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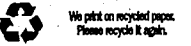
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# Iranian quake toll tops 5,000

## Nations promise to rush in rescue workers, other aid

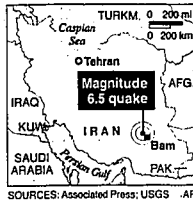
The Associated Press

KERMAN, Iran - Entire blocks of buildings lay crushed and survivors lined up blanket-wrapped bodies in the street after a devastating earthquake leveled nearly three-quarters of the Iranian city of Bam on Friday, killing at least 5,000 people and injuring 30,000 others. The quake also destroyed much of Bam's historic landmark - a giant medieval fortress complex of towers, domes and walls, all made

of mud-brick, overlooking a walled Old City, parts of which date back 2,000 years. Television images showed the highest part of the fort - including its distinctive square tower - crumbled like a sand castle down the side of the hill, though some walls still stood.

Local officials said the death toll could reach up to 12,000, though the deputy governor of Kerman province said an accurate count

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SOURCES: Associated Press; USGS AP



A mourning Iranian mother with her child cry Friday for their families who were killed in the earthquake in Bam city, Iran.

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Richard Sabey, right, Kyle Richman, left front, Kahler Nield, Travis Plott and Brent Higley were some of the volunteers from the LDS Church's Kimberly Second Ward serving food in the soup kitchen at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls Friday. The students from Kimberly High School took time from their Christmas break to help prepare and serve food.

# Students use time off for work, play

Christmas vacation doesn't have to consist solely of watching TV

By Karin Kowalski  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The presents are unwrapped, the holiday cookies are eaten, and the children are still home for Christmas break.

Children of all ages across the Magic Valley are putting the time to good use, with activities ranging from outdoor recreation to service projects.

Several members of the LDS Church's Kimberly Second Ward volunteered Friday at a soup kitchen at the St. Edward's Catholic Church assembly hall in Twin Falls.

Mike Hayes, the young men's president, said the soup kitchen was just one the group's service projects around the holidays. They also went caroling, delivered Christmas baskets and put up Christmas lights for people.

## Staying busy

Here are responses from some local young people when asked, "What are you doing with the rest of your holiday break?"

- "I'm going to go snowmobiling with my brother."  
- Zachery Taylor, 17, of Kimberly
- "Whatever comes up."  
- Travis Plott, 17, of Kimberly
- "All the stuff you do on the beach."  
- Melissa Thom, 16, of Twin Falls, who got invited on a trip to Tahiti when her friend's brother couldn't go
- "I'm reading my new book I got for Christmas. I got contacts for Christmas, so I'm practicing that."  
- Jessica Jones, 14, of Twin Falls
- "I'm going to Santa Barbara, Calif., to visit my brother."  
- Rachel Wyssong, 12, of Rupert
- "I'm going snowboarding and hanging out with my family and friends."  
- Trevor Barrett, 16, of Kimberly

Some members of the youth group are veteran volunteers. "I've done it a few times before," said Trevor Barrett, 16, of

## Some things to do - A2

Kimberly. "It gives you a good feeling."  
The rest of his break he's spending with friends and family.  
Twin Falls parks are open, but there are no new activities starting until next year, said Dennis Bowyer, parks and recreation director.  
Bowyer's teenage children are hanging out with friends, going skiing and playing video games on the X-Box.  
"I let them sleep in," Bowyer said.  
Jacquie Law, 16, of Eden just finished a large service project in conjunction with the Valley High School Future Career and Community Leaders of America club distributing baskets of food and gifts to the needy. She's already planning another project using the leftovers from this one. Her other plans are to "get some homework done, and hopefully I'll get some time to relax."

# CIA unveils spy gadgets, but don't ask for tickets

The Associated Press

McLEAN, Va. - When the CIA's secret gadget-makers invented a listening device for the Asian jungles, they disguised it so the enemy wouldn't be tempted to pick it up and examine it. The device looked like tiger droppings.

The guise worked. Who would touch such a thing? The fist-sized, brown transmitter

detected troop movements along the trails during fighting in Vietnam, a quiet success for a little-known group of researchers inside the world's premier intelligence agency.

The CIA's Directorate of Science and Technology is celebrating its 40th anniversary by revealing a few dozen of its secrets for a new museum

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CIA's Directorate of Science and Technology is celebrating its 40th anniversary by revealing a few of its secrets like the robot catfish 'Charlie.'

# Separate incidents claim three soldiers

By Alan Sipress  
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Three U.S. soldiers were killed in separate incidents north of the capital Friday as Iraqi insurgents continued to exact fatalities after a brief lull following the capture of former president Saddam Hussein nearly two weeks ago.

The resistance has been especially fierce in the town of Baquba, about 30 miles northeast of Baghdad, where four U.S. soldiers have died

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# Stores recall beef

## Mad cow discovery comes during slow sales for producers

By Julia Ponce  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A concerned grandmother, Laura Miller, decided to find out on Friday if the meat she is serving is safe for her family to eat.

So she began calling Twin Falls grocery stores to find out from where they get their meat.

"If you buy meat, you need to go to that effort, because you need to know if you have something in your refrigerator you shouldn't have," Miller said.

Miller had served prime rib to her family on Christmas Day. Local store managers reassured her that muscle cuts such as roasts and steaks were safe to eat, she said.

On Friday, government and cattle industry officials continued to voice assurances that the beef on all American tables is safe to eat, in spite of the discovery of mad cow disease in a dairy cow in Washington state.

The USDA said the cow was slaughtered at Vern's Moses Lake Meat Inc. in Moses Lake, Wash., about 70 miles northeast of Mabton, on Dec. 9, after she became paralyzed, apparently as a result of calving.

Agriculture officials said Vern's was voluntarily recalling about 10,410 pounds of raw beef, but the agency's Food Safety and Inspection Service said there was an "extremely low likelihood" that the recalled beef contains the infectious agent that causes bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

BSE, or mad cow disease, eats holes-in-the-brains-of cattle. A human disease related to mad cow is known as variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. It is incurable and was blamed for 153 deaths in Britain, which suffered a mad cow disease outbreak in the 1980s.

The USDA said the slaughtered

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## Lack of a clear trail frustrates investigators

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy, windy at times and chilly. Highs near 30. Tonight: Cloudy skies and brisk winds. Lows in the middle 20s. Tomorrow: Brisk with periods of clouds. Snow showers will develop late. Highs in the middle 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

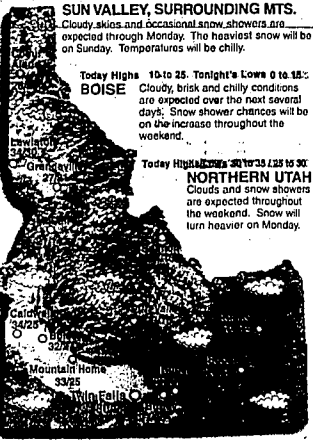
Today: Cloudy, windy at times and chilly. Highs in the middle to upper 20s. Tonight: Cloudy skies and brisk winds. Lows in the middle 20s. Tomorrow: Cloudy and brisk with snow showers late. Highs in the lower 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cloudy skies and occasional snow showers are expected through Monday. The heaviest snow will be on Sunday. Temperatures will be chilly.

Today Highs 10 to 25. Tonight's Lows 0 to 15. BOISE: Cloudy, brisk and chilly conditions are expected over the next several days. Snow shower chances will be on the increase throughout the weekend.

NORTHERN UTAH: Clouds and snow showers are expected throughout the weekend. Snow will turn heavier on Monday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 39 at Lewiston, Low of 5 at Stanley. Weather keys: sunny, part cloudy, mostly cloudy, c. cloudy, thundershowers, showers, rain, s/s, snow, wind, m, misting.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 30, Low 24, 35/20, 23/11, 25/16, 27/15).

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset. Includes monthly and yearly averages.

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Table listing regional cities and their 5-day forecasts (Today, Tomorrow, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday).

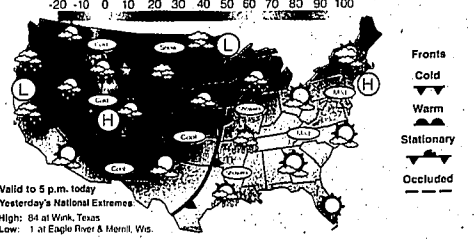
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Table listing national cities and their 5-day forecasts (Today, Tomorrow, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday).

WORLD FORECAST

Table listing world cities and their 5-day forecasts (Today, Tomorrow, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday).

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CANADIAN FORECAST. Table listing Canadian cities and their 5-day forecasts.

Things to do (continued from A1)

- Christmas is over, but school-vacation rolls on. Here are some fun things to do with the time: Help someone by volunteering. Go to the movies. Take a walk in the park. Go roller skating. Play board games. Go bowling. Bake cookies. Go to the library. There are plenty of new books and a game corner set up on the lower level at the Twin Falls City Library. Check out the pre-Columbian artifacts and the "Retro Steel" art show at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho. Go to the Faulkner Planetarium at CSI. Shows today are "The Christmas Star" at 2 and 7 p.m., "The Search for Life in the Universe" at 4 p.m., and "Steamrolling Through the Holidays" at 8:15 p.m. "Ring World" debuts Friday at 7 p.m. Hit the after-Christmas sales at stores around the valley. Go ice skating. The Sun Valley Ice Arena behind the Sun Valley Lodge is open daily for skating from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Skating is \$8.50 for adults, \$7.50 for children 12 and under. Skate rental is \$3.50. Go skiing. Pomerelle Mountain Resort, Meagle Mountain, Soldier Mountain and Sun Valley are open.

Iraq

Continued from A1. In the last two days. One soldier died; Friday in Baquba and another was injured when his convoy came under attack. U.S. military officials said. The troops returned fire, killing two assailants. A second soldier was killed while trying to defuse a bomb discovered near the town. The deaths came a day after suspected Saddam loyalists fired mortar rounds at a U.S. base outside Baquba, killing two soldiers and wounding four others, according to officials with the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division. Baquba is part of the wider region north and west of Baghdad, largely populated by Saddam's faithful Sunni Muslims, that has offered the stiffest resistance to

Quake

Continued from A1. It was impossible with many victims still trapped under the rubble. "Rescue operations are going slowly because it's difficult to dig out debris," said a spokesman for the provincial government. "The disaster is far too huge for us to meet all of our needs," President Mohammad Khataimi said. "However, all the institutions have been mobilized." The government asked for international assistance, particularly search and rescue teams. The United States promised to send aid, as did numerous European nations. By nightfall Friday, little outside relief was seen in Bam, a city of 80,000 people in southwestern Iran. With temperatures dropping to 21 degrees, survivors built fires in the rubble-strewn streets to keep warm, many shivering in their nightclothes, they only clothes they had since the "pre-dawn quake." With hospitals in the area destroyed, military transport planes had to evacuate many wounded for treatment to the provincial capital, Kerman and

Iraq

Continued from A1. elsewhere. At least four C-130s had hurried out injured so far. Interior Minister Abdolwahed Mousavi Lari told Iranian television, which put the number of injured at 30,000. Kerman's governor, Mohammed Ali Karimi, said the preliminary estimate of the death toll was 5,000 to 6,000, according to the official Islamic Republic News Agency. At Bam's only cemetery, a crowd of about 1,000 people wailed and beat their chests and heads over some 500 corpses that lay on the ground as a bulldozer dug a trench for a mass grave. "This is the Apocalypse. There is nothing but devastation and debris," Mohammed Karimi, in his 30s, said at the cemetery, where he had brought the bodies of his wife and 4-year-old daughter. "Last night before she went to sleep she made me a drawing and kissed me four times," he said of his daughter, Wazemeh, whose body he held in his arms. "When I asked, 'Why four kisses?' she said, 'Maybe I won't see you again, Papa,'" Karimi told an AP photographer, as tears streamed down his face.

Dean: Bin Laden deserves death

WASHINGTON (AP) - Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean on Friday assailed the Bush administration for failing to set up a livestock tracking system he said could have averted the current mad cow scare and said he supports federal aid to help the American beef industry weather the storm. In a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press, Dean also said he wants Osama bin Laden to get the death penalty, seeking to minimize fallout from a New Hampshire newspaper story Friday in which he was quoted as saying the terror leader's guilt should not be prejudged. "As a president, I would have to defend the process of the rule of

Dean: Bin Laden deserves death

law. But as an American, I want to make sure he gets the death penalty he deserves," Dean told the AP in an phone interview. The former Vermont governor, who solidly leads the field of Democratic presidential candidates in both polls and a money said he was simply trying to state in The Concord Monitor interview that the process of trying bin Laden needs to be fair and credible. In that interview, Dean was quoted as saying, "I still have this old-fashioned notion that even with people like Osama, who is very likely to be found guilty, we should do our best not to, in positions of executive power, not to prejudice jury trials."

CIA

Continued from A1. inside its headquarters near Washington. Keith Mullen, a leading historian of intelligence, calls it "the finest spy museum you'll never see." It is accessible only to CIA employees and guests admitted to those closed quarters. Besides the jungle transmitter, the exhibit include a robotic catfish, a remote-controlled dragonfly and a camera strapped to the chests of pigeons and released over enemy targets in the 1970s. The secret gadgets currently used by CIA are left to the imagination of visitors. "The pigeons' missions remain classified, made possible only after the CIA secretly developed a camera weighing only as much as a few coins. An earlier test with a heavier camera in the skies over Washington failed after two days when the overburdened pigeon was forced to walk home. "People don't think of a pigeon as being anything more than a rodent on top of a building," said Pat Avery of Newalla, Okla., who runs the National Pigeon Association and loves to recount decades-old exploits by famous military pigeons such as "Spiko" and "Big Tom." But as surveillance technology improved, the need for CIA pigeons diminished. "They're pretty passe now," she said. In 2000, the CIA built a catfish it calls "Charlie," a remarkably realistic swimming robot. The spy agency still won't disclose much about its mission, but experts speculated it collects water samples near suspected chemical or nuclear plants. One outside scientist consulted by The Associated Press said the catfish robot was so realistic - except for pectoral fins that are slightly too large - that it might be eaten by predators while on its clean-and-dagger missions. The AP obtained a videotape from CIA of the catfish swim-

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ming during one test. "A lot of things in the wild like to eat those," said Jimmy Avery, an aquaculture professor at Mississippi State University who watched the video at AP's request. He said Charlie was apparently made to resemble a channel catfish commonly found in rivers worldwide. "When you look at it from above, it would be difficult to pick that out from any kind of real catfish." The CIA isn't showing off just its successes. Invented a remote-controlled dragonfly for delivering tiny listening devices outside waters; a bug carrying a bug, but the so-called "insectotrooper," with a miniature engine, built by a watchmaker, couldn't fly straight in winds and didn't work out. The agency's D-21 "Tagboard" unmanned jet was kept secret until the late 1970s. Designed to fly off the back of CIA's version of the supersonic SR-71 "Blackbird" surveillance jet, Tagboard cruised more than 17 miles high, taking photographs over old war lands at nearly 2,000 miles per hour. But over four missions the CIA once failed to recover the drone's film canister before it dropped into the ocean. Another drone crashed in Siberia. CIA crewman Ray Torrick died in one launch attempt. "It wasn't a hugely successful program," said Tony Hiley, the curator for the CIA museum. The Science and Technology Directorate is assessing the CIA's largest units. It was held in highest esteem for more than a dozen years until 1976, but experts say its internal influence with the CIA director has declined since. "They've been very clever; they would be stuck to simply what we had the traditional and obvious means of intelligence collection," said Jeffrey T. Richelson, who wrote a book about the directorate in 2001. "If they're being successful, they'll probably have devices more clever and harder-to-detect than the past."

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JEEZ, DAD!



John Green, left, and his son Jace, 5, try to figure out a power problem Friday on a radio-controlled Hummer Jace received for Christmas in Nacogdoches, Texas. The pair eventually decided to temporarily abort the attempt after determining batteries on the toy needed recharging.

AP photo

# U.S. warns of continued al-Qaida threat through air

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - Air France resumed flights between Paris and Los Angeles on Friday as U.S. counterterrorism officials maintained tight security measures here and elsewhere, warning that the threat remains of an al-Qaida attack involving aircraft somewhere in the United States.

As the FBI dispatched more agents to France to investigate a suspected terror plot that may have been aborted, authorities at Los Angeles International Airport maintained the tightest security since Sept. 11, 2001, scouring several flights from France and Mexico for any possible passengers or cargo that might suggest terrorism.

Just after 6:15 p.m. Friday, a contingent of federal agents and local authorities met Air France Flight 68 from Paris at a remote

terminal at LAX.

The flight, two hours late because of a security check at Charles de Gaulle Airport, was the first Air France jetliner from Paris in two days and the same flight that was initially cited as a possible terrorist target by intelligence officials.

It was the first of three flights Friday that authorities said would undergo the additional security screening.

On Christmas evening, dozens of FBI agents, Los Angeles police and other law enforcement personnel also converged on Air Tahiti Nui Flight 21 from Paris, according to authorities. After a three-hour security delay at Charles de Gaulle Airport, officials said, the jetliner was held another five hours at LAX as a tactical weapons team and bomb technicians combed the aircraft and counterterrorism investigators interviewed the flight's 200

passengers and crew in a remote terminal.

Hours later, the FBI, LAPD and other law enforcement officers also descended upon Aero Mexico Flight 490, which arrived late Christmas Day from Mexico City. The aircraft and passengers on that flight, originating in the Yucatan capital of Merida, also were thoroughly examined.

Early in the week, counterterrorism officials told the Los Angeles Times that authorities were paying special attention to Los Angeles bound flights by Air France, Aero Mexico and Air Tahiti Nui for fear that they could be exploited by Al Qaeda. It was unclear how that information was developed, though officials said it was part of a recent intelligence analysis that concluded Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Valdez, Alaska, and Rappahannock, Va., also could figure into the terrorism plans of extremists.

# Martian craft remains silent

LONDON (AP) - Space scientists failed in two more attempts Friday to confirm if Europe's first probe to Mars had safely reached the Red Planet.

The efforts by a NASA spacecraft and later by a British observatory were the third and fourth attempts to track the tiny Beagle 2 lander, since it was to have arrived on Mars shortly before 10 p.m. EST Wednesday.

The probe - designed to search

for signs of life - should have opened its solar panels and called home within a few hours. That didn't occur and scientists have trying ever since to locate it. The Stanford University radio telescope in California might be able to listen today, NASA said.

There was no immediate comment from the European Space Agency scientists but they had faced the first two failures with confidence and optimism.

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## YOUR WEEKEND

### The Lamphouse Theatre

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

### 'Retro Steel'

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

### 'Streamrolling Through the Holidays'

What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present "Streamrolling Through the Holidays."  
Where: Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.  
When: 8:15 p.m. today.  
How much: Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens 60 and older, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children younger than 5 are not admitted.

### Winter Wonderland party

What: A Winter Wonderland party will be held with door prizes awarded.  
Where: The Lincoln Inn, 413 Main St., Gooding.  
When: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.  
How much: No cover charge.

### Mixed Emotions

What: Mixed Emotions will play.  
Where: George 77's East Restaurant and Lounge, 325 E. Third N., Burley.  
When: 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. today.  
How much: No cover charge.

### Burley karaoke

What: Karaoke will be featured.  
Where: The 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley.  
When: 8 p.m. to midnight today.  
How much: No cover charge.

### DJ night

What: DJ night with Kurt Kruger will be featured.  
Where: The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.  
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.  
How much: No cover charge.

### Rabid Dog Karaoke

What: Karaoke with Rabid Dog Entertainment will be featured.  
Where: The Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.  
When: 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. today and Sunday.  
How much: No cover charge.

### The Fugitives

What: The Fugitives will play.  
Where: Shakers, 826 Highway 81, Declo.  
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.  
How much: No cover charge.

### Singin' in Hazelton

What: Karaoke will be featured. Singers can bring their own CDs.  
Where: The Sagebrush Lounge, 325 Main St., Hazelton.  
When: 8 p.m. to midnight today.  
How much: No cover charge.

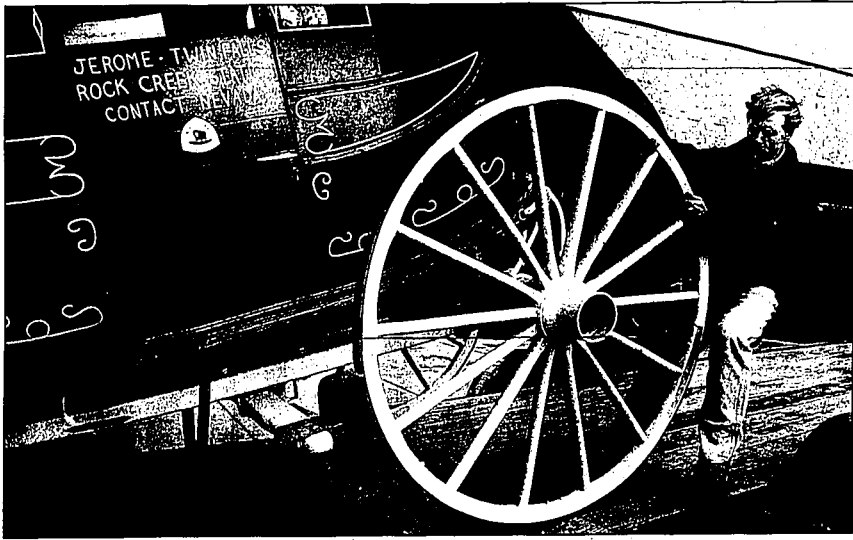
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## Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
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Salmon Falls	110%	34%
Salmon	96%	32%
Gelley	106%	31%
Big Wood	95%	30%
Little Wood	107%	32%
Henry's Fork/Teton	110%	38%
Big Lost	105%	33%
Little Lost	93%	29%
	Avg. of Dec. 26	

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

# HELPING OUT



Calvin Connell, operations director at Magic Valley Mall, helps unload a historic stagecoach at the mall Friday in Twin Falls. The stagecoach was moved to the mall in preparation for the centennial gala New Year's Eve.

## Gala organizers expect surge in ticket sales

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Now that the last shreds of Christmas wrap are swept away, organizers of a New Year's Eve gala at Magic Valley Mall hope you'll get your tickets bought.  
By Friday, the Twin Falls Centennial Commission and its vendors had sold about 300 tickets for the Dec. 31 event that will kick off celebrations of the city's 100th birthday, said Bonnie Lezamis, commission executive director. Something like 20 of those 300 are family tickets admitting up to five people.



Lezamis and the gala caterer expect a post-Christmas surge in ticket sales.  
"We still need people to buy tickets," she said.  
Lezamis said she learned two or three weeks ago that the fire mar-

shal has raised Magic Valley Mall's capacity to 5,400 people for events held in the mall's common areas. And organizers would be happy to sell tickets for more than 5,400 parties.

