corliss said.

"Agents who are used to buyers and sellers who make quick decisions had better look elsewhere."

"They don't want to make the wrong decision, so sometimes they won't make a decision at all," Corliss said. "If they don't have proper guidance, they can make a terrible mistake."

Becky Hopkins, an agent with Century 21 Judge Fite Realtors in Carrollton, said many seniors and retired people are reluctant to move because "you don't have 30 years to recover from a mistake."

"It's a hard decision," she said. "But when you get into your 70s, you don't want as much stuff to take care of."

Hopkins predicts that the next generation of retirees and seniors will be more eager to downsize and move.

"People are already thinking differently about it," she said. "I'm hoping with the baby boomers it will be easier, because they have grown up in different times."

Might be time to alter that home insurance

By Andrea Coombes
CBS MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO — If home is where the heart is — not to mention a major portion of your investment portfolio — you should be actively protecting that vital organ.

Instead, most homeowners put a review of their home-insurance policy about as high on the to-do list as reading credit-card agreement policies.

The recent rise in home values, inflation and even new building codes can leave the biggest purchase of a lifetime insufficiently protected in the event of a fire, flood or other disaster.

"It's a financial asset and they need to pay attention to their homeowners insurance just as they would any other financial asset," said P.J. Crowley, vice president of the Insurance Information Institute, an industry-funded research association.

Insufficient coverage is often the result of a common misperception: Homeowners, seeing the words "replacement cost" in their policy, think their house will be replaced no matter what.

However, unless you buy added protection, you will only be reimbursed for replacement costs up to the limits of your policy — and if you have not upped the coverage recently, that could leave you footing some of the bill yourself.

"They hear that their policy provides replacement cost coverage, and many standard policies do provide it, but it's replacement cost within the policy limits," said Michelle Kenney, a senior director at Fireman's Fund Insurance Co.

"Ideally, you want to have replacement costs beyond the policy limits," she said.

The following are additional questions to consider when reviewing your policy.

Has your insurance agent accurately assessed the replacement cost of your home? Homeowners' policies are based on the replacement-cost value of your home, not the market value. Your insurance

agent can assess your home's replacement cost with the aid of a computer program. However, some people might want to consider hiring an appraiser, one with experience in replacement-cost appraisals, to provide a more accurate number. "Estimating the value of your home is not an exact science. Most of the appraisal systems that are used are at best ballpark figures," said Bill Wilson, a director with the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America.

"If you've got a home worth \$150,000 to \$200,000, it's worth several hundred bucks to get an appraisal."

Does your policy offer automatic inflation protection? Inflation protection is not a given in homeowners' insurance policies, so consumers should confirm they have this added protection. "That'll keep your home automatically up-to-date with increased construction costs," Wilson said.

Does your older home need building-code coverage? If the state or local codes have changed since your house was built, you will have to incorporate those changes into any new construction. "In many instances, you can't put the house back to the way it was," Kenney said, noting, for example, that California requires sprinklers in new houses. "There's a specific coverage that you can have. It's usually called 'building-code' or 'law-and-ordinance coverage.'"

Do you need additional disaster or personal-liability coverage? Most homeowners' policies do not cover floods, earthquakes or other natural disasters, so homeowners might want to consider purchasing additional protection. Homeowners interested in upping their personal-liability coverage on both home and car should consider an umbrella policy, which offers a lot of insurance bang for the buck.

Generally, umbrella policies cost \$150 to \$200 annually for usually \$2 million in additional coverage. McCartin particularly recommends it to households with teenage drivers.

Potential labor shortage hikes value of older workers

By Henry J. Holcomb
Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — For the growing number of people who need to work deep into their 60s — or even 70s — the job market is looking brighter.

With the baby boomers approaching retirement, more will be leaving the nation's work force than there are young people to replace them, creating worries of a critical worker shortage that could enhance the value of old-timers.

"In the old days, when people in their late 50s hung it up, companies would go to college campuses and recruit more. That's going to become more difficult for many," said John Carney of the Carney Group, the Blue Bell, Pa., firm that specializes in recruiting and placing older workers.

In 2008, there will be 34.1 percent more workers in the 50-59 age group than there were in 1998, and 15 percent fewer workers age 25-40, Carney said. In 2002, more than 1 in 3 people older than 64 were seeking or looking for work, the Census Bureau reported earlier this year.

Cashing in on positive aspects of this change requires preparation — for both maturing workers and the companies that seek to employ the best of them, Carney and others said.

For workers, that preparation includes learning how to live in a world of Blackberries and e-mail on the go. Staying up to date on technology is critical to fitting in to changing companies with fewer seniors and more start-up staffers who come running when there's a problem, they say.

Attitudes often must change, particularly for those who were used to being the "No. 1 dude" but are moving into a less-demanding role, said Patrick Sylvester, chief executive of Banister International, a Philadelphia executive search firm.

As one gets older, networking continues to be one of "the top things you do," said Gayle I. Weibley, an executive vice president at Right Management Consultants Inc. world headquarters in Philadelphia. "You must set aside a couple of hours a week to keep yourself out there in the market."

She also said it was important to recognize that future opportuni-

ties for aging workers were governed by "perception as opposed to what they can do. So they must change things they can change that influence perception and not worry about things, like age, they can't."

While corporate survival often means hoarding information and playing things close to the vest, older workers fare better when they learn how to mentor younger colleagues, how to be a person they will come to wish problems they don't want to take to the boss, Carney said.

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Companies also have some adjusting to do, according to Weibley, Carney and Sylvester. Many will need to change policies related to retirement, pension benefits, locations and hours.

And they will need to create ways to retain older workers without holding back the advancement of younger workers eager for promotions.

Most companies, consumed by today's problems, are not yet focused on what's ahead, Sylvester said. They are facing a "double whammy," Carney said. The soon-to-retire baby boom generation had much higher-than-usual birth rates, and the generation entering the work force had lower-than-average birth rates.

It may turn out to be a triple whammy. Younger workers are increasingly seeking alternatives to working for big corporations,

"which they see as very cruel places to be," said Mike Johnson, a British author who recently interviewed 200 senior executives in the United States and Europe on workplace issues.

As a corporate America's recent tendency to promote people with highly specialized backgrounds to high positions has left them with a critical shortage of broadly experienced managers who know how to get things done, Sylvester said.

He said retaining older workers would help offset an acute shortage of people who can sell an idea to colleagues and customers, balance the need for profits with customer satisfaction, have credibility in their fields, and have a track record for getting things done.

Weibley agreed. "Somebody with silver hair who can manage those things will be worth their weight in gold," she said.

The experts say it is important to be realistic about one's career path. As soon as it becomes apparent that you are no longer interested in a top-tier job — or that high positions have become unattainable — it is wise to change course. It is far better to step off the ladder than to be pushed off, Sylvester said.

"Ninety-five percent of people don't want to be a vice president or CEO," Johnson said. "They just want to be valued."

People can enjoy life more once they've quit seeking upward mobility and created or found special projects or other roles where they can have value, Sylvester said.

Older workers can be extremely valuable to start-up companies and established concerns that have been forced to shrink management ranks and support staff during recent hard times. "They're spiritual so they become terrific role models," said Carney, whose firm has been placing older workers for the last 11 years. "They need little or no supervision. And they've seen most kinds of projects at one time or another."

The importance of older workers will continue long after baby boomers pass through retirement age. As Johnson, the British author, put it: "It is an increasingly messy world. People are getting married two or three times, and having two or three families," so worries about orthodontist bills and college tuition payments will keep coming later in life.


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Nicely maintained beautiful large lot
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1736 sq. ft. Water shares
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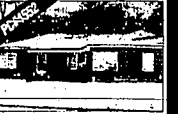
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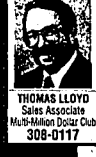
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff: My partner accused me of being overly obsessed with counting points on this hand. Holding ♠ K-J-8-7-4. ♥ K. ♦ A-K-9-5. ♣ Q-7-4. I opened one spade and tried two diamonds after hearing a one-no-trump response. When partner raised to three diamonds, I thought he was inviting game, so I tried three no-trump. My partner is still counting the under-tricks.

