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GOOD MORNING

College report



nns Ferry's Korey Hall is a defensive standout for Boise State football, which plays today in the Fort Worth Bowl.

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Today: clouds. Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers.

High of 38, low of 26

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Real estate rush: County leaders need to proceed slow-ly on Anderson Lumber build-ing, today's editorial says.

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Party dishes

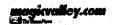
A Twin Falls cook shares his tried and true holiday recipes. Wednesday in

The Times-News

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Full disclosure



The Van Engelen family, from left, Dave, Deb, Lacey and Dusty, look at pictures of their son and brother Brady, an Army platoon leader in Iraq, at their Twin Falls home Monday night. Van Engelen and his platoon are featured in the Dec. 29 edition of Time magazine, which names the American soldier Person of the Year.

Family-learns of soldier's mission in magazine

By Julie Pence Times-News w

TWIN FALLS - It could simply."

be that he's not given to brigging.

Or it could be he was under orders not to talk about his real mission in Iraq.

But whatever his reasons for not explaining that he regularly leads 12 men on raids in dangerous Iraqi cities, 1st L. Brady Van Engelen's family and griffriend of almost five years will learn the details of his missions for the first time today. - right along with. details of his missions for the first time_today - right along with everyone else in the world. That's when the last Time magazine issue for 2003 - the one famous for its "Person of the Year" choice - hits newsstands

hits newsstands.
 Van Engelen, an Army Ranger who will turn 24 years old on Sunday, grew up in Twin Falls. He heads the platoon in the Army's 1st Armored Division. It was cho-

FIRST Lt.
Brady Van Engelen
For the Company of the

natural-born leader, his family sen by Time to represent the 2003 Person of the Year - the 1.4 million men and women in the

natural-born leader, his family and girlfined say.

"He sets by example," Lacey Van Engelen said.

"He's not a braggadocio," said his father, Dave Van Engelen.
"He's pretry low key."

That, explains, why. Dave Van, Engelen got his first inkling his middle child would be in Time magueine only on Thursday, when Brady sent him an e-mail. But the message barely alluded io something coming up in Time magazine.

Then Van Engelen's girlfriend, Anastasia DePelice, who works in New York Ciry, got a hold of his family late Sunday evening after she had pulled up part of the story online.

"That was our first time to find out it was a major story." Dave Van Engelen's mother, Deb Van Engelen's mother, Deb Van Engelen's mother, Deb Van

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Army platoon leader Brady Van Engelen of Twin Falis Isn't on the cover of Time magazine, but he's featured prominently in stories about the magazine's 2003 Person the U.S. military

T.F. council OKs Anderson Lumber conversion

By Karin Kowalski Times News writer

TWIN FALLS—The City Council has cleared the way for Twin Falls County to convert the old Anderson Lumber facilities on Eastland Drive into county government offices and storage.

Now, county officials must com-

ment offices and storage.

Now, county officials must complete the deal to buy the property, and that could happen as early as today.

Other council business - B1

The City Council Monday approved a plan that will enable the county to use the majority of the property for offices and storage while renting part of the back storage building to Stock Building Supply, the current owner. County commissioners want to buy the 11.5 acres at 960 Eastland Drive

that include an empty big-box store, storage building and other

ceration or detention of prisoners.

• The county must build an

approved, secure pesticide storage facility and a pad for loading and mixing chemicals that would be

departments would maintain small amounts of fertilizers and pesticides on the property

oldes on the property.

The county must implement a landscaping plan with screening trees along the south side of the property within a year.

The last provision was a response to requests from community members that nearby homes

Officials: High terror alert won't affect travel The Times-News and The Associated Press

Twin FALIS - An increase in the national terror-artick warning shouldn't affect airline travel or other aspects of life for most people in Itaho, officials say.

State police, military and scentrily forces were operating at a higher state of alern Monday flowing the increase in the attack warning. However, state authorities listening in Sundays conference call with the Department of Homeland Security said they heard no reason to suspect any targets had been singled out in Idaho.

At the Twin Falls airport, officials were still recommending that airline passes in get a nour before their department of the terror alert—see ngers an hour before

airline pass terror alert – series arrive an A3, C1 hour before their departure times – the same as the past couple of years.

"To the average person it won't slow them down." Airport Manager Bill Carberry said. "but we are at a heightened state of vigilance." For example, Carberry said disport employees are "taking a closer look at" unattended baggae, And "were being very careful about unattended vehicles at the terminal," he said. "You can still pull up to drop, people off, but don't abandon your car out front for any length of time." Some visible changes as state and federal employees arrived a work Monday morning in Boist were signs asking employees to wear identification tags at all times.

At Idaho's National Guard

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At Idaho's National Guard Headquarters at Gowen Field in Boise, military, police had begun-checking all identification.

Across the runways at the Boise's new civilian airport, Boise Airport Police Lt. Terry Howard said, "We'll be beefing up patrols, doing certain things," such as increasing visibility of patrols and canine units.

Assistant Airport Director Garry Fraise said the addition of four new X-ray machines about a month ago has helped keep the wait for travelers at about 40 mintes or less during peak periods. Otherwise, the average wait is about all to 15 minutes.

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State police spokesman Rick
Ohnsman said officers will
increase patrols at predetermined locations. But he also
added, "This threat didn't seem
to have anything specific for
Idaho."

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At Mountain Home Air Force Base, the security posture is not driven by the national alert level, which is for civilians, said. Air Force spokesman Lt. Lucas Ritter of the 366th Fighter Wing.

ot the 366th Fighter Wing. Currently, everyone coming through the gate is checked for a valid military or dependent iden-tification card. Those without per-mission must wait at the gate and

Ouake shakes California, kills two

PASO ROBLES, Calif. - A mag-nitude-6.5 earthquake ripped through California wine country Monday, killing two women as it brought down old downtown buildings in Paso Robles and rocked the state from Los Angeles

rocked the state from Los Angeles to San Francisco.
The 11:16 a.m. quake smashed hard into the San Luis Obispo County town about 20 miles east—of the epircenter, devastating and damaging more than 40 other buildings. The roof of the 19th century structure housing a jewel-er, dress shop and novelty store fell onto parked cars.
"They are crushed like little toys, nothing left," said Nick-Sherwin, 61, who had ordered staff and customers to flee his Pan Jewelers when he felt the first tremors.

Searchers pulled apart piles of bricks_and_mangled_wood_with



The wooden cupola that housed the town clock lies in the streethe historic two-story clock tower building following an earthque Robles, Calif., Monday,

Robles, Calli, Monday.
their hands, shovels and heavy
equipment. The bodies of
Jennifer Myrick, 19, of
Atascadero and Marilyn Zafuto,
55, of Paso Robles, were found on

the sidewalk outside the dress shop, said police Sgt. Bob Adams. The owners of three cars dam-aged in the rubble were still unac-counted for.

Fish low in mercury? Salmon, oysters top list

WASHINGTON - Fish are heart-

WASHINGTON - Fish are hearthealthy, and most Americans should eat more. But fish also can contain . mercury, and too much mercury can harm brain cells, especially in the very young. So what are the best choices for both the heart and the brain? Salmon and oysters top 'the list as high in hearthealthy omega 3 fatty acids and very low in mercury, and there are numerous other low-mercury choices, too. Yet the government has no commer-friendly list of its own mercury testing results to help people of different ages choose seafood. In fact, the good news about low-mercury choices has been far overshadowed by a battle over which fish the Food and Drug Administration should warm people most at risk from mercury.

pregnant women and young children, to avoid. That controversy made headlines again recently as the FDA grappled with whether certain types of ever-popular tuna should be on the other certain types of ever-popular tuna should be on the other certain types. The potential backlash effective reven mercury critics acknowledge.

ven mercury critics acknowledge, that many Americans could be ared away from fish in general =

a bad choice.
"It's really unfortunate," especially for middle-aged people who are most in need of fish and least at risk from mercury, says Dr. William S. Harris of the American Heart Association.
His organization recommends that most people eat a variety of the most people are a variety of a bad choice "It's reall

that most people eat a variety of fish rich in omega-3s at least twice a week, even more for those diag-nosed with heart disease.

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re upper sus Ight: Turning cloudy with a snow shower devaloping late is in the middle 20s norrow: Cloudy and breezy with occasional rain or snow wers: Highs in the lower to middle 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny early then increasing clouds. Highs In the upper 30s to near 40. Tonight: Turning cloudy with a snow shower developing late. Lows in line middle 20s. Tomorrow: Breezy with clouds and showers.—Highs-in-the-tower 40s.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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"The message should be: 'Eat more fish for your health white minimizing your mercury intake," adds Ned Groth, a scientist with Consumers Union, a nonprofit group that is pushing the FDA upublicize low-mercury choices.

Mercury pollution washes into waterways and builds up in fish. The bigger the fish, the more mercury it contains.

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Over time, the metal can accumulate in fish-caters' bodies, too. High enough levels can damage the growing brains of fetuses and young children. About 8 percent of women of childhearing age have enough mercury in their blood to put a fetus at risk.

Par less is known about the potential dangers of mercury-containing scafood in other people. Consumer advocates say about smillion people are extreme scalood lovers eating so much of it per week that, depending on what varieties they choose, they might be at risk, too.

be at risk, too. Still, exposure by fetuses and

young children are clearly the biggest concern. The FDAs scientific advises recently urged the government to stress low-mercury-toices for women of childbearing age and youngsters, so the FDA is rewriting its seafood recommendations. The new list is due out next

MINDSHIELD'S

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For now, a review of FDA's mercury measurements in 39 seafood varieties shows:

Salmon, oysters, whitefish, seabass, freshwater trout and sardines contain both high levels of heart-healthy omega-3s and low mercury levels, below 0.13 parts per million.

Other low-mercury choices include perch, king crab, flounder, sole, pollock, cattish, crables, scallops, crawfish, shrimp, clams and diapia. They contain less omega-3s, but servings can add up.

Thun is controversial, because different varieties contain different amounts of both mercury and heart-healthy fats. Canned light tuna contains a small amount of

omega-3, about as much as shrimp, and fairly low 0.13 ppm mercury. But fresh tuna steaks and the more expensive canned white or, albacore tuna contain three times as much mercury, and almost as much omega-3 as salmon.

That puts albacore in the medium-mercury range. So many consumer groups recommend that pregnant women and children stick to modest amounts of the lower-mercury light runa – about 9-ounces a week for women and 3 ounces for youngsters.

• Also in the medium-mercury range are saltwater trout, bluefish, lobster, halibut, haddock, snapper and crabs. Grouper, and orange roughy are at the high end of this group. FDA's advisers said women of childbearing age probably should limit these fish to a serving a week.

a week.

• The FDA advises women of childbearing age to avoid shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish, which contain the most mercury of species tested to date.

After the conference call, Bishop activated Idaho's State Automated Warning System, said Idaho National Guard spokesman Lt. Col. Tim Marsano. It automatically dials the telephone numbers of about 1,000 top state officials and leaves a minute-long recording of information about the alert, along with

top state officials and leaves a minute-long recording of information about the alert, along with anything especially pertinent to Idaho.

There was nothing of that nature in Sunday's call, but it's still an important tool, he said.

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be screened from the unsightly
view of equipment being temporarily stored bohind the building and
to help protect homes and childron
from immate laborers who may perform maintenance on the property.
County Commissioner Tom
Mikesell said about 127 county
employees would work at the
building if it were purchased. The
purchase would also take about
\$55,000 off the tax rolls, but by
consolidating its offices, the county would be selling enough property to put \$38,000 back onto the
tax rolls.
Earlier Monday, Mikesell told
The Times-News that the purchase
of the old Anderson Lumber property could allow some of the sherriffs department vehicle fleet to
be moved there. That might provide room to expand the downtown county jail. However, he didn't say whether that is part of the

county's plan.

At Monday right's meeting, several City Council members were concerned about the chemicals that could be stored on the old Anderson Lumber site.

James Goes Ells, the county's director of parks and waterways, said the county buys chemicals as it needs them to avoid having things on site. None of the chemicals would be explosive, and as a whole they would probably be less rock than the merchandise that used to be sold when the home and garden store was in business.

Mayor Lance Clow said the change in the planned-unit development agreement for the old Anderson Lumber property did not require a public hearing, but he wanted to take comments nonetheless.

Adam Williams, who lives near

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Adam Williams, who lives near
the empty store, said a county
office would produce more traffic

suggested removing a gate-from Ninth Avenue East that allows access to the back side of the building,—so that commuting employees would not crowd that

employees would not crowd that street.
Williams and another neighbor, Thavis Pierce, presented two other proposals, one to screen the south portion of the property from residences with trees and another to keep "inmate" work "crews" away from the portion of the property next to homes.

Some residents of the neighborhood attended to show their support for the county relocating offices there.

"It's better than a commercial grouperty) or a dance hall or a brothel," said Paul Brunett, who lives across from the building.

Times News writer Sandy Miller contributed to this report.

Alert

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At the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory in the eastern Idaho desert, spokesman Rick Dale said the number of entrances to the site has been reduced.
"We're being much more care-ful on access to government buildings and doing checks, of badges," he said.
Bill Bishop, director of Idaho's Bureau of Homeland Security,

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said Monday he heard a deeper level of coocern in the voice of Secretary fom Ridge, who heads the new federal agency.

"The Department of Homeland Security and federal agencies are getting an unprecedented level of chatter and cell phone intercepts, at a level higher than that prior to Sept. 11," Bishop said.

"Some sources that the department describes as 'credible' are clear that this is a different order of magnitude about threats," Bishop said.

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Stay on top of your investments with the Money pages.

Quilting participant is named Deana Steel

A story Monday incorrectly spelled the name of quilter Deana Steel, a participant in a Twin Falls centennial quilt project.

The Times-News regrets the

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Engelen, became immediately
worried.
"We had no idea what Brady
was doing until we read the article," she said. "He didn't even tell
us he was the platoon leader."
DeFelice said though she communicates with him frequently in
a chat room over the Internet,
until reading the online story, she
was under the impression what he
did was mostly desk work. Dave
Van Engelen said he began to suspect more a month or so back
when one of Brady's fellow soldiers referred to the unit's former
leader dying in action. The dead
man had been Brady's former
roommate. It turned out that
Brady replaced the dead leader, a
charismatic officer who was close
to his troops.
"I was worried sick after hear-

charismatic officer who was close to his troops.

"I was worried sick after hearing that," Dave Van Engelen said." He told us he was kind of in charge of a carpool, and he had never told us really what he did. You just worry about your kids. He's in a dangerous place, and there are some pretty radical peo-

Send a message

This holiday season, The Times-News is helping Magic Valley residents send cheer to mem-bers of the U.S. military. As a free public service, the newspa-per offers "Holiday Military Messages." You can send season's greetings to members of the armed forces, and military personnel can send greetings back home. The greetings will appear on the newspa-

per's Web site,
www.magicvalley.com.
A greating can be sent to a specific
person or unit, or to the armed
forces in general. Just call up the
Web site, scroll down and click on
the "Holiday Military Messages"
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ple over there, and they do radical things." Van Engelen took over the

things."
Van Engelen took over the team, officially designated as Survey Platoon, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment of the 1st Armored Division, just two

Armored Division, just immonths ago.

DeFelice took exception to the way the article described Van Engelen's developing relationship with his new platon. The article said Van Engelen is "still fighting for his soldiers' respect."

"I was kind of offended by that."
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for his soldiers' respect."
"I was kind of offended by that.
I'm sure he was too," said offended be defeliee, a 24-year-old Sacramento, Calif., native. "He's very sensitive. Sometimes he'll keep things inside."
Defeliee also said she didn't like the magazhne's description of Van Engelen as a "tobacco-chewing, stolid" sort. She said she had never known him to chew tobacco and jumped him about it the first chance she got.
"He said that he hadn't had any breakfast and that it took edge off." Defelice advised her sweetnern to not waste any time getting rid of the habit.
Defeliee met Van Engelen at Seattle University their freshman year. Brady was going to school on

an ROTC scholarship. She said they have plans to get married. "He said he missed the boat before he left - that we should have at least gotten engaged," DeFelice said.

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While he physically is thousands of miles away, DeFelice said she contacts him at least once a day through computer messaging. Because of the time difference between New York and Baghdad, she leaves her computer on with the volume turned up so the announcement jingle when he sends a message will wake her at night.

Dave Van Engelen works in

sends a message will wake her at might.

Dave Van Engelen works in Twin Falls as a certified public accountant, and this mother, Dety, works as a counselor at Twin Falls High School. The soldier has an older brother, Dusty, living in Pocatello, Sister Lacey is studying to become an elementary school teacher at Boise State University. Van-Engelen started in his Army Ranger class with 347 other soldiers, but only 75 made it through the course, Dave Van Engelen said.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

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NATION



Police officers of the airport unit inspect a car Monday during a random search of vehicles driving along the departures roadway of Philadelphia international Airport. Security measures have increased across the country, a day after the nation's terror threat level was raised to orange, or high.

Americans mostly shrug off orange terror rating

NEW YORK (AP) - Travelers encountered tighter security at the nations airports, train, stations, bridges and highways Monday morning, a day after the government raised the national threat level and said attacks were possible during the holidays. Many people shrugged off the alert, but some were nervous. In Connecticut, state troopers were watching highway bridges and riding on commuter trains heading in and out of New York. "It's just the government making everyone aware so if something happens, they can say, 'See, w told you,'" said Eric Kerzner, '29, of Millord, Com,, who commutes to New York. "You can't be scared." On Sunday, the federal government caised the national terror-attack warning to "Code Orange," its second-highest level, following warnings that al-Qaidal may be plotting attacks against, the olidays.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said threat indicators are "perhaps greater now than at any point" since Sept. 11.

Some commuters seemed unfaxed by the new warning. Joe Saydlowski, also difficult with the cleant capture of Saddam Hussein and the holiday

Saddam Hussein and the holiday season.
"It's disturbing, but I guess kind of, anticipated," said Saydlowski, 51. "It think it provides more safety. Pm not sure how much additional protection there is in reality". New York City, which has been at Code Orange status since the color-coded system. was _introduced in March 2002, mobilized hundreds of extra police officers to patrol in and around-locations-considered susceptible to attack places of worship, landmarks, tourist attractions, Wall Street and subway stations among them.
Waiting for a subway in Lower

Manhattan on Monday morning. David Davidson of Brooklyn saidhe was not concerned about the elevated alert. "Not more than anything else. I understand that living is a risk in itself, and you take it." he said.

At several aiprots, including Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport in Hebron, Ky, the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport authorities were subjecting vehicles to inspection.

Governors across the country offered the same basic message: Although residents should be vigilant, there was no specific threat against their communities and they should stick to their holiday plans. "We encourage people to go about their lives. I hope this is yet another false alarm; but we have to be prepared," said Massachusetts Gov. Mitt-Ronney.

Merry Christmas from All Of Us at Rock Creek! Thanks For Making Our Year Successfull

Companies argue about allegedly defective vests

CENTRAL LAKE, Mich. (AP)Richard Davis invented a flexible, concealable type of body armor after taking a bullet while delivering a pizza. He vouched for his products by donning them and shooting himself with a gum-nearly 200 times over three decades. The company he founded in 1972, Second Chance Body Armon Locare the nation's biggest supplier of bulletproof vests to law enforcement agencies. It claims to have saved more than 920 wearers from death or serious injury. Now, Second Chance is drawing fire of a different sort: allegations that its vests are defective.

The accusations raise questions about the reliability of body armor worn by thousands of police officers around the nation. The controversy has generated at least six lawsuits, federal and state investigations, and finger

Editor's note:

The Times-News checked with area law enforcement, and they do not use this brand of bullet-proof vest.

pointing between Second Chance and the producer of Zylon, a high-tech synthetic fiber woven into many of Second Chance's vests.

One lawsuit blames Second Chance armor in the death of a California policeman last July. The latest case was filed last week by the state of Arkansas, demanding a \$454,000 refund for \$57 vests bought for officers there.

Cases have also been brought on behalf of vest buyers in Massachusetts, Georgia, Illinois and Connecticut, where the state attorney general accused the company of causing police to play "real-life Russian roulette."

Housing officials pull plug on lights

The Washington Post

Well before Santa lands any-where near the public housing complex in Denville, N.J., resi-dents will have taken down their

dents will have taken down their lights and decorations.

Garlands, flickering bulbs and icicles pose safety hazards, according to a notice sent to the residents by the Morris County Public. Housing Authority, Housing officials ordered decorations stripped from the buildings exteriors. Anyone failing to comply would be fined.

Public housing director

Roberta Starter told the Star-Ledger the leases explicitly pro-hibit adornments





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Nation



U.S. forces cope with evolving guerrilla tactics "He's a thinking enemy. He gets a vote in our operations," said Lt. Col. Ken Devan, chief intelligence officer for the 1st Armored Division in Baghdad. "In some cases, he's probably looking at our patterns. That's why we try not to establish any." The U.S. military has adjusted to enemy tactics in other ways too. American tanks and infantry fighting whickes now patrol villages because their added height gives a better field of vision over villages low brick walls and squat mud-brick huts. Instead of strafing enemy positions, combat helicopters are mainly used for surveillance and intelligence gathering. Americans say they have also been using snipers to shoot insurgents who try to hide in a crowd, in an attempt to lessen civilian deaths in firefights. —In Tildrit, the 4th Infantry built a weapons range where soldiers on convoy duty practice battlight ambushers, shooting from mowing vehicles without hitting other turnees and trucks in their corvoy. U.S. commanders also rely heav

Roadside bomb kills two soldiers, wounds two more

TIKRIT Iraq (AP) - In the early days of the guerrilla war, Lt. Col. Steven Russell's troops battled groups of insurgents armed with automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades.

Against Russell's tanks and

Against Russell's tanks and Bradleys, the rebels were over-whelmed. So they adapted, switching to roadside bombs, hiding them in animal careasses, sandhags and trash cans. Then the rebels learned U.S. patrol patterns. They launched a recent ambush on one unit by releasing a flock of pigeons to signal the arrival of American vehicles. "They got smarter, so do we," said Russell, a battallion commander with the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division. "We've certainly been able to adapt." Russell said his battallion conseponded by varying its movements. Soldiers developed a quick, efficient method for dealing with roadside bombs: blasting them with machine gun fire from their Abrams M1-A1 tanks, making the bombs explode harmlessly. Some of those makeshift explosives – activated by tripovires, hard-wired electric triggers or remote control transmitters stripped from toys or doorbells—still explode with deadly effect.

On Monday, two soldiers from the U.S. Army's 1st Armorred division and their Iraqi translator were killed by a roadside bomb in Baghdad. Two other American moops were wounded in the blast. "This is their weapon of choice," said Capt. Jon Cecalupo, who commands an Army armored unit based in Tikit, "They do not want to risk a direct confrontation." As the ambushes continued, military convoys began beefing up their armor, bothing steel plates to the sides and floors of their Humces.

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Season

Jury deliberates sniper's fate

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) – A jury began deciding Monday whether Lee Boyd Malvo should live or die for his par in the Washington sniper, attacks, after his lawyer argued that the young man had fallen under the control his twisted mentor, John Allen Muhammad.
Malvo, 18, was found guilty last week of murder in the killing of

rist analyst Linda Frankin, who was cut down by a single bullet to the head outside a Home Depot store. It was one of 10 slayings that gripped the Washington area with fear for three weeks in October 2002. Malvo was 17 at the

Last month, a jury in Virginia Beach convicted Muhammad, 42, of murder and recommended the

death penalty.
During Malvo's trial, his lawyers mounted an insanity defense, claiming indoctrination by Muhammad left him incapable of telling right from wrong. The jury rejected that defense, but if formed the basis of the attempt by Malvo's lawyers to save his life in the penalty phase of the case.
"There is no such thing as a self-

made man," defense attorney Craig Cooley said in asking the jury to sentence Malvo to life in prison without parole. "Lee was uniquely susceptible to becoming attached to a father figure in the charismatic personage of John Muhammad." He added: "Every person, certainly every child, has good within him. Every person is redeemable."

Judge: Pentagon cannot force

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Pentagon must stop forcing servicemen and women to take the anthrax vaccination against their will, unless President Bush signs a special order, a judge ruled Monday.

Millions of shots have been given, and hundreds of service members have been punished for refusing them since the mandatory vaccinations started in 1998.

The judge ruled that the anthrax vaccinations fell under a 1998 law prohibiting the use of

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troops to take anthrax shots

certain people being given the drug consent or the president waives the consent requirement. Congress passed the law following fears that the use of such drugs may have led to unexplained illnesses among weteruns of the 1991 Persian Gulf War that the come to be known as Gulf War Syndrome.

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cut him off at the knees," Devan said.

The U.S. military still uses its heavy weaponry at times. A recent raid involving dozens of Bradley fighting vehicles that rolled into Samarra; north of Baghdad, was a clear example of heavy punch tactics. Samarra has been one of Iraciy sprsistent hotspots, with the military estimating that 1,500 guerillas operate in and around the city.

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U.S. commanders also rely heavily on growing intelligence networks involving Iraqi informers and computer databases of suspects. Maj. Gen. Raymond Odierno, commander of the 4th Infantry, said such tools helped his division track and arrest Saddam Husenin erditer this mostler.

The software uses pattern and link analysis to find connections between suspected guerrillas, their funding sources and commanders.