"We can afford to oversell tickets, because we have to make the assumption that once people come to this event, they don't plan to stay the entire evening. People will be coming and going," Lezamis said.

Gala attractions include historical displays, artwork unveiling, music and dancing, festive snacks, a rotating, giveaway drawings, glittery decorations, presentation of commemorative quilts and slices of the city's birthday cake, among others.

That night, renowned big-band conductor Brian Farnon will lead the Twin Falls Centennial Dance Orchestra featuring ballads and songs such as those played by the

Glenn Miller, Count Basie and Duke Ellington orchestras of decades past. Local volunteer musicians formed Twin Falls' new dance orchestra this year, and New Year's Eve is the group's big gig.

But Dec. 31 performers elsewhere in the mall will cater to dancers with other musical tastes, as well. Octane, a four-member rock group from Mountain Home, will play for a youth dance. Octane's song list includes contemporary rock, oldies rock, country, alternative and slow-dance numbers. It promises to observe the audience mix on New Year's Eve, cater its song choices to the ages and preferences of the majority, and take special requests.

Also among the gala performers will be the four Burley musicians of Skip-N-Skool, playing cool

## Want to go?

The Twin Falls Centennial Commission's gala for all ages runs from 7 p.m. to midnight on New Year's Eve at Magic Valley Mall.

• **Prices:** Tickets sold in advance cost \$12 for adults; \$10 for students and seniors; or \$35 for a family of up to five. Tickets at the door cost \$15 per person.

• **Outlets:** Buy tickets at any Magic Valley branch of First Federal Savings Bank; Twin Falls Wells Fargo Bank locations; A Happy Camper in the Magic Valley Mall; Gas Office Supply in downtown Twin Falls; Everybody's Business in the Shops at the Mall; the CSI Bookstore at College of Southern Idaho; Rosebuds in Jerome; Bill Printers in Twin Falls; or the Twin Falls Centennial Office.

• **For information:** Call 736-0800.

jazz, blues, pop and light rock. The band also draws from swing-era standards, light popular music, soul tunes, Motown sound and soul.

Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins — serving also as Centennial editor — can be reached at 735-3242 or virginia@magicvalley.com.

## Play focuses on disgruntled elf

The Times-News

KETCHUM — If you haven't had your fill of Christmas, you can belly up to the nextStage Theatre for a crack at "The Santaland Diaries."  
Performances will run today and Sunday at nextStage Theatre.

The one-man performance revolves around a disgruntled Macy's store elf who feels as if he's been wallowing in a world of plastic cheer.

"It's his reminiscences about his experiences," said Kathy Wygle, spokeswoman for Sun Valley Performing Arts and nextStage Theatre, which is putting it on.

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## WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Benjamin Leroy Arrington.  
Age: 37.  
Description: 5-foot-9, 175 pounds, brown hair, green eyes.  
Wanted for: Probation violation.  
Original charges: Felony possession of a controlled substance.



The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Arrington's whereabouts to call 735-1911 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5587, where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.

## Recreation, camping fees rise again

The Associated Press

BOISE — From camping and hiking to cross-country skiing and boating, recreation fees are on the rise for Idaho's state parks, waterways and trails in 2004.

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation announced recently that the changes will begin Jan. 1 to make up for budget cuts.

"There really is no other alternative, if we choose to keep our parks open and our service level high," said Rick Collignon, director of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, the state agency that administers state parks, Park 'n' Ski areas and other pro-

grams. The fee to enter a state park will increase from \$3 per vehicle to \$4 and campers will no longer be exempt from paying the entry fee.

The fee agency will also change the way it collects the 6 percent Idaho state sales tax on all camping fees, meaning an increase for recreationists.

The Park 'n' Ski Permit, which allows parking at cross-

### A park near you

- **Box Canyon**, near Hagerman.
- **Brunese Dunes**, south of Mountain Home.
- **City of Rocks**, near Alto.
- **Malad Gorge**, near Hagerman.
- **Niagara Springs**, near Hagerman.
- **Three Island Crossing**, at Glens Ferry.
- **Lake Walcott**, northeast of Rupert.

country ski trails around the state, also went from \$19 to \$25.

Collignon says a n d Recreation has lost \$2 million in general fund support during the past two years.

"At a time when user fees have become more critical to keep our parks open, we need to be looking to our users for additional support," Collignon said.

The fee increases will gener-

ate about \$400,000 to \$500,000 annually, making up only part of the budget cuts, Collignon said.

The agency also is tightening operating expenses, cutting down on maintenance costs and has reduced its staff in the field by 10 percent.

It operates on a \$32 million annual budget. The state general fund makes up 20 percent of the budget, while 80 percent comes from dedicated user fees. Two years ago, revenue from the general fund made up 37 percent of the agency's budget.

The fee structure still needs legislative approval, but under state law it can be implemented temporarily.

## Cross-country skiers take hit

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Cross-country skiers will have to pay more to ski at the popular Ponderosa and Harriman state parks starting Thursday.

The two scenic areas have been dropped from the Idaho Park 'n' Ski program due to cutbacks at the state Department of Parks and Recreation.

Skiers wanting to recreate at either site now will have to buy a Premium Nordic Grooming Pass that costs \$2 per person a day or \$25 for a family for a season. Passes can be purchased on site at either park.

Before, the parks were included in the state Park 'n' Ski program and covered in a \$25 annual pass good for 11 days across the state. Now, the state parks are the Whoop Um Up, Banner Ridge and Gold Fork loops north of Idaho City and the Mink Creek area south of Pocatello.

Because of the cutbacks, the motor vehicle entry fee at state parks also will increase from \$3 to \$4 in the new year. Cross-country skiers will have to pay the motor vehicle entry fee in addition to the ski pass.

The budget has impacted many state-funded programs. Please see SKIERS, Page A6



Jenny Busdon, who dons a tux with John Jessup each year for the Gourmet Ski Tour, works tirelessly to raise money to provide world-class grooming on the North Valley Trails between Ketchum and Galena. She can empathize with the plight at Ponderosa and Harriman state parks.

## T.F. family sets aside land for SNRA

Feds buy easement from Wills family for \$1.29 million

The Times-News

KETCHUM — A Twin Falls family has sold a 39-acre easement in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area for \$1.29 million, setting aside land for conservation that otherwise was prime for development.

The property is on the Smiley Creek Ranch next to national forest land and the community of Smiley Creek in Sawtooth Valley, about 22 miles south of Stanley.

The ranch is jointly owned by the Bob Wills and Hank Wills families of Twin Falls, and the family of Wes Wills, who lives in Ketchum. The families own and operate Wills Motor Co. and Wills Inc., a home-building and development company in Twin Falls, and other ranch properties in western Montana.

Speaking on behalf of the Wills families, Wes Wills said in a prepared statement that they are pleased with the final terms of the agreement.

"It fairly values the development limitations and provides great protection against future, extensive development," he said. "Our family has enjoyed the tremendous recreational opportunities of the SNRA over the last 50 years and welcomes the chance to make a contribution to help protect its future."

The easement will permit only two single-family homes on the property instead of a potential of 20 to 30 homes allowed under Blaine County regulations.

The U.S. Forest Service bought the conservation easement on a "willing selling, willing buyer" basis, federal officials said in a news release. The price was determined through a federal contract appraisal, which represented the difference between the potential value of the property if it were fully developed and its new restricted use.

The purchase of the Smiley Creek Ranch conservation easement brings to 90 the total number of easements acquired on the SNRA since 1974. Of the 20,294 acres of privately owned land

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SERVICES

James Robert (Jim) Clark Sr. of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary; interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park.

Bobby Adams of Albion, service at 11 a.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Saints Albion Ward Chapel; burial will be in the Albion LDS Cemetery; friends may call from 10:10-45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Kathleen (Kathy) Ross of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Robert Howard Ransom of Oakley, service at 11 a.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Oakley Stake Center; burial will be in the Marion Cemetery near Oakley; friends may call from 10:10-45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

John William Herrmann of Hunt, service at 11 a.m. today at the Eden Trinity Lutheran Church; burial will be in the Eden Trinity Lutheran Cemetery; friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome).

Norman Moore Miranda of Wendell, memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Wendell United Methodist Church (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Wanda Ione Haskins McKinney of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Christian

Church in Twin Falls; interment will follow the service at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls; visitation from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Andrew Leonard Emerson of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

**Lucien M. Wittmann**  
JEROME - Lucien M. Wittmann, 81, of Jerome, died Friday, Dec. 26, 2003.

Arrangements are under the direction of Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

**May Isabelle Gallant**  
BURLEY - May Isabelle Gallant, 82, of Burley, died Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

A vigil service with recitation of the rosary will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Rupert. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2003, at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Boniface Lautz as celebrant. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery with military rites under the direction of local veterans.

Friends and family may call from 4-6 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; from 7-9 p.m. until the time of the rosary Monday at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church and from 10-10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church. A complete obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

**Kenneth Duane 'Kenny' Leazer**  
FILER - Kenneth Duane "Kenny" Leazer, 50, of Filer, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2003, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.

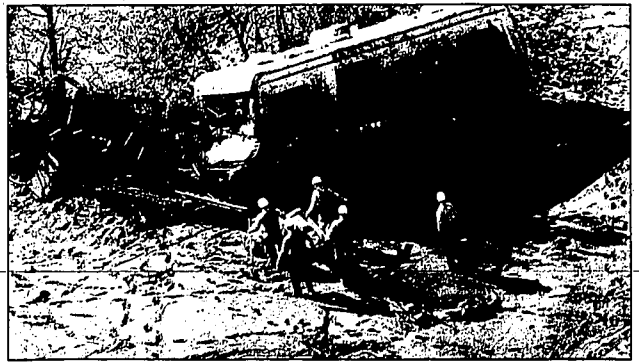
The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. A complete obituary will appear in Tuesday's edition.

**Alice E. Lord**  
TWIN FALLS - Alice E. Lord, 87, of Twin Falls and formerly of Boise and Chico, Calif., died Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Cremation took place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory. Inurnment will take place in Chico, Calif., at a later date.

**Marjorie Hale**  
GOODING - Marjorie Hale, 85, of Gooding, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003, at Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Gooding.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at the First Christian Church in Gooding with the Rev. Andy Morris officiating. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.



Rescue workers search for victims Friday in a mobile home that was washed away after devastating mudslides swept through Devore, Calif., in the San Bernardino mountains on Thursday.

Death toll from California mud floods reaches six; 10 still missing

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) - Searchers found six bodies and poked through deep mud, jumbled trees and boulders Friday in hopes of finding 10 people, mostly children, missing after mudslides roared through a church camp and a trailer camp in the fire-denuded San Bernardino Mountains.

Four bodies were found at Saint Sophia Camp in Waterman Canyon, which was smashed Thursday by a flow of mud, rocks and trees. Authorities did not immediately provide the ages or sex of the victims that were found. Nine of 14 people who had been missing there were children.

Two other bodies, identified only as male and female, were found near each other about a half-mile from a KOA camp in Devore, about five miles to the west, where 32 trailers were destroyed, San Bernardino County authorities said. No one else was missing there, said sheriff's Deputy Kris Phillips.

"I thought I was going to die," said Brian Delaney, 19, who described mud crashing into the KOA recreation center and trapping him up to his neck before rescuers pulled him out.

Twenty-eight people were believed to have been spending Christmas Day with the caretaker of Saint Sophia Camp, a Greek Orthodox facility, when a slide unleashed by heavy rain roared through.

"These folks had no warning," said county fire spokeswoman Tracey Martinez. "It just happened. According to the survivors we've spoken to they didn't even know it was coming until it was there."

County sheriff's spokesman Chip Patterson cautioned that it was not certain that the two bodies found in Waterman Canyon were from the camp because vehicles were also found in the area.

"It's sort of like going through an avalanche. They are actually sticking into the mud with poles."



Mildred Najera, left, and an unidentified woman wait to hear news Friday about their family members, who were missing following a mudslide.

Patterson said "It's pretty tedious, but that's how we're doing it." The slides were triggered by a Pacific storm that moved in late Wednesday and unleashed drenching rain Thursday over Southern California, where nearly 750,000 acres were burned bare by fires in October and November.

Much of the scorched land was on the steep slopes of the San Bernadinos about 60 miles east of Los Angeles. The storm dropped 8.57 inches of rain on the west side of Cajon

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Anne Field Johnson - Twin Falls



Anne Field Johnson, a gifted artist and teacher, was born June 24, 1926, in Galesburg, Ill., and passed away peacefully with her family at her side on Dec. 23, 2003, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Anne grew up in Illinois as the youngest of four girls. After high school, she attended the Rhode Island School of Design for two years, leaving school to marry Walt Johnson. Walt enlisted in the navy during World War II, and Anne started a family right away, having five children - four girls and a boy - over 13 years. She was a very hard worker and in the early years of her marriage, she used her sewing skills to make dresses and upholstery to help the family income. Her life was one of a single parent as Nancy lived took her family from Illinois to Texas, Rhode Island, Morocco, Arizona, Los Angeles, and the San Francisco Bay area.

In 1967, Anne returned to the art world, taking classes at the local junior college, and developing a network of friends and art associates in the San Francisco Bay area. She immersed herself fully and by 1970 was teaching classes to others. She and Walt relocated to San Diego County in 1973. While on a painting trip to Sweden in 1978, Anne met her second husband, Gosta Stafansson, and courageously followed her dream to live the life of an artist. She spent 16

years in Sweden traveling and painting. In 1996, Anne moved to Twin Falls to be near her daughter, Patty. She moved with Patty's family to Cincinnati from 1999-2001, and then returned to Twin Falls in October 2001. Over the last two years, the effects of her Parkinson's disease increased and she gradually lost her ability to paint, but she never lost her appreciation for a beautiful sky or a great landscape.

Anne made many contributions over her lifetime, but the one that brought her the most enjoyment was teaching art. Over the years she held classes at home, in community centers, at churches and on location in parks, meadows, and forests. She excelled at painting in watercolors, and some of her favorite subjects were old buildings, barns

and the beauty of nature. Anne was a unique person. She saw things with an artist's eye. She encouraged her children to be individuals, not to follow the crowd and to always do their best. Many friends remember fondly her love of swimming and fishing as well as her determination to stay active though she faced considerable physical challenges. She loved her children unconditionally and taught us through her example to be passionate about life and the arts of all kinds.

Anne is survived by her three sisters, Barbara McGlone of Virginia, Mildred Garvey of Florida and Pat Barnes of Illinois; five children, Marsha Evans of Alexandria, Va., Cristine Watson of Glendale, Calif., David Johnson of Long Beach, Calif., Winifred McCoy of El Cajon, Calif., and Patty Johnson of Twin Falls, Idaho; eight grandchildren and her beloved cat, Whiskers.

A celebration of Anne's life and a showing of her artwork will be held at 11 a.m. Jan. 3, 2004, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Gifts can be made in her name to the Our Savior Lutheran Church Building Fund.

The family would like to thank the staffs of Desert Rose Retirement and Bridgeview Estates for their compassionate and loving care of our mom. You truly made a difference and we hold you dear in our hearts.

Gary Bengoechea - Meridian



Gary Bengoechea, 69, of Meridian, Idaho, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, after a long battle of heart and diabetes illness.

The service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, at Cloverdale Funeral Home. Viewing will be held from 4-6 p.m. Monday.

Gary was born July 6, 1934, in Jerome, Idaho, to Victor and Margaret Bengoechea. After graduating from high school, he joined the Army, serving in the Korean War. Later he met and married Shirley Souza of San Gregorio, Calif. He was a member of the Half Moon Bay Fire Department, also a lifetime member of Elks Lodge. He was in Operating Engineers for

years. Then he was in partnership with the Half Moon Bay Building and Garden Supply until retire-

ment. In 1997, he moved to Meridian, Idaho.

Gary is survived by his wife of 41 years, Shirley, sister Jo (Gordon) Hofert of Boise, brothers Richard of Boise, Al (Beth) of Cascade, Don (Wanda) of Sacramento, Melvin (Shirley) of Boise, Kenneth (Nancy) of Illinois and Scott (Karen) of Boise, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Lowell.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart Association or the Diabetes Foundation.

A special thanks to the Meridian Fire Department and St. Luke's medical staff of Meridian.

Mildred 'Millie' A. Springman - Gooding

Mildred 'Millie' A. Springman, 80, a resident of Gooding, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, in Renton, Wash.

Mildred was born on Aug. 12, 1923, in Cleveland, Ohio, the daughter of Anton and Emma Budic. She married Edward "Ed" R. Springman on Nov. 18, 1961, in Cleveland, Ohio. They lived in California where Ed owned and

operated three markets before retiring in 1983. In 1984, they moved to Gooding. Ed preceded her in death on May 26, 2001.

Mildred was a member of the First Christian Church in Gooding. Mildred is survived by her son, Anthony "Tony" and his wife, Elizabeth "Liz" Springman of Kent, Wash. She was also preceded in death by her sister,

Esther King-Hedinger. The service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003, at the First Christian Church in Gooding with the Rev. Andy Morris officiating. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Family and friends may call from 1-7 p.m. Monday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

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## MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

## Utah storm causes avalanche; three missing

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — A snowstorm that hit northern Utah on Christmas night continued into Friday and caused an avalanche that led to a search for three missing Utah County snowboarders. Authorities gave little hope the young men would be found alive.

The avalanche in Provo Canyon around 4:30 p.m. MST was reported by a snowshoer, who said the people, who had been snowboarding, may not have come out of it, Utah County sheriff's spokesman Dennis Harris said.

Rescue crews from Utah and Wasatch county as well as workers from Sundance searched for about three hours, then called the search when high winds increased the avalanche danger.

The search was to resume in the morning, weather and snow conditions permitting. By Friday night, the storm had dropped heavy snow dumped at least two feet in mountain areas and blizzards lower regions in the Salt Lake Valley.

Mountain areas got the brunt of the accumulation, with some getting more than a foot, but the Salt Lake Valley also saw significant snow. Salt Lake City International Airport had 11 inches by early afternoon and other areas, especially those closer to the Great Salt Lake, were seeing even more.

By Friday night around 30 inches had fallen in the Wasatch Front valleys, said National Weather Service forecaster Chris Brencley. Forecasters had

expected the heavy snow to continue through the night, but cancelled their warnings around 9 p.m.

The weather service reported that Big and Little Cottonwood canyons about 25 miles southeast of Salt Lake City could get as much as six feet of new snow by today.

The snow seemed to be a blessing to skiers, but it also restricted access. The roads into Big Cottonwood Canyon and Little Cottonwood Canyon southeast of Salt Lake City were closed Friday morning, although Big Cottonwood Canyon did open for vehicles with four-wheel drive and chains and Utah Transit Authority buses.

The Little Cottonwood Canyon road remained closed all day due to avalanche danger.

Traffic along interstates 15 and 80 was slowed because of minor accidents, but both of the state's major arteries remained open.

At Snowbird in Little Cottonwood Canyon, the slopes were limited to guests already staying at the resort. Supervisor Tandy Jensen said the resort gave the skiers who were there free lift tickets for the day. Jensen, who lives in Sandy, got stuck at the resort Thursday and said she'd be spending Friday night there, too, as she waited for the storm to let up.

"We're doing great with the snow. It's better to have snow than a drought," she said.



Paul May, left, and Beattiz Inestroza walk with their dog Zoey in the snow in Salt Lake City, Friday, during a winter storm that hit the area.

## Boy spots fire on Christmas Eve

**WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah (AP)** — A 9-year-old boy staying with relatives for Christmas spotted a fire early Friday morning and alerted his family before the blaze destroyed the home.

All five occupants got out of the house safely, although a man was injured when he broke a window to get out and was taken to the hospital to be treated for lacerations.

A winter storm that knocked out power throughout the Salt Lake Valley had crews already out when the fire was called in around 7 a.m.

"They were already tied up when the call came in," said engineer Kris Romijn of the West Valley City Fire Department.

The boy fell asleep in the living room Thursday night and his parents left him with relatives rather than wake him, Romijn said.

The boy awoke to smoke and saw the fire, which was apparently started by a holiday candle, Romijn said, and alerted the rest of the family in the house.

The family's name had not yet been released. It was not immediately clear which of the home's occupants was the owner or how the boy was related.

## Grizzly research program seeks summer workers in Glacier area

**WEST GLACIER (AP)** — Wanted: a hundred or so folks willing to carry backpacks full of rotten fish and cow blood through grizzly bear country in Glacier National Park and surrounding areas.

Must be able to bring back grizzly hair as proof of success.

Scientists are accepting applications for some special summer work, courtesy of the Northern Divide Grizzly Bear Project.

The project is a scientific study of unprecedented size and scope, aimed at counting grizzly bear populations across some 8 million wilderness acres. It is the largest and most ambitious study of its kind.

Led by award-winning grizzly bear researcher Kate Kendall, the 150-member crew will bush-whack across Glacier National Park and surrounding wildlands, stringing barbed wire "traps" intended to snare grizzly hair. The traps are each baited with three liters of the fish-and-blood lure.

The crews will set 660 traps in a grid across the 8 million acres,

Once the grizzly hair is collected, laboratory specialists dissect its DNA, allowing Kendall to essentially 'count' grizzly bears without capturing them.

moving the traps four times every two weeks between June and September. In all, nearly 3,000 traps will be set.

The crews will keep a survey of "rub trees," which grizzlies scratch and rub against, creating bearish signposts in the woods.

Last summer, in preparation to the big push of 2004, Kendall and her staff from the U.S. Geological Survey hit the bear trails, locating some 5,000 rub trees before wildfires interrupted their work. They also mixed up some 8,000

liters of stinky lure.

In addition, the team received access from more than 100 private landowners, and set up some 400 cattle exclusion fences.

Those fences, she said, are designed to keep cows from trampling the study sites and clogging the traps with hooves.

Once the grizzly hair is collected, laboratory specialists dissect its DNA, allowing Kendall to essentially "count" grizzly bears without capturing them. By moving the traps and "recapturing" the same bears more than once, she can begin to estimate population size.

The method also allows her to gauge relative population distribution and the gender profile of the population.

A companion study is planned by the state and involves placing radio collars on 25 female bears and tracking their movements over time. That study, Kendall said, should answer questions about cub production, bear movement, mortality and population trends, supplementing her "snapshot" of the population.

## Charity links game meat with families

**LEWISTON (AP)** — A new charity in north-central Idaho is supplying the needy with an important food group through sportsmen's donations.

Idaho Hunters Feeding the Hungry is linking hunters, wild game processors and food banks into a network to get extra wild game to the hungry.

The group is asking hunters to donate a portion of their kills to local food banks. Co-founder and avid hunter Terr Binkley of Lewiston explains that wild game can provide an important food that is tough for charities to collect.

