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Couple die in snow slide

Avalanche slams into cabin near Soldier Mountain ski area, killing Washington couple; five others and their dog escape

The Times-News and The Associated Press

FAIRFIELD - An avalanche swept down Soldier Mountain early Friday, turning a family vacation into a fatal tragedy as snow broke through a log cabin with what rescue workers described as the force of a train.

The avalanche killed the dean of the University of Washington's graduate school and her husband, but it spared five others and a pet dog after two people inside the snow-filled cabin were able to kick their way out of an upstairs window and call for help.

Marsha Landolt, 55, and Robert A. Busch, 58, were killed in the avalanche, which occurred about 1:30

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Severe weather wreaks havoc across S. Idaho

A ski lift operator was missing in Sun Valley Friday after a storm dumped 17 inches of snow on Belle Mountain Thursday.

Power was restored Friday to thousands of Idaho Power Co. customers cut off from electricity Thursday.

Roads reopened Friday in Mini-Cassia after being closed much of Thursday.

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Snow fell off a Soldier Mountain peak early Friday morning and slammed into this cabin near Soldier Mountain Ski Resort.

ART BALLARD/The Times-News

A BOOST FOR ORGANIC?



Jack Goodman, owner of the Ida-Mar ranch near Buhl, climbs down a haystack at his place Friday morning. Goodman uses organically grown hay, which he grows himself, to feed his Dexter cattle, and no animal by-products enter the feeding system.

Mad cow scare could boost market share

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

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use of herbicides or pesticides. The rancher doesn't feed his cattle animal by-products and shuns the use of antibiotics for non-therapeutic purposes, which could make beef from his Dexters a hot commodity with consumers during the current mad cow scare.

Mad cow disease, officially known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy or BSE, is thought to be spread through cattle feed containing protein or bone meal from infected cows or sheep. Although the USDA

banned feeding these products to cattle in 1997 and new regulations were introduced this week, organic food advocates say the regulations have loopholes and are sometimes poorly enforced.

Goodman doesn't sell his cattle directly to the average consumer; most of his herd is sold as breeding stock to private owners in Oregon, Washington and California. He said the consumer market for organic and grass-fed beef is looking up at a time when the outlook for the commercial

"As a consumer, I would be more interested in eating something that is guaranteed not to have been fed animal byprod-

ucts," Goodman said. "I wouldn't eat anything I wouldn't eat myself."

According to USDA organic beef standards that took effect in April 2002, producers of organic foods can be certified organic by a state or federal food inspector. In Idaho, beef producers can be certified organic through a process of inspections and by adhering to established state standards for organic crops, including not applying unapproved materials to soil. Goodman has yet to go through the certification process.

"It's hard to get away from (the use of herbicides and pesticides)

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NASA readies for Mars encounter

The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. - After a journey of seven months and 303 million miles, a six-wheeled NASA rover will speed like a bullet tonight toward the surface of Mars and, if all goes as planned, stop with a bounce.

The plunge through the Martian atmosphere at 12,300 mph will mark the start of the riskiest portion of the voyage thus far.

As the unmanned spacecraft Spirit plummets to the rocky surface 80 miles below, it will rely on the precisely choreographed use of heatshields, parachutes and rockets to slow its descent. Just eight seconds before hitting the ground, the self-inflating Spirit should inflate a set of airbags to cushion its impact.

The entire harrowing trip down should take just six minutes. A gust of wind or a single sharp boulder could doom the entire enterprise.

"It's going to be six minutes from hell. It's going to be high anxiety," Ed Weller, NASA's associate administrator for space science, said Friday at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Early Friday, Spirit was 231,000 miles from Mars, or about the distance separating the Earth and its moon.

The \$820 million project also includes a twin rover, Opportunity, which is set to arrive on Mars on Jan. 24.

The camera- and instrument-laden rovers are designed to spend 90 days analyzing Martian rocks and soil for clues that could reveal whether the Red Planet was ever a warmer, wetter place capable of sustaining life.

If successful, the 384-pound Spirit and its twin would become the fourth and fifth U.S. spacecraft to survive landing on Mars. If nei-

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American women fight, die in Iraq

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Female American troops in Iraq have killed Iraqis with bombs and bullets. They've won medals for valor and Purple Hearts for combat wounds. They've been captured as prisoners of war, killed by enemy fire and buried as heroes in Arlington National Cemetery.

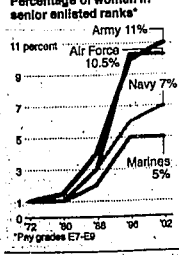
American women have participated more extensively in combat in Iraq than in any previous war in U.S. history. They've taken

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Women in uniform

The Pentagon loosened its restrictions on women's military service in 1994, allowing women to become combat pilots and take other jobs that were previously off-limits.

Percentage of women in senior enlisted ranks*



Agents focus on three routes

London, Mexico City, Paris draw scrutiny of anti-terror efforts

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Three international flight routes - Heathrow to Dulles and Paris and Mexico City to Los Angeles - are the focus of an intense manhunt for al-Qaida terrorists being carried out by intelligence and law enforcement authorities on three continents, U.S. officials said Friday.

British Airways announced the cancellation of four more flights Friday, including flight 223 Saturday from Heathrow to Dulles - the same flight that was can-

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Police at London's Heathrow Airport stand guard Friday.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST
Today: Cloudy, brisk and cold with a snow shower possible. Highs in the upper 20s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy and windy at times with occasional snow showers. Lows in the middle teens.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, brisk and cold with a snow shower possible. Highs in the middle 20s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST
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IDAHO'S FORECAST
SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Snow will continue to fly in the mountains over the next several days. The best days for accumulating snow will be today, Tuesday and Wednesday.



BOISE Abundant clouds, brisk winds and chilly temperatures are expected through the weekend. Snow showers will be expected at times.

NORTHERN UTAH Snow showers are expected through Monday. Temperatures will remain chilly.