"You try to predict what the enemy's going to do next. We try to cut him off at the knees," Devan

Hussein earlier this month.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):
Communications are intense; be careful as this is not the time to pick a fight, no matter how tempting. Home should be pleas-ant overall, and relationships

ant overall, and relationships with children run more smoothly, SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Cash flow is a powerful focus. This is a great time to reach out and make peace; don't be hesitant. A home beautification proj-

ect gathers momentum.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Watch how you push your agenda, and don't come on too strong. Consider a business partnership with someone you care about. Soothing words almost always smooth ruffled feathers. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): As the sun moves into your sign, the spotlight is on you and pretty much everyone responds well. Intense feelings are inaccessible or should be processed privately. Home may be combative – don't over-control.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Friends and group involvements stir your passions. You may be feeling invisible, but your charm comes through. Recognition may be delayed, but it will come.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Use your magnetism to boost your career; just be sure you're not stirring up trouble that can haunt you later. Creativity is in hibernation. Friendships are especially rewarding.

IF DECEMBER 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you were born on the cusp of Sagittarius and Capricorn and have the best qualities of both signs. You are ambitious (Capricorn) and hip qualities of both signs. You are ambitious (Capricorn) and hip time, making you perfectly suited for the music industry, like the Gibb twins. Romantic yet sensible, with a great follow-through ability, you are able to reach for a star. ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Don't get too caught up in defending your position or converting someone to your point of view. Though your focus is: career, friends are loving and need extra attention. However, be specially cautious if investing with them. TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You're ultra-sensitive today, try not to hold a grudge. Don't miss an opportunity to expand your horizons. Career is starting to bear real fruit. GEMINI (May 21-June-20): Feelings can get out of hand with loved ones; make sure you're not overreacting. Your appeal is powerful. A period of inner examination is beginning. Learning should be fun. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your power to get things done is awesome. Take time to connect with someone special; after you talk about feelings, plan a romantic evening. It is time to take the plunge. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can be a career. Co-workers should be great to work with today You're in a lowing place. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Give yourself a break from the volatile domestic atmosphere and try to have some fun.

DETROIT (AP) - White Stripes lead singer Jack White was charged Monday with aggravated assault after a fight with the lead singer of another band.
White went to a police precinct early Sunday morning and gave a statement saying he struck Von Bondies lead singer Jason Stollsteimer in self defense.
The Dec. 13 fight between White and Stollsteimer began shortly before midnight at the Majestic Theatre Center, where both men were in the audience for another concert.
Stollsteimer, 25, told police that White had punched him seven

DEAR ABBY VanBuren

pills, so I got the "morning-after" pill and took it. Kirk refused to believe I had taken it. At the breakfast table, he became furi ous and smashed the TV remote

Abigail

ous and smashed the 1V remote control.

It's not the first time he's thrown a temper tantrum. When he does, I always cringe. Then he gets over it and I clean up the mess. But this time, I was mad, too, so I smashed my cereal bowl on the floor. Well, it bounced and landed on his head! Blood poured everywhere. He was so frightened he called 911. They wanted

Woman worries about temper problems

to arrest me, but Kirk told them it was an accident. I didn't mean to hit him, although my mom says maybe l' did

although my mom says maybe i did.

Kirk took all his things with him when he went to the hospital for stitches, then went to stay at his brother's. The next day when! saw him, he hugged me and said, "You have a sick baby to take care of." He said he had been in so much pain he hadn't had time to get mad.

I feel terrible. If he'd done this to me, I would never see him

I feel terrible. If he'd done this to me, I would never see him again. (Although once he did hit my head against the car window while he was driving.)

In .my heart I know I didn't mean to hurt him, but nobody believes me. I should not have lost my temper. I know if I control myself and don't get mad over petty things, he will also be OK.

If he decides we should keep eeing each other, do you think it will work

– LOST MY TEMPER IN CHULA VISTA

CHULA VISTA

DEAR LOST: Your mother has spoken with the voice of experience, so pay attention. Young low may be tempestuous, but it is not supposed to leave you black-and-blue or with stitches. There are healthier, more constructive ways to deal with anger.

Unless you and Kirk learn to control your tempers in an adult and civilized fashion, you will repeat your parents' mistakes. As much as you may care for each other, it is vital you both get anger management counseline before you live together again. Please don't wait. Your problems will escalate if you ignore this issue.

DEAR ABBY. "Kirk" and I I have been together for more than three years, and last year he asked me to marry him. We have yet to set a date because we don't want to rush into anything. I am 25; he's 24. Ninety-five percent of the time, we are happy. He calls out of the blue just to say he loves me. I write him love letters. He blows me kisses from across the from. My only concern is, we have had two fights that became mild-physical, and I'm afraid of repeating my parents' mistakes. When I was a child, Dad hit Mom more than once. (My brother and I would hide in our rooms and hear her scream for us.) They finally divorced when I was in high school. My last fight with Kirk was over a pregnancy scare. I had missed a couple of birth control SPLISH SPASH __



A mannequin dressed as Santa Claus 'relaxes' Monday in a bathtub with a champagne glass in his hand, in the window of a Buenos Aires, Argentina, store.

Love changes women more than men

Q. How many species of creatures have only one eye?

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A. Two, The water flea. And another crustacean known unsurprisingly as the cyclops. There aren't any one-eyed mammals or birds or reptiles or amphibians.

That student of the mind, Theodor Reik, said a declaration of love changes a woman but not a man. Or more precisely, a woman sees herself as another person after, a man tells her he loves—ther. But after a woman tells a man she loves him, he sees in himself no change. If you question this difference, ask some-body, Your librarian maybe.

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Tides have nothing to do with tidal waves. You know that?

If you study to be an astronomer, odds are you'll wind up warking for a university. That's the biggest employer of astronomers.

Used to be traveling penmianship teachers. Callignaphers, Before the Civil War. They'd hold classes in little hoolhouses or private homes. Sometimes they'd set up tables on street corners to offer fancy calling cards. I've read all you have to do to make a living is develop just one of your telents.

William Shakespeare wrote: "The rankest compound of villainous smell that ever offended nostril." You can see Limburger has been around for a few centuries. But can you explain why?

Locals down around Germany's Stuttgart are known for thrift. They have a saying that translates: "Sell your dog, and do your own barking."

Q. What do you call the body of a jellyfish?

A. Its "bell." Did I mention a jellyfish has no brain?

Twothirds of the stars we know about are paired—each in a nit mercy close to the same size, revolving

Two-thirds of the stars we know about are paired -each in a pair pretty close to the same size, revolving around each other.

White Stripes lead singer faces aggravated assault charges began after Stollsteimer criticized

White had punched him seven times in the face. Police said

Stollsteimer's right eye was bruised and swollen and he was bleeding from his nose. He was taken to Detroit Receiving Hospital, where he was treated

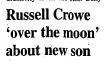
White, 28, faces anywhere from no jail time to a maximum of one year in prison if convicted. Wayne County Prosecutor Mike Duggan said Monday that the two had an ongoing disagreement that

White's role in producing the Von Bondies' first album. "It seems that far too often

"It seems that far too older celebrities think that the law does not apply to them," Dugan said at a Monday news conference. White and Meg White, who make up the White Stripes, are nominated together for Jhree Grammy Awards: album of the year and alternative music album

for "Elephant," and best rock per-formance by a duo or group with vocal for "Seven Nation Army." The song also earned Jack White a solo nomination for best rock

song. White also has a small role as a singer in the film "Cold Mountain," starring Nicole Kidman, Jude Law and Renee Zellweger, which opens Christmas



SYDNEY, Australia (AP) —
Russell Crowe, star of "A
Beautiful Mind," now is the father
of a beautiful child.

His wife, Danielle Spencer, gave
birth to Charles Spencer Crowe's
Sunday night. The baby weighed 6
pounds 2 ounces, Crowe's
Australian publicist, Wendy Day,
told Australian Associated PressCrowe married Spencer, a 32
year-old singer, April 7 at his
sprawling rural property of Nana
Glen near the east Australian
heach resort town of Coffs
Harbour.

Harbour.

If Crowe is nominated for an Academy Award, he'll skip the Oscars ceremony to stay at home and change his son's diapers, said his father-in-law, Don Spencer. "That's what he says, I think he'll be a fantastic dad ... he's over the

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EDITORIAL

Don't make a hasty move on old Anderson building

from our readers on this

and other issues

he last-minute Christmas shopping rush apparently has spilled over into the real estate market. Just days before the holiday. Twin Falls Country commissioners are considering a 10-year least-to-huy agreement for the old Anderson Lumber building on Eastland Avenue, for a price of 53.2 million.

The Twin Falls
City Council Our view approved a zone change for the property on are moving

Our view: Twin Falls County commissioners change for the property on Monday night, which paves the way for the build-ing's purchase. At the speed it's going, the deal could be done by are moving too quickly on purchasing the old Anderson Lumber building. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints

County leaders probably have the right inten-

County leaders probably have the right intentions in pursuing the deal. But this holiday purchase shouldn't be made in a rush.

Commissioners need to step back, do more cost-benefit analysis and hear more public input, before signing on the dotted line.

The \$3.2 million price is conditional on a purchase before the end of the year. Stock Building Supply, the owner, is offering a \$1.8 million price break so, the county will be before Jan. I, the owner can turn the transaction into tax savings.

But what's the real rush? This building has sat empty since Anderson closed its doors in May 2002. What's to prevent the owner from taking the write-off in 2004? If it's truly a good deal for the country and the seller, why can't it wait until public concerns are fully discussed?

To make this decision during the holidays, when citizens are paying scant attention to country issues, is unwise.

The 11-acre Anderson property includes a 35,000-square-foot secondary building, and an open pavilini for storage. The country could use

the space to consolidate most of its operations into one build-ing, allowing the county to sell eight buildings it owns else-where. Commissioners estimate the

Commissioners estimate the county would fetch \$1.5 million by selling the eight buildings. Is that a realistic appraisal of their market worth? Would these properties sell at all in the current mar-

ket? The Anderson facility has for phones and computer hookups, but it also will need \$700,000 of reno-\$700,000 of reno-vation. How will utility costs for the Anderson

the Anderson building compare with costs at the older buildings? Then there are

Jes. Then there are zoning and property tax issues. The county would lose \$55,000 in annual property taxes by making the purchase. Losing prime commercial property may not be a problem for local government. But local taxpaers will be forced to make up the difference. Another question is what wall.

the difference.

Another question is what will happen with extra space at the Twin Falls County Courthouse and adjacent vehicle storage

and adjacent vehicle storage property. Are county commissioners eyeing an option to use that space for possible expansion of the county jail?

Commissioners should take time to address these issues, rather than plow ahead. Just last week, they approved an ambulance taxing district that increases residents' property ambulance taxing district that increases residents' property taxes. Yet they provided no clear answers on who will manage the taxing district and rein in the runaway overtime pay of ambulance work-

time pay of ambutance workers.
County leaders are wise to look into the Anderson building purchase, but the deal needs more feedback and research. If commissioners don't use caution, this holiday purchase could lead to buyer's remorse.

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Are we safe? We can't know

as the capture of Saddam Ilussein made Americans safer? Howard Dean's claim to the contrary set off a political firestorm last week as other Democrats flayed him and Republicans watched with satis-

But Dean's question is more complex than either party

admits.
It's easy to bask in emotional satisfaction over Saddam's downfall. Who (save blinded Arab nationalists) wouldn't cheer the capture of this sadistic monster?

TRUDY RUBIN

I saw what he did to his own people after they rose up against him in the wake of the 1991 Gulf War, and it was

against him in the wake of the 1991 Gulf War, and it was obscene. But emotions aren't adequate to weigh Dean's contentious claim.

I think the only way to do so it to apply the convoluted wisdom of Donald Rumsfeld. In February 2002, the defense secretary uttered some now-famous words when asked about reports that there were no known links between al-Qaeda and Iraq. "Reports that say that some thing hasn't happened are always interesting to me," he said, "because, as we know, there are known knowns; there are known knowns; that is to say, we know there are known unknowns; that is to say, we know there are some things we know we know. But there are also unknown unknowns, that is to say, we know there are some things we don't know. But there are also unknown unknowns - the ones we don't know we don't know. Ye had to act to avoid the risk of what we did not know.

So what are the known knowns about Saddam's caputer? Who is definitely safer? Iraqis and Iraq's neighbors are. A neuttered Saddam can no longer threaten them with tanks or weapons of mass destruction - such as the poison gas he used to shughes. And a safer Middle East is good for the United States, ensuring the uninterrupted of the such as the plate of the uninterrupted for the such as the plate of the uninterrupted for the such as the plate of the uninterrupted for the such as the plate of the uninterrupted for the such as the plate of the uninterrupted for the such as the plate of the uninterrupted for the such as the plate of the uninterrupted for the such as the uninterrupted for the such as the uninterrupted for the such as the plate of the uninterrupted for the such as the plate of the uninterrupted for the such as the plate of the uninterrupted for the such as the plate of the uninterrupted for the such as the plate of the uninterrupted for the such as the plate of the uninterrupted for the such as the plate of the uninterrupted for the such as the plate of the uninterrupted for the such as the plate of the uninterrupted for the such as the such as



But are you, the residents of Peoria, Ill., or Pottsville, Pa.,

But are you, the established Peoria, III, or Pottsville, Pasafer?
The answer may surprise you:
We don't know enough to know.
Before the war,
the administration claimed that
Saddam had
weapons of mass
destruction and
might pass them
off to terrorists.
More than 50
percent of
Americans,
according to according to polls, still believe that Hussein was

bons, san others that Hussein was connected to yoll. Not so:
The administration has still not pur forward-proof that Saddam had any sort officials had any such evidence, they would certainly advertise it. As for weapons of mass destruction, none have been found, and Bush's chief weapons inspector is on the verge of quitting. The president said last week that Saddam's threat was "the possibility, that he could acquire weapons," not that he

acquire weapons," not that he already had them. That is a big shift in position.

"If he were to acquire "If ne week
weapons, he would be the use,
ger. That's what I'm trying to
explain to you," he told Diane
Sawyer, as she kept asking
whether the
weapons of mas

whether the weapons of mass destruction threat had been immi-nent or hypotheti-cal. "What's the dif-

ference?" the president asked. The difference

of course, is that the administration THE administrator
Discourage of the war on
the claim that
Saddam "had the
weapons already.
In reality, the
White House rallied Americans to

White-House-rallied Amoricans to fight an unknown unknown. Yes, Saddam presented a "future threat – he might have resurrected his weapons program had he stayed in power, though we have to proof he would have cooperated with terroists. The only danger we can be sure he posed was to the region, not to our shores. Now Hussein is toast, and we Americans are freed from that indirect threat.

indirect threat. Ironically, however, the inva-

sion of Iraq and Hussein's fall have unleashed their own future dangers - more unknown

have unleashed their own future dangers - more unknown. Iraq is unstable, its political direction unclear. U.S. officials and Iraqi extless have floundered so far in efforts to resurrect a broken country. The insurgency continues, and external terrorists hope Iraq will provide them with a new base of operations. The president says that the failure of democraçy in Iraq "would... embolden terrorists and their allies around the world." Things may get better. Hussein's demise offers a new chance to revamp a faitering postwar occupation. It will liberate political forces that no longer fear his resurrection. It may undercut the insurgency and help Iraq's political process move forward.

O'i it may prove a lost opportunity, and terrorism may worsen. We just don't know yet. That's why Dean's question is relevant – and hard to answer There are too many unknown unknown thomowns.

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LETTERS

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unknowns.

Apathy for draconian drug policy hurts us all

Apathy for draconian drug policy hurts us all My daughter once explained to me the difference between the two political parties. "Democrats don't want you to pee in the woods: Republicans don't want you to have any woods to pee in." It appears however, that neither party has any objection to children peeing in a bottle at school. Since beginning the petition to repeal the school district's random drug testing, I have noticed that the overriding attitude seems to be one of apathy. Party affiliation doesn't seem to matter-About 70 percent are against random drug testing in our schools. The prevailing thought is "test your own kids, leave mine alone."

Yet the school board suggests that parents and students are in favor of the policy, Not so. Of those I met that support the policy, many don't know why, most have never read the Constitution and none understand that 250 over-the-counter medicines and foods register positive to tally believed that the "test" could differentiate between the alcohol in Nyquil (25 percent) and the alcohol in beer (12 percent). The Athenian playwright Aristophanes made an intuitive observation more than 1,000 years ago: "Youth ages, immatu-

rity is outgrown, ignorance can be educated and drunkenness sobered, but stupid lasts forev-

er."

If the school district wanted to know the parental attitudes regarding random drug testing, they would not have secret committees with secret members meeting in secret places determining the fate of our children. Yet the board refuses to send here a cimple flyer to agreets. Yet the board refuses to send home a simple flyer to parents asking them for direction. Instead it adopts a policy that is so broad that it allows for the eventual expulsion of a child for relating Advil and despite claims of, "Oh, that would never happen," they miss the point. The policy legitimizes the exercise of that power and the people, by their acquiescence, will loss the right to protect against it. It is unfortunate that schools teach our children that the words of the Constitution, written in sweat and preserved with blood, are mere platitudes. That the voluntary surrender of fun-

blood, are mere platitudes. That the voluntary surrender of fundamental rights is, somehow, American. It isn't. If, instead, these children were taught how precious these rights are, maybe they would understand just how important their preservation is to a free state. Maybe they would be counted as a group of instituted we would be counted as a group of instituted as well like to surren. individuals unwilling to surren-der fundamental liberties for the appearance of security. God

help us, we might make a Democracy.
JOSEPH S. STANZAK
Twin Falls

Shareholders need to reject new measures on water

new measures on water

The Twin Falls Canal Co.
shareholders should vote no to a
proposed by-law amendment resolution scheduled for vote on
Jan. 13, 2004 by the board of the
Twin Falls Canal Co. to (a) eliminate the four required public
notices in local newspapers of,
future intent to amend the company by-laws, (b) shorten the
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intent to amend the company
by-laws from one month to 10
days and (c) to reduce the
required percentage of shares
voted to pass a company by-law
amendment from two-thirds to
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Last year out of 202,690.93 registered shares, only 11,808.55 were actually voted. If this proposed amendment had been in effect last year, roughly 5,905 shares could have amended the by-laws of your Twin Falls Canal Co. Folks, do you realize that this is less than 3 percent of the shareholders and they could have legally amended your by-laws? That would have been with absolutely no required public notice and, in my opinion, too little effective shareholder

notice for shareholders to react.

notice for shareholders to react.
As shareholders, we have already had an instance where we stopped a by-law resolution concerning surface water, groundwater and due diligence abdication to the Idaho State Department of Water Resources that would, in my opinion, have been very bad indeed for our company and our community. The Twin Falls Canal Co. not only controls the lifeblood of every shareholder but of every individual and city in the web of the water delivery system. It is obvious common sense that there should be complete and effective adequate prior disclosure to the shareholders and the entire community of all important actions taken by our company. Our directors are not so omilpotent that they are beyond being able to benefit from shareholder and community input. How do you think laws got passed that allow over-allocation of Idaho's water, disregard for public interest in water rights transfers and water rights transf

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Support for action in Iraq solidifies

American media can be American media can be forgiven for believing that the Iraq was has created searing divisions in the American body politic of a kind not seen since the nation was torn appart in the later years of the Victnam War. But is the reality division or consensus?

In fact, Americans have been remarkably supportive of the Iraq war, both on the original decision to invade and on the need to keep troops in Iraq for years to come if necessary. This support was on the rise, moreover, even before Saddam Hussein was pulled out of his hole this past week. You could see the public mood reflected in the statements of Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York a couple of weeks ago. Clinton dismissed the antiwar argument: "It think that Saddam Hussein was certainly a potential threat" who "was seeking weapons of mass destruction, whether or not he actually had them." Her husband, another popular

Democrat, said the same last July.

Clinton's pro-war statements shocked some, but she was only expressing the mainstream view. In a CNN/USA

Today/Gallup poll taken over the weckend of Dec. 5-7 - before Saddam's capture - 59 percent of respondents said they believed it was "worth going to war" in Iraq; 39 percent said it was not. That poll reflected a steady trend that pre-dated Saddam's capture. Support for the war, which had briefly fallen from more than 69 percent in the summer to 50 percent in early September, had bumped the numbers a bit – 62 percent now believe the war was worth it; 33 percent think it wasn't – but they might have risen anyway.

wasn't - but they might have risen anyway. The CBS/New York Times poll shows the same results: Before Saddam's capture, 64 percent believed the United States did "the right thing" going to war in Iraq, while 28 percent believed the war was a mistake. The percentages remain roughly the same after Saddam's capture. This is a pretty solid pro-war consensus in historical terms, especially given the casual ties

consensus in historical terms, especially given the casualties U.S. troops have suffered in Iraq since the official end of the war, not to mention the endless stream of Iraq related scandals involving alleged lies and the lying liars who tell them. By

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comparison, in June 1999, about a week after the war in Kossov ended in a casualry-free victory for the United States and its NATO allies, a Washington Post poll showed that 52 percent of Americans believed the United States had done the "right thing" by going to war while 40 percent still believed it was a "mistake." According to CNN's polls this year, only once has support for the Iraq war fallen as low as 50 percent, despite the steady stream of relativoly bad news. This suggests that even if the fight in Iraq remains a tough slog in the coming months, public support may not drop that much.

The consistent pro-war numbers are even more surprising

The consistent pro-war num-bers are even more surprising given the failure, so far, to uncover any chemical or biologi-cal weapons stocks in Iraq. According to an NBC News/Wall Street Journal survey, 57 per-cent-of Americans-believed the

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while" even if weapons of mass destruction are "never" discovered – and that was before Saddam's capture. Now the number is 60 percent.

Perhaps more amazing is the strong public support for keeping U.S. troops in Iraq as long as necessary. In the latest NBC poll, 55 percent of respondents believe U.S. troops should "stay as long as necessary to complete the process" in Iraq - "even if it takes as long as five years"! Another 23 percent are willing to give it another year and a half. Only 20 percent want to withdraw "as soon as possible." Those numbers, too, are virtually unchanged from a month ago. You have to wonder, more over, about the roughly one-third of the country that says it

how much is anti-Bush? In 1999

how much is anti-Bush? In 1999 a significant portion of the opposition to Clinton's war in Kosovo was simply Clinton-hair Republicans expressing their hatred. The same phenomen is surely at work now.

So when some Democrats argue that Howard Dean can't win the general election, they would seem to have a point. As predicted, Dean has now surrounded himself with respected centrist advicers from the Democratic establishment. The Dig foreign policy speech they Democratic establishment. The big foreign policy speech they wrote for him masterfully tried to cast him as a moderate, which on some issues other than Iraq, he may well be. But Dean undid all his advisers' efforts when he insisted that "the cap-ture of Saddam has not made America safer." A landslide's worth of Americans really don't agree.

Robert Kagan, a senior associ-ate at the Carnegie Endowment, writes a monthly column for The Washington Post.

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center, is carried out of the al Aqsa Mosque compound Monday in Jerusalem's Old City by bodyguards. According to witnesses, Muslim extremists shouted at him and tried to assault him as he tried to pray at the mosque, Islam's third-hollest site.

Extremists attack Egypt's foreign minister at mosque Earlier in the day, Maher met with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who indicated that Israel would respond positively to a cease-fire by Palestinian militants, a senior Israeli official said. In the past Israel has said a truce was not enough and that militant groups must be dismantled, as called for in the U.S.-backed "road map" plan. The attack on Maher was a rare assault on an official from a Muslim country at the site known

JERUSALEM (AP) – Muslim extremists attacked the Egyptian foreign minister as he tried to pray at a key Jerusalem holy site Monday, josting him, shouting abuse and overshadowing his efforts to restart peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

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Ahmed Maher, 68, appeared badly shaken as bodyguards and Israeli police whisked him out of the compound, while protesters hurled shoes and shouted at him. The guards supported Maher by his shoulders as he grimaced in pain and clutched his chest.

Winesses heard him gasping. "Im going to choke," as he left the compound in a bedlam of showing and shouting through a gate above the Western Wall, a lewish holy site. Emergency physician Rivka Kaplan, who examined Maher at the scene, said he had "a choking feeling. ... We did an electrocardiogram and everything wasnormal."

normal."

Israeli rescue workers treated him for a half-hour before he was transferred by limousine to Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital, where he was listed in good condition. Maher, who had not been planning to spend the night in Israel anyway, left the hospital in a motorcade for the airport four hours after the attack.

China makes plans to amend constitution

BEIJING (AP) — Millions of Chinese who plunged into capital-ism by starting businesses and investing in stocks and bonds will be guaranteed their right to private property for the first time since the 1949 revolution under a constitu-

1949 revolution under a constitu-tional amendment proposed Monday by communist leaders. The change would give an official status to the entrepreneurs who once were considered the enemy of communism but now drive China's economy, creating millions of jobs and dotting the skylines of Beijing and other cities with office towers and apartment blocks. After months of debate, party leaders submitted the proposed amendment Monday to the National People's Congress, along

National People's Congress, along with a proposal to enshrine in the with a proposal to enshrine in the constitution the theories of Jiang

Zemin, the former leader who invited capitalists to join the party. Approval by the legislature should be a formality.
"The Chinese leadership understands that the private sector will

be the engine for economic growth," said Joseph Cheng, a polit-ical scientist at the City University of Hong Kong. In part the change is symbolic, bringing the constitution up to date

with China's market-driven reality. But it will also likely strengthen the rule of law in a business environ-ment where many common trans-actions go on without legal struc-ture or menulation.

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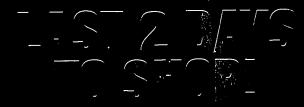
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assault on an official from a Muslim country at the site know to Muslims as Haram as Sharif, revered as the place where the Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven. Jews honor the site as the Temple Mount, which housed the biblical Jewish Temples.

Winesses said the protesters, several dozen in number, were members of a small extremist group called "Islamic Liberation Movement." They shouted at Maher, "You're not welcome here!" and charged that Egypt was helping—Israel—oppress-the-Palestinians. "You are collaborating with the killers of Muslims," one shouted.

one shouted.