"One of the things food banks need more than anything is protein-packed foods like meat," she said. "Meat is one of the hardest commodities to come by because of its marketability. It's easy to sell. But each year hunters often have extra wild game in their freezers."

The group prefers hunters tell their butchers they want to donate a portion of their processed big game kills.

Participating butchers then wrap the designated portion and set it aside for the group to pick up and distribute to the Idaho Food Bank, Community Action Partnership or the Salvation Army, all in Lewiston.

Binkley said donations could range from five pounds to more than 100 pounds. People also can donate meat that is already in the freezer.

The Idaho Food Bank will only accept meat that has been cut by a professional processor. The Community Action Partnership

and the Salvation Army will accept meat that has been home-processed as long as it has a date on it and is less than a year old.

Binkley said the group also is asking for financial donations. She hopes to build a fund that will be used to pay for processing game.

"Eventually we hope to have enough to pay for the donated portion."

For example, if someone shoots a deer and wants to donate half of it, the hunter could take it to one of the group's affiliated processors. The charity would pay for the portion of the game that was to be donated and the hunter would pay for the rest.

So far, the group has collected 1,290 pounds of meat, which produced 5,160 meals.

"It's fairly simple," Binkley said. "Just sharing with those who are less fortunate."

Most people are happy to have the wild meat, said Connie Granbois, food bank manager for the Community Action Partnership.

The Good Samaritan Act of 1996 protects people from liability associated with food donations as long as they make good-faith donations of "apparently wholesome food."

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game also makes occasional donations to local charities that feed the hungry. When the department seizes game from suspected poachers it is sent to be processed and judges often allow it to go to needy families, conservation officer Dave Cadwallader said.

## Private gyms' owners oppose tax-funded recreation facilities

**OGDEN, Utah (AP)** — Partnerships between the Davis School District and cities to build public gyms and pools are angering some private gym owners.

"We in the private industry fight every one of those," said Gary Nielsen, owner of four Gold's Gyms in the Ogden-Layton area and a councilman in Plain City.

The district and cities sharing the cost for recreation facilities "sometimes makes sense," but create unfair competition for the private sector, take property off the tax rolls and place a drain on the

taxpayers who do not use such facilities, he said.

Only about 13 percent of the population have health-club memberships, he said.

The increase in recreation projects being proposed by is a result of a snowball effect, Nielsen said. "Each city wants what the other city has," he said.

Nielsen said recreation is a "very expensive luxury," and if it cannot be covered by user fees, then there is a question as to whether the facility should be built.

## Play

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"It's funny, sometimes darkly so. It's definitely not for children. But it fits in with the spirit of this year where we have 'Bad Santa' and 'Eli' at the movies. It's a satire."

The 75-minute play was performed to sold-out audiences in Boise where it was staged as part of the Boise Contemporary Theatre.

The play is written by David

Sedaris, a wickedly funny comedian who often appears on "David Letterman," Wycle said.

It's adapted by Joe Mantello and directed by Matthew Clark.

Show times are 8 tonight, 4 and 8 p.m. Saturday and 4 and 8 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$13 for students and seniors, available at the door, Iconoclast Books and Chapter One Bookstore.

## Property

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within the ANRA, conservation easements have now been purchased on 19,055 acres, totaling more than \$61 million.

"This is a remarkable investment for the people of the United States," said Sara Baldwin, area ranger for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. "People who live, travel through and recreate

in this area deeply appreciate the relatively undeveloped and pastoral nature of this great, scenic heart of Idaho."

The majority of the Smiley Creek Ranch land is adaptable to development. This, coupled with the close proximity to the community of Smiley Creek, made it a high probability that the land would be developed, Forest Service officials said. Subdividing

the land would not be in compliance with the regulations governing private land sold within the SNRA.

"The land will still remain in the private ownership of Smiley Creek Ranch LLC, owners of the ranch," Baldwin said. "However, the easement controls the type and amount of development that can take place on this property." Since legislation established

the SNRA in 1972, Congress has directed the U.S. secretary of agriculture to make and publish regulations setting standards for use, subdivision and development of privately owned property within the boundaries of the recreation area. The intent of Congress is, and has been, to ensure that as much land as possible remains in private ownership and on the county tax rolls.

## Skiers

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and our Nordic ski program is no exception," said Rick Collignon, Parks and Recreation director. "Creating a user-funded, user-supported Nordic program within the parks will ensure that the programs continue and that the quality experiences at Ponderosa and Harriman are not only maintained but expanded."

Collignon added that the majority of Nordic users, informed of state cutbacks, said they were willing to pay more to maintain the quality of skiing.

Ponderosa State Park wasn't part of the Idaho Park 'N' Ski program when the program began. Then, a \$2 entry fee was charged each car entering Ponderosa, regardless of how many passengers it contained.

Cross-country skiers hailed the addition of the park to the Idaho Park 'N' Ski program because it added another option for Park 'N' Ski pass holders and because it promised better and more frequent grooming.

The pretty area a couple of miles northeast of McCall offers a variety of rolling trails through

by ponderosa pine trees. One trail takes skiers up a relatively steep hill to a viewpoint overlooking Payette Lake.

The area, which boasts 18 kilometers of groomed trails including a couple that are lit for night skiing, has served as the site for the Junior Nationals competition in the past.

Harriman State Park includes the Brimstone/Bufalo Ridge area, Bear Gulch near Mesa Falls and the Falls River Ridge.

Sun Valley Nordic Coach Rick Kapala, who has had teams compete at Ponderosa, said he's not surprised to see Parks and Recreation charge more. Running one groomer, which generally takes an hour, costs about \$150 an hour.

"Grooming is expensive, and it's made affordable by having a lot of people buy passes to spread the costs out," he said. "We're able to

spread costs out here in the Wood River valley by having the same entity that groom Galena groom the Harriman Trail and the other ski loops."

Jenny Busdon knows just how expensive good grooming can be. She organizes several efforts, including an annual Galena dinner and auction benefit and the Gourmet Ski Tour, to raise money to keep grooming up to snuff.

Even with that effort, it still costs \$9 a day to ski any of the 130 kilometers or 22 miles of North Valley Trails north of Ketchum. The Blaine County Recreation District increased the price of season passes to \$90 a person this year after some skiers requested more frequent grooming.

It costs nothing to ski on the bike path, which the Recreation

## Going Nordic

**The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation** has opened a couple of new jurys along Nordic trails north of Idaho City to raise additional revenue for the department. That brings to five the number of jurys in that area. To reserve one, call 334-4150, Ext. 232. To buy an annual State Park Passport, call 334-4199. To buy a VIP Pass, call 1-800-847-4843. Learn more about Nordic skiing in Idaho at [www.idahoparks.org](http://www.idahoparks.org).



# OPINION

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## Is the United States' economy reviving?

# Yes

There's bad news: The economy is booming. Bad news, that is, for those who have continued to insist, in the face of mounting evidence to the contrary, that the tax cuts approved earlier this year aren't working. The critics are running out of negative spin.

For example, when the news came last month that economic growth in the third quarter of the year had surged to 8.2 percent - the best growth we've

seen in nearly 20 years - they had a ready retort: It's a "jobless recovery."

Not anymore. Are we where we should be? No.

But we're moving there at a remarkable pace. More jobs are available, and fewer people are in the unemployment lines. And the evidence indicates that this crop of good news promises solid economic growth throughout next year and likely the year after that. The recession is finally behind us. And now, fortunately so, is the slow growth that has marked the recent recovery.

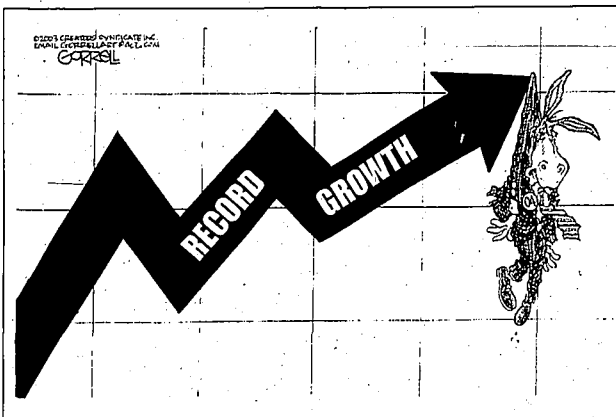
Job growth has increased over the last four months, and we've added 328,000 new jobs to the economy. In related good news, the unemployment rate has slipped to 5.9 percent, erasing the poor performance of the last year.

What's significant about these figures is their signal that the economy is not merely poised for recovery, but in the midst of it. Job growth is usually the last patch in the economic recovery quilt. These patches now all appear to be in place. With few exceptions, economic indicators are up across the board.

Indeed, the stellar growth of the last quarter outpaced the expectations of even the most optimistic forecasters. Three sources of growth in particular show why the recovery is structurally sound and why we can expect continued growth.

• **Business investment.** It's grown significantly in the last six months and at an especially good clip in the last three months, which means that a crucial part of the economy is picking up steam. Businesses don't invest in equipment unless they plan on producing more, and in order to do that, they need more people. This is a critical signal that businesses are more confident and that they believe they

### Tax cut critics are running out of negative spin



can increase their activities without undue risk.

• **Business activity.** It's on the rise for the manufacturing sector as well as the service sector. Manufacturing activity is at its highest levels in 20 years, with new orders and production soaring. The performance of both sectors indicates the recovery is well under way and sustainable.

• **Business productivity.** Productivity grew 9.4 percent in the third quarter, more than twice the normal growth rate. But there is even more good news: Month after month, productivity gains are accompanied by signs of life on the employment side.

While consumer spending has done much to sustain the economy throughout the recovery, business investment, activity and productivity are what cause job growth, and these missing links now appear to be in place.

What about manufacturing jobs? Unfortunately, they continue to languish, with a drop in November of 17,000 jobs. But this is nothing new. Manufacturing jobs have been declining for a generation, but our economy has not come to the screeching halt some predicted.

Instead, better-paying jobs in the service sector, which includes everything from financial, banking, health and legal services to retail and construction, have replaced manufacturing jobs. This may not offer much comfort for those in manufacturing, but the fact is that our economy has evolved structurally just as it did between 1890 and 1920, when we moved from

an agricultural economy to a manufacturing one. Jobs in this new framework are more knowledge-based, offer higher wages and provide more freedom to climb the ladder of economic prosperity.

One question remains: Why are we getting this good news now?

Many factors are involved, of course, but critics cannot ignore the fact that the tax cuts are working. They built a foundation for bringing the recovery full swing by providing incentives for businesses to expand and invest. Tax relief has lowered the cost of capital and made exist-

ing enterprises more profitable and investment and expansion more attractive.

As the economy continues to grow and expand, we can almost certainly expect to experience even stronger jumps in employment (especially if we make the tax cuts permanent). That may be bad news for those who earn their living by opposing tax cuts and other pro-growth strategies, but it's definitely good news for the rest of us.

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# No

### We're cashing in our future at the Bush Pawn Shop

Before America allows President Bush to take bows on the economy, let's take a closer look at this recovery. A simple thought experiment - the kind former President Reagan used to like to do - will help.

Imagine for a moment that you took all your credit cards and maxed them out. Now take your mortgage and borrow the maximum on it. Cash in the kid's college fund, your rainy day savings, your 401(k) retirement savings. While you're at it, stop paying for your health insurance and the maintenance on your house, your car and your yard. Now take all that money and spend it.

Feeling pretty flush? Sure you are. You just pumped tens, maybe hundreds of thousands of dollars into your pocket.

But you'll never do that. Because you know that just because you'd be living large for the time being, you wouldn't be wealthier. In fact, you'd be getting poorer by the minute. And yet, that's exactly what Bush's recovery is - a giant borrowing binge. But he'd rather you didn't know that. In February, the administration buried a report from its own Treasury Department that said our current fiscal policies, the ones Bush likes to claim are bringing on a "recovery," would create more than \$44 trillion in chronic debt.

As the London Financial Times noted, \$44 trillion is roughly equivalent to 10 times the public-held national debt, four years of U.S. economic output or more than 94 percent of all U.S. household assets. No wonder things seem good. We've cashed in everything we own at the Bush Pawn Shop, and now we're flashing a serious wad of walk-in' around money.

The Democrats like to point out that we're still down some 2.5 million jobs since Bush took over and that, absent a miracle, Bush is likely to be the first president since Herbert Hoover to have fewer jobs at the end of his administration than when he took over. But the real story is, how can we not be living even larger, after borrowing all our children's assets

JOHN ATCHESON

and shrinking the Federal Reserve rate to the lowest level since 1958? What have we got to show for it?

An essentially jobless recovery. Bush likes to say the jobs will come. They'll better. Because right now, all he's managed to do is spend about \$350 billion of "your money" to hire 328,000 checkout clerks and greeters at the local Wal-Mart. Meanwhile, we've shipped some 2.6 million high-paying manufacturing jobs overseas since January 2001. Is this a success?

So if we're cutting taxes by \$350 billion a year in order to stimulate the economy and the economy is growing, but we're like 60 percent of Americans in response in employment, what's up? Kenneth L. Lay's stock portfolio, for one thing. And the portfolio of those Bush pioneers we hear so much about. And, of course, Bush's campaign contributions. As for the rest of us?

Bush seems to think people can eat gross domestic product. But a growing economy doesn't mean a whole lot if it's not creating jobs. Unless you happen to be Lay or one of those Bush pioneers who don't need a job to earn money. For them, so long as the Fed us keep mortgaging our future, they can keep getting richer.

Not a surprising result, really. Look at Bush's economic plan. He says the tax cuts were about "your money." But the truth is, if you're like 80 percent of Americans, most of the taxes you pay from "your money" are in the form of payroll taxes. And until Bush gave it away, you got "your money" and more back in the form of Social Security, Medicare and disability income.

Lay and his friends pay most of their taxes in the form of income taxes, dividends and capital gains. Guess which ones Bush cut? Not your payroll taxes. What's the biggest pot of money subject to double taxation? "Your money." For them, so long as the Fed us keep mortgaging our future, they can keep getting richer. Ken and friends' dividend tax. For some reason, Bush thought it was OK for you to be double taxed, but not all right for Ken and his CEO friends. Bottom line: Bush traded away "your money" to give his wealthiest millionaire buddies an annual tax cut of \$40,000 or more each.

The Democrats seem to be trembling at the recent numbers on the economy. They shouldn't. We can't be a nation of Wal-Mart shoppers if we're all employed at Wal-Mart. And that's exactly where Bush's plan is taking most of us. Democrats should just quit worrying and give credit - or blame - where it's due.

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### LETTERS

#### Don't let anti-American U.N. run Saddam's trial

Should the United Nations oversee the war crimes trial of Saddam? Are you serious? Tell me you're joking. When will you accept the United Nations for what it is - anti-American?

Let's see now. If the United Nations supervises the trial, America - the USA - President Bush would be accused of constant abuse and harassment to Saddam, causing him to become a victim.

Based on the makeup and political thinking of the members of the United Nations, it would not surprise me if Saddam were given a stern warning and exiled to one of their countries to live out his life in freedom.

Let him be judged by the nation and its citizens, whom he

terrorized and butchered and generally put through hell.  
**JOHN H. WILSON**  
Twin Falls

#### Homosexuals deserve right to create families

I'm writing in response to Father O'Grady's discriminating and hurtful Nov. 24 letter. I am truly disgusted. What gives you or anyone else the right to meddle in people's private lives whom you don't even know? What gives you the right to say whether we can get married or not?

You refer to homosexuality as perverse and immoral. I would love to know what is so perverse and immoral about my four-year relationship with my lifetime partner, whom I love more than anything and want to spend the rest of my life with? I know that

I am not the only person who feels this way about someone, homosexual or heterosexual.

Marriage is supposed to be about two people in love who want to spend the rest of their lives together and declare their love to one another. It's not about whether or not they can produce babies; it's not about what other people think of them. It's only about them and what they want for each other and their life together.

What gives anyone the right to

take that away from them based on their own belief that two women or two men should not be allowed to marry. Why not? Who does it hurt? How is marriage different between homosexuals any different than that of heterosexuals? Anatomy is the only difference, but love isn't based on physical appearance - it's based on emotion.

What gives anyone the right to deny two people that love each other the right to get married? Nobody can help who they love.

Heterosexuals get married and divorced every day, so why is divorce such a big issue when it comes to homosexual marriage? I dream of the day that my partner and I can legally commit our lives to each other. I look forward to the day that my partner and I have children together and start a family.

Which brings me to another point. How are homosexuals going to ruin family values? Who says that heterosexuals can raise

a better family than homosexuals? Again, love is all you need to provide a happy and healthy family. All we're asking for is to be treated equally. There is no reason why we shouldn't be. I long for the day that hate and discrimination are in the past.

Thank you, Massachusetts, for getting it started. Hopefully, the rest of America won't be too far behind.

**NIKOLA SANDAU**  
Jerome

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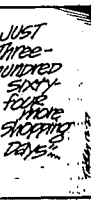
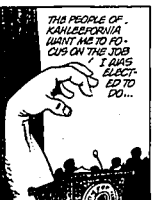
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Aries - find solitude; Scorpio - have fun

IF DECEMBER 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are an exemplary Capricorn. You possess the determined ambition and drive to provide well for your loved ones. But you do not necessarily seek the limelight; you are wise enough to know that for some, fame is not always desirable.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Spend some time quietly alone to refresh yourself and gear up for your busy schedule. It's a good time to get in touch with feelings.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Compassion and understanding are on the rise. Help someone you love without expectation of gain.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Private matters are best kept that way, otherwise you open yourself to unnecessary criticism.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A brief getaway or spiritual retreat would be valuable. Loved ones have something to teach or share.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Something could be revealed that may seem like a limitation to love for a while. This will pass. Emotions spin into undirected waters.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Sensitive conjunction with a special someone moves to the fore. Routines may get muddled. Just do the usual and don't worry as this will pass.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Service to others will be gratifying, but don't become a martyr-if

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you're feeling tired or unwell, make sure to get plenty of rest. Home projects may begin to come together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Have some fun and enjoy laughter with neighbors and close relatives. If your nerves are wearing thin, take time to de-stress with vigorous exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stay home if you need a break today - you'll appreciate your space. Dating Sags will be busy but shouldn't try to clarify misunderstandings now. Money is spotlighted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Lines of communication may open, but don't burn. The desire for independent action is strong.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't give a new love too much power until it's proven itself; you're especially vulnerable. Service without expectation of reward will nonetheless pay you back in a surprising way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): With the moon in your birth sign, it's hard to hide your feelings today, and you're hypersensitive. Networking in a charitable context brings valuable contacts.

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Woman will choose between brothers

DEAR ABBY: I met my boyfriend, "Ray" three years ago. We have a great relationship. We are best friends and lovers. He wants us to marry and start a family soon.

My problem is I find myself lusting after Ray's brother, "Tim." Ray introduced me to Tim about six months ago and we met. Ever since, I have asked myself, "Have I picked the right brother?" I stuck with Ray because I felt morally obligated.

Tim has tried to express his feelings to me and pursue things, but I ignore him or change the subject's not because I want to, but I feel it wouldn't be right.

I am strongly attracted to Tim. I know it's wrong, but he's all I can think about. Please help.



DEAR ABBY: I am an "A" student in high school and an amateur figure skater. My problem is I

can't live up to my mother's standards. When I spend all day on a school project so I can get as high a grade as possible, she yells at me for not helping her around the house and claims she couldn't do the same project in an hour.

I've tried to talk to her and to walk away from fights, but she'll yell from the other end of the house or come to my bedroom door and berate me. I want a loving relationship with my mom. I've tried everything I can think of

because I'm so tired of the fighting. What's your advice? -TIRED OF FIGHTING

DEAR TIRED OF FIGHTING: You are describing verbal abuse. It's possible that your mother is experiencing pressures or problems of her own and is venting on you because you are handy to your father in the picture? If he is, what does he think about this?

A constant barrage of criticism from a parent who is impossible to please can cause lasting damage. If this is new behavior, she should be evaluated by her doctor. If it is not, perhaps you should be living with your father or another relative.

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CONSUMER NEWS:

IF YOU READ NOTHING ELSE IN TODAY'S PAPER... READ THIS!

CHEVROLET CADILLAC OF TWIN FALLS IS HOLDING ITS FIRST EVER "MILEAGE AMNESTY" EVENT

(Twin Falls) - They say there's nothing new under the sun and that's been true, until now! This Fri. Sat. Sun. Dec. 26th thru 31st Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls will have possibly the most unique savings event ever. For these 6 days only, they'll be appraising trade-in cars as if they had 15,000 fewer miles than is shown on the odometer!

"Mileage is one of the most significant items we look at when we appraise the value of a customer's trade in," said Ken Lynch, the manager in charge of used vehicle appraisals at Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls. "It's right there in the Kelley Blue Book. As a car's miles increase, its value drops. In fact, a car with 15,000 fewer miles than is shown on the odometer is worth more than a car with 15,000 more miles. The value goes up by \$1250 making your trade in worth \$17,150 for these 6 days only."

But leave it to the innovators at Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls to come up with a way to truly turn back time! "We're faced with a serious problem," said Barry Langdon, the General Manager of Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls, "we're overloaded with new vehicles that we have to move and we've got a tremendous demand for good used cars that are just hard to find. After analyzing the problem, we feel like we've come up with the perfect solution to solve both issues." Barry continued, "Even though it's an expensive proposition for us, we decided the best way to get quality trade-ins is to

"...give customers a way to actually get more for their old car than it's worth."

The easiest way to do that is to appraise every trade-in as if it had 15,000 fewer miles...it's like putting a full year's worth of depreciation right in the customer's pocket. And to solve the excess new vehicle problem?

Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls is located on the corner of Pole Line Rd. and Blue Lakes Blvd. North. Sale hours are as Mon. thru Sat. 8:00am - 8:00pm, and Sunday 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

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'Asu' evolved into Asia

"Asu" - meaning "sunrise, east" - was the early Assyrian name of the east coast of the Aegean Sea. It spread to cover the whole continent. And turned into the name "Asia."

Q. What makes popcorn salt different? A. Finer grind. Dissolves more quickly. When you tie on a wool scarf, neck in protein. To your list of oxymorons, please add "down elevator."



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Naked man gets wedged in chimney

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - A naked man got stuck in the chimney of a bookstore early Christmas morning. Don't worry, it wasn't Santa Claus.

The 34-year-old man was treated Thursday for bruises and abrasions at Hennepin County Medical Center after being found naked and lodged in the furnace flue at Uncle Hugo's Bookstore. He was expected to be charged with attempted burglary on Friday.

"He was lucky," said police Lt. Mike Sauro. "He was only stuck in that chimney for a few hours. It's kind of a happy ending, because if he had been in there until that store opened Friday morning, it's my judgment he would have died."