Weather's State Express: 40 at Garden Valley, Low: 7 at Chula Vista, Sunny, no-poorly cloudy, no-mostly cloudy, cloudy, m-thunderstorms, s1-showers, r-rain, s1-snow, s2-sunrise, w-wind, m-mist/sog

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Spacecraft enters dust and gas around distant comet

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - A NASA spacecraft flew through the bright halo of a distant comet Friday and scooped up less than a thimbleful of dust that could someday shed light on how our solar system was formed. NASA scientists said its Stardust craft passed within a 149 miles of the comet Wild 2 as it plowed - at about 13,650 mph - through the cloud that cloaks the dirty ball of ice and rock.

The spacecraft recorded bursts of particles spewed by active jets on the surface of the comet. It also snagged an untold number of dust specks for later study on Earth. Stardust was designed to gather hundreds - if not thousands - of dust particles streaming from Wild 2 (pronounced 'Wile-2') during the flyby 242 million miles from Earth. The comet's nucleus is thought to be a jet-black ball perhaps just 3.3 miles across. Scientists want to return samples of the dust particles to Earth for study because they represent pristine examples of the building

blocks of our solar system dating back 4.6 billion years. They also believe the dust contains many of the organic molecules necessary for life. Members of the \$200 million mission planned for Stardust to sweep back past the Earth in January 2006 and jettison a canister containing the particles, allowing it to fall to the ground in the Air Force's Utah Test and Training Range in the desert outside Salt Lake City.

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ther survives, they will join the wreckage ranks of some 20 other spacecraft from various nations that failed to successfully reach the planet.
"Some, including myself, call it the death planet," Weiler said.
The latest "fail" apparently were Japan's Nozomi satellite and Britain's Beagle 2 lander. Nozomi was unable to enter Mars orbit last month; Beagle 2 has been silent since it was to have landed on Christmas Day.
NASA hopes to learn whether Spirit has landed safely within 10 minutes of its expected 7:35 p.m. MST arrival. If scientists have not heard from Spirit within 22 hours of landing, the likelihood that it survived is very low, project manager Pete Theisinger said.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST
Today: Cold with a lingering snow shower. High 28, Low 17.
Tonight: Snow showers. High 25, Low 17.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy and chilly. High 26, Low 17.
Monday: A snow shower is possible. High 30, Low 27.
Tuesday: Snow will be likely. High 37, Low 30.
Wednesday: Snow will continue. High 36, Low 28.

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MOON PHASES
Jan. 7: Full Moon, Jan. 16: Last Qr., Jan. 21: New Moon, Jan. 29: First Qr.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET
Today: Moonrise 7:32 PM, Moonset 5:47 AM.

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NATIONAL FORECAST
City Today Tomorrow Monday High Low High Low High Low

WORLD FORECAST
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP
Fronts, Cold, Warm, Stationary, Occluded.

CANADIAN FORECAST
City Today Tomorrow Monday High Low High Low High Low

N.C. couple claim \$110M lottery jackpot

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - So where do two of America's newest multimillion-dollar lottery winners eat lunch to celebrate? Fry the Steak a Shaker. Norman and Deanna Shue went to the burger joint Thursday after finding out they had won half of Wednesday's \$221.5 million Powerball jack-

Beef

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entirely," Goodman said. "You just do the best you can do." Goodman said the new regulations introduced this week by USDA - including the establishment of a national identification system for cattle - are a step forward in further preventing BSE from entering the American food supply. But the discovery of the disease in Washington state is "the tip of the iceberg."
"Mad cow is more of an indication of a problem than a problem itself," Goodman said. "These new regulations are good, but rules are only as good as how they're followed."

Rebecca Mirsky, director of the Idaho Organic Alliance based in Boise, said she believes the mad cow scare will encourage consumers to turn to locally grown organic and grass-fed beef like Goodman's. It is important for consumers know the quality of their food and where that food is coming from.
"We have to look at what is important to us as consumers," Mirsky said. "We put a value on cheap food and lots of it. What's the exchange for quality here?"
Consumers who buy their beef from local producers whom they trust - regardless of organic or grass-fed or status - often can be assured of a quality product, Mirsky said.
Buying organic beef can come at a price, however. It can be more expensive to raise beef organically and in small herds, and that cost is passed onto the consumer at the restaurant and supermar-

Soldier dies in helicopter shooting

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Insurgents shot down a U.S. helicopter west of Baghdad on Friday, killing one soldier and U.S. forces said they came under fire with assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades as they guarded the burning aircraft. The military said the attackers who fired at U.S. forces after the crash near Fallujah were posing as journalists. But there was confusion over the claim, since the Reuters news agency reported that U.S. troops fired at its jour-

Iraq

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roles nearly inconceivable just a decade or two ago - flying fighter jets and attack helicopters, patrolling streets armed with machine guns and commanding units of mostly male soldiers. Seven have been killed in combat. Yet all this has gone largely without much comment in Washington, despite the attention given to rescued POW Jessica Lynch.
Congress debated the issue of women in the military after the 1991 Gulf War, voting months later to loosen the 1948 ban on women in combat. The issue hasn't come up on Capitol Hill this year, however.
"It doesn't seem to be a big deal," said retired Navy Capt. Lori Manning, who tracks military issues for the Women's Research and Education Institute.
"We could not do what needs to be done over there without women. If there needs to be a body search of an Iraqi woman, there's no way an American male could do that."
Military women in Iraq say they are doing their jobs just like their male colleagues. Sgt. Erin Edwards, 23, often travels in armed convoys as part of her work as an aide to a commander of the 4th Infantry Division in Tikrit.
"Edward's 3-year-old son and infant daughter with her in-laws to serve in Iraq because her husband serves in the Army in South Korea.
"I would love to be at home with my kids, but I'm doing this for a living. I wouldn't want to do anything else," Edwards said recently.
Opponents of women in combat continue their fight. They're trying to pressure President Bush to reinstate restrictions on women serving in support units that travel close to the front lines, such as Lynch's 507th Maintenance Company which was ambushed in Nasiriyah. That unit included the first American woman soldier killed in the Iraq war, Pfc. Lori Piestewa.
Elaine Donnelly, an opponent of women in combat who is spearheading a petition drive on the issue, said she believes it is important that women not be put in dan-

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Administration cools to N. Korea visit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration, pressing for the irreversible and verifiable elimination of North Korea's nuclear program, distanced itself Friday from planned visits there by congressional aides and private scientists.