Some threw shoes. Muslims remove their shoes at the entrance to mosques. In Islamic culture, showing someone the bottom of your foot or the sole of your shoe is a great insult.

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Around THE VALLEY

Inmate walks away from community center

TWIN FALLS - Police were look-ing Monday for an inmate who apparently walked away from the Twin Falls Community Work Center over the weekend.



James Novosel,
43, was reported
missing early
Sunday morning
after he came up
missing in a midnight security
check, according
to a news release
from the Idaho Department of Correction.

After correc-tional officers vas not in his bunk noticed Novosel was not in his bunk for the security check, they did a complete check of the work center and a count of offenders and deter-mined Novosel had escaped, the release said Win Falls County area law enforcement was notified imme-diately.

law enforcement was notified immediately.

Novosel was serving a three-to four-year sentence for drug traffitishing. A Blaine County judge sentenced Novosel in October, He was assigned to the work center as cook.

There is a possibility Novosel will try to return to the Hailey area to retrieve some possessions, officials said. He also has family and friends in the BurleyBurner reas

said. He also has family and friends in the BurleyRupert area. Immates at the Community Work Center generally are within a year of their parole dates. Most of them have jobs and use the wages both for savings and to repay the state for incarceration costs.

They live in the center, where there is supervision and doors are locked at night.

Three remain in hospital after wreck on Highway 75

after Week on Highway 1-2
HAILEY - Three people
remained in a Boise hospital
Monday after a Friday night colliston involving two vehicles and an
elk on Idaho Highway 75 about two
miles north of Ibaliey.
The wreck was triggered after a
1996 Chevrolet Tahoe struck an elk
and the underage, unifornsed driver lost control of the SUV, which
then was struck in the side by the
front of a 1993 Chevrolet Blazer.

1996 Chevrolet Tahoe struck an elk and the underage, unliconsed driver lost control of the SUV, which then was struck in the side by the front of a 1993 Chevrolet Błazer. The young driver, Alecis Torres, is 12 years old Idaho State Police Cpl. Bob Bingham, who investigated the accident, cited Torres front having a license, although an investigation continues.

Torres and a passenger in the Tahoe, Barbara Zavala, 15, both of Halley, as well as the driver of the Blazer, John T. Loughran of Ketchum, were taken by Life Flight to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. The hospital said it could not release the conditions of the teenagers without parental permission. Loughran, 42, was listed in fair condition, the hospital said.

Bingham said Torres was headed south after 10 pm. Friday when the Tahoe struck an elk crossing the highway. The collision triggered the driver's airbag, apparently causing Torres to lose control, according to the northbound highway lane. Loughran's Blazer plowed into the passenger side often Torres vehicle where Barbara Zavala was sitting.

1SP also said that a relative of Torres, Christina Zaula, told Bingham that the was driving just ahead of the Torres vehicle and swe the collision. She also told ISP she gave permission to Torres to drive the SUV, which is registered to another person, Raul Salinas.

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T.F. council delays annexation

TWIN FALLS - A proposal to annex seven finished and planned developments around the city was delayed again

the city was delayed again Monday. A week after postponing action on the annexation plan, the City Council on Monday did so again after hearing opposition to one part of the proposed orinance. The proposed annexation sites leall around the city, but the largest bone of contention, the Candleridge East proposed development, is at the northeast

corner of Eastland and Candleridge drives on the north-east edge of the city.

Several residents of the area spoke against the growing density, problems with water and the proposed change in zoning of the area from R.1 43000 to R.1 Variable, which could allow for higher-density development in the subdivision that has yet to be built.

Mark Bulcher said Eastland Drive is overcrowded already and higher-density developments would not improve the situation.

Jenna Johnson said she moved to that area because she wanted some space and now feels like the

city is closing in.
Roger Blades said he does not want to see city, streetlights; he wants to see city strate the area spoke against the growing a night. He also had concern for wetlands in the area and traffic on Eastland Drive. He also shid he feat stay increases as the city needs to build more roads, lightis and schools.

Ruth Manwaring, another resi dents of said the current zoning is appropriate to the neighborhood: a transition from agricultural to residential land. Developer Jack Straubhar said the subdivision will have lost angling in size from a third to a half of an acre. He said city water to be ause of the water table and a

history of agricultural pollution in the area.

Doug Vollmer, another developer of the property, said R-1 Variable is the most restrictive zoning designation that allows for connections to city water.

The council tabled the annexation ordinance to allow for more debate and will consider it again Dec. 29 at 6 p.m.

Other council business included:

Advisory boards—The council.

• Advisory boards—The council, approved a new ordinance that clarifies the eligibility requirements for city advisory boards, People who serve partial terms

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Bliss council eyes slower speed limit

By Elisabeth A. Devena Times-News correspondent

BLISS - The truffic speed on U.S. Highway 30 as it enters the city has been a source of irritation for many of those who work or live along the road.

The driveway for Ag Concept Corp. is located just before the sign that changes the speed limit from 40 to 60 mph, Dave Snider, sales manager for the company, said the speed of the truffic on Highway 30 makes it difficult for those wishing to enter or exit the driveway.

"It's just not safe," Snider said. "When we have deliveries, we have semi-trucks pulling in here and people flying around the corner trying to hit 65 mph."

Dennis Read, who lives right off of that stretch of Highway 30, has also had problems with the traffic on the road.

"There's been two or three times that my wife and I have been almost hit," Read said, "It's just been too many people almost getting hit, and people flying around the corner shape to the Bliss City Council, Read has been eager to try to get the speed limit reduced. The council is looking into what it would need to do to get the Idaho Transportation Department to make the change. Part of the problem for Ag Concepts Corp, stems from the large trucks that need to pull in and out of the driveway, although Snider said employees of the company have even had problems pulling out of the driveway in their personal vehicles.

"They dre here have swing wide into the other lane." Snider said. "You are in a business area, you have the hotel, the highway department, you have us. There is no other business area, you have the hotel, the highway department, you have us. There is no other business area, you have the hotel, the highway department, you have us for the problem, according to Snider, stems from people in the sign of the transport of the problem of the sign of the corner and know-it's going to SS, and you don't wait to hit the sign to speed up," Snider said.

M-C officials consider plans for wind farm

By Rose Marie Parsons Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - A planned wind farm on Cotterel Mountain would generate 160 temporary jobs dur-ing construction and about 20 permanent jobs, Mini-Cassia elected officials were told

But the type of use it was get-ting puzzled skier Stephen Berrey.
"They built it for snowboard-ers, but all I've seen in it so far are skiers," Berry laughed as his chair rose over the half pipe.

cletted officials were told Monday.

Windland-Inc-Presiden-Roald-Doskeland, discussed the project with Cassia and Minidoka county commissioners and four area legislators at a joint lunch meeting.

Doskeland said he is excited beautiful control of the control of the control project for several reasons: The slope of the mountain near Albion is excellent for wind generation, and transmission lines for both Bonneville Power Administration and Raft River Electric are nearby.

If Windland officials are able to install 2.5 or 3-megawatt machines, fewer machines will be

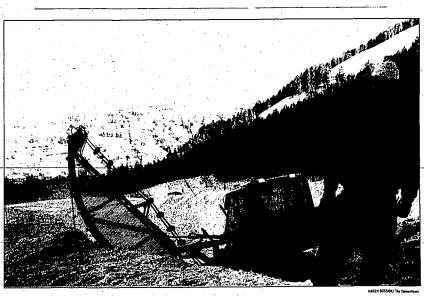
The slope of the mountain near Albion is excellent for-wind generation. --

needed, according to Doskeland.
A 3-megawant tower would be 240'
feet tall whigh 300-foot-long-blades—
Most of tile land where the project is planned is managed by the
Bureau of Land Management. A
couple of sections of state land
are also involved.
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The draft environmental impact statement for the project is expected to be finished in late winter or early spring, Doskeland said. He expects the final environmental impact statement to be finished in about a year, with the final BLM decision coming down in the first quarter of 2005.

CARVING THE SLOPES



Corey McDonald supervises the work in Sun Valley's new half pipe as a snow cat with a half pipe grinder attachment shapes the curved walls.

Crowds brave Sun Valley's new U-shaped playground said Jack Sibbach, Sun Valley's director of marketing and sales. Critics said the pipe didn't get as much use as it could have because it was built on Dollar Mountain, which is considered a beginners' hill, rather than Bald Mountain. The new one on Baldy seemed to get plenty of use throught ut first morning, even though the Warm Springs side of the mountain doesn't get sun until midday during early winner. But the type of use it was getting puzzled skier Stephen Berrey.

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Sun Valley's new half pipe opened Monday without fanfare or even a ribbon cutting.

iting. But it didn't take long for the

But it didn't take long for the word to spread and for snow-bearders and skiers to line up on the hill above, sizing up the 400-foot-long, U-shuped playground. "I'm having second thoughts the longer I stand here," Sun Valley ski instructor Brian Funsten said. Snow riders showed heir lift tickets to ticket supervisor Michael Spens. Then, keeping a respectful distance between one another, they dropped into the pipe one by one.

A few caught a foot of air careening off the sides of the 40-foot-wide pipe. Others barely climbed a foot up the 12-foot walls before they made tiny jumps, turning them back toward the ground.

"It's scary when you get in there," said 11-year-old Ian Murphy, who nevertheless made a respectable showing on snow blades even though he said he'd never tried anything of that sort before.

Workers have been laboring nonstop since early last week to ready the pipe for Christmas guests, who began showing up this weekend from as far away as Florida and Connecticut.

One snow cat pushed tiny

mountains of man-made snow into the U-shaped pit. A second employed a curved attachment known as a half pipe grinder, which resembled a conveyor betwith paddles, to shape the stow into a curved wall.

Sun Valley snowboard team member Nick Shurtz said the walls were still a little rough on Monday, "But it's worth the wait," he added.

Monday, "But it's worth the wan, he added.

Sun 'Valley officials hope the new half pipe will attract families with kids and garner good press coverage. But they're adopting a cautious wairand-see attitude.

A half pipe built in the late 1990s on Dollar Mountain was closed after one season because it failed to attract enough users,

Hospital plans to use reserve funds for proposed expansion

By Rose Marle Parsons Times News corresponde

RUPERT
Minidoka
Memorial Hospital officials will
have to dip into their cash
reserves to cover some costs for
the remodeling and expansion of
the facility's nursing home,
eccording—to—hospital.
Administrator Carl Hanson.
Hanson told Minidoka County
commissioners Monday a SS.5.
million loan approved by U.S.
Bank is S.1. million less than
requested. He proposed a mix of
funding sources to pay for the
full project, including using
some reserve funds.
Five years ago the hospital had

ome reserve funds.

Five years ago the hospital had to cash reserves, Hanson said. Reserves have grown to 60 days' ash on hand, but he would preer to have 90 days' in reserve.

Hospital officials are willing to delay growth of the reserve fund in order to complete remodeling of the nursing home, he said. Many of the improvements to the nursing home are mandated by Medicare, according to Hanson.

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Hanson. The mursing home project, will be completed by mid-May 2005.

Hanson also told the commissioners the hospital will get a few ambulance in February.

Other commission business included:

• Mental health contract — Deputy Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Alan Goodman said Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services in Twin Falls is terminating its contract with the county to provide mental health serv-

ices to county residents who are involuntarily admitted and who are determined to be medically indigent. Canyon View is propos-ing a new contract that covers both involuntary and voluntary admissions.

both involuntary and voluntary admissions.

Leased land - Brad Rogers said for the last trovyears he hasnot been able to produce a cropolate he had before composted sigar been return dirt was spread on the 35 acres next to the landfill. Rogers said water will not percolate through the compacted soil and his equipment will not probable to the landfill of the landfill. He had had he compacted soil and his equipment will not rip it. He asked the county to help him get the field tilled. He has one year left on his lease but doesn't want to plant another crop until the ground can be cultivated. Please see HOSPITAL Pare B3

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Lawsuit challenges tax increases

NAMPA (AP) - The 46-year-old hospital security guard who is bringing a legal challenge to last uncreases says he just wants legislators to do the right thing. "I don't claim to be an expert or the control of the cont

record \$190' million tax record \$190' million tax records were passed by the state regislature in the waining days of this past year's session. The sales ax was temporarily increased by a perny for two years and the cigarette tax was increased by 20 cents per pack.

Gallagher and his attorney, former Idaho Supreme Court Justice Robert Hundley, claim the taxes were passed in violation of the constitutional requirement that all tax increase bills originate in the House of Representatives.

The Senate substituted its sales tax plan for a half-cent sales tax

hike initially passed by the House. The cigarette tax increase was handled the same way, with the Senate substituting it for a House-passed clarification of the items subject to the occupancy tax. That is the property tax paid on a dwelling for the period from when it is occupied until the annual assessment date of Jan. 1. Gallagher said he is not a political insider or legal expert, but decided to bring the lawsuit after talking to his attorney about another, unrelated lawsuit against Ada County Juvenile Country Services. In that case, Gallagher is suing his former employer or alleged labor law violations. A smoker, Gallagher brought up the tax increase while in his attorney's office and questioned if ihad been done properly. The attorney referred Gallagher to one of his partners, Huntley, who agreed to take up the case and filled class-action suit.

when it comes to this stuff, but I know what's right, and that's kind of where I stand on it," Gallagher

Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis defends the Senate's action.

Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis defends the Sonate's action, which came in the longest session in the history of the state.

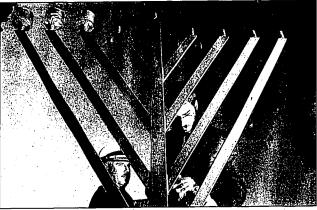
"It is concerning that with the substantial difficulty in obtaining amendments to the sales tax and the tobacco tax, to want to now jeopardize that important revenue stream for schools," Davis said. "The lawsuit seems to be dealing with the internal parliamentary rules of a legislative body, not the substance, of whether the tax is appropriate and necessary."

The lawsuit does not ask that taxes already collected be paid back.

Instead, it asks the court to rule

back.
Instead, it asks the court to rule
the bills unconstitutional, then
give the Legislature a chance to
either pass new bills through
appropriate channels or consider
alternatives to raise the revenue.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



Officials find body of suspected killer

OGDEN, Utah (AP) – A man suspected of killing a 12-year-old Ogden boy with a stray bullet from a gang fight 18 months ago has died in his native country, police said.
Wilver "Wesso" Gonzalez, 22, was killed by a gunshot in a dispute over a woman in his native Guatemala last April, Ogden police Detective Steve Reaves said after receiving confirmation from Guatemalan authorities.
The boy, Jesse Martinez, was attending a church celebration at a park June 22, 2002, when he was struck by a bullet fired from a high-powered rifle during a flight between rival gangs.
The bullet misseed is intended target. But authorities said it traveled nearly two city blocks through a line of seven large oak trees along the park's sidewalk, and into a large group from Potter's House

Christian Center who had gathered for a baby shower.
Martinez was sitting to the left of his mother with his head resting on her shoulder when the stray bullet whized right in front of her, hitting him in the right side of the head.
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An arrest warrant for criminal homicide was issued for Gonzalez, an undocumented worker, four months later.
Police believe Gonzalez fled the area sone after the charge.

Police believe Contralez fled the area soon after the shooting, possibly even that day. Detectives soon found out he was in Guatemala, prompting them to begin a lengthy extradition process. Police believe Gonzalez died April 16, based on death and hospital certificates, Reaves said. Police also obtained pictures of Gonzalez's funeral in Guatemala. "There are pictures of the body, of the casket, that were investigated

OBITUARIES

For oblituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Menday through Saturday, Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publica-tion. The e-mail address for oblituaries is oblis@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit oblituaries calline, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Oblituaries."

Corrine M. Jaynes - Buhl

by several detectives who have dealt with Wesso over the years, and (they) believed, based on the pho-tos, it was Wesso," said Reaves, the lead detective on the Ogden case.

tos, it was Wesso," said Keaves, the lead detective on the Ogden case. FBI agents, along with investigators from the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala, confirmed the news of Gonzalez's death and verified the documents, Reaves said.

Police didn't release information about Gonzalez's death until now because they wanted more verification, Reaves said.

Three other people are serving prison terms related to the Ogden incident.

Christopher Jason Lucero, 23, was sentenced to concurrent prison terms of one to 15 years and up to five years for his guilty pleas last month to charges of attempted aggravated assault and riot sterming from the gang altercation.

Hospice Visions, she was able to remain at Woodstone until her

As evening falls on an outdoor Hanukkah festival at Channel Islands Harbor Sunday in Oxnard, Calif., Rabbi Dov Muchnik, right, prepares to light a six-foottall Menorah with the help of Navy Capt. Paul Grossgold. Muchnik, from the Jewish outreach organization Chabad of Oxnard, told a small crowd gathered for the event, 'Each one of us is like a Menorah ... we must keep the flame alive.'

DEATH NOTICES

Donna Aldaman

BUHL - Donna Aldaman of Buhl, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Farmers Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Kathleen 'Kathy' Ross

TWIN FALLS - Kathleen "Kathy" Ross, 65, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at her

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Leonard Emerson

TWIN FALLS — Leonard
Emerson, 92, of Ilwin-Falls, diedSunday, Dec. 21, 2003, at Alterra
Living Center.
Arrangements will be
announced by White Mortuary in
Twin Falls.

Robert H. Ransom

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OAKLEY - Robert H. Ransom,
62, of Oakley, died Monday, Dec.
22, 2003, at Parke View, Care and
Rehabilitation Center in Burley,
Arrangements will be Arrangements will announced by Payne Mortuary Burley.

Ruth May Board

HAILEY - Ruth May Board, 87, of Hailey, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, at Aspen Grove Assisted Living Center in Bellevue of natural causes.

Arrangements will

Norman M. Miranda
WENDELL - Norman M.
Miranda, 84, of Wendell, died
Saturday, Doc. 13, 2003.
The memorial service will be
held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29,
2003, ar' the Wendell United
Methodist Church with the Rev.
Michael Hollomon officiating.
No public viewing will be held
at the family's request
Cremation arrangements and
memorial services are under the
direction of Demarays Wendell
Chapel. Services will conclude at

announced by Wood River Chapel
in Hailey.

Norman M. Miranda
WENDELL - Norman M. Miranda WENDELL - Norman M.

A complete obituary appear on a later date.

James Robert Clark

James Hobert Clark
TWIN FALLS - James Robert
Clark, 87, of Twin Falls, died
Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, at Magic
Valley Regional Medical Center.
The service will be conducted
at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003,
at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.
Interment will follow in Sunset
Memorial Park.

SERVICES

Marcos Verdin of Oakley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601
Basin Cemetery near Oakley, family and friends may call from 1010:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen, Funeral Home, Burley).

Trent Wesley Davis of Wendell, service at 11 a.m. today at the Wendell Gymnasium with burial following at the Wendell Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Winifred "Winnie" C. Brown of Gooding, graveside service at 10 a.m. today at Kohlerlawn Cemetery in Nampa (Demaray

Edith Rebecca Alexander of Buhl, graveside service at 1:30 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

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

Barbara Mae Ross of Jerome, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome).

Corrine M. Jaynes, 89, of Bullpassed away Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003. at the Woodstone Retirement Center in Twin Falls. Corrine was born to Harve and Lottie Moots in Brasher, Mo, on Nov. 18, 1914. The family moved to Benton, Kan, where she started first grade and graduated from high school. Corrine attended a business school and worked in Wichita, Kan. During WvII, she worked at Boeing and Beecheraft in Wichita, She moved to California and worked for a dry cleaners. She met Homer Jaynes in 1945 while he was in the Army, stationed in California. They married in Springville, Utah, April 21, 1946. Homer finished barber school and they moved to Idaho. Hospice visions, sine was, aune co-cemain at Woodstone until her passing. They had no children. She is survived by a sister, Genelle Richards, a nephew, Randy Richards, both of Sunapee, N.H.; a niece, Elsie Mink, who filled the void of a daughter; a sisterin-law, brother-in-law and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Homer, in 1977 and her parents, Harve and Lottie Moots. At Corrine's request, there will be no viewing. A graveside serv-ice will be held, where she will be laid to rest beside her husband flomer, at 2 pm. Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. She enjoyed living at Woodstone where they provided her with good care, assisted by **Ruth Edith Norby DeThomas** - Rupert

Ruth Edit Norby DeThomas died Dec. 20, 2003. at Minidoka Memorial Hospital's extended careving.

She had suffered from Alzheimer's Disease in the last years of her life. Ruth was born the youngest of eight children in Rupert on March 17, 1918, to John O. and Fanny Heyerdahl Norby. She married Condido DeThomas in Santa Ana. Calif. on Nov. 19, 1941. While Conserved in the Merchant Marines, Ruth came home to Rupert. After the war, they settled in Rupert, where they have resided since. For many years, Ruth served as editor of the Minidoka County News, and during her tenure there won numerous journalistic and photographic awards. In her writing she was always fair, always honest, always compassionate and always looking toward the good of the community.

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always looking toward the good of the community.

After leaving the Minidoka County News, Ruth worked several-years-for-Rupert-Abstract-before retiring. Ruth's retirement was brief; and she returned towork as curator of the Minidoka County Historical Society Museum. She loved her job, and she loved to show folks through the museum. Her family some times teased her that she was the best exhibit there!

Ruth was a lifelong promoter of the Rupert Community. She served for many years on the Rupert Chamber of Commerce, on the Adult Continuing Education advisory board, was active in the Minidoka County



Historical Society, and gave freely of her time and energy to numerous other community projects. In 1999, the community recognized her service by asking her to serve as grand marshall of the July Fourth Parade.

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Ruth was rarely idle. She was a tircless worker whose free time was spent enjoying, and caring for her family and frends. She loved_big_family_dinners_and, between the server of the someone need a pint of blood at 3 in the morning? Ruth would rush right to the hospital when-ever they called with a need. Friends and neighbors will remember that Ruth was rarely without a smile, never without a flower in her yard, a raspberry in her garden, a can of cookies in her freezer and enough supper on the table for anyone who chanced to be lucky enough to be in her home at mealtime.

Rupert
Ruth is survived by her husband of 62 years, Con, and their six children, John (Jane Belew) DeThomas, Prescott, Ariz, Christine Kelley, Rupert, Deborah (Dick Alban) DeThomas, Nampa, Dennis (Cheryl) DeThomas, Providence, R.I.; Edward DeThomas, Rupert and Anna (Don Law) DeThomas, Topeka, Kan. She doted on her five grandchildren, Marisse DeThomas, David Belew and Sheldon, Carrie and Victor Kelley. Six great-grandchildren also survive her, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews and their families. She was especially loss to her classmates from the Rupert High School Class of 1936.

Ruth requested that in lieu of

Ruth requested that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Minidoka County Historical Society's building fund, 100 E Baseline, Rupert ID 83500.

Services to celebrate Ruth's life will be held-at-2-psm-Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2003, at the Life will be held to the services to the celebrate Ruth's Church. Please feel free to wear bright red or blue or yellow or any color that makes you feel like one of the special flowers in Ruth's garden. Friends and family are invited to Con and Ruth's home following those services to enjoy together the hospitality that Ruth simply couldn't such that the simply such that th

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

– FEDERAL COURTS

The Times-News

BOISE – Recent civil fillings in U.S. District Court in Boise included the following south-central Idaho cases:

BIRICY Inc. a Caldarnia corporation vs. Derrick N. Westrum Secking that the court find the defendants conducted the Federal Inc. active of the Communication Process of the Communication Process

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ARE YOU LISTENING?'



nase Wagner, 7-months-old, watches from a snug spot inside a miniature toboggan, as his two brothers sied Saturday at Woodland Park in Kalispell, Mont.

FBI raids multi-million dollar California firm

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The FBI idded a Southern California restment — company — Monday-leging that more than 1,800 ients who invested tens of milson of dollars were victims of a org-running confidence scheme. No charges have been filed, but the FBI is investigating Financial dvisory Consultants as a possible Ponzi scheme," where early westers are paid with money from ter investors, said FBI spokesoman Laura Bosley.

James Levis, who variously lists inself as the firm's president or, orce recently, its funds manager, id an investor in August that his growth fund" alone had \$62 milsin in assess, according to an FBI fidavit. Levis also operated anroome fund that clients said is orth tens of millions of dollars.

His firm had more than 1,800 ients across the nation, one of envis assistants told the FBI.

Agents executed a search warn at the Orange County compa-

ewis assistants told the FBL Agents executed a search war-nt at the Orange County compa-y's three-room El Toro office suite fonday, carriag saway boxes of do-ments, computers and other taterials. "They've got the place totally ismantled," said a client who wit-essed the raid and fears he will

lose the \$350,000 he invested. "It looked like they were moving"
—The — state — Corporations Department has identified investors in Identy, Utah, Oregon, Colorado, Corgo and California, according to the FBI affidavit. The AP has had calls from investors living as far away as Michigan.
The Associated Press disclosed earlier this month that Lewis, 57, has been investing millions of dollars for clients and claiming extraordinary financial returns for

has been investing millions of dol-lars for clients and claiming extraordinary financial returns for 20 years, without being licensed or regulated as required. Moreover, the firm headquar-tered at 22972 El Toro Rd, has never provided clients with any details on how it invests their money Since July, Lewis has been delaying withdrawd requests with the excuse that millions of dollars in investments have been frozen by the Department of Homeland

in investments have been frozen by the _Department_of_Homeland Security – a freeze the AP reported does not exist.

Those details were confirmed in a sworn affidavit used to obtain the search warrant from a federal magnitude.