"He doesn't appear to be a 'hard-core criminal, just stupid.'" Police suspect that the man was drunk when he climbed atop the one-story building and removed all his clothes to help squeeze into the chimney. He then started to slide down the 12-by-12-inch chimney shaft, Sauro said.

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SPORTSQUOTE

Once you're the Electric Football champion, nothing else in the world matters.

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Three-time winner Ron Bell of New Orleans, who will be one of more than 50 players expected to compete in the Super Bowl of Electric Football from Jan. 23-25 in Deerfield, Ill., at the game's 10th anniversary

TRIVIA

QUESTION: What is the top rushing performance by a University of Southern California player in a Rose Bowl?

Answer below

IN BRIEF

Youth basketball are on tap for T.F.

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School basketball coaches have announced the dates for the upcoming classic clinic and Little Dribblers hoops camps.

The classic clinic, for boys and girls in grades 4-6, will be held from 8 a.m.-noon on Jan. 10 at O'Leary Junior High School and is \$20 per camper.

A Little Dribblers camp will also be held for boys and girls in grades kindergarten-3.

The clinics will take place from 10 a.m.-noon on Jan. 17 and 24, and also from 6-7 p.m. on Jan. 25. The campers will also perform at halftime of the TFHS girls basketball game on Jan. 29. The cost is \$25 per participant.

All participants will receive a T-shirt, with the first 175 Little Dribblers campers receiving a custom Bruin basketball.

Registration forms are available at Donnelly Sports. Call Matt at 735-5310 for more information.

Holiday gym times announced for Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department and the Twin Falls School District are sponsoring a free open gym during the holiday break at Robert Stuart Junior High. The gym is open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 28-29. The gym closes for the New Year's holiday and reopens Jan. 3 from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call 736-2255.

T.F. Rec coaches get into Bruins games free

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

Free cross country rentals, lesson slated

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.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Charles White ran for 247 yards in the 1980 Rose Bowl game as USC beat Ohio State, 17-16.

Seattle needs a win



Seattle's Trent Diller fires off a pass under pressure from Arizona's Gerald Hayes during the fourth quarter in Seattle Sunday. The Seahawks won 28-10. They face San Francisco in a game they must win in order to reach the playoffs.

Niners, meanwhile, hope to spoil Seahawks' playoff hopes

By Greg Beacham Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO - If Dennis Erickson can coax his San Francisco 49ers to a season-ending victory over Seattle, the Seahawks won't make the playoffs.

Of course, some Seattle fans would say Erickson already knows plenty about keeping the Seahawks out of the postseason. He didn't make the playoffs in four seasons as their coach, leading to his firing five years ago.

But Erickson won't be thinking about the past when the teams meet at Candlestick Park on Saturday. He's looking toward the future, hoping the 49ers can charge toward next season with another victory in an outstanding December.

It's a fun matchup for us because it's a division game, and because we're playing pretty well right now," Erickson said. "There isn't really anything in it for me, but it's always a little bit more exciting when you play a team that you know."

The Seahawks (9-6) must win in San Francisco for the first time since 1979 to have a shot at their second trip to the postseason in

Mike Holmgren's five seasons in charge. Seattle also must pray for a loss by Green Bay, Minnesota or Dallas.

"The fact of the matter is that we need to win our last game, and it just happens to be the 49ers," said defensive end Chike Okeafor, who leads the Seahawks with eight sacks after leaving San Francisco as a free agent in the offseason.

"That's really the only significance to this matchup. The weight of the game is extremely important, because that's what is keeping us alive in this playoff hunt."

But to go anywhere, the Seahawks (9-6) must win on the road for just the second time all season. Most teams that go 8-0 at home, as Seattle did for the first time in franchise history, don't have this much trouble getting into the postseason.

"I don't believe in curses and ghosts, and things like that," Holmgren said of the Seahawks' road woes. "Usually there's a simpler answer than that. That answer is usually you turn the ball over more and you get more penalties and you just didn't play as precise as you do at home."

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Utah survives scare from Toronto

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - Andrei Kirilenko scored 17 points and made several big plays in overtime - mostly with his defense against Vince Carter - as Utah survived a fourth-quarter collapse and defeated the Toronto Raptors 97-94 Friday night.

Toronto scored five points in the final 5 seconds of regulation to force overtime.

The game was tied at 92 in overtime when Kirilenko drove and banked in a left-handed hook shot as he was knocked to the floor. He made the free throw for a three-point play. Kirilenko harassed Carter into three missed shots in the extra period, including a sensational block.

Chris Bosh made a follow dunk to cut the lead to 95-94, but Jarron Collins swished two free throws and Jalen Rose missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Carter scored 30 points and Rose had 18 for the Raptors, who have lost six of seven and are winless on the road against Western Conference opponents.

Rajon Bell scored 19 points, including Utah's first four of overtime, and was 4-of-5 from 3-point range. Carlos Arroyo and DeShawn Stevenson each had 12 but hardly played in the final 17 minutes as Raul Lopez and Bell helped Utah to a 12-3 home record.

Bell made a 3-pointer to make it 88-83 with 52.2 seconds remaining.

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Toronto forward Donyell Marshall, left, fouls Utah forward Jarron Collins during the first quarter Friday in Salt Lake City.

Last-second kick clinches win for Cal

By Bob Baum Associated Press writer

PHOENIX - Tyler Fredrickson, who had missed his previous five field goal attempts, capped a wild Insight Bowl with a 35-yard field goal as time expired Friday night to give California a 52-49 victory over Virginia Tech.

Cal's Aaron Rodgers and Virginia Tech's Bryan Randall each flirted with 400 yards passing in an aerial duel that saw both teams rally from 14-point deficits.

Rodgers, a sophomore who didn't start until the fifth game, was 27-of-35 for 394 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for two scores and was named the game's offensive MVP.

Randall was 24-for-34 for 398 yards and tied an Insight Bowl record with four TD passes. He also ran for a score.

The teams combined for 1,081 yards and broke the 15-year-old

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Once-shaky Patriots drive for top seed in AFC

By Howard Ulman Associated Press writer

FOXBORO, Mass. - One blowout was enough for the New England Patriots. A 31-0 opening-game loss to the Buffalo Bills provided motivation. Since then, they've made clutch plays and haven't needed a dominating performance to win 13 of their last 14.

"We haven't blown anybody out, but that's the style of football we've been accustomed to playing around here for a long time," Patriots guard Damien Woody said. "We play sound in all areas of the game." The Patriots and Bills meet again Saturday in the regular-season finale. If

there's a blowout this time, it likely will go the other way.

New England (13-2) is seeking its franchise-best 12th straight win. That or a tie would clinch the top playoff seed in the AFC, but linebacker Tedy Bruschi isn't thinking about that reward.

"We focus on how we beat Buffalo," he said. "It's about putting pressure on Drew Bledsoe and trying to stop Travis Henry and the running game."

Buffalo (6-9) was an AFC East favorite after winning its first two games but has struggled, with most of the problems coming on offense. It doesn't figure to get better Saturday against a team that has allowed one touchdown in its last five home games.

The Bills need 250 yards to avoid matching a franchise-low record of 4,092 in a 16-game season. Their 243 points are their second fewest in a 16-game season.

"There was a stretch where we didn't protect the ball very well," Buffalo coach Gregg Williams said. "The times where we protected the football, we played pretty good."

The Bills were hit by injuries on the offensive line and at wide receiver, where Eric Moulds missed three games with a groin injury. "It's sort of like a bad dream," Moulds, who should play Saturday, said of the team's problems.

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Quirks, perks are a part of contracts

Hotel suites, NBA tickets. Maybe even a motor home. When it comes to baseball stars, sometimes it takes more than millions of dollars to complete a deal. Once in a while, the quirks and perks can make all the difference. Take Roger Clemens. If the Houston Astros really want to tempt him out of retirement, they should consider offering him a contract that features his lucky number.

The Rocket wore No. 21 for most of his career. And when he signed with Boston a decade ago, it was for \$21,521,000 - with a signing bonus of \$621,000.

BEN WALKER

"The importance of No. 21 to Roger was best illustrated when he built his house and asked me if I could get the post office to have his address end in 21," agent Randy Hendricks said.

To help entice Japanese shortstop Kaz Matsui this month, the New York Mets added this extra: two translators, one for him at the ballpark and another for his family. Total: up to \$100,000.

A benefit in Nomar Garciaparra's contract could soon come into play. If the shortstop is traded and sells his Boston-area home for less than the appraised value, the Red Sox must pay the difference.

Traveling man Ricky Henderson once tried a novel approach. He wanted the Mets to give him a Winnebago.

"We obviously did not get it," agent Jeff Borris said.

Yet when Arizona lured free agent Randy Johnson in late 1998 with a four-year deal worth more than \$52 million, Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo tossed in a neat treat. He gave the 6-foot-10 pitcher a pair of half-season tickets to the Phoenix Suns, also owned by Colangelo.

"When the money is almost equal, it's the other little perks that might get it done," said agent Keith Miller, a former major leaguer for the Mets and Kansas City. "It's an accommodation."

"You have to be a premium player to get them," he said. "When I played, I just hoped to get a single room."

Now, baseball's labor contract guarantees every player his own room on the road. Curt Schilling, Greg Maddux and some All-Stars get hotel suites. "It went from an extra perk to now that it's a requirement," said Chicago White Sox executive Roland Hemond, who's worked in pro ball for more than a half-century.

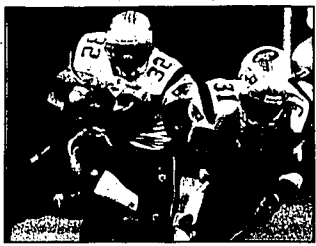
"There's a tendency to ask because it's a status symbol. They think it's a benefit, and it may be a detriment," he said. "Guys used to spend a lot of time talking baseball with their roommates. You don't have that anymore."

Recently retired Mark Grace's contract provided him with a golf club membership and Phil Nevin's is covered. Kazuhiro Sasaki gets \$50,000 for a personal trainer.

Of course, special treatment is not unique to ballplayers. The entertainment field is full of pampered performers.

The Rolling Stones' contract rider assured them a snooker table at concert venues, singer

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New England running back Antowain Smith (32) breaks a tackle as he follows fullback Larry Centers (31) during the fourth quarter of Saturday's game against the Jets.

SPORTS

# Bowling Green QB steals the show

Senior throws for 386 yards, three TDs

By Ron Vample  
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — Northwestern took away Bowling Green's running game. So Josh Harris beat the Wildcats through the air.

His 386 yards and three touchdowns led Bowling Green to a 28-24 victory over Northwestern in the Motor City Bowl on Friday night.

"They were able to confuse us early and it took us a while to adjust," Harris said. "Luckily, our defense was able to contain them long enough for us to settle down and figure things out."

Bowling Green (11-3) took the lead for good on Harris' 3-yard touchdown pass to Cole Magner with 4:06 left.

"We knew going in that Josh Harris was a special player," Northwestern coach Randy Walker said. "We wanted to make him throw the ball. ... He showed why he's such a great player by having success throwing the ball in the second half."

Harris, who also ran for a TD, set a Motor City Bowl record for completions with 38 in 50 attempts. Magner also set a game record for catches, finishing with 12 for 97 yards and two touchdowns.

Jason Wright ran for 237 yards on 21 carries and finished with 336 all-purpose yards for Northwestern (6-7).

He had a 77-yard TD run — the second-longest run in Motor City Bowl history — to give the Wildcats a 17-7 lead early in the third quarter and an 88-yard kickoff return early in the fourth to set up Noah Horron's 2-yard touchdown run that made it 24-21.

Wright said he took offense to being called slow by one of the announcers during ESPN's Hawaii Bowl broadcast Thursday night.

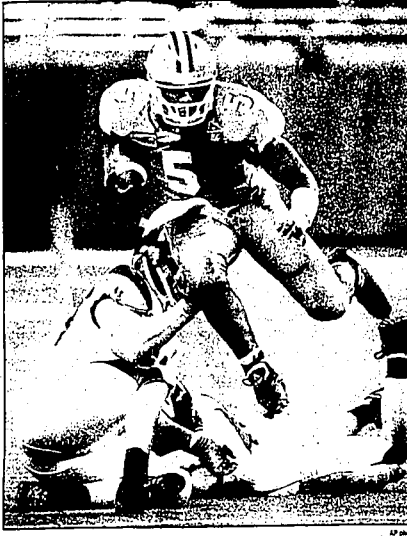
"I wanted to show how fast I was. Those long runs were ideal," Wright said. "I just didn't want anyone to catch me from behind."

Bowling Green used two 80-yard scoring drives to take a 21-17 lead early in the fourth. Harris threw a 7-yard TD pass to Magner, and put the Falcons on top with an 11-yarder to Steve Sanders.

"I think our kids knew at half-time that we were still in the game," Falcons coach Gregg Brandon said. "I could tell that they had enough resolve to get it done."

Northwestern opened the scoring on Horron's 40-yard fourth-down run in the first quarter, and made it 10-0 on Brian Huffman's 31-yard field goal. Bowling Green answered with a 67-yard drive, capped by Harris' 4-yard run.

With Bowling-Green's victory, the Mid-American Conference finishes the bowl season with a 2-0 record. Miami of Ohio beat Louisville last week in the GMAC Bowl.



Bowling Green quarterback Josh Harris leaps over Northwestern's Loren Howard, left, during the second quarter of Friday's Motor City Bowl in Detroit.

# Eagles need a break, so they can't let up

By Joseph White  
Associated Press writer

LANDOVER, Md. — If all playoff berths were created equal, the Philadelphia Eagles could treat Saturday's trip to the nation's capital as a relaxing year-end diversion.

The Eagles, of course, know better. A victory over the Washington Redskins guarantees the NFC East title and a first-round bye, essentially a prerequisite for any banged-up team with Super Bowl plans.

Should the Eagles (11-4) lose, they would be relegated to wild card status if Dallas (10-5) beats New Orleans on Sunday. The Cowboys would win the division because of a better record against NFC East opponents.

"We really hope we can get that bye, because we've got guys like Troy Vincent who need another week to get healthy," safety Clinton Hart said. "It's going to be very important that we get it."

Even healthy teams have a difficult road without a week of rest in the postseason. Of the 26 teams who have played in the Super Bowl since the NFL went to 12 playoff teams in 1990, only four got there without the bye.

So, while just getting to the postseason might be a reward enough for a rising team like Carolina, it just won't do for an Eagles team that has been the NFC runner-up the last two years.

"After being in that position the past couple of years, hopefully this is the year," quarterback Donovan McNabb said. "But we can't look that far right now. Can't afford to."

The schedule has not played into the Eagles' hands. Their regular season bye was way back in September, making this the 14th straight week they have played. Coach Andy Reid has been forced to compete his practice routine for the second consecutive week.

because Philadelphia was given a Monday night game followed by a Sunday game followed by this Saturday's game.

The injury-depleted defense has been playing like it desperately needs a break, allowing more than 150 yards rushing for five straight games, including 209 in last week's overtime loss to San Francisco. Linebacker Carlos Emmons this week became the fifth defensive player to be placed on injured reserve.

While the bye is important, the Eagles are less concerned about the weekend's other playoff subplot. A win and a St. Louis loss to Detroit would give Philadelphia home field advantage throughout the postseason.

"It's not doomsday if you don't have the home field," linebacker Ike Reese said. "I think that was proven last year when Tampa came here. It only means so much. It only means your fans are going to be cheering for you the loudest."

Washington has lost nine of 11, and coach Steve Spurrier is promising to announce significant structural changes once the season is over — perhaps as soon as Sunday afternoon. The players shrugged their shoulders in response, having been jaded by year after year of upheaval under owner Dan Snyder.

Spurrier didn't sound convincing when discussing his team's income to do well against the Eagles. He even downplayed the role of Spiller, referring to a 27-0 loss to Dallas two weeks ago.

"I thought we had a lot of extra incentive for the Dallas game, and we probably played our worst game of the year," Spurrier said. "We're all professionals. We've got a ball game. We'll try our best to win."

# Bulls pull away from Cavs, 87-80

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jamal Crawford matched a season-high with 30 points and Corie Blount made a huge block in the final minute, leading the Chicago Bulls to an 87-80 win Saturday night over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Crawford's final basket was a dunk with 21 seconds left after Blount swatted away Kevin Ollie's layup and made a quick outlet pass.

Crawford shot 12-of-20 and added five assists as the Bulls stopped a four-game losing streak and won for just the fourth time in 19 games.

LeBron James scored 18 points (7-of-24 shooting) and missed a 3-pointer with 35 seconds left that would have put the Cavaliers ahead. Cleveland missed its final seven shots and scored just one point over the last 3:34.

## Heat 92, Wizards 84

WASHINGTON — Eddie Jones scored 22 points and Rasual Butler added 10 in the fourth quarter as Miami won its third straight.

Lamar Odom added 17 points and Dwyane Wade had 15 for the Heat, who have won four of six

and seven of nine. Wade sprained his right wrist when he was pushed from behind in a scrum under the Heat basket with 1:20 remaining in regulation. X-rays were negative, and he was to be reevaluated Saturday.

## Hornets 109, Hawks 79

NEW ORLEANS — David Wesley scored a season-high 32 points, including five 3-pointers, and the Hornets handed the Hawks their ninth straight road loss.

Wesley, who had some poor shooting nights during the slump, was 13-of-18 from the field. Baron Davis scored 21 points for New Orleans.

## Spurs 98, Magic 83

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs used a late 15-0 run to break open a tight game and win their 12th straight.

Tim Duncan led San Antonio with 27 points and 16 rebounds, while Tony Parker added a season-

high 22 points and Robert Horry had 14 — his high total with the Spurs.

## Bucks 101, Pacers 96

MILWAUKEE — Damon Jones scored all 14 of his points in the fourth quarter to help the Milwaukee Bucks climb above .500 for the first time in more than six weeks.

Michael Redd scored 26 points, including a key 3-pointer with just over a minute remaining, as the Bucks came back after trailing by as many as 15. Milwaukee outscored Indiana 34-19 in the fourth quarter.

## Knicks 98, Grizzlies 94

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Keith Van Horn scored 28 points and grabbed 13 rebounds and Allan Houston added 23 points Friday night to lead the New York Knicks.

Van Horn connected on 10 of 17 shots, and Houston was 9-of-14 from the field as the Knicks shot 52 percent.

## Nets 82, Pistons 79

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Jason

Kidd had 24 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds for his league-leading fifth triple-double for the New Jersey Nets.

Kidd made all six of his free throws in the final 1:13, and Detroit's Chauncey Billups missed two 3-pointers in the final seconds.

## Nuggets 95, Rockets 94

DENVER — Rookie Carmelo Anthony scored a career-high 27 points and Yeshou Leonard hit three free throws after being fouled behind the arc with 8.3 seconds left to give the Denver Nuggets the victory.

Anthony was 13-for-22 from the field and scored 22 of his points in the third quarter for the Nuggets.

## Celtics 104, Suns 102

PHOENIX — Ricky Davis hit a 20-foot jumper with 2.8 seconds left and Paul Pierce scored 19 of his 27 points in the second half as the Boston Celtics overcame a 17-point third-quarter deficit.

Walter McCarty added a season-high 20 points for the Celtics.

# Seahawks

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"You must learn on the road to deal with the negative energy that comes from the opponent's crowd and the noise factor for your offense. The teams that learn to deal with that usually are a little bit more mature."

The 49ers can relate: They're 6-1 at home and 1-7 away this season.

The teams have developed a decent rivalry in the two years since the Seahawks joined the NFL. West's last meeting in Seattle last season was made famous by Terrell Owens' infamous pen-in-the-sock stunt, and the teams traded verbal snipes for the rest of the campaign.

When the teams met in Seattle earlier in the season, Seattle's Niners kicker Owen Pochman missed an extra point that proved to be the margin in the Seahawks' 20-19 victory. The loss dropped San Francisco to 2-4, leaving the Niners in a hole they never escaped.

# Patriots

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The Patriots suffered key injuries on defense but are healthier now than at any time this season. And they brushed off the shock of that opening loss.

"Whether you get beat 31-0 or 3-0 you're still 0-1," Bruschi said. "We lost the game. There's 15 more to go, guys. Let's just turn it around."

The Patriots leave little room for error. In their 13 victories, they began the fourth quarter leading by at least 10 points only three times.

Against Denver, they scored the winning touchdown with 30 seconds left. Against Houston, they forced overtime with a touchdown with 40 seconds left. Against Indianapolis, they made stops at the 1-yard line on the Colts' last three plays in a 38-3 win.

"You are always concerned when you are not scoring as many points as you would like to. We really haven't played the way we are capable," New England quarterback Tom Brady said.

But the NFL's second-ranked defense one mistake — an interception or fumble returned for a touchdown — could be costly for the Patriots. In the Bills previous six games before last Sunday's 20-3 loss to Miami, they were twice and had four losses by a total of 11 points.

There may not be that much difference between a team with the NFL's best record and another

The 49ers have won two of three, but they were eliminated from postseason contention two weeks ago. San Francisco finally got its first road victory of the season last week in Philadelphia despite losing Owens for the season with a broken collarbone.

But Holmgren's defense could be in trouble against the 49ers' offense, which finally has matured into a powerhouse after struggling with inconsistency during San Francisco's rocky first half of the season.

The Niners lead the NFL with 1,415 total yards in December. Jeff Garcia has a 125.3 passer rating, also tops in the league, while Kevin Barlow has rushed for 393 yards and four touchdowns.

"It looks to me like Jeff is feeling good and healthier," Holmgren said. "He's moving around and doing the things that came pretty natural for him. They're running the ball awfully well."

that missed the playoffs. "Through a lot of adversity, we're still giving this team chances to win ball games," Buffalo State Lawyer Milloy said.

The Patriots cut him five days before the season opener and the surprise of losing one of the top players affected them when he joined the Bills for that game.

"It felt like you were just getting beat up after play," Brady said. "They were hitting us harder than we were hitting them. We came out of that game not feeling very good about ourselves."

They rebounded by winning their next two before losing at Washington 20-17 but haven't lost in the last three months. They have their best record ever and a chance to go to the Super Bowl for the second time in three seasons.

"They're right now probably playing better team football than anybody in the league," said Bledsoe, who spent nine seasons with the Patriots before joining Buffalo last season. "It is special to go back there, and now we need to go back there and win."

That would send the Bills into the offseason with a good memory. For the Patriots, a win would send them into the playoffs with greater momentum than they already have.

"They've obviously wiped up on us in the first game," Brady said. "Having them the last game of the year is pretty meaningful for us."

# Maple Leafs win shootout in OT, 6-5

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mats Sundin scored 3:35 into overtime to lift Toronto to a rugged 6-5 victory Friday night over the New York Rangers and stretch the Maple Leafs' point streak to 16 games.

Mathew Barnaby scored in the third period to tie it for the Rangers, who were trailed by three goals.