White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said that a six-nation effort to address the issue — which began last August — is the appropriate forum for such an undertaking.

The American experts have been dealing with the North Koreans as separate groups but apparently will be traveling to the communist state in the same time frame and may join together for the proposed tour of the nuclear facility at Yongbyon.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is sending Republican staff member Keith Luse and a Democratic colleague, Frank Jannuzzi. Both are East Asia experts and work respectively for the House and Senate. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., and Joseph Biden, of Delaware, the panel's ranking Democrat.

A second group planning a trip consists of John Lewis of

Stanford University; Sig Hecker of the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, a nuclear weapons research center; and Jack Pritchard — a former State Department official who left the government last summer.

The six-nation effort to halt the nuclear program began with a meeting in Beijing. Efforts to reconvene the discussions last month fell through.

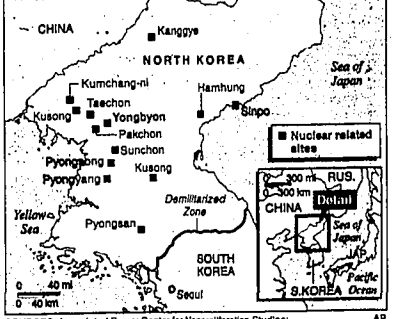
Participants, aside from the United States and North Korea, are South Korea, China, Japan and Russia. The United States is hoping that North Korea can be persuaded to disarm through security guarantees as well as economic benefits.

Asked about the plans of the two groups to visit Pyongyang, State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said they are not acting on behalf of the administration.

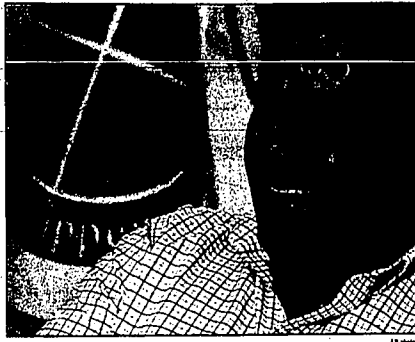
"Any efforts that complicate prospects or undertakings to reconvene six-party talks and to achieve forward movement in dismantling North Korea's nuclear program aren't helpful," Ereli said.

Breakthrough on inspections

North Korea invited a delegation of U.S. nuclear experts to visit its main nuclear complex at Yongbyon next week, the first visit by outside experts since U.N. monitors were expelled at the end of 2002.



SOURCE: Associated Press; Center for Nonproliferation Studies; GlobalSecurity.org; ESRI



Grand Portage Chairman Norman Deschampe answers questions in his office on the Grand Portage Indian Reservation in Grand Portage, Minn., May 27.

Some Indian tribes bring back banishment

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Banishment, long regarded as the ultimate punishment among American Indians, is making a comeback among tribes trying to find more effective ways to deal with gangs and drugs.

Generations ago, banishment meant casting offenders out and making them fend for themselves in the forest or on the plains. The modern version means ordering troublemakers off the reservation, but can also include stripping them of their tribal membership — a painful penalty in tribes that share casino profits with members.

Minnesota's Grand Portage Band of Ojibwe is one of the latest to revive the practice. The band approved a banishment law this fall and used it against three young people convicted in a series of assaults. Indian leaders feared that the violence could lead to the formation of gangs.

"When people cross that line and the community says we've had enough, it's a process we can use to deal with it," said Norman Deschampe, the band chairman.

The National Tribal Justice Resource Center has no count of how many tribes have recently adopted or revived banishment laws. But the number appears to be on the rise.

At least seven of Minnesota's 11 Indian bands — all are either Ojibwe or Dakota — have either passed or used banishment-type laws within the past decade. The Lummi Nation, in Washington state, announced over the summer that it would use banishment

more often to deal with rampant drug use.

One reason tribes are turning to banishment is that federal law does not allow tribal courts to impose sentences of more than a year in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

Banishment is typically imposed by the tribal courts, where people can defend themselves and petition for reinstatement.

Where the laws exist, they are used sparingly. Most tribal leaders call banishment a last resort. But when it is used, it can hurt — Kay Commodore, a Lummi Indian, was stripped of her tribal membership and banished from the reservation after she was convicted of drug trafficking in 1992. Commodore, 67, served three years in prison, and said banishment is worse. She is allowed on the reservation only to visit a plot of land she holds; she is forbidden to visit family members.

"They're taking away a piece of who I am," Commodore said. "I can go out to my land, but I can't stop and see anybody — that's the thing that hurts me."

Some Indian leaders argue that banishment simply pushes a tribe's problems elsewhere. Others worry that the punishment could be misused to silence political opponents; that was one reason Minnesota's Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe decided not to revive the punishment in the late 1990s.

Some tribes are also banishing non-Indians, saying it is their only weapon against outsiders who make trouble on the reservation.

Veterans with service-related injuries get medical priority

WASHINGTON (AP) — Veterans needing medical help about health problems stemming from their military service will be scheduled first for non-emergency appointments under new rules announced Friday by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Appointments for such veterans must be scheduled within 30 days of the request. When an appointment is unavailable, the VA must arrange for care at another VA facility or contract for it out for it, VA Secretary Anthony Principi said in a statement.

Any veteran needing emergency care still will be treated immediately. The new rule changes a policy in which veterans with service-connected health issues, such as a war injury or certain cancers related to Agent Orange exposure and who are not severely disabled, waited with other veterans for appointments.

Last October, Principi gave priority for appointments to veterans with 50 percent or more disability ratings. Such severely disabled veterans also get priority for non-service-related health problems.

"If a veteran cannot see a doctor in a timely manner, then we have failed that veteran," Principi said.

Veterans have been enduring waits of up to two years for appointments since demand increased after the VA opened its medical facilities to all veterans in 1998. The VA has made some progress toward reducing waiting times. Principi hoped that by the end of 2003, veterans would need to wait no more than 30 days to see a primary care physician.