ANSWER: You were right to play hearts, not no-trump, but maybe you were asking too much to drive to slam. If I had to make a try, I think a jump to five hearts would get partner to focus on good trumps — which you certainly need. But frankly I think I'd just bid four hearts — partner never has the perfect hand.

Dear Mr. Wolff: What is your opinion about an auction such as one diamond-two clubs — four hearts? Does it show a heart control, heart shortage, or specifically a void?

ANSWER: To answer your question, let us assume that a two-heart bid would be natural and game-forcing. If so, then three hearts need not be reserved for a natural call. One should use that as a splinter raise of clubs. That being so, a jump to four hearts should be precisely a void. With a singleton ace, jump to three hearts, then cuebid the suit again.

Dear Mr. Wolff: What should a jump to three no-trump be over an opening bid of a major suit? My partner wants to play it as a balanced hand with three trumps, but I can't see why one would not just follow a two-over-one sequence with that hand.

ANSWER: It would be to play the bid as a hand with 13-15 points, 1-3-3-3 shape, and a top honor in every suit. Or you can play the call as a constructive raise to four hearts — freeing up the direct jump as purely pre-emptive. You might even use the call as a splinter bid in the other major, with one spade — four hearts as natural. You pays your money, you takes your choice!

Hope on a Hope, Hitchcock, Va.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Which are currently the strongest countries in the world at bridge — both in terms of being able to field the strongest top team, and also having strength in depth?

ANSWER: There can be little doubt that in terms of strength in depth the United States has the best of it. There are at least 10 teams the United States could put out which would make a decent showing at world-level. As to the strongest teams, USA, Italy, France, and Poland are always there, or thereabouts. In the women's game, USA is at the forefront in both areas of direct discussion.

Dear Mr. Wolff: When my partner opened three hearts in first seat vulnerable, I was looking at ♠ A-Q-7-6. ♥ Q. ♦ A-J-7-5. ♣ A-K-10-4. I hoped to buy a good seven-card suit with maybe a card on the side, so just blasted to slam. The contract needed two finesses, and it was not our lucky day. Was I too exuberant?

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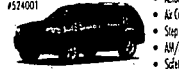


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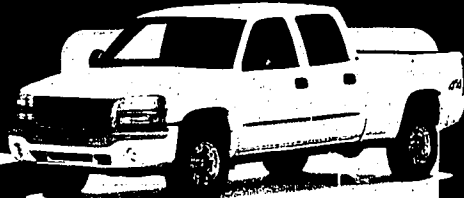


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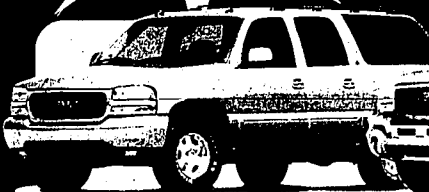
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Road trip! (Feel free to take your turkey)

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I could have used some travel tips when my kids were young. I still remember the year we made the mistake of going back to the Midwest for Christmas with a kid who had just learned how to crack his knuckles. And then there was the year we booked motels along the way home for the holidays, certain that we would have a great time because we were taking along a collapsible playpen. As I remember it, I was the one who ended up sleeping in the playpen, and my husband was the one who collapsed.

It doesn't even help to plan a trip like that far in advance. The year we tried that, buying airline tickets for everyone three months early, one of the kids ended up coming down with chicken pox the night before the departure date.

I once read that more people consult psychiatrists right after their vacation trips than at any other time.

Big surprise. Bair and Wright advise parents to be creative and have a little fun coming up with some thoughtful ways to make family travel this holiday season a memorable experience. I never seem to have any trouble with the "memorable" part. But I know what they mean.

They suggest packing a lap desk or clipboard, along with some paper and colored pencils, so kids can create their own memory books - with categories like "The Yummy and Yuckiest Things We Ever Ate at Christmas." They also suggest taking along some glowing-in-the-dark stars, glowsticks and stickers to make everything look more festive during after-dark travel.

I would add that parents might want to remember that kids love ritual, and the holidays are not prime time to change everything. So staying true to some of the traditions, even on the road, is probably a very good idea.

"I'll never forget that Thanksgiving a few years ago when my husband, my children and I decided to take a trip to eat Thanksgiving dinner at a restaurant far from home.

When we arrived at our destination, we parked in front of the only restaurant we could find open. It boasted an old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings.

What could be more perfect? But there were string beans instead of carrots. And the cranberry sauce was jellied, not chunky. And the mashed potatoes had funny little green stuff in it.

It was Thanksgiving dinner, but it wasn't our Thanksgiving dinner.

We hated it. This year, moms have lots of hotlines to answer their Christmas cooking questions. So I think we need a few hotlines to call where we can unload our holiday travel stress.

Or maybe we have that, and just don't know it.

Earlier today, I read a few of the questions fielded at the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line, 1-800-BUTTERBALL. The people who staff the phones there will answer anything.

Here's one of the questions that was called in: Is it safe to travel with a turkey strapped to your car's luggage rack?

"In a case you're wondering, the answer was, 'Yes, as long as you obey the speed limit.'"

Actually, that's pretty good advice.

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Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



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By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

BUHL - This is family country, as Priscilla Martens can attest. She's in the middle of five generations of a family that has farmed this little corner of the Clover Tract for almost 100 years, and it's strictly a slice of Norman Rockwell's America, complete with mini-goats and a three-legged dog. And just the right place, the 54-year-old Martens believes, to work on what ails America's families.

Of white children born since 1980 in the United States, about 50 percent will spend some part of their childhood in a single-parent family, the vast majority of which are headed by the mother. For black kids, the proportion is about 80 percent.

"So many families are in such trouble, so many kids need to have their fathers involved in their lives," said Martens, a social worker by profession. "We hope to provide ways to help."

A couple of years ago, Martens founded the National Family Preservation Network, a nonprofit organization dedicated to keeping families together through a practice called the Intensive Family Preservation Services. IFPS is designed to support families in crisis in which children are either at immediate risk of being sent to foster care or have been placed outside their homes. The goal is to keep kids safe and avoid both unnecessary removal and long separations from family in out-of-home care.

"We want to promote family as the first priority permanency option for children," Martens said. Martens is the only full-time employee of NFPP, which is governed by a board of directors of social service professionals nationwide.

"It meets an important need," said Anne Cornell, clinical director for the Intermountain Centers for Human Development in Tucson, Ariz., and a member of the NFPP board. "Children are better off when their fathers are involved in their lives."

Funded largely by grants, NFPP provides child-welfare agencies and nonprofit providers with research-based knowledge and the tools to deliver services.

There's no social or religious agenda, Martens says - just seeking approaches that work.

"Keeping fathers involved and families together is a goal that's being promoted by many different parts of our society," she said. "We're not a faith-based organization, but we welcome the interest of churches in keeping families together."

When dad is involved

- Fathers who live with their children are engaged in monitoring their daily activities and setting limits; for example, 61 percent set limits on television viewing.
- Most fathers who live with their children participate regularly in some kind of leisure or play activity with them; for example, 68 percent played sports or participated in outdoor activities with their children at least once a week.

- Men are much more likely than women to believe that two parents are more effective at raising children than one parent alone; 26 percent of fathers vs. 42 percent of mothers believe one parent is sufficient.
- More than one in five young children in two-parent families have their father as the primary caregiver when the mother is at work, attending school or looking for work.
- Men are generally older than women when they have their first child; 11 percent of males were parents as teens, compared to 33 percent of women.

Source: Child Trends' "Charting Parenthood: A Statistical Portrait of Fathers and Mothers in America"

To learn more...