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"There is probable cause to believe that FAC and Lewis, through the use of the mails, engaged in a scheme to defraud

investors in FAC's Income and Growth Funds by operating a Ponzi--scheme,"-FBI ogent Brad-Howard-said in his affidavit. He further alleges that Lewis and the firm used the US. malt to sell securities without registering with the feder-al Securities and Exchange Commission.

al Securities and Exchange Commission. Investors previously said they had been interviewed and provided financial records to investigators from both the SEC and the state Department of Corporations. The FBI is willing to share its information, but acted alone Monday and is the only agency involved in the criminal investigation, said spokeswoman Bosley.

Regulators are examining documents provided by Barry Minkow, a convicted felon turned anti-fraud investigator for San Diego-based Fraud Discovery Institute.

"The very substance and essence of this business did not exist," Minkow said Monday, Lawenforcement officials acted quickly, Minkow said, because "they saw the guy digging a deeper and deeper hole, and they pulled the showel out of his hand."

Chuck Woolstenhulme of Temecula invested \$100,000 with Lewis the day he saw Fox News

interview Minkow based on the AP's story. He tried to get his money back; but failed.
"I'm glad it's come to this," Woolstenhulme said Monday. "It's nimportant step, I think, to see if there's any money left and how it get distributed."

In a letter faxed to investors Friday, Lewis said his firm has "never charged for linancial advice, nor have we ever sold any securities." He said that means he doesn't need to be registered with the SEC nor the state Corporations bepartment.

the SEC nor the state components. But in its reports to investors, the Orange County firm says it charges a 5 percent "management fee" on any profits it earns for its clients. Lewis has not responded to multiple telephone messages left by the AP over two weeks, nor to letters sent to him by registered mail and overnight delivery.

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Blaine County sheriff gets jury summons

HAILEY – The summons that arrived in the mail asked the recipient to answer questions to determine his qualification for jury service after Jan. 1 in 5th District Court.

Does he know any law enforce-ment personnel, or is he related to

Well, yes, he responded to the question: He not only knows many law enforcement personnel, but he

law enforcement personnel, but he is one.
Blaine County Sheriff Walt Femling duly answered all the questions and returned the paperwork to the jury commissioner.
The likelihood that Femling will be called to jury duty is virtually nil, as most people tried in the criminal court are in his custody at one time or another.
Femling, who has been sheriff for nearly 17 years and plans to seek re-election in 2004, also said Monday he has never served on a jury.

Kerry cancels book signing for campaign

KETCHUM – A planned book signing here today by U.S. Sen. John Kerry of Massachuseuts has been canceled because of steppedup activities in his campaign in the East for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Around the valley

Instead, the owner of Chapter One Books, Cheryl Welch, said she would deliver books to Kerry's vacation home just north of Ketchum for him to sign when he-arrives later during the Christmas balidaus

arrives later during the Christmas holidays.
She said that 20 to 30 people have bought Kerry's new book, "A Call to Service: My Vision for a Better America."
The Kerry home, tucked away in woods along the Big Wood River, was built decades ago by the parents of his second wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, widow of the late Sen. John Heinz, scion of the condiment fortune who was killed in a 1991 Pennsylvania crush of his personal aircraft.

Driver license offices set their holiday hours

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls and Buhl driver license offices will have the following holiday hours: • Christmas Eve - will close at

- Christmas Day closed.
 New Year's Eve will close at
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 New Year's Day closed.

 Compiled from staff reports

Utah senator's business dealings agitate critics

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - As commitments for his business-related position increase, some critics complain that it's taking Utah Senate President Al Mansell away from state business too away from state business co-often.

Mansell next year will become

Mansell next year will become president of the National Association of Realtors. But The Salt Lake Tribune reported—Monday-tha-this-duties-with-the-association repeatedly have pulled him away from his partime job at the Capitol. He missed Gov. Olene Walker's inauguration and her first meeting with legislative leaders because of association work. Linda Hilton, an advocate for those with low incomes, said Mansell's absences throw his leadership into question.

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"If you're the leader of a group, you ought to be there to lead them," Hilton said. "How can you say that you're really providing leadership if you're not there to lead?"
Mansell said he has no plans to resign as Senate president.
"My job is to be available and make decisions," he told the Tribune. "I'm available pretty much on a daily basis, and I talk to Senate members pretty much on a

much on a daily basis, and I talk to Senate members pretry much on a daily basis.

"As far as getting things done and taking care of the Senate, I'm doing my job," said Mansell, a nine-year Senate veteran who was elected to the leadership position in 2000.

The Senate majority leader

The Senate majority leader agrees.

"If he thought he couldn't do the job, he would step aside," said state Sen. Mike Waddoups, the Taylorsville Republican who sat in for Mansell at Walker's inaugu-ration. "That time hasn't come as far as I'm concerned." However, Mansell is scaling hack.

However, Mansell is scaling back.

He said he has sold his business, Mansell and Associates, Decause of the constraints of his legislative job and Realtors Association duties. And he does not plan to fun for re-electric as Senate president when his term ends at the end of 2004.

At the same time his political stock was rising, Mansell's professional career as a real estate broker was gaining national stature. An association member since 1909, Mansell moved from a position as a Realtors board member 20 years ago to president-elect his year.

To gain that position, Mansell had to pay his dues, travelling to

20 years ago to president-elect this year.

To gain that position, Mansell had to pay his dues, traveling to association meetings and conferences month after month. This year alone, the association has held at least five executive meetings, from a leadership summit in. Chicago in March to the November expo in California.

His spokesman, Eric Isom, refused to detail his travel for the association. His state appointment calendars are deleted monthly to its not possible to find out how many trips have been made.

made.

Next .year, Mansell will be expected at a yearlong schedule of meetings.

Radio actor Tremayne dies at 90

LOS ANGELES – Les Tremayne, one of the best-known radio actors in the 1930s and '40s for his starring roles "The Thin Man," "The Falcon" and, most notably, "The First Nighter," has died. He was 90.

Falcon" and, most notably, "The First Nighter," has died. He was 90. Tremayne, whose film credits included the science-fiction classic "The War of the Worlds," died of heart failure Priday at a hospital in Santa Monica.

In a six-decade career that began on radio in Chicago in 1930, Tremayne once estimated that he had worked on more than 30,000 broadcasts, with as many as 45 radio shows a week in the 1930s. In polls, he was voted the No. 1 dramatic actor in the medium.

Tremayne was so familiar to radio audiences that in one poll in the early 1940s, he was cited as

one of the three most famous voices in America. The other two were President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Bing Crosby.
"He had a silken, wonderful voice—it was in the Orson Welles imbre; it kind of was honeyed in the best sense," Norman Corvin, the renoved mellow more continued to the 1930s, and '40s, told the Los Angeles Tunes.
"Les Tremayne," Corvin added, "was always a name that had considerable luminescence in the profession."

fession."
Marty Halperin, vice president
of Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters,
the social-professional organization that Tremayne helped found
in 1966, said the actor's voice "was
very authoritative and cultural, but
he could do all sorts of accents."

Council •

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are allowed to serve two terms inaddition to the partial ones.

• Plat approval — The council
approved final plats for two subdivisions. The Morning Sun subdivision east of Falls Avenue East and
Eastland Drive will have 23 residential lots. Magic Valley Business
Park No. 1, near the intersection
of Kimberly and Hankins roads,
will have three lots.

• Liquor license — Council members approved a liquor license to
allow beer to be served at Nazz,
Kart at 302 Third Ave. S.

• Firefighters – Steve Haszier and Justin James, two Twin Falls firefighters, received, certificates, after passing a drivers' academy that included 100 hours of training. Tim Lauda, Rod Dixon, Mitcheller, Rick Harridge, Tom McCully' and Matt Bayless all received their firefighter level II certificates for completing advanced firefighting courses.
• Appointment – Bill Merritt

Appointment - Bill Merritt was approved for another three-year term on the Twin Falls Tree Commission.

Judge reviews grazing dispute between ranchers, Feds

Certain issues cannot

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representatives and

federal government.

Judges do not make law.

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RENO, Nev. (AP) – A judge will fifer an opinion early next year n whether state officials should ave tried to block the federal sizure of cattle from a Nevada uncher accused of trespassing on S land

S. land.

At the request of Nevada ttorney General Brian Sandoval, Jashoe District Judge Janet erry agreed Monday to help dary state procedures related to early a decade of "tension etween ranchers and the Bureau I Land Management." The rare judicial confirmation earing will not result in the cate being returned, and Berry mphasized she will not address amplicated legal questions regarding water right, some datig to the 19th century. The judge also said she won't ale on ranchers' constitutional laims that land controlled by the ureau of Land Management in tevada and across the West is not tuly "public land" and therefore of subject to BLMs environment regulations.

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regulations.
Rather, the judge said she will cide whether the state triculture Department had the thority – as the ranchers claim griculture Department had the uthority – as the ranchers claim—to block—the confiscation by a fusing to formally certify the LM's legal possession of the cat-le after it seized, 62 animals—rom—Goldfield—ancher—Ben-

Colvin in 2001.
"I understand there are a host of issues of great concern to the ranching community and the duties of the brand inspector and the federal government," Berry told the ranchers'

told the ranchers' lawyer.
"You are asking this court to make significant constitutional determinations... But the issue before this court is very, very very arrow," she said.
"Certain issues cannot be decided by a court. They

cannot be decided by a court. They have to be decided by your senators and congressmen, your elected representatives in the state and federal government," she said. "Judges do not make law."

The ranchers, represented by the Nevada Livestock Association, said

Nevada Livestock
Association, said
Colvin and others
should have been
allowed a-state court-hearing to
argue why the BLM has no
authority to confiscate cattle
accused of grazing on BLM land
without a federal permit.

Michael Van Zandt, a lawyer for the group, said the state brand inspector was wrong to certify the BLM's possession of cattle based solely on BLM's documentation showing it had followed properties procedures in confiscating the livestock. "The brand inspector has the legal authority to hold up the transfer and clear up ney have cided by any dispute over the legal possession," Van Zandt lected

sion, van Zandr
The BLM maintains-it-has-theauthority to seize
the cattle administratively - without judicialreview - after a
rancher accused
of repeated trespassing is notified
of the offense,
warned about the
consequences

Janet Berry,
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en consequences
and notified of
plans to impound
the cattle.

—In Colvin's case, BIM officials
said they had warned him since
1995 that he was violating federal
law and his cattle could be subject
to confiscation for back fees the Washoe District Judge

BLM said totaled more than \$70,000 by 2001. Deputy Attorney General Gina Session said that federal law – not state law – applies because the confiscation took place on federal confiscation took place on federal land. She said the state's only role is to certify BLM's legal posses-sion, which it is required to do under federal law when BLM presents the proper documents. "The beef really is between Mr. Colvin and the BLM. We don't have a dog in this fight," Session said.

Van Zandt said Colvin and other ranchers have constitutionally protected property rights to use the land based in part on water rights that date back a cen-

tury. "These are not public lands," he

Session said the state "recognizes there is public land in Nevada under the jurisdiction of the federal government."

Sandoval, a Republican who said he wants to address the ranchers' concerns, attended the nearly six-hour hearing but Session presented the state's case. Officials in Sandoval's office could not recall an instance of a state attorney general requesting such a judicial confirmation hearing, which are used only occasion-

ing, which are used only occasion-ally to review state bond issues.

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Petition — Dan Hofstetter

Find the commissioners he is irculating a petition requesting amoval of the fence around the ond at Exit 208 because it him-

ers handicap access. Homeland security -County

Service Coordinator George Falkner said the Department of Homeland Security has not iden-tified any known targets in Idaho. When the terrorism threat level is raised, Falkner checks with the sheriff to be sure he has been pressified.

Donation - Commissioners voted 2-1 to contribute \$2,000 to

the South Central Community
Action Partnership.
Commissioner Dan Stapelman
voted against the motion.

Planuling commission – Dick
Galbraith and Arnold Patterson
have each agreed to serve another
term on the Minidoka County
Planning and Zoning
Commission. Galbraith is com-

pleting his second three-year term; Patterson is completing his first term.

 Sheriff's vehicle financing Sheriff's vehicle financing — Commissioners accepted a bid from D. L. Evans Bank to finance sheriff's office vehicles at 3.2 per-cent interest with no document fee.

Report: Utah women's, children's health care needs improvement

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) -

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Utah's health maintenance organizations lag behind the rest of the nation in areas of children's and women's health, but do better with diabetes care, according to an annual performance report.

The Utah Department of Iteath has issued its annual 2003 performance report rating Utah's leath maintenance organizations, just in time for the health plan changecours eason.

The first section of the new report describes how Utah's HMOs are performing in different areas of health care. Results rate Utah's groups above the national average in access by adults to presentive care and blood-sugar control in people with diabetes.

Utah's IMOs also have a lower Caesarean section delivery rate than the rest of the nation.

However, Utah IMOs scored lower than the rate of the nation.

for children and adolescents' health maintenance and child-hood immunizations. Utah health officials and this report do indicate that childhood immunizations in Utah have improved in the past year, with just over two-thrifts of all children covered by commercial HMOs receiving all the recommended immunizations. Improvement is also needed in consumer satisfaction.

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The Medicaid HMOs scored higher than the national average in many areas, including adults' access to preventive care, care for diabetes patients, prenatal care, children's access to primary care practitioners, childhood immunizations and well-child visits in the first IS months of life.

Areas where Medicaid HMOs in Utah need improvement are well-care visits for children ages 3-6 and for adolescents; breast

and cervical cancer screenings; and chlamydia screenings in women.

"This report allows health-care consumers to make informed decisions about their health care and at the same time helps HMOs know where to make quality improvements," said Annette Herman, HMO representative for the Utah Healthcare Committee and also president and CEO of United Healthcare Utah. "The data helps drive community education efforts, and that helps improve our residents health status overall."

Approximately 35 percent of Utah's insured population is covered by one of the five commercial plans listed in the report, or one of the four Medicaid plans included. HHC is by far the largest HMO provider, with almost 469,000 persons enrolled earlier this year.

Population database may aid cancer_research

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) —
Utah's health-information databank may help researchers determine why some people exposed to radiation from the government's atomic weapons program
developed cancer or other deadly
diseases while others didn't.
The database could be used
with information collected on
people who claim they were sickened from the uranium industry
or weapons-testing fallout.
Stephen M. Prescott, the director of the Huntsman Cancer
Institute, called the melding of
the two resources "a discovery
cingine" that could be used to
identify the genes that make people susceptible to harm from
radiation or possibly protect
them.
"It's work already being done

"It's work already being done with mice," said Prescott, after

presenting the idea Dec. 15 to a panel of the National Academy of Sciences meeting in southern Utah. "But we should be able to find the gene for susceptibility in humans."

The Utah Population Database contains in-depth family health information from about 21 million people. Prescott said that has proven a powerful tool to understand the genetic basis of disease.

understand the general disease.
Combined with separate inforces about uranium-Combined with separate infor-mation resources about uranium-industry workers and those exposed to fallout from weapons testing, it could lead researchers to identify families with a genet-ic vulnerability or resistance to health damage associated with exposure to radiation. The Board on Radiation Effects Research met earlier this

month in St. George, where it heard from uranium industry workers, the downwinders who blame atomic-weapons testing fallout for their illnesses, and the families of both groups. The board's main task is to rec-ommend whether to expand the kinds of illnesses and the geo-graphical areas that are covered under the \$700 million federal government compensation pro-

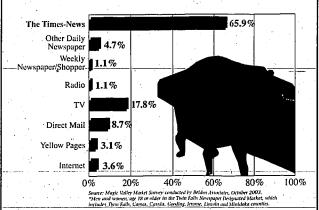
under the \$700 million federal government compensation Arc. Suggestions are due within a year, so it's unlikely the board will include Huntsman's study proposal in its upcoming advisor yeport, said board Chairman R. Julian Preston. "It would be a useful study, but it would take years" said Preston of identifying radiation-sensitivity genes.

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Hawaii tree sellers slash prices because of glut

HONOLULU (AP) - Hawaii is known for its high cost of living. But this year, sprucing up the liv-ing room for the holidays only takes 51 - even less in some

cases.

A glut of Christmas trees has some merchants offering them for as little as a buck. Some overstocked sellers are even giving them away.

Sellers attribute the surplus of trees to dealers overcompensating for last year, when there was-abortage. "Everyone and their mother was selling Christmas trees this year," said Ray Griego, assistant manager at Wal-Mart in Millani. Griego brought in 5,600 trees and still had 1,000 left on Sunday. He planned to call charities that

might be interested in women some free trees off his hands.

—Mahinalani Ratiff closed hertree lot in Hawaii Kai on Saturday, even though she had
200 trees left.

With the surplus and competition from big-box stores selling trees at low prices, Ratiff said she didn't see herself doing much more business.



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Montana, New

Mexico, Utah and

Wyoming - a key

region in the

administration's push to open more public land for energy

development.

Wolves could help control disease in elk

DENVER (AP) - Researchers are looking to volves to help control the spread of chronic wasting disease in deer and elk, a fatal' brain malady some biologists fear will invade Vellowstone National Park in the next few years. Wolves' uncanny ability to spot vulnerable animals may make them the best natural control for the disease, since wolves could kill off sick animals, researchers say.

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Wasting disease makes its victims distracted and unwary as it eats tiny holes in their brains, the Denver Post reported.
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range of predator and disease have never overlapped.

But over the next few years, that will likely change as both the disease and wolves spread out.

David Mech, a biologist with the U.S. Geologic Survey who is considered one of the world's top wolf experts, cautioned that until wolves and wasting disease actually interact, theories about wolves controlling the spread of the disease are just speculation. Wasting disease was first identified in a Fort Collins wildlifer research station in 1967, spreading into southeast Wyoming by the 1980s. Last year it was discovered as far away as Wisconsin.

Unlike other predators like mountain lions and coyotes, wolves constantly test potential prey, looking for weakness. This hunting style, Smith said, seems perfectly tailored to removing sick animals.

"Wolves are probably the single best way to stop the spread of CWD," he said. "Chronic wasting disease causes animals to active in the control of th

that."
University of Calgary professor
Valerius Geist, an expert on deer
and elk, said wolves can remove
infected individuals and clean up
carcasses that could transmit the

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Geist and Princeton University biologist Andrew Dobson theorize that killing off the wolf allowed CWD to take hold in the first

CWD. to take the place.

A federal predator control program in the 1920s eliminated the last prairie wolves in the region, according to Michael Robinson of the Center for Biological

New Mexico study will look at Indian-town relationships

FARMINGTON, N.M. (AP) - The FARMINGTON, N.M. (AP)—The U.S. Civil Rights Commission plans to look into racial discrimination in communities that border Sputhwestern Indian reservations, and the first community to come tigder scrutiny will be Farmington.—The largest city in northwestern New Mexico was investigated by Civil rights authorities in the mid-1970s after killings of Indian menby Anglo youths.

Much has changed since, but conflicts still arise when a largely

by Anglo youths.

Much has changed since, but
conflicts still arise when a largely
Indian population lives adjacent to
a city controlled politically and
economically by Anglos, said John
Dulles, executive director of the
commission's Rocky Mountain
regional office.
Dulles met with Navaio and

commission's Rocky Mountain regional office.

Dulles met with Navajo and farmington officials in August to get a sense of what issues the commission might face when it holds bearings here next spring.

"We're a long ways from the 1970s. I think they'll find a different story," said City Manager Bob Houston.

"Itudson said, for example, that Indians now hold 18 percent of city jobs, thanks to the city's effort to recruit minority employees after the commission's last major study. Dulles said the commission will

safety and whatever citizens bring

up at public hearings.
"I don't think it's all going to be negative indictments" he said.
"I'm trying to be as open minded as possible."

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as possible."
Stan Augustine, head of the commission's New Mexico Advisory
Committee, said the committee
will do interviews beginning nextmonth and plans to hold a foruin inFarmington in May.
The report arrising from the
study would include recommendations for local, state and federal
agencies and officials.
Farmington, with an estimated
population of 40,500 last year, is
the retail heart of the Four
Corners. The Navajo Nation sits to
its west and south, the Jicarilla
Apache Reservation lies to the
south and Ute tribes live in nearby southern Colorado.
Farmington's population is 63 percent Anglo, 17 percent Indian and.
17 percent Hispanic. Blacks and
Asians make up the remaining 6
percent.
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A 1975 study, "The Farmington Report: A Conflict of Cultures," contended the community took money from Indians and treated them badly. The report found underempleyment of Navajos in business and government, police mistreatment of Indians and unscrupulous business practices.

Oil, gas permits rise under Bush

Requests strain BLM resources

WASHINGTON (AP) - Oil and gas companies eager to drill in the Rocky Mountain West appear to have an ally in the Bush administration, which is approving wells at a pace well ahead of the Clinton administration and looking to get even faster.

An Associated Press review of thousands of applications to drill on Bureau of Land Management land since 1998 shows a 34 percent increase in the number of wells approved under Bush when compared with the last three years of the Clinton administration.

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The vast majority-of the permits, 94 percent since 2001, are clustered in five states: Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming – a key region in the administration push to open more public land for energy development.

The BLM has received nearly

administration's push to open more public land for energy development.

The BLM has received nearly 26,000 applications to drill wells and approved nearly 19,000 since 1998 – nearly three of every four. BLM land and other federal land managed by the. Interior Department contain an estimated 68 percent of nation's gas reserves and 74 percent of oil resources. The AP review covered detailed BLM records over the last three years and summary information dating to 1998.

A flood of permits has strained the BLM's meager resources, creating a backlog of applications industry officials say is leading to shortages and higher gas prices.

To answer the critics, the Interior Department is seeking to speed up the process.

"We are blessed with vast resources. We have a stewardship-responsibility to produce it and I think the American public expects us to produce it," said Patricia Morrison, the agency's principal deputy assistant secretary, for land and minerals.

The BLM controls 262 million acres of subsurface and 700 million and 10,000 employees – but it isn't enough these days.

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Applying to drill

Natural gas companies have been rushing to apply for drilling permits in the Rocky Mountain West but the paperwork bottleneck can take an average of three months for an approval.

Number of federal applications for pe to drill in the West

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SOURCE: Bureau of Land Managoment AP methane development of the Powder River Basin, where the agency expects to issue 3,000 permits in the coming year and methane is so shallow wells can be punched with rigs used to drill for vestor.

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Four years ago, 23 people worked at the Buffalo office. The number has more than tripled to 76 to handle the demand, more than 4,000 permit applications in the lest three years.

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Dennis Stenger, field manager of the office, said his staff has been aggressive in trying to get faster, issuing, permits, to, clusters, of wells to avoid redundant envi-ronmental and cultural studies. That practice and others were adopted M Mwdde in a series of That practice and others were adopted BLM-wide in a series of directives issued in April aimed at improving the permit process.

Without unforeseen delays, the

office can generally get permits processed in 46 days, Stenger said. "You can't streamline much

more" without changing the envi-ronmental laws, he said. Federal regulations, however, say the BLM is supposed to ronmental laws, no said.
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say the BLM is supposed to
process permits in 30 days or less.
The industry notes that a state
like Colorado can often process
permits to drill on state lands in
as little as 10 days.
The AP review
found it takes the
BLM much longer
– an average of 89
days over the last
three years,
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year. Morrison said the numbers don't reflect delays caused by companies amending or withdrawing an application. But she conceded that

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withdrawing an application. But she conceded that permits are taking too long to handle for the liking of industry—and government.

"That's exactly what we're trying to address." In Are Teview found that, during the first 33 months of the Bush administration, the BLM approved 9.876 wells, or about 299 per month. In the final 40 months of the Clinton presidency, 8,934—wells were approved, or 223 per month. The volume of permit applications has also grown fairly steadily, from 3,790 in 1998 to 4,715 in 2003. The number approved has 250 million to Bush's 2000 campaign and have already given nearly \$1 million to pilled by the Center for Responsive Politics. The industry into campaign finance records compolitical campaigns since 1999, with roughly 80 percent point to Republicans.
Billions of dollars are at stake: A recent industry study by IIIs Energy estimated an additional 264 million cubic feet of natural gas per day could be in production by August 2004 if the BLM were

able to wipe out its backlog in six months and begin consistently processing permits in 45 days. The Energy Department has estimated that, over the next two decades, gas consumption will grow by more than 50 percent, while production would grow by just 14 percent if it continues at incurrent rate.

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Alberswerth, a
public lands
expert with The
Wilderness
Society, said the The vast majority of expert with The Wild der ne s s Society, said the BLM simply doesn't have the funding and personnel to handle the increase in permit applications. He also said drilling in the West remains steady, despite the industry's grievances.

"Their theory seems to be that the obstructions and impediments are the environmental safe-parads," he said. "From our perspective that's the wrong way to go he words and the proposed in the said."

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Ninth Circuit upholds status for Indian casinos

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) – A federal appeals court upheld California's tribal gambling law Monday, ruling that it violates no federal law even though it gives tribes special privileges to operate craines.

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The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco upheld the July 2002 decision by U.S. District Judgo David F. Lovi in Sacramento, who ruled against four San Francisco Bay area card clubs crying to stop the state's first urban casino in San Pablo.

The ballot measure approved by California voters does indeed give American Indians a monopoly on Nevadas-tyle gaming, which includes slot machines and blackjack, the district and appellate courts agreed.

courts agreed.

But both found the state's deci-

sion to permit tribal casinos vio-lates neither the federal Indian. Gaming. Regulatory Act (IGRA), nor the U.S. constitutional guaran-tee of equal protection.

An attorney for the card rooms did not immediately return tele-phone messages from an Associated Press reporter seeking

Associated ress reporter seesing reaction.

The card rooms' lawsuit dial-lenged Proposition 1A, a statewide initiative passed in March 2000 that amended the state's constitution to permit tribes to operate casinos on their reservations.