Many see quake aid as pro-democracy appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iran informed the United States on Friday that it is not prepared to immediately accept an administration proposal to send Sen. Elizabeth Dole to Iran to deliver earthquake relief supplies.

Iran said it prefers that the U.S. proposal be "held in abeyance" because of the current situation on the ground in Iran, State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said.

The U.S. proposal was submitted Tuesday through U.N. channels, and the reply was received on Friday.

Ereli said the visit was designed strictly as a humanitarian gesture with no political component. Nonetheless, a visit by Dole would be widely interpreted as a clear signal of American interest in providing earthquake assistance as a prelude to a possible political opening to Tehran.

Dole, R-N.C., is a former president of the American Red Cross. Officials said the administration

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has been considering sending a member of President Bush's family to accompany Dole on the mission.

The United States moved quickly this past week to provide assistance to Iran's earthquake victims, insisting that there was no political component to the initiative.

On Tuesday, the State Department indicated interest in opening a dialogue with Iran so long as it adheres to its international commitments.

Iranian President Mohammad Khatami said he sees no change in the 25-year U.S.-Iranian estrangement unless Washington changes its tone and behavior.

Iran itself indicated a change in behavior last month when, under heavy international pressure, it agreed to allow surprise international inspections of its nuclear

facilities. Secretary of State Colin Powell, alluding to that development and others, said it suggested a new Iranian attitude on certain issues.

But Iranian State Radio, in an unattributed commentary on Friday, said the United States was using earthquake aid to create divisions in Iran.

"The Americans, by publicizing their aid to Iran, have ineptly tried to implement their duplicitous policy of creating a rift between the Iranian nation and government," the radio said, adding that "our people's solidarity" will stop that from happening.

Bush designated the country as a member of an international "axis of evil" in January 2002.

It is not clear whether any of Dole's activities in Iran would be of an overt political nature. The administration official said discussions about a possible trip were still in the preliminary stages.

Airport security director faces suspension

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of security at Washington Dulles International Airport was placed on administrative leave because of his arrest on drunken driving charges as the airport was on a heightened state of alert early New Year's Day for terrorist activity, the Transportation Security Administration said Friday.

Charles Brady, acting federal security director at Dulles, was

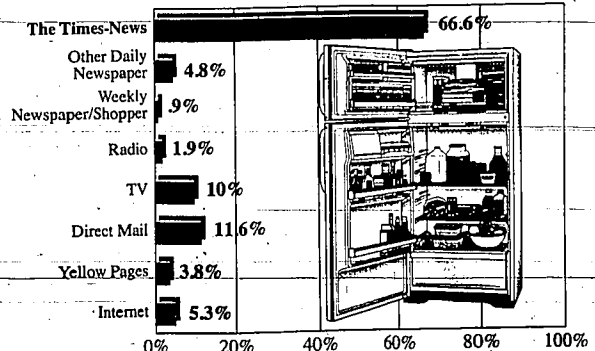
pulled over Thursday, hours after a British Airways jetliner was detained at the airport because of intelligence information.

Airport spokeswoman Tara Hamilton said a Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority police officer took Brady into custody after he saw him driving erratically. It was unclear whether Brady was supposed to have been on duty when he was arrested.

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YOUR WEEKEND

'Ring World'

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

'More Than Meets the Eye'

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

'Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume I'

What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present "Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume I."
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 4 and under are not admitted.

Cobalt Blue

What: Cobalt Blue will play.
Where: Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S. Twin Falls.
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.
How much: \$4 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.

Split Second

What: Split Second will play.
Where: The Oasis, 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N, Twin Falls.
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.
How much: No cover charge.

Country Classics

What: Country Classics will play.
Where: Montana Steakhouse, 1626 Canyon Crest Dr. 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.

Twin Falls karaoke

What: Karaoke will be featured.
Where: The Clover Klub, 402 Main N, Twin Falls.
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today through Thursday.
How much: No cover charge.

Burley karaoke

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

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake River	116%	61%
Salmon Falls	138%	55%
Salmon	112%	46%
Oakley	128%	25%
Big Wood	123%	21%
Little Wood	147%	59%
Henry's Fork/Teton	138%	58%
Big Lost	131%	52%
Little Lost	107%	46%
	Avg. of Jan. 2	

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on 300 days, with a 30-year average.
**An indicator of basin snowpack for the whole season average, which usually is

Search teams look for ski instructor

Wood River Valley gets 2 feet of snow, several avalanches

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — About three dozen searchers fanned across Bald Mountain Friday to search for a ski instructor who was lost in a New Year's Day storm that dumped 17 inches of snow on the mountain in one day.
The off-duty ski instructor, Tom Wernig, was reportedly last spotted skiing alone by a patrolman at about 3:20 p.m. Thursday. He did not return to his home in Halley Thursday night and his skis were not in his locker.
Meanwhile, Thursday's storm dumped up to 2 feet of snow else-

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where in the Wood River Valley, causing several avalanches.
No one was hurt in avalanches that slid into homes along Warm Springs Road. One avalanche blocked Warm Springs Road near the Bassett Mine. Another slid in a residential area in the Indian Creek subdivision three miles north of Halley.
Numerous slides could be seen from the highway between Galena Summit and East Fork Road, five miles south of Ketchum.
One fracture line on Titus Ridge between Galena Lodge and Galena Summit was 8 feet deep, said avalanche forecaster Janet Kellam, who was urging backcountry snowmobilers and skiers to stay home or stick to

managed areas like Baldy for the next few days.
The search for the missing ski instructor commenced even as other rescue workers were digging out the bodies of the dean of the University of Washington graduate school and her husband near Fairfield.
The two were in a cabin near Soldier Mountain Ski Area when it was slammed by an avalanche. Five people survived.
After noon Friday searchers for Wernig began plying through Scorpion, a heavily wooded out-of-bounds skiing area that comes out above Warm Springs Lodge. Police said he had not been found by late afternoon.
The search brought a somber note to a snowstorm that had left skiers gasping for joy in snow that piled up so quickly skiers were