Log on to the National Family Preservation Network Web site at <http://www.nfpp.org>

Martens, who grew up here, went off to college and became a social worker with child-welfare agencies, jobs that took her to the Treasure-Valley, northern-Idaho and eventually out of state. But she longed to return to the Magic Valley, and the Internet, fax machines and cell phones made it possible for her to pursue that dream.

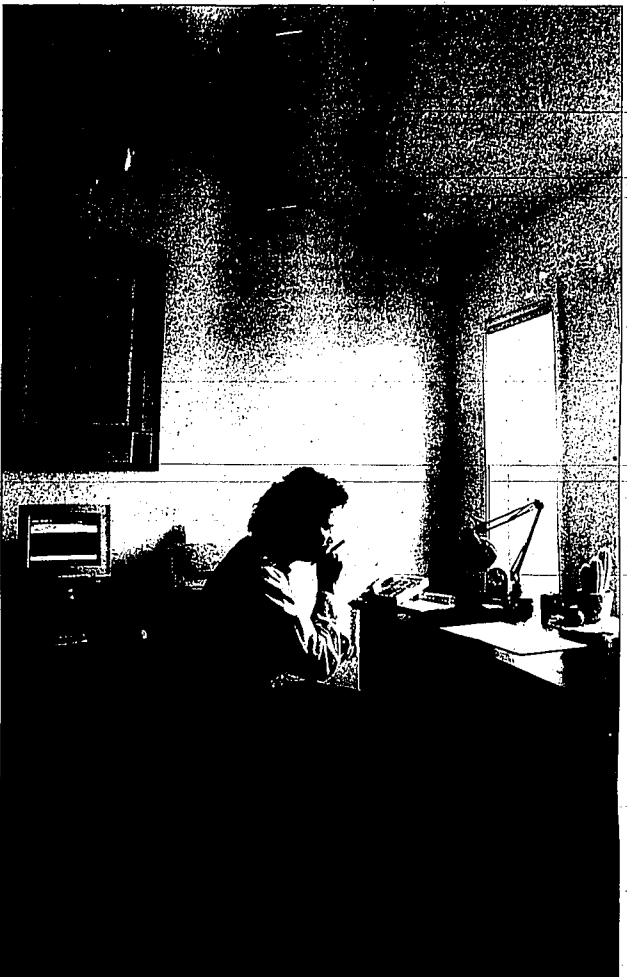
Among her projects: A Fatherhood Training Curriculum for use by social welfare agencies, designed to engage fathers in their children's lives.

It grew out of Martens' research - and her personal experience - that the child welfare system is primarily geared toward moms and kids.

"The curriculum is designed to get everyone working in a child welfare agency conscious of making the agency father-inclusive," she said. In addition to program changes, even small changes such as extending hours of operation are important to helping fathers feel included.

Those who do - even if they live away from the family - are more likely to support their children emotionally and financially and stay involved in their lives.

"Their kids grow up happier and healthier, and they stay out of the foster-care system," Martens said. "Troubled families can change."



Priscilla Martens, executive director of the National Family Preservation Network, moves from working in her computer to reviewing a fatherhood training curriculum book in her office at her Buhl home Wednesday. The network supports the preservation and reunification of families and fatherhood initiatives.

Never take another bad holiday photo

- Location, location, location: Please, not the fireplace. Everyone loves the fireplace/mantle photo. But it usually means dark surroundings and distracting elements in the background. Grandma will not be pleased with those antlers looming behind her head. Also, your subjects will be jammed together like last-minute Christmas shoppers around the checkout line.

- So, look for a clean background that will not compete with your subjects. If possible, try to put some distance between your subjects and the background to give your portrait a more three-dimensional look.

- A great idea is to find your background first. Compose your image, then add your subjects. This way, there's far less chance of unwanted surprises in your photos.

- Go to the light: The sun is our friend, except when we can see it through the viewfinder. This results in silhouettes.

- What you see with your naked eye and what the camera captures can be two different things. Shadows and highlights are much more pronounced in photos than what you see when you take the picture. For example, high noon is possibly the worst time of day to take photos. Shadows in the eye socket create the unflattering "raccoon eye." Early morning and late afternoon offer the best lighting.

- Try to keep the sun behind you, so it illuminates your subjects from the front. Another great effect is "diffused" light, such as light coming through a window or the shade of a porch awning or tree.

- But be careful that the area behind your subject is not

Etc.

- brighter than the light falling on your subject. This also could result in a silhouette. That's great for photo contests, but not if you want to see Uncle George's and Aunt Betty's faces.

- Everything in its place: Composition - where you place your subjects in the viewfinder - is almost as important as lighting.

- The rule of thirds. This is not as complicated as it sounds. Visually divide the frame into thirds, horizontally and vertically. Where the lines intersect are the most pleasing areas in the viewfinder to place subjects. All rules are made to be broken, but learn this one first, and you'll be rewarded quickly with better images.

- Get closer? Get closer? Get closer? Photographers call this filling the frame. Typically, most amateur photographers stand too far away from their subjects.

- Eye, eye. Place your subjects so their eyes are not at the same level. Try having someone sit or having others take off their shoes or even stand on a book. (Don't worry, you can crop the book out of the final image.)

- Highs and lows. The world isn't all the same size. Vary the level and the angle of your camera.

- Try shooting low to include some of the foreground. And anyone with a double chin can't resist that getting up high and shooting down with a high angle flatters just about everyone. A high vantage point also lets you include more folks in the frame.

Let's party! Kids tell us their birthday favorites

- Tools of the trade: You just unwrapped the new camera with all the latest bells and whistles. Now, what do you do with it? Well, you'll learn a lot about your camera and accessories.

- Most cameras have a built-in flash that automatically kicks in or can be manually overridden. Now, what do you do with the flash if needed. Outdoors, the flash can compensate for tough lighting situations.

- A tripod helps to stabilize the camera and lets you look into the viewfinder without moving the camera's position. (My great should have had one of these.)

- ASA and ISO. What? Are we at a Star Trek convention? Steady, Jim. ISO and ASA are the same thing. Both are the light ratings, indicating how sensitive to light your film or digital camera are. Think of it this way: Bright sunny day, low ASA/ISO. Inside where it's dark, high ASA/ISO. A good versatile setting is ASA/ISO 400.

- Digital cameras, which record images electronically, have similar light-rating systems. The great thing about digital is that you can change your ASA/ISO on the fly. Outside, 200 ASA. Run inside, switch to 800 and shoot away.

- Don't be shy: Go ahead and shoot, shoot, shoot. Film is cheap, and digital cards can be reused. Why go through all the steps to making a great portrait and only take one frame? Don't be afraid to hold down that shutter and shoot a bunch.

- Maybe Uncle George blinked. Maybe you goofed. It doesn't matter if you don't love the shot. You'll have to answer to the family. So, shoot liberally.

Source: Orange County Register

Let's party! Kids tell us their birthday favorites

The Washington Post

A while ago, the Washington Post asked readers to tell us what sort of birthday parties they like best.

Since then, our e-mail box has become stuffed like a pinata, with interesting party ideas. Today, we're going to smack it open and sprinkle the goodies across the page.

Some kids thought we wanted to hear about their fantasy parties, which all seemed to involve flying on a private jet with a bunch of friends, getting famous musicians to perform in the living room, diving into pools filled with candy and spending many, many party-free hours playing video games and eating pizza.

Other kids told us about a real kind of party they had: a hotel sleeper - that seemed as over-the-top as those fantasy parties.

Jazmine Davis celebrated her 10th birthday this year with a party at a hotel near her Maryland home. The 11 girl-

friends and cousins she invited swam in the hotel pool, played games in the room. Jazmine's mom rented for them and slept there on the beds and in sleeping bags on the floor.

In the morning, they shared a breakfast of sausage, eggs and grits, cooked by Jazmine's mom in the room's tiny kitchen.

"It was so much fun just being in a hotel," Jazmine said in a phone interview. "We had the pool practically to ourselves."