The card rooms argued that voters were misled by proposition proponents and never expected that Las Vegas-style casinos would be popping up all over the state, including in urban areas.

The Lytton Band of Pomo

Indians, the main target of the suit, is planning to turn a card room across the bay from San Francisco into a casino.

The card clubs, led by Artichoke Joe's in San Bruno, claimed the expansion of tribal casinos in recent years has hurt their business because they can't compete with the Las Vogas-style operations. They said they were fighting for their survival with the court challenges.

The card rooms argued that because Nevada-style gaming is

The card rooms argued that because Nevada-style gaming is illegal under state law, California must either shut down tribal casi-nos or allow other casinos to engage in Nevada-style gaming as well.

well.

The district and appellate courts agreed the card rooms have been harmed by the tribal casinos,

but ruled there's no violation of federal law.

Both also ruled that giving Indians special gambling rights is not ractal discrimination, saying tribes have special privileges because they are regarded as sovereign nations under the law. The courts said Congress was entitled to give the tribes special gambling opportunities as part of its effort to promote economic development. "In summary, Congress acted rationally in balancing the sovereign interests of tribes and states." the appeals court ruled. "The state of California, which historically had banned casino gambling aleogether, acted rationally in... racognizing the sovereign interests of federally recognized Indian tribes to choose a different path on Indian lands."

Avalanche survivor now preaches awareness

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) – Light, Jen darkness. Light, then dark

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The sun beamed down on firian Sall one second, and was gone the next. Over and over again, he saw light, then darkness, as he and his snowmobile tumbled down the side of an Orgon mountain five years ago.

When the whirling stopped, Sali was buried in several feet of snow, the victim of an avalanche.

"Sali had not checked avalanche conditions, and he didn't have an electronic rescue beacon.

"He now has a healthy respect for the sheer power of snow.

"It's a lesson a lot of people should be told every year. They for-get, about, the safety, factors," he, sold. "I preach to people now to be-show smart."

The lesson is even more salient

ion. The lesson is even more salient the helidays approach, and more sople head to the backcountry for little exercise and fun in their pe time. Many will disregard the

free time. Many wat cast egen-dengers.
Washington state averages 1.5
avalanche related deaths per win-ter season. Already, three people died this month in separate ava-lanches in the Cascades in Washington state.
In the latest case, the body of Carol Greene, 38, of Seattle, was



Brian Sail from Moxee, Wash., still has the stick that his friends used to find his body after he was caught o iniu inis nony arter ne was caught i an avalanche while snowmobiling, ear Paulina Mountain in Oregon in

recovered Saturday near the Alpental Ski Area cast of Snoqualmie Pass, a week after she was buried in a slide while she was snowshoeing with a friend on the Snow Lake Trail.

"It is sort of a wake-up call," said Paul Baugher, director of the Northwest Avalanche Institute based in Enumdaw. "This year, we've already had double the average, and we're just at the beginning of the winter season.

All backcountry enthusians should be trained to recognize the dangers, take steps to prevent a tragedy and know what to do should an avalanche occur, Baugher said.
"An avalanche is more seductive

Baugher said.

"An avalanche is more seductive and alluring to people at times of really high hazard." he said. "When, avalanches are at their most unstable, you have beautiful blankets of powder that people love to ski in, ride-in-It-just draws-you-in-und-belies the dangers that are increas.

belies the dangers that are increasing."

Once you're caught and completely buried, your chances of surviving are one out of three.

"That's pretty grim," he said. "That's hythe training becomes the foundation to everything." Onc, people should heed the warnings. Most fatalities, up to 80 percent, occur when the ratings for avalanche danger are considerable or moderate – deaths that could easily be avoided, Baugher said. And everyone who enjoys the backcountry should pack the necessary equipment, including elec-

tronic rescue beacons and probes. In two of the three deaths this month, including a snowmobiler who died last week in the Wenatchee National Forest, the

wenatchee National Forest, the victims were not wearing beacons, Baugher said. A beacon won't prevent an avalanche but will improve the chances of a rescue. And an understanding of avalanches can go a long way, he said.

"People need to understand that including the comment of the comment o "People need to understand that in virtually every avalanche accident, the avalanche itself is riggered by the victim or a member of
the victim's party." Baugher said.
"People have this belief that someone just happened to be in the
wrong place at the wrong time. It's
not like that at-all."

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Sali remembers intensely the
early moments of the roughly 20
minutes he was buried.
"When i sopped the amount of
pressure against every square inch
of my body was unbelievable. I
couldn't even move my toes in my
body or my fingers in the lining of
my gloves, the compaction was on
intense," Sali said. "It was darker
with my eyes open than with my
eyes shut."

eyes shut."

What people fail to realize, Sali said, is the force with which an avalanch compresses the snow, making it physically impossible to move.





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World

U.N. will lead inspection on disarming Libya

VIENNA, Austria - The head of the U.N. atomic watchdog agency said Monday he will lead the first inspection of Libya's nuclear facilities as soon as next week, aiming to kick-start the elimination of the country's programs for weapons of mass destruction.

In the wake of Libya's surprise admission, Pakistan acknowledged Monday the possibility that some of Its Scientists may have provided nuclear technology to foreign nations.

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Pakistan's government has strengly denied allegations it gave such information to countries such as Iran, North Korea and Libya – but said Monday it has questioned the founder of its nuclear program as part of its nuclear program.

Both Libya and Iran have imported centrifuges for uranium, enrichment, although Libya which publicly owed up Friday to having weapons of mass destruction – says it stopped short of an enrichment program. Diplomats have identified Pakistan as one source of Iran's equipment procumemnt.

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Trial opens for Serbian prime minister's assassins

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BELGRADE. SerbiaMontenegro – Sitting stoically in a
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Slobodan Milosevic's allies to
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power.
The trial is seen as a test of the independence of Serbia's judiciary after former President Milosevic's autocratic reign in the toon.

1990s.
Legal experts and human rights observers have raised questions about who ordered the March 12 super slaying of Zoran Dindjic, how many shots were fired and how prosecutors handled the indictment.

indictment.
The indictment charges 36 suspects with allegedly forming a "criminal enterprise" that attempted to topple. Djindjic's government, though 15 suspects are at large and will be tried in absentia.

absentia.

Authorities say the sniper attack in front of the prime minister's headquarters was part of a plan by Milosevic supporters to regain power after the former president was ousted by Djindjie's pro-Western coalition in 2000 and extradited to the U.N. war crimes court in 2001 to face charges including genocide during the Balkan wars.

Rebels free five foreign

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hostages in Colombia

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Colombian rebels freed four
israelis and a Brition on Monday to
a humanitarian commission,
which whisked them away on two
helicopters after 101 days in caprivity in the jungle-covered northern mountains.

We're free! We're free, said
Mark Henderson, the British
hostage, in a brief comment with
The Associated-Press-over-a-cellphone, Before the call was broken
off. Henderson confirmed that he
and the four Israelis had been
freed by the National Liberation
Army, known as the ELN.

Tammy Ohayon described an
ernotional conversation over a cell
phone with her son, Orpas
Ohayon, one of the freed Israelis.

"I spoke with my son," the former hostage's mother told AP as
she rushed from a Bogota hotel to
the Esraeli Embassy in the capital.

"Every thing is OK. He said
Mommy, I love you."

During his captivity, in which he
and the other hostages often went
hungy and faced the threat of a
violent death, Ohayon maintained
a vow to stay alive, no matter what
happened, his mother said.

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Lucky town hits it big in Spain's \$2.2 billion lottery

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MADRID, Spain - The world's
richest lottery spread \$2.2 billion
in Christmas cheer Mondau
throughout Spain, including to a
village whose name means luck.
Spaniard's spent the morning
glued to television sets and
radios for the latest edition of a
sweepstakes that goes back to
1812 and marks the official start
of Spain's holiday season.

World in brief

Known as El Gordo, or the Fat One, the lottery uses a complex system of shared numbers that shuns winnertakes.all jackpots and instead brings wealth to millions of people holding numbers that go from 00001 to 66,000.

Complicating matters further, each of those 66,000 numbers is repeated 1,900 times. People often team up to buy tickets costing \$25 each, so windfalls trickle through towns, offices, sports clubs and bars.

Tens of thousands win - from \$125 to \$250,000 on a single ticker

This year's first prize number was 42473. The 1,900 tickets bearing that number were worth a total \$470 million.

Six-hundred first-prize winners

Six hundred first prize winners were sold in a village in Catalonia called Sort, which means "luck" in the northeast region's language. Many people trek there to buy tickets, making its lone lottery outlet - nick-named The Golden Witch -Spain's busiest at Christmas

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MOSCOW – Soviet diplomat
Oleg Troyanovsky, whose affable
personality ran counter to the
stereotype of the stone-faced
Russian official during the Cold
War, has died, the Foreign
Ministry said Monday. He was 84.
Troyanovsky died Sunday after
a long illness. No further details
were immediately available.
Troyanovsky served for nine
years as the Soviet Union's ambasador to the United Nations.

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We're talking about we're not as bad as our record. That's a lie. We are as bad as our record.

> - Atlanta Hawks onter Theo Ratliff. The Hawks have the second-worst winning percentage in the NBA (.241).

TRIVIA QUESTION:

QUESTION:
Shaquille O'Neal ranks fifth in
the NBA in rebounding. Who was
the last Los Angeles Laker center
to lead the league?

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school girls basketball Century at Burley, 6 p.m. High school boys basketball Jerome at Century, 6 p.m. Pocatello at Minico, 6 p.m

IN BRIFF

BSU boosters plan to meet tonight

TWIN FALLS—The Boise State Booster Club will meet at Woody's Sportsbar and Grill at 5:30 tonight for the Fort Worth Bowl. The Broncos play Texas Christian University.

Resort offers free cross country lessons

HANSEN – From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, the Magic Mountain Ski Resort will sponsor. free rentals and lessons for beginning cross country skiers. For more information, call Jack at 837-4505.

Open gym times are available in Twin Falls

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TWIN FALLS – The City of
Twin Falls Parks and Recreation
Department and the Twin Falls
School District are sponsoring a
free open gym during the holiday
break at Robert Stuart Junior
High.
The gym is open from 6 p.m. to
9 p.m. tonight and reopens this
Saturday and Sunday from noon
to 4 p.m. and then from 6 p.m. to
9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec.
28-29.
The gym closes for the New

The gym closes for the New Year's holiday and reopens Jan. 3 from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call 736-2265.

Candleridge course offers golf packages

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TWIN FALLS — Candleridge
Golf Course is offering all-inclusive golf packages through Dec. 31.
Unlimited golf, unlimited
ange balls and use of an electric
cart may be purchased for the
2004 season at ratis of \$500 for
one person, \$750 per couple and
\$1,000 for a family.
Call 733-6577 for more information.

Burley football team will be 'Santa's helpers'

BURLEY - Coach Scott Palin and the Burley High School football team are offering their services as Santa's helpers this holiday season.

Anyone in need of holiday helpedecorating, putting up lights, wrapping presents- can call 678-3903 or 431-4274, or email hondo@pmt.org to ask for assistance.

431.4274, or email hondo@pmt.org to ask for assistance.—The fee for help_is a. donation, made to the Bobeat Football Camp Fund. For your donation, a team of adult supervised athletes will help you get ready for the hol-idays. They will also be available after Christmas to help; take down decorations and haul away Christmas trees.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who averaged 16.9 rebounds in the 1975-76 season.

Plummer fills big shoes

Boise native leads Denver to playoffs

The Associated Press

DENVER - The Denver Broncos are in the playoffs for just the sec-ond time since John Elway retired. They've done it with a playor who's looked a lot like Elway this season: Boise native Jake Plummer.

Plummer.
Sidestepping pass rushers, scrambling for first downs and picking apart defenses with pinpoint passes, Plummer has the Broncos on a roll and in the playoffs for the first time since 2000.
"He can make plays," Shanahan said. "We all knew what John

could do, in the pocket making plays when nothing's there. Jake has that ability to scramble, throw on the run and make the big-time plays that you look for in a top notch quarterback."

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plays that you look for in a top-notch quarterback." How important has Plummer been? With him, Denver is 9-2 and averages 395 yards and 28 points per game. In the four games he missed with foot and shoulder injuries, the Broncos lost three and averaged just 17 points and 258 yards. And Plummer's been at his best when Denver has needed him the most.

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Three straight losses in the middle of the season left the Broncos in danger of missing the playoffs for the fourth time since Elway retired in 1999. Plummer's return

with Plummer, Dermer has won four straight and five of six to clind an AFC wild-card spot. In that span, he completed 66 percent of his passes for 1,279 yards and seven touchdowns with four interceptions.

He left no doubt against Indianapolis on Sunday, throwing for 238 yards and a touchdown and unning for two more scores in a 31-17 win. With Plummer creating space with bootlegs or by stepping up in the pocket, Denver held the ball for nearly 45 minutes and racked up 465 yards to end an eight-game road losing streak in December.

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Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer (16) oludes indianapolis Coits' Donald Sunday to score a touch down during the first quarindianapolis

blue field

behind for

bowl game

FORT WORTH, Texas – Here's a change for Boise State: The Broncos finally are in a bowl far from their blue-turfed home. No. 18 Boise State meets No. 19 TCU in the inaugural Fort Worth Bowl on Tuesday night in a game between one-loss teams from non-BCS conferences.

The Broncos (12-1) are playing in a bowl on the road for the first time after three appearances in four years in the Humanitarian Bowl.

to the "home team against to the "home team against to 19 cm. 19 TCU (11-1), which is staying home for its post is e as on game after a being in contention for one of the four big-money games in the Bowl Championship Series until its only loss Nov. 20.

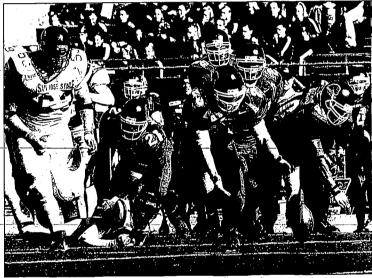
"Now the roles are reversed and we're at TCU's house for a bowl game," Boise State receiverpunt returner Tim Gilligan said Monday. "We so much wanted to go somewhere besides the 11-Bowl, and we got it." A thirt how.

Worth

The Associated Press

Yet, they will be the "home"

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Roise State Hall (25) scoops up a fumble in the Broncos' 77-14 home victory over San Jose State earlier this season. Hall and the Broncos play -18th-ranked Texas Christian In today's Inau-

PlainsCapital

Redshirt freshman flourishes at middle linebacker

By Eric Larsen

Times-News write

BOISE - Sometimes, things just

fit.
Korey Hall grew up in Glenns Ferry, just an hour's drive out of Boise. So it was the natural choice for the 2001 Idaho 2A Player of the Year to make the short trip to play for the Boise State University

for the 2001 Idaho 2A Player of the Year to make the short trip to play for the Boise State University Broncos.

The 6-foot, 228-pound inside linebacker is also a great fit in Broncos defensive coordinator Ron Collins' no-huddle defense. With great speed and the ability to react quickly, Hall is the type of-sideline-to-sideline linebacker NCAA programs need to combat Sports world feels effects of terror alert

NEW YORK-When the nation's terror alert was raised to its second highest level, Louisiana Superdome personnel were ready, "We've got the drill down pretry good," spokesman Bill Curl said Monday from New Orleans, where the Sugar Bow will be played on Jan. 4.

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NEW YORK - When the nation's

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Editors note: This marks the second installment of College Report,
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Report

Nation reacts - A1.3

"Come early and empty-handed," Several federal law enforce

Comes in.

In Collins' defensive scheme, the inside linebacker deesn't call the coverage. Each player must know their role in the Broncos' read-and-react scheme that has allowed only 16 points per game. In a traditional defensive system, a redshirt freshman like Itall would be mired on the bench behind a senior inside linebacker who has spent three or four years preparing for the leadership role. But Collins' system allows for athletic players like Hall to step into the game and contribute earlier in their collegiate carcers.

"Korey, is leading by example," Collins said. "In our no-huddle defense all our guys need to know

the scheme, so it's not like he's stepping in front of huddle. He just has to be physical and play hard"
Hall has played hard, making Collins look smart all year with 85 tackles and 2.5 sacks going into today's PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl against 18th-ranked Texas Christian University (11-1). The local favorite has been a big part of the 16th-ranked Broncos' 12-1 season that includes their first non-Humanitarian Bowl postseason bowl selection as a NCAA Division I program.
But perfect fits don't just happen.

TCU plays Boise State in the inau-joural Fort Worth Bowl on Tuesday night. Ross Bailey, in charge of oper-ations at Amon G Carter Stadium, said there would be extra security sweeps of the stadium.

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When the Big is didn't have enough bowledingible teams to fill its fort Worth slot, the new bowl invited the two-time Western Athletic Conference champion Broncos to play Conference USA representative TCU. "It's a chancing to play and the study of the second to the study of the second to the secon

Worth boasts the only non-BCS game matching 10-win teams. And two of the best teams from outside the major conferences.

"There's not anything 1 think we've got to prove. Neither team has to prove anything." TCU coach Gary Parterson said. "The only difference in them and -us, they lost early. We've got two teams that do it the right way."

While there may be the temptation to view the Fort Worth Bovd as the championship game of the non-BCS teams, don't forget No. 14 Miami (Ohio) of the Mid-American Conference. The Redllawks (13-1) ended their season with 13 straight wins, beating Louisville 49-28 in the GMAC Bovd, which it has played in tvice, but the teams of the CMAC Bovd, which it has played in tvice, but the teams.

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tions – Times Square, Las Vegas, L.A., football games, you name it. And we encourage people to, like we said before, be vigiliant and be aware." That kind of atmosphere was already evident Monday at various bowl sites around the country. "I visited the TCU practice on Sunday and there were more police around the team than there had been," said Tim Simmons of the Fort Worth Bowl. "That may be a function of them playing at home." Come early and empty-handed." Several federal law enforcement officials, including Homeland Security Secretary Ton Ridge, mentioned major bowl games as potential al-Qaida targets. Still, they urged fans to go about business as usual. "This is a period of celebration," Ridge said. "There are public gatherings in major urban areas around the country, big celebration." sweeps of the stadium. At some sites, operating at a high level of security has been the norm since the terrorist attacks and few adjustments will be necessary. The NFL declined to say if there would be additional security measures at games this weekend. Jan. 4. He had one piece of advice for fans attending the Bowl Championship Series title game between LSU and Oklahoma: Chicago Cubs fan Bartman goes from goat to antihero

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Two months ago, Steve artman was baseball's Public Bartman was baseball's Public Enemy No. 1. A hapless ballhawk blamed for the Chicago Cubs' latest misery, the image of his outstretched hand made him the butt of jokes nationwide. Hounded by the media, Bartman has done sensible users him is his

has done seemingly everything in his power to stay out of the spotlight. But

in that quintessential American way, he's become a pop culture antihero. There are shirts with his likeness on the Internet. A trading card complete with a fake swatch of his bright green turtleneck. And that infamous ball? It was just auctioned for \$106,600.

When you say the Bartman ball, most people have seen that game. Even people who aren't baseball fans," said Brian Marren, vice presi-

dent of acquisitions for MastroNet Inc., the auction house that sold the ball.

ball. gets embedded in people's minds."
For those few who don't remember, Bartman was the Cubs fan who unwittingly deflected a foul ball away from Moises Alou in Game 6 of the National League championship series. The ball ricocheted back into the stands, and the Cubs' World

Series dreams disappeared right along with it.

The Florida Marlins. down 30 at the time, rallied to win the game. The Marlins went on to win Game 7 and advance to the World Series, where they beat the New York Yankees.

Bartman was blamed for the Cube' demise, the newest goat in the team's sad lore. Never mind that Chicago blew a 3-1 lead in the series. Or that



Wolfpack rips up Jayhawks

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Philip Rivers made sure North Carolina State's disappointing season - and his record-setting career - ended on a winning

note. Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year threw—for—Tangorino—Bowl records of 475 yards and five touchdowns Monday night, lead-ing the Wolfpack to a 56-26 rout of Kansas.

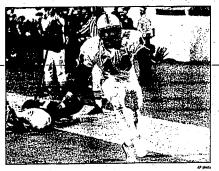
touchdowns Monday night, leading the Wolfpack to a 55-26 rout of Kansas.

Rebounding from a two-game losing streak that cost them a trip to a bigger bowl, the Wolfpack (8-5) marched 64, 68 and 97 yards on their first three possessions to build a 21-7 lead.

"You never do know if you're going to blow the doors wide open and just be hitting on everything." Rivers said. "But we felt coming in there were going to be some opportunities for big plays. We felt there were a lot of holes right behind the linebackers. That's where we attacked, and it got us rolling." Rivers led an 88-yard drive in the third quarter, then broke the game open by taking advantage of a blocked punt to put the Wolfpack up 42-17 less than nine minutes into the 'second half.

Richard Washington scored on

Richard Washington scored on receptions of 45 and 14 yards, and Jerricho Cotchery had 13



North Carolina State's T.A. McLendon celebrates in the end zone in front of Kansas' Nick Reid (7) after scoring a touchdown during the second quarter of the Tangerine Bowl on Monday.

catches for 171 yards and one TD. T.A. McLendon got into the end zone three times, scoring on a 3-yard reception and runs of 1

and 26 yards.
Rivers, the ACC's career passing and total offense leader, was 21 of 24 for 268 yards and three TDs in the first half alone. He finished 37 of 45 for his fifth

400-yard game this season, and seventh overall. The 6-foot-5, 236-pound senior has been the starting quarterback for every game the Wolfpack have played under coach Chuck Amato, who has taken his team to a bowl game in each of his four seasons.z Amato removed Rivers mid-

way through the fourth quarter after his final completion gave him the Tangerine Bowl yardage record.

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Kansas (6-7) fell short in its bid to finish with its first winning record since 1995, the last time the Jayhawks appeared in a head course.

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Kansas Bill Whittemore completed 20 of 41 passes for 243 yards and touchdowns of 23 yards to Charles Gordon and 11 yards to Clark Green.

The senior quarterback—who led the Jayhawks to a 5-2 start before missing nearly four games, all Kansas losses—also scored on a 9-yard run early in the fourth quarter.

The game was billed as a potential offensive shootout, and Rivers and Whittemore didn't disappoint bowl sponsors who savored the matchup of teams with explosive attacks and defenses that struggled to contain opponents all season.

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attacks and defenses that struggled to contain opponents all season.
Kansas, which allowed an average of 392.6 yards and 28.3 points this year, yielded more 40 points for the fifth time.
North Carolina State had a typical night on defense, too, giving up 463 yards after allowing gave up 417.5 yards and just under 30 points per game during the regular season.

Favre handles grief, manhandles Raiders

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Brett Favre dealt with the grief in the best way he could imagine. He played his heavy heart out. Favre passed for 399 yards and four touchdowns a day after his father's death, moving into second place in NFL history for career TD-passes while leading the Green Bay Packers to a 41-7 victory over the Oakland Raiders on Monday night.

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With one spectacular long pass after another, Favre decimated the Raider's patchwork defense with one of the greatest performances in his 13-year career. He finished just 3 yards shy of his career high while sending the Raiders to their worst loss in eight years.
Favre threw for a personal-best 31 yards and four TDs in the first half, quickly turning a crucial game for the Packers' playoff hopes into a blowout victory—and he did it on one of the saddest days of his life.

Irvin Favre died of a heart attack Sunday night while driving near his son's hometown of Klin, Miss. Brett decided to stay with the Packers (9-6) long enough to lead a victory that kept them in a tie with Minnesota atop the NFC North.
Favre was 22-of-30, smilling and hugging his teammates throughout the game. In the fourth quarer, he embraced his wife,

Deannia, octore they headen home to Mississippi.
Though the formula is compli-cated, Green Bay can all but clinch a playoff berth with a victo-ry over Denver on Sunday' and if the Vikings lose to Arizona, the Packers—will—win-their-second-straight division title. The Packers also will be in the playoffs if Seattle loses to San Francisco on Sanuday.

also will be in the playoffs if Seattle loses to San Francisco on Saturday.

With the first of two first-half scoring passes to Javon Walker, Favre passed Fran Tarkenton on the NFL's career list with his 343rd career TD throw. The three-time MVP finished with 345, railing only Dan Marinot 420.

Favre got a respectful ovation from the normally victous Raider Nation when he was announced as a starter in his 20sth consecutive game, an NFL record for quarterbacks. He might have been drowning in emotion, but his performance was almost amazingly poised – and his receiving corps was just as impressive against the befuddled Raiders (4-11).

Many of Favre's throws were into coverage, but the Raiders secondary allowed repeated catches – seven of at least 20 yards. Favre capped the half with a 45-yard pass to Walker and a 6-yard TD to David Martin with a minute left.

Kirilenko scores 26, grabs 16 rebounds in Jazz win

Whitney's goal helps Red Wings singe the Blues, 2-1

CHICAGO (AP) - Andrei Kirilenko had 26 points and a career-high 16 rebounds Monday night to lead the Utah Jazz to a 92-80 victory, their 11th in 12 games over the Chicago Bulls. Matt Harpring also had a double-double, finishing with 15 points and 14 rebounds for the Jazz, who wrapped up a six-game road trip with a 500 record. They won despite turning the ball over 26 times.

The Bulls sure made it interesting though Trailing by 20 early in the third quarter, they went on a

the third quarter, they went on a furious rally and cut Utah's lead to 79-72 on a fast break dunk by Corie Blount with 3:46 to play. But

DETROIT (AP)—Ray Whitney's tiebreaking goal with 5:15 remaining lifted the Detroit Red Wings to a 2-1 victory over \$C. Louis on Monday night, snapping the Blues' nine-game unbeaten streak (7-02.)
Pavel Datsyuk scored the other Detroit goal and assisted on Whitney's winner. Curtis Joseph made 24 saves, including several during a flurry in the final minute.
Dallas Drake scored the Blues' goal, and Chris Osgood made 25 saves.

goal, and Chris Osgood made 22 saves.