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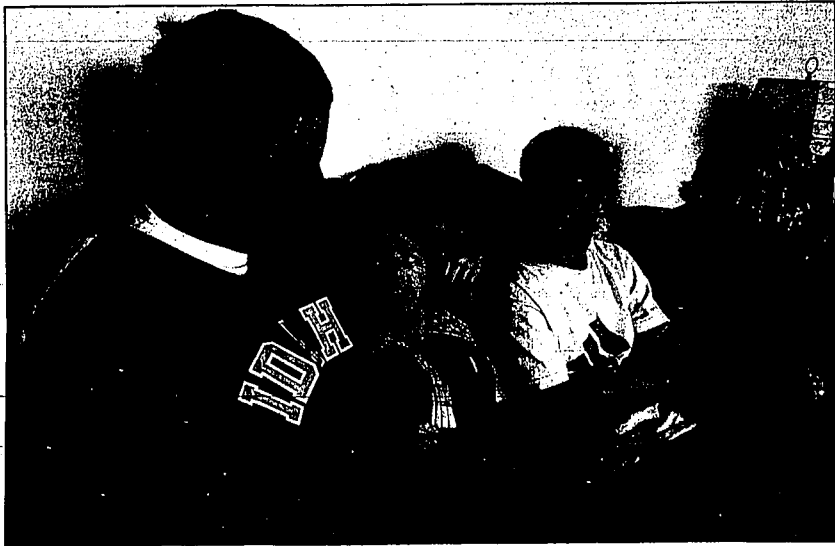
Southern Idaho recovers from recent wild weather

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Calm returned after the storm to most Magic Valley households Friday.
A blast of windy, snowy weather hit the area around 6 p.m. Thursday night, knocking out power to thousands and closing roads across Southern Idaho.
Nearly 16,000 Magic Valley area residents were without power at the height of the storm, said Russ Jones, an Idaho Power spokesman. That number was down to just over 1,000 by Friday

evening, he added.
"There were a lot of small outages, especially in the Magic Valley, that crews are working at cleaning up right now," he said Friday.
A 138-kilovolt transmission line that went down Friday morning in Halley was the cause of many outages in that area.
"We had to have a helicopter fly over the line to see where the problem was because the roads were blocked," Jones said.
A transmission line feeds substations, which transmit to distribution. Please see WEATHER, Page A6

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Brittany Jones, 10, looks at her dad, Bobby, while talking with her brother, Jake, 13, and mother Becki in Twin Falls this week. Brittany was born with a rare form of Severe Combined Immune-Deficiency Syndrome, or SCIDS.

Girl with small chance of survival beats the odds

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Her dolly, Samantha, goes with her everywhere.
And why would 10-year-old Brittany Jones need a little comfort? When she was just an infant, doctors told her family several times she would not make it another day.
She had been diagnosed with an extremely rare form of Severe Combined Immune-Deficiency Syndrome, or SCIDS, called Reticular Dysgenesis, also known as RD. Brittany was one of only six cases known in the world, said her mother, Becki Jones.
The little girl had been shuffled around to hospitals throughout the West, subjected to life-saving but painful med-

ical procedures, including three bone-marrow transplants, with chemotherapy preceding each one.
Brittany became a "bubble baby" and placed inside a pure air plastic dome to keep germs from entering her system.
She was also declared profoundly deaf.
This holiday season, Brittany and her family celebrated her 11th year of life.
She is free to roam and play like any other girl, and she communicates with the help of a cochlear implant and years of special education.
The family, Twin Falls residents for many years, moved to Oregon so Brittany could attend Tucker-Maxon School in Portland. The school teaches deaf children to talk.
The family was back visiting

relatives this week, relishing the time together that many thought would not be possible.
Born Feb. 12, 1993, in Twin Falls, Brittany weighed in at 2 pounds, 14 ounces.
Doctors in Salt Lake City made the diagnosis that likely saved her life.
"Her diagnosis was a miracle," said her father, Bobby. "To have a doctor come up with that, that's not something that they look for."
Determining what her disease was didn't necessarily mean a happy ending, however.
"This pulled us in a room and said 'This is it' a half-dozen times," Bobby said.
But the doctors, and the family, kept at it.
"We were so fortunate with their aggressiveness with her treatment," Bobby said. "They

worked so hard."
Her family acknowledges that Brittany herself deserves much of the credit, too.
"She's a fighter," Bobby said.
Brittany has taken her fighting spirit and turned it to more pleasant pursuits.
"She's extremely social," Becki said.
Besides participating in a hip-hop dance class and an after-school program with crafts and activities, Brittany has learned gymnastics, performed the baby cat role in the play "Puss 'N' Boots" at the Children's Theater in Portland and takes an active interest in cats and dogs.
"Some kids were nervous around her at first," Becki said. "But she fits right in, and most kids don't realize she's deaf. Most of the time I don't point it

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Commission approves power plant plans for Mountain Home

The Associated Press

BOISE — State regulators have approved Idaho Power Co.'s application to build a 162-megawatt gas-fired generation plant in Mountain Home for peak periods.
But the Idaho Public Utilities Commission on Friday admonished the company to look for alternatives to new construction projects to help provide energy in the future.
The commissioners ruled Idaho Power can include \$54 million in

its base rates, including \$44.6 million to construct the plant and cover anticipated additional costs that can't be quantified right now.
Boise-based Mountain View Power will build the project, which could be operational by mid-2005. It will help meet the company's peak electrical demands in June, July, August, November and December. Though the plant can be used any time, it probably will not operate during non-peak periods.
Idaho Power's 2002 resource

plan that forecasts its electrical needs over the next 10 years showed it would be 250 megawatts short of anticipated customer demand by mid-2005.
The shortfall was to be met with the construction of a 250-megawatt Garnet plant in Middleton, but that project was abandoned amid public opposition and failure to secure financing.
Idaho Power anticipates the power shortfall can be met by the combination of the Bennett Mountain plant and an already

approved agreement to buy 83 megawatts from PPL Montana during the summer.
The Advocates for the West conservation law firm asked that the commission delay a decision and include the Bennett plant in the current Idaho Power rate case, expected to be decided next spring.
The firm contends Idaho Power has not adequately explored other options such as more effective peak-load management.
The commission denied the request because that would

unnecessarily delay both cases. But the panel agreed Idaho Power should search out alternatives to new generation to meet customer demand.
Williams Northwest Pipeline, whose pipeline is about a mile away, will supply the natural gas. Fuel costs will be included in Idaho Power's annual power cost adjustment.
The site, north of Interstate 84 and west of Idaho Highway 20, is large enough to accommodate an additional generating unit if needed.