Jazmine's mom, Sonia Davis, thought that the hotel setting would make simple activities - swimming, snacking, clowning around - seem special.

"Plus," she added, "you don't have to clean up!" Jazmine's dad stayed home and took care of her brother and baby sister while her mom and aunt chaperoned the party.

The kids listened to music on a karaoke machine, ate pizza and stayed up extremely late doing

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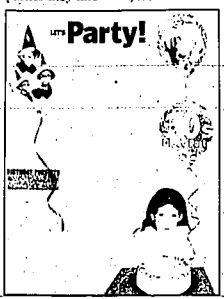


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FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

ANNIVERSARY

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
530 Shoshone St. W.
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Burgin Center will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Menu: Cube steak with onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, Jell-O salad, rolls, strawberries with cookies

Tuesday: Pork chops, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, cottage cheese with fruit, rolls, pie.
Wednesday: Chicken cordon bleu, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, muffins, coleslaw, pie

Thursday: Chili, friend potatoes, oatmeal, cottage cheese, salad, dessert
Friday: Fruit-trout, fried potatoes with onions, red cabbage salad, muffins, dessert

Activities:
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday: Blood-pressure checks, 10-11:45 a.m.

Lane dancing, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Elks card club
Quilting
Foot clinic
Board meeting
Thursday: Fill Christmas bags, 9:30 a.m.

Pinochle, 1 p.m.
Friday: Lunch bingo

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl

Menu: Turkey Chicken dinner, 1 p.m. (seniors \$4; all others \$4.50)

Monday: Soup, grilled ham and cheese sandwich, salad, dessert

Tuesday: Meat balls, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, spinach, muffins, dessert

Wednesday: Cook's choice

Thursday: Corned beef dinner, Jell-O, oatmeal, dessert

Friday: Closed

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Tuesday: Energy assistance, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Quilting, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Crafts, 1-4 p.m.

Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Board meeting, 1 p.m.

Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Blood-pressure checks, 11:45 a.m.

Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.

Saturday: Kiwanis chili feed, 5:30-8 p.m.

Light parade, 7 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St., Filer

Dinners served at noon on

Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals are available each meal-time.

Menu:
Tuesday: Pork chops, cream gravy
Thursday: Oven-fried chicken

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.
310 Main St. N., Kimberly

Thrift store is open Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Menu:
Monday: Orange juice, sausage, eggs, hashbrowns, biscuit, gravy, pears, coffee, milk

Wednesday: Pizza, tossed green salad, coffee, milk

Friday: Birthday and Christmas dinner (Pork chops, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, tossed green salad, roll cake, ice cream, coffee, milk), noon

Activities:
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m.

Friday: Foot clinic (\$5 fee)

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.
308 Senior Ave.

All dinners are noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.

Menu:
Monday: Pepper steak, rice, vegetables, cottage cheese with Jell-O, bread, dessert

Tuesday: Lemon-pepper cod, potatoes au gratin, spinach, cheesy broccoli salad, French bread, custard

Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes and gravy, winter-mix vegetables, frog-eye salad, bread, blueberry cake

Thursday: Baked ham, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans with bacon, sum salad, rolls, pumpkin squares

Activities:
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Pinochle, 1:20 p.m.

Wednesday: Hat turkey sandwiches, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Bridge, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Massage, 10:40 a.m.

Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.

Thursday: Quilting social, 9 a.m.

Pool, 9:30 a.m.

SEHBA assistance, 11 a.m.

Idaho Old-Time Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m.

Blood-pressure checks, 11 a.m.

TOPS, 4 p.m.

Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.

Hand/foot clinic, 1 p.m.

Bowling, 1:30 p.m.

Bingo, 6 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.

All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.

Menu:
Monday: Ham and beans, corn-bread, pickled beet, fruit, cookies

Tuesday: Finger steaks, macaroni and cheese, corn, bruit medley, zucchini bars

Wednesday: Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, broccoli, fruit, bread pudding

Thursday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, beets, Jell-O with fruit, apple crisp

Friday: Christmas dinner: Baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, winter mix vegetables, fruit salad, cake and ice cream

Activities:
Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.

Tuesday: Gem State Fiddlers, 11:30 a.m.

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Snack bar, 6 p.m.

Early-bird bingo, 6:45 p.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.

Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Friday: Aerobics, 11 a.m.

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center
127 E. Willow, Fairfield

Meals are served at noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The suggested donation for seniors is \$2.50. Cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 10. All meals are subject to change. To eat a meal at the center, call ahead at 764-2226.

No menus made available this week.

Richfield Senior Center
127 E. Willow, Fairfield

Menu:
Monday: Orange juice, meatloaf, buttered potatoes, winter-mixed vegetables, cookies, pudding, homemade rolls, milk, coffee

Thursday: Orange juice, ham salad sandwiches, vegetable soup, apricot pie, milk, coffee

Shoshone Senior Center
218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone

Monday: Orange juice, spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, homemade garlic sticks, gingerbread with lemon sauce, milk, coffee

Wednesday: Orange juice, beef stew, grilled cheese sandwich, peach pie, milk, coffee

Friday: Orange juice, baked ham turkey, stuffing, hot rolls, mashed potatoes with gravy, five-way mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce, brinidya cake with ice cream, milk, coffee

Activities:
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.

Coffee, 9:30 a.m.

Quilters, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.

Early bird, 6:30 p.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.

Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.

Coffee, 9:30 a.m.

Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Saturday: Christmas basket delivery, 9 a.m.

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens
203 Wilson, Eden

Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

Menu:
Tuesday: Lasagna, salad, green beans, applesauce, French break, cookies

Thursday: Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, dressing, green bean casserole, salad, Waldorf salad, dessert

Activities:
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center
140 E. Lake, Hagerman

Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.

Menu:
Monday: Spaghetti

Wednesday: Meatloaf

Friday: Ham and beans

Activities:
Thrift store open Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday is \$2 bag day in the thrift shop

Wednesday: Bingo before the Wednesday noon meal.

Blaine County Senior Center
721 Third Ave. S., Hailey

Meals are served at noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals.

Menu:
Tuesday: Beef stew with vegetables, tossed green salad, cheese biscuits, pear-and-cottage cheese salad, buttered corn bread

Wednesday: Shepherd's pie, coleslaw, baby-carrots, hot rolls, banana cream pie, chocolate fudge pie

Friday: Roast beef with gravy, horseradish sauce, mashed potatoes, rolls, green slud, green beans, fruit cocktail, German chocolate cake

Activities:
Sunday: Staff Christmas party, 5 p.m.

Monday: Trip to Wal-Mart in Jerome, 9 a.m.

Tuesday: Reflexology class, 10 a.m.

Exercise, 1:30 p.m.

Board of directors Christmas party, 5:7 p.m.

Wednesday: Poetry group, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday: Exercise, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday: Look at the Christmas lights, 6 p.m.

Mindoka County Senior Citizens Center
702 11th St., Rupert

Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served Tuesday with meals.

Menu:
Monday: Assorted salad, clam chowder, peas, carrots, biscuits, pudding

Tuesday: Macaroni, French dip, carrots, french fries, ice cream

Wednesday: Tossed green salad, spaghetti, carrots, garlic bread

Thursday: Tossed green salad, enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, sherbet

Friday: Smorgasbord (Christmas dinner)

Activities:
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pinochle, 1-4 p.m.

Tuesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wednesday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thursday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

SHBA assistance, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hearing-aid assistance, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Energy assistance, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.

Gooding Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland, Burley

Menu:
Monday: Meatballs, pasta, hard rolls, vegetables, salad, cheese cake

Tuesday: Beef stew, hard rolls, coleslaw, fruit cocktail cake

Wednesday: Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, and gravy, green beans, mixed fruit, herb rolls, Black Forest cake

Thursday: Swiss steak, parsley potatoes, honey carrots, rolls, pears, gingerbread

Friday: Pork noodles, egg rolls, vegetables, lemon Jell-O, coconut cream pie

Activities:
Monday: Pool, 10 a.m.