After Datsyuk forced Alexander Khavanov into turning the putch over to Breat Hull behind the St. Louis net, Hull found Whitney in front. Whitney then put a shot past Chris Osgood.

St. Louis broke a scoroless tie 8:52 into the second period on Drake's power-play goal. His shot from the bottom of the left circle beat Joseph, who was sprawling. Detroit tied it 1:1 three minutes later on Datsyuk's short-handed goal.

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After stealing the puck from Scott Mellanhy at the Red Wings blue line, Datsyuk went in on a breakaway as he fought off

Continued from C1 in his six seasons with Arizona was he forced many passes and tried to win games on his own. That hasn't been the case since he signed a seven-year, \$40 million deal with Denver in the offseason. Plummer has kept his cool in tight situations, thrown the ball away instead of taking sacks and has relied on Denver's bevy of offensive wearous.

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-Christian Backman. Datsyuk's shot hit Chris Osgood's pads, bounced over the goaltender and into the net.

they couldn't get any closer, and were forced to foul the Jazz down the stretch.
Chicago has now lost three straight, and seven of its last nine. The Bulls had six players in double figures, but they were done in by a miserable first quarter and poor foul shooting. They were 27-0637 from the line, and Utah outrebounded them 49-34.
Gill had-13-points-to-lead-Bulls.

76ers 95, Magic 73

Stars 3. Hurricanes 1. RALEIGH, N.C. – Jere Lehtinen had two goals and an assist to lead the Dallas Stars to a 3-1 victory Monday night over the Carolina

Hurricanes.
After a scoreless first period, Lehtinen gave the Stars the lead 2:25 into the second. Dallas nearly scored again, but Stars forward Jason Armott knocked the net off and wiped out Pierre Turgeon's

goal. Olina answered with five seconds left in the second period when Jeff O'Neill tied it. O'Neils, set up by Sean Hill and Ron Francis, earned his 400th NHL Joint in Saturday's win at Boston. Lehtinen put the Stars back on, top 2-1 by scoring a short-handed goal at 9:32 of the third period.

Rangers 4, Bruins 2 NEW YORK - Bobby Holik and points, and Eric Snow added 14 points and 14 assists to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 95-73 vic-tory Monday night over the Orlando Magic.

Orlando Magic.
Robinson bounced back from a 2-for-10, 4-point game a day earlier against Boston, and helped the Sixers snap a two-game losing streak and move back into a tie for first place in the Atlantic Division.

Tracy McGrady missed nine of his first 10 shots, but finished with 20 points for the Magic.

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Kyle Korver had 16 points for
the 76ers, who blew the game
open with a 22-3 run in the
fourth quarter. Aaron McKie

Petr. Nedwed each scored twice. Monday night to lead the New York Rangers to a 42 victory over the Boston Bruins.
Holik's empty-net goal at 19:14 of the third period scaled the victory. Just before, Mike Dunham made a lunging toe stop to deny Patrice Bergeron's attempt at the tying goal. Bergeron fired at a seemingly open net from the slot. The Rangers improved to 8:52 2 at home and are 3:3 in their last six overall.

Boston has just one win in 10 games (1.5-4) and two in the last 15 games (2.7.5-1).

Canadiens 4, Penguins 1 MONTREAL – Saku Koivu and Sheldon Souray had a goal and an assist apiece, and Jose Theodore made 16 saves to lead the Montreal Canadiens to a 4-1 win Monday night over the Pittsburgh Penguins

Monday night over the Putsourge Penguins.
Pierre Dagenais and Niklas Sundstrom also scored for Montreal, which has just four loss-es in its last 15 games (84-33). Tomas Surovy scored for Pittsburgh, last in the Eastern Conference and winless in three

had 14 points for Philadelphia, 9-of-20 from beyond the arc. Korver was 4-for-10 and McKie 3-for-5.

Nuggets 106, Grizzlies 99

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DENVER - Voshon Lenard
scored 24 points and Andre Miller
had 21 points and 10 assists, leading the Denver Nuggets to a 10669 win over the Memphis
Grizzites on Monday night.
The Nuggets, matching their
victory total of last season (17),
opened the fourth quarter with a
144 run for a 95-84 lead.
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Memphis cut the deficit to four points with 1:25 left but got no closer.

Senators 3, Panthers 2, OT OTTAWA - Todd White scored at 1:34 of overtime Monday night

at 1:34 of overtime Monday night to lead the Ottawa Senators to a 3-2 win over the Florida Panthers. Daniel Alfredsson took, advantage of a turnover at the Panthers blue line to send White in alone on goaltender Roberto Luongo.—White deked Luongo before sliding the puck in.

Rookie Antoine Vermette and Martin Havlat also scored for Ottawa

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Martin Prusek, who shut out the Panthers on Dec. 3, made 19 saves for the Senators.

Valeri Bure scored twice and Luongo stopped 42 shots for Florida, which lost for the first time in three games and just the second time in seven.

Predators 3, Coyotes 3

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Shane Doan scored the tying goal in the third period and had two assists as the Phoenix Coyotes salvaged a 3-3 tie with the Nashville Predators on Monday night.

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Hall

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Like any puzzle, Korey Hall's
success story at Boise State started in individual pieces that needed to come together. Only through
a redshirt-year of preparation was
Hall able to begin to piece his puz-

for, the. ball," Collins, said, "He's explosive against blocks from bigger guys and he has a good grasp for the game."

Hall will need to use all those attributes tonight against a tough TCU attack that averages more than 200 yards rushing per game. The Boise State defense will also rely on the high-scoring Broncos offense to put the Horned Frogs in a hole early, forcing them to go to the air. "When our offense gives us a lead, it gives us a chance to be more aggressive and come at the other team with blitzes and different looks," Collins said. Going in to the Fort Worth bowl a home game for TCU - Collins knows how important it will be for list team to come out and take the crowd out of the game. "I can't really explain what this

season has been like, I just feel very fortunate to be a part of it," said Hall. "It'll be fun to play on national television and get some recognition, it'll be the end of a long year after we beat those guys."

long year after we beat those guys."
With three years of eligibility left, Hall has only scratched the surface of what he can do at the collegiate level. There's a a lot left of the puzzle to put together. "I know there are a lot of little things I can do better when I get on the field," Hall said. "Getting to the quarerback, man coverage, there are a lot of different parts of the game I can work on."
That fact should excite Boise State fans.

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"We're looking for great things from him in the years to come," Collins said. "How good he can be is really up to him, but I think need year year dominant. He's already shown that he's at that point, but I think next year he'll show even more of that."

While this puzzle still some pieces missing, it doesn't look like that room will offer any space up the middle against Hall and the Boise State defense.

Other athletes Tyler Layne, Northwest Nazarene cross country

JEROME - Tyler Layne, a 2001 Jerome graduate, runs for the Northwest Nazarene University track team as well as cross coun-

He consistently recorded the second or third-best times on the team and received the Most Improved Award from the coaches at the end of the season.

Whitney Martin, Boise

State women's basketball
RUPERT - Whitney Martin is
averaging 3.3 minutes a game and
has scored two points off free
throws and grabbed two
rebounds, as of Dec. 20.

Bill Wrigley, North Dakota State football

HEYBURN-The junior reserve linebacker had nine tackles in eight games this fall for the Bison.

Chrisie Paiz, Boise State

women's basketball
TWIN FALLS - The former
Twin Falls High standout is now a
reserve point guard for Boise
State. She is averaging 18.9 minutes a game along with 10-0f/23
shooting from the field (as of Dec.
20) including 7-0f-15 from 3-point
range.

Plummer's passer rating of 89.0 is fifth in the AFC and is nearly 20 Cubs

offensive weapons.

Continued from CL sure-handed shortstop . Alex Gonzalez committed an error that loaded the bases that fateful night. Or that Bartman did what any other fan would have done. In a society where placing the blame is a constant game, Bartman was a very convenient target.

"That's not what lost it for us,"
Cubs manager Dusty Baker said,
defending Bartman at baseball's
winter meetings. "That's what
stood out at the time, but Gonzo

points higher than his career mark. He's thrown for 2,182 yards and has 15 touchdowns with just seven interceptions – by far the best of his career.

Better, yet, he's going to the playoffs for just the second time in his career.

"It was emotional after the arrow of the condition of the condit

made an error, and Gonzo never

getting there. We're feeling good about ourselves."
Of course, he's had some help. Over the past month, it's been running back Clinton Portis. Last year's NFL Offensive rookie of the year ran for 692 yards his past four games to move up to second in the NFL with 1,591 yards, but he didn't play Sunday because of a sprained ankle.

in the NFL with 1,591 yards, but he didn't play Sunday because of a sprained ankle. No worries. Denver, like it always. does, simply. plugged in another running back and got

another 100-yard game.
This 'time it was diminutive rookie Quentin Griffin.
He also cleared the way for Plummer's second touchdown by taking out '230-pound Colts line-backer David Thornton.
"He proyed that he can make some plays," Shanahan said. "It's really nice to see a guy step up in a game like that and play as well as he did."
And. provide, another_weapon. for Plummer.

tined to stretch beyond his allot-ted 15 minutes.

course _ sitting behind Bartman. Grant DePorter, a friend of the late Harry Caray and managing partner of a Chicago restaurant named after the legendary Cubs broadcaster, bought the authenti-cated ball for \$106,600 last

cated ball for \$100,000 \times Friday.

The ball is now on display at the restaurant, but DePorter plans to destroy it Feb. 26 in a pagan-like scriftee to the basebal goods.

"It like to win the World Series) and put him in the parade with us," Baker said, "Exonerate him for life."

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The Broncos have won 23 of their last 24 games, including 10 straight since, a 26-24 loss at Oregon State in the third game this season. Boise State averages 44 points, second nationally and only a point less than Oklahoma, and has scored at least 40 points eight times.

ight times. TCU, making its school-record ixth straight bowl appearances,

has won 21 of its last 23 games. The Horned Frogs have won 13 straight games at hone, a shoot creord, and are trying to win 12 games for only the second time. "We're very excited to match our skills against another Top 25 team," Boise State coach Dan Hawkins said. Boise State, in only its eighth Division I-A season, won all three of its Humanitarian Bowls, TCU is 7-12-1 in bowl games.

"Sometimes that shows you maybe it was not meant to be."
Bartman has done his best to fade into oblivion since releasing an apology the day after Came 6.
Unlike those who capitalize on their misfortune, you won't find Bartman shilling his outfit op-the Internet or taking a sleadfechammer to that infernal bail. He's changed his phone number, and messages to him go unreturned.
But for better or worse, his place in pop culture seems des-

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He was a popular Halloween
costume all over the country, a
given considering it was only two
weeks after the NLCS. He's still
all over the Internet, with a recent
check turning up more than a
half-dozen Bartman-related

nait-dozen items.

Two people were even trying to sell copies of the local papers from the day after Game 6.

But none of that compares to the frenzy over the ball itself, snagged by an attorney – of

Picking a national champion - or two

BCS standings bring a 'little' controversy

By Josh Dubow Associated Press writer

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NEW YORK – From title showdowns in the Big Easy to blue turf
in Boise, this bowl season figures
to offer something for everyone.

Want to watch two top running
backs? There's the Las Vegas Bowl
with Oregon State's Steven
Jackson (1,396 yards) going
against New Mexico's Don'rell
Moore (1,438 yards).

Looking for a contrust in styles?
Try Texas Tech's high-flying pass
offense against Navy's tripleoption run offense.

How about a national-title
game? Well, there could be two
this year.

First, No. 1 Southern California
takes on No. 4 Michigan in the
Rose Bowl on New Year's Day with
the Trojans hoping to win The
Associated Press title.

Then comes the
Championsh Series title game
at the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4
Steitween No. 2 LSU and No. 3
Oklahoma.

While the Trojans are the top
team in both polls, they didn't
qualify for the Sugar Bowl
because they played the weakest
schedule of the three title contenders.

But the AP's top team has never
dropped after winning a bowl
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coaches' poll is obligated to vote
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College football

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No. 19 TCU (Fort Worth, today)
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MEXICO 24-20.
Houston (plus 10.5) at Hawaii (Hawaii, Thursday)
This could be highest-scoring of all the bowls. —HAWAII 45-31.
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Michigan State (Alamo, Dec. 29)
Bo Felini hopes to earn Huskers'

full-time coaching job ... MICHI-GAN STATE 24-13.

Texas Tech (minus 12.5) vs.
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Badgers coach Barry Alvarez
looks for his 100th win ...
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Gophers seeking fifth 10-win
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Kansas State gave Tigers blueprint for beating Sooners ... LSU
27-17.

Previous week: 3-4 (straight); 3-4 (vs. points) Season: 209-51 (straight); 127-118-2 (vs. points)

SPORTS IN BRIEF-

Orioles reach agreement with ex-Brave Javy Lopez

BALTIMORE – Javy Lopez agreed to a three-year deal with Baltimore on Monday, giving the Orioles a big hitter and another addition to their rebuilding pro-

addition to their rebuilding program.

The agreement was confirmed by team spokesman Kevin Behan, who declined to disclose details. The deal is contingent on the free-agent catcher passing a team physical.

Baltimore already has added shorstop Miguel Pijada. The 2002 AL Most Valuable Pijada. The 2002 AL Most Valuable Pijada. The Confirment of the Pijada. The Confi

UW loses softball

coach due to drug scandal coach due to drug scandal SEATITE - Tereas Wilson, who built the Washington softball program Irom scratch into a national powerhouse, lost her job Monday, the most significant fallout so far from a scandal involving a former team doctor who handed out narcotiss to players. "This is a difficult decision, but one I feel is necessary to move the program beyond the issues with which it has been dealing since October," athletic director Barbara Hedgus said in announcing her decision to relieve Wilson of her coaching duties.

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In October, state health investigators suspended the license of Dr. William Scheyer, who had been team physician for the sofball team, after investigators determined he improperly prescribed and dispensed large quantities of narcotics, tranquitiers and other prescription drugs to UW softball players in

drugs to UW softball players in recent years.

But Hedges refused Monday to get into specifics of why Wilson was being let go as coach, citing an ongoing investigation by the university into the Scheyer case.

The Washington State Patrol and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, under guidance of the U.S. Attorney's Office, has opened a criminal investigation into the allegations involving the softball program.

Injury forces Malone to

Injury forces Malone to slidelines for three games EL SEGUNDO, Calif. - Karl Malone will miss at least three games because of a sprained knee ligament, a rare injury for Lakers' star forward. Malone, who has missed only 11 games in his 18-plus NIA seasons, had an MRI examination Monday, and the news was better than expected. When the injury occurred in Sunday, and the heard something pop in his right knee. Malone is averaging 14 points, 55 rebounds and 3.7 assists in 24 games this season - his first with the Lakers.

Rodman attempts comeback with ABA

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LONG BEACH, Calif. –
Dennis Rodman is trying to
revive his basketball career with
the Long Beach Jam of the
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Association
—The 42-year-old former NBA.
Star signed a contract Friday
and will start practicing with
the team after Christmas, said
Steve Chase, president of the
first-year franchize.
Rodman, who last played in
the NBA in 2000 with the Dallas
Mavericks, most likely will play
his first game for the Jam in
di-January, Chase told the
Long Beach Press-Telegram.

Post office named for Roberto Clemente

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - The main U.S. post office in Roberto Clemente's hometown was named for the Hall of Famer. The U.S. Postal Service held

a dedication ceremony Sunday-in the 00983 zip code of Carolina, where the outfielder was born. Clemente also has been honored on U.S. postage

been honored on U.S. postage stamps. Clemente played for the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1955-72. He had 3,000 hits, batted over 300 13 times and earned 12 consecutive Gold Gloves. On New Yea'rs Eve 1972, he died at 38 in a plane crash on a trip to aid Nicaraguan earthquake vic-tims.

Knicks fire Scott Layden. hire Islah Thomas

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NEW YORK - Scott Layden
was fired Monday as president
of the New York Knicks and
Islah Thomas was hired to
replace him.
The move comes ofter New
York missed the playoffs the
past two seasons with a roster
largely assembled by Layden.
The Knicks are 10-18 this season, and recent speculation centered on coath Don Chancey possibly losing his job.
Thomas has been out of the
NBA since being fired over the
summer by the Indiana Pacers,
where he was the coach for
three seasons.
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where he was the coach for three seasons.
Layden's last major move was the four-team deal that sent Larrell Sprewell to Minnesota and brought Keith Van Horm to New York. The deal has appeared to favor the Timberwolves during the first two months of the season. Sprewell has averaged 17.2 points for Minnesota while Van Horn has struggled, averaging 14.8 points and getting benched for the fourth quarter of several recent games.

Garrison will replace King as Fed Cup captain

King as Fed Cup captain
NEW YORK - Zina Garrison
Will replace Billie Jean King as
captain of the United States Fed
Cup team next season. The
Associated Press learned
Monday
Garrison, the Wimbledon runnerup in 1990, was appointed
by USTA president Alan
Schwartz for one year, a, US.
Tennis Association, source, told
the AP on condition of anonymiyy. Her hiring was to be
announced Tuesday, the source
said.

Garrison becomes the country's first black Fed Cup captain in the 40-year history of the event.

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King is stepping aside after leading the United Strates to three Fed Cup titles since 1995, but here tenure also was-marked by conflicts with players. She will stay on as an assistant coach, the same position Garrison has held since 1999.

Newman takes top 2003 honors in NASCAR

NEW YORK – Ryan Newman was honored as Driver of the Year in 2003 after a season in which he won eight races and 11 poles in NASCAR's Winston Cup

poles in NASCAR'S Winston Cup Series.

This was only the second time in the award's 37-year history the honor did not go to a series champion. Matt Kenseth won this year's Cup title.

Bill Elliott received the award in 1985 despite finishing second to Darrell Waltrip in the points.

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Newman failed to finish seven of 36 races in 2003 and wound up sixth in the points, but he draw eight of the 18 wores from a national panel of motorsports writers and broadcasters. He also was the faworite of 44 percent of the fams who voted online. That total counted as one vote in the final tally.

Kenseth drew just one vote from the panel. Other drivers receiving votes were series champious Paul Tracy (CART). Steve Kinser (World of, Otudaws), Greg Anderson (NHRA Pro Stock), Kentyl, Scott Dixon (IRL), J.J. Yeley (USAC) and IRL star Sam Hornish, Jr., who made a late run at the tilt.

Deadline tooms in A-Rod trade deal

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ARLINGTON, Texas - A day before the deadline set by Texas to complete a trade of MVP-shortstop Alex Rodriguez, the Boston Red Sox stood by their statement that the proposed deal is "dead."

Red Sox owner John Henry did not alter that position or say, in response to an e-mail from The Associated Press on Monday, that his club would contact the Rangers before the deadline.

If the deal is to be revived,

tact the Rangers before the deadline.

If the deal is to be revived, thenry said, "I don't believe there are any public statements — Leonder and the public statements — Leonder and though there have been disagreements. I believe the principals involved on all stdes have had good intentions thus fair."

Rangers owner Tom Hicks set a 5 p.m. EST Thuesday deadline for the deal, which would send outfielder Manny Ramirez to Texas in a swap of baseball's only \$20 million-ayear players.

Compiled from wire reports

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The Times-News

Tuesday, December 23, 2003

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Woman's tiny village makes big Christmas magic

BURLEY—Twila-Hunt is-a collector-oftiny buildings. She has more than 200
that all light, and hundreds of accessories
to go with them.
She sets up for her small town for the
children.
"I guess about 75 or 100 people come
every year," said her son, Allen Hunt Jr. of
Burley. "She does it for them. All the work
and the cost just evaporates as soon as a
young family comes in to see it. It's like,
Wow!"

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Allen helps his mother with the heavy work each year. They used to move all the furniture out of the living room, but for he last two years, they've empited the solarium instead and then filled it to overlowing. Several smaller displays are in the living room, filling the top of every table and cabiner with twinkling, musical displays. Her visitors are enchanted.

This retired elementary school teacher began collecting about 1982, when her paraddaugher gave her the first piece.

"It is called "Church of the Open Door," and I became attracted to the idea of collecting them," she said.

She now has more than one dozen churches alone.

"I don't have all the pieces," she said.
"They began producing these about 1979, I think. But I haven't missed any pieces since I began."

The whole family has pitched in to buy

I think, But I haven't missed any pieces since I began.
The whole family has pitched in to buy the pieces, all from one manufacturer, which comes up with new ones annually. She has houses, a library, a hospital, two crystal palaces and a glistening carousel with frosted-over windows and the shadows of horses going around inside. There are ski and sled slopes with moving skiers and sledders.

Shelly's Diner, though only a few inches tall, has a lighted 1950s interior, folks having a burger and a shake and its own separate flashing sign.

Modern buildings include a Harley Davidson dealership, Krispy Kreme doughnut store and the Hard Rock Cafe. An airport hosts crop dusters and private

doughnut store and the Hard Rock Cale. An airport hosts crop dusters and private

planes.
Residents of the tiny village include a boy making an angel in the snow, an entire Christmus parade and a sleigh with the king and queen.
"Many pieces will not be made again



tiny village is as large as any town, with more than 200 lightan airport. Left, this small church was Hunt's ture buildings.

"Little kids just love them," said Marianne Welch, owner of

the-Recollections-store—
of the tiny village pieces.
"They are a bit of peace and
reverence," Hunt said. "I leave
them up until winter is gone
because I enjoy looking at them.

They put me back in the old world; a gentler, kinder world where there was less hurry."

Times-News correspondent Coreen Hart can be reached at 436-1186 or by e-mail jimnreenie@safelink.net.

Murtaugh man seeks donations for after-school center

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Juan Carlos Montal Ojeda, son of Sulema Diaz Hurtado of Wendell, was born Monday, Dec.

Wendell, was born Monday, Dec. 1, 2003.
Miguel Angel Gutierrez Guerrero, son of Maria Socorro Gutierrez of Jerome, was born Monday, Dec. 1, 2003.
Halllie Jade Bowman-Caldwell, daughter of April Nakai Bowman of Kimberly, was born Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003.
Porter Joe Anderssen, born to Inger Hope and Stephen Robert Andersen of Burley, was born Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003.
Allyse Mitchelle Jenson, daughter of Mitchelle and Craig Thomas Benson of Twin Falls,

Allyse Michelle Benson, daughter of Michelle and Craig Thomas Benson of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003.

Joshua Dale Bower, son of Rachel Dawn and Daniel Ross Bower; of - Bubl, was born Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003.

Vanesa Maria Contreras, daughter of Claudia Juarez Rodriguez, and Jose Manuel Contreras of Godding, was born Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003.

Keegan Baylee Fink, daughter of Sara Marie and Joseph Leonard Fink of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003.

Bethany Dean Grindstaff, daughter of Deborah Kaye and, David Wayne Grindstaff of Rogerson, was born Friday, Dec. 12, 2003.

Cody Allen Berkley, son of Estella Grace Conde of Jackpot, New, was born Friday, Dec. 5, 2003.

Zachury Tyler MeNell, son of Kristina Marie and Tyler Bale

2003. was born Friday, Dec. 5, 2003. Zachary Tyler McNell, son of Kristina Marie and Tyler Dale McNell of Twin Falls, was born tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003. Seth Stephen Rahe, son of Pamela Jayne and Stephen Donald Rahe of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003. Matthew Edwin Peterson, son of Cindy Iyan and John Edwin Peterson of Buhl, was born Peterson of Buhl, was born

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Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2003.
Colin Kyle McBride, born to
Amy Lyn and Lance Dean
McBride of Twin Falls, was born
Friday, Dec. 12, 2003.
Logan Justus Parker, son of
Shelly Ann and Richard Cole
Parker of Twin Falls, was born
Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003.
Kaden Timothy Vargas, son of
Jaclynn Ann and Sean Robert
Vargas of Jerome, was born
Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003.

St. Benedicts Family **Medical Center**

Medical Center
Gabriella Aleece Kunz, daughter of Kevin and Jennifer Kunz
of Gooding, was bern
Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2003.
Vancessa Reyes, daughter of
Guaddulpe and Arturo Reyes of
Gooding, was born Thursday,
Dec. 4, 2003.
Cleo Rosanne Gough, daugher of Jessica Miller and Kirby
Gough, was born Thursday, Dec.
4, 2003.

Ruth Johanna McCarron, daughter of Weston and Rachel McCarron of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Treven TJ Fenstermaker, son-of Travis and Melissa Fenstermaker of Burley was born Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003.

T.F. County youngsters earn ribbons at 2003 fair

FILER - The University of Idaho Extension Service reported win-ners of the Twin Falls County Fair. Allison Stephens, red Vanessa Webb, red Clasa S Alley Canton, red Mitchell Carter, blue Jessya Elsner, blue Pessya Elsner, blue Pessya Elsner, blue Pessya Hall, blue Thomas Henson, red

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because the molds have been broken," Hunt said. "They retire several pieces

every year"
She finds them at several area stores. One of her children finds pieces in Denver, where she lives.

MURTAUCH - Murtaugh School District Superintendent Dennis Osman presented 14 musical instruments to Greg Griggs as a donation from the district for Griggs learning center project. In turn, Griggs presented the school with certificates that are a part of several programs he cread that are designed to give students an incentive to achieve higher "personal" and "academic" goals for themselves. How to help To donate to the learning cente or find out ways to get involved in asset building, call Greg Griggs at 432-5234 after 1 p.m.

Due to several factors, the Murtaugh District faced cuts in its music department, Griggs reported. He plans to remode his building adjacent to his Hoagie Street Country Store into an after-school learning center for homework, music and drama. For more than two years, he has sought old or broken instruments so that students could have one to learn on before they choose to buy one. He has tuned pianos and repaired instruments over the years, he said.

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With the donation from the school, he has about 25 instruments, Griggs reported. He has been playing about 46 years, has taught several students and has at least two teachers lined up to help provide free lessons for young people and adults.

The community also has donated instruments, material for a 16 by 32-foaystage, computers, printers, televisions and video tape and



Murtaugh School District Superintendent Dennis Osman, left, presents 14 instruments to Greg Griggs as a donation for

targgs 'tearing center project. tape recorders for audio and visual learning skills for the center. The school will help with learning programs on disk, and teachers have offered personal time to turor children with homework. Murtaugh is a small town athere are no physical places available where young people can 'hang out' and receive free "positive asset building," he reported.

For nine years, he has been helping to build assets.

The HealthNet Coalition of public agencies also has promoted "asset building" and define assets as developmental building blocks needed by young people to avoid risky behaviors.

He also introduced a reading program into the elementary.

He also introduced a reading program into the elementary school, called the "reading-avenue

challenge." Encouraging children to read and play music is an asset he have has committed to devel-oping at a community level the best he can, Griggs said. He also challenged small busi-

He also challenged small businesses to become an "Asset Building Business," focus on the problems facing schools and find ways to be part of the solution, he reported.

Far left, O'Leary Junior High seventh-graders line up to see which class will donate the most pennies for the Primary Children's Hospital Pennies by the inch fund-raiser, All O'Leary staff members and students spent

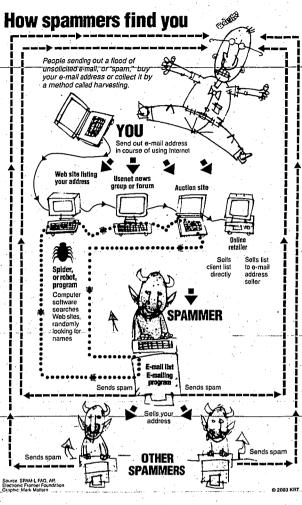
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raisor. All O'Leary staff members and students apenttime gathering pennies. The donation was speaneaded
by teacher Marjie Atkins. Nortable donations came from
the following homerooms: Mrs. Hermandez' \$150; Mrs.
Atkins' 892; Mrs. Salisbury's, 883; Mrs. Aksander's,
851; and Mr. White's, \$40. Left, students at O'Leary
Junior High School in Twin Falls collected pennies for
the Pennies by the Inch fund-raiser for Primary
Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. The school
raised more than 8850. Pictured are, from left, Jessica
Jones, Tysia's Federico, teacher Marjie Atkins, Jessica
Roe and Erica Akridge.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY



Spam may actually multiply under new law, experts warn

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - Recent headlines might leave the impression that spammers are about to be given the boot from our bloated e-mail

spammers are some the boot from our bloated e-mail inboxes.

The CAN-SPAM Act has just been signed into law, and New York's attorney general has joined mighty Microsoft in a law-suit aimed at dismantling one of the largest junk e-mail networks in the country.

But many experts are warning that laws and lawsuits cannot quell the rising tide of unwanted X-rated come-ons and Viagra priches. In fact, they say, the CAN-SPAM Act actually legitimizes spam. Lawsuits, meanwhile, are proving ineffective and may only orce U.S. spam operations off shore.

"It's coine to get worse," says

spam. Lawsuits, meanwine, are proving ineffective and may only force U.S. spam operations of "shore." "It's going to get worse," says "Doug Peckover, co-founder and chairman of Dallas-based software company, Privacy, Inc. "In fact, you may look back at 2003 as the good old days, before things got really out of control." Peckover's company sells computer programs designed to help people track down and avoid unwanted e-mail solicitations, so his opinions should be taken with a grain of salt. But they are buttressed-by dozens of nonprofit spam fighters, state attorneys general and consumer advocates. In fact, about the only segment of the Internet industry happy with provisions of the law seems to be the direct marketing industry it supposedly regulates. Those I like Scott Haren Mueller, chairman of the Coalition Against Unsolicited Commercial E-Mail (CAUCE), believe the law is flawed because it doesn't tell marketers not to spam. Instead, he says, it gives them rules that make it easier. "This law does not stop a single spam from being sent," Mueller says. "It only makes that spam slightly more truthful. It also gives a federal stamp of approval for every legitimate

marketer in the U.S. to start using unsolicited e-mail as a mar-

marketer in the U.S. to start using unsolicited e-mail as a marketing tool."

The bill, signed Tuesday by President Bush, provides large fines and jail time for e-mail marketers who use tricky and misleading ways to con e-mail recipients into purchasing products, viewing pornography or being scammed.

It also bans tactics such as using false return addresses and requires adult-themed messages to be labeled. The law authorizes the Federal Trade Commission to set up a "Do Not Spam" or "optout" registry of Internet users, similar to the "agency's popular "Do Not Call" telemarketing list. But the Internet is not like a regulated telephone service and cannot be legislated like one, critics say. Spammers. based in-Hong Kong will be unlikely to heed any of the regulations or the optout registry, they say.

Beyond that, outlawing forged return addresses and fake head-

ers may reduce "bad" spam. But, in its place, thousands of other "legal" messages can now be sent. Every company now has one legitimate shot at sending a consumer email. And it only has to stop when given specific instructions by the consumer or through the TIC registry. The Internet Committee of the National Association of Attorneys General has steadily opposed the new federal law, saying key provisions are full of loopholes.

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For example, the committee points out, it requires a spammer to "know" the header they're using would probably mislead an e-mail recipient. It exempts spammers from prosecution if their e-mail address is "unexpectedly and temporarily"-unable-to-receive-an-opt-out-request. And spammers can avoid all liability by showing they've established "reasonable practices" to avoid violating the law.



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Think 'Back to the Future': New phone offers visuals

By James Coates Chicago Tribune

Remember the scene in "Back to the Future" where breadwinner Michael J. For gets a call while the family is at dinner and says he'll take it on the screen in his den? In the den he stands in front of a flat-panel wall-mounted TV where his employer is pictured in real-time, full-frame color video.

tured in real-time, full-frame color video.

Way back in 1985 when "BTF" was released, wall-mounted big screens were strictly science fiction and video phones were tiny black-and-white affairs that were the butt of jokes about rushing out of the shower to answer the phone naked as a sjiviline.

Well, friends and neighbors, I can tell you that the day has finally arrived that we really can rush to the phone from the shower and create a stir on a friend's TV.

Today's review covers the spanking new Viscon Broadband VisiPhone, an ordinary-size tele-

-phone-handset-with-a-built-in-6-inch video screen and RCA in and out ports to connect to any television set, if desired.

The phones work through a high-speed Internet connection in achie modem or DSL. The voice and pictures are sent and received as digital data, and there is no transmission cost for video calls after you've paid for you Internet connection. A call can be made around the world as easily as around the block.

At \$599 per phone, this is not for the faint of heart, and you'll need two of them unless you like the set of the faint of heart, and you'll need two of them unless you like grandparents, parents, separated romantic partners and others who might find it well worth the minimum tariff of \$1,200 for two phones.

And if you're a business, these \$600 terminals can replace costly video conferencing fees and let callers swap documents and other files as well as converse in full-

-color, 30-frames persecond-video-only a bit inferior to cable reception.

New to the gritty details. The phones are offered by a Dallasbased renture at Viscon.com and need a minimum of roughly 128 kilobits-per-second upload speeds and can operate as fast as about 512 kbps. Those speeds are easily handled by cable modems and digital subscriber lines but not satellite Internet connections.

I tested a loaner and, following the simple instructions offered over the phone by an installer, I was up and running in a matter of a minutes.

When I just plugged the phone directly into my cable modem, the device automatically accessed the Internet and started making calls. But I needed help changing my router settings to plug the phone into my home network through the cable/DSL router. Most home to these routers that supply broadband to computers.

PC displays can be made game-friendly

By James Coates Chicago Tribune

Q. When I run game programs (Thomas & Friends, Maggie's Farmyard) on my Toshiba Tecra 8000 laptop, they fill up just a part of the screen display, about a 7-by-5-inch rectangle. How can I set things up so that the game pro-grams will fill the whole 14.1-inch

een: Pve tried changing the pixel dimensions in the Display/Settings/Screen area but that doesn't help. Is there anything else-I-can-try?

-Don Ehrett

A. My youngest child is 29 years
old so I'm a tad rusty about that little locomotive named Thomas, not to mention events in Maggie's Computer 0&A

Farmyard, Mr. E., but I do know how to fix things so your young-sters can view the games with a full screen.

As you've found, the solution doesn't always lie with going to the screen resolution settings tab after right-clicking on the desk-top and picking Properties. This is because most Windows computers don't nemti settings as low as because most Windows computers don't permit settings as low as required for many games-resolutions of 640 by 480 pixels. Yours-probably doesn't get amy smaller than 800 by 600 pixels. Here's the fix:

The later versions of Windows

create a compatibility setting for games that allow users to set the

size of the display to a screenfill-ing 640 by 480 pixels rather than the normal settings used for ordi-nary work.

For Windows-based software, find the game's icon and give it a right-click and pixel Properties in the pop-up menu that appears. Now click on the Compatibility tab, where you will find a check box to order the display always at the game standard of 640 by 480.

Folks with older DOS-based

480.
Folks with older DOS-based games also right-click on the icon and pick Properties. But DOS games plessent-a-Screen-tab-Youwant to pick Full Screen. The game will do just that, and if you want to return to the regular screens use Alt + Enter to toggle between the displays.



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Idaho irrigation show

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NAMPA – The latest information about irrigation equipment will be on display at the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Show from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 7 and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 8, organizers say. The event – at the Nampa Civic Center, 311 Third St. S. in Nampa – is free to the public, and no registration is necessary.

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More than 60 equipment manufacturers, dealers and distributors of landscape and agricultural irrigation products will be at the show to display their equipment and strategy.

services.
"This is a great chance for grow-ers and landscape irrigation con-tractors to come and see the latest developments in the industry and find solutions to their irrigation needs," said Dan Meeker, show co-

find solutions to their irrigation needs," said Dan Meeker, show co-chairman.

Free technical seminars for turi irrigation and agricultural irrigation will also be presented. Five classes provide recertification credit for Idaho and Oregon private applicator licenses. Also, 19 credits have been approved for the certified crop adviser continuing education credit program.

From 8 to 9:30 a.m. Jan. 7, the Idaho Irrigation Equipment.

From 8 to 9:30 a.m. Jan. 7, the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association will sponsor the "2004 Water 3.6." Power Outlook." Representatives from the National Weather Service, the Bureau of Reclamation and Idaho Power Coull present weather forecasts and stream flow and reservoir storage data, and discuss irrigation-related programs and power supplies.

From 8:15 to 8:50 a.m. Jan. 8, Rick Haines, radio personality and Western Division ag director for the—Northern—Ag—Network—will-speak on "Revitalizing Rural America."

Classes will be offered free each day during the trade show. Contact an irrigation dealer for a brochure with class times, or call Tondee. Clark at 377-8188 to request a brochure.

Washington Federal announces dividend

JEROME - Seattle based Washington Federal Inc. - parent of Washington Federal Savings - on

Washington Federal Savings – on Monday announced a quarrel cash dividend of 22 cents per share. The dividend will be payable plan. 23 to common stockholders of record on Jan. 9. This is Washington. Federal's 84th consecutive quarrely cash dividend. With 119 offices in eight states, the company reported \$7.5 billion in assets and \$4.6 billion in deposits as of Sept. 30.

Melaleuca expands operations in Idaho

DAHO FALLS - Melaleuca Inc. is planning to break ground next spring on a 530 million project south of town to eventually centralize its manufacturing, warehousing and office operations. The company had first planned to build a new warehousing facility inside circ limits but comeans.

nee company nad first planned to build a new warehousing facility inside city limits, but company President Frank VanderSloot said Melaleuca would outgrow the building too quickly. He said company growth projections indicated the planned facility-would only support its operations for 11 or 12 years, not the 25 years they had forecast. Company officials started looking for a larger piece of ground and sought one in Bonneville County where Melaleuca could avoid paying \$300,000 a year in city taxes.

avoid paying \$300,000 a year in city taxes. He estimated the project will take five or six years to finish. The first push will be to build new ware-

first push will be to build new warn-house space.
Melaleuca currently has 100,000
square feet of warehouse space throughout Idaho Falls and Bonneville County. After the distri-bution center is constructed, Melaleuca will move its manufac-turing operations and eventually its offices to the site.
Melaleuca produces cosmeries

offices to the site.

Melaleuca produces cosmetics, household products and nutritional supplements.

The company employs 1,440 in eastern Idaho, all but 320 living in

eastern Idaho, an out 520 uving a. Idaho Falls.
VanderSloot said that although Melaleuca has operations in Knoxville, Tenn., he'll keep main-operations in eastern Idaho.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

ConAgra sees earnings rise

Report comes despite overall decline in sales

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. - ConAgra Foods reported Monday that its second quarter earnings rose nearly 15 percent, despite an overall decline in sales.

Net income was \$270.1 mil-lion, or 51 cents a share, in the quarter ended Nov. 23, com-pared with \$235.8 million, or 44



cents a share, in the same period

cents a snate, in on-last year.

Sales were \$3.8 billion, com-pared with \$4.5 billion for last year's second quarter.

Analysts expected earnings of 49 cents a share, according to a survey by Thomson First Call.

Weston Inc. potato-processing plant in Twin Falls and various other business operations

other business operations around Magic Valley.

The company's second-quarter earnings reflects a 4-cent-pershare charge relating to the discontinued operations of United Agri Products.

Earnings are up 87 cents a state for the first half of fiscal 2004.

ConAgra plans to start a \$1 billion share repurchase program in December, funded by its strong cash position, company

officials said.
ConAgra reported secondquarter growth in brands
including Banquet, Chel
Boyardee, Egg Beaters, Hunt's,
Kid Cuisine, Marie Callender's
and Wesson. Declines were
seen in its Armour, Blue
Bonnet, Butterball, Healthy
Choice, Parkay and Swiss Miss
brands.
ConAgra is the second-largest
U.S. food company behind
Philip Morris Co's Kraft Foods,
which also has Magic Valley
operations.

Court -FILINGS

BOISE - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

under \$50,000

Misty Heflin, also known as
Misty Shobe, 903 S. 200 E.,
Hazelton, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors,
assets under \$50,000, liabilities
under \$50,000. Case no. 03-42644,
Gary Lee Butenschoen, 193 E.
400 S., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-9 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 0342654.

Jeremy Stephen Normand and

ties under \$50,000. Case no. 03-42654. Jeremy Stephen Normand and April Kay Normand, 594 E. 300 S., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000. Case no. 03-42663. Barry Alan Fullmer, 386 Quincy St., Twin Falls, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 1-15 credi-tors, assets under \$50,000, liabili-ties under \$50,000. Case no. 03-42670. Trene E. Study. 12457 Idaho

42670. Irene E. Study, 12457 Idaho Highway 75, Ketchum, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03,42671

liabilities under \$50,000. Case no.
03-42671.
Kolby Kim Godfrey and Janelle
Rene Godfrey, also known as
Janelle Rene Behm, 600 S.
Fillmore St., No. 16, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7,
16-49 creditors, assets under
\$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000.
Case no. 03-42673.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Frances Thornton, also known as Frances Herrick, 1233 Sparks, Twin Falls, individual, noniburess, Chapter 7, 1649 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabili-ties \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 0342682.

Zoning dispute slows decision on ethanol plant

The Associated Press

ONTARIO, Ore. - Despite urging by some county officials, a court decision that affects the building of a new bio-refinery near Ontario is on hold until the

near Ontario is on nou wata onew year.

Before construction, officials must approve a rezoning of the site, from exclusive farm use to agriculture-industrial use. The concept has drawn opposition from some area residents, and Malheur County Court officials have decided any decision can wait until January, to give both sides more time to prepare their arruments.

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The delay has left at least one county official frustrated. Malheur County Judge Russ Hursh said he thought a decision could, and should, have been made before last week.

"I was kind of hoping we would get the thing resolved... one way or another," he said.

People living close to, or in the general area, of the proposed the oppose the sting of the bio-refinery in their vicinity. They list polition, odors, additional traffic, noise, fog and traffic and a possible decline in property values as key issues.

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key issues. But officials with Treasure. Valley Renewable Resources, the

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Doing things differently



Jose Vargas, 24, left, and Matthew Wanlin, 24, work on digitally enhancing photos using Max software at the Beliamax, inc. office building in San Francisco on Thursday. With sales of digital cameras rising steadily, Beliamax was able to raise \$6.3 million from several venture capitalists.

Venture capitalists go out on a few odd limbs startup is a roll of the dice," he

SAN FRANCISCO - Venture capitalists have been treading carefully since their dot-com mis-adventures, but still occasionally wander off the beaten path in

adventures, but still occasionally wander off the beaten path search of runaway successes.

The quest sometimes turns guirky concepts into wannabe businesses. The past year was no different, even as venture capital investments fell to their lowest level since 1997.

There is, for example, the Massachusetts startup that got \$47.5 million to fund its work developing a treatment for insomnia and jet lag. Or the Internet coordinator of political campaigns who got \$300,000 of venture capitalist backing.

The two ventures were among 47 unearthed Pricewaterhouse Coopers. Thomson Venture Capital Association pored through industry statistics to identify 2003 oddest startups.

Other anomalies include a startup that makes energy efficient traffic lights with hidden security cameras; an Internet service that touches up digital

Odd ventures

Some unusual startups funded by 2003 venture capital, and their funding:
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Capella Education – \$7.5 million, online university or online university of currenax – \$3.6 million, online currency exchange DriveSafety – \$1.5 million, driving education simulator Fortheath Technologies – \$7.4 million, problic drug dispensing JobFlash – \$1 million, automated employee screening, recruiting

Maptuit - \$2 million, address matching, mapping for truckers
New Yine Logiatics - \$6.95 million,
consumer-direct wine shipping
Pets Cholco - \$5.4 million, veterinarian clinics and hospitals
PhatNoiso - \$9.1 million, searchaid
eigital music lists for homes, cars
PhotoSecuro - \$450,000, photonic
dye for counterfeit protection
The Tennia Channel - \$25.4 million,
24-hour coverage of racket sports

Sources: PricewaterhouseCoopers, Thomson Venture Economics and National Venture Capital Association

photos; and a startup making hybrid baseball bats with wooden barrels and aluminum handles. Even the bat maker's chief executive, Jack Cipoletti, thought the concept was wacky when Mountaineer Capital approached him to oversee the firm's \$300,000 investment in West Virginia Bats LLC. But now he believes the company in Eleanor, WVa, about to uncork a new market. The five-employee startup has already sold about 6,000 models

The five-employee startup has already sold about 6,000 models of the "Original Metal Wood" bat,

mostly to youth leagues. The bat, which wholesales for about \$100, is supposed to last as long as 10 plain wooden bats, which sell for about \$30. West Virginia Bats hopes to start making money by late next year and has hopes of some day persuading Major League Baseball to let its players use its equipment during batting practice.

Still, Cipoletti realizes failure is a distinct possibility.

"Let's face it, a venture capital

strongholds from hardware to biotech.

In venture capital investing, a herd mentality can sometimes cause trouble by creating to many startups chasing after the same customers. And that's one allure of the odd venture.

Julie Wainvright suffered through a glut at the height of the dot-com boom while she ran Pets.com, which became famous for its sock pupper mascor. Buthigh -brand-recognition wasn't-enough to help Pets.com rise above eight other online pet stores, contributing to the company's high-profile collapse three years ago.

Today, Wainwright is happy to chief executive officer of Bellamax Inc., a San Franciscobased startup without any Please see VENTURE, Page D4

startup is a roll of the dice," he said.

Overall, the 47 odd ventures received a combined \$492 million in venture capital during 2003, the research led by PricewaterhouseCoopers found. That's about 3 percent of the estimated \$17 billion in VC money invested this past year. Most of it flowed into familiar high-tech strongholds from hardware to biotech. In venture capital investing, a

With inheritance come priorities of paying off debt

Question: My husband recently inherited about \$80,000. He is just a few years away from retirement and wants to make sure he uses this money wisely. Our first thought was to put \$55,000 toward our mortgage, allowing us to pay off the house around time he is thinking of retiring. We are one year into a \$90,000, 15 year mortgage at 5.5 percent. It seems like a smart thing to do, seeing as there isn't much else out there making 5.5 percent without risk. We aren't sophisticated, financial investors, but the peace-of-mind aspect of this is also para-



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mount to my husband. The rest of the money might go to pay off credit cards (although they are currently at 0 percent). We have two kids in college, and we'll probably continue to make monthly payments on their low-

cost student loans. I am a little worried, however, that this infusion of money will make us ineligible for future college loans we will need if we use all this money as described above. Should we worry about that and what should be our priorities be for this money?

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money?

Answer: Don't worry about your ability to get loans for education. You usually can borrow the entire cost of an education without showing any financial need.

As for your second question. The priorities you' just identified for using the money are fine. You

just need to rearrange their order.

Whenever you get a windfall, your first goal should almost always bet to pay off any crediterard debt - even if its at 0 percent. That low rate isn't fixed and could shoot up with little notice. Paying off credit cards and other revolving debt also should boost your credit score, the three-digit number that lenders use to evaluate your creditievorthiness.

Once that debt is paid off, the next step is to retire any other nondeductible debt. So you'll need to determine whether your mortgage or the student loans are

providing any tax advantages.

Many student loans are below 3 percent – inexpensive money by any measure, but even more so if you are able to write off the interest. As much as \$2,500 of student loan interest is deductible each year if your modified adjusted gross income as a couple is 5100,000 or less (55,000 for single people). Your deduction begins to phase out after that point and disappears entirely when your income reaches \$130,000 (\$65,000 for singles).

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Weekend shoppers don't reverse trend

Merchants again pin hopes on final days

NEW YORK (AP) - A late buy-ing binge over the weekend wasn't enough for Wal-Mart and other merchants to offset modest sales trends throughout the holi-day season, according to early data.

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To recoup lost business, the matton's merchants are again relying on the final days before Christmas and post-holiday sales, which are expected to be boosted by the redemption of gift cards. "Traffic was heavy, but not overwhelming, And I didn't see the panic. I didn't see people walking around in a frenzy with lots of shopping bags," said Marshal Cohen, senior industry analyst at NPD Inc., a market research firm in Port Washington, NY. research firm in Port Washington, N.Y. Wal-Mart Store Inc. announced

Monday that although sales improved somewhat over the weekend, December same-store sales growth was still tracking at the low end of the 3 percent to 5 percent range. Same-store sales at stores opened at least a year – are considered a key indicator of a retailer's health. For the second week in a row, traffic was down from year ago levels for the week ended Friday, Wal-Mart said.

Target Corp, saud late Monday that December same-store sales for last week and the month for both the corporation and its namesake discount division are tracking below projections.

But The Taubman Centers Inc., which owns and manages 31 shopping centers in 13 states, reported mid-single digit gains from a year ago for this past weekend at a sampling of mall stores, according to Karen MacDonald, a company spokeswoman. She said stores should be

able to meet their sales goals if the pace continues in the final days before Christmas.

Cohen, the analyst, said there wasn't a single item consumers are clamoring for this holiday season. Rather, people are following verything from pastel pink cashmere sweaters and mongrammed goods to DVD players.

Cohen suspects that most stores will meet the low end of holiday sales expectations, making it "better than last year, but not a whole lot better."

John Morris, an analyst at Harris Nesbitt Gerard, who follows mall-based apparel chains, agreed, saying that "expectations are quickly coming down to reality."

"It's not the gangbuster holi-

"ty",
"It's not the gangbuster holiday that people were expecting
back in the early fall," he added.
And though many stores
refrained from heavy discounting
earlier in the season, they

seemed to have eventually buckled under, pressure after seeing
the strategy backfire. Morris estimated there were 10 percent
fewer markdowns going into the
start of the season than there
were a year ago. As of this past
Saturday, that difference narrowed to a 4 percent decline
from year-ago levels, he said.
Even discounts on Saturday
failed to please shoppers like
Dominique Vickers, who started
her holiday buying a week ago.
"Things could be a little cheaper," said the Manhattan resident,
who was among the crowds outside Macy's Herald Square on
Saturday. "Last year, most of the
shoes were like half off at
Macy's."

Luxury stores have fared the

Macy's."

Luxury stores have fared the best, while department stores are tracking below sales projections, estimated Michael P. Niemira, chief economist and director of research at the International Council of Shopping Centers.



Wall Street rises to 52-week highs

NEW YORK (AP) – Wall Street pushed to new 52-week highs Monday as investors cautiously picked up shares on expectations of stronger growth in 2004. A heightened terror alert limited

of stronger garman.

It is a support of the strong and light as many investors got an early start on the Christmas holiday. The stock market will be open for a half session Wednesday, close on Thursday for Christmas and the reopen for a half session Friday.

"There's a little bit of caution given the security alert," said Russ Koesterich, U.S. equity strategist at State Street Cop. in Boston. "That might be holding back what normally would be some follow through from last week's gains."

"Generally speaking, this part of the year is seasonally very strong, and you've got strong

earnings and economics backing up the market," he added. "If we can get past this blip due to the terror alert, we have the potential to go higher."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 59,78, or 0.6 percent, at 10,338.00, having advanced 2.4 percent last week to notch its fourth straight week of gains. On Monday, the blue chip average rose to its highest level since May 17, 2002, when it stood at 10,355.08.

The broader market also rose. The Nasdaq composite index gained 4.78, or 0.3 percent, to 1,955.80, having edged up 0.1 percent last week.

And the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 4.28, or 0.4 percent, to 1,092.94, following a weekly gain of 1.4 percent, Monday's close was the highest level since May 23, 2002.

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notable competition. The company touches up digital photography for businesses and consumers. The online service, which Bellamax also sells through other photo Web sites, will remove red eye from a digital snapshot for 49 cents per photo, rearrange the scenery for 52.99 or even change people's skin tones for 57.99.
With sales of digital cameras rising steadily, Bellamax was able to raise 56.3 million from several venture capitalists and persuade Wainwright to take another stab at running an Internet business.

"The dot com time was crazy, but this company is founded on

sound business fundamentals," she said. "There is a real need for what we are do. We think of ourselves as Adobe Photoshop on steroids."

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Adobe Systems Inc., which makes the popular Photoshop software program, is among Bellamax's financial backers.

The potential to revolutionize a prossic piece of machinery—the traffic signal—helped OptiSoft Inc. raise \$10 million during 2003 and recruit former Compaq Computer Corp. board member Ted Enloe as its chief executive.

The Richardson, Texas-based startup says its energy-efficient traffic signals will save cities and counties thousands of dollars on

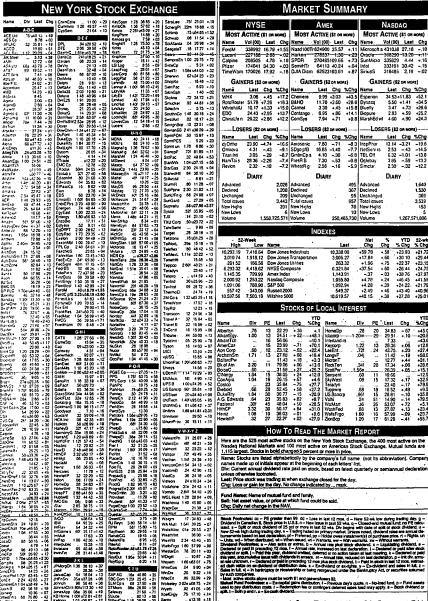
their power bills during the next 30 years while offering a possible tool to fight street crime and ter-

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OptiSoft's signals can accommodate hidden security cameras and even sensors that might detect vehicles carrying biological and nuclear weapons. The traffic signals also have battery back-up systems that will keep them operating for up to 72 hours during a blackout. "Traffic signals really haven't changed much since 1898, 'Enloe said. "We think it's time to bring them into the 21st century."

It's always difficult to separate startups destined for success from those headed for futility, said Mitchell Kertzman, a former

high-tech CEO and now a partner at Hummer Winblad, a San
Francisco venture capital firm.
Like Google, for example.
Few venture capitalists were
initially willing to take a chance
on startups developing online
search engines, reasoning there
was no way to make much meney
from the free service. In the past
year, though, advertisers paid an
estimated \$2 billion to have their
links displayed alongside relevant search results, helping to
urn industry leader Google into
a prized investment.
"Just because something
doesn't appear to have a viable
business model today doesn't
mean it will always be that way,"
Kertzman said.



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Newspaper baron goes before SEC

NEW YORK (AP) - Newspaper baron Conrad M. Black was called before the Securities and Exchange Commission on Monday but wouldn't answer questions about millions of dollars in unauthorized payments he and other executives collected.

Black, acting on his lawyers' advice, cited his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination in refusing to testify before the SEC, which was meeting in Chicago.

Black was advised by his legal team not to talk because "of the

very early stage of the investiga-tion, the lack of time to adequate-ty prepare, and the uncertainty regarding the nature and scope of the investigation," one of his lawyers, John L, Warden, said in a statement. SEC officials wouldn't com-ment.

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Black stepped down last month as chief executive of Chicage-based newspaper publisher Hollinger International after an internal audit found that \$32 million in payments, including \$7.2 million to Black, were unauthorized.

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Student loan interest is an "above the line" deduction, which means you can write it off regardless of whether you itemize your deductions.

That's not tree of mortgage incress, Many homeowners get little if any write-off from their home because they don't pay enough interest to be able to itemize their deductions. The standard deduction for a married couple filing jointly in 2003 is \$9,500, which is more than the annual interest you're paying on the loan. Unless you have lots of other itemized deductions, your mortgage isn't giving you any tax benefits, so returing a good chunk of it is probably a good idea.

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A: Why, for that matter, should you be: gifts for anyone? Surely they can go out and get what they want for themselves.

Or might that perhaps be missing the point:

Holiday tipping is a way of showing your appreciation for the people who provide services, and there are no hard-and-fast rules, but there are some guidelines - or so the etiquette experts tell us. Whom you tip and how much depends on the frequency of the service provided, your relationship with the provider,

regional custom and your own budget.

In general, tips of \$10 to \$30 are appropriate for those who provide brief but frequent service, such as your newspaper carrier, parking attendant, trash collectors or overnight delivery person. (Some people include their mail carrier in this group. The U.S. Postal Service doesn't encourage tipping, but allows carriers to keep gifts worth less than \$20.)

People who provide more sus-

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People who provide more sustained service - your hairdresser, part-time house cleaner, garden crew and the like - are usually tipped an amount equal to one visit. People you employ full-time, such as a nanny or housekeeper, get at least a week's pay.

If you live in a building with a superintendent, ask your fellow apartment dwellers how much they give. The range is pretty wide, from \$20 to \$200. Doormen usually get half that.

If you don't customarily tip, you might try it and see what happens to the quality of service you get. You could be pleasantly suprised.

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Questions can be sent to Liz Pulliam Weston at asklizweston@hotmail.com or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Busines Section, Los Angeles Times, 202 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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company that wants to build the refinery, said the proposed site is the one which best fits the crite-

ria for a plant site.

They point to its location along a shortline railroad, near main transportation routes, and the availability of utilities such as natural gas, power and water.

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A personal pitch from Oregon Gow. Ted Kulongoski helped convince the company to build a biorefinery in Ontario, instead of across the Snake River in Idaho.

The S77 million plant, which would produce fuel-grade ethanol and dietary products, would be the first of its kind in North America, according to industry experts.

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Renewable Resources, and its
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and protein for human dietary
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It would employ 60 workers
with pay averaging \$28,000 a
year. The company hoped to
have the refinery operating by
winter 2004, Hamilton said in
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Scientists link diesel soot, global warming

WASHINGTON (AP) – Soot mostly from diesel engines is blocking snow and ice from reflecting sunlight, which is contributing to "near worldwide melting of ice" and as much as a quarter of all observed global warming, top NASA scientists say. The findings about the snow and ice albedos – their power to reflect light falling on the surface – raise new questions about – human-caused – climate – change-from the Arctic to the Alps. "We suggest that soot is a more all-around 'bad actor' than has been appreciated," NASA scientists James Hansen and Larissa Dazarenko wrote in a paper published Monday in the Proceedings of the National

Academy of Sciences.

Soot comprises carbon particles that are, along with salts and dust, byproducts of burning fossil fuels and vegetation. In developed countries, the biggest source is diesel fuel. Elsewhere, burning wood, animal dung, vegetable oil and other biofuels is a major source of soot.

Hansen, director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space-Studies, and "Nazterako," a staff-associate there, found soot is twice as potent as carbon dioxide in changing global surface air temperatures in the Arctic and the Northern Hemisphere.

Greenland may be an exception, they said, because it is downwind from Canadian forests

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Gourmet dish runs afoul of animal activists

An all-out food fight is taking place in California's wine country, and residents of the chic culinary destination of Sonoma aren't thrilled with the opening shots. Vandals have flooded an upscale food specialty shop and covered its walls with graffit. Ducks have been sprung from their cages at a farm.

Activists who want the sale of foie gras, the fat-engorged liver of ducks and geese, banned in Sonoma and elsewhere, argue that force-feeding the animals to produce the relelicacy is cruel and inhumane.

produce the delicacy is cruel and inhumane. In Defense of Animals and other groups have concentrated their efforts on several Northern California restaurants and Sonoma Foie Gras, the only West Coast producer of the haute cuisine.

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Five hundred people signed a petition to ban fole gras sales. The Sonoma City Council has taken no action, but activists pledge to continue their fight.

Some visitors can't stomach new Disney ride

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Maybe the new motto at Disney
World in Orlando should be
"thrills, chills and ... spills."
It turns out that the park's new
mega-ride Mission: Space, a certrifuge-powered attraction that
simulates a rocket launch, is making a few people queasy. So the
ever-fastidious park is doing
something it has never done
before: It is placing motion sickness bags in the seating areas of
the \$100 million ride, much like

Nation in brief

those commonly seen in air-planes.
"One person getting sick is one too many," said Disney spokes-woman Rena Langley.

Artificial tree needles

Texas's house speaker

For the first time, the Christmas tree standing in the Texas House-chamber-was not grown. on Lexas. Soil. This year's tree is synthetic and it was made in China. House Speaker Tom Craddick's wife, Nadine, accepted the flameresistant, artificial Oregon fir as a donation from an Austin store. The allergy-prone Craddicks have never opted for a real tree in their 34 years of marriage, and they were not about to break that tradiction-for-the-House, said-Bob-richter, Craddick's spokesman. Craddick, a Republican, was elected speaker in January.

The 15-foot tree has not impressed some Texas tree growers and Democrats. "We ought to support Texas, not China," Rep. Jim Dunnam, chairman of the House Democraticaucs, told the San Antonio Express-News.

Craddick, unfazed, plans to select a fake tree for the chamber as long as he is speaker, Richter said.

"It's a beautiful tree." Richter

as ions as an array said.

"It's a beautiful tree," Richter said. "I don't think you can tell if it's real or fake."

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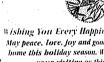


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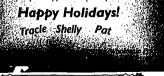
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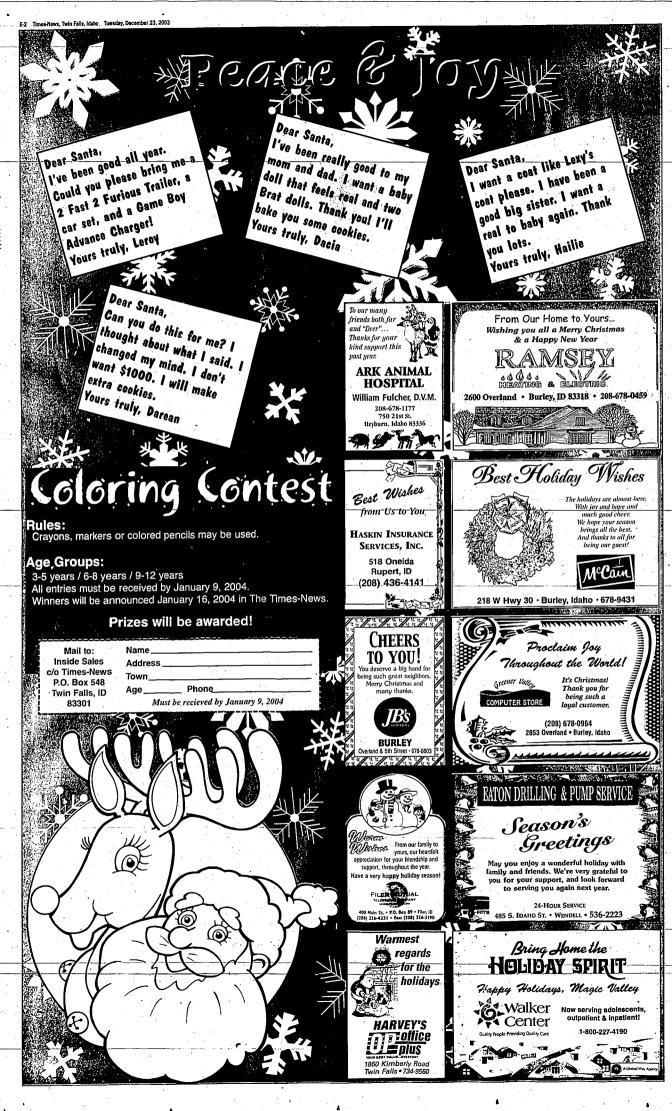


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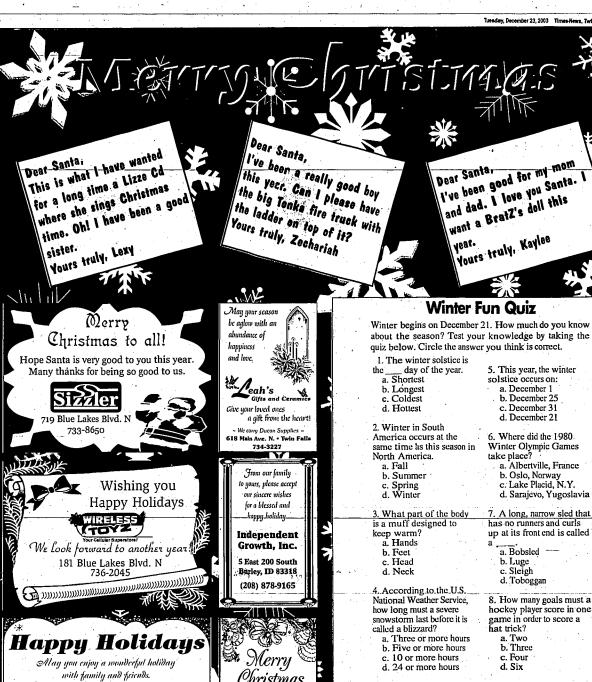


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To millions of children all over the world who celebrate Christmas, no other symbol of the holiday fills them with such joy as Santa Claus. This legendary figure flies around the world in his sleigh filled with toys. He drops down the chimney delivering gifts to good girls and boys, and is a favorite of children, no matter what country they live in. Santa Claus, a jolly. stout man with a twinkle in his eye, rosy-red cheeks and a cheerful laugh, is the American adaptation of the European legend of Saint Nicholas. He wears a bright red suit trimmed with white fur, a long red cap and shiny black boots. In England, he wears the very same outfit, but there he's called Father Christmas. In France, children refer to him as Pere Noel, which means Father Christmas. He wears a long red robe and white fur hat with wooden shoes.f In Switzerland we see another variation on Santa. His name is Saint Nicholas. and he wear a long white robe and a tall pointed hat called amiter. There-are numerous other-counterparts of Santa-Glaus across the globe, including the German Kris Kringle, the Italian Befana, the Swedish Jultomten and Russia's Babouschka. Though he may look a bit different and be called many names. to children of all countries his message is the same. They peek out the windows and hope to catch a glimpse of this speical man as he files through the sky, delivering gifts for boys and girls to enjoy on Christmas day.

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confined to a wheelchair due to a

ar accident I do push myself 7 to

cant push me so I push myself the

Please send me the land before time the grat longneck migration and send me some other stuff. Hanna, 9, Twin Falls

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Scree Chia

would like a patrick the sice of my Little spong bob which is about 12 inches counting his feet. And maybe some side walk chalk. And if you could may you could get me ether, the pinked or Heleryduff cd.

much because I pick up garbage of the back roads because I dont like I love you, I am thankful for you the way the garbage on the roads make the cummunity look. So I do that beeps and the drawer comes out? Della wants a baby cash-register. i am giving you cookles & hot day except Sundays with I spend in church. So Santa you no were I Ashley & Della Dokter, 3 Twin Falls

> I love you, I hop you'll make Christmas come, I want a stuffed nny, a cow, and a horse that

Dorothy Allen, 4. Burley I think you are a great spirit. I like

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We waited the whole

Marisa Grissom, 9, Shoshone

cruise ship a little barbie girl, and a leap pad, one barbie mom, one barble dad, and my four front Katie Stinnet, 8 Gooding Hi Santa, I have been a good girl

Love, Cole Robinson, 8

I hope you have a great Christmas, how is rudolph? I hope good, so how has it

been going at your shop?

lease, just for one day make the

other kids stop teasing me because I'm small, shy, and can't

afford all the fad things others can

or's of Kids who love school but

My name is Randy, and I live here

& would like a brand new pickup. am a diabetic and we don't have

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Tianna Korsen, 9, Paul

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For Christmas I would like a leather coat, Barbie house; boy Bratz stereo. That will be good for

I want a Barbie and a icecream nachine. My brother wants a Sniderman and a batman and a Hayley Black, 6, Twin Falls

Dear Santa: Would you please

Chine L. 4. Twin Falls

Gustine, CA

wish for two more cats. I wish for Grammy and Grandpa to come to our house for Chnristmas. I love Kendria Roberts & Makenzi, 5 & 3, and a Barble Cruise ship. Also Baby Annabell & mommy's little pacient

Dear Santa: bring a bike and scool er so when Candice comes over she will have one to ride in case Duncan Dye, 6; Paul

ble bath. Santa blanket, hair tus,

Barbie hair clips, Dor the Explorer backpack, purple chapstick, plnk fingernail polish, fingermail polish

I have been good this year. So could you bring me a train set, some hot wheels, and a B.B Gun

Ashton Ruffing, 5, Twin Falls

For Christmas I would like more mighty beans, hulk hands, pop up pirate game, black white & grey

toe socks. A little toy leep. I've

been trying to be a good girl. Dh mom needs a new car too. Love, Jenica Kirby, 5 1/2, Jerome

I would like to have my new baby

Please bring my brother Kade trac-tors, trucks and choo-choo trains.

hrother Frik and a baby doll

Sadje Brooke Parish, 5, Hanser

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I want a Bratz Sleeping bag, Barbie of Swan Princess & scooter, I wil I would like a Dora the Explore leave 2 cookles and some milk for nket, fish for the bath tub, bu

Shanna Stowman, 8, Twin Falls

bring me toys, clothes, colo

books w/crayons, Bob the builder on DVD, Land before time movies,

Jeremy Russel Platt, 2 1/2, Oakley

Lwould like a Care Bear Big Bike

Then I would like a Pregnet Barbie

family & Grandma & Grandpa.

DeLinda Cruz, 6, Burley

I would like a game boy advance, a robot to do my chores. And I would like some legos. Some Bay

Joshua M., 7, Wendell I want a motorcycle helmet and my sissy wants a pink watch and a Blaise & Timber Dennis. 3. Runert

What I want for Christmas is a baby doll. Mom & Dad said that I can come see you at the mall sometime soon. My new baby sis-ter from China would like a baby stroller please. Big Brother Daniel should get a Hot Wheels car. Jesus,

like you, Santa. And, I like Rudolf. I would like a kite and a singing unicorn and a drum. My favorite color is numle Caroline Cannell, 4, Twin Falls

Hannah Rau. 5. Twin Falls

I love you. A dancing flex doll.

I want pant's size 8 and a shirt size an't size 5 and a shirt girls. I want a pants shirt size 2 Maria Sanchez, 9, Twin Falls

I want 200 catalogs of horses Too new toys horses Too books of Charley brown Mary Lovingfoss, 8, Malta

Justen Nasuva, 6, Gooding

The only thing I want for Christmas is for you to have a safe holiday delivering all those important presents to all the children are the world and Peace on Earth. Joran Zeldon Allred, 4, Filer

My sisters won't leave me along Leave one of your reindeer and will join you. Please drop off a chemistry set or telescope before ou return. My sisters are OK.

For Christmas I would like a stereo, some more Bratz dolls and lipgloss. Hope your trip home is good. Drive safely. Hannah Johnson, 10, Jerome

Santa say's "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry

Christmas." I want to give you a kiss, just cause. Would you bring me Barbie and Castle. and oen

baby with a hat like my picture

For Christmas this year I want a

Esther Johnson, 3, Jerome

I like you. I want a Bratz doll and car and maybe a swim Barbie. Is it really Christmas Spirit that yout dlike to give my friend Zach an Angel. He tells me go away Faith Ann Johnson, 5, Jerome makes your sleigh fly? for Christmas this year I want a ne

> How have you been? How is Rudoloh? How is Mrs. Claus? I would like to have a fun Chi Zachary Shockey

new green power ranger & a red, yellow, & blue one too, & a new

car for me & one for my brother,

a Mickey Mouse red DVD player &

telephone. I'd like some new

Garrett Jones, 4, Gooding

For Christmas this year I want some toy pupples & a choo-choo I've been a reall good boy this

hank you, Love frevor Jones, 2

Miss Thilmont, Grade 2, Va Elementary

For Christmas could you give the

elves an hour break so they can spend time with their family? Tucker Stevenson

How are your rendeer? Are you excited for Christmas to come? Please could you bring me a Sky-Doo 600? Merry Christmas

How did you gel Rudolph? Whe

you got Rudolph did he have a red nose? Is Rudolph for real?

Riley Waters

My favorite colors are red and green, tool For Christmas I wan CD player with special CD's also. Kasey Lewis

oo. I've been really good boy this low are you doing? What I want from you is a neat jetback pack What I want to know is how is Mrs. Clause doing? Dirk Devrise

Abiona Carrasco

How did you get married? Do you have any reindeer in training? I would like a blue bunny leash Merry Christmas.

I hope you have a save trip to our house. Santa what kind of cookles do you want. Don't tell aney one. bet I mile get you a present. I'll just tell you one thing! want for chrismas I want a bratdoll. What do you whant for chrismas from

How do the reindeer fly? What is our favorite Cookie? could !' ease have a really motorcycle? Marry Christmas, Jasmine Murphy

Where did you find Rudolph? Did the Grinch really steel Christmas Have you ever met the Grinch? Is olph's nose really red? Love,

Am I on the good list or bad list? I want five transformer toys their names are Unicron, Hoist, Smokescreen, and Starscream Merry christmas santa, From.

can yeu get my brather a unicron want a bike for Christmas. Where transformer can you get me a new screwdriver for my Grandpa can did you get married at? Mrs. Claus, do you love Santa Claus? Where you get me a present.

to or you goen to pot the pr

Wendy _____

Your friend, Taylor Cruise

Felicia Fabela

Dear San

udr the tree I em gowe to sed you

Ms. Quinley's Class, efferson Elementary, Je

vars doll and a G.I. loe for

Christmas. I just want one m Johnathen Brennan

Could I please have a tattoo kit. want a guinea pig too. I want a

Chihuahua too, I gave my brother a race car and two pincils for

want make-up and Bratz pants

ana a Bratz shirt. I'm going to buy

want a pet store toy and a dog show toy and a baby white rabbi I thek you or nlys to me I thec you could breg me a gift I lived in niedr 87 home I thek you bring me rol-skas Santa wen it going to Snow with a little black on it. I'm cointo give my cousin a present. my best friend very, very bes Santa at home I was ben god with mily morn wen mly morn is sick I bring her some wodr or food wat or yor fravit cookes it is yellow and Could I please have a rat for Christmas, And a guinea-pig. And I wan't a puppy too please! I been doing good deeds like helping peo-

a cord to bay we or gowe pod it in the meldox to bay I thek you kod --Belsea Mae Carlsen Dear Father Christmas want a red dress and a movie of the Beauty and The Swanlake and a special éarrings. Your friend, Taylor Thomas

I want a pink dress with flowers on it, and the movie "Beauty and the Beast," and a Bratz doll.

I would like the Real Meal Easy Bake Oven, some Barbles, a doll that looks just like me, plus other surprises I I am giving Amber, my twin a cross of red, white and blue. It has flowers on the botton Merry Christmas to you Santal From your friend, Ashley Kay Faitz

I want a 1,004 books and a big monster toruck and lots of "Hot Wheels". I will help grow boys and girls get food. Love, Gabriel C

I want a wolk Man and had foan's too and a bady doll too and I promis you that I will be nise to me sists.

woont a G.1. Joe's and a race car and some money and a sla and a tree and a sata clos sot.

Colton James Hunte

I want my family to be happy. I want a Game Boy and a har Andrew I'm going to buy something for my family.

Your friend, I hope you are had a good sum-mer. I want a lot of clea9(?) pikch-er of rudof the red nose rande. a cran makeer. 6 dolers. a real mot-Mariann Reyes

I won't two hamsters and two rabersikl, a toy bus, a real camera. hits. Laiso want two nulnear will get the dishes done for my mom. Your frien,

Champagnelle Leann Shelton

I want a black mongoose bike and a toy Jeep, one of those medium jeeps. I want a motorcyd, one of those metium motorcyds. I am going to help my mom with her back becase her back is out. Daniel Lee Curtis

I when a baby brother. I when a baby doll, I want a book.

I want clothes and classes and a

hat. I learned to help other people cross the street. I learned to help your mom do the dishis and help

your dad wash the car.

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Dear Santa: I want lots, of money, and a chilauhua I want a trampoline to I would like a gameboy and a new cooter. And I would really like anything hotwheel. And a comput-Aaron Hernande

Austin M., 5, Wendell

I would like to send my son the

I want to have a two sided light

saber, I want a new jacket I want a Doctorset with a whit coat I want

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ton Park

Dear Santa:

I want a Barbie Doll (My scene)

and a swimming pool for my

Alexis Nathanong, 6, Twin Falls

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could sing along with my friends and a Bratz Poll.

Aisha Nathanong, 9, Twin Fails

I would like my first Craftsman

toys includes goggles, tool, trays and tool bench. Car toys. Rigo Garcia, 2, Twin Falls

loves to fish. When he gro ors. I'k like to encourage my so picture of 5 yr old Kole Bailey catching a trout. If you could print his picture in the paper you would picture in the paper you wou ke his whole year. Thank you



would like to send my daughte the gift of encourage Enclosed is a poem my daughter SKYs the limit. Thank you Santa. Love, Brennah's Mom

Poem written by 11 year old

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Jon Hudelson, 26, Kimberly

Kit Mecham, 5, Filer

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