Toronto is 14-0-1-1 since last losing a regulation game on Nov. 20 at Edmonton, and 7-0-4 away from home. The run ties the longest in the NHL since the 1999-2000 season, when points were first awarded for losses in overtime.

## Wild 2, Red Wings 2 tie

DETROIT — Dwayne Roloson stopped 38 shots and Minnesota extended its unbeaten streak to seven games with a tie against Detroit.

The Wild got goals from Marian Gaborik and Wes Walz, improving to 4-0-3 during the run.

Henrik Zetterberg and Kris Draper scored for Detroit, and Curtis Joseph made 22 saves.

## Islanders 4, Devils 3, OT

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. —

Mark Parrish scored 1:25 into overtime to give New York a win over New Jersey.

The Islanders also got goals from Dave Scatchard, Mariusz Czerkawski and Oleg Krusha as they beat the Stanley Cup champions for the second time in 10 days. Garth Snow made 26 saves.

## Blues 3, Avalanche 3 tie

ST. LOUIS — Adam Foote's goal at 9:27 of the third period gave Colorado a tie with St. Louis.

The Avalanche are winless in their last six games (0-3-3).

## Penguins 3, Senators 3 tie

OTTAWA — Zdeno Chára scored a power-play goal with 5:11 remaining in the third period to lift Ottawa to a tie with Pittsburgh.

Todd White and Jason Spezza scored first-period goals as Ottawa came back twice to extend its unbeaten streak to a season-high

five games (3-0-2). Pittsburgh remained unbeaten in two games against the Senators this season, despite being outshot 44-11.

## Sabres 3, Hurricanes 1

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Mika Noronen made 30 saves and Buffalo scored three times in the third period for a win over Carolina.

Ales Kotalik scored on the power play at 3:09 of the third period, breaking an 0-for-17 drought for the Sabres with the win advantage.

## Blue Jackets 4, Blackhawks 1

CHICAGO — Manny Malhotra and Rick Nash scored 1:26 apart early in the third period to send the Columbus Blue Jackets to their first road win of the season.

David Vyborny scored twice for the Blue Jackets, who ended six-game losing skid and nine-game winless streak.

## Thrashers 3, Lightning 1

ATLANTA — Shawn McEachern scored twice and Pasi Nurminen

stopped 33 shots for the Atlanta Thrashers in the win.

Ilya Kovalchuk had an assist and Randy Robitaille scored for the Thrashers.

## Stars 2, Predators 1

DALLAS — Marty Turco stopped 23 shots and Brenden Morrow scored a power-play goal in the first period for Dallas.

Jason Arnott added a goal in the second period to help Dallas win its third straight and improve to 5-1-1 in its last seven.

## Canucks 2, Flames 0

CALGARY, Alberta — Dan Cloutier made 31 saves for his second shutout of the season, leading the Vancouver Canucks.

Mattias Ohlund and Brendan Morrison scored for first-place Vancouver, which increased its lead to five points over Calgary in the Northwest Division.

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bowl's record for points.

Virginia Tech's Carter Warley — 12-of-15 going into the contest, missed field goals of 40, 45 and 29 yards.

Junior Kevin Jones, in his final game for the Hoies, became the leaving for the NFL, rushed for 153 yards on 16 carries, including an 11-yard touchdown.

injured Cal star Geoff McArthur, caught five passes for 149 yards, including a 33-yarder for a touchdown.

He had just 107 yards receiving for the entire season entering the game.

The Golden Bears (8-6), in their first bowl game since 1996, scored six consecutive touchdowns after falling behind 21-7 in the first quarter.

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Alvin Williams made all three free throws after being fouled on a 3-point attempt with 4.8 seconds left. Then, after a Jazz turnover, Carter made a shot in the lane just before the buzzer.

In the final minute of regulation, the young Jazz threw the ball away twice and Collins missed two free throws. In overtime, the Jazz had four more turnovers but

their defense kept Toronto from capitalizing.

Utah played its first home game in two weeks on a six-games-in-nine-days road trip. The Jazz played without starting center Greg Oesterg, their leading rebounder who had an inflamed left knee.

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

T.F. Municipal offering winter rates

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

The punch cards will only be sold at these locations until Dec. 31, 2004, for the cards expire Dec. 31, 2004.

Candleridge offers all-inclusive golf packages

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

Burley football team will become '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.

United States wins world junior-hockey opener

HAAMENLINNA, Finland — Zach Parise had three goals and an assist to help the United States open the world junior championships with an 8-0 victory over Austria on Friday.

Jerome announces holiday open gym schedule

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District has announced its open gym schedule for the holidays.

Officials reviewing Houston-Hawaii fight

HONOLULU — Hawaii and Houston officials are reviewing the fight between their football players in the Hawaii Bowl to determine if any disciplinary action is needed.

WNBA will hold dispersal draft for Rockers players

CLEVELAND — The WNBA will hold a dispersal draft Jan. 6 for players of the former Cleveland Rockers.

Redskins' Arrington agrees \$80 million deal

WASHINGTON — Pro Bowl linebacker LaVar Arrington has agreed to an eight-year, \$80 million contract extension with the Washington Redskins, his agent said Friday.

Carl Poston said the deal includes \$26.5 million in bonuses

However, coach Jeff Fisher said the Pro Bowl quarterback has improved during the week and the team will take the same approach to the regular-season finale against visiting Tampa Bay on Sunday as it did with McNair last week in Houston.

forced fumbles and 13 quarterback pressures. He also has six sacks.

Former Phillies GM Owens dies at 79

PHILADELPHIA — Paul Owens, general manager of the Philadelphia Phillies' 1980 World Series championship team, died Friday, he was 79.

Owens died at Underwood Hospital in Woodbury, N.J.

Following a lengthy illness, the Phillies said.

Owens, nicknamed 'The Pope' because of his resemblance to Pope Paul VI, also managed the Phillies' team that won the National League pennant in 1983.

Owens joined the Phillies' organization as a player-manager in Olean, N.Y., in 1955, and remained with the team in various positions until his death. In 1986, the Phillies honored him by creating the Paul Owens Award for the best player and pitcher in the team's minor league system.

The former St. Bonaventure star served in the Army in World War II as a sergeant in an engineering company.

United States wins world junior-hockey opener

HAAMENLINNA, Finland — Zach Parise had three goals and an assist to help the United States open the world junior championships with an 8-0 victory over Austria on Friday.

Anthony Stewart had a goal and an assist for Canada, and Dion Phaneuf and Dan Paille also scored.

Pittsburgh Penguins rookie goalie Marc-Andre Fleury made 16 saves for the shutout.

WNBA will hold dispersal draft for Rockers players

CLEVELAND — The WNBA will hold a dispersal draft Jan. 6 for players of the former Cleveland Rockers.

The NBAs Cleveland Cavaliers, who had sponsored the Rockers, cut their ties to the WNBA team in September. No new owner was found and the Rockers folded, WNBA spokesman John Maxwell said Friday.

The Rockers ranked 10th out of 14 teams this season in attendance, averaging 7,400 in the 20,000-seat Gund Arena.

The Rockers did not turn a profit in any of their seven seasons, Cavaliers owner Gordon Gund said.

The Rockers were one of eight WNBA charter teams in October 1996.

Titans quarterback McNair misses practice again

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee Titans quarterback Steve McNair was held out of practice Friday, concluding the third straight week he hasn't practiced.

The nine-year veteran is nursing right calf and left ankle injuries as well as a broken bone spur.

However, coach Jeff Fisher said the Pro Bowl quarterback has improved during the week and the team will take the same approach to the regular-season finale against visiting Tampa Bay on Sunday as it did with McNair last week in Houston.

Instead of getting worse as he continues to play, McNair has gradually improved.

McNair spent part of Friday exercising inside and part outside, riding a stationary bike and watching the team practice.

He said he expects to be another game-time decision to determine if he plays against the Buccaneers.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Basketball

Missouri at Memphis, ESPN, 10 p.m.

Women, Oregon at California, FSNW, 1 p.m.

UCLA at Michigan, CBS, 3 p.m.

Philadelphia at Bulls, WGN, 6:30 p.m.

Football

Continental Tire Bowl, Pittsburgh vs. Virginia, at Charlotte, N.C., ESPN2, 9 a.m.

Bills at Patriots, CBS, 11:30 a.m.

Seattle at San Francisco, FOX, 3 p.m.

Philadelphia at Washington, ESPN, 6:30 p.m.

Area ski report

Open Base — In 1770 miles 76 days 1 new powder machine opened (34: 11) ... 1000 ft. ... 1000 ft. ... 1000 ft.

Breakfast — 71 4/5ths over 17 days 1000 ft. ... 1000 ft. ... 1000 ft.

Fuller Creek — 111 2/3ths 17 new powder machines opened (11: 44) ... 1000 ft. ... 1000 ft.

Paradise — 71 4/5ths over 17 days 1000 ft. ... 1000 ft. ... 1000 ft.

Whispering Mountain — 61 1/3ths 22 days 9 new powder machines opened (2: 47) ... 1000 ft. ... 1000 ft.

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For more reports check out our sports page at mtgnews.com and Ski & Snow Center.

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SPORTS

# Into hostile territory

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## Pitino gears up for another return to Rupp

By Chris Duncan  
Associated Press writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville coach Rick Pitino expects another hostile reception Saturday when he returns to Rupp Arena for the second time as the leader of Kentucky’s fiercest rival.

Two years ago, the fans who revered Pitino when he coached the Wildcats from 1989-97 showered him with taunts and unveiled signs with vicious messages. By the end of the Wildcats’ 82-62 victory, the crowd was chanting “TUB-BEE! TUB-BEE!” in a salute to Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, Pitino’s former assistant.

Pitino said the only thing he remembers thinking about that day was his brother-in-law and best friend, Billy Minardi, who died four months earlier in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.



Louisville coach Rick Pitino shouts instructions during action of Louisville’s 71-43 Jan. 22 victory at Freedom Hall in Louisville, Ky. Coach Pitino expects another hostile reception Saturday, when he returns to Rupp Arena for the second time as the leader of Kentucky’s fiercest rival.

“I was devastated when I walked in there and it wasn’t because of all the booing of me. I expected that,” Pitino said. “It was just a terrible, terrible time in my life.”

On Saturday, Pitino wants his 20th-ranked Cardinals (6-1) to embrace the chaotic atmosphere, not dread it.

“It’s easy playing at home, where everybody cheers for you,” Pitino said. “Going into that environment and executing in the toughest conditions, that’s fun.”

Even if the Cardinals can handle the pandemonium, Pitino still isn’t sure they can beat the second-ranked Wildcats (7-0), who’ve won 27 consecutive regular-season games dating to an 81-63 loss to the Cardinals in Freedom Hall last Dec. 28.

“We understand we have a hell of a mountain to climb,” he said. Kentucky jumped to a 20-9 lead in last year’s meeting, then collapsed in the second half amid Louisville’s relentless defense. The Wildcats shot 34.5 percent after halftime and finished 3-of-18 from 3-point range.

“We just didn’t play,” Smith said. “It was the worst half I had in a long time.”

Kentucky guard Gerald Fitch, who went 2-for-10 in last year’s meeting, said the Wildcats haven’t discussed that loss this week.

“I really don’t even remember

it. I think it’s good that I don’t,” said Fitch, Kentucky’s leading scorer, at 19 points per game.

The Wildcats regrouped immediately, winning their next 26 games. They finally lost to Marquette one game shy of last year’s Final Four.

Pitino said this season’s Wildcats are better.

“This is not necessarily their most talented team, but I think it’s their best team since I’ve been at Louisville,” Pitino said.

Only six players — starters Erik Daniels, Chuck Hayes, Kelenna Azubuike, Cliff Hawkins and

Gerald Fitch and top reserve Antwan Barbour — have played the bulk of the minutes for Kentucky this year.

But Pitino said the Wildcats’ apparent lack of depth is a strength, not a weakness.

“There is a major difference between their first six and their next six — not that their next six aren’t talented, I’m sure they are,” Pitino said. “But their top six are great.”

The Wildcats say they won’t get worn down if the Cardinals try to speed up the game.

“They want you to go helter-skelter with them and go up-and-down with them. We can go up-and-down with them,” said Chuck Hayes, who leads Kentucky with 9.6 rebounds per game.

Smith’s biggest worry isn’t the game’s tempo, but Louisville sophomore Francisco Garcia, the Cardinals’ leading scorer, at 18.6 points per game.

“He can create a lot of problems,” Smith said. “He’s got the ability to go around you and shoot over you. We really don’t have a matchup for him.”

# Sisters try to keep family affairs at bay



Washington’s Gluliana Mendiola (13) drives between Texas Tech’s Jolee Ayers-Curry, left, and Alesha Robertson in the second half Dec. 19 in Seattle. Mendiola led all scorers with 27 points, but Texas Tech won, 74-70.

## Family stands united as brothers found guilty in murder case

SEATTLE (AP) — The Mendiola sisters, backcourt mainstays of the University of Washington basketball team, wear their hearts on their T-shirts.

“Unbreakable Bonds. In Good Times and Bad. United We Stand.” That’s how — the two — senior guards have decided to show their determination in a harrowing year that culminated in the conviction of their three brothers in a north Idaho murder case.

“Nobody is going to break us,” Gluliana Mendiola said. “We tell each other that every single day.”

“Our brothers, our parents, our whole family is relying on us,” Gluliana Mendiola said. “We know that if we have a terrible year, everyone would feel guilty, blaming themselves. By us having a good season, it’s going to put a smile on our family’s faces.”

Giuliana, 21, leads the Huskies in scoring and Gioconda, 22, ranks third. In the Huskies’ most recent outing, each scored 16 points Sunday night in a 76-55 victory over Iowa State on the Cyclones’ home court.

The Mendiolas were interviewed last Thursday by The Seattle Times for an article published Sunday, their first public comment about the case that has torn the close-knit family in Lake Forest, Calif.

Giovanni Mendiola, 33, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced Oct. 30 to eight years to life in prison for strangling and stabbing Brendan Butler, 20, of Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, a former honor student turned marijuana dealer.

Enzo Mendiola, 34, and Piero Mendiola, 31, and a brother-in-law, Marco Antonio Garcia, 32,

placed guilty to being accessories to a felony and were sentenced to four years in prison.

Those three were given a chance for probation after six months if they successfully completed a prison boot camp program, but last month they were locked into segregation cells after investigators said they had threatened other prison inmates.

Two other brothers, Fabrizio and Luciano Mendiola, attend Pacific Lutheran University near Tacoma. The family still owns the house in Southern California but has moved to Seattle since the sentencing, partly to escape hostility expressed on Internet message boards.

The Mendiola sisters said they first were questioned by detectives about a year ago and heard nothing more until March 25, when police officers barreled through the oak front door of their California home and placed a gun behind Gioconda’s head.

Every one of those teammates and coaches June and Mike Daugherty wrote letters to the court in Idaho, and the sisters attended their brothers’ sentencing.

“None of us really feel like we made a difference,” Giuliana said. “We could have said something else, something stronger. We could have done something.”

Asked what she told the judge, Giuliana said, “The truth.”

So far they have not been heckled on the court, but they’re disappointed by the response where they grew up.

“That’s our hometown, and we thought we’d be more comfortable there,” Gioconda said. “The time that we needed people the most, they weren’t there.”

Basketball helps keep them going.

“If we do well in basketball, it’s a bright spot in our lives,” Giuliana said, “and it’s good for us.

# RB Smith puts decision about next season, career on hold

By Bob Baum  
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — After the worst season in his 14-year NFL career, Emmitt Smith will wait a month or two before deciding whether to come back to the Arizona Cardinals next year or retire.

“I have to talk about next year as if I will be back because I’m under contract to be back next year,” Smith said Wednesday. “But I can still make a decision. There is an asterisk there. There’s a decision I can make, but I’m not making it today.”

Smith holds the NFL career rushing record at 17,398 yards, but with one game to go this season, he has rushed for

just 236 yards in 83 attempts — 2.8 yards-per-carry — for a 3-11 Arizona team.

In his previous worst rushing season in 1990, his rookie season with Dallas, Smith proceeded to red off 11 consecutive 1,000-yard seasons before gaining 975 yards in 2002, his last year with the Cowboys.

Smith missed six games this season with a sprained shoulder, an injury that occurred in his return to Dallas, where he had minus-1 yard in eight carries.

When Smith returned, he was a backup to Marcel Shipp, the hard-running back who had consecutive 100-yard rushing games in Smith’s place against San Francisco and Cincinnati.

Smith, 34, said that he knows he can

help a team even without playing in games.

“A lot of people will say ‘Well, you’re time has passed, and they may be right,’” he said.

“But I’m not here to just be playing football. I have people around I can pass this knowledge to. And as long as I have the opportunity to do that, and help Marcel Shipp or Damien Anderson, and bring a different kind of spirit and attitude to the ball club, my objective has been achieved.”

Smith said he will assess his situation as he usually does, on whether he came to camp with the proper preparation, did he work hard in training camp and did he give the ultimate effort in games.

“How did I feel physically at the end of the season? If I feel good, then I can make decisions whether or not I want to move forward. If I don’t feel good about it, I’ll make the decision not to.”

One of the main reasons Smith came to Arizona was the assurance that he would be the top back. Shipp’s continued improvement may make that a tough commitment for the organization.

“I expect him to be back next season,” said Rod Graves, the Cardinals’ vice president for football operations. “I have heard nothing from Emmitt or his agent otherwise.”

Graves said there are no plans to cut Smith, who signed a two-year, \$7.5 mil-

lion deal with Arizona.

The Cardinals said Smith brings more than just yards gained to the young team, especially with his leadership in the locker room.

“He’s been a tremendous asset to this football team,” coach Dave McGinnis said. “I count as one of the best things that’s ever happened to me my association with Emmitt Smith.”

Smith has been a strong supporter of McGinnis, and he wants to wait until the uncertain Cardinals’ coaching situation is resolved before making any decision about next year.

“If Mac is here — great,” Smith said. “But if he’s not here, what are the plans of the people coming in?”

# Tire Bowl could be Fitzgerald’s final game

By Jenna Fryer  
Associated Press writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A week with his teammates in balmy Charlotte preparing for the Continental Tire Bowl might have been just what Pitt receiver Larry Fitzgerald needed.

So what if it wasn’t the sun and fun of Florida and the intense spotlight of a major bowl game? By preparing to play Virginia (7-5) in the second game, Fitzgerald got to spend in a low-key week reflecting on what it’s like to be a college kid.

The Heisman Trophy runner-up can petition the NFL for early entry into the draft anytime after Saturday’s game.

But Fitzgerald is the only one who knows if this final week marks the end of his career with the Panthers (8-4).

And he isn’t saying.

“I have had no contact with the NFL and I don’t know what the rumors are that are flying around,” he said Friday. “But I am not really too concerned with it. I have an obligation to my teammates to be focused on what we have to do and that’s come out beat Virginia.”

Before arriving here, Pitt coach Walt Harris seemed resigned to losing Fitzgerald after just

two seasons. After watching his star receiver hang out with his teammates all week, Harris suddenly didn’t sound so sure.

“He’s a fun young man and he likes to have a good time,” Harris said. “I’ve been around the NFL and that is a hot pressure environment and right now Larry is still a fun-loving kid.”

“He’s going to be playing in the NFL, a long, long time and he doesn’t have a long time to be a college student.”

Fitzgerald insists he spent little time this week thinking about his future, or the disappointment Pitt initially felt over missing out on an Orange Bowl bid by losing two of its final three games.

Instead, he spent the week enjoying all of the bowl activities — like riding in a replica NASCAR-style stock car at 165 mph around Lowe’s Motor Speedway.

“That was an experience I couldn’t pass up,” he said. “I was a little hesitant at first, but I am definitely glad I got in there. There was so much more to it than getting into the end zone.”

Fitzgerald was yet to indicate if he will petition the NFL to be included in the April draft. The NFL currently bans players from applying for the draft until three years after their high school graduation.

Fitzgerald graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy in 2002, but only after he transferred from his Minneapolis high school during the second semester of his senior year in 2001, while on pace to graduate. Fitzgerald made the move to improve his grades before college.

Even though Harris agrees with the NFL rule that could prevent Fitzgerald from going pro, he thinks his receiver is ready.

“Is he good enough? You’re darn right he is. Can he get better? You’re darn right he can,” Harris said. “But he needs to improve his speed. He doesn’t run as fast as his coach, I am a little faster than him. But other than that, there are very few holes in his game.”

Count Virginia coach Al Groh among those also in support of the current NFL rule. As the former coach of the New York Jets, Groh is adamant players just two years out of high school are not physically ready to contribute to a pro team.

“But Fitzgerald is the exception, he said.

“When I put the tape on, if I didn’t know better, he looks like an NFL receiver,” Groh said. “That’s what our problem is. We are going to try to play against a guy who plays like an NFL receiver with college defensive backs.”

# Contracts

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Christina Aguilera specifically got Flinstones vitamins and Boyz II Men requested two dozen black towels.

Former Houston reliever Charlie Kerfeld once asked for — and received — 37 boxes of Jello in a contract provision. All the better to play punks on his teammates, he said.

Today’s items tend to be more fancy.

Meats catcher Mike Piazza gets a luxury suite all season at Shea Stadium. Sammy Sosa’s deal gives him a mezzanine box at Wrigley Field four times a year.

When players are traded, it can become tricky because of those goodies. A promised personal trainer may not be so welcome on another ballclub, for example.

“Every team handles it differently. It tends to complicate things,” Orioles vice president Jim Beattie said.

“You can get caught up in them. It becomes tough to figure out where it ends,” he said.

To some, plane service is part of the deal.

Dodgers pitcher Kazuhisa Ishii gets eight round-trip tickets in business class from Japan to Los Angeles.

Kevin Brown’s \$105 million, seven-year contract with Los Angeles also gave him 12 private jet trips for his family in Malibu, Ga.

Last weekend at baseball’s winter meetings in New Orleans, the plane issue briefly held up Brown’s trade from the Dodgers to New York. The Yankees frown on such add-ons — to cover the cost, they chipped \$400,000 off the \$3 million they were to give Los Angeles.

While the teams talked, Brown’s agent, Scott Boras, stood in a corner of a hotel lobby. Directly behind him, there was a croissant-and-coffee stand with a most fitting name.

The place was called Perks.

Ben Walker writes for the Associated Press.

# Forces shift focus

U.S. military pursues lesser-known insurgents

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Thirteen fugitives remain from the original "deck of cards" of top Saddam Hussein regime members, but U.S. forces are increasingly focusing on new lists of individuals thought to be taking a more active role in the anti-U.S. insurgency, military intelligence sources say.

To create these lists, U.S. military units and their coalition allies have developed computer databases, which they have updated with information on every bomb blast, firefight, suspect detained and tip provided by a local resident.