Flights canceled for safety

Heightened security over terror concerns have prompted the disruption of more than a dozen flights since the terror level was raised to orange alert 12 days ago.

Flight status: ● Canceled ● Disrupted

Terror alert level raised to orange.

British Airways flight from London to Washington is delayed on arrival as officials questioned passengers.

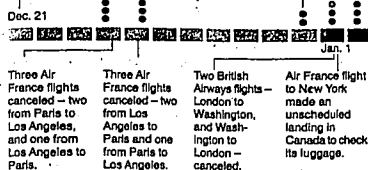
AeroMexico flight from Mexico City to Los Angeles canceled.

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SOURCE: Associated Press

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called Thursday and Friday - and its return. The other two flights were scheduled for Heathrow and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Saturday along with a return flight Sunday.

In the last two weeks, each of the more than 15 flights that have been cancelled, delayed, turned around or escorted by U.S. fighter aircraft were identified by an exact combination of dates, flight numbers and routes obtained through intercepted communications, and interrogations with al-Qaida detainees and other credible informants in U.S. and foreign custody, intelligence officials said.

In some cases, such as the six Air France flights cancelled before Christmas, names on the passenger manifest raised suspicions enough to warrant cancellations on routes that already were the subject of concern, officials said.

Some of the information used to make a decision to cancel or delay was verified or judged credible only shortly before take-off or after the plane had already departed, said intelligence officials, who described the nature of the hunt as extremely fast-paced and based on fragmentary information.

In one example of a quick decision based on fresh intelligence, passengers of a Dulles to Heathrow-bound flight were ordered off the plane Thursday by U.S. authorities moments before the plane was set to leave the gate, officials disclosed Friday. After all luggage and cargo was removed and screened again, only the luggage was reloaded before the plane was cleared for takeoff nearly four hours later.

In most cases, U.S. authorities insisted the flights be altered or passengers interviewed but gave foreign officials only minimal evidence for actions. U.S. and foreign

officials said Friday that despite the lack of specifics, cooperation between intelligence agencies and aviation officials remains strong.

But some policymakers and airline representatives had begun complaining publicly about the cancellations and the financial pain they are causing for airlines and headaches for travelers.

"They provided just generalities, and no details of names, groups or circumstances whatsoever," said Agustín Gutiérrez Canet, spokesman for Mexican President Vicente Fox. "The Mexican government had no other option but to cancel the flights. It is the moral responsibility of the United States government to provide more information."

The French interior minister, Nicolas Sarkozy, however, called U.S. requests "legitimate." "It's a time of tension, a time of risk. I prefer the principle of precaution," said Sarkozy, during a tour of Charles de Gaulle airport where he assessed security measures in place. "When a large, friendly country asks you to reinforce security measures, and are themselves taking security measures, nobody should reproach them," he said.

One French official said almost daily the Americans raise objections to flights because some passengers have names of people similar or identical to people on the U.S. government's various watch lists. French officials confirmed a report in Friday's Wall Street Journal that none of six individuals whose names appeared suspicious to U.S. authorities on the manifests flights cancelled before Christmas turned out to be of interest. One turned out to be a five-year-old boy with the same name as a suspected Tunisian terrorist.

Deaths

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am., the Camas County Sheriff's Department reported.

"It's a hell of a sight," said Mike Barron, a ski patroller at the nearby Soldier Mountain Ski Resort who assisted in the rescue effort. "The snow went through the windows like a train going through."

The sheriff's department received a call for help around 3 a.m. from two adults who had escaped the cabin.

Landolt's stepson, Nick Cosan, 24, and the couple's daughter and son-in-law, Kelly Rovig, 32, and Jenna Rovig, were sleeping in the loft along with the Rovigs' two children - Tucker, 5, and Emma, 1. When they were awakened by the avalanche, the adults began trying to dig out Landolt and Busch, authorities said.

After about an hour and a half of digging, Kelly Rovig and Cosan rode snowmobiles to a neighboring home to call for help, Camas County Sheriff Dave Sanders said. They had kicked out an upstairs window and had attempted to get to Landolt and Busch by digging through the older couple's bedroom window.

Barron, who has been with the ski patrol for 30 years, got the call at 5 a.m. and joined other rescue workers who had reached the site by Snow Cat. About 25 people joined in the rescue effort, including search and rescue personnel, resort workers and officers with the sheriff's department.

"We were working by flashlight," Barron said. "All I was doing was shoveling."

Busch was still alive when he was located, Barron said. "But he was just barely breathing. He didn't live long."

A slab of snow along the ridge above the cabin broke loose, triggering the avalanche, said Kyle Davenport, an administrative assistant at the Soldier Mountain Ski Resort who assisted in the rescue effort. The bulk of the snow slammed into the structure.

"It looks like somebody just fired the snow through the windows on that whole side of the building," Davenport said. "The room where the grandparents were found was filled nearly to the ceiling with snow, and the bed was pushed clear against the far wall."

The debris field at the base of the avalanche was nearly 200 yards wide, and between 10 and 15 feet deep.

Heavy snow had fallen for several days leading up to the avalanche, Barron said the danger of avalanches is not over.

Soldier Mountain Ski Area was closed Friday because Soldier Road was closed, partly because of the risk of additional avalanches and partly because resort workers needed time to groom the trails with the freshly fallen snow. Barron said the lift should be open today, however.

He said the fatalities are the first caused by avalanche on Soldier Mountain to his knowledge.