Exercise, 11:15 a.m.

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Tuesday: Pool, 10 a.m.

Dominoes, 10 a.m.

Exercise, 11 a.m.

Bingo, 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Pool, 10 a.m.

Exercise, 11:15 a.m.

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Thursday: Pool, 10 a.m.

Organ lessons

Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Friday: Pool, 10 a.m.

Exercise, 11 a.m.

Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Bingo, 1 p.m.



Bon and Donna Mauldin

THE MAULDINS

JEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Bon Mauldin of Jerome recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren. The couple was honored with a private family dinner.

Mauldin and Donna Laird, both originally from Jerome, were married Sept. 8, 1953, in Elko, Nev.

After residing for nearly four years in Reno, Nev., they returned to Idaho, specifically Twin Falls, where they established the Mauldin Dance Studio and Preschool. He worked in electronics engineering and broadcasting before his retirement in 1996. She continues to conduct the preschool while their daughters direct the dance studios in Twin Falls, Kimberly and Jerome.

Their children are Kelli (Mick) Turner, Vayle (Rose), Mauldin, Shari Mauldin and David Mauldin, all of Twin Falls.

The couple has seven grandchildren.

For another anniversary, weddings and engagements please see page E3.

Simply For Seniors
Gifts of Love ~ 1997-2003

Please join us for our 7th annual Care Center Christmas project.

Our Mission: We are a group of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center employees, as well as family, friends AND people like you in our community that want to share Christmas giving with those who live in six local care centers.

Once vital members of society, a mixture of young and older people, refer to this as home. Many of these residents can no longer do some of the special activities they used to do. Join us in giving them a chance to GIVE to those they love.

Needs:
New unwrapped gifts for any age person. Gift choices are easy! It can be anything you might like to receive.
Popcorn in a can; men's items; baby items; canned & homemade, socks, slippers, blankets, stationary, candy, knickknacks, kitchen items.

Party Dates (all at 7p.m.)
Dec. 15 • Mt. View Care Center
Dec. 16 • Bridgeview Care Center
Dec. 17 • Snake River Rehab
Dec. 18 • Twin Falls Care Center
Dec. 19 • Sunbridge Care Center
Dec. 19 • St. Benedicts Care Center (1:30 p.m.)

Last year we were able to give over 2,500 presents! All remaining items will go to the Burley area. We look forward to the good we can do.

If you would like to participate by donating items or time to Gifts of Love, call Kim Somrek at 755-4342 or 737-2998.

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Jayline Goodbody, Kristine Nunes, Jamelyn Benson and Rosa Madera read to children at the Orchard Valley Head Start.



Daniel Borraro, Tyson Schoessler, Erika Ferreira, Jennifer Martinez and Gabby Martinez read to children as part of Orchard Valley Head Start's annual Family Literacy Night.



Photos courtesy of Orchard Valley Head Start

Spotlight shines on reading

WENDELL - Orchard Valley Head Start held its annual Family Literacy Night at the Legion Hall on Nov. 4.

The Wendell High School Bilingual Education Service Organization and the National Honor Society students put on a bilingual puppet show using the

book, "Where the Wild Things Are."

State Sen. Wendy Jaquet and Julie Thaeze with the Parents as Teachers Program also read to the children.

The event was a success and a great collaboration between each of the organizations, Head Start

representatives said. The Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Program provided books to be distributed to Head Start children. Each child received a pencil, and there were door prizes.

For more information, call Cindy Scott at Head Start at 536-1547.

TUTORING

East Minico Middle School eighth-grader Jimmy O'Dell tutors Griseida Arevalo, a second-grader at Memorial Elementary School in Rupert. Jimmy is part of a tutoring program that started several years ago in which students from East Minico visit elementary schools to work with children in a myriad of ways. Griseida is learning to speak English, and O'Dell helped her to learn the alphabet, the sounds they make and how to blend the letters into words, all of which go with the phonics lessons.



Photo courtesy of JENNA MORRIS

SERVICE NEWS

Kimberly Marine graduates from basic training

Marine Corps Pfc. Eric S. Knight, son of Brenda D. and Tim A. Knight of Kimberly, has completed 12 weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif., which is designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, Knight spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Knight is a 2003 graduate of

Archer completes weeks of Marine training

Marine Corps Pvt. Justin W. Archer, son of Luana M. and Wayne A. Archer of Kimberly, has completed 12 weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif., which is designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, Archer spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a

small infantry unit during field training. Archer is a 2003 graduate of Kimberly High School.

Moffitt arrived for duty in Germany

Army Capt. Mitchell J. Moffitt has arrived for duty in Würzburg, Germany.

Moffitt, a staff pediatrician, is the son of Gary L. and Cheryl F. Moffitt of Twin Falls. His wife, Brittany, is the daughter of Stuart S. and Ellen J. Hunsaker of Anchorage, Alaska.

The captain is a 1989 graduate of Twin Falls High School and a 1995 graduate of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. In 2000, Moffitt earned a master's degree from the George Washington University School of Medicine, Washington, D.C.

Friends of Stricker receives Esto Perpetua Award

HANSEN - Friends of Stricker was named the recipient of the 2003 Esto Perpetua Award by the Idaho State Historical Society.

Friends of Stricker was honored for its efforts to preserve the heritage of Rock Creek Station and Stricker Homestead historical site, including the collection of authentic displays, conducting tours for students and the public, hosting community events and providing maintenance and minor repairs to the site and grounds.

People who received the award include Felix Ariza of Tensed, one

of only five remaining speakers of the Coeur d'Alene language; Arthur A. Hart of Boise, director emeritus of the Idaho State Historical Society; Lillian Pethel of Kamiah, creator of a booklet for Idaho grade students featuring native plants of the Lewis and Clark era; Bonnie Stoddard of Dubois, co-founder of the Clark County Historical Society; and Nelle Tobias of McCall, creator of an archaeological record of the Wees Bar prehistoric rock art site along the Snake River.

Historical Oakley calendars are available now

OAKLEY - The Oakley Valley

Historical Association has made several old and rare pictures of Oakley Valley schools, teachers and classes available in the 2004 historic calendar.

Calendars are available at Price's Cafe and Unit 54 in Burley, Searle's and Clarks for Shopping in Oakley, or by calling 862-3495. The cost is \$15 each.

CSI offers beginning, advanced Judo classes

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is offering non-credit Judo classes.

"Introduction to Judo" will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; Jen-6 through

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Brinham Dean Grover, son of Amella Alice and Jared Dean Grover of Hagerman, was born Friday, Nov. 28, 2003.

Justyce Madison Schilz, daughter of Jamie Marie and Michael John Schilz of Jerome, was born Saturday, Nov. 30, 2003.

Damian Tule, son of Brandy Jo Garcia, was born Monday, Dec. 1, 2003.

Kyilee Anne Fleming, daughter of Jill Anne and Mark Matthew Fleming of Irvin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003.

Lynara Jane Bennett, daughter of Ami Michelle and Marty Lynn Bennett of Gooding, was born Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003.

Riley Esco Van Houten, son of Jessica Jo and Jake Christopher Van Houten of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003.

Gavin Michael Peck, born to Rebecca Dawn and Heath Michael Peck of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Dec. 5, 2003.

Garrett Ruger Osterhout, son of Heather May and Scott Dale Osterhout of Buhl, was born Friday, Dec. 5, 2003.

Brett Michael Herman, son of Valerie Kay and James Michael Herman of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003.

Rowan Wolfgang Schmidt, son of Nicole Lynne and Robert

STORK REPORT

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-6538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper, and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278.

William Schmidt-of-Twin-Falls, was born Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003.

Bradly Steven Boesiger, son of Candace Marie and Douglas Steven Boesiger of Gooding, was born Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003.

Riley Ann Ribesell, daughter of Janae Ann and William Thomas Ribesell II of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003.