The deck of cards, prepared by U.S. intelligence before the March invasion, contains images of the 55 figures that the U.S. military was particularly interested in capturing, beginning with Saddam himself as the ace of spades.

The U.S. troops who entered Iraq also carried a so-called black list of hundreds of second-tier leaders targeted for arrest as well as an even larger gray list, which contains "persons of interest" — Iraqis wanted for questioning.

Those lists are not updated and have grown less relevant to the current insurgency, a senior U.S. military official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

There are clearly some who remain on the black list that we're very interested in, even in today's insurgency," said the official, based in Baghdad. The official said there are others on the black list who are "less threatening" and of "marginal or of less importance."

In Tikrit, Saddam's hometown north of Baghdad, the Army's 4th Infantry Division has found its own informants and databases: more useful than the CIA's lists of former regime loyalists, said the division's Lt. Col. Steven Russell.

"If you're asking whether our operations are being driven top-down, my view, and it's a narrow view from Tikrit, is that our information has been driven bottom-up in cooperation with special operations forces locally," Russell said.

The old CIA lists "were the starting point" for rounding up the top officials in Saddam's Baath Party, especially those believed to have committed or ordered atrocities or who had knowledge of unconventional weapons, said Lt. Col. Ken Devan, the top intelligence officer of the Army's 1st Armored Division, which controls Baghdad.

Since many of those fugitives have already been captured, their interrogations have provided fodder for further fugitive lists and arrests, Devan said.

"It's kind of like pulling on a string. You just keep on pulling and you don't really know what's on the other end," Devan said.

The Army's 82nd Airborne Division, which occupies the rest of the Sunni Muslim areas west of Baghdad, has its own database of insurgent suspects who lead 15 guerrilla cells operating in the al-Anbar province, which contains the cities of Fallujah and Ramadi.

"We have a prioritized list of approximately 45 individuals which we consider our highest priority targets," an intelligence analyst at the division's headquarters in Ramadi told AP on condition of anonymity.

Those on the top 55 list who are still at large include Ezzat Ibrahim al-Douri, his son Ahmed and Hani Abd al-Latif Tiflah al-Tikriti, all of whom are thought to be involved in the guerrilla war against the U.S.-led occupation, U.S. officials said.

The elder al-Douri — No. 6 on the list — and Tiflah — No. 7 — had senior roles in Saddam's security apparatus before the war.

Interrogated prisoners have suggested both al-Douris are playing organizing roles but that the father may be sick, officials said. Some analysts dispute the contention that he is involved in the insurgency, saying he is too busy trying to elude his pursuers.

Another growing intelligence list has proven especially relevant: the Army divisions' so-called "white lists" of informers and other human intelligence sources. "White lists" have provided tips that fill fugitive databases and the intelligence used in raids and arrests. Devan said he was reluctant to discuss the 1st Armored's white list because the "good guys" on it could be endangered.

LET IT FLOW



A U.S. soldier helps Iraqis install running water in Samarra's al-Khadrah district Friday.

## Resistance songs urge Iraqis to fight occupiers

By Sudarsan Raghavan  
Knight Ridder News Service

FALLUJAH, Iraq — At the Sound of the Revolution music shop, lots of Arab pop stars look down from wall posters, but the hottest local one — resistance singer Sabah Hashim — needs no promotion.

Hashim is part of a new and growing group of Iraqi singers whose anti-Western lyrics are raw with hate. In one number in his latest collection, Hashim urges listeners to "Carry your weapons and kick the heathen people out of your land. The people of Fallujah are like wolves when they attack the enemy."

Such sentiments are especially popular in cities like Fallujah, where resistance to U.S. troops has been heavy, and across the so-called Sunni Triangle, the arc of territory that thrived under Saddam Hussein's rule. Especially for Sunnis who now feel dispossessed and threatened by Iraq's Shiite Muslim majority, the music expresses — and maybe nourishes — the anger of the nine-month U.S. occupation.

"When I hear this music, it provokes me to help the resistance," said Nuthur Aboud, 36, a jobless father who bought "The Anger" recently at the Sound of Revolution.

The store, whose name dates from its opening shortly after the Iraqi Baath Socialist party came to power in 1969, sells about 75 copies a week of "The Anger," said Ehab Thaya, 20, whose family owns the store.

"This shows that people still love Saddam," said Thaya.

Across town at another music store, Noori Hashim, 30, also

reports brisk sales, mostly to young men but occasionally to women.

He pulls out a video CD version of "The Anger," whose cover shows Hashim in an Arabic headdress.

He sings against a backdrop of provocative images: an F-16 firing at a target followed by huge, orange explosions; Iraq women mourning their dead sons; American soldiers arming Iraqis. In one scene, a group of Iraqis celebrates around a destroyed U.S. tank.

Many resistance songs use heavily amped drums and guitars to generate a pulsating rhythm that sounds like modern Arab pop. Some are more religious. The music is rarely heard on local radio stations or in restaurants, but often played at weddings and other celebrations in the Sunni Triangle.

Many singers hail from Fallujah and Mosul — predominantly Sunni Muslim towns hostile toward the U.S. presence as well as frustrated over the lack of security, electricity and municipal services. In recent weeks, more American soldiers have been killed in Mosul than in any other town in Iraq.

"We will face death. We will never give up our land," sings Qassim al Sultan, a singer from Mosul. "We will remove America from the map."

Other songs play to Arab nationalism, and call on Arabs throughout the Middle East to rally and expel the U.S.-led occupiers.

"Baghdad calls Arabs for militancy and martyrdom," sings Adnan Faisal. "From Mosul to Hillah, we are Arabs and we refuse to be insulted. We are ready for death."

## Relatives watch as divers retrieve bodies from Benin plane crash

COTONOU, Benin (AP) — Mourning relatives watched from a debris-littered shore Friday as divers retrieved bodies from a jet that crashed off the West African nation of Benin with 161 people on board.

More than 20 people, including the pilot, survived the Christmas Day crash. Dozens of others were still missing and feared dead, officials said.

"I can't bear to think what has become of them," said Karim Jumlat, a Lebanese man waiting for news of three brothers who were heading home to spend the holidays with their parents.

"If only they had waited a few days more," Jumlat, who was to

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## Israeli military chief says ceasefire could come soon

JERUSALEM (AP) — Hamas, the Islamic group responsible for most suicide bombings during three years of violence, has called off attacks inside Israel, and a full ceasefire could come in a matter of weeks, Israel's military chief said in comments published Friday.

In response, Israel will hold off targeting Hamas leaders but will still go after other Palestinian militants in retaliation for a suicide bombing this week, security sources said.

Since the start of fighting in September 2000, Israel has routinely hunted down and killed militant leaders — often in a manner similar to a helicopter airstrike in the Gaza Strip on Thursday.

Three militants and two civilians were killed in the Israeli attack, which came moments before a

Palestinian suicide bombing near Tel Aviv that killed four Israelis. The suicide bombing did not appear to be coordinated as retaliation for the airstrike.

Israeli officials and Palestinian militants both pledged retaliation, but Israel said it would not target Hamas leaders, reinforcing the comments by Israel's army chief of staff.

"It is no coincidence that a group like Hamas decides to stop attacks within Israel, it comes from the realization that their organization is in danger," Maj. Gen. Moshe Yaalon told The Yediot Achronot newspaper in an interview published Friday.

Yaalon said a truce could be achieved soon and 2004 could be the quietest year since fighting began three years ago.

# Pakistan officials identify bomber

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — At least one of the three suicide bombers who tried to assassinate President Pervez Musharraf was a foreigner, raising the specter that international terrorists had a hand in the attack, investigators said Friday.

The attack — the second attempt in 11 days to kill Musharraf by bombing his motorcade on a road into the capital — was carried out by "a mix of local and international terrorists," Information Minister Sheikh Rasheed Ahmad said.

Still, the government stopped short of accusing Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network in the attack, as it did after the first attempt on Dec. 14 to kill the president.

"Which group carried out the attack, al-Qaida, local militant or sectarian organizations — it would be guesswork to say right now," said Interior Ministry spokesman Abdur Rauf Chaudhry.

Ahmed told The Associated Press that one of the bombers was identified from the remains of his face, which was blown nearly 300 yards from the pickup truck he detonated, one of two vehicles packed with explosives in Thursday's attack.

"It was found inside the courtyard of a nearby police station," Ahmed said. He said witnesses told police the attackers all had small beards and long hair, and that the facial features of the man whose remains were found pointed to foreign involvement.

"It appears that he is not a Pakistani," he said, without elaborating.

Fifteen people, including the bombers, were killed and 46 people wounded in the attack. Interior Minister Faisal Saleh Hayyat told AP that several people had been detained for questioning, but he would not give a number or say whether they were suspects in the case.

Investigators are also interviewing witnesses to put together a profile of the attackers, and police have pieced together the model numbers of the pickups used in the attack. Ahmed told Pakistan's Geo television that witnesses saw at least one of the attackers reading a copy of the Quran, Islam's holy book, before blowing himself up.

The president was unhurt in Thursday's attack, but the powerful explosions were close enough to crack the windshield on his armored limousine.



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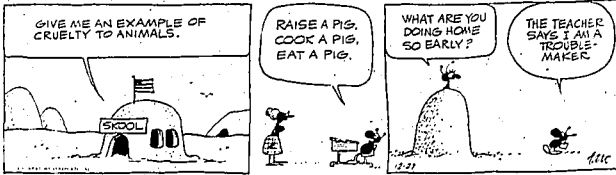
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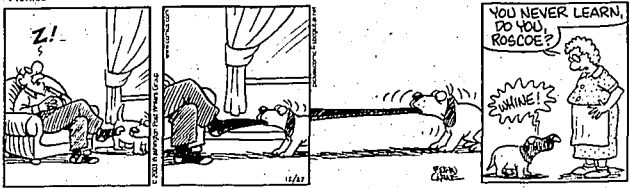
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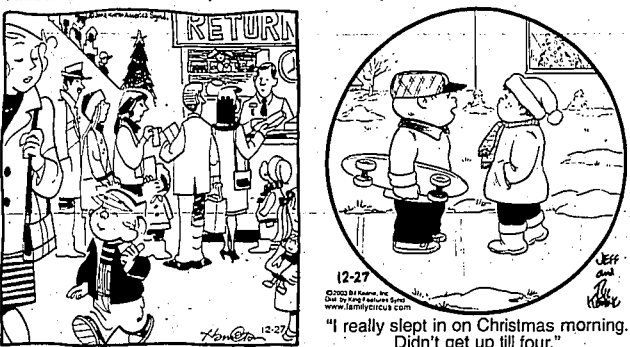


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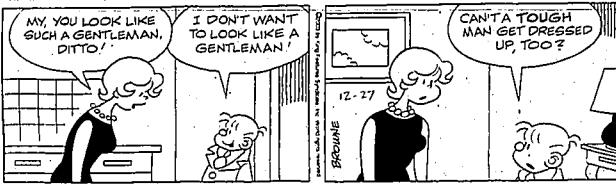
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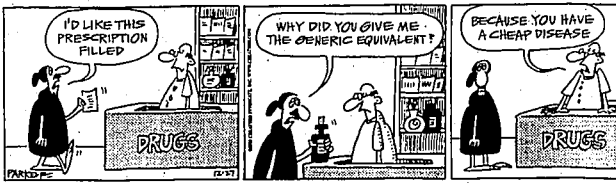
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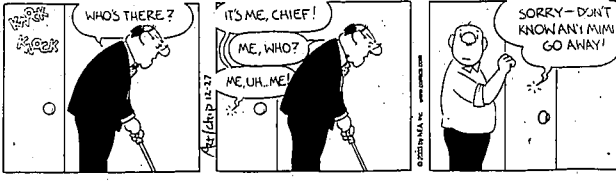
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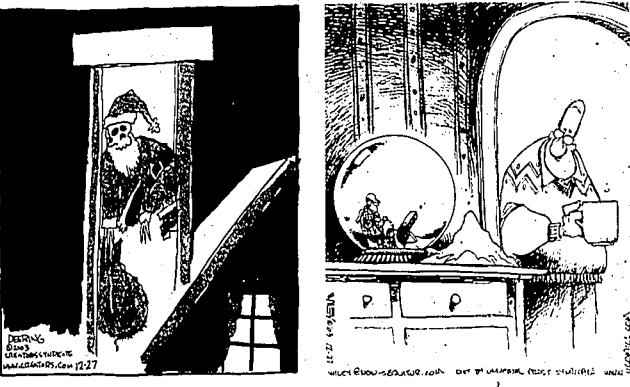


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## Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

### Sales report

Here are county-by-county sales reports - for all industries - processed during November. Total sales include both taxable and nontaxable.

County	Total sales	Taxable
Blaine	\$45,676,865	\$23,496,760
Camas	\$772,613	\$442,265
Cassia	\$30,703,256	\$9,321,543
Gooding	\$8,572,258	\$1,829,195
Jernome	\$29,725,831	\$13,667,813
Lincoln	\$1,810,411	\$1,541,565
Minidoka	\$35,385,783	\$3,982,375
Twin Falls	\$89,912,629	\$42,282,109
Valleywide	\$252,559,648	\$96,863,625

Those exclude sales by some businesses that have locations in more than one county. (If these companies each file just one sales tax return, they aren't included in county-by-county numbers.) Also excluded from county totals are sales by businesses based outside of Idaho.

Also, each monthly report reflects returns processed that month, and the Idaho State Tax Commission's speed of processing varies with its staff workload. So the tax commission cautions against comparing a single month's report with the year-ago one to spot sales trends.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### T.F. chamber plans annual meeting

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce plans its annual shareholders meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.

Banquet tickets cost \$35 and may be purchased at the chamber office, 855 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., by check or credit card. Seating is limited. For information call the chamber office at 733-3974.

### Holiday home hunting can yield bargains

**NEW YORK** - The time after the holidays is filled with bargain opportunities for the savvy shopper - and it includes houses.

With interest rates and inflation still near historic lows, those who are waiting to buy a home have several reasons to look now:

The winter season has fewer units on the market, and sellers tend to need to move from their property. You can use that to your advantage to get a favorable deal.

Winter has fewer buyers in the market. Looking for a home in the winter can be inconvenient, and people are less likely to move. Families also tend to be on a September to June cycle because they are unwilling to move their children to a new town in the middle of the school year. Fewer buyers means less competition.

Lenders also usually have fewer loans to process and less paperwork to deal with (though this can change quickly if rates fluctuate). With lenders less hassled, you can expect a smoother process to get approved for a mortgage.

As reported in Bankrate.com, there are exceptions to this rule. Most notably in warmer parts of the country, ski towns, and in parts of the country where demand is so strong that it will not slacken during winter.

### Junk e-mail accounts for billions in lost productivity

**NEW YORK** - Unsolicited junk e-mail accounted for almost \$20 billion in lost productivity over the past year, according to Baseex, a New York management and consulting firm.

"It's gotten to the point where my mother was talking about it. And she doesn't even use e-mail," said Jonathan Spira, the firm's chief analyst. He says the cost is doubling each year and is about \$600 to \$1,000 per Internet user. The cost can be attributed to the impact of managing, filtering, deleting and processing spam, along with trying to prevent viruses from infecting workplace computers.

Spira said he thinks efforts to fight spam are making headway, "but it's going to get worse before it gets better." Baseex's free report on spam and its impact on technology spending and productivity can be downloaded at [www.baseex.com/poty2003.ms/download?OpenForm](http://www.baseex.com/poty2003.ms/download?OpenForm).

-Compiled from staff and wire reports

## RACE TO THE REGISTER



Neille McClure makes her way through Kmart in Vincennes, Ind., as she looks for after-Christmas bargains Friday. While many return gifts on the 26th, others find low prices on wrapping paper and other holiday accessories.

## Customers, merchants cite increased use of gift cards

The Associated Press

**BOISE** - Consumers stormed back to Idaho stores on the day after Christmas for sales and to return merchandise.

People did not turn out as early as the day after Thanksgiving. But the Boise Towne Square mall, the largest shopping venue in Idaho and a regional draw, was packed by midmorning Friday.

The biggest trend for 2003 was the increased use of gift cards, although some holiday shoppers consider the gifts as too impersonal. But every customer and most merchants contacted at the mall said they made up a big part of the consumer ritual this year.

"You just have people who already have everything. They have specific tastes," said Dave Emry of Boise. "The cards should be a help to retailers, because people almost always spend more than the gift certificate is worth."

Emry said he was at the mall for exercise by walking around. But his wife, Joan Emry, was keeping an eye on sales.

"If I see something that might fit, I might buy it," she said. "I've started shopping for next Christmas."

The couple said they were spending less this year than the last, because of the payments for a new vehicle.

Israel Zamora of Caldwell said his daughter used gift certificates so his daughter could show her appreciation to teachers and coaches.

He said he spent more this year and suggested other Americans are following suit because they are feeling patriotic and thankful for improving economic times.

"I think it's more of a giving, rather than a spending, feeling. There's a real sense of Christmas," he said.

Mall marketing manager Cathy Stevenson said she did not have 2003 sales figures for all the stores and shops, but feels Christmas shopping was stronger than the year before.

"Everybody thinks the day after Thanksgiving is the biggest shopping day, but what we saw was the last Saturday and the last Monday before Christmas were the biggest foot-traffic, customer days," she said. "The day after Christmas ranks in the top 10 biggest days."

## The day after Consumers flock to stores for post-holiday bargains

The Associated Press

Shoppers descended on stores and malls Friday in a search for post-Christmas bargains as retailers slashed prices, hoping to recoup business in a season that will likely turn out to be only modestly better than a year ago.

Retailers are counting even more heavily on the week after Christmas to meet their sales goals, as two consecutive snow storms in the Northeast, a lack of must-have items, a sluggish job market and few early bargains dampened the pre-holiday shopping season.

By 6:30 a.m., shoppers were already lining up outside a Target store in Columbus, Ohio. By the time the store opened a half-hour later, about 100 people were at the entrances.

"You've got to move fast. That's why I'm wearing tennis shoes," said Christine Best, 33, of the Columbus suburb of Delaware. "She slash prices on everything Christmas. I'm headed straight for the wrapping paper."

Best said she buys holiday gifts the day after Christmas and tucks them away for the following year.

"I only bought about \$100 worth of stuff before Christmas this year because I had most everything I needed last year."

Ashley Richards, 13, and her mother, Diana, of Powell, Ohio, bought make it a tradition to hit the stores first thing in the morning of Dec. 26th. Before heading to Target, they stopped at Wal-Mart.

"They had all of their gift sets on sale - makeup gift sets, lotions, hair and nail sets. Everything was half off," Ashley said.

"We shop for ourselves after Christmas because if you buy things ahead of time, people might change and they might not like the same things next year," she said.

High-end stores such as Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom have enjoyed robust sales this holiday season, while mid-priced department stores have fared the worst. Even discounters like Wal-Mart Stores Inc. have struggled with muted sales gains as lower-income consumers still haven't benefited from the economic recovery.

Michael P. Niemi, chief economist and director of research at the International Council of Shopping Centers, said November-December sales growth for stores open at least one year was running a bit below 4 percent. He called his forecast 4.5 percent.

Still, at 4 percent, Niemi said it would be the biggest gain since 1999, when he tallied a 5.4 percent increase.

C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group, based in Charleston, S.C., said post-holiday sales will only help stores that are close to meeting their goals.

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## Cramming your bill

When the pitch has a catch: Some firms charge for services through phone bills

The Washington Post

When Candace Hadley got a telemarketing call from Mercury Internet Services, she didn't find the pitch especially enticing, but the price was right.

For no charge, the company said, it would make a demo Web page for Hadley's small advertising and marketing firm, Hadley & Associates in suburban Washington. She could then review the page and decide whether to buy from Mercury.

Hadley designs her own Web sites, so she wasn't interested in paying others to make one for her. But she was curious, and because the company didn't have her credit card information, Hadley figured it couldn't hurt to take a look.

It wasn't until a year later - long after she had tossed the demo page the company sent her - that Hadley noticed Mercury's name buried in her 13-page-long monthly phone bill, accompanied by a charge for \$29.95.

Next to the Mercury charge was another \$29.95 hit from a company she never heard of, a subsidiary of Epixtar Corp. Old phone bills yielded even more evidence of charges she said she had never authorized. The grand total for the year: \$520.85.

Hadley believes she was "crammed" - her telephone bill riddled with charges for services she had never requested. She wondered why her phone company, Verizon Communications Inc., would allow such a thing.

"I was furious. I was really, really angry. First of all, I was pretty mad at myself," said Hadley, who prevailed on Verizon to refund the payments. "Then I got angry at these companies that have this incredible power to do this. And then, the more I thought about it, the more angry I got with the telephone company."

In the past six months, the Federal Trade Commission has taken legal action in federal court against the two companies that Hadley believes were billing her. Yet Verizon continues to allow both companies to charge customers through their phone bills. Epixtar denied wrongdoing, repeated phone messages left at GolinterNet Inc., the name under which Mercury now operates, went unreturned.

Paul Glover, Verizon's product manager for billing services, said:

"I got angry at these companies that have this incredible power to do this. And then, the more I thought about it, the more angry I got with the telephone company."

- Candace Hadley, victim of "cramming"

Local phone carriers routinely provide billing services for thousands of companies, the vast majority of them legitimate. None of the major phone companies would release exact rates or revenue, but industry officials said the regional telecom giants each earn tens of millions of dollars annually through third-party billing.

Abuses of the system have flared at times. In 1998, the National Fraud Information Center ranked cramming as the most common kind of telemarketing fraud. Complaints have dropped in recent years, however, as customer awareness increased and regulators cracked down on scams.

Now, experts are concerned about a possible resurgence of the problem, with small businesses increasingly locked in crammers' cross hairs. There are two reasons why: The do-not-call rule has put many residential customers off limits for telemarketers, a luxury not afforded to businesses. Plus, the increasing complexity of many companies' phone bills has made it harder to detect illegitimate charges amid dozens of pages of taxes, surcharges, special

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## New display policy creates rift between Home Depot, vendors

Knight Ridder News Service

**ATLANTA** - As the second-largest retailer in the country, Home Depot is in the catbird seat when it comes to dealing with vendors.

The popularity of the Atlanta-based company's stores makes it a "must be in" destination for vendors that want access to the ever-growing home improvement market.

But some vendors are upset with a new Home Depot policy that they say gives them less control over their displays in stores and has hurt the level of service they receive.

Under the new policy, introduced last month in the electrical department, Home Depot has hired several companies to monitor and service vendor displays. Vendors pay Home Depot - which has a Twin Falls store - a percentage of their sales for the service. Previously, the vendors maintained their displays themselves or hired a company to do so.

Vendors say the new system provides a revenue stream to Home Depot at their expense.