Marsha Landolt

"We train all the time for avalanche," Barron said, "but it's a terrible thing."

Emergency workers evacuated all the cabins in the region until Friday evening, when surveyors judged the avalanche risk to have lessened, Sanders said.

After each person was extricated from the cabin, rescuers discovered one more survivor in the rubble.

"The dog was in the fireplace," Barron said. The golden retriever-Irish setter mix dog had apparently been pushed through a glass screen into the fireplace, where he was able to get air through the chimney.

The dog found a temporary home at the Camas County Sheriff's Office Friday.

"He was scratched up and scared but otherwise OK," Davenport said.



The day the river dried up
Sunday
The Times-News



This golden retriever-Irish setter mix dog survived the avalanche after being pushed into the cabin's fireplace, where he was able to get air through the chimney. The dog - reportedly scared, scratched up but OK - was taken to the Camas County Sheriff's Office and given a blanket after the ordeal.

Busch's son-in-law, Archie Wright, said the family was grieving the unexpected deaths.

He said his family in Boise had been planning to join the group at Soldier Mountain for New Year's Eve, but bad weather kept them away. The cabin has been in the family for 20 years, Wright said. Landolt had been clean and a vice provost of the university since 1996, University of Washington spokesman Bob Roseth said. She was previously director of the university's School of Fisheries.

University President Lee Huntsman said the deaths were "a terrible loss. Our hearts go out to Marsha's and Bob's families. Marsha spent her whole career here, was a brilliant scientist, and a forceful and effective advocate for graduate education both here at the university and at the national level. The university is in mourning on this very sad day."

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Iraqis will cheer louder when we leave

The U.S. military finally has in custody one of the most brutal dictators in modern memory. His humiliating demise is a welcome relief, both for the American soldiers who have been hunting him and for the Iraqis, many of whom feared he would somehow return to power even after his statues were toppled.

CHRISTOPHER PREBLE

But capturing Saddam is only one phase of "regime change" in Iraq. The United States must now turn in earnest to the hand-over of political sovereignty to a new government. In the process, the United States must not ignore one crucial fact: Notwithstanding Saddam's capture, the obvious futility of continued resistance, and the likelihood that life under a new government would be far better than that under Saddam, many Iraqis have the United States and what we have done to their country. And many Iraqis will not be satisfied until American troops - all American troops - are gone.

On an emotional level, this might strike many Americans as profound ingratitude. Our men and women in uniform sacrificed much - nearly 500 have paid the ultimate sacrifice, and many thousands more have been wounded - to do for the Iraqi people that which they have been unable or unwilling to do themselves.

But any joy felt by Iraqis at Saddam's end is tinged with a measure of resentment, humiliation, and sadness. The daily images of fearful Iraqis mourning the loss of loved ones - innocent bystanders caught in the crossfire of lethal military operations - are powerful reminders that war is, indeed, hell. Certainly, the Bush administration believes that the vast majority of Iraqis embrace U.S. soldiers as liberators, and welcome our continued occupation of



their country during the transition to full sovereignty and independence. We can be certain, however, given the carnage in Iraq, that that is not the case. Our military operations against Saddam's regime threatened every Iraqi man, woman, and child - not just Saddam - and our continuing presence in Iraq, is deeply humiliating, even to those Iraqis who hated Saddam.

This is true even as our military achieved its central mission with remarkable skill and precision because even a nearly perfect military campaign unleashed a host of unforeseen consequences, many of them tragic. Although direct damage to civilian infrastructure caused by American munitions was limited, the American invaders found virtually all aspects of the Iraqi regime to be in a state of near total collapse. The frustration of Iraqis never enamored with Saddam's brutal rule is now directed not at the perpetrators of attacks on a fragile civilian infrastructure, but rather at the men and women of the U.S. military pressed into post-war duty as armed social workers.

And even if the U.S. military were truly perfect - even if not a single innocent civilian had been hit by a stray bomb, a ricocheting bullet, or a misplaced artillery round - the victory would still have involved the killing and wounding of soldiers in the Iraqi military.

This is a point that the proponents of regime change seem to completely ignore. Schools can be rebuilt. Electrical power can be restored. The water can flow. All of the physical reminders of war's brutal reality can be erased. But, even in a "perfect" war against a tyrannical regime, a war in which all military firepower is focused exclusively on the sources of that regime's power, people will die. The soldiers may all be men, and under traditional norms of armed conflict "legitimate" military targets, but these men are fathers, brothers and sons. The clear picture of the legitimacy of targeting these individuals in the pursuit of noble ends is further clouded by the realization that many of these individuals serve against their will, drafted into the military under penalty of

prison or death.

Some argue that the United States is performing a great and moral mission by using its military might to overthrow undemocratic regimes. They assert that our military should be deployed around the globe on similar assignments, with the aim of making the world not just safer, but better, as the Bush National Security Strategy declares. They believe that foreign rulers, and foreign peoples, are legitimate targets for our bombs and missiles, even when these countries pose no threat to the citizens of the United States, or to America's vital national interests.

We should not be surprised if those who lose fathers, brothers, and sons don't see it that way. And we should not be surprised if Iraqis welcome our departure even more fervently than they celebrate the demise of Saddam Hussein.

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Media sharpen knives to try cutting down Bush

It's 2004 at last, and another presidential campaign year can be said to have officially begun.

Because most Americans will never have the chance to see, much less personally question, President Bush or any of the Democratic candidates, the media - and especially television - will shape the views most people have of them. And how are the media doing so far? Are they giving the public a "fair and balanced" look at all the candidates so people can make up their minds based on solid, accurate and verifiable information?

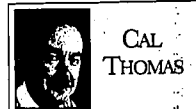
To quote a rental car commercial, "Not exactly." The one thing to remember about the media is that they hate a one-sided race, unless the side in the lead happens to share their political philosophy. Generally, electoral blowouts hurt TV ratings and diminish the sense of importance most journalists have about them, and their ability to influence events and "save the world."

President Bush's approval ratings are in the low 60s, according to several polls. Like they did with his father when the elder Bush's ratings were even higher, the media will do what they can to reduce his approval.

Remember the phony story about Bush the elder not recognizing a supermarket price scanner at the checkout counter? The media turned that into a story about his "insensitivity" to ordinary folks.

The early media line was unraveled on ABC last Sunday, when correspondent Terry Moran, sitting in on "This Week" for former Clinton administration operative George Stephanopoulos (no ideological difference there) noted that in the 2000 race, George W. Bush campaigned as "a uniter, not a divider." Moran concluded that he had failed and that he has become a "divisive president" and a "divisive figure." To liberals like Moran, one is a divider when one doesn't buy into the liberal line and offends their governmental, economic and cultural sensibilities. It does not matter to most of the media when conservatives are offended and thus "divided" and excluded from consideration by their leaders. To them, one can only unite (even though one divides conservatives) by reflecting a liberal worldview.

On CBS, Bob Schieffer echoed the Moran view, calling the president "a polarizing politician." While acknowledging that Bush, as governor of Texas, did seem to bring people together, now, according to Schieffer, he "seems



to have become someone that you either love or hate." Liberal Democrats did not find that a problem with President Clinton. While agreeing that people either loved or hated Clinton, much of the media didn't think that made Clinton "divisive." They treated negatively people who hated Clinton, while they frequently treat Bush haters as noble and virtuous, wanting only the best for all of us.

Back on ABC, Moran was doing his best to set the tone and agenda for the media's campaign approach. In a question to former Clinton Chief of Staff Leon Panetta, Moran observed: "For many Americans, this is a divisive president. Is he vulnerable in the manner in which he seems to polarize people's opinions?" Panetta answered, "It isn't that is the case." (Surprise!) No self-respecting media liberal would ask such a question of, say, Sen. Hillary Clinton, about any of the Democratic presidential candidates and why they fail to draw conservative support. Apparently, division is a one-way street.

On CBS, Schieffer claimed that Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean is bringing people together. His source? A New York Times writer who believes the evidence comes from Dean's success as an Internet fund-raiser.

Again, if most people form their impressions of political figures by what they see on television and read in their newspapers, would it not be fair to say that the media shape those views by the way they choose to cover the candidates, the questions they ask and the biases they convey? Call someone a "divider" long enough, and at least some people will believe it.

Constantly referring to a candidate as a "uniter" (while ignoring those from whom he is divided) sends a different message.

The media are just getting warmed up. If Bush's approval ratings begin to decline (as they surely will), watch for the media attack to intensify. If his ratings remain high, watch for the media to become apathetic. Why? Because the media are the real dividers.

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LETTERS

Careless driver could have caused a fatality

To the driver of the small white car with blue headlights who, at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 29, made the potentially fatal decision to extinguish your headlights and run the stop sign at the intersection of 3200 North and 3800 East (Hansen), I have this to say to you:

"You are so-o-o-o damn lucky you don't have blood on your hands."

You see, had you followed the traffic laws and left your headlights on as you stopped at this intersection, you would have noticed a family standing directly in front of you across the intersection. My husband was adjusting the rain hood on our daughter's backpack as we waited to see which direction you would go after making the legal stop, and he happened to glance over his shoulder in time to see you extinguish your lights as you came over the High Line Canal bridge and realized what you were planning to do. He managed to push me and our 18-month-old daughter out of your path in time. Even our two dogs, who were leashed (and one of the leashes is made of reflective material), were drug out of your way - although your front tire barely missed our black Lab's hindquarters. I saw that because you turned your headlights back on just as you passed where we were standing.

We stood there holding onto each other and thanking God for his mercy less than 50 feet from the place where a 16-year-old student from Murtaugh High School

died on our front lawn on Jun. 1, 1998, after he also made the fatal decision to run the same stop sign.

How many people must die because someone failed to stop at a stop sign? I firmly believe that the penalty for running stop signs should be increased, and I hope our legislators will take action on this during the 2004 session. Even the U.S. representative (and former governor) of South Dakota has been forced to take responsibility for his failure to stop at an intersection that caused the death of a motorcyclist.

Stopping at stop signs is not an option - it's the law. Running a stop sign is not a game - it's an irresponsible decision that only hurts innocent victims.

CINDY BJORNEBERG Hansen

Gays have a right to get married

I would like to add my 2 cents to Rondi Shockley's and Carter Killinger's articles.

Ms. Shockley states if you produce a child, you need to stay married until that child matures. Does that include an abusive or dysfunctional home where the child is in danger for the sake of staying married? A child can and will survive in a single-parent or same-gender family as long as there is a lot of love in the home. Homosexuals have come a long way, and the sad part is there is still much hatred and discrimination toward them. Alternative lifestyles have been around since the beginning of time; people just never talked about it openly.

It is sad to say that some people believe if you don't produce an offspring, you shouldn't enjoy the benefits of being married, as was stated. A lot of people cannot have children - should they be banned from marriage just because an offspring isn't produced? Society has no right to decide any of this for you. The human race does not get married just to reproduce; they get married for the companionship. Together, it is what makes us strong and, therefore, we survive. Be you straight, bi, or gay, everyone has the right to be happy without society putting his or her nose in where it doesn't belong.

Mr. Killinger said that God calls it a sin to have an alternative lifestyle, but isn't it a sin to judge your neighbor for being different than you are? People should concern themselves with more important issues like the homeless, unemployment, starving and dying children rather than worry about whether a gay couple wants to have and raise a child in a loving home. So many children out there would love to have just that: Homosexuality isn't something a person chooses to do and it in no way should be considered a weakness or judged as one. People who rob, rape, steal, push drugs, etc., are hurting innocent victims. People with alternative lifestyles are hurting no one.

Society disapproves because it is something different that they don't understand and it instills fear. People shouldn't hide behind their religions in order to condemn their fellow man. The human race needs to look past the difference in each other if we are

ever going to obtain world peace for the generations yet to come.

PAMELA BRADSHAW Burley

Idaho is entitled to use dams for wetlands

In your editorial, "A case for Upper Snake dams," you responsibly reported