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100 reasons to celebrate



Desert Sage Quilters of Magic Valley members Cathy Reitz, front left, Peggy Jardine, Julie Allen, second row left to right, Jane Slickers, Marilyn Gardner, Roberta Robertson, back row from left; Elizabeth McVey, Sheri Willis, Linda Leebetter and Naomi Ames stand next to the quilt they made for the centennial celebration. The quilt has some 100 themes such as farming, pioneer life and the Snake River women in it.

Quilts commemorate T.F. centennial

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Years from now, local quilters hope, you'll still see reminders of Twin Falls' first 100 years and its 2004 celebration.

Others wrote books, blasted canyon trail or scurried a statue to carry something of the city's first century into the second. But two groups of quilters opted for composition in cotton.

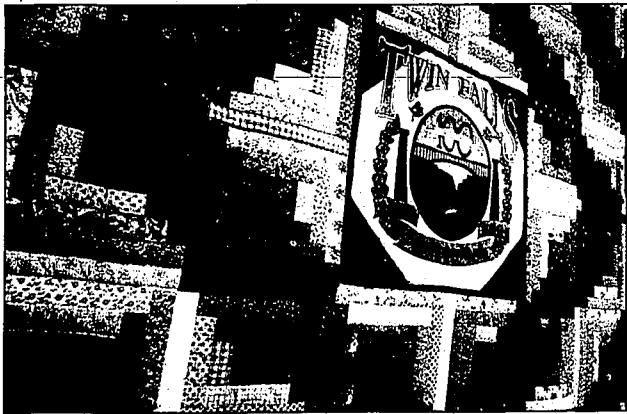
Desert Sage Quilters of Magic Valley club members and the quilting team of the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center each created a commemorative quilt to be donated to the city at the New Year's Eve gala that kicks off Twin Falls' centennial celebration.

The senior center has its quilt finished and hanging, for now, on a wall in its main dining room.

"We're getting a lot of raves about it," quilter Cleo Benson said.

Desert Sage members, meanwhile, are scurrying to complete theirs before Dec. 31.

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The Twin Falls Senior Center's Centennial quilt has a traditional quilt pattern with the centennial logo and the names of early residents.

This 1954 cake, which celebrates the city's 50th birthday, is topped by a wagon bearing the words 'Twin Falls or Bust 1904.' Lindsay Mullins says the photograph came from her great-grandmother, Lora Meot Doss, who lived to Magic Valley in 1901. Mullins and her husband live in the Twin Falls house where her parents, grandparents and great-grandparents lived. The basement is full of old pictures, newspaper clippings and other local relics, this photo among them.

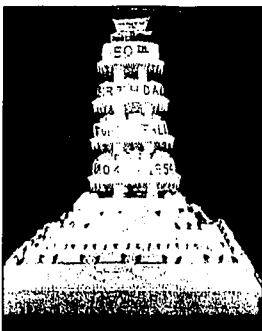


Photo courtesy of Lindsay Mullins of Twin Falls.

Gala organizers line up more New Year's events

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On a summer-time evening in 1954, 11-year-old Bob Running found in his slice of Egg Store coupon a Sav-Mor brand name.

He gave the coupon to his mom, who got rylons at the drug store.

"And I have no idea why I remember that," said Running, now an investment executive in Lakewood, Wash.

But Twin Falls' 50th birthday is prominent among his memories of the town he grew up in. The 50-

year-old city in 1954 celebrated with a tiered cake suffed with coupons, topped by a little wagon, and served at the center of downtown Main Avenue and Shoshone Street.

"As I recall, they had the streets blocked off. That might be foggy memory, but it sure seemed to me it was right smack in the middle of the intersection," Running said.

The sweet 1954 creation is pictured here, courtesy of another Twin Falls family.

Almost 50 years later, Twin Falls

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Christmas tree growers improve on Mother Nature

CHINA, Maine (AP) — Clark Granger stands in his snowy field, looking proudly upon thousands of budding Christmas trees.

At five years old, they are bigger and thicker than a typical balsam fir, and when they hit the market in two years, Granger doesn't expect to see a sad-looking Charlie Brown tree in the bunch.

The firs represent the latest selective breeding efforts by Maine growers to produce a tree that grows faster and denser, drops fewer needles, resists pests and requires less trimming.

"This is the sort of tree that we're trying to grow," Granger says, squatting next to a 3-foot-high, perfectly shaped fir.

Other growers across the country also are tapping science to produce better trees and entice customers away from artificial trees, which now represent the majority of Christmas trees displayed in homes.

Weir Tree Farms in Colebrook, N.H., came up with a Fraser-balsam combination that has the fragrant smell of balsams and needle retention Fraser are known for.

They call it the "Fralsam," and it was a happy accident for grower William Weir, who mixed Fraser

and balsam seeds by happenstance.

"Once a person has any of these, they don't want anything else," Weir said.

Cross breeding in trees is rare and usually happens only by accident. Most tree farmers are relying more on science.

In the South, growers have been cloning specialty trees for decades.

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Officials shift their Afghan strategy

They will try to woo non-criminal Taliban members.

The Washington Post

RABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. military officials, after two years of narrowly focusing on anti-terrorist combat operations, say they are shifting to a broader strategy that includes trying to woo noncriminal members of the Islamic Taliban movement back into mainstream society and establishing long-term civilian assistance programs in conflict zones.

At the same time, the U.S. military does not appear to be having serious second thoughts about combat tactics after two controversial incidents this month in which a total of 15 children were inadvertently killed during U.S. air assaults on two villages in Pakia and Ghazni provinces.

Lt. Gen. David Barno, the new senior U.S. military commander in Afghanistan, said in a wide-ranging interview last week that U.S. military officials saw three distinct adversaries in different parts of the country, each requiring a different approach.

In southern provinces bordering Pakistan, such as Khost and Paktika, where Arab Islamic extremists and al-Qaida fighters have repeatedly attacked U.S. bases, Barno said U.S. combat troops would continue to aggressively track down, capture and kill as many as they could.

In northern border provinces, such as Kunar and Nuristan, where armed followers of fugitive Afghan militia leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar have used as a base for urban sabotage and links with other Islamic groups, Barno said U.S.-led combat sweeps would also continue in an effort to isolate and destroy these forces.

But in southeastern provinces such as Ghazni, Zabul and Kandahar, where revived Taliban forces have staged numerous

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Time honors U.S. soldiers with Person of the Year

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The American soldier who became the duty of giving with and dying for the country's most fateful decisions, was named Sunday as Time magazine's Person of the Year.

The choice represents the 1.4 million men and women who make up the U.S. military, which led the invasion of Iraq just months ago and a week ago captured deposed leader Saddam Hussein.

About 130,000 U.S. troops remain in Iraq, with others deployed in Afghanistan, South Korea and elsewhere.

The troops were singled out as the top newsmakers of the year because "the very messy aftermath of the war made it clear that the mission had changed, that the mission had not been completed and that this would be a story that would be with us for months, if not years, to come." Time Managing Editor Jim Kelly said.

The selection echoes 1950, the year the Korean War began, when the magazine's editors picked the American GI for the cover, writing that "it was not a role the American had sought, either as an individual or as a nation. The U.S. fighting-man was not civilization's crusader, but destiny's craftier."

The 2003 Person of the Year package, on newsstands Monday, features an artillery survey unit from the 1st Armored Division to tell the story of the American soldier.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Chance of morning fog, otherwise, sunny to mostly sunny skies and 40 to 50 temperatures. Highs middle 30s. Tonight: Mostly clear and dry. Lows in the upper teens.

Tomorrow: A little warmer with partly cloudy skies. Highs in the lower 40s.

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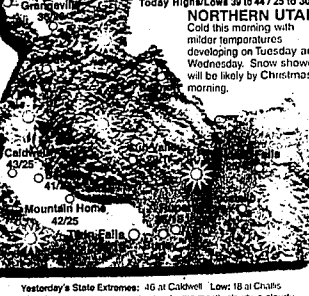
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Tomorrow: A little warmer with partly cloudy skies. Highs in the low 30s to near 40.

HO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Expect dry weather for today and tomorrow but snow showers will start to show on Wednesday. By Christmas Day, snow showers are likely and should continue into Friday as well. Today Highs 19 to 35. Tonight's Lows 4 to 6. BOISE: Mostly sunny and mild today and Tuesday. On Wednesday scattered rain and snow showers will start to show with a little bit of rain and snow likely on Christmas Day as well.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

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Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset for today and tomorrow.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table showing weather forecasts for various regional cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, and Caldwell.

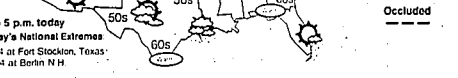
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table showing weather forecasts for various national cities like Atlanta, Dallas, and New York.

WORLD FORECAST

Table showing weather forecasts for various world locations like London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table showing weather forecasts for various Canadian cities like Calgary and Toronto.

meineke car center advertisement with contact information for Twin Falls.

Quilts

Continued from A1. After that night, the Twin Falls Centennial Commission wants to display both quilts, moving them from place to place in public buildings during the centennial year, the commission's Executive Director Bonnie Lezamis said. After the centennial, the commission intends to find each quilt a permanent home in the public eye.

layers of quilt and edge binding. "They've had good ideas, collaborated well and have been eager to finish their masterpiece in time for New Year's Eve, Jardine said. "It's been really fun and interesting," she said.

of the quilt blocks — a space equivalent to four blocks — features a facsimile of the city's official centennial logo. Quilter Deana Steele applied the logo using colored fabrics. "And you won't believe it's appliqued. It looks like it's just painted on there. She does such beautiful work," Benson said. To coordinate with the logo col-

ors, the senior center's quilters used predominantly yellow and tan for the "logs" on the light side of each block, and wares, browns and navies on the dark side. The blocks' centers are on the wine side of the red spectrum. "In some of those names, the quilters embroidered names of some early Twin Falls planners and developers — names Benson and Slater found at the public library or elsewhere. "This list by no means includes everyone who contributed to the beginnings of Twin Falls," Benson said.

Giving credit advertisement for Twin Falls' centennial quilts, listing names of quilt makers and their contributions.

Trees

Continued from A1. "We just hope that it represents Magic Valley, the history of Magic Valley," said Desarg Sage club's centennial quilt committee. "The club's collage of memories" covers pioneer times and current events, she said. At the top of the 6- by 7-foot quilt are old-time pictures screened on the fabric. At the bottom is a huge picture of the Snake River Canyon, the Perrine Bridge, the river and its falls with other scenes embedded in the various fabrics. The scenes, pieced from canyon fabrics, represent farming, ranching, trout farming, hunting, fishing, a church, a golf course and the like. Jardine and fellow club members started the project in late summer Tuesday. They met to put the finishing touches on the quilt-top piecing in preparation for machine quilting — which holds together the

Continued from A1. gets another birthday cake. Centennial leaders will serve it in the final hours of 2003, at a gala launching the city's 10-month-long birthday party. The Times-News' Dec. 14 edition included many details about the upcoming New Year's Eve gala at Magic Valley Mall — historical displays, artwork, unveiling, music and midnight festivities among them. But organizers continue to line up new attractions for the Dec. 31 event. Here are the updates: Birthday cake The Cake Boutique owner Debbie Miller is donating a fancy, decorated cake for Twin Falls' 100th birthday. But she's still designing it and hasn't told the organizers what to expect. "It'll be a surprise to all of us," said Bonnie Lezamis, executive director of the Centennial Commission. The cake will be on display at the mall's Center Court from the beginning of the 7 p.m. gala. The serving of slices will start around 9 p.m. But separate sheet cakes

will be the first to go, saving the decorated masterpiece for as long as possible. Albertsons and Costco Wholesale have donated some sheet cakes, but the Centennial Commission needs more. You don't have to be a commercial bakery to donate a half-sheet cake; a gift of about \$25 would do the trick. "That's a nice, smaller area that we could use help with," Lezamis said. But if you want to pitch in, don't show up on New Year's Eve bearing a cake. Instead, call the centennial office as soon as possible to offer money toward the purchase.

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The Times-News Information Line 735-3350. Ski, Lottery and Weather information available for free. Includes phone numbers and website information.

Ticket basics advertisement for the Twin Falls Centennial Gala, including prices and purchase locations.

Giveaway drawings advertisement for Magic Valley Mall, including details on prizes and entry procedures.

Local business advertisements for Daniel Walock, Mail information, and Times-News telephone directory.

Ski Information advertisement for the Magic Valley Mall, including details on ski passes and equipment.

Lottery Information advertisement for the Magic Valley Mall, including details on lottery draws and prizes.

Weather Information advertisement for the Magic Valley Mall, including details on weather forecasts and services.

U.S. forces round up rebel suspects

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Acting on intelligence gleaned from the capture of Saddam Hussein, U.S. troops rounded up dozens of suspected rebels during two days of raids in towns where loyalty to the deposed president remains strong, officials said Sunday. Two Iraqis were killed.

Smashing down doors, troops went house to house in Fallujah, a center of resistance west of Baghdad, early Sunday. Troops of the Army's 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment blockaded Rawah, near the western border with Syria, for a sweep dubbed Operation Santa Claus, the U.S. Army told Associated Press Television News.

Rawah was put under a nighttime curfew, while the towns of Samarra, 75 miles north of Baghdad, and Jalulah, northwest of Baghdad, were also targeted. Support for Saddam has been strong in all of those areas.

Soldiers arrested 60 Iraqis for questioning, and are seeking more than 100 senior members of Saddam's Baath Party and insurgents the military calls "terrorists," said Lt. Brian Joyce of the 3rd Armored Cavalry.

In one of the Rawah raids, a 60-year-old woman was killed when soldiers blasted open the reinforced steel door of her home, said regiment commander Lt. Col. Henry Kieveenaar.

Troops patrolling in tanks,



An Iraq official of the Ministry of Oil looks at a burning pipeline near Samarra, north of Baghdad, Sunday. Thieves trying to steal gasoline caused an explosion when they breached a pipeline, creating a blaze that destroyed three cars that were loaded with barrels of gas on Saturday.

Humvees and Bradley armored vehicles seized dozens of AK-47 assault rifles and several rocket-propelled grenade launchers, Kieveenaar said.

"They were searching for more arms and 'people who finance, supply and organize resistance to the coalition,'" he said.

Gen. Richard Myers, the chairman of U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said several hundred Saddam loyalists had been rounded up in recent raids. They include "some of the leadership of this insurgency, absolutely, some of the cell leaders," he told Fox News Sunday.

Myers tied arrests to Saddam's capture. "Some of the information we gleaned when we picked up Saddam Hussein led to a better understanding of the structure of the resistance from the former regime elements," he said.

Saddam was arrested Dec. 13 near his hometown of Tikrit, and the U.S. military has said soldiers also seized a briefcase containing documents that shed light on the anti-U.S. insurgency. The CIA is interrogating him in Iraq, Iraq officials say the former dictator is in the Baghdad area.

"The only word I have is that he's not being cooperative. But other than that, I don't know," Myers said.

In other news on Sunday:

- Guerrillas fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a U.S. military convoy at a police recruitment center in Mosul, 250 miles north of Baghdad. The grenade hit a civilian vehicle, seriously wounding the Iraqi driver, said an AP Television News cameraman on the scene.
- Some of the U.S. soldiers in the three-truck convoy were outside their vehicles when the attack happened but were unhurt, APTN reported.

The head of the Iraqi Governing Council met with Syrian President Bashar Assad in Damascus. Abdul Aziz al-Hakim said Syria is trying to stop fighters from crossing the border into Iraq to join the resistance.

Al-Hakim said his administration planned to sign agreements with Syria, a staunch opponent of the U.S.-led invasion, to improve security along their long, desert border.

Deadline for 9/11 fund applications approaches

The Washington Post

NEW YORK — How to calculate the monetary value of loss? In lost earnings, in holidays and vacations forgone, or in aching loneliness?

Charles Wolf wrestled with this question for more than two years. Then late last month, he filed papers with the Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund, seeking to determine the monetary value of losing his wife, Katherine Wolf, 40, died on Sept. 11, 2001, in the World Trade Center. "It took me a while to get there," said Wolf, who lives in Greenwich Village, about 25 blocks north of Ground Zero. "But people need to realize this is their last chance. They need to overcome

their grief and do themselves a favor."

About 90 percent of the families — as many as 2,700 out of 2,976, as of Friday evening according to the Department of Justice — who lost loved ones in the worst terrorist attacks in American history are expected to file papers by the deadline of midnight Monday. They will seek compensation that, although varying widely, will average about \$1.8 million, tax free. (The highest award has been just under \$7 million.) The remaining 200 or so families are expected to embark on a legally uncertain journey, suing the airlines and airline security agencies, among others.

Those who claim physical injury — from terrible burns to lingering respiratory problems — can file claims with the fund, too, and more than 3,000 have already. About 400, the New York Post reported over the weekend, have withdrawn their claims against the city and have instead chosen to apply to the fund.

Nearly every step in this process has been laden with controversy, and sometimes with anger. Congress created the compensation fund in the days after the terrorist attacks not as solace for the families of victims at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and aboard the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania. Rather, Congress

sought to protect the airlines from lawsuits. The major airlines faced billions of dollars in potential claims, and legislators worried that the industry might come to a halt, if not collapse altogether.

The resulting legislation granted airlines \$5 billion in cash and an additional \$10 billion in loan guarantees. It limited the liability of airlines to the amount of insurance carried for the low-biddered planes. Anyone who accepts compensation from the fund must relinquish the right to sue the airlines, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey — which owns the World Trade Center property — or any other domestic company.

Idaho looks at mail-in voting

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Association of Counties is pushing for mail-in voting for the state's smallest precincts, those with fewer than 250 registered voters.

Kootenai County Clerk Dan English, whose county has one of the small precincts in the Rose Lake/Harrison area, said he'd only recommend the move if local voters wanted it.

Some Idaho precincts are tiny. The Joseph precinct in Idaho County has just 15 registered voters, 12 of whom voted in the last election.

This plan could make casting ballots easier and cheaper for Idaho's small precincts.

Although voters can vote through mail by requesting absentee bal-

lots, counties must maintain a local polling place on Election Day.

Secretary of State Ben Ysursa is backing the counties' idea, which will be proposed to lawmakers when they convene next month.

"By testing the waters of a mail election, we'll see how it works," he said.

Ysursa said Oregon and Washington have had success with mail-in voting. Oregon now conducts all its elections by mail, and has seen an increase in voter turnout. Two-thirds of Washington's ballots are sent by mail.

Idaho has 134 precincts that have fewer than 250 registered voters. Although most are in remote and rural areas, a few are in more populated counties.

San Francisco power outage leaves thousands in the dark

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Tens of thousands of customers remained without power Sunday following a massive blackout that disrupted traffic, shut down transit stations and, at its height, left a third of the city without electricity on one of the busiest days of the holiday season.

The power outage started just before 6 p.m. Saturday when a fire erupted at a major Pacific Gas & Electric Co. substation that feeds smaller neighborhood substations. The cause of the fire and outage remained under investigation.