While they may be unhappy about the change, no one disputes the value of having a presence in the retail giant. In exchange for adhering to Home Depot's policies, suppliers' products get exposed to about 70 percent of U.S. households, said Robert Oxley, president of Robert Oxley Training & Consulting in Aurora, Colo.

Suppliers whose products are sold at Home Depot can reap great benefits if they can keep up with demand, Oxley said. "You either go in and you're successful and you live the good life, or you go in and you get in trouble," he said.

Some vendors voiced their concerns about the display maintenance policy earlier this month at a conference in Los Angeles. Christopher Pickering, retail marketing manager for Cleveland-based Eaton

Electrical, said service has declined dramatically since the service initiative, also known as "Project Roadrunner," was started. "They're not providing the same level of service," Pickering said. "It's half of what it was."

Home Depot declined to comment on specific concerns, but the company issued a statement confirming that it had started a pilot program to manage the eight service companies that provide merchandising support for all of its electrical departments across the country.

The company said it is still evaluating whether to expand the program to other departments, but the new program will benefit vendors and shoppers.

"The new system and approach assign the service providers fewer stores to manage and thus allows them to devote significantly more hours to each store, resulting in greater customer service and an enhanced

store shopping experience for the customer," Home Depot said.

Home Depot's biggest rival, Lowe's, has implemented a similar program to reduce the number of groups that service its vendor displays.

Vendors also say they are concerned about losing some control over their displays under the new program.

Despite initial concerns about losing control of in-store displays, Ted Kaelin of Lutron Electronics said the new service program ultimately will benefit vendors. Lutron, based in Coopersburg, Pa., sells lighting control devices, such as dimmers at stores across the country.

"Our service at the set has improved," Kaelin said. "I do believe in the system." Vendors such as Lutron have little choice. "Home Depot can make you or break you," consultant Oxley said.

MONEY

Fund investors remain cautious, but eyeing risk

NEW YORK (AP) - While people are more likely to take chances in the stock market now than they were a year ago, most mutual fund investors remain conservative. But analysts say some are starting to take a few risks.

Financial advisers say that if you're looking to boost your stock portfolio, it might be wise to invest in funds focused on large-cap value stocks - those concentrated on big, established companies that pay steady dividends. Large-cap value stocks have lagged small- and mid-cap stocks this year and may be well-positioned in 2004.

Many investors burned by the bear market are leaning toward these relatively safe funds, as well as any investment that promises income, such as asset management trusts, funds that focus on dividend-paying stocks and preferred stock.

But there are signs that more people are turning bullish. "A lot of people are still cautious, so they are chasing some hot areas," said Don Cassidy, senior research analyst at fund tracker Lipper Inc. "And it's got to be different people because the market is still moving money leaving anywhere."

"It's a prologue," he said. "We're beginning to see a little shift in behavior and a little more degree of comfort."

Investors funneled \$750 million into tech-focused funds in November, giving them their biggest month in three years. And a rising number of dollars flowing into emerging markets funds and venture capital funds, as people are eager to chase growth opportunities in Asia.

International investing may

Mutual funds: the best and the worst

Here are the best- and worst-performing funds as measured by the quarterly and year-to-date rate of return as of Dec. 24.

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Abbreviations: AU - Gold Oriented Funds, LT - Latin American Funds, MLC - Multi-Cap Core Funds, NR - Natural Resources, SCCE - Small-Cap Core Funds, SCV - Small-Cap Value Funds, SDC - Socially Diversified Equity Funds, TK - Science & Technology Funds, XI - Pacific Ex Japan Funds.

SOURCE: Lipper Inc.

seem like a fairly aggressive choice for U.S. investors. But analysts say this may be a good time to take a look at funds focusing on multinational firms, in part because of the weakening dollar and the fast-expanding economy in China.

Most agree, however, that large-cap value funds are still a viable place to find gains in 2004. "There were fewer new funds launched in 2003 than in previous years, but among those that did come to market, a greater number were funneled into large-cap value stocks, which is where the most money is currently flowing."

There were some new growth funds - those that focus on companies with focused on large, rapid earnings and revenue growth, rather than steady dividend-payers - but they tended to

be smaller. "It may not be a bad thing that more funds haven't been launched," said Russ Kinnel, director of research at Morningstar Inc. There are still about 8,000 funds to choose from, which provides plenty of options for investors.

A lot of the new funds that do get launched tend to be trendy or high cost or both, so there's not so much a need for a greater number of funds out there," Kinnel said.

With so many choices, it's all the more important to do thorough research. Before you make any new investments, it's a good idea to take stock of what you've got and make sure your asset allocations match your goals, said Paul Merriman, president of Merriman Capital Management in Seattle; and publisher of FundAdvice.com.

"The devastation of the bear market is hard for people to get over, and some are continuing to struggle to come up with reasons why they should not get back in," Merriman said. "And a lot of people are looking for a way to get back in, but they're not sure how to do it."

C. Cassidy, of Lipper, and other analysts say investors may increasingly turn toward balanced funds - also known as hybrid funds - which hold a combination of stock and bonds to provide both income and capital appreciation without being too risky.

"People hate making these decisions, and this is an easy way to go," said Cassidy. "It's a way of betting on both sides, a little bit of income if the market doesn't go down, and some safety if it does."

Managers move to reopen silver mine

The Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE - Work to reopen the historic Sunshine mine is slowly continuing, both above and below ground. "We're very pleased with the progress of the project so far," said Roy DeMotte, president of Sterling Mining Co.

DeMotte said a complete inspection on the main shaft has been completed from the surface and there has been no flooding found as far as the 3,700-foot level of the 6,000-foot mine. However, DeMotte said, it may be some time before anyone can be sent underground because the Mine Safety and Health Administration is questioning one switch on the hoist.

"Once this is cleared and we can send people down, then we can begin to develop our long-range plan," DeMotte said.

That is, until the company can get the mine's production over the national's leading source of silver - producing more than 350 million ounces of silver during a century of operations. However, previous explorations were only done laterally and at more shallow depths. A crew led by plant facilities manager Brian Hiden is inspecting the above-ground equipment and buildings to see what must be repaired, replaced or rehabilitated. "You've got a 100-year-old mine here and there are bound to be some things that need replaced in the above-ground structures and equipment," DeMotte said. "But so far we're very pleased with what we have found."

He added that the company has also been working to expand its property holdings in the district and controls about 7,000 acres in the Silver Valley, and that exploration will be ongoing all over the district. "The price of silver is still pretty low over at \$5.75, and we feel that the company is under-valued," DeMotte said. "But we're going to continue to look for silver, otherwise we would not be doing a good job for our shareholders."

Share prices rise in light trading

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks finished higher on Wall Street Friday as investors picked up bargains in an abbreviated post-Christmas session. The Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 1.85, or 0.2 percent, to 10,995.89 for a gain of 0.7 percent for the week. The Nasdaq composite index was up 3.51, or 0.32 percent, to 1,973.14 and was up 1.1 percent for the week.

At the close of regular trading, the Dow was up 19.48, or 0.2 percent, to 10,924.67. It was up 0.5 percent for the week. Broader stock indicators also rose Friday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 1.85, or 0.2 percent, to 1,095.89 for a gain of 0.7 percent for the week. The Nasdaq composite index was up 3.51, or 0.32 percent, to 1,973.14 and was up 1.1 percent for the week.

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Cramming

Continued from B7. features, miscellaneous items and Internet accounts. 'It's business especially, there's an ever greater likelihood of slipping something by,' said Susan Grant, the National Fraud Information Center's director.

Arline Cox, a treasurer at Bridging the N.J.-based Web Express Inc. is optimistic about cracking her walls. When her July bill arrived this year, Cox noticed a charge for \$29.95 plus tax from SBA Online Inc., a subsidiary of Epixtar. No one at her company, an Internet provider, recalled ordering anything from SBA. When she called SBA's 800 number, she was directed to a Web site SBA had built for Web Express that Cox said was "something that someone below junior high could have put together."

She successfully pressed her phone company to remove the charge, but she would like to see phone companies stop third-party billing altogether. Rostly Zicht, owner of Rostly Randy, a dog training service in suburban Washington, said she, too, was charged by SBA for services she never ordered.

Shopping

Continued from B7. "If they're far behind, you can't have one without making up for the rest of the year," he said. A year ago, though, that period accounted for 11.8 percent of holiday sales. It was 10.6 percent in 2001. This year, the nation's retailers are counting on the period to make up for an even bigger share, betting on consumers returning to the store to redeem their gift cards and buy more merchandise.

Gift cards are expected to account for about 8 percent of total holiday sales this year, according to the National Retail Federation. But Beemer said stores shouldn't bet on consumers redeeming cards immediately.

"According to a recent America's Research Group survey, almost 40 percent of about 800 consumers polled said they would redeem their cards in January, while 38.4 percent plan to redeem the cards immediately. Close to 22 percent said they plan to use their cards some time next year."

"That's a big change from years past, when more than 55 percent polled said they would use them immediately. "I think a lot of people are going to wait to see how big the sales are," Beemer said.

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Ski resorts turn to local instead of foreign employees

DENVER (AP) - Officials at Colorado ski resorts say fewer jobs are being filled by foreign workers this season because of new, stricter national security screening policies. Reports typically require permission to sponsor about 1,200 employees covered by H-2B visas. This year, the company asked the Labor Department to justify 1,000.

Such visas require an employee sponsor. Valid for one year, the visas can be extended in one-year increments for up to three years. Winter Park has hired 140 temporary foreign workers with H-2B visas, compared with 214 last season. Copper Mountain has employed 250 foreign employees with worker and student visas, down from 300 last season.

Steamboat and Aspen both asked for fewer visas. Recent U.S. security requirements that all temporary visa workers apply in person at American consulates in their home countries are crimping international recruiting efforts. "It's getting a lot harder now. There are a lot of people in

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Argentina who want to come here to work," said Ruben Kuratsu, a 23-year-old Copper Mountain cashier from Mar Del Plata, Argentina. Kuratsu said traveling to an interview at the American consulate in Buenos Aires was worth the job: "If I take home \$1,000, it's like \$3,000 at home. That's good."

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WORLD

# Survivors of toxic gas leak describe panicked escape from 'death zone'

CHONGQING, China (AP) — Villagers were preparing for sleep when the gas well burst with a bang.

Then came choking fumes. Families dashed out of their homes in terror, struggling to breathe in the searing cloud.

Survivors and state media gave harrowing accounts Friday of the disaster that killed at least 191 people in China's southwest forced 41,000 to flee and left a 10-square-mile "death zone" strewn with bodies lying in fields, by the sides of roads and in homes.

"I heard a roaring sound like huge flames and I smelled something burning," said Xiao Ninglu, a 33-year-old farmer reached by telephone at the school where he and other evacuees were staying. "I was in a panic. I was so frightened."

Technicians were preparing to try to plug the well at the Chuanqibai gas field in the town of Gaoping, northeast of Chongqing. Work was to have begun Friday but was postponed to Saturday while officials focused on getting food and water to the tens of thousands of evacuees from the remote, mountainous area who were living in schools and government buildings.

Some 9,185 people were treated for gas poisoning and other injuries, and 431 were still hospitalized — 17 in critical condition, the official Xinhua News Agency said. Newspaper photos showed children with red faces and their eyes swollen shut from chemical burns.

The blowout — caused when a drilling accident broke open a gas well Tuesday night, according to Xinhua — poured out a toxic mix of natural gas and hydrogen sulfide, the government said.

The poisonous gas turned an 10-square-mile area into a "death zone," as many villagers were intoxicated by the fumes in their sleep," the China Daily newspaper said.

A reporter for the Shanghai Morning Post newspaper wrote an account of entering the hard-hit village of Xiaoyang, which abuts the gas field, and seeing at least six bodies. A 12-year-old boy and his mother lay on the road where they had tried to escape.

Tang Xiaoyang, who lived 1,000 feet from the gas field, lost nine family members, including her 5-year-old daughter, the newspaper Chongqing Economic Times reported.

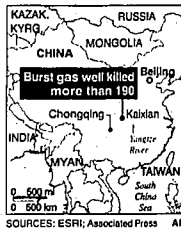
Tang was quoted as saying she had just put her children to bed when she smelled the foul gas and heard neighbors shouting that the well had exploded. Tang

dressed her two daughters and ran outside with them, choking on the fumes, the newspaper said. She fainted on the road but woke after five minutes and struggled on to a neighbor's house.

Tang's 5-year-old daughter complained that she felt ill and "by

the time they reached safety, the girl had stopped breathing," the newspaper said. It didn't say what happened to the other girl.

A merchant in Xiaoyang was credited with saving 400 people, piling residents into his truck and carrying them away from the gas in 20 trips, the newspaper said.



A woman who lost all mind of her family members — receives medical treatment Thursday at a hospital in Kailuan, in southwest China.

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## Fox hunters, protesters face off over hunts

LONDON (AP) — Thousands of scarlet-clad fox hunters rode out Friday for traditional post-Christmas hunts, defying the boos and jeers of protesters demanding an end to blood sports.

The pro-hunting Countryside Alliance said up to 275,000 riders and supporters attended 350 Boxing Day hunts around the country. Enthusiasts pledged to fight any attempt to ban the sport, which has polarized Britain in recent years and created a dilemma for the government of Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"Protesters have been saying that this will be our last hunt for the last six or seven years and we are still here," said Richard de Prez, as he led more than 30 riders on horseback at the Cheshire Forest Hunt, near Northwich, northern England.

Opponents say fox hunting, in which horseback riders in red jackets chase foxes across the countryside with packs of hounds, is a barbaric practice that has no place in modern society.

There's no justification to the protected pursuit of British wild mammals in the name of sport and for pleasure," said Jane Evans of the League Against Cruel Sports, a demonstrator at the Cheshire hunt.

Supporters argue fox hunting is an important form of pest control that provides thousands of jobs in the countryside for kennel keepers and blacksmiths.

While polls suggest most Britons oppose the sport, attempts to ban or restrict fox hunting have led to large demonstrations in London and strong opposition in the House of Lords. In October, Parliament's upper house overturned legislation calling for an outright ban.

## Feed faith in 2004

When it comes to making changes in my life, I'm a believer in taking one step at a time, instead of leaping on something like a dog pouncing.

Heck, I'm still bummed out that eight-tracks bit the dust and I had to switch to cassettes. (Yes, I'm up to speed now with CD-ROMS - that is the latest innovation, isn't it?) Nice and easy: That's my motto.

But the new year, only days away, is nudging me to seek some spiritual renewal. (Please spare me any "Are you born again?" inquiries.) Instead, I'm wondering what new disciplines, routines or other spiritual practices I should consider implementing in 2004. Faith needs feeding.

I know how easy it is to slide through this transitional time of the year, heaven-bent on making a fresh start and then ending up with the same old stale self. So, I'm going to put together a list of spiritual practices to consider. I know I won't follow all of them, even most of them, but I will seek to make some change in my life for the better. And I'll use this list to jump-start the process. Care to join me?

In "Celebration of Discipline," Richard Foster explained why such renewal is important: "The detachment from the confusion all around us is in order to have a richer attachment to God."

Here are seven disciplines to consider for that richer attachment:

1. Read different spiritual writers. Pick an unfamiliar author and read at least one of his or her books for enrichment. Some possibilities: Jim Forest ("The Ladder of the Beatitudes"); John Neihardt ("Black Elk Speaks"); Susan Muto ("John of the Cross for Today: The Ascent").

2. Learn to fast. Whether it's denial of food or some other pleasure for a period of time, deny yourself in order to find yourself in a greater relationship with God. Fasting can satisfy various spiritual needs, not the least of which is, as the Hebrew Scriptures say, to "humble your souls."

3. Use a journal to note your spiritual journey. Spend a few minutes at the end or beginning of a day to pour out your thoughts to God in writing (or on your computer). By reviewing what you've written, you can discover how much you've grown - or shrunk - in your life with God.

4. Go on a pilgrimage. Find out about retreat areas, holy places and other sacred sites to spend some extended time next year in prayer, meditation and conversation with others. Those who go - and focus on the spiritual nature of the experience - usually come away with a heightened sense of the holy in their lives.

5. Create a place of prayer in your congregation. Help arrange a designated area in the building that is quiet and private and that can be an open door for people seeking to connect with God in a deeper way. Provide prayer book resources, a bulletin board for requests, religious images and the like. A labyrinth can be a tool to provide direction for prayer and meditation. By praying at a congregational site, you'll not forget the communal nature of faith.

6. Practice acts of kindness. You don't have to be a Mother Teresa or a hometown hero to make a difference in other people's lives. Look around your neighborhood, read your newspaper about those who are hurting, be alert to the needs of the down-and-out, the poor, the shunned. Then do what you can to help - with a kind word, a helping hand or a donation. Be on the lookout for opportunities and commit to at least one such act a day. In doing so, your focus will be less on your needs and wants and more on others. That's spiritually enriching for all concerned.

7. Adopt the wisdom of the Swedish proverb: "Fear less, hope more; eat less, chew more; whine less, breathe more; talk less, say more; hate less, love more; and all good things are yours."

Enrich your spiritual life one step at a time, and I will, too.

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# Selling the Good Book



Mary Hicks is in charge of the Sunday School materials at The Christian Bookstore in downtown Twin Falls. Hicks, 86, has owned or worked in Christian bookstores since 1967.

## Grandmother spreads word through bookstore

By Denise Turner  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Barely a half dozen versions of the Bible graced the shelves of religious bookstores back when Mary Hicks first started selling them. Today, at The Christian Bookstore where she works, there are almost too many Bibles to count.

"There are so many study Bibles now," Mary said, with a sweeping motion toward the hallowed walls of shelves around her. "And there are children's Bibles and picture Bibles and Bibles with maps..."

Mary Hicks is 86 years old. She's read a lot of Bibles in her time.

The "Montana girl" who would rather hike than read moved from Blackfoot to Twin Falls with her husband in 1967. Harry Hicks started a framing business. Wife Mary bought Magic Valley Christian Supply, which would later become the Cornerstone Bookstore.

Now their ultraconservative beliefs are under scrutiny as the man they count as their most famous adherent, actor-director Mel Gibson, prepares to release a movie about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ that's stirring controversy.

The movement, known as traditionalist Catholicism, grew worldwide from opposition to the modernizing reforms of the 1962-65 Second Vatican Council meetings that dramatically changed the church. The council altered Catholic practices and teachings to make them more relevant to the wider world, such as having Mass said in local languages after centuries in which it was recited in Latin, having the priest celebrate Mass facing parishioners and distributing communion in the hand instead of the mouth.

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### Feats of the faithful

"Faith and Works" is a series of profiles on ordinary people whose faith leads them to do extraordinary things. If you know of someone who would be a good subject for a story, send information to Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Or call 733-0931, Ext. 243. Or e-mail denise@magiclevalley.com

The Hicks had not become Christians until they were in their 30s, and Mary still has trouble sitting down long enough to read a book. God always has worked in mysterious ways.

These days, Mary Hicks looks at her work as a ministry. The stories come to mind quickly:

"I remember the day when two little girls, about 10 years old, came into the store to buy a Bible, but they didn't have enough money. I showed them some Bible study books, but they didn't want those."

Mary felt moved to ask the children a question: "Have you little girls accepted the Lord as your personal savior?" They hadn't.

"So I took them in the back and led them to the Lord," Mary said, matter-of-factly. "Then I told them they needed to go to church."

One of the girls said she didn't have a church to attend, so Mary invited the girl to go with her family.

Every week after that, the child stood on a corner waiting for her ride to Sunday School.

"She's 21 now," Mary said, "and she's been on a mission trip to Thailand and is looking forward to being a missionary."

Through many years, Mary has seen her share of changes. Sometimes, she

says, today's young people "can't understand how I used to live, and it's hard for me to understand how they live."

It's a culture sort of thing, she has decided, in her no-nonsense way.

"I've come from horse and buggy days to the age of computers and space-ships," she said. "But the plan of salvation is the same, and you come to it the same way as it always has been."

At her church, Agape Foursquare, Mary ascribes to her tried-and-true life philosophy.

"Mary recently came to a service we have on Saturday nights, an outreach ministry to unchurched kids, and before long she was mixing with them and loving them and praying for them," reported Jim Sommer, Mary's pastor.

"Last Sunday morning, she got up and testified about how wonderful the outreach ministry is - and they've nicknamed her Motorcycle Mama."

Back at work, Mary often smiles at the number of authors who write marriage books.

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## Controversy over film puts spotlight on conservative Catholic movement

By Rachel Zoll  
The Associated Press

They attend Mass in Latin, using a liturgy Rome abolished. They abstain from meat on Fridays and women cover their heads in church. For more than three decades, a small group of American Roman Catholics has been quietly worshipping in ways the Vatican told them to abandon.

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The council decreed that Christians other than Catholics can be saved. It also declared that



Bishop Daniel Dolan, center, performs a traditional Latin Mass at St. Gertrude the Great in Sharonville, Ohio. In a traditional Mass, the priest faces the altar instead of the worshippers.

Jews were not collectively responsible for Christ's death: The notion of Jewish guilt had fueled anti-Semitism for centuries.

But traditionalists believe that only Catholicism is the true path to salvation - and that by adhering to church teaching as it was before the council they are the only true Catholics, according to William Dinges, a professor at Catholic University of America:

## Vatican fine-tunes Mass

By David O'Reilly  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA - Jim Rosengarten gasped when he learned the Vatican wants him to stop calling himself a eucharistic minister. Rosengarten may still distribute communion to shut-ins and at Mass at St. Vincent's parish in Philadelphia's Germantown, as he has done for years. But under the Roman Catholic Church's new guidelines for the celebration of Mass, the men and women who assist the priest this way are expected to henceforth use their proper titles. They are "extraordinary ministers of holy communion."

"Oh, my God," Rosengarten exclaimed. "What a shame!"

It was not the title's mouthful of syllables that disturbed him, he said, but the Vatican's reasons: It was the priest's role at Mass unambiguously distinct. Only the priest consecrates the bread and wine, the essential act of Eucharist.

The distinction is just one of dozens of refinements that Catholics worldwide may encounter at Mass in the year ahead.

Dismayed by the many small, local variations that have crept into the celebration of liturgy around the world (and also by a blurring of the priest's role in some churches), Rome is calling for near-uniformity in the way Masses are celebrated. The

### Setting guidelines

Since the Roman Catholic Masses are celebrated uniformly, the Vatican has issued a document explaining how a Mass should be said anywhere in the world. While the new General Instruction of the Roman Missal allows for some minor national or diocesan differences, its directives are extremely detailed. The general instruction now being implemented in the United States stipulates the following:

- Altar cloths should be white.
- All candles should be lit before Mass.
- Lectors, servers, communion ministers and cantors may wear an alb (a white vestment) and cincture (a belt), but not a large cross.
- Scripture readings should be from one lection or pulpit.
- Communion should be received standing. Individuals may not dip the communion wafer into the chalice.
- Only bread, wine, and gifts for the poor may be carried in the communion procession; water is not permitted.
- Parishes in the United States have until Dec. 5, 2004 (the second Sunday of Advent), to conform their Masses with the general instruction.