Caleb Tanner Liddard, son of Shenna Dee and Johathan Eric Liddard of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Dec. 8, 2003.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Zoe Elizabeth Bacca, daughter of Curtis and Debra Bacca of Ketchum, was born Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003.

McCade Matthew Parke, son of Matthew and Tuna Parke of Hailey, was born Wednesday, Nov.

19, 2003.

Harper Regan Mallett, son of Gretchen and Joel Mallett of Ketchum, was born Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003.

Ken Blas, son of Luis and Delia Blas of Sun Valley, was born Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003.

Madison Marie Nickum, daughter of Christian and Hilary Nickum of Hailey, was born Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003.

Cash Vincent Cofer, son of Beth A. and Matthew J. Cofer of Heyburn, was born Friday, Nov. 21, 2003.

Madeline Margaret Corkery, daughter of Scott and Kathleen Corkery of Hailey, was born Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003.

Bria Bleu Frostenson, daughter of Bobi Jo and Anders Rogers Frostenson of Fairfield, was born Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003.

Johan Bravo-Palomera, son of Norma Palomera and Rafael Bravo of Ketchum, was born Monday, Nov. 24, 2003.

Mykelti Jaden Blackburn, daughter of Kandy Clark and Brian Blackburn of Hailey, was born Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003.

Lily Ann Dean, daughter of Tina M. and Ryan B. Dean of Ketchum, was born Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003.

Devon Lennox Perez, son of Sonia Ruiz and Cristian Abran Perez of Hailey, was born Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003.



Rotary youth exchange students arrived in Twin Falls youth exchange interviews through the Rotary club.

Rotary exchange students meet in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - Thirty-three Rotary youth exchange students arrived in Twin Falls Nov. 7-8 for youth exchange interviews.

Twenty of the students were foreign exchange students from Europe, South America and Asia who are attending high school in Rotary District 5400, which encompasses all of southern Idaho and extends to Ontario, Ore. The other 13 were students from Idaho high schools applying to go out-bound in next 2004-05 school year. Rotary representatives reported.

The on-bound interviews took place at the College of Southern Idaho and were conducted by Rotary District 5400 Youth Exchange committee members.

Local Rotary clubs from Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding and Buhl hosted the foreign students. One day, they attended lunch at the Gooding Rotary Club, went swimming, were hosted by CSI to the K&T Steel basketball tournament and spent the night in the homes of members of the Blue Lakes, Twin Falls and Buhl Rotary clubs.

The following morning, the students gave a program to the out-bound student applicants and their parents about the Rotary exchange program and went to lunch courtesy of the Twin Falls Rotary Club. This was followed by a trip to the Rotary Centennial Park for a pontoon boat ride to Pillar Falls with local historian Ron James and a walk across the

Perrine Bridge.

Later, they saw a program at the Herrett Planetarium. The Jerome Rotary Club hosted them for dinner. The foreign students also went to bowling and ended the evening at the home of Rotarian Andy Barry and his wife, Susan, whose child, played pool, watched movies, played basketball and danced. The Buhl Rotary Club provided the snacks for the evening.

The foreign students were grateful to all the Rotary clubs of the Magic Valley for providing them with food, shelter, entertainment, and most of all a chance to see their other Rotary exchange friends, Rotary representatives reported.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Smith matriculates at Marietta College

Heather Smith of Kimberly was formally enrolled as a Marietta College student at the college's traditional Matriculation Ceremony held Aug. 21 at

Marietta, Ohio.

Smith, a graduate of Kimberly High School, is a member of the largest incoming class at Marietta College in more than two decades.

Smith participated in orientation activities, including academ-

ic advising and registration, Aug. 21-25. Orientation events offered the incoming students a raft trip or a carousel dinner theatre as well as a number of seminars to prepare them for college life.

All classes got under way on Tuesday, Aug. 26.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Donations needed for Christmas baskets

HAZELTON - Christmas baskets are being put together for needy families in the Hazelton and Eden area.

Applications can be picked up at US Bank in Hazelton, Silver and Gold Senior Citizens Center in Eden or the Lakeview Apartments in Hazelton.

Cash and food donations are needed and can be dropped off at US Bank in Hazelton.

For more information, call

Diane at 829-5441

Churches, organizations seek donations for boxes

GOODING - Gooding area churches and organizations are preparing to distribute food boxes.

There is a greater need for food boxes than in years past, organizers report. Approximately 70 boxes have been requested. To donate food take it to the Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church, 1515 California St., or the Gooding Elementary School - before Thursday.

For more information, call 934-5634 before 5 p.m.

Sunday Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

MR. ED FILM FESTIVAL By Arlan and Linda Bushman, Chicago, Illinois

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Pets can make good gifts



THE BOND Marty Becker

When choosing the perfect holiday gift, today's parents search for something that will make their child's eyes dance with excitement. The right gift should be non-violent, inspire a child to move and exercise more, teach them something of value and be played with long after the Christmas tree is down or the menorah is put away, and the New Year begins.

A few years ago, Furbys were the craze. This "perfect gift" purportedly understood what a child said and even conversed with them. Then the hottest holiday ticket was a Pokemon named Pikachu. People flocked to stores and even fought other parents to get their children one of those big-eyed, bright yellow toys. But, like so many fads, I'm confident that many "Furbys" and "Pikachus" are now gathering dust on bedroom shelves, having fizzled out after their initial holiday fireworks.

But what if you could give your child the gift of unconditional love, limitless affection, laughter and joy, and to die for loyalty? The perfect present just might come wrapped in fur and provide unforgettable years of loving companionship. And, unlike its stuffed counterpart, really does understand and communicate with your child. Although it's of critical importance that a pet should never be an impulse buy, it's certainly possible that the well-considered decision to welcome a pet into the family could take place during the holidays.

If you and your family understand and accept that a pet is a commitment and a responsibility not to be entered into lightly, this may be the most memorable and significant holiday season of your child's life. And yours.

It is great to give a pet FOR Christmas, but probably a bad idea to give a pet ON Christmas. Because

there are many presents under the tree—and many of them are toys, a child may regard the pet as just another toy. And everyone knows the longevity of fascination with most toys received at Christmas!

That said, Christmas morning could be an exciting time to prepare your child for a new pet. Imagine their excitement in opening a box containing a collar, pet toys or pet care book announcing the imminent arrival of a special gift to be chosen together.

Adult vs. a young pet

- Adult animals (e.g. a shelter pet) may exhibit fewer problems with house-sitting, play biting and chewing. Additionally, they may already be socialized and trained.
- Adult animals may have an unknown health or behavior problem and it may be harder for an older pet to overcome insufficient early socialization.

- Young pets are usually the most fun to play with and watch.
- Adopting young gives the opportunity to socialize correctly, and establish a primary bond.

• A younger pet, particularly a puppy, will take a lot more time in its first year.

As a veterinarian of 23 years and a lifetime pet lover, I know firsthand that one of life's greatest experiences is loving a pet. Most of us recall our own first pets with great affection. Favorite childhood memories often include images of beloved pets "nudging" or "meow" us

Dogs vs. cats

Advantages of dogs as pets:

- In general, dogs will guard your house and you.
- Dogs are more easily obediently trained than cats.
- Dogs generally have a higher "desire to please" than cats.
- Dogs make better walking or running companions.
- Dogs tend to enjoy travel more than cats.

Advantages of cats as pets:

- Cats are lower maintenance.
- Some can be left for a weekend with water, a food bowl and a litter box.
- Cats are more easily house-trained than dogs.
- Cats have fewer health and grooming needs than dogs (although long-haired cats and older cats may be exceptions to this broad rule).
- Cats make better lap warmers and they purr.
- Cats take up less room in the "bed".

after school and warning our beds and hearts. How lucky we are to be able to give our kids the chance to connect to that mystical relationship we know as "The Bond," through the gift of a thoughtfully chosen pet companion.