PG&E officials said. "There's no indication that it was vandalism or sabotage. As far as the exact cause, we just don't know yet," utility spokesman Jonathan Franks said.

About 24,000 remained without power by late Sunday afternoon.

At the height of the blackout about 120,000 customers lost power, including parts of Mission, North Beach, Chinatown and downtown San Francisco. Power was expected to be restored throughout the city by the evening, Franks said.

Strategy

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attacks against civilians while also trying to win political influence, Barno said. U.S. officials were shifting to an "integrated" approach that wove back former Islamic fighters into civilian life.

"Those who are criminals must be held accountable, but for the rank and file, the noncriminals,

there will be opportunities for reconciliation and reintegration," Barno said. His remarks suggested that U.S. officials now agree with Afghan President Hamid Karzai that the revived Taliban movement needs to be courted politically.

In numerous speeches and interviews, Karzai has made a distinction between what he describes as

good-and-bad-members-of-the-Taliban. He said that as few as 150 Taliban officials might be guilty of terrorism and abuse and that the rest needed to be brought back into civilian life, as is the case with thousands of other former Afghan militia forces, who previously fought the Taliban but are being disarmed and offered job training.

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Fatherhood changes outlook of country singer Tim McGraw

NEW YORK (AP) — Tim McGraw said he started to look at his career a little differently after he became a father. "You look back at the high points in your career, after having children, you start judging those high points according

to what your children get to see and experience," the 36-year-old country singer says. One such high point was performing at the recent Nobel Peace Prize concert in Oslo. McGraw, his wife, Faith Hill, and

their three young daughters came along for the show — and took a vacation in Norway. "To be able to travel like this and the kids to see things like this, it's pretty amazing," McGraw said.

The Nobel Peace Prize Concert 2003 will air Sunday at 6 p.m. EST on the A&E cable channel, hosted by Michael Douglas and his wife, Catherine Zeta-Jones. The concert was held in honor of 2003 Nobel Peace Prize winner Shirin Ebadi of Iran.

"Coming from a small town in Louisiana, where I grew up, after all the things that I've done in my career to be asked to do something like this is pretty spectacular," McGraw said recently, according to AP Radio.

Billions over budget, highway opens in Boston

BOSTON (AP) — The hulking elevated Central Artery highway that has marred the city's landscape for more than four decades landed its last car Saturday as it was replaced — five years late and billions over budget — by a tunnel routing Interstate 93 under downtown Boston. In a simple morning ceremony, Mayor Thomas M. Menino and Massachusetts Turnpike Authority chairman Matthew Amorello cut a ribbon to open a two-mile

stretch of highway that allows traffic to soar over the Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge and then sweep through four southbound lanes of underground Interstate 93. "This changes the face of Boston forever," Menino said. The first motorist to travel the new stretch of highway was Elaine Cronin, returning home to Boston after visiting a sister in Woburn. She was met on the

bridge by Menino and Amorello and given a Big Dig baseball cap and map of the project autographed by the two men. "It's a part of history," Cronin said. "I live in the West End and I've watched this being built." Moments earlier, officials had greeted Anne and Nick Najjar of Stoneham in the last vehicle to drive across the crumbling Central Artery. The elevated road was hailed as a

"highway in the sky" when it opened in 1959 but it became clogged by more than double the number of cars it was designed to carry. Its matte green paint prompted Menino to call it Boston's "other Green Monster." The original Green Monster is Fenway Park's left field wall. The opening of the new southbound lanes of I-93 was the last major milestone of the \$14.6 billion Big Dig.

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OTHER VIEWS

National parks have waited too long for federal funds

(Pocatello) Idaho State Journal

We in southeast Idaho often take for granted the access to and convenience of the national parks in our region. In Idaho alone there are four designated and protected areas that are part of the system - Craters of the Moon, Hagerman Fossil Beds, City of Rocks National Reserve and the Nez Perce National Historic Park.

also notes that the parks are having increasing trouble staying in peak condition due to insufficient funds.

Congress' yearly budget allocations, though there have been recent increases, have not fulfilled the needs of all the parks. The budget shortfalls have meant that the National Park Service has had to scale back improvement projects and, at times, forego repairs and routine maintenance.

The parks deserve to be funded fully, and the National Park Service study shows exactly why: The parks are great for the economy. Not only do the parks make a lot of money for a lot of small rural communities in our region, but they also give tourists a chance to visit places within the U.S. of startling natural beauty, and historical or cultural importance.

With more people living in urban areas and having less time to relax and enjoy nature, having national parks with updated amenities is beneficial to millions of American families - about 4 million people visit Yellowstone each year.

Funding our parks may not be the top priority for some in Congress, but politicians should pay attention to the results of the study and realize that our parks not only provide valuable natural resources, but also provide a livelihood for many Americans in our region.

It's time Congress realizes how important the park system is, and allocate enough money to keep the parks in top-notch condition for years to come.

Officially created in 1916 to oversee the proper management and conservation of our nation's treasures, the National Park Service oversees more than 300 sites across the U.S. and U.S. territories.

The National Park system is a spectacular asset to the country, especially in our region. Tourists - come to enjoy - the beauty of the parks, and they bring their cash along too.

A recent study revealed that Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks have had an increasingly positive economic impact on the state of Idaho.

According to the study, the two parks bring in about \$415 million annually to the economies of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. The parks also create more than 8,800 jobs for people in the region, many in small towns where other opportunities are limited.

But the organization sponsoring the study - the National Parks Conservation Association -

Their view: This guest editorial from the Idaho State Journal in Pocatello says more federal support for national parks and monuments would boost Idaho's economy. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Buying votes drives Congress

Washington is once again buzzing with charges of bribery. Rep. Nick Smith, R-Mich, asserted a few days ago that unnamed individuals offered \$100,000 for his son's congressional campaign if the elderly Smith would vote for the Medicare bill backed by President Bush. Smith is retiring, and his son is seeking his seat. Smith now says he was offered "substantial and aggressive campaign support" for his son and not money per se.

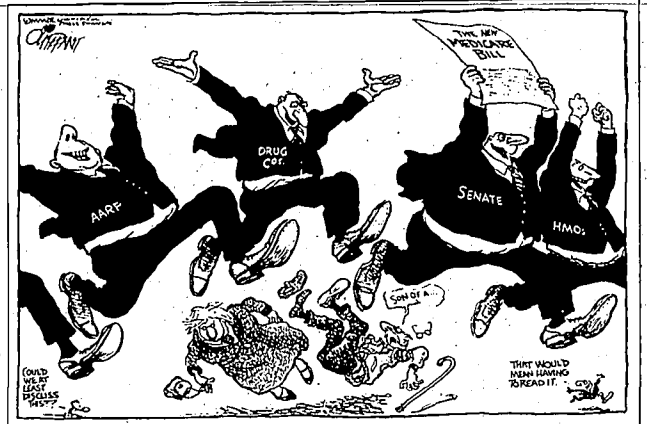
Nonetheless, some congressional Democrats have called for an investigation of Smith's charges by the House Ethics Committee. If that investigation starts, where will it end? Big government itself is based on bribery.

JOHN SAMPLES

If Smith is telling the truth, someone was trying to persuade him to vote to add a prescription drug benefit to Medicare. In exchange for the vote, they offered money or "substantial and aggressive campaign support." That putative attempt to buy Smith's vote was part of a larger, much more expensive vote-buying scheme.

The prescription drug benefit at issue will cost at least \$400 billion over 10 years and may in the end cost much more than that. The money will help subsidize medicine for Americans who receive Medicare. When he signed the law authorizing the benefit, President Bush pointed out that it would be worth more than \$2,000 annually to a typical Medicare recipient.

Currently, Medicare has 40 million beneficiaries who are exceptionally active politically. For example, about 75 percent of the elderly vote in a typical election. In the 1998 congressional elections, Medicare beneficiaries made up about 40 percent of all voters; in the 2000 elections (which had higher turnout because of the presidential race), Medicare recipients made up almost 30 percent of the entire electorate. Their votes are crucial to victory for either party. They are especially crucial to the



Republicans, who have less than whopping majorities in both houses of Congress.

Not surprisingly, Republicans were willing to offer each Medicare recipient thousands of dollars in benefits in exchange for a vote. The "bribe" for Rep. Smith, if it was that, pales in comparison to the multi-billion dollar voter purchase arranged by congressional Republicans. In their defense, we might say that a Democratic majority would have paid more for the same votes. Once again, the hard-nosed business instincts of the Republicans saved the nation some money!

Of course, the bidding for votes did not begin or end with Medicare. As always, the appropriations bills being slapped together by Congress contain great slabs of pork for specific constituencies. Citizens Against Government Waste found \$22 billion in pork in the current omnibus appropriations bill. Democratic aides working for the House Appropriations Committee identified 1,857 projects costing \$896 million in that

budget that are specifically earmarked for specific states. Over nine hundred economic development projects worth \$278 million are directed to members' districts. The transportation part of the bill has \$3.7 billion in earmarked projects.

Labor, health and education has 2,027 projects worth \$862 million, while the energy bill, which has not yet passed, includes \$20 billion for a 3,500-mile pipeline from Alaska to the lower 48, \$2.9 billion in corporate welfare for oil companies, \$2 billion for ethanol production in the Midwest, \$800 million for loan guarantees backing a coal gasification plant in Minnesota and \$220 million for an environmental learning center in Iowa.

Members of Congress direct all of these projects to their states or congressional districts. You can be sure that each member of Congress lets his or her constituents know who brought home the bacon. We might like to think this is "politics as usual," but it looks a lot like Congress is

buying votes with public money. In fact, they are.

For some time now, the Supreme Court has refused to enforce explicit constitutional limits on congressional spending. As a result we have come to live in a society dominated by a government that gives to Peter by taking from Paul. Of course, the politicians that give to Peter expect his vote in return, a fact we like to ignore. Big Government is based on legalized bribery.

The House Ethics Committee should not limit its bribery inquiry to Rep. Smith's allegations. Every member of Congress buys votes every year, and many voters sell to the highest bidder. It will remain so until we restore the limits on congressional spending in our Constitution. Until then, the buying and selling of votes will remain the engine of American politics.

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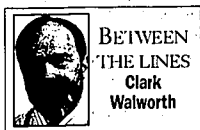
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Next week: What the numbers say about news.

Managing Editor Clark Walworth regularly discusses the news business in "Between the Lines." To offer a comment or to suggest a topic, e-mail him at clarkw@magicvalley.com, or call 735-3255.

Local production of Messiah was inspiring

Lovers of traditional music received a much appreciated Christmas gift last weekend with the Magic Valley Chorale's excellent production of Handel's "Messiah."

Augmented this year by the Kimberly High School choir, the chorale and Magic Valley Chamber Orchestra achieved a

seamless performance: both in choral numbers and the many soloists.

The program notes said George Frederick Handel composed this best-known and most successful of his oratorios in 24 days, reminding me of the legend about his masterpiece I printed many years ago when I covered such events for *The Times-News*.

Tradition has it that Handel worked like one possessed, writ-

ing almost continuously, with little food or rest. His servant said, "He just stares at me and doesn't see me. He said the gates of heaven opened wide for him and God himself was there."

(Any one who has stood in respect for the "Hallelujah" chorus cannot doubt that statement.)

But while Handel may well have felt God's presence, the German composer was very human for, so the story goes,

when the score was completed, he slept as though in a coma for 17 days and the poor servant, thinking he was dying, sent for a doctor.

But before the medic could arrive, Handel had revived and was "bellowing for food, wolfing fish a ham washed with endless tankards of beer."

Since the composer was out of favor in London, the oratorio was first performed in Dublin in 1742.

After a triumphant reception there, the work was enthusiastically received in London where at the first performance the audience, following the king's example, rose to its feet during the "Hallelujah" chorus.

Even though it may be the most performed oratorio in history, the power of the God-given music which drew the composer from deepest despondency surely has fulfilled the promise to "light the

dark places of earth as long as there are voices to lift in song, eyes to look to the hills, hearts to hope."

So it's not surprising that the "Messiah" never fails to move audiences in any country.

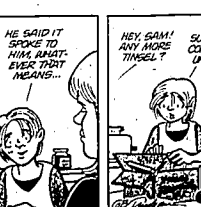
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Bush holds winning hand for 2004

November was a rough month for President George W. Bush. Casualties reached record highs in Iraq, Democrats were gaining traction in polls and rhetoric, and critics were complaining about Bush's short-lived and highly secured visit to Iraq — carrying even about the authenticity of the turkey he held before serving the troops.

ROBERT STEWART

December, however, is a completely different story. With Saddam Hussein's capture, the Dow Jones inching over 10,000, and a rapidly improving unemployment rate, Bush now has a handful of aces, and a growing campaign war chest. His will be a tough hand to beat next November.

Saturday's successful culmination to the hunt for Saddam was a major breakthrough for the war in Iraq. But it may also mark the day in which Democratic candidates for president and congressional campaigns rendered largely moot.

Already bereft of new ideas or positive agenda items, Democrats are beginning to lose the economy as an issue. And each new strategy to bring more slippage in their only other pre-eminent theme: The constant refrain that Bush and his policies are failing in Iraq. With a burgeoning new government in Baghdad, infrastructure that has far surpassed prewar levels, and now a monumental arrest, the Democrats' already-limited list of talking points is shrinking rapidly.

Beyond Saddam's capture, there is a growing likelihood that the remnants of the regime, and possibly information on weapons of mass destruction, can now come to light. Unfettered by fear, can you tell all the know. It is not difficult to imagine the mountains of information



flowing to the CIA and other intelligence agencies in a positive direction — just as in post-Taliban Afghanistan. Every week brings new success, and despite the setbacks and casualties, life is better for the Iraqis. It should be even better next week and in the months to come.

Recall that it was only recently that men, women and children were sent to prison — or mass graves — for speaking their minds, or tortured for openly thirsting for freedom. A mere 10 months ago, oil revenue flowed to build palaces and erect statues, not to feed starving people, and democracy was an impossible dream in Iraq. And it was not much more than 100 days ago when Saddam Hussein's son, Oudai, and his thugs abducted young women from the streets to serve Oudai's own particular type of evil. When Oudai Hussein finished with these women, they

were threatened, executed or literally thrown away. No amount of rhetoric from political partisans or Democratic Party candidates can diminish the fact that the Iraqis are free from such threats.

In the months before the 2002 election, Democrats wagged their electoral success on obstruction, failure and pessimism. It's a losing bet. And they failed to learn from their losses at the ballot box because their only strategy since then has been to complain more, to obstruct more and to accuse more.

Now given Saddam's arrest and the success of the U.S. military in the war against terrorism elsewhere, these candidates will have to find a new winning hand — the one they've been holding won't beat Bush's aces.

Robert Stewart, a former Army intelligence analyst, is a writer in Washington, D.C.

Women can become terrorist bombers, too

JESSICA STERN

This month a woman killed herself and five other people in a suicide bombing in the center of Moscow. Earlier in the fall a female suicide bomber killed 21 others in a crowded Israeli restaurant. These incidents, and many others before, illustrate an important weakness in our counterterrorism strategy. The official profile of a typical terrorist — developed by the Department of Homeland Security to scrutinize visa applicants and resident aliens — applies only to men.

That profile was developed before the advent of Islamist chat rooms recruiting operatives for a global jihad, before the war in Iraq increased anti-American sentiment worldwide and before women started serving as suicide bombers for Islamist terrorist organizations.

Under a program put in place after Sept. 11, 2001, visa applications for males between the ages of 16 and 45 are subject to special scrutiny. Women, however — even those from countries known to harbor terrorists — are not subjected to the program. Likewise, the requirement that resident aliens from countries such as Pakistan, Yemen and Saudi Arabia register with the federal government applies only to men.

Terrorists seek out vulnerabilities in the enemy government's countermeasures. When metal detectors were installed at airports, terrorists found other ways to attack planes. When governments began protecting their embassies with concrete barriers, terrorists turned to larger explosives. Profiling men exclusively, and also focusing so tightly on countries known to harbor terrorists, are significant loopholes that have not been closed despite the FBI's recognition that al-Qaida has begun recruiting women, and despite the discovery last spring that an MIT-trained female scientist may have been providing logistical support to al-Qaida.

Although women represent a fraction of terrorists worldwide, it is naive to assume they're not recruited to violent extremist groups. Women are responsible for approximately one-third of the suicide attacks perpetrated by the Tamil Tigers in Sri Lanka, and two-thirds of those by the Kurdistan Workers' Party. Women have founded and led terrorist groups, hijacked planes, served on all-female tank units, blown up buildings and assassinated national leaders. What is new is that women are participating in attacks on behalf of organizations that promote Islamic causes.

The lack of scrutiny of women entering the United States and the broadly held — and correct — view that women are less prone to violence are likely to cause al-Qaida to turn increasingly to women and other recruits who don't fit the standard profile. According to intelligence assessments cited in the press, the al-Qaida movement is seeking recruits all over the world — in Western Hispanic and inner cities, among Hispanic-Americans and among French converts to Islam. Through Internet communications, it is urging individuals to create their own cells and carry out their own strikes, without necessarily joining existing militant organizations. It is also recruiting women.

Despite the legitimate concerns it raises in regard to civil liberties, profiling is appealing to bureaucracies during wartime because it allows them to develop standard operating procedures, easing the burden on those who would protect us. It may well have eased the search for terrorist suspects until now. But we are fighting an enemy that continues to change its tactics, its purported mission and the ethnicity, nationality and gender of the personnel it recruits. This means we need to rely less on these variables as indicators of potential danger.

A far more powerful instrument would be more and better human intelligence enabling us to penetrate the movement's armies, monitor its recruitment drives, predict its evolution — including the type of personnel it will recruit — and ultimately undermine its appeal to the broader population. In the absence of such intelligence, profiling can help, but only if those who police our borders receive constant updates from the field. With such a protean enemy, to rely on standard operating procedures such as race- and gender-based profiling is to put the safety of the American people at risk.

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Radical United Nations tax plans threaten America

DANIEL J. MITCHELL

Many politicians seem to think that the answer to every alleged problem is higher taxes. Howard Dean, for instance, has said he would raise taxes on the rich — even though this would boost the average family's tax burden by nearly \$2,000.

This initiative sounds radical, and it is. But some proposals out there are even worse.

The United Nations, for instance, wants to create an International Tax Organization (ITO) that would have the power to interfere with national tax policies.

This crazy idea first surfaced two years ago in a report from the world body's "High-Level Panel on Financing for Development." Since then, the United Nations has been working to turn it into reality. For instance, U.N. General Secretary Kofi Annan recently called for the creation of a global tax commission. But no matter what it's called, an international bureaucracy with power over tax policy would be an assault on American sovereignty.

An international tax organization, of course, would mean higher taxes and bigger government. Indeed, U.N. officials have been quite open about their intentions. The chairman of the U.N. panel that first endorsed the creation of an ITO said that it would "take a lead role in restraining tax competition." According to this men-

talities, it's unfair for America to have lower taxes than places such as France and Germany, especially if it means that jobs and investment flee Europe's welfare states and come to America.

For all intents and purposes, the United Nations wants to create an OPEC for politicians. Governments would be required to keep taxes high, and countries with free-market tax systems — such as the United States, Switzerland, Ireland and Hong Kong — would be targeted for persecution.

The United Nations also wants the power to levy its own taxes. The original report looked at two options, a tax on currency transactions and a tax on energy consumption. Both of these proposals would hit America hardest. But this is just the tip of the iceberg.

In the past, the United Nations has endorsed new taxes on the Internet, including a tax on e-mail. Again, the U.S. economy would pay the lion's share if this reckless idea took effect.

But the prize for the worst U.N. idea probably belongs to a proposal to give governments permanent taxing rights over emigrants. You see, the United Nations thinks it's unfair when talented people leave high-tax socialist

nations and move to places such as America. But since even the United Nations realizes it would be unacceptable to prohibit emigration, the bureaucrats are instead proposing to let governments tax income earned in other nations.

This scheme is a direct attack on American interests because of our high levels of immigration — particularly the well-educated part of the immigrant population. For instance, if a doctor from the Caribbean moves to America, his home government would get to tax income he earns here. If a Chinese entrepreneur moves to Silicon Valley, the Chinese government would get to tax his U.S. income.

Foreign-born workers in the United States, including both citizens and resident aliens, earn nearly \$600 billion each year. Imagine the damage if foreign governments could tax that income. Even if they imposed only a 15 percent tax rate, foreign governments could drain nearly \$100 billion from our economy.

There is an understandable temptation to dismiss these U.N. proposals as silly. After all, the United States can veto any bad initiatives. But this passive approach is a mistake. What would happen, say, if Howard Dean were president when the United Nations was voting whether to create an International Tax Organization?

Could we trust him to veto this nutty scheme?

Another reason we should worry: The United Nations is just one of several international bureaucracies working to undermine fiscal sovereignty. The Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) targets "harmful tax competition" and the Brussels-based European Union enthusiastically issues "tax harmonization."

What's particularly troubling is that U.S. taxpayers are footing the bill for much of this nonsense. We don't belong to the European Union, but we pay 25 percent of the costs at the U.N. and the OECD.

Fortunately, some members of Congress are trying to address this. For example, Rep. John Sweeney, R-N.Y., has introduced legislation that would end U.S. funding of these bureaucracies if they insist on pursuing policies that undermine America. Bureaucrats at the United Nations and OECD don't want to risk their bloated budgets and tax-free salaries, so this is a good approach.

Clearly we have to do something — unless we want to see our tax bills soar.

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LETTERS

Patients from ambulances add to the bottom line

Regarding: **Less on ambulance services?**

Why does an ambulance go to any hospital? So the "future hospital patient" can have access to the full range of medical services the hospital can provide. It's relatively easy to determine the cost of operating an ambulance service — yet, it's also necessary to calculate the total amount of hospital revenue generated after the trip in the ambulance.

Understand this concept and you have sound insight into a hospital's profitability, site selection, scope of medical services available and wise use of our taxpayer resources.

Hospital revenue begins whenever someone comes through the door needing medical care the hospital can provide. It doesn't matter if the person came by ambulance or personal auto or if they're from out of town. Simply put, services rendered yields hospital revenue, which contributes to the bottom line.

Missing reindeer leave a hollow holiday feeling

This letter is to whomever removed my lighted reindeer from my front yard. I have a few things I would like to say.

First, the simple fact they did not belong to you and you had no right to take them from my property.

Second, it's Christmas — why do

those of you who steal feel obligated to die it during the holidays?

My family and I moved to this neighborhood thinking that I would not have to worry about items being taken from my front yard. I guess you have proved me wrong and that we should not trust anybody.

Anyway, I hope they look as pretty lighted up in your yard as they did in mine. Plus, I hope you can live with yourself for the grief and disappointment I feel toward mankind for the things you have done. Just remember, you will pay for your actions one day.

DEANNE WHEELER
Twin Falls

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NATION

Stores cross their fingers as consumers crowd malls

NEW YORK (AP) - Shoppers jammed the nation's malls on the last weekend before Christmas, snapping up bargains and hunting for popular toys, but retailers were anxious after a much-needed sales bonanza did not materialize for many of them.

Spirits were deflated a bit Sunday after the government warned of a possible terrorist attack during the holiday season.

In response to the heightened national alert level, major mall operators such as Taubman Centers Inc., which owns and manages 41 shopping centers in 13 states, immediately stepped up their security, though company officials declined to elaborate.

"The threat won't have an effect this weekend, because most people don't know about the alert," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group, based in Charleston, S.C. "But it will reduce retailers' ability to have a huge business on Monday and Tuesday, and the week after Christmas. It may likely make people who are close to being done decide they've purchased enough."

"Some retailing executives disagreed. "Consumers learned to be vigilant, and I don't think this will have an effect," Taubman spokeswoman Karen MacDonald said. She reported sales at a sampling of

Taubman mall stores were up single digits on Saturday from a year ago.

Merchants are counting on heavy shopping this week to meet their goals.

This past weekend, business was heavy at discounters and luxury stores. But sales remained uneven at mid-priced department stores and mall-based apparel chains, which deepened price cuts on sweaters, jewelry and other items, Beemer said.

"I think it was a very strong weekend, but I don't think it was as big as retailers needed," said Beemer, who conducted interviews with retail clients. He added that consumers "were looking at the lowest price in each category of merchandise."

Despite a recovering economy, merchants struggled with modest sales throughout the season and were counting even more for a sales surge this past weekend after two weekends of Northeast snows. Still, retailers held out hope that the last-minute spending will help merchants meet their sales goals.

Traffic was about the same as last year, and stores were very busy," said National Retail Federation spokeswoman Ellen Tolley. "And if some stores were a little short of their goal, there's plenty of time for that to change."

Dean attacks moderate wing

Newsday

WASHINGTON - The decade-long internal truce former President Clinton imposed on his fractious party is rapidly eroding as the fight for the Democratic presidential nomination approaches a decisive phase.

If there was any doubt of that, it ended Thursday when front-runner Howard Dean delivered a wide-ranging attack on the party's moderate wing - and seemed to link Clinton to the minimalist philosophy he was rejecting.

"While Bill Clinton said that the era of big government is over, I believe we must enter a new era for the Democratic Party, not one where we join Republicans and aim simply to limit the damage they inflict on working families," Dean said. "I reject the notion that damage control must be our credo."

Dean went on to outline an agenda of greater governmental activism that includes new spending on health insurance, child care, college financing and retirement savings, along with stricter regulation of and higher taxes on corporations.

Dean's rivals, as well as former Clinton aides working for those rivals, pounced on the Vermont governor's reference to Clinton as emblematic of his rejection of policies that had produced economic

prosperity for the nation - and political prosperity for their party in the form of its first two-term president since Franklin Roosevelt. "Did Howard Dean live through the same eight years as the rest of us?" said retired Gen. Wesley Clark.

Dean spent much of Friday doing some damage control of his own. He telephoned the former president to assure him that his comments hadn't been directed at him, and later went out of his way in a speech in Iowa to include Clinton in a pantheon of Democratic heroes that included Roosevelt and Harry Truman. Clinton's office maintained a stony silence about the affair. But former aides weren't accepting Dean's olive branch.

"The references can't be misinterpreted," said Mickey Kantor, Clinton's secretary of commerce, who is now an adviser to Clark. "If he's not trying to alter in a significant way the Clinton approach to

the economy which was so successful, why would he reference the Clinton era versus a new era? ... I am really having trouble understanding why he would make the reference and pick the fight."

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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Orchestra hosts annual Christmas concert

BURLEY - The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra will present its annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the King Fine Arts Center 2100 Park Ave. The family event with holiday music will be conducted by Jim Keezer of Pocatello. Special guest artists include the men's quartet from the Soft Touch musical group, the Vanatons singing group and Doug Manning. Some of the numbers will include Leroy Anderson's "A Christmas Festival," "Carol of the Bells," "Tintinnabulation's "Sleigh Ride," "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," "Radezky March," and a variety of sing-alongs. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors, \$1 for students and \$7 for families. Tickets are available at the door or by calling Sally Sanford at 438-8624.

DEQ seeks comments on wastewater permit

PAULI - The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is seeking public comment on a proposed permit for Circle A Construction to operate an industrial wastewater land application system on a 20-acre site in Minidoka County west of Pauli. Circle A Construction owns and operates a trucking business hauling food products. When cleaning the trucks, residues considered industrial byproducts are generated. The company proposes to filter and land apply about 250,000 gallons of wash water a year for irrigation. Proposed permit conditions include: a test well monitoring system to track groundwater quality; buffers and runoff prevention; an odor control plan; and other environmental requirements. After filtering, solids will be used for fertilizer. Written comments on the draft permit will be accepted through 5 p.m. Jan. 6. Copies of the draft permit are available for review at DEQ's state and Twin Falls regional offices and at DEQ's Web site at www.deq.state.id.us. Select the "News and Notices" section, and find the Circle A information under the Dec. 19 heading.

Direct questions, comments, and requests to David Anderson, DEQ Twin Falls, 601 Pole Line Road, Suite 2, Twin Falls, 83301; 736-2190; or danders@deq.state.id.us.

Fier officials seek renewal of wastewater permit

FILER - The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is seeking public comment on a draft permit renewal for the city of Filer to continue operating a municipal wastewater land application system serving residential and commercial users. The city has operated the system under a DEQ wastewater land application permit since 1983. As part of the permitting process, the city is required to demonstrate how it will continue to address health and environmental concerns, including protection against surface and ground water contamination and odor management.

Written comments on the draft permit will be accepted through 5 p.m. Jan. 16. Copies of the draft permit are available for review at DEQ's state and Twin Falls offices and at DEQ's Web site at www.deq.state.id.us. Direct questions, comments, and requests to David Anderson, DEQ Twin Falls, 601 Pole Line Road, Suite 2, Twin Falls, 83301; 736-2190; or danders@deq.state.id.us.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season
Upper Snake Basin	101%	35%
Salmon Falls	103%	33%
Salmon	98%	31%
Oakley	96%	29%
Big Wood	90%	29%
Little Wood	103%	33%
Henry's Fork/Teton	112%	38%
Big Lost	104%	33%
Little Lost	84%	29%

As of Dec. 21

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

Annexation re-examination

T.F. council will take another look at request

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council tonight will re-examine annexing a parcel of land that has stirred controversy in the way its development is being proposed. Neighbors of Candridge East on Eastland Drive south of Pole Line Road voiced opposition during last week's City Council meeting to a proposed rezoning from R-1 43,000 to R-1 Variable would allow for much smaller lots than the current zoning requires. Many people spoke out against the way the development is proposed but said they

are not necessarily against annexation if it is done with consideration for property values and neighborhood "feel" in mind. The request for annexation was unique, in that no homes are in the area yet. Council members debated whether annexing bare land would set an unwanted precedent. A public hearing on the issue is scheduled for 6 p.m. during today's regular council meeting. The council is also scheduled to consider the final plat of Morning Sun Subdivision No. 2, which would develop 23 residential lots. The development would be the second phase of a project that is proposed to have

Meeting tonight

The Twin Falls City Council will meet in regular session at 5 p.m. today in the new council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E. next to City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

a total of 268 residential lots on 98 acres near the intersection of Falls Avenue East and Hankins Road. The land has R-1 Variable zoning and is within the city's area of impact, according to a staff report. The minimum lot size is 8,000 square feet and must also be at least 85 percent of the average of all lots within 150 feet of any lot, the report says. In June 2002, Gerald Martens, a partner

in the proposed Morning Sun Subdivision, received final approval from a rarely used joint city-county appeals board for the first phase of the subdivision. Previously, he had met with hostile crowds at public hearings. Some residents, calling themselves Neighbors for Sound Development, hired an attorney to appeal the approval from the city's Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council. In another matter today, the City Council is expected to discuss a request from Twin Falls County to change a planned-unit development agreement for the old Anderson Lumber property on Eastland Drive. The agreement now calls for it to be used as a lumber yard, but the county wants to buy it and convert it into county government offices.

THE NOSE KNOWS



Honey, a three-year-old yellow lab, right, finds Ranae Capps, left, and John Lewis during a weekly training session for the Snake River K-9 Rescue Unit Sunday on the north side of the Snake River Canyon. About 12 people belong to the group.

Trained dogs sniff out clues on land and in water

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Gizmos and gadgets have nothing on Honey. The yellow lab's skills as a search dog have allowed her and other canines like her to fill a gap in Magic Valley's search and rescue efforts. "This is all very new," said Darrell Scott, Glick, commander of Twin Falls County Sheriff's Search and Rescue. In the past, the county relied on the sheriff's two K-9 unit dogs, but they are not as well-versed in cadaver or missing person recovery.

"They're trained for police work," he said, adding that the skills in that area might include biting a subject rather than rescuing him. Honey and other search dogs have been trained to find lost or missing hunters, hikers and drowning victims. They find a human scent, then report back to their handlers. "I train her each week trying to prepare her so when we get called out on a search she'll be

successful at it," said Sassy Connell, Honey's owner, and secretary/medical officer of the Snake River K-9 Rescue Unit, an all-volunteer group. "When my dog finds the person, she immediately comes back to me and gives me the red-find sign," Connell said. For Honey, that means a half jump up on Connell's "right hip." "Each dog has a different re-find sign," she added. "Some people attach toys to their belt that the dogs can pull, others train their dogs to do a body slam, to jump up on them with the paws on their chest."

Glick has called on Honey's owners a few times. "Dogs can cover more area by scent than we can visually," he said. "Instead of all of us taking a

360-degree approach, the dogs can lead us in one direction. They help us concentrate our search area." During training sessions, skilled dogs demonstrate how quickly they put their nose to work. "It can take a person 35 minutes to hide, and just eight minutes for the dog to find him."

"Exposure is the worst enemy, especially if we're looking for a child or an elderly person," Glick said. This month's search for Bradley DeCarr at Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir was aided by search dogs and their handlers.

Although the search resulted in sad news for DeCarr's family, dogs were useful in locating the boy underwater. "The dog we had sat on the nose of the inflatable boat and would show interest in an area when he'd detect a scent," Glick said. "That's how quickly they can recover (people)." In most search efforts, time is critical. "Exposure is the worst enemy, especially if we're looking for a child or an elderly person," Glick said. This month's search for Bradley DeCarr at Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir was aided by search dogs and their handlers.

Connell's 12-member group got its start after the Sept. 11 attacks, when her husband, Calvin, the group's equipment officer, saw an article in a newspaper about search and rescue dogs helping to locate victims at the Twin Towers. "He started to get involved in training dogs for search and rescue," she said, "and since then we've seen a huge change in attitude in our dogs." Coal, Calvin's black lab, is also a search and rescue dog.

Gaining recognition
The time Connell has put into search and rescue earned her an award from her employer of 10 years. Please see DOGS, Page B3

Rupert looks at transportation plan update

By Rose Marie Parsons Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - It would cost \$62 million to add sidewalks, curbs and storm drains to all of the streets in Rupert at one time, says City Streets Superintendent Bob Russmann. Russmann said having an updated transportation plan will help Rupert obtain funding to make those and other improvements. Such a plan must be included in every grant applica-

tion submitted to Idaho's Local Technical Highway Assistance Council, the agency that administers federal funding to smaller communities. Last year the cities of Rupert and Paul obtained a grant from the highway council to update city transportation plans. Rupert's plan hadn't been revised since 1976. Sunrise Engineering, based in Fillmore, Utah, was hired to develop the plans. Rupert City Administrator Roger Bagley said Paul was

included since the council encourages cities to work together. East Paul and west Rupert share truck routes and Idaho Highway 25 is a direct tie between the two cities, he said. Burley and Heyburn already have transportation plans in place, and Sunrise Engineering employees have taken those plans into account in formulating the plans for Rupert and Paul, Bagley said. Representatives of Sunrise Engineering presented their recom-

mendations to the Rupert City Council last week. Russmann said the Idaho Transportation Department and the Mindoka County Highway Department are completing their reviews of the plan. Highway council officials asked that certain data be included in appendices to the plan. Russmann said that data has already been collected. Bagley said the transportation plan will be presented to the Rupert council for final action on Jan. 13. Please see RUPERT, Page B3

Offenders, victims come face to face

Program seeks mediators to act as neutral third parties

By Karen Bessick Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - A new victim-offender mediation program is looking for participants who would be willing to serve as mediators. The program would bring youthful offenders face to face with their victims, with mediators acting as neutral third parties, said Sam Sites, status offender coordinator for the 5th Judicial District. The restorative dialogues program, as it's called, would focus on the how a particular crime hurts victims and communities, not just as a violation against the state, Sites said.

It would focus on restoring the losses suffered by victims, hold offenders accountable for the harm they caused and bring together victims and offenders to identify ways to repair the harm.

Offenders, for instance, would be given the opportunity to ask their offenders such questions as: How did you pick my place to vandalize?

Victims also would get a chance to tell offenders how they felt about their property being destroyed. And they could ask for monetary restitution or for the offender to repair whatever damage he or she might have caused. Offenders, in turn, would be required to take responsibility for their actions. And, through listening to the victims, they might understand for the first time how their actions did affect others. The mediation will not start out on neutral grounds, as do most mediations, because the offenders are already charged with a criminal offense, Sites said. The process only begins if the offender has admitted wrongdoing and has indicated a willingness to participate in providing restitution and trying to heal relations. "The process would be optional for victims. The description of the program drew praise from a couple of judges. Fifth District Court Judge James May said he thought the program had merit, noting that perhaps it would help alleviate the violated feelings that victims often sustain. "The program sounds like something that's been needed for a long time, said Magistrate Judge Robert Elgee. It could help bridge the gap between offenders and victims, he added.

Mediation training will be open initially to those who have had past mediation training and may be expanded to others in the future, Sites said. The initial training session will be led by Dr. Bob Wirth, one of the top mediators in the state. Training will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 23 and 24 at the Twin Falls Juvenile Probation Community room, 2469 Wright Ave., Twin Falls. Training will be free. Comparable training elsewhere could cost between \$870 and \$1,200, Sites said. For information, contact Sites at ssites@co.twin-falls.id.us or call 736-4226 or 1-877-736-4226.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Oscar-nominated film star dies at 70

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Hope Lange, who starred opposite Hollywood's top actors over a decades-long career and earned an Oscar nomination for her supporting role in the 1957 film

"Peyton Place," has died, her husband said Sunday. She was 70. Lange died Friday at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica after suffering an infection caused by an intestinal

inflammation caused as ischemic colitis, said her husband, Charles Hollert. Lange split her time between homes in Los Angeles' Westwood section and New York City.

SERVICES

Brent Rounds of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Nettie Marie Melissa McCool of Gooding, service at 11 a.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding; interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demarey Funeral Chapel, Gooding).

Karen Harmon Vincent Rementeria of Sandpoint and formerly of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; interment will follow the service at the Hazelton Cemetery; friends may call one hour before the service at the funeral home.

Ace (Ashley) E. Caldwell of Rupert, service at 1 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; family and friends may call one hour before the service.

Bradley Allen DeCarr of Rogerson, service at 2 p.m. today at the Filer High School; interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Krystal Michelle Leisle Zack of Fresno, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at the Liste Catawvas Chapel (Liste Funeral Home, Fresno).

Marcos Verdín of Oakley, vigil service with rosary at 5 p.m. today at Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., Burley; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Little Flower Catholic Church; burial at Basin Cemetery near Oakley; family and friends may call from 4-5 p.m. today and 10-10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Trent Westley Davis of Wendell, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Wendell Gymnasium; with burial following at the Wendell Cemetery; friends may call from

5-7 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Winifred "Winnie" C. Brown of Gooding, graveside service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Kohlerman Cemetery in Nampa (Demarey Funeral Chapel, Gooding).

Edith Rebecca Alexander of Buhl, graveside service at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl; viewing from 1-4 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl.

Oralia Rendon Chapa of Mountain Home and formerly of Burley, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel; friends may call one hour before the service at the mortuary.

DEATH NOTICES

Wanda McKinney
TWIN FALLS — Wanda McKinney, 87 of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Edith Wright
BURLEY — Edith Wright, 89, of Burley, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, at Cassia Regional Medical Center. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

OBITUARIES

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

Barbara Mae Ross - Jerome

Barbara Mae Ross, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at her home in Jerome. She was born Oct. 22, 1934, at Kimberly, Idaho, the daughter of Kenneth and Adeline McCammon. She went to school in Kimberly. She later married Merlin Ross, and they resided in Jerome. Barbara is survived by one sister, Judy Miller; and five brothers, Harvey, Ervin, Kenny, Mike and Pat.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her mother, and two brothers, Max and Bob McCammon. Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, at the Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. No viewing is planned. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.



Gwen R. Merklej - Gooding

Gwen R. Merklej, age 88, of Gooding, was born July 14, 1915, in Hyde Park, Utah, and died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Mae (Don) Morrow of Gooding; grandsons, Bart (Marcy) Morrow of Gooding, and Nathan Morrow of Portland, Ore. She was preceded in death by her husband, Max, in 1982, and

her son, Ron. At her request there will be a private family graveside service next to her husband in Logan City Cemetery, Logan, Utah. Denmay Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Oralia Rendon Chapa - Mountain Home

Oralia Rendon Chapa, 53-year-old resident of Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, and formerly of Burley, passed away surrounded by her family, "Thin Day," Dec. 18, 2003, at Saint Alphonsus in Boise, Idaho, after battling 15 years of lung disease.

Oralia was born in Caldwell, Idaho, on Sept. 25, 1950, to Francisco and Allele Rendon. She was the baby of seven natural children and the oldest of six adopted children, which resulted from the passing of her oldest sister. Oralia loved being the oldest to these children.

She was a jack-of-all-trades. In her lifetime she had been a fast-food worker, waitress, cook, bank teller, secretary, and a certified nursing assistant. Above all of these, the charge she was most proud of was being a mom and grandma. These two things brought her great joy and happiness and were the apple of her eye.

Oralia had married four times and through marriages did not last she was blessed with four daughters who loved and adore their mother.

She had a wonderful sense of humor, good nature and lived a life of caring and sharing.

Oralia was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend; she will be deeply missed by all of her family and friends.

We'll miss you mom. Though we cannot feel you physically, we carry you in our hearts. God bless you richly and thank you for everything. We love you.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Francisco and Allele Rendon; sisters, Susan Amaya and Alicia Perez; and brothers, Jose Sanchez and

Francisco Rendon Jr. Oralia is survived by five brothers, "Chen" Correa (Pauline) Sanchez, Carlos Rendon, Tony Rendon, and Robert Rendon; four sisters, Maria Herrera, Amelia Rodriguez, Estrella Romero and Sylvia McDonald; her daughters, Reassure Mata, Alicia Quintin, Olympia Morin and Ruby Castro; six grandsons, Felipe Mata Jr., Victor Mata, Michael Quintin Jr., Cashmere Mata, Daniel Mata and Alex Castro Jr.; five granddaughters, Monica Castro, Felon Quintin, Felicia Quintin, Marissa Quintin and Amalia Castro; and one great-granddaughter, Mia Castro.

Funeral services are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel and are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003. Friends may call at the mortuary one hour prior to the services.



CSI TODAY

Holidays,' 1 and 3 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium
Sity Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 276.

p.m., Desert 113.

Tuesday

"Retro Steel" art show on display (through Jan. 2004), Jean B. Hegg gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science.

Friday

CSI baseball camp, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center.
"The Christmas Star," 1, 3 and 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Wednesday

"The Christmas Star," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium
"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Saturday

CSI baseball camp, all day, Eldon Evans Expo Center.
United Church of God International weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.

Sunday

Church on the Rock weekly services, 11 a.m., Shields 114.

ON THE AGENDA

Today

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailley.
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, Burley.
Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home.
Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main.
Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7:30 a.m., confer-

ence room, 1120 Montana St.
Hailley City Council, 6 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailley.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Monday

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B, Shoshone.

Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert.

Tuesday

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.

Idaho firm gears up to increase waste disposal

BOISE (AP) — An Idaho company is set to bring more low-level hazardous waste to a former Cold War missile site 10 miles northwest of Grandview.
U.S. Ecology, a subsidiary of Boise's American Ecology Corp., treats waste ranging from household products to industrial waste from cleanups for federal agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency.

Potlatch tags land for sale

BOISE (AP) — After 100 years of land acquisition, Potlatch Corp., Idaho's biggest landowner, has tagged 35,195 acres — a little more than 5 percent of its property in Idaho — for sale or trade.

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

So far this year, the company has brought in 350,000 tons of waste, said Brian Monson, hazardous waste program manager for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the state agency responsible for regulating such sites.

All the landfills have synthetic liners meant to keep the waste from contacting the surrounding soil. Stump pumps are also installed in the landfills to collect any water and prevent the possibility of waste leaching into nearby soils.

Sites are also constantly monitored for any possible leaks. When waste is deposited in the landfill, it's given a Global Positioning System coordinate. If there is a leak the company can immediately identify the location and type of waste stored there.

It's possible this is the largest amount of land that has been identified for disposal in the company's history, said Michael D. Sullivan, Potlatch's corporate spokesman in Spokane.

That represents a 40 percent increase in waste brought to the Idaho site, and prompted the company to invest \$4.5 million to build a new storage cell that will have a capacity of 3.5 million cubic yards.

The Owyhee County property is one of its larger waste disposal sites and the most profitable. The company also owns a large site in Richland, Wash. and two smaller sites in Beatty, Nev. and in Robstown, Texas.

These types of studies might have been undertaken in the past, but technology has made it possible to distribute the information more widely in the company, said Mark Benson, Potlatch's public affairs director for the Western region.

The site is located about three miles south of the Snake River, but Monson said a hydrology study predicts no danger of waste contaminating the river.

Company President Stephen Romano said the site's desert climate was one of the reasons the site was chosen.

Company officials said the land transactions will be incremental and spread over at least 20 years. In some instances the company will put restrictions on the sale to preserve wildlife habitat or views from heavily traveled roads, said Bob Borden, property marketing and sales manager for Potlatch's Idaho resource management division in Lewiston.

Utah clergy defy state rule to register gun bans

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Nearly four dozen leaders of Utah churches and synagogues are refusing to comply with a law that requires them to post firearms bans on a state-run Web site, saying they don't want to register with the state to keep guns out of their sanctuaries.

They are also constantly monitored for any possible leaks. When waste is deposited in the landfill, it's given a Global Positioning System coordinate. If there is a leak the company can immediately identify the location and type of waste stored there.

Before any waste is put into a landfill, it is treated with a combination of lime and cement that essentially renders the material non-hazardous.

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"We don't think we need to be on a state list of who's allowed to be exempt from the gun law," the Most Rev. George Niederauer, bishop of the Roman Catholic Church's Salt Lake Diocese, said Sunday.

Niederauer and several of his fellow religious leaders organized a news conference in Salt Lake City to protest what they consider unconstitutional state interference in church matters. The protest came after a newspaper report in November found that 19 churches had registered with the state Bureau of Criminal Identification their intention to ban firearms.

That meant any of the state's 50,000-plus residents — with concealed-carry permits could legally bring guns into any house of worship despite stated gun bans.

A joint statement issued Sunday by religious leaders said guns had no place in holy spaces.

"We do not need the state of Utah to give us permission to make such a statement or hold such a position," the religious leaders said.

Earlier this year an amendment to the concealed-carry law allowing religious organizations to prohibit guns inside houses of

worship went into effect.
An earlier version of the law said houses of worship could post signs notifying congregants of gun bans. Under an amendment sponsored by Sen. Mike Waddams, R-Taylorsville, clergy must also register with the BCI, which will post the individual bans on its Web site.

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TWIN FALLS ARRANGEMENTS

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TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls included the following:

Timothy Whaley, 46, 20 Rio Lobo, Hagerman; failure to purchase driver's license; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 6, \$1,000 bond.
 Guy Lee Jones, 26, 1435 South, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 29; released under own recognizance.
 Dwight Ellis Perkins, 32, 2606 Bonneville Terrace, Ogden, Utah; assault; private counsel; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 6, \$25,000 bond.
 Lawrence Eggleston, 35, 4329 Canyon View Lane, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; pretrial conference set for Dec. 29; \$500 bond.
 Gregory Shane Anderson, 36, 305 Fifth Ave. W., Twin Falls; petty theft; public defender continuing; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 13, \$300 bond.
 Crystal Marie Miller, 24, 2026 Elizabeth Blvd., No. 112, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 29; released under own recognizance.
 Jerald S. Siver, 21, 440 Elm St., Twin Falls; petty theft; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 6, \$500 bond.



Court records

under the influence; driving without privileges; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 6, \$500 bond.
 Elizabeth Bur, Denz, 27, 2026 Elizabeth Blvd., No. 112, Twin Falls; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 6, \$500 bond.
 Billy Joe Stout, 34, 535 1/2 Main Ave. W., unit B, Twin Falls; intimidating a witness; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 29; released under own recognizance.
 Jessica Shilo Kutnyak, 22, 380 Ashton Ave. W., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 29, \$10,000 bond.
 Thomas Ray Spencer, 34, 245 Van Buren Blvd., Pocatello, 33, 1517 E. 4000 N., Buhl; three counts of insufficient funds; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 29, \$1,500 bond.
 Terry L. Young, 52, 122 Filer, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 29, \$1,000 bond.

set for Jan. 6, released under own recognizance.
 R. J. Ohn n y, 23, 259 Pleasant View Road W., No. 40, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 6, \$1,000 bond; obstruction of an officer; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 6, \$1,000 bond; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 6, \$1,000 bond; petty theft; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 6, \$500 bond.
 Daniel Louis Peppersack, 20, 1800 N. Cole Road, Boise; aggravated battery; use of a deadly weapon; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 29, \$20,000 bond.
 Edgar Eduardo Garcia, 20, 203 Alexander, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; private counsel; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 29, \$1,500 bond; driving without privileges; possession of marijuana; private counsel; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 6, \$1,500 bond.
 Michelle Dawn Whiteley, 18, 1625 Maple St., No. 22, Buhl; frequenting a place where controlled substances are used; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 6, \$1,000 bond.
 Jerry Lee McCormick, 19, 1880 Osterh, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 29, \$2,500 bond.

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 Sandra K. Lee, 45, 210 Eighth Ave. N., Jerome; trespassing, frequenting a place where controlled substances are used; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 6, released under own recognizance.
 Daniel Paul Ray, 30, 321 Fourth Ave. E., Jerome; trespassing, malicious injury to property, frequenting a place where controlled substances are used; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 6, released under own recognizance.
 Crystal Ann Alarcon, 32, 815 Walnut, Buhl; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 6, \$750 bond.
 Joshua L. Sritey, 21, 401 W. Polk, Kimberly; driving without privileges, obstructing a public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 6, \$5,000 bond; open container/failure to appear; no counsel listed; pleaded innocent; sentencing set for Jan. 20, \$1,500 bond.
 Joseph Britton Lutz, Jr, 30, 450 Pole Line Road, No. 97, Twin Falls; perjury; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 29, \$5,000 bond.
 Robyn Lynn Malberg, 43, 508 11th Ave. N., Buhl; controlled substance - obtaining by fraud, forgery, etc., burglary, public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 29, \$5,000 bond.
 Keven Wesley McCord, 33, 504 Monroe St. W., Kimberly; two counts of theft by receiving stolen property; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 29, \$2,500 bond.

TWIN FALLS - It seems each family has a special tradition that centers around food - especially this time of year.

Grandma's Sourdough pancakes on Christmas morning. That special soup to warm

around the valley to your morning of working cattle in the blowing snow. The way your mother's homemade bread scented the kitchen.

The Times-News hopes you'll share your memories and open your recipe box for the newspaper's special look at the Magic Valley's heritage recipes - recipes from the families that helped settle the land and made this valley grow.

If your family homesteaded here and you have a traditional family recipe to share, call writer Karma Fitzgerald at 735-3353 or send e-mail to

karmawrites@velocitus.net.
Officials clean up gasoline spill at Hailey station
 HAILEY - A gasoline spill occurred Sunday at the Chevron service station in Hailey, according to the Blaine County Sheriff Department's dispatch center.
 The spill was cleaned up, but further details were unavailable Sunday.

Legislators look with M-C meet with commissioners
 RUPERT - County commissioners from Cassia and Minidoka counties are scheduled to meet with state legislators at noon today at the Wayside Cafe.
 Issues expected to surface in the 2004 legislative session are planned for discussion.
 The lunch meeting is open to the public.

- compiled from staff reports

Gas prices end year with signs of stability

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) - In a year of unpredictable shifts, retail gasoline prices ended with two weeks of stability. But that isn't expected to last into the new year, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The average price Friday for a gallon of self-service gasoline nationwide, including all grades and taxes, was about \$1.51, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 stations. That was down 0.08 of a cent since Dec. 5, but 6.51 cents higher than the average on Dec. 20, 2002.

"We're back down to approximately where we were in January," analyst Trilby Lundberg said. For 2003 overall, retail gasoline prices averaged about \$1.64, up 21.6 cents from the average price last year.

Wholesale prices that already have begun to climb again, Lundberg said.
 World and U.S. crude oil supplies are somewhat tight, due to rebounding oil demand and OPEC's decision not to raise oil production.
 Also, prices at the nation's pumps may increase because new standards will take effect in January, Lundberg said. Lower sulfur gasoline mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency will be introduced, and a ban on the additive MTBE will take effect in New York, Connecticut and California.
 The national weighted average price of gasoline, including taxes, at self-service pumps Friday was about \$1.48 a gallon for regular, \$1.55 for mid-grade and \$1.67 for premium.

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BURLEY - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals
 Misty Dawn Sanderson, no age available; failure to carry driver's license on person, dismissed; insufficient funds check fraud, dismissed, \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
 Pedro Martinez, 18, insufficient funds check fraud, dismissed, \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
 Travis R. Morell, 18, insufficient funds, check fraud, amended to public disturbance, dismissed, \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
 Jeannette A. Williams, 44; weight exceeding allowable gross loads, dismissed, \$224.50 fine; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
 Brad Robert Clark, 24; failure to purchase driver's license, dismissed.
 William T. Evans, 42; failure to stop at checking station, dismissed; insufficient funds check fraud, two counts, dismissed; insufficient funds check fraud, one count dismissed, one count amended to public disturbance, dismissed, \$63.50 fine; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
 Tiffany S. Brown, 34; one count motor carrier disqualified driver, dismissed, \$327 fine, one count failure to appear, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Misdemeanor sentences

Elias Coje Gil, 29; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs;
 Bernice Zaragoza, 21; failure to carry hunting license on person, pleaded guilty, \$75 fine.
 Rogelio Areola Reyes, 26; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

Brian T. Hall, 28; one count failure to obtain oversize permit, dismissed, one count weight exceeding allowable gross loads, pleaded guilty, \$161 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
 Fortunato Bautista, 23; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Cesar Gomez Avila, 23; petty theft, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
 Jairo L. Young, 32; driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, six months probation, 30 days in jail, 29 days suspended, four days Mini-Cassia work in lieu of jail; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Ernest L. Ramos Jr., 23; one count trespassing, pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; one count disturbing the peace, pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$98.50 court costs; one count resisting officers, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Jose Luis Lopez, 24; disturbing the peace, pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$98.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Jerry L. Young, 52; driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, six months driver's license suspension, one year probation, 30 days in jail, nine days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Kristy D. Osterhout, 21; one count assault, found guilty, \$101.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 10 days probation, 10 days in jail, 10 days suspended; one count disturbing the peace, dismissed; one count battery, amended to disturbing the peace, dismissed; one count trespassing, amended to disturbing the peace, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Terry L. Young, 52; driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs;

Misdemeanor sentences

David L. Osterhout, 21; one count assault, found guilty, \$101.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 10 days probation, 10 days in jail, 10 days suspended; one count disturbing the peace, dismissed; one count battery, amended to disturbing the peace, dismissed; one count trespassing, amended to disturbing the peace, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Terry L. Young, 52; driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs;

MINIDOKA COUNTY COURTS

Jim Rogers, 25; one count battery, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail, time credited; one count contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
 Mark A. Olagn, 36; one count felony domestic battery causing traumatic injury, amended to misdemeanor battery, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail, 90 days suspended; one count contempt of court, pleaded guilty, six months probation, 10 days in jail, 10 days suspended; treatment program; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
 Jason Wilburn Roberts, 21; one count driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$113.50 court costs, six months driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 30 days in jail, 29 days suspended; one count contempt of court, \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended; one count contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Joseph A. Caldwell, 32; one count petty theft, amended to driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court costs, two days in jail, time credited; one count contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Driving under the influence sentences

Fernando T. Carrillo, 22; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$500 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail, 55 days suspended, five days credited; one count open container violation, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
 Mario G. Mercado, 34; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$323.50

Commercial truck driving sentences

Robert A. Tyler, 62; failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
 Jed C. Harvey, 25; one count failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$140.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Paul R. Freeman, 50; exceeding maximum driving and on-duty time, pleaded guilty, \$263.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Jesus Hernandez, 24; motor carrier log book violations, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Eloy A. Lambey, 30; motor carrier log book violations, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Felony sentences

Jose Damian Tellez, 24; forgery, dismissed; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.
 Davin R. Clegg, 48; one count felony attempt to obtain a controlled substance by fraud, pleaded guilty, \$175 fine, \$80.50 court costs, one year probation, 90 days in jail, 86 days suspended, four days credited; one count misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Felony sentences

attempted to possession of a controlled substance, pleaded guilty, \$100.50 court costs, three years probation, one year six months determinate, one year six months indeterminate; one count contempt of court, one year probation, 90 days in jail, 170 days suspended, two days credited; treatment program; one count failure to purchase a driver's license, dismissed; one count contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Daniel Richard Schoen, 43; misdemeanor second offense driving under the influence, amended to driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 90 days driver's license suspension, 18 months probation, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended; treatment program; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
 Epigenia R. Soto, 27; misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$1,000 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 12 months driver's license suspension, 18 months probation, 180 days in jail, 30 days suspended; treatment program; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Rockland J. Gultaranson, 40; one count misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$113.50 court costs, 90 days driver's license suspension, 32 months probation, 90 days in jail, 86 days suspended; one count driving without privileges, dismissed; one count contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Deferred prosecutions

Joe J. Digrain, 32; one count possession of a controlled substance, deferred prosecution; one count possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
 Brian Edward Meyer Jr., 19; battery; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.
 Daryl Shane Albertson, 38; domestic battery; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Juvenile sentences

Jessica C. Hohlbaum, 14; failure to purchase a driver's license, dismissed, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
 Vanessa Arcega, 17; failure to purchase a driver's license, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.
 Jose L. Vasquez, 15; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
 Daniel Guerrero, 16; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.
 Juan Pedro Villa, 17; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Dogs

Continued from B1
 members of the public can assist as support people in mock searches.
 "We're always looking for new volunteers so dogs can have new people to look for," she said. "We don't want the dogs to think, 'This is the only person I need to look for.'"
 "People can volunteer just once, or many times."
 Dog owners who are interested

in getting their pets involved can call Snake River K-9 Rescue Unit and attend a training session.
 "We're not really breed specific," Connell said. "Larger breeds tend to cover more area but a smaller dog can get up underneath a bush."
 Newcomers watch training a few times without their dogs to see if that's what they want to do.
 "If they're serious and if the dog is interested in it," she said, then they may join the group.
 "I haven't seen any dog that isn't interested in searching, but I'm sure there could be," Connell said.

How to help

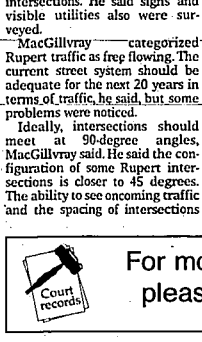
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Rupert

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 Jan. 6.
 Todd MacGillivray, an engineer with Sunrise, told Rupert council members that traffic counts were conducted at about 30 major intersections. He said signs and visible utilities also were surveyed.
 MacGillivray categorized Rupert traffic as free flowing. The current street system should be adequate for the next 20 years in terms of traffic, he said, but some problems were noticed.
 Ideally, intersections should meet at 90-degree angles, MacGillivray said. He said the configuration of some Rupert intersections is closer to 45 degrees. The ability to see oncoming traffic and the spacing of intersections

are other safety issues the transportation plan will address.
 Russmann said geographic information system software is an important part of the transportation plan prepared by Sunrise. The survey of every road in Rupert included shoulder width, pavement condition and road history. GIS mapping is in a layered format that shows the location of manholes, utility lines and fire hydrants.
 GIS also will help with budgeting issues because it will track inventory and labor costs, Russmann said. He said all of this information will be used in planning the maintenance schedule and in prioritizing street projects.



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Send some holiday cheer to troops

DEAR READERS: Carols fill the air, our halls have been decked with boughs of holly and the Christmas trees are decorated. Mule logs have been kindled, and Santa's on his way. In Jewish homes, Hanukkah candles burn brightly, and Kwanzaa begins in less than a week. 'Tis the season to be jolly—a time when thoughts turn homeward to loved ones and holidays past.



DEAR ABBY: After 30 years of marriage, my husband, "Allan," began an affair with a young woman in his office. I was devastated, and our three children and two grandchildren were all affected.

somehow deserves the pain.

DEAR ABBY: A good friend of mine, "Roberts," recently returned from a three-week vacation. When he left, he had hardly any hair. When he returned, he had a full head of hair. It is blatantly obvious that he got a hairpiece.

This is also the time of year that's hardest for our young men and women in the military, stationed far from home — many for the first time. Most of them are between the ages of 18 and 22, and while we folks back home are fighting the crowds in shopping centers, they are dodging bullets and car bombs.

I made up my mind not to become revengeful or bitter. I realized that Allan no longer loved me or he wouldn't have left. I returned to school, got a part-

I am now working full time and loving it. I have met some nice men at church, but I now have serious trust issues, so I prefer to go to alone.

The children's relationship with Allan is still strained. He now has Alzheimer's and needs them, but they cannot forgive him for destroying our family.

Abby, do people who have affairs with married men or women ever consider the pain, that is left in their wake?

Would it be rude to compliment him on his "new" hair? If he had gotten new glasses we would all compliment him on those. But how do you go about complimenting someone's new hair?

- TRYING TO BE A GOOD FRIEND IN AKRON, OHIO

So, please, dear readers, you are the most generous people in the world. Remember our troops. They need our support. Go to your computer, type in

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DEAR STILL RECOVERING: Rarely. I think it's safe to say that there's a distinct lack of empathy. They justify or rationalize their behavior by convincing themselves that the injured party

DEAR FRIEND: It is an extremely delicate subject. You might want to approach it as if you're hugging a porcupine — very gently. Say, "Gee, you look rested. You look great." And leave it at that. He'll get the message, and you won't ruffle his feathers or anything else.

Nylon finally replaced hog bristle for toothbrushes

First toothbrushes with hog bristles showed up in China in 1492. Six years after that, best-remembered date, 1492, when Columbus sailed elsewhere. The Chinese later experimented with brushes of horse hair and badger fur. But the hog-bristle version remained the best for 440 years. Until Nylon.



wound up with a reputation for ruin? It only gets about 24 inches a year. New York City gets 44 inches, typically, and it's not known worldwide for rain. Neither is Houston, and it gets 45 inches.

Ohio. Almost a century ago. At Oxford College in the 19th century, undergrads were in residence for only eight weeks. This was cited as why the college administrator, one Dr. Routh, declined to authorize showers or tubs in dormitories.

Nobody knows why all planets spin.

REVISITED L.M. Boyd

Q. Didn't early American colonials have rugs and carpets? A. Bed rugs and table carpets, yes. But hardly anybody ever put such a thing on a floor back then.

Q. I say bartending is the occupation with the highest divorce rate. What do you say? A. Different studies come up with different statistics. I note. One group recently claimed physicians had the highest divorce rate. Another contends police officers at 40 percent are the most divorce-prone.

Crew members on commercial aircraft take regular physical exams, and a medic who gives such says it's the flight attendants who are always in the best shape.

A. Tomb art. Among the finer prizes won by Rome when it conquered Greece a couple of thousand years ago was the world's first recipe for chessecake.

Not just school cafeterias but every cafeteria in the nation, I suspect, has served beef-tomato-cheese-macaroni casserole. So why isn't Mary Marzetti famous? She invented it. In Columbus,

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Q. How do we know the ancient Egyptian Pharaohs believed in sex after death?

Michael feigns sickness on 'Everybody Loves Raymond'

Michael claims he's too sick to go to school and spends an entire day watching Ray work in his downstairs office. (CC) (TVPG) CBS 8 p.m.

being beaten, and Horatio suspects the imprisoned rapist is somehow responsible. (CC) (TV14) CBS 9 p.m.

"Where Christmas Began" - A trip to the area where Jesus was born to uncover the real story of his birth. (CC) (TVPG) THE TRAVEL CHANNEL 6 p.m.

"Arthur's Perfect Christmas" - Arthur, D.W. and their family and friends prepare for gift-giving, parties and family traditions for Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. (CC) (TVY) PBS 7 p.m.

Write what you're feeling, Scorpio; Aries experiences very public day

IF DECEMBER 22 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you possess intense charisma and are intensely goal-oriented. You are a real force in anything you're involved with. You love freedom yet won't sacrifice your well-thought-out plans for yourself in order to be free. Woe to the person who gets in your way! You have to ability to charm anyone into saying yes.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Talking about feelings at home may become more frustrating than you thought. Nonetheless, it's a great time to get serious tasks done in the domestic arena. Take some time out to get a breath of air.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Write about what you're feeling. It's easier and more helpful than you might imagine. You may be impatient with routines. Reach out to siblings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may feel that others have the upper hand with finances or are freezing you out. Don't worry—a peace can probably be reached. Your way with words can be your salvation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You're especially warm and fuzzy, but don't push yourself on anyone. Farmers may seem cool and distant. Stay busy at home to avoid cabin fever. Spiritual insights delight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Daily routines are burdensome. Inner seeking yields bountiful treasures, but just thinking of ideals is not enough. It's time to walk your talk.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Make a tangible gesture toward helping. Consider joining a group or organization. Support others in achieving their dreams.

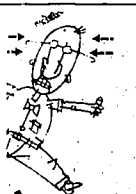
TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Know when to reach and when to learn. Traveling is a focus. Passions run high, but don't sacrifice your independence entirely. You may be angry without knowing why.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone is very willing to share. Don't be afraid to let in the abundance. It's time for some active brainstorming in group associations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Loosen your reserve and let yourself enjoy connecting with your partner. It's safer now than you might think. Career plans move forward quickly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Practical matters come first today, and your persistence pays off. You may be feeling more romantic than you are able to express.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's time to shore up relationships with children. Moods are backward — playtime feels too serious, work discipline is hard to find.



No help? New e-mail law may increase inbox troubles. Tuesday in Computers & Technology

Eminem searches for music thieves

Eminem and his record label are conducting a "witch hunt" to find out who stole three of the rapper's unfinished tracks and tried to sell them on eBay, music insiders have told The New York Post.

People in the news: eBay is trying to find out the identity of the seller, but meanwhile, Interscope has taken them into its own hands.

Montgomery County, Md., police said Albert Gore III, 21, was arrested Friday night along with two passengers after police officers observed a Cadillac being driven without its headlights on.

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Mexico City confronts drunken driving

Get-tough campaign doesn't apply on Christmas Eve

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Police are coming down hard on drunk drivers in Mexico City this holiday season, but not on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

The two exempted days may seem like good news for the indulgent, but they add a fresh layer to the controversy that has surrounded the use of checkpoints and breath tests since they were introduced in the capital in September.

Gerardo Balles, 35, a lawyer, said the law is unconstitutional, and that waiving it on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 makes no sense.

"I believe this, of all times, is when they should be doing it," he said speaking over the clamor of construction in a crowded bar.

Police explain that traffic in the city of 8.5 million will be down by as much as 85 percent on those two days.

"These are strictly family days," said Mexico City police department spokesman Enrique Gonzalez. "The Mexican custom is to settle at the house of a family member ... They'll sleep there, rest and wake up possibly with a hangover and then go home."

Of the city's 748 dead in traffic accidents in the first half of 2003, 17 percent tested over the limit, coroners report. Authorities estimate a drop of 90 percent in alcohol-related wrecks and fatalities on checkpoint nights, but have no firm statistics.

The get-tough campaign was among recommendations made by Rudolph Giuliani's consulting firm for fighting crime in Mexico City.

Taking a page out of Giuliani's book from when he was mayor of New York City, police have the power to impound cars of drivers who flunk the Breathalyzer test. They can also jail drivers until they sober up.

In the past, suspects were ordered to undergo blood tests—a lengthy process that required a visit to a doctor and was sel-



A police officer administers a breath test to an unidentified man Friday in Mexico City. Police are coming down hard on drunken drivers in Mexico City this holiday season, but not on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

dom practiced. Then came the "alcohol-holmers."

Critics said it would clash with Mexico's fiesta-friendly culture, and drivers suspected it was just another way for corrupt cops to solicit bribes.

But the police persisted. They shifted from pulling drivers over on weekends only to weekdays during the three-week holiday season, when Mexicans party with pinatass and punch.

Balles was one of more than 50,000 drivers pulled over at Mexico City checkpoints this year and among more than 6,000 given the alcoholimetro test. He passed, but more than 1,000 drivers have tested over the 0.04 blood-alcohol level. Officials estimate it takes about two tequila

shots to be over the limit. Restaurants are promoting bottled oxygen-rich water that supposedly disguises the amount of alcohol consumed, and police have reacted angrily to reports of bar owners tipping off customers about checkpoints in the neighborhood.

The fuss has political potential too. Mexico's main opposition party offers free legal assistance to drivers appealing an arrest. "It's very authoritarian from our point of view," said city lawmaker Manuel Jimenez, leader of the Institutional Revolutionary Party's faction at City Hall. "Our constitution prevents someone from being detained without rea-

son and humiliated ... in front of their children, family or co-workers."

Sipping a beer at a bar, video editor David Naval, 28, tied the crackdown to the political ambitions of Mayor Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, a potential presidential candidate.

"It's an effort to show his government is clean," Naval said. "But if you're going to do it, do it every day."

Jimenez said his party has received complaints of extortion by police and mistreatment of women under the testing program. But he couldn't provide specific examples, and the allegation is disputed by some.

"Of the people that I have heard from, you can't give the police a single peso," said teacher Lydia Alvarez, 31, as she ordered a cocktail at an upscale bar.

Alvarez said she and her friends have changed their night habits, opting to take taxis, appoint a designated driver, drink less or walk.

Israeli leader warns of conflict over settlements

JERUSALEM (AP) - A government plan to dismantle Israeli settlements and impose a new boundary with the Palestinians will touch off bitter confrontation with Jewish settlers but may go ahead for the sake of the country's security, the prime minister's top deputy said Sunday.

Vice Premier Ehud Olmert's comments pointed to fears of a bitter internal conflict over Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's recent announcement that Israel will have to evacuate settlements even without a peace agreement. The Palestinians vehemently oppose the plan, and now even members of Sharon's Likud Party say they would rather break a government coalition than back it.

"I have no doubt there be a very painful, difficult, heartbreaking process and a confrontation of (previously) unknown proportion in the life of this country," Olmert told the local Foreign Press Association. "It's a serious crisis ... There's no doubt about it. I expect it to be very emotional and very confrontational."

Olmert said Israel had to leave most of the West Bank and Gaza — an about-face for his Likud Party — because otherwise Arabs will soon outnumber Israel's 5.5 million Jews in the territory it controls. "Do we want (the Palestinians) to be equal citizens in the state of Israel and ultimately dictate the nature of the state?" Olmert said.



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Libya hopes for U.S. diplomatic ties and oil companies, say analysts

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - Libya hopes to gain lucrative oil contracts blocked by U.S. sanctions as well as reap other economic benefits by abolishing weapons-of-mass destruction.

Under the surprise disarmament agreement by Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, Libya would allow U.N. and U.S. inspectors to monitor its nuclear program in addition to getting rid of its arsenal, moves it believes will return the country to the good graces of the international community.

"We are turning our swords into ploughshares, and this step should be appreciated and followed by all other countries," Libyan Prime Minister Shukri Ghanem told the British Broadcasting Corp. — a clear reference to the United States, the one country that maintains sweeping sanctions.

The United States imposed sanctions in 1986, accusing Libya of supporting terrorist groups. Ten years later, America passed the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act that threatened to penalize the U.S. partners of European companies that did significant business in Libya and Iran.

When the U.N. Security Council voted to abolish its sanctions on Libya in September, the world U.S. ambassador to the deputy body, James Cunningham, said U.S. sanctions on Libya would remain "in full force."

Cunningham accused Gadhafi of actively developing biological and chemical weapons, upgrading its nuclear infrastructure, and seeking ballistic missiles to deliver weapons of mass destruction.

With Friday's decision, Libya believes it has wiped the slate clean.

"What Gadhafi is striving for is acceptance into the community of nations," said Henry Schuler, a Libya specialist who has met Gadhafi and spent eight years in the North African country as an American diplomat and an oil company executive.

So far, Gadhafi seems to be winning friends, even in places where he might not want them.

Israeli Ministry spokesman Jonathan Peled said Sunday that the move on weapons of mass destruction could lead to

his country's establishing relations with Libya.

"There is no conflict or animosity with the Libyan people. We are definitely willing to have relations with any nation or country in the world that is willing to recognize Israel as a sovereign and free country," Peled said.

However, Libya's state-run press made clear that Israel would have to follow suit with its weaponry.

The Al-Jamahiriyah newspaper said Libya's decision had reversed the "race" to produce weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East and placed "exceptional pressure on Israel" to come clean on its nuclear weapons, which the Jewish state has neither admitted nor denied possessing.

In Cairo, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said Libya's move will have an "echo in the world — including Israel, which should remove its weapons of mass destruction."

Saad Djabbar, a North African expert at Cambridge University,

said what Libya seeks is normalization with the United States and the removal of all sanctions.

American oil companies own joint-venture concessions in the Libyan oil fields, but sanctions have blocked them from developing those fields. Oil experts say their Libyan state partners are now operating the fields, but at levels far below their potential.

"With U.S. investment, Libya can become a world class oil producer," oil industry consultant Peter Gignoux told The Associated Press. The American companies "hold the best concessions and they have got very good technology."

Djabbar said Libya knows that once American companies have re-established themselves, "they would enhance the pro-Libyan lobby in Washington."

He believes the move on weapons of mass destruction will allow Libyan scientists to return to American universities and acquire the technical know-how Libya needs.

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**Philippines
landslides,
floods kill 83**

LILUAN, Philippines — Mud and floodwaters swept away villages across the eastern Philippines on Sunday, killing at least 83 people and blocking rescue workers from reaching victims — including entire families buried alive.

Of those killed, 61 were in the hard-hit central province of Southern Leyte, according to the National Disaster Coordination Center. The death toll seemed likely to rise, as at least 123 people were missing and regional officials reported more bodies than in the government's official count.

Leyte Gov. Rosette Lerias returned from a devastated village in the San Francisco coastal area late Sunday and reported 16 more dead there, which would place the toll at 99.

"We were expecting some Christmas parties, but now all we should do is to make life a little better for those who were left behind," she said.

Some blamed years of illegal logging for the landslides, triggered by six days of pounding rains and winds in six provinces near the Pacific Ocean late Friday to early Saturday.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said most of the affected areas were near overlogged hills and mountains and urged officials to encourage forestation that could hold the soil better on steep slopes near villages.

**Malaysia halts deportation
of suspected Islamic militant**

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — At the last minute, Malaysian officials called off plans Sunday to deport an alleged leader of the al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah network to Indonesia, where he is expected to walk free.

The delay adds to the uncertainty about the case of Iqbal Mohammad Rahman, an Indonesian who's accused by the United States of being the main recruiter for the Asia-based terrorist network Jemaah Islamiyah.

Iqbal has been jailed without trial in Malaysia for more than two years.

Malaysian immigration authorities had told his wife, Fatimah Zahrah Abdul Aziz, to buy him a plane ticket and give it and other documents to the Indonesian Embassy in Kuala Lumpur so he could be repatriated there.

Having followed instructions, Fatimah said she was told her husband would be brought to the Kuala Lumpur International Airport on Sunday and escorted onto the flight to Indonesia, his native country.

Fatimah went to the airport for the flight with their nine children with her to say goodbye. When she got there, she learned from the airline that her husband had not checked in. Officials at the immigration detention center in northern Malaysia, where Iqbal was being held, told her by telephone that he was still there and that his deportation was postponed indefinitely.

**Women in France march
against head scarf ban**

PARIS — Thousands of people, mainly Muslim women shouting "The veil, my choice," marched through Paris on Sunday against presidential proposals to ban Islamic head scarves from public schools and maybe at work, too.

The protest, a cry of anguish from a rarely heard section of French society, was the first in Paris against President Jacques Chirac's announcement Wednesday that head scarves and other conspicuous religious symbols, including Jewish skullcaps and large Christian crosses, should be banned from schools to protect French secularism.

Chirac urged parliament to pass the law before the 2004-2005 school year starts in September. He also proposed giving company bosses the right to decide whether religious symbols can be worn at work and said a law should stop patients from refusing care from doctors of the opposite sex — limited at Muslim women who have rebuffed male medical workers.

Paris police put the number of marchers at 3,000. More than half were women, girls and even young children wearing head scarves. They marched in a boisterous, flag-waving column hundreds of yards long through rain to the Place de la Bastille, where the prison stormed at the start of the French revolution in 1789 once stood.

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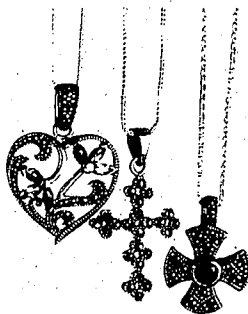
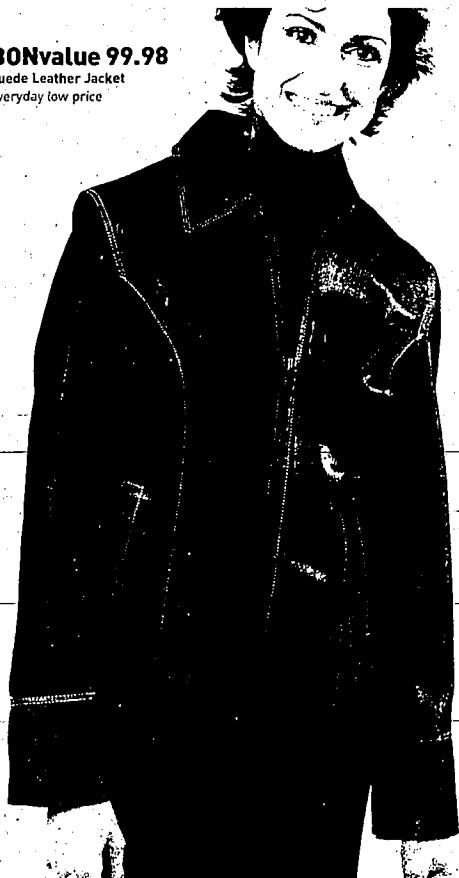
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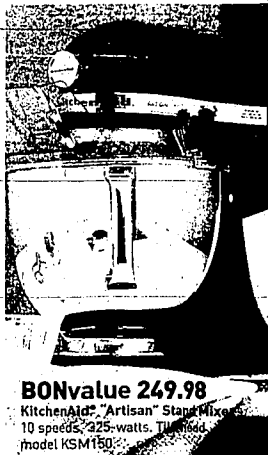
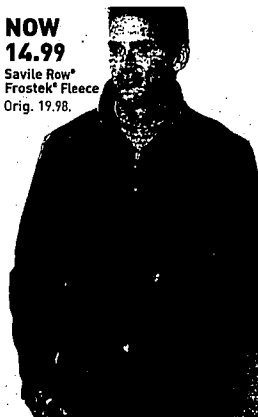
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Section C

MORNING LINE SPORTSQUOTE

Coincidentally, the only thing that has collapsed worse than the computer technology industry in the Silicon Valley is the UCLA football program.

-- comedian Jerry Perisho, regarding UCLA's meeting with Fresno State in the Silicon Valley Classic at San Jose on Dec. 30.

TRIVIA QUESTION: Which NBA owner has the most championships? answer below

IN BRIEF BSU boosters plan to meet Tuesday

TWIN FALLS -- The Boise State Booster Club will meet at Woody's Sportsbar and Grill at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday for the Fort Worth Bowl.

Open gym times are available in Twin Falls

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

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.

CSI baseball camp will be held late this week

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

The camp covers hitting, pitching, fielding, catching, outfield play and base running.

TRIVIA ANSWER: Jerry Buss, with eight, Jerry Reinsdorf, owner of the Chicago Bulls, is next with six.

Athletes fund sports programs

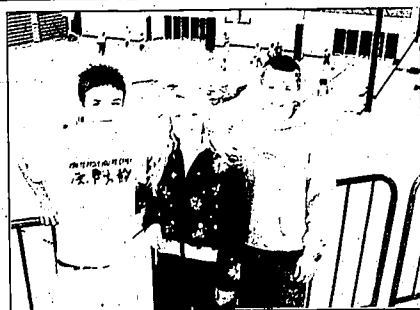
Cash-strapped schools rely on students to support athletics

By Rebecca Boone Associated press writer

BOISE, Idaho -- With six active kids -- five still in school -- Mike and Carol Beard know all about the costs that go along with extracurricular activities.

High School in Idaho Falls charges students involved in extracurricular activities fees designed to cover transportation and other related costs.

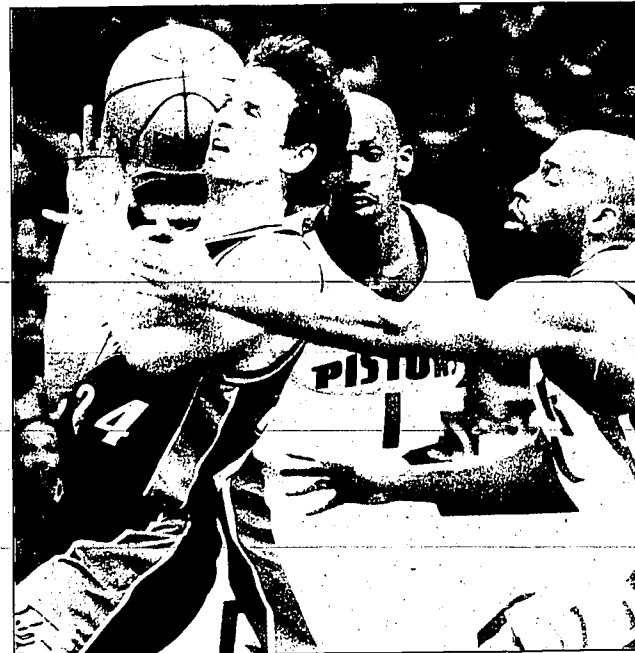
Lessons you've learned," Young said. "If families can't afford that experience, then not everybody's equal and that becomes a real concern."



Carol Beard and two of her five children, Matt, left, and Chris, are shown at Skyline High School in Idaho Falls Dec. 11. Part of the requirements to play athletics is to come up with extra money to fund the activities.

Jazz can't slow Pistons

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) -- The offensive drought that plagued Detroit throughout December finally ended. For the first time this month, the Pistons reached 90 points.



The Detroit Pistons' Chauncey Billups (1) looks on in the second half Sunday in Auburn Hills, Mich. Atkins scored 19 points in the Pistons' 96-75 win.

That's what Pistons basketball is supposed to be," Billups said. "We've played like this in sports, but this is the first time in a while that we've been able to do it for 48 minutes. We knew the defense was there, we just needed to get the offense back."

Danko Milicic, the No. 2 pick in this year's draft, entered the game with six minutes to play after loud "We want Danko" chants from the Palace crowd.

"I'd been sick for five days, but it was good to get out there and play six minutes and score."

They were expecting him to foul," Carlos Arroyo (11 points) was the only Jazz player to reach double figures.

Bengals falter against Rams

ST. LOUIS -- A week after clinching the NFC West, there was no letdown for the St. Louis Rams that was bad news for the Cincinnati Bengals and their playoff hopes.



St. Louis Rams quarterback Marc Bulger passes in the first half against the Cincinnati Bengals Sunday in St. Louis. The Rams beat the Bengals to secure a first-round bye in the playoffs.

caught, finished 8-0 at home and now have won 14 straight in the Edward Jones game, breaking a record they set from 1998-00.

Georgia Tech cruises

ATLANTA -- The first game without coach Mike Jarvis was much like the others this season for St. John's -- poor shooting and plenty of turnovers, all of which led to another loss.

points for the Red Storm, and Andre Stanley added 15. St. John's got within four points, midway through the second half, on a 3-pointer by Ingram, but the Yellow Jackets slowly pulled away with the help of their precise defense.

SPORTS

Sunday's NFL leaders

Steve McNair, Titans
* was 17-of-36 for 268 yards and two touchdowns
Aaron Brooks, Saints
* was 22-for-38 for 296 yards and two touchdowns



Steve McNair

Jamal Lewis, Ravens
* rushed for 305 yards and two touchdowns, one for 72 yards, in a 35-0 romp at Cleveland

Fred Taylor, Jaguars
* ran for a season-high 194 yards on 34 carries



Fred Taylor

Chad Johnson, Bengals
* had seven catches for 115 yards, setting a franchise single-season record with 1,326 yards

Tory Holt, Rams
* caught 10 passes for 124 yards and a touchdown

American Conference standings

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National Conference standings

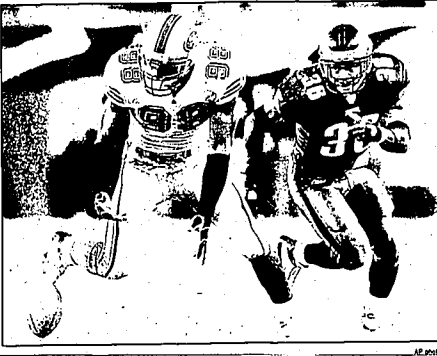
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NFL WEEK 16

SUNDAY'S SUMMARIES

Eagles' streak ends

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Tony Parrish's second interception set up a 22-yard field goal by Todd Peterson in overtime, helping the 49ers snap the Eagles' nine-game winning streak in a 31-28 win Sunday in Philadelphia.



San Francisco 49ers linebacker Julian Peterson, left, fumbles an interception of a pass intended for Philadelphia Eagles running back Brian Westbrook, right, during the first half Sunday in Philadelphia. The Eagles recovered the fumble.

(105) since 1998, the last time they had a winning record. The Giants (4-11) lost their seventh straight game four days after coach Jim Fassel was told he won't be back next season.

by the Texans (5-9) with a 5-yard touchdown run. That put the ball back into the hands of McNair, who drove the Titans 75 yards in the winning seconds.

Seattle's Shaun Alexander ran for two touchdowns. Matt Hasselbeck threw for another score and Seattle's defense had eight sacks.

Arizona (3-12) lost its seventh straight game and 14th in a row on the road - including all eight this season. Seattle (7-9) was its first on the road in eight games this season.

Pittsburgh - Tommy Maddox threw three, touchdown passes and Jerome Bettis passed Marcus Allen to become the seventh leading rusher in NFL history for the Steelers (6-9).

Drew Brees had three costly turnovers for the second straight week for San Diego (3-12) as Deshaun Townsend intercepted two passes and recovered a fumble. Townsend returned the second interception 25 yards for a TD.

Charlotte - The Detroit Lions set an NFL record with their 24th straight road loss, a 20-14 by a Carolina team that rested five starters.

Jake Delhomme threw for two touchdowns and John Kasay kicked a pair of field goals to lead the Panthers (10-5).

DeShaun Foster, playing for resting Drew Boster and Stephen Davis, ran for 76 yards, and had six catches for 38 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown pass from Delhomme.

Irving, Texas - Billy Cundiff kicked four field goals as the Cowboys clinched at least a wild-card berth.

One year to the day since Bill Parcells expressed interest in coaching the Cowboys, Quincy Carter had one of his most efficient outings.

The 10 wins in his Parcells' debut year are the most for the Cowboys

hitting down because I'm leery of having to go ask parents for more money. We're always asking for picture money, class rings, graduation announcements.

George Phillips, a basketball coach and teacher for Chellis-Junior Senior High School, said the new participation fees will likely become a way of life for high school athletes.

Even with that money, the district still had to add the pay-to-play fees to keep athletics alive. Students now pay \$100 per sport, with a yearly maximum of \$300.

"People have just accepted it as the way we could keep our athletic programs going," said Hamm. "Those programs are pretty important to us. But I am trying to cut the

Steelers 40, Chargers 24

Jaguars 20, Saints 19

Ravens 35, Browns 0

Panthers 20, Lions 14

Cowboys 19, Giants 3

Titans 27, Texans 24

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amount down because I'm leery of having to go ask parents for more money. We're always asking for picture money, class rings, graduation announcements.

sports appear to be roughly the same as last year, he said, but it could take a few years to spot any trends.

if it can be done because of the fees, it could be the beginning of the end for Challis sports, Phillips said.

"If you drop out a few students from the program, you need more money from the remaining students to fund it, and that increased cost could force more to drop out. It's a downward spiral," Phillips said.

In Challis, sports mean much more than just learning how to compete, he said. The activities are the only thing the small town offers for kids after school.

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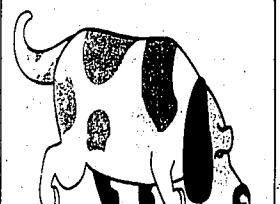
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Monday, Dec. 22, 2003

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"One figure can sometimes add up to a lot."
- Wesley Ruggles, screenwriter of "I'm No Angel"

Scoreboard table with columns for South, West, North, East and various card suits (A, K, Q, J, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, A).

There are plenty of players who cannot or will not count a hand, but believe me your game will improve if you make the effort to get an actual or inferential count on every hand.

On today's deal from the 1999 Macallan Invitation Pairs, four hearts is, of course, a terrible spot, but having driven to game opposite his partner's sign-off, Omar Sharif had to find a way home.

Now the question was whether to lead a diamond to the jack - the right play if East had a doubleton honor - or to lead up to dummy's diamond 10, the correct move if West had the doubleton king or queen of diamonds.

There was very little information available about the count in hearts or spades, but it was reasonable to hypothesize that if West had the long clubs, perhaps he would have short diamonds - and vice versa.

Rather than commit himself at once, Omar led the fourth club from dummy, discarding his last spade, to get a complete count of the clubs. When East followed suit to the fourth club, that reinforced Omar's belief that he would have short diamonds, so he drew a second round of trumps with the king and led a low diamond to his jack and West's king, subsequently felling the queen to make his contract.

ANSWER: Lead the heart two. The standard lead is the three, but because you have all your side's high cards, try to lure declarer into thinking you have only four hearts. When on lead again, you will return the heart four and hope with your other ace to cash out your hearts - a nasty surprise for him!

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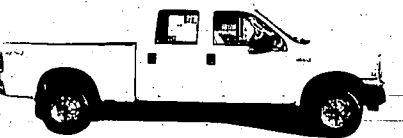
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It's time for a few pickup lines

Let's say you're a middle-aged guy. It's a Sunday afternoon, and you're planning to relax by watching a little football, defined as "11 consecutive hours of football."
You settle on the sofa and turn on the pregame show, and the first thing you see is a commercial for a pickup truck. This is followed by another commercial for a pickup truck, and then, for a change of pace, several more commercials for pickup trucks. Then there's about 45 seconds of men talking about football, followed by still more commercials for pickup trucks.



HUMOR
Dave Barry

At this point, you start to wonder if you're the only guy in America who doesn't drive a pickup truck. You drive a Toyota Camry, because in your line of work - accountant - the largest payroll you haul is Chinese food.
But you are envious of the men in the truck commercials - manly, bulging men, with manly, bulging vehicles; men who handle large tools; men who do not mind getting sweaty and dirty in the morning, when white-collar Camry drivers like you are applying underarm deodorant, these men are deliberately perspiring and smearing dirt on their bodies, preparing to go work on the rig.

That's where the men in truck commercials always work: on a rig. You have never, in your accounting career, been involved with a rig. You're not sure what a "rig" is. But now you wish you had one. You have rig envy.

Of course you could not get to the rig in your Camry, because you have to drive over boulders. That's how your TV-commercial-truck-drivin' guy always gets to his rig: He drives over the largest boulders he can find. If he can't find any boulders, he simulates them by banging his head violently against the roof of his cab. That's how manly he is.

By the 15th pickup-truck commercial, you are no longer able to focus on the pregame show, because you're feeling deeply insecure about the size of your Camry. You wonder if you could trade it in for a pickup truck. Of course, you'd have to convince your wife that there were practical benefits. ("Look, honey! It has a 1,700-pound payload! I could carry 250 gallons of wonton soup!") But your wife would need a truck. Your truck. Your wife is - face it - a woman.

And just then, when you're starting to get really depressed, they finally stop showing truck commercials. You heave a sigh of relief, only to realize they are now showing Viagra commercials. Dozens of them, interspersed with Levitra commercials. They're all basically the same: A man - a rugged man, far more manly than you - openly acknowledges that he had problems with his rig. But then he took a pill, and, lo and behold, he can perform again. He can play professional baseball! He can (*twink*) throw a football through a tire!

You try to ignore these commercials. You tell yourself you don't need this product. But then you remember all those nights, when, after a long day, you went into the bedroom, and your wife wanted you to - in fact, practically begged you to - throw the football through the tire. But you were "too tired."
So now, on the sofa, you are a husk of your former self, a man with a tiny shriveled Camry, wondering if you should ask your doctor about Viagra. But that would mean going to the doctor's office, which, in your imagination, has a giant neon sign outside that says "VIAGRA DOCTOR. PROVIDING VIAGRA FOR GUYS WHO NEED VIAGRA." Also in your imagination, there are pickup-drivin' guys outside the doctor's office, workin' on some kind of rig. As you drive up in your Camry, they give you noogies through your moonroof.

This is what you're picturing into the fetal position, when finally, mercifully, the pregame show comes to an end, and the actual game is about to start.

Are you ready for some football? No.

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CRACKING A SMILE



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Winter is the season for chapped lips.

Putting the smack down on chapped lips

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Now here's a conundrum for you: Lick your lips, and you'll dry them out. Put water on them, and they'll stay moist.

How's that again?
"When the moisture you get from licking your lips evaporates, the natural moisture is gone and your lips can feel even drier," explained Dr. Chris Scholes, a Twin Falls dermatologist. "The drier your lips get, the more tempted you are to bite them, which just aggravates the problem."

And almost everyone who lives in a cold, dry climate knows that first hand.

"Chapped lips are very common when the weather turns colder and the air dries out," Scholes said. "And if you live in a windy climate like we do, that dries them out even more."

All the more so during flu and cold season, when noses are stuffed and we turn into a community of mouth-breathers.

"Saliva contains digestive enzymes which are meant to stay in the mouth," Dr. Garin Barth, a Columbus, Ga., dermatologist told Knight Ridder Newspapers. "Putting acid on your lips would be wet but wouldn't feel very good. The saliva wouldn't eat away at your lips and the area around them."

Nutritional deficiencies such as those of B-complex vitamins and iron can also play a part in dry lips, as can allergies and sensitivity to flavoring agents in candy, chewing gum and mouthwash, according the University of Tennessee Center for Health Services.

Drinking a lot of water can help fight dry skin - and lips - and so can using a humidifier at home. But what about everybody's go-to remedy, the ubiquitous ChapStick?

The Orange County Register

Cold temperatures outdoors and dry heated air indoors can leave your skin parched. Your scalp and body may become flaky, your chin and nose red and irritated. Your lips may be chapped. Your hands and feet may develop painful cracks.

Here, some advice from board-certified dermatologists Dr. Kristen Kelly, associate clinical professor of dermatology at the University of California, Irvine, and Dr. Susan Goodforn, spokeswoman for the American Academy of Dermatology:

Face

• Wash with a mild facial cleanser and lukewarm, not hot, water. Blot - don't rub dry - and use a moisturizing cream.

• Scale down use of cleansers and moisturizers with exfoliating ingredients such as acids or anti-aging components if they are making your skin dry.

• Remember that even if your skin is typically oily, some parts of the face may be dry during the winter. Use a moisturizer lightly.

"Paraffin-based lips balms work pretty well," Scholes said. "But I prefer the Vaseline-type products. They hold in the moisture better and protect the lips."

Paula Begoun, the Seattle-based cosmetics writer whose syndicated column appears regularly in *The Times-News*, likes Instant Lip Remedy, made by NeutraGen (\$3.4 for one-half ounce).

"It contains a great combination of emollients and soothing agents to remedy dry, chapped lips," Begoun writes. "Be sure not to leave lips naked at night. Unprotected lips at night, is a sure way to guarantee you will never stay ahead of the problem."

Winter: Time to give your skin extra TLC

The Baltimore Sun

in the oily areas and be liberal with it in dry spots.

• Use a sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 15 during the day. Many good facial moisturizers have a built-in sunscreen.

• Use a waterproof sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 30 if you are participating in outdoor sports such as skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing.

• Look for UVA- and UV-B protection. Look for at least one of the following ingredients: zinc oxide, titanium dioxide, avobenzone.

• Reapply after several hours.

Body

• Keep showers and baths short.

• Use warm, not hot, water, even if hot water feels better.

• Remember that antibacterial soaps can sometimes be drying to the skin.

• Use soaps, bath oils and shower gels with moisturizing qualities.

• Rinse thoroughly and blot dry.

• Apply body cream immediately to seal in moisture.

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A stick or tube of ChapStick, Blistex or Carmex will cost you between \$1 and \$4; petroleum jelly-based products are a bit more.

And you can buy lip moisturizers and lip balms that will protect you from ultraviolet rays - specifically with SPF values 15 or higher.

But whatever you choose, remember to use it before you get on lipstick, the experts say.

"Chapped lips are easier to prevent than to treat," Scholes said.

- Knight-Ridder News Service
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Sewing has gotten more sophisticated

With this column, I am celebrating my 20th anniversary! In December 1983, I debuted as the Detroit Free Press sewing columnist and my first story was about "glamorous holiday styles." It was the beginning of a richly rewarding writing experience for me, and a wonderful relationship with a host of readers. Some of you have told me you saved columns. Please write or e-mail, and let me know what you liked best, what was helpful and what you'd like me to address.

So many changes have occurred in this 20-year period, in business, in techniques, trends and especially in technology.

Janet Pray, owner of the consumer show American Sewing Expo, says there was a huge growth period following the polyester-pant decade. Attendance at the 10-year-old expo has steadily increased.

"Sewing became more sophisticated, and while chain stores drove out many private shops, those that survived met the needs of higher-end home-sewers, and still do," she says.

In the '90s, the industry stabilized. Toby Haberman of Haberman Fabrics sees the return to sewing as a reaction to technology, and as a "gourmet" trend comparable to gourmet cooking.

"There's no stigma anymore, but instead a sense of pride in having sewn your own," she says. Haberman also notes that



SEWING
Barbara Gash

there's more individuality now, and a definite appreciation of quality. Independent pattern companies are thriving, too, offering interesting, sometimes challenging alternatives to the standard pattern lines.

As for sewing machines, companies such as Singer say they have adjusted by offering both leading-edge machines for experienced home-sewers and lower-priced entry-level products.

"In the last 10 years, we've seen a steady growth in sales, traced to the computer sewing machine and the hot embroidery Singer Sewing Company.

What about quilting and home dec sewing? And what are the trends for the future? Next week I'll touch on these subjects. Be sure to write!"

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The Baltimore Sun photo

Jennifer Culler says she has a whole wardrobe of fishnets in various colors.

Fishnet stockings are back

The Baltimore Sun

Attitude

In the 1950s, fishnets were for sultry pinup girls such as Bettie Page. In the 1960s, fishnets in the form of pantyhose went Carnaby Street mod. Worn in the punk world with micro-minis, they took on a more sinister cast in the '70s.

In the '80s, women pulled on fishnets to dance to Madonna's "Like a Virgin." More recently, fishnets became a staple among the Goth and Industrial subcultures.

"They come and go, but I think they are sort of timeless," says fishnet fan Karina Vayshurd, the marketing and public-relations director for Water Water Everywhere, a chain of bathing-suit stores.

So what's the big news? Fishnets now come in countless variations and can be worn on practically any occasion by women of all ages. With so many colors and pattern sizes to choose from, fishnets can be sexy, subtle or just a lot of fun. And today, fishnets, reinforced with lycra, don't puff out at the knees and ankles like they used to.

"Once it's at Target, you know it's mainstream," says Vayshurd, who finds her fishnets "anywhere from Nordstrom to Wet Seal to Target."

Worn "in a graceful and sophisticated way, (fishnets) always look so feminine and beautiful," says Vayshurd, 28, who lives in Baltimore.

Fishnets add texture, yet can work in the most conservative of settings. "I would never wear nude pantyhose," Vayshurd says. "I have a whole array of different colors, black and silver, sparkly, burly, beige (fishnets) are very popular right now," says Culler, who has bought them at Victoria's Secret and Hot Topic.

Like Vayshurd, Culler, 31, sees fishnets everywhere. "I had a friend who just got married in Vegas in a Titanic-era gown, and she wore Victorian boots and ivory fishnets," the Charles Village, Md., resident says.

Not long ago, Culler went to

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HEALTH & FASHION

Study calls treatment into question

Research suggests treating breast cancer with surgery alone could lead to recurrence

Los Angeles Times

Many women with a non-invasive form of breast cancer have chosen to refuse years to undergo any surgery. Radiation was not necessary, they were told. That advice may have been wrong.

A Harvard University study of women with ductal carcinoma in situ (small tumors of the milk ducts) has found a "surprisingly high rate of recurrence" among a small group of patients who opted for surgery alone.

The findings—50,000 are diagnosed annually in the United States—should challenge the traditional recommendation with radiation. About a third of women with the form of breast cancer, called DCIS, are treated solely with surgical removal, most often breast-preserving lumpectomy, federal data show.

Based on the new findings, Harvard-affiliated hospitals are routinely giving radiation therapy to DCIS patients, said senior study author Dr. Jay-R. Harris, chief of radiation oncology at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School in Boston.

It's unclear how the study results will affect decision-making elsewhere. Researchers at Dana-Farber and Women's Hospital, both Harvard teaching hospitals, in 1994 began studying the outcomes for patients who had surgery alone for DCIS, hoping that women would be able to live without daily radiation, which is intensive, expensive and can affect the breast's appearance.

That expectation was bolstered after Dr. Melvin J. Silverstein, Harvard director of the Harold E. and Henrietta C. Lee Breast Center at the University of Southern California, published an important study in the May 13, 1995, New England Journal of Medicine showing DCIS patients who had a wide margin of healthy tissue removed from around their tumors (at least 10 millimeters) had no higher rate of recurrence than those who also underwent radiation. Silverstein reported only three recurrences among 133 women who had surgery alone and were followed an average of more than six years.

But in a presentation Dec. 3 at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, Dr. Julia Wong, a radiation oncologist at Dana-Farber and Brigham and Women's reported that 13 of 157 DCIS patients who were treated at Harvard hospitals and followed an average of 3-12 years after surgery developed same-breast recurrences; four had invasive cancer.

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New York City, where she wore "knee-high black boots, a pleated skirt, cashmere sweater and pantsuits."

The trend is definitely patterned here, too, says Frain. Says Lynn Frem, co-owner of Bare Necessities, a Baltimore-area lingerie shop where Wolford fishnets are available for \$38 and \$40 a pair.

Even if your occupation is not dancer at the Moulin Rouge, fishnets can easily go to the work place, Frain says. "I wear them to work, because I want people to see that they can be fun and they can wear them all the time."

Classic black fishnets "sell more for evening," Frain says. She recently had a client who was treated at called for cocktail attire. "She had a funky dress and killer shoes," and the fishnets "went great with them," Frain says.

"If you wear them for work, I would stay away from a black," Vaysburd says. She suggests wearing nude fishnets—or a black-brown pair with a veiled skirt and maybe high-heeled Mary Janes."

Pairing brown fishnets with something sexy, such as velvet, achieves a look that is richer instead of lack, Vaysburd says. "I'm working them into my

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Water fluoridation means more people get to keep their teeth

The Dallas Morning News

Baby boomers have brushed, flossed, polished and whitened their teeth like no generation before them.

For that, they are rewarded with having prettier smiles and the privilege of retaining most of their natural teeth as they reach old age.

No denture jokes for this bunch, please.

"I have never lost a permanent tooth, aside from having my impacted wisdom teeth removed," says Diana Hopper, a 53-year-old Irving, Texas, resident, who credits her dental success to twice-annual teeth cleanings, an avoidance of sugar and nightly flossing.

"I want to hold on to my natural teeth forever," she says.

But boomers cannot take full credit for managing to retain their pearly whites.

In 1945, a year before this generation began to swell the U.S. population, there was a major tooth-saving breakthrough in America—possibly the biggest tooth-saving event ever.

Amid some controversy, the federal government launched an experiment to add fluoride to community drinking water in hopes of reducing the national incidence of dental cavities.

Starting in Newburgh, N.Y., and Grand Rapids, Mich., the nation's drinking water was gradually fluoridated until more than 55 years later.

Chopsticks, with a history that dates 5,000 years, provide a simple and neat way to get small bites of food to your mouth. They also may contribute to arthritis in the fingers.

A study of 2,500 elderly residents of Beijing who had used chopsticks throughout a lifetime of eating and cooking has linked the mechanical stress of manipulating chopsticks with osteoarthritis of the thumb, index and middle fingers.

Tips

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Scalp • Wash your hair with warm, not hot, water.

• To treat dandruff, wash hair most days with a mild shampoo.

• Use an anti-dandruff shampoo two to three times a week. These shampoos contain an active ingredient such as selenium sulfide, coal tar, zinc pyrithione or ketoconazole.

• If one ingredient doesn't work, try another.

• Leave shampoo on your scalp for the recommended time listed on the instructions for best results.

• Rinse thoroughly.

Hands • Choose a lotion or cream that won't easily wash off when you

two-thirds of the U.S. population is drinking the fortified substance at home.

"Fluoride has made a big difference in the number of cavities we see nowadays," notes Dr. Thomas McKinney, associate professor of restorative science at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas. "A generation ago, more people had soft, chalky teeth that were prone to problems."

National surveys reported a drop in the prevalence of cavities in children ages 12 to 17, from 90 percent in the 1973-74 time period, to 63 percent between 1988 and 1991, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Not only did cavities fail to appear, but also the dentures that were once needed to replace rotting teeth did a gradual disappearing act for many people.

In the mid-1980s, one-fifth of Americans 45 to 54 years old already had lost all their teeth due mainly to childhood cavities and persistent dental problems. By the mid-1990s, people in that age group who were dentulous, or toothless, had fallen to 9 percent.

And those numbers keep getting better.

"The oldest post-World War II baby boomers will reach age 60 in the first decade of the 21st century, and more of that birth cohort will have a relatively intact dentition at that age than any generation in

history" the CDC concluded in a report on the effects of the fluoridation.

The controversy over fluoride has not disappeared, however. "Opponents of water fluoridation have claimed it increased the risk for cancer, Down syndrome, heart disease, osteoporosis and bone fracture, AIDS, low intelligence, Alzheimer's disease, allergic reactions and other health conditions," the CDC notes in the report, adding that "no credible evidence supports an association between fluoridation and any of these conditions."

The long-term effect of fluoridation has made it possible for a mouthful of healthy teeth to become the prized possessions they are today. It can even be said that a set of shiny white teeth has become a universal symbol of health. Certainly, for people who don't want to work out in the gym to achieve the perfect body or undergo cosmetic surgery in pursuit of the perfect face, a perfect smile is an attainable goal.

"There is a stigma among younger and middle-aged people that you just don't lose your teeth, which was a paradigm change from the previous generation," McKinney says. "People are more and more aesthetic-conscious, which is why they work so hard to save their natural teeth. They think they will look better."

Research shows exercise may prolong men's sex lives

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new study offers an additional reason for men to exercise: It could add years to their sex lives.

Researchers hope men will learn from this and exercise to protect their potency even if they haven't exercised to protect their hearts.

Men over 50 who kept physically active had a 30 percent lower risk of impotence than men who were inactive, the study found.

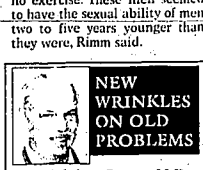
As men aged, the odds rose that they would have erectile dysfunction. But physical activity seemed to slow the process.

Researcher Eric B. Rimm, an associate professor at the Harvard School of Public Health, and his colleagues looked at data from questionnaires by 31,742 men ages 53 to 90 in the Health Professionals Follow-up Study of dentists, optometrists, podiatrists, pharmacists and veterinarians. The researchers excluded men with prostate cancer because impotence can be a side effect of surgery for the cancer.

The researchers were checking which lifestyle and health factors affected the risk of erectile dysfunction. They found that men defined as the ability to have and maintain an erection adequate for intercourse. Their findings were published in the August issue of the journal Annals of Internal Medicine.

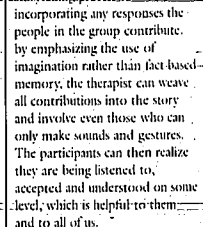
Men who were physically active reported better erections,

and the most physically active men did best. Men who were able to run at least 3 hours a week had a 30 percent lower risk of impotence than men who did little or no exercise. These men seemed to have the sexual ability of men two to five years younger than they were, Rimm said.



Q. What is Art Therapy, and can it really be helpful in the care of the elderly?

A. Most programs in senior centers and long term care facilities employ the techniques of art therapy, which is based on the concept that the creative process involved in making art is healing and life enhancing. Art therapy can be the bridge between the medical and psychological models of treatment for those suffering from cognitive impairments. One of the more innovative forms of art therapy for people with dementia is the storytelling method. This method opens the storytelling process to incorporating any responses the people in the group contribute, by emphasizing the use of imagination rather than fact-based-memory, the therapist can weave all contributions into the story and involve even those who can only make sounds and gestures. The participants can then realize they are being listened to, accepted and understood on some level, which is helpful to them and to all of us.



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Research says chopsticks may be bad for the bones

Los Angeles Times

The winter, also known as degenerative arthritis, is the wearing away of the cartilage that cushions a joint, leaving bone to scrape against bone. It restricts to pain and stiffness, in addition to the ability to extend and bend the fingers.

Researchers at the Boston University School of Medicine X-rayed participants' hands looking for signs of arthritis, such as narrowing in the joint space, worn-out cartilage and the formation of bony knobs at the ends of the joints. They also compared

the hand that wielded chopsticks with the hand at rest during eating.

Men and women alike had an elevated risk of developing osteoarthritis in the thumb and middle finger, the hand they used for eating, the study found. Women had an additional risk of developing it in the index finger.

Researchers haven't quantified the stress—"chopstick use places on the fingers, but they have determined its effects. Among women, the stress accounted for 36 percent of the

likelihood of developing osteoarthritis in the small joint of the thumb; the figure was 25 percent among men, said lead researcher Dr. David J. Hunter.

Researchers asked about other hand activities, "including calligraphy, which is very common among Chinese, and did not find any risk associated with those activities," Hunter said.

The findings were announced last month at the American College of Rheumatology Scientific Meeting in Orlando, Fla.

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UV Myth

• Myth: Only price moisturizers have good quality. Fact: Some drugstore brands, such as Cetaphil, Neutrogena, Eucerin, Avoneno and Oil of Olay, can do a good job of cleansing and moisturizing the skin.

• Myth: Soap is not good for the skin. Fact: It depends on the soap. Pure soap can be drying to the skin. Choose one that's appropriate for the condition of your skin, whether it's dry, oily or a combination.

• Myth: More is always better when moisturizing the face. Fact: Over-moisturizing areas that are irritated or have acne may worsen the situation.

Source: Dr. Kristen Kelly, associate professor of dermatology, University of California, Irvine.

wash your hands.

• Use lotion or cream immediately after washing hands with soap and water to seal in moisture.

• For extremely dry hands, heavier creams and ointments may be more effective.

Some myths about winter skin care:

• Myth: Dandruff occurs mostly in the winter. Fact: Dandruff occurs throughout the year. Washing the hair and scalp with hot water can make the skin dry but does not cause dandruff.

• Myth: You don't need to wear sunscreen in the winter. Fact: Even when it's cloudy, you still need to protect your skin from

try to "pull off" fishnet knee-highs, high-heeled Mary Janes and a little pleated, Catholic-school-girl skirt," Vaysburd suggests.

She describes the stockings' sly sex appeal as "almost like a wink."

Not to mention: "They do your leg, curvaceous thing for your leg."

work wardrobe, which I can do because I work at the American Civil Liberties Union, where we're all about freedom of expression," says Stacy Mink, director of development and public education for the ACLU of Maryland.

The fishnets have a way of uniting the old and the new. "I dress in a mix of old and vintage clothes," and the fishnets tie it all together, says Mink, 38, who lives in North Baltimore.

Wearing fishnets should not be limited to women of a certain age, Frain says. She recently had a client who was probably in her late 70s. She was tall, very attractive, very hip. She bought fishnets with the new, large diamond pattern and looked great, Frain says.

"I do think age is a factor with fishnets, but more in terms of color," Vaysburd says. "Neons like pink, or green, or yellow definitely work best on younger women, but I think that a pair of nude or brown or dark-green fishnets would be beautiful and elegant on an older woman."

"More than anything," Vaysburd says, "I think it comes down to a woman's attitude and personal style — if she feels she can wear fishnets, she she probably can."

Kimmy Perrone, the manager of Ma Petite Shoe and Oh Soid Rose in Hampden, Md., is awaiting a shipment from We Love Colors, which offers 40 fishnet hues. As she speaks, Perrone says she is wearing tie-dye fishnets in a fashion fusion of the '40s and '60s.

Many of the shoes in Perrone's shop are '40s-inspired and look great with fishnets, she says. Perrone, also suggests layering colored, opaque tights underneath fishnets of another color. She wears purple tights with green fishnets, for example.

Knee-high fishnets are another new twist. "If I'm wearing jeans, I will put on black fishnet knee-highs with open-toe shoes or strappy sandals," Vaysburd says. It's still a striking look, and "you don't have to show any leg for that," she says.

Those who are more daring may

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Quiet the mind, heal the body

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Inside a church community room, beginning meditators close their eyes, straighten their spines in their folding metal chairs and try to relax in, for just 10 minutes, the thoughts that race like wild horses through their minds.

A woman in the back row yawns. The woman next to her fidgets. Another student sneaks a peek.

"My mind still wanders," Jeremy Morelock, 33, says of the Buddhist meditation class he has attended for three months in search of stress relief and spiritual growth. "I have these imaginary conversations with people, and then I think, 'Whoa, whoa, whoa, concentrate!'"

Regular meditation practice is supposed to quiet the mind and allow the body to tap into its own innate healing mechanisms. Yogis and monks have preached the powers of meditation for thousands of years, and the counter-culture generation of the '60s embraced transcendental meditation — a still-thriving form of internal mantra-chanting — as a method to alter consciousness.

But many people today are taking up meditation for reasons that have little or nothing to do with spiritual enlightenment and a lot to do with improving their health. Scientists are using MRI and other advanced technologies to study the physiological changes that occur in meditating Buddhist monks. "These researchers are starting to demonstrate, with the type of laboratory science that can influence even skeptical physicians, what those who engage in this ancient practice have believed for many centuries: Meditation works."

A growing body of research has shown that meditation has clear benefits. Now, doctors and other health-care professionals are recommending meditation as a way to treat a variety of ills, from depression to high blood pressure and hyperactivity. In some cases, meditation — or as it's sometimes called, "relaxation techniques" — is prescribed when other treatments, such as prescription drugs,

haven't worked, or as a complement to drug therapy. Recent research has shown that meditation can help reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke, as well as reduce pain and enhance the body's immune system.

Meditation is free, accessible and portable. It has no negative side effects — a fact that makes doctors feel comfortable recommending it. Meditation requires only that you be able to sit quietly for 10 minutes or more, while focusing on your breath or a word or phrase. Anyone can do it. And while millions of Americans already are meditating in some fashion, many more would likely benefit.

"I believe that meditation is the most important thing a person can do for their health," said Dr. David Simon, medical director and chief executive of the Chopra Center at La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, Calif., the wellness clinic founded by New Age author and physician, Dr. Deepak Chopra.

As with many lifestyle changes, most notably diet and exercise, getting started and sticking with meditation can be difficult. Meditation takes time and discipline. Desperately seeking health or sanity, many stressed-out people yearn for some quiet time amid the chaotic frenzy of their daily lives. Finding 10 uninterrupted minutes and a quiet place to sit down and shut your eyes can be a stumbling block. It's problematic to zone out in a cubicle at work, or at a restaurant during lunch. And home life can be hectic in these wired and wireless times.

No one knows for sure how many of those who begin meditating continue the practice. Gen Kelsang Lekma, a Buddhist nun who has taught meditation for a decade in Los Angeles, said the dropout rate is fairly high: Only about half the students who begin a typical 13-class series will complete it, she estimates, and perhaps two out of 10 students who begin meditating will be doing so after a couple of years.

Students abandon the practice for a variety of reasons, Lekma said. Some don't like it or can't get

the hang of it, and others lack the discipline to practice it regularly, usually daily. Some students are attracted to meditation out of a desire to learn something about Buddhist philosophy, but eventually lose interest.

How a person comes to meditation may also have an impact on his or her willingness to stick with it. For example, an increasing number of physicians are recommending meditation as a form of therapy to patients with heart disease, high blood pressure and even infertility. Dr. Herbert Benson, a Harvard University professor and president of the Mind/Body Medical Institute in Chestnut Hill, Mass., said that in his clinical experience, about 60 percent to 70 percent of those who begin a meditation-type practice primarily for medical reasons (sometimes at the recommendation of their doctor) adopt the teachings.

Proponents of the practice — from Buddhists to cardiologists — are trying to help more people work meditation into their daily lives. So what are the most effective approaches for starting meditation and ensuring you'll stick with it?

The first step is to make the commitment, experts said. Learn about why it works physiologically and how it might benefit your health.

Published more than 25 years ago, Benson's pioneering book, "The Relaxation Response," showed how 10 minutes of meditative technique — a day — could increase concentration and counter the harmful effects of stress, such as high blood pressure and strokes.

Considered by many to be the father of U.S. meditation, Benson uses the phrase "relaxation response" to refer broadly to various meditation-type techniques — including prayer, qi gong, yoga and tai chi — that quiet the brain.

Newcomers need to stick with meditation long enough to make it a habit. Taking a meditation class or attending a meditation retreat can be a shortcut to feeling the positive effects of meditation faster and establishing a routine, experts said.



Meditation has surprisingly broad medical uses, science is finding. It takes discipline, though, to reap the benefits.

"Most people find it very difficult to begin a meditation practice on their own," said Lekma, 37, resident teacher at Khandakapala Buddhist Center in Los Angeles. "When you meditate with others, you get some kind of group dynamic going. When you get some people who are experienced, you kind of feed off it."

Experts caution, however, that meditation won't produce the immediate "hit," such as reduced stress or increased energy, that a

workout in the gym or other brisk exercise will do. Meditation takes time to learn, and even people who have been doing it for years still have times when their minds wander.

It is important to be patient and start slowly. Lekma, the Buddhist nun, suggests starting with tiny steps, such as a single weekly session with others, followed by a small personal commitment that you could stick to — for example, five to 10 minutes a day.

"People come in with a lot of enthusiasm, but have unrealistic expectations," Lekma said. "Instead of taking very small steps they say, 'I want to run a marathon.' First you have to run half a block."

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Hospital offers childbirth refresher

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

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

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

To do for you

About C-sections
 Cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Dec. 30 in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include information on cesarean deliveries, postpartum care, hospital procedures

and non-conforming labors. Cost is \$20. Preregistration is not required. For more information, call 737-2900.

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

ANNIVERSARY

THE DEKLOTZES

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert F. DeKlotz Jr. will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, at the Twin Falls United Methodist Church, 350 Shoshone St. E.

DeKlotz and Eleanor J. Kistler met while he farmed in Filer and she worked for the Twin Falls hospital. They were married Oct. 18, 1953.

He farmed for 22 years and worked in the maintenance department at the College of Southern Idaho for 20 years. He



Gilbert and Eleanor DeKlotz

has served on the board of trustees at the Twin Falls Methodist Church, has been a camp coun-

selor for Camp Sawtooth, past-president of the Dilettantes, and a member of Masonic Lodge 55.

She has helped in various clubs including Boy Scouts, 4-H, Rainbow Girls, Eastern Star, and the Methodist Church and Women's Society. They both volunteer at the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center and have many hobbies they enjoy sharing with friends and family.

They have two children, Martin (Roberta) DeKlotz of Filer and Linda DeKlotz (Melvin Howard) of W. St. Paul, Minn., and two granddaughters.

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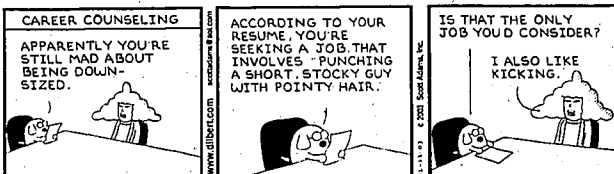
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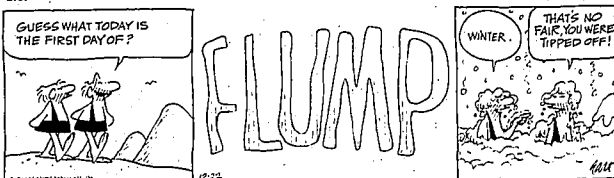
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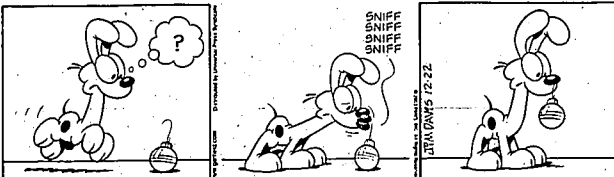
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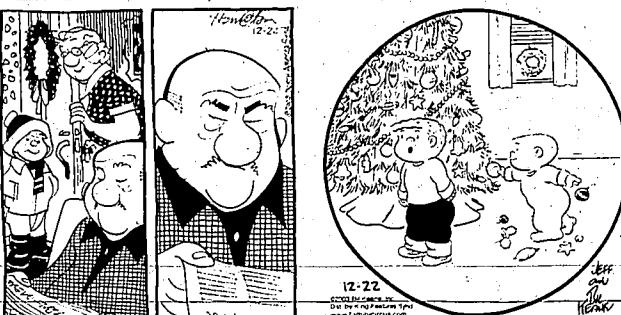


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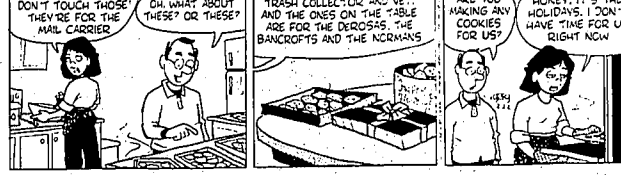
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SCHOOL DAYS

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Holiday jingles

Penny wars encourage students to give

Recently, there has been a lot of jingling through the halls of Jerome High School. But, it hasn't been the typical jingling of bells. Instead, we've heard the happy sound of pennies.

Last week concluded the "Penny Wars." Everybody in the school made a great effort to help needy families. Thanks to all the students, staff members and faculty who helped and donated. A special thanks to Becky Long and Terri Gardner in the office. Each year they spend countless hours sorting through thousands of dollars of change.

The "Penny Wars" are put on each year by the student council. It provides a great way for stu-



TIGER PRINTS
Kayla Earle

dents to help our community and provide a little healthy competition between classes. All money collected is used to provide Christmas to families in need.

The seniors brought in the most pennies with \$694, the freshmen were third with \$412, sophomores were third with \$404, faculty was fourth with \$156 and the

juniors raised \$131. The grand total for the penny wars for Christmas is \$3,333.52. The spirit of Christmas is thriving at Jerome High School! Thanks again to everyone who donated to this worthy cause and congratulations to the seniors for an awesome job!

The giving job continues. SkillsUSA recently earned \$122 for the veteran's cemetery and presented a check for that amount to Roland Gardner and Stanley Sorenson of the Magic Valley veterans organization on Nov. 11. This is a great accomplishment for SkillsUSA. Way to go!

Merry Christmas from Principal Patti O'Bell. The audito-

rium ricked with enthusiasm as Assistant Principal Ty Jones announced the winning class and the total amount for the Penny War Christmas collection contest. The band and the cheerleaders brought down the house with the "Hey" song as the students celebrated their success in raising \$1,000 more than last year. Youthful enthusiasm for giving to others - is anything more rewarding? With this spirit of giving, the staff members and students at JHS wish everyone a happy holiday season!

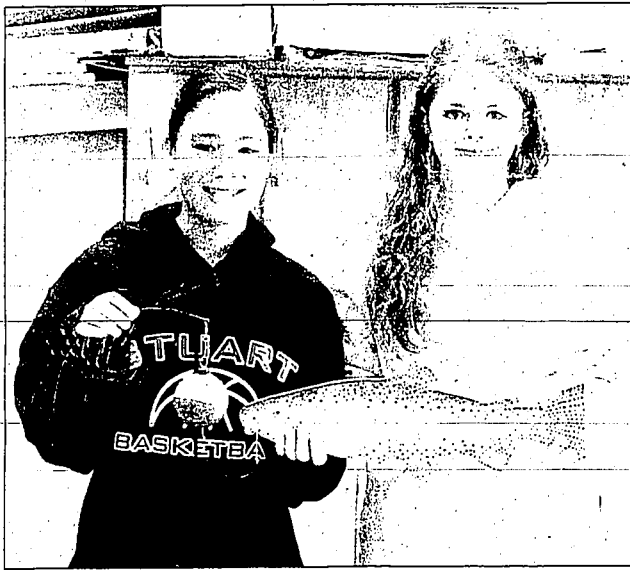
Kayla Earle is a Jerome High School senior.

SINGING OVATION



Second-graders at Dworshak Elementary School in Burley performed a patriotic program for parents and area veterans in commemoration of Veterans Day. Music teacher, Loretta Peterson, led the children in a collection of patriotic songs and narrations. At the conclusion of the program, students sang the theme songs for each branch of the Armed Services and asked veterans to stand when their song was sung.

FISHIN' FOR ART



Art students, to the right, Allissa Schuster and Angelena Malberg at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls, hold up one of the 12 Christmas fish ornaments sent to Washington, D.C. to be placed on the White House Christmas tree. The ornaments were made from stoneware clay using a slab technique of fabrication that they learned in Jay Bryan's art class.

Jerome High School students earn awards at Aca-Deca competition

By Laura Connors
Special to The Times-News

JEROME - The Jerome High School Academic Decathlon team competed for the first time this year on Dec. 6, and the students brought home several awards.

Academic decathlon is open to students in grades nine through 12. Winners are listed by name, category and placement:

Honors category
Christine Gardner, speech, gold
Lacey Davis, speech, silver
Jay Newman, overall, silver;

science, silver; math, silver; art, bronze; economics, gold, and essay, gold; Jamie Mitchell, science, silver; and essay, silver

Kayla Earle, overall, bronze; language and literature, bronze; art, silver; economics, silver; and interview, gold medal (perfect score)

Seth Wood, economics, bronze

Susan Bingham, essay, bronze

Scholastic category
Caitlyn Lancaster, overall, silver; speech, gold; language and literature, silver; economics, bronze; essay, silver; and interview, gold; Jennifer Waite, sci-

ence, bronze
Rebecca Abern, overall, bronze; science, bronze; language and literature, bronze; and art, gold; Tami Nejezchlova, economics, silver; and interview, bronze
Ashlee Barber, essay, gold

Varsity category
Vanessa Juarez, speech, gold; science, bronze; language and literature, bronze; art, bronze; and essay, bronze

Dana McCord; art, gold; economics, silver; and essay, gold
The national finals will be held in Boise on April 14-17, 2004. The theme will be "America: Growth of a Nation."

Twin Falls High gets into holiday spirit

Lately, students at Twin Falls High School have been getting into the holiday spirit.

Our own Chamber Singers, women's chorus and concert choir have been bringing joy to the masses with their renditions of Christmas favorites. On Dec. 8 at Roper Auditorium, the women's chorus sang, among others, "Brightest and Best," "Sing a Song of Merry Christmas" and "All Alone Beneath the Mistletoe." Concert choir chimed in with songs such as "Glad Noel," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "The Christmas Rose." Meanwhile, the always impressive Chamber Singers crooned "Somebody in My Memory," "Carol of the Bells" and "My personal favorite, "Sleigh Ride."

The TFHS band and orchestra held their winter concert on Dec. 16. "Winter's Night," "Nutcracker" and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" were some of the band's songs. The orchestra followed with "Frosty the



BRUIN BUZZ
Emily Jackson

Snowman," "Ukraine Bells" and others.

Meanwhile, the students have been getting into the season of giving. There was a school-wide can food drive sponsored by FCCLA members. Key Club members have been busy raising money to buy, wrap and deliver gifts for a family, who without their help, may have had a not-so-bright holiday season. Key Club also is enrolling at local senior centers in hopes of cheering those who may not have family close by to come visit them.

The Bruin student councils also are planning a fund-raising event never before attempted at TFHS -

an all-night party featuring food, games and live music. The event is planned to take place in February.

TFHS also held a school-wide door decorating contest. Mrs. Palmer's CIP class came in first with its wintry scene and Mrs. Connor's CIP class came in second with its "chemis-tree."

Mike Federico's class won the canned food-drive with 2,753 items. Janis Motern-High's class (1,860 items) and Jo Marie Connor's class (383 items) came in second and third.

This holiday season students are taking time to spread good cheer and reach out to help those who haven't quite felt the holiday spirit. Even with all the fun, most students will still agree that the greatest part of the holiday season, of course, is more than two full weeks of winter vacation!

Emily Jackson is a staff writer with the Twin Falls High School Bruin News.

HAVE SOME PIE



Shelby Bell, Kimberly Middle School student, smears cream pie into the face of her teacher, Troy Palmer. Palmer's eighth-grade homeroom class won the competition for most canned food items collected by the eighth-graders. Lani Tingey's homeroom class collected the most for the sixth grade. Judy Young's seventh-grade homeroom class collected the most canned goods with the help of Pierce Reynolds who brought in 720 food items. The school collected a total of 2,629 canned food items that were donated to the East End Providers to give to local needy families at Thanksgiving.

SCHOOL NEWS

Buhl High School announces cast for 'Shakespeare' play

BUHL - Buhl High School announced the cast of its annual dinner theater production of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, abridged." The play will be held Jan. 16-17 at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl.

Tickets are \$25 per couple, \$15 per single or \$12 for senior citizens.

This is the Buhl drama department's annual fund-raiser. The dinner will offer a selection of two different entrees.

The play is performed by three actors who portray characters from all of Shakespeare's plays.

There will be two casts, each performing one night.

The cast for Jan. 16 is Lara Welch, Jessica Adams and William Slomp. The Jan. 17 cast is Krystal Archer, Asiel Arroyo and Andrew Hutchinson.

Reservations can be made by calling David Blaszkiewicz at Buhl Middle School, at 543-8292.

Dietrich School announces most recent honor roll

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Grade 12
Ayleen Sorenson and Scott Southwick
Grade 10
Kelli Fenelon and Melanie Perron

Grade 9
Lindy Bingham
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Grade 12
Michelle Anderson, Stewart Bingham, Vance Dill, A.J. Hill and Nikki Towne

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Djassan Bouin, Ashley Cain, Shannan McDaniel, Alisha Gross, Young Ilwan Kim, Lars Krokeler, Bryant Pitman, Lindsey Shaw and Jutek Weber

Grade 10
Denise Anderson, Caitlin Dill, Nicki Miller, Dustin Towne and Kellie Whittaker

Grade 9
Jackson Hill and Tatiana Weber

Grade 7
Jesse Dill and Scott Perron
3.25-3.49 GPA
Grade 11
Kassidy Whittaker
Grade 10
Madaya Auker and Kasi McCowan
Grade 7
G.W. Bailey and Kelly Perron

Bliss FFA student earns national honor for leadership

BLISS - Josh Patton, a member of the Bliss FFA Chapter from Gooding, has received the American FFA Degree. The honor was presented on Nov. 1 at the 76th National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky.

The degree recognizes demonstrated leadership ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing or service programs. To be eligible, members must have earned and productively invested \$7,500 through a supervised agricultural experience program in which they start, own or hold a professional position in an existing agriculture enterprise.

Recipients must also make their mission to demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement. Each award recipient receives a gold American FFA Degree key, certificate and a wallet ID card. Of 464,267 FFA members nationwide, Josh was one of only 2,789 to

be recognized in 2003. FFA is a national organization preparing young people for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 7,194 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Dietrich names students of the month
DIETRICH - Dietrich School named students of the month for December. Academics: Melanie Perron and Dustin Towne. Most Improved: Tina Ross and Maria Zavala. Citizenship: Kasi McCowan and Kyle Meyer.