Vatican has codified and clarified virtually every detail - when to Please see MASS, Page C2

RELIGION

# Religions have much in common

The Kansas City Star

**READER'S QUESTION:** Are people of other faiths often referred to as Judeo-Christian? I think this means that it was founded on Judeo-Christian principles. But do other faiths think this is used to give Judeo-Christian faiths preferential treatment?

Syed E. Hasan, Ph.D., Islamic Research Foundation

There is more in common between Islam, Christianity and Judaism than most people know. Thus, any society or country that embodies the

**Faith Q&A**

basic principles of the Judeo-Christian faith is in line with Islam. We do not have any problem with this at all. The American Constitution is based on separation of church and state; it does not endorse one religion or the other.

However, the general perception is similar to what you have stated, but in recent years there have been well-meaning efforts to remove this misperception. American Muslims have been

making valuable contributions, bringing honor and prestige to our country. To name a few: Ahmed Zewail, the 1999 Nobel Prize winner in chemistry is a Muslim, and so was Fazlur Rahman, the designer of the Sears Tower and creator of a revolutionary design concept for skyscrapers.

It was to recognize the significant contributions of Islam and Muslims to American life that the word "mosques" is included in official government communications wherever reference is made to "churches and syna-

gogues." Issuance of the Eid stamp by the U.S. Postal Service along with stamps for Christmas and Hanukkah during the holiday season affirms the religious diversity of our country.

Among the nongovernmental organizations, NCCJ, formerly known as the National Conference of Christians and Jews, in 1998 adopted the new name National Conference for Community and Justice to include Islam and to remove the perception that it caters to the interests of Christianity and Judaism only.

## Gay magazine honors new Episcopal bishop

LOS ANGELES - A national gay magazine has named as its person of the year New Hampshire's new Episcopal bishop, the denomination's first openly gay cleric.

The Advocate says Bishop Gene Robinson is a symbol in the battle to move religion away from hatred and exclusion and toward love and equality. Robinson's consecration has opened a conservative-liberal rift that threatens to split the Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion, but the bishop "has handled the resulting anger from conservative Christians with poise and eloquence," the magazine said.

Robinson said he wants to make the most of the attention he is getting: "As long as I've got the attention of the world's media, I'm going to use it for the church and I'm going to use it for God."

### Southern Baptists likely will drop out of world alliance

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - The Southern Baptist Convention is

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rise counseling books: "There used to be one or two books on marriage and there are three now." And she thinks the trend toward publishing end-times books will continue well into the new year. "If you talk to them, people are uncertain," she says.

Mary, on the other hand, has long been set in one direction. She continued running her bookstore, downtown on Main Street, for nearly 20 years after her husband died.

Then eight years ago, she sold the business. Three years after that, Scott Baument, who owns The Christian Bookstore, bought out the Carmichael Bookstore. Now Mary works part-time at The Christian Bookstore, still hanging her daytime hat on Main Street, downtown.

Baument characterized Mary as a great employee who possesses a wealth of information.

The Hicks' only child, Ron, took over his dad's framing business and built it into Professional Frame. He honed his business

**Religion in brief**

almost certain to withdraw from the Baptist World Alliance, after a task force concluded the organization was becoming too liberal.

The full Executive Committee will vote in February, then the proposal to members at their annual meeting in June. The convention is the largest and most generous member of the Baptist World Alliance, which received \$300,000 this year from the denomination.

A study panel said the alliance is showing "a decided anti-American tone" while promoting women as pastors and refusing to talk openly about abortion. Denton Lotz, general secretary of the alliance, said withdrawal would be a tragic move that would "bring a schism within the life of our worldwide Baptist family and thus it is a sin against love."

He rejected what he called "this false accusation of liberalism."

- compiled from wire reports

skills growing up on the family chicken farm in Blackfoot and making changes for customers along the egg route, he said.

Many enjoy spending time with Ron and his family, dating on her two grandsons. She also likes to garden and, up until four years ago, she skied.

Today, a couple of weeks before Christmas, Mary is on the job, immaculately dressed in a pastel knit sweater and skirt, name tag firmly affixed. She is finishing up her shift, working on Sunday School curriculum.

After she clocks out, another store clerk hunts her down: "Someone needs a Bible binding. Are you still on the clock?"

The reply is pure Mary Hicks. "No, but that doesn't matter," she says. "I don't have to be on the clock to help a person."

When Mary started out in business, the version of the Bible that needed binding didn't even exist. But the God that Mary serves has never changed.

Neither has her dedication to his work.

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stand, who wears what, how to drink from the chalice, how to hold the gospel book - and put it in a 100-page document called the General Instruction for the Roman Missal. It replaces the previous general instruction of 1965.

Pope John Paul II approved the new instruction's original Latin version three years ago, but it was only last March that the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship approved the English-language version for the United States.

The Rev. Daniel Mackle, head of Philadelphians' Archdiocese's Office for Worship, has been asking parishes in his diocese to start with an inventory of all the prayers, hymns, Scripture readings, processions and other rituals of their liturgies, and compare them with the carefully prescribed order of the general instruction. For example, he said, priests should not be strolling about the church during their homilies, "microphone in hand like they're Johnny Carson."

Mackle said there is theology behind almost every detail of the Mass, which in the Catholic tradition reenacts the Last Supper and Jesus' death and resurrection. For example, he said, the book of the Gospels is carried at the entrance procession but not at the recessional "because we have already received the word of God during the Mass, and are now carrying it within us and out

into the world."

Mackle is urging pastors to implement any changes slowly. "So you don't turn the parish upside down." For example, he said, the general instruction says that all should "mediate briefly" and in silence after the homily - the sermon - and Scripture readings. Mackle recommends that parishes start with just 15 seconds of silence, "or else everyone will think Father can't find the switch on his microphone."

Expect squirming and coughing for the first month or two, he said, and expect the silence to a half-minute once the congregation has grown comfortable with it.

## Hollister Presbyterian Church hosts speaker

HOLLISTER - The Rev. Bruce Stevens, of Twin Falls, will speak at 11 a.m. worship Sunday at Hollister Presbyterian Church.

Refreshments will be served after worship. Visitors are welcome.

## Historian offers once-over of American founders' beliefs

By Bruce Tomaso  
The Dallas Morning News

The Faiths of our Fathers: What America's Founders Really Believed, Alf Mapp Jr. (Rowman & Littlefield, \$24.95)

People are quick to say what this or that Founding Father believed and what he would say about current religious issues, but are you sure? Mapp, a historian, offers a quick once-over on the religious views of 11 key men in the American Revolution and the writing of the U.S. Constitution.

## Russian churches will seek spiritual unity

NEW YORK (AP) - Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, founded by exiles in the diaspora after the Bolshevik Revolution, have decided to seek spiritual unity with the Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church but maintain "administrative independence."

The 14 bishops, from Europe, Asia, Latin America and Australia and North America, said a new committee will work toward "friendly coexistence" and full sharing of communion with the Moscow Patriarchate, but not merger.

One issue dividing the two sides was the Moscow church's subservience to the state under Communist rule. The Moscow church has recently defended that position.

Another issue is diaspora opposition to Moscow's membership in the World Council of Churches, which represents 341 mainline Protestant and Orthodox churches in more than 100 countries.

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moderates who maintain some contact with the Vatican to the more militant who rejected outright the authority of the late Pope John XXIII and every pope elected thereafter.

There is another, even more extreme faction that believes the council was a conspiracy between Jews and Masons to destroy the church. Some go as far as considering all the popes elected since that meeting "precursors to the anti-Christ," according to Michael Cuneo, who wrote "The Smoke of Satan."

Nothing Gibson has said indicates he belongs to the far-right fringe. The Italian newspaper *Il Giornale* reported in 2002 that Gibson had called the Vatican a "wolf in sheep's clothing," but Gibson's representatives said the actor never spoke to the newspaper.

There are no such ambiguities surrounding the affiliation of the actor's father, Hutton Gibson, who told *The New York Times Magazine* that the council was "a Masonic plot backed by the Jews."

The actor's personal beliefs are a central issue with critics of an upcoming movie, "The Passion of the Christ," who worry that its depiction of the role of Jewish

leaders in Jesus' final hours will revive the idea that all Jews are to blame for his death. The film is set to open on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Gibson has repeatedly denied that his film maligned Jews. The movie has won praise from many prominent Christians, including evangelist Billy Graham. An aide to Pope John Paul II said the pontiff felt the film accurately "shows how it was."

Opponents of the film, seeking to find proof of prejudice, will be frustrated. Dinges has been tracking Gibson's comments and believes the actor is not allied with a specific branch of the traditionalist movement. Traditionalists are so loosely organized that independent chapels are built around the country with no formal connection to each other.

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# RELIGION LETTER

## Walk with Christ and walk amongst the saved

It's not that folks should believe as we do, for all see through a glass darkly and Christ people are free. We cast seeds sharing thoughts, hoping to help in understanding, spiritual life. Give us the meek, poor, those that mourn does not mean open our gates to inequities of men, murders, thieves and fornicators sucking things only for self. Following humanism, we walk with men and our rewards will be of the world. Being lead to the wide gate coming to judgment with few righteousness garments. *Times-News*, Dec. 6: There was the good news and news not so nice. His church is being attacked from outside and within. Popular TV ministers rake in millions of dollars in his name. "You have made my house of

prayer a den of thieves." Collecting monies knowing with powers and yet not teaching the word to understanding to a starving generation so all could become doers, leaving stumbling blocks in the paths and valleys of dry bones. "He would not suffer any man to carry any vessel through the temple" (Mark 11:15-22), collecting alms not used in the building the tabernacle he has pitched. The world treasures are with his son Emmanuel.

EVELYN L. POPPAY  
Buhl

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# MISSIONARIES

Several Magic Valley-area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

### Called to serve

• Elder Chase Belnap will serve in the Brazil Recife Mission. Belnap graduated in 2002 from the American Heritage Academy in Burley and attended Brigham Young University, Idaho. He is in the Rupert 5th Ward and is an Eagle Scout. His parents are Roy and Norma Belnap of Rupert.

• Sister Anne Phyllis Blauer will serve in the Venezuela Valencia Mission. Blauer graduated in 2001 from Burley High School and attended Brigham Young University, Idaho and BYU-Hawaii. She is the daughter of Wayne and Nancy Blauer of Burley.

• Elder Brennon Wade Baker will serve in the Korea Seoul West Mission. Baker is a 2003 graduate and honor student from Dueto High School. He was a Dueto Trendsetter and member of singing groups "Six Pack" and "The Rip Chords." He was in tennis, soccer and track; and he toured Italy with "Rocky Mountain Express" doggers. He is in the Springdale 2nd Ward and is an Eagle Scout. His parents are Lisa and Brendon Gorringer of Burley and Shawn Baker of Nampa.

Returned from serving

• Elder Dillan Christensen served in the Joao Pessoa Mission. Christensen is the son of Steven and Debbie Christensen of Burley. He will attend Utah Valley State College.

• Elder Joel Eskelsen served in the Brazil Goiania Mission. Eskelsen is a 2001 graduate of Minico High School (12 years perfect attendance). He will attend the College of Southern Idaho. He is the son of El Roy and Joel Eskelsen of Rupert and an Eagle Scout.

• Elder Brent Clayton served in the Argentina Buenos Aires North Mission. Clayton is in the View 1st Ward and is the son of Dan and Mary Ann Clayton of Burley.

• Elder L. Bradshaw served in the Arizona Phoenix Mission. Bradshaw is the son of Clifford L. and Sylvia Ann Bradshaw of Kimberly. He will study dentistry at Idaho State University.

• Elder Matthew Lyden, son of Dobbie and Mark Lyden of Twin Falls, served in the Guatemala City South Mission.

• Elder Zachary Gregerson, son of Randy and Jeanne Gregerson of Twin Falls, served in the El Salvador East Mission.

The *Times-News* welcomes news of church missionaries, published free. Send to Ellen Thomason, *The Times-News*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Trena Tigan, *The Times-News*, Burley Bureau, 1263 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturdays.

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# COMMUNITY

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## Students attend national leadership confab

TWIN FALLS - Students and advisers with area chapters of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA) participated in a leadership training conference Nov. 21-23, in Spokane, Wash.

Jennifer Sullivan, Jordan Junke and Lelle Poppleton, adviser, from Twin Falls High School; Cierra Van Leuween, Alike Malmstrom and Marti Troian, adviser, from Robert Stuart Junior High School; and Jennifer Spinelli, Sydney Leopold and Joyce Pratt, adviser, from Wood River High School attended.

Guest speaker Gus Gustafson, who opened the meeting with a motivational message, "Turning a Set-Back into a Come Back," reinforced the "FCCCLA: Making the Leader" theme.

Workshops involved training in FCCCLA's peer education programs, Families First, Financial Fitness, Student Body, and FACTS - Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety and in its membership campaign. There was an information session about the STOP the Violence program that encourages students to get involved in youth violence prevention, and a workshop teaching members how to spread the word about "FCCCLA: The Ultimate Leadership Experience," which is a national student organization that "helps young men and women become leaders and

address important personal, family, work and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education.

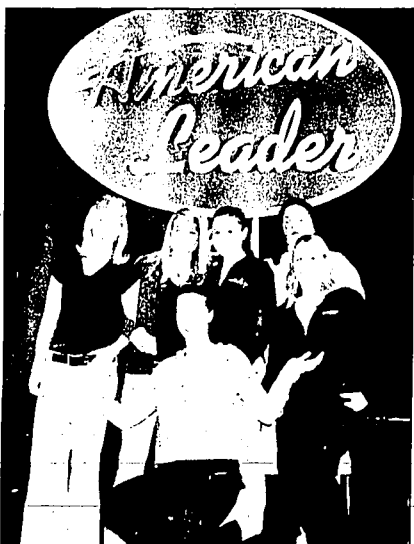
Members also attended sessions that focused on community involvement and leadership training. Keynote speaker Justin Lookadoo used humor to motivate and educate on the importance of taking risks, following dreams and laughing at the simple things in life, participants reported.

"I learned many skills and project ideas to improve my chapter, such as ways to increase membership," said Jennifer Sullivan, Twin Falls chapter, co-president.

"The conference taught me skills to improve my communication with my chapter and communication with my family," said Jordan Junke, Twin Falls chapter co-president.

Spokane was one of four nationally-sponsored training conferences this fall, which were designed to allow local students and teachers to take advantage of high-quality training opportunities. Meetings also will be held in Jacksonville, Fla., Dallas, Texas, and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Participants say FCCCLA is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members and it is the only national in-school organization with the family as its central focus.



Area students who attended a national leadership conference are, from left, back row: Jordan Junke, Jennifer Sullivan, Jennifer Spinelli, Alike Malmstrom and Cierra Van Leuween; front: Sydney Leopold.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CSI offers security-related computer network classes

TWIN FALLS - Two computer security related classes will begin with the College of Southern Idaho's spring semester.

"Introduction to Computer Security" will be offered from 5-8 p.m. Mondays from Jan. 23 to May 10. The one credit class is designed for the home or small office owner or manager or the person who is designing computer policies. There are no pre-requisites for taking the class other than having a good understanding

of computers and the Internet. "Network Security" will be offered from 6 to 9:50 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. This three-credit class will run from March 15 to May 7. It will explore overall network security, disaster recovery, safeguards against common network attacks and the establishment of a secure network. Successful students will be prepared for a Microsoft MCSA exam upon completion. Students need to have taken INFT 276 prior to enrolling. For more information, call CSI at 733-9554.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Boise State University awards scholarships to local students

Erik Heidemann of Twin Falls has received a scholarship through the public policy and administration department at Boise State University.

Heidemann also received the Carl Burke Scholarship in 2002 and a political science scholarship in 2001.

Heidemann, a graduate student in public administration, is a 1996 graduate of Twin Falls Senior High School.

Lella Becirovic-Shull, the daughter of Ibrahim and Nata Becirovic, of Twin Falls, has received the Keith Gramann Memorial Scholarship.

She is a senior at BSU majoring in social work and is a member of Golden Key International

Honor Society.

### Twin Falls student volunteers in college service program

Kim Vriesman, a Hope College freshman from Twin Falls, participated in the college's fourth annual "Time to Serve" volunteer program Aug. 30.

Hundreds of students, mostly freshmen, participated in the service projects throughout the Holland, Mich. area.

Vriesman is the daughter of Brian and Lori Vriesman of Twin Falls. She is a 2003 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Hope College is a four-year, co-educational, Christian, liberal arts college affiliated with the Reformed Church in America.

## Area students graduate from the University of Idaho

MOSCOW - More than 700 University of Idaho students were candidates for graduation at the Dec. 13 commencement in the Kibbie Dome.

Graduates from the south central region in Idaho are:

Bliss - Laura Kay Hooper, bachelor's of science, Agricultural Science and Technology  
 Bahl - Rebecca Ann Comer, bachelor's of science, Family Consumer Science  
 Lynelle Sailor, bachelor's of science, Plant Science, Horticulture; Michelle Renee Hart, bachelor's of science, Secondary Education; John H. Barker, bachelor's of science, Geological Engineering; and Nathaniel Allan Jerke, bachelor's of science, Journalism and Mass Communication

Burley - Brett Stanley Bingham, master's of science, Plant Science  
 Eden - Joseph Ray Swanner, bachelor's of science, Secondary Education; and Joseph Ray Swanner, bachelor's of science, History

Filer - Anthony Jacob Tackett, bachelor's of science, Elementary Education

Gooding - Patrick James Pacheco, master's of education, Special Education

Hazelton - Brady Fife, bachelor's of science, Animal Science-Production

Jerome - Cheryl Ann Madsen, bachelor's of science, Family Consumer Science; Child Development Family Relations; Sean Robert Vargas, bachelor's of science, Plant Science, Horticulture; Christopher Mathew Gellings, bachelor's of science, Computer Engineering; and Michael P. Peterson, master's of science, Fishery Resources

Ketchum - Cameron Peter Bouiss, bachelor's of general studies, General Studies

Kimberly - Damon Michael Hunzeker, master's of fine arts, English; and Jeff J. Stephenson, master's of science, Fishery Resources

Murtaugh - Christine Elizabeth

Robertson, bachelor's of science, Zoology

Paul - Brenton Shane Ball, bachelor's of science, Business, Information Systems

Rupert - Jeremy E. Egbert, bachelor's of science, Business, Information Systems; Stephen Lee Stephens, juris doctorate, Law; and Joshua Ian Linard, master's of science, Environmental Science

Shoshone - Karen Gayle Ponderston, bachelor's of arts, English

Twin Falls - Kindsey Lynn Taylor, bachelor's of science, Family Consumer Science, Clothing, Textiles and Design; Janna Kathleen Verburg, bachelor's of science, Animal Science, Dairy Science; Joshua J. Inlay, bachelor's of science, Business, Marketing; Michael Jon Olsen, bachelor's of science, Business, Accounting; Nicholas Kurt Olsen, bachelor's of science, Business, Accounting; and bachelor's of science, Business, Information

Systems; Lori J. Head, doctorate, Education; Robert Tim Miller, master's of education, Adult Education; Rebecca Lynne Jones, bachelor's of science, Elementary Education; Steven Lynn McLaughlin, bachelor's of science, Physical Education, Sport Science; Bryan R. Hobson, master's of engineering, Electrical Engineering; Kris Henna, bachelor's of science, Mechanical Engineering; Kelly Ann McDowell, bachelor's of science, Psychology; Heidi A. Ophelm, bachelor's of science, Psychology; Bradley Dean Poe, bachelor's of science, Public Communication; Jennifer Evon Clawson, bachelor's of science, Natural Resources Ecology Option; Steve Kirk Clezie, bachelor's of science, Forest Resources-Forest Ecosystem Management Option; Daine A. Kaster, bachelor's of science, Biology; and Alan M. Monok, bachelor's of science, Geography-General Option.

## PASSING THE GAVEL



Meianio Irligoyen, right, was recently installed as the new Rupert Kiwanis Club president for the 2003-2004 year. Past president David Moller hands over the gavel to Irligoyen at the induction. The Rupert Kiwanis Club meets at noon on Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. Anyone interested in learning more about the service club is invited to attend.

## SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Respite - Volunteers are needed - Camas, Cassia, Lincoln and ed in the Buhl, Twin Falls, Miniwoka counties. Study Gooding, Wendell, Eden and Jerome areas to give

respite to elderly home-bound clients so their main caregivers can take a break. Call Edith at 736-2122, ext. 320 or Kitty at 878-0725.

If you need a volunteer, call the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, ext. 320. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Please submit your request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Call weekly to retain request.

Volunteer drivers - Volunteer drivers age 55 and older are needed to drive clients to doctors and grocery shopping. Volunteers are needed in the entire Magic Valley area and reimbursed mileage and are covered by excess insurance. Call Edith at 736-2122, ext. 320 or Kitty at 878-0725.

Senior volunteers - The America Reads program needs volunteers age 55 and over to work with children in kindergarten through third grade. Call Shirley Basham at 736-2122, ext. 325.

Tax-Aide volunteers - The AARP Tax-Aide Program needs volunteers throughout south central Idaho to help low and middle-income people with their tax returns. Volunteers are especially needed in

hours of volunteer service over the 10 week tax season. Call Bob Wunderle at 837-9178 or Fred Ripley at 543-6544.

Volunteer tutors - The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program needs volunteer tutors three to four hours a week in advanced math in the Mini-Cassia area. Call Ruth Scott at 732-6536 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6536.

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



Top: Myrtle Bean, Ruthie Rayburn, Audrey Pearson, Mary Beth Kraemer and Viola Bloch all collected \$250 in sponsors for the Mini-Cassia CROP Walk. Not pictured is Nancy Whitaker. This year's event received more donations than the previous year. Donations to date have reached about \$6,700. The money will be used to help refugees and hungry people all over the world and 25 percent will go to local hunger agencies in the Mini-Cassia area. Left: The youngest walker at this year's event was Maverick Woodward, age 3. Center: Three generations participated in this year's CROP Walk. From left are Jennie Egbert, Janet Hansen and Cara Hansen. Right: The oldest walker at the 2003 CROP Walk was Myrtle Bean.



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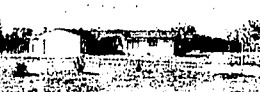
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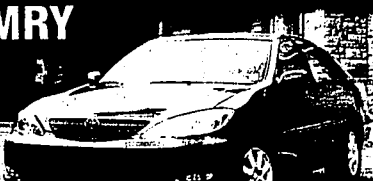
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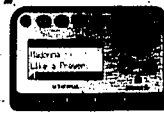
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