Former Twin Falls veterinarian Marty Becker is the author of the new book "Chicken Soup For The Horse Lover's Soul" and a popular veterinarian contributor for ABC's "Good Morning America." Write to him in care of Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Service, 200 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045.

Don't be an audience for child's melodrama

Q: I have two daughters ages 10 and 5. Over the last few months, and more and more frequently, my 5-year-old has been asking me if I will love only her, or her sister. She also says that I love her sister more and she has a better room and she behaves better and so on. To be honest, the older girl is better-behaved and receives many compliments because of her kind spirit. Where Big Sis is introverted, Little Sis is an extrovert who wants to be the center of attention. She isn't a brat, but she is more of a challenge. Nonetheless, there is no basis for her thinking that I love her sister more than I love her. So far, I've been addressing this with lots of reassurance, hugs, kisses, and the like. Am I missing something?

A: Some children, like some adults, have a pronounced flair for the dramatic arts. People who possess this talent often create soap opera out of the circumstances of their lives and go to great lengths to draw others into their dramas. You know the type, I'm sure. In this case, your daughter has succeeded in pulling you into a melodrama in which she is the victim, her older sister is her rival, and your love is the elusive butterfly that always seems to be just out of reach. Can't you hear the violins?

Unwittingly, you are feeding this drama with your reassurances and hugs and kisses. Now, the first few times a child makes poor-poor-pitiful-me statements of the



PARENTING John Rosemond

sort in question, it's appropriate for the parent to reassure. But if the statements continue and begin to escalate—in other words, when it becomes obvious that the child has gone from being just a bit insecure to being the central character in a soap opera of her own making—the parent needs to close down the production. Keep in mind, however, that your daughter is not being manipulative. She's obsessing, and she can't stop. Your job is to use the power of your authority to help her stop.

First, make a list of the dramatic remarks she makes—"You love her (Big Sis) more than you love me," "She's got better toys," "She's better," and so on. Sit down with her—do this when Big Sis isn't home—and tell her you're going to address the questions and remarks on the list one last time.

We're going to talk about this until there's nothing left to talk about, and then we're never going to talk about these things ever again."

Start with the first remark. Ask, "What about this? What causes you to say this? What causes you to feel this way?"

The likelihood is she won't be able to explain herself. In that case, you should simply say, "Well then, we must have already talked about this enough, so let's go to the next thing on the list." If, however, she says something like, "I think people like her more," you should respond, "That's not true. People like each of you for different reasons."

When you've exhausted the items on the list, ask, "Is there anything else?" She'll probably say there isn't, in which case you should simply say, "Okay, that's it. Then, conversation's over, and I've got things to do. Remember, we're not going to talk about any of these things again, ever."

From that point on, whenever she makes a dramatic, poor-poor-pitiful-me remark, just say, "We've had that talk, and we're not having it again." Then walk away. Read that last sentence again because it is absolutely essential that following the defining conversation, you never again give her soap opera the time of day.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1020 East 86th Street, Suite 20th, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 and at his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com/>

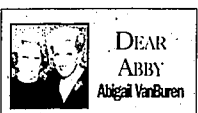
Lonely mom doesn't keep good company

DEAR ABBY: My teenage sister and I live at home with our single mom. Lately she has been acting like a teen in love—giddy, staying out late, and hiding to take her phone calls. We have even caught her kissing this man, "Gary."

Mom denies any romantic relationship with Gary, who is married with children. But when his name comes up, she talks endlessly about how mean and horrible his wife is. Mom has never met his wife, so she must be getting her information from Gary.

We overheard him tell Mom that his wife had found his cell phone bill and knew that he was calling Mom a lot. So last month, Mom bought Gary another cell phone. We can't afford that! We struggle to pay our bills, and my sister and I have loaned Mom money for her car insurance.

Mom has often expressed a fear of being alone. We are happy that she is feeling good about herself and dating again, but with Gary, she's headed for trouble. We don't want her hurt. How can we help?



DEAR ABBY Abby Cadabby

—WORRIED ABOUT MOM IN VIRGINIA

DEAR WORRIED: Be there to offer support. Gary's wife is already suspicious, and it's only a matter of time until he gets caught. Your mother is lying to herself, lying to you, and setting a terrible example. Learn from her mistakes.

DEAR ABBY: I have been living with "Adrian" for eight years—and he still doesn't want to commit to anything other than living together. I've tried tried explaining the issues of security, honor and respect, and the fact that I have proven I'm a worthy partner and deserve to be his wife.

Adrian is 45 and was married once. I am 39 and have been divorced twice. He uses my divorces as justification for not wanting to give up his independence. He recently bought a new home. It is solely in his name because I

couldn't afford to help with the closing costs or pay half the mortgage payment. I have a good job and contribute to all our bills. I am not looking for a free ride and have always been willing to pay my own way. After eight years, I do not have one joint bill nor do I own anything with him jointly.

When I try to discuss marriage with Adrian, he becomes angry and verbally abusive. Is this how you treat somebody you love? I feel I am being punished for wanting a future with him. Please give me some sound advice.

—WANTS RESPECT IN MARYLAND

DEAR WANTS RESPECT: You need an intelligent woman you fail to see the security in this relationship because there is none. Meanwhile, Adrian is sitting in clover. For eight years he has enjoyed the benefits of a roommate and bed partner. If you protest, he keeps you in line by becoming abusive. Does that

Write to Abby

Send letters to Dear Abby, Universal Press Syndicate, P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069, or via her Web site at <http://www.DearAbby.com>

sound like love to you? Ask yourself: Why have I tolerated the situation for so long? If it's a secure future you want, you won't find it with Adrian. He has already demonstrated that the only things he "loves" are himself and his tangible assets. If you leave, you'll be available to meet someone who can give you a secure future.

Dear Abby is written by Jeanne Phillips.

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Centennial

A user's guide to the centennial gala

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Planning to spend the final hours of 2003 at Twin Falls' centennial gala?
You'll find something to see or do roughly every 30 feet throughout Magic Valley Mall corridors, organizers say.

Here's your guide to the Twin Falls Centennial Commission's five hours of New Year's Eve festivities.

Ticket basics

- **Ticket prices:** Tickets sold in advance cost \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors or \$35 for a family of up to five immediate family members. Tickets at the door cost \$15 per person.
- **Included in the price:** Pay the admission price and you can partake of hors d'oeuvres and nearly all of the evening's attractions and activities, with just two exceptions.

- **Two exceptions:** are alcoholic drinks at the most bar (guests of legal drinking age may opt to buy up to two drinks each) and old-fashioned photographs of yourself and your friends (\$10 per shot).
- **It's possible that thirsty dancers** may have to pay for soft drinks, but organizers haven't settled that question yet.

- **Advance ticket outlets:** Buy them at any Magic Valley branch of First Federal Savings Bank; Twin Falls Wells Fargo Bank locations; X Happy Camper in the Magic Valley Mall; C/O Office Supply in downtown Twin Falls; Everybody's Business in the Shops at the Mall; the CSI Bookstore at College of Southern Idaho; Roschids in Jerome; Blip Printers in Twin Falls or the Twin Falls Centennial Office.

- **Maximum attendance:** Magic Valley Mall will host 4,000 people at a time, said Bonnie Lezamis, executive director of the Twin Falls Centennial Commission. But gala organizers hope they can sell up to 6,000 tickets, because people will come and go.

- **For information:** Call the Centennial Office at 736-0800.

Preparing for the big night

- **Dress up?** It's encouraged, but not required. Parties in tuxedos and evening gowns certainly won't feel overdressed. On the other hand, organizers say it's no big deal if you show up in casual clothing to spend an evening with your children.
- **We would encourage people to dress up,** but certainly it's a family event too, Lezamis said.

- **With multiple dance areas,** there is room for a variety of clothing to blend in.

- **Line up a baby-sitter?** Not necessarily. But don't plan to drop off your youngsters at the gala and go elsewhere, either.
- **There's no minimum age for admission.**

- **We want everybody to be there,** Lezamis said. But there's no baby-sitting service at the gala, and organizers ask parents or guardians to accompany and supervise children under age 18.

- **Organizers will screen the rock performers'** songs ahead of time to ensure there are no inappropriate lyrics, she said.

- **Eat supper first?** It's a good idea.

- **Only simple finger foods will be served at the gala.**
- **It's not dinner and we don't want people to come there thinking they're going to eat dinner.** It's not that at all, at that ticket price, Lezamis said.

- **Bring along snacks?** Don't do it.

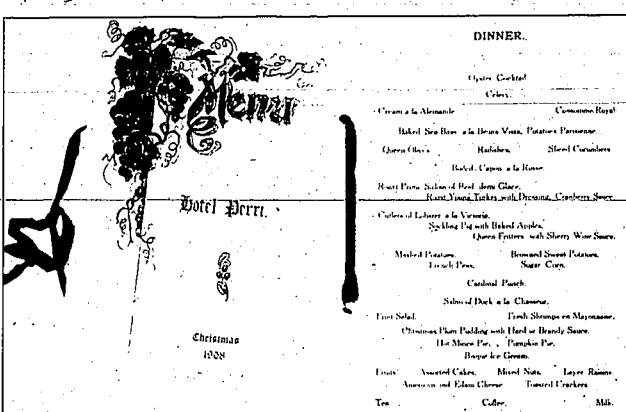
- **Parties won't be allowed in the door with any food or drinks of their own.**

Getting in

- **Where to park:** Choose any parking spot you like, but remember that only three mall entrances will be open on New Year's Eve: beside Shopko's,



Headline performers for the New Year's Eve gala at Magic Valley Mall will be the volunteer musicians of the Twin Falls Centennial Dance Orchestra. In the front, from left to right, are Marilee Teasley, Randy Welch, Don Heller, Justin White, leader Brian Farnon, Jeff Fox and Brent Jensen. In back, from left to right, are John Horgan, Al DeVites, Richard Lindsay, Jerry Green, Desmond Welch, Candy Atkins, Kathy Cooper and Tony Bowler. Members Chris Scholtes and Steve Cox are not pictured.



This is a sample of the historical items to be showcased in a gallery at the New Year's Eve gala. This 1908 menu lists the fare for the Hotel Perrine's Christmas meal, including Stuffed Cucumbers, Cutlets of Lobster a la Victoria and Salmi of Duck a la Chasseur - not a bad offering for a 4-year-old city. Show here is an image of the cover, laid atop an image of the same menu, opened. A small tear on the cover obscures Hotel Perrine's name. The menu, tied with a green ribbon, is in the collection of Twin Falls residents Howard and Joan Allen. The latter's grandmother, Nellie Mammy Williams, ran the restaurant at Hotel Perrine while her husband, Edward Brock Williams, managed the hotel.

- **7 p.m.:** Twin Falls High School's Jive! Choral ensemble performs near Center Court, followed by Jeff Fox and his jazz combo at 7:45 p.m.
- **9 p.m. to midnight:** Renowned big-band conductor Brian Farnon leads the Twin Falls Centennial Dance Orchestra near Center Court for dancing to ballads and songs such as those played by the Glenn Miller, Count Basie and Duke Ellington orchestras of decades past. Local volunteer musicians formed Twin Falls' new dance orchestra this year, and New Year's Eve is the group's big gig.
- **9:15 p.m.:** Organizers might serve a 100th birthday cake, but they aren't ready to say for certain.
- **9:30 p.m. to midnight:** Disc jockey Luis Vargas operates a sound system in the family venue near Shopko for dancing and karaoke.
- **9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.:** A fully stocked no-host bar opens near the Sears entrance.
- **9:45 to 10 p.m.:** Rachel Williams sings classical pop numbers near Center Court, temporarily taking the stage from the Centennial Dance Orchestra.
- **10:45 to 11 p.m.:** Rachel Williams and accompanist Caleb Collins perform near Center Court, while the Centennial Dance Orchestra takes another rest.

Willing to lend a hand on New Year's Eve?

To make the gala a success, the Twin Falls Centennial Commission still needs dozens of volunteers to set up, clean up, run carnival games, staff the historical gallery, operate coat checks at entrances, collect tickets and dispense information to partiers.

In exchange for volunteering for two hours, you'll receive free admission to the gala. To volunteer, call Jenny McDowell at the commission's office at 736-0800.

For more on the gala - A1



Twin Falls artist Ralph Lehman's statue of city founder I.B. Perrine, the official place of centennial artwork, will have its first public viewing at the Dec. 31 evening gala.

trying to line up volunteers to staff the gallery between then and New Year's Eve.

- **Merchandise sales:** Commemorative bricks, Jim Getty's history book, key chains, lapel pins, temporary tattoos, mugs, posters, calendars and items of Centennial clothing will be on sale at the gallery.

- **Centennial statue:** The official Centennial sculpture of I.B. Perrine, by artist Ralph Lehman, will make its first public appearance. Under wraps for now - except for media visits - the artwork will be unveiled at some point during the gala. The bigger-than-life bronze statue is destined for a landscaped plaza to be created near the Perrine Bridge's south end.

- **Vehicle giveaway:** The Twin Falls Police Department for months has used a 2002 Hyundai Santa Fe donated by the Rob Green automobile dealership to encourage seat belt use, and the department will give away the Santa Fe in a drawing at the New Year's Eve gala. In their "Click It or Tickle" campaign, officers have operated checkpoints where those who drove through wearing seat belts could receive an officer's business card, good for one chance to win the Santa Fe. They've given the cards during traffic stops too.

- **Entrants don't need to be present at the gala to win the vehicle.**

- **And there are still several ways to enter the drawing.**

- **From now through Dec. 31,** police are displaying the giveaway vehicle at Magic Valley Mall. On some weekends this month they'll man an 8 mph crash simulator there to demonstrate the usefulness of seat belts, and those who participate get chances to win. If you see a police officer in a parking lot or elsewhere - and you're wearing your seat belt - you can also request a business card for the drawing.

- **Police will operate the crash simulator at the New Year's Eve gala,** too, giving business cards to participants. They'll also give away shirts that night using a raffle or a putting green, for instance.

- **Historical displays:** A historical gallery is planned for one of the mall's vacant store spaces near J.C. Penney, featuring the Perrine stagecoach, lots of historical Bisbee photos of early Twin Falls and a huge sagebrush decorated to look like the city's 1904 Christmas "tree."

- **The gallery will be set up by the Saturday** after Christmas, offering folks an early peek at displays and a chance to buy centennial merchandise and gala tickets, Lezamis said. She's

- **Old-fashioned photos:** A photographer will offer photos at \$10 each, shot and printed that night. You can slip the photographer's old-time camera over your clothes, and organizers hope you'll be able to choose a historical Bisbee photograph as the background.

- **Storyteller:** Mary Inman of Twin Falls will tell stories about the city's early days. She'll start at 8:30 p.m.

- **Commemorative quilts:** One or two groups of quilters will each display its Centennial quilt at the gala and present the quilt to the city.

Food, drink and restrooms

- **Hors d'oeuvres:** Expect finger foods such as mini meatballs, cheese crackers, vegetable trays and spinach dip for the adults. Cookies, cheese, crackers, fruit and the like will be served in the children's area. Again, the food is included in the admission price.

- **No-host bar:** It will serve beer, wine and mixed drinks, which can be consumed only in the designated bar area.

- **They have to stay in line to drink, and we will not be allowing anyone under 21 into that area,** Lezamis said. A uniformed security worker will check identification in the bar area. When people check in there, organizers will probably hand out breadsticks. There's a two-drink limit, and each person checking in gets two tickets allowing drink purchases - but isn't obliged to buy any drinks.

- **Extra restrooms:** In addition to the mall's restrooms, portable toilets will be placed in various places outside the mall.
- **Smoking:** It will be allowed in a designated area outside the mall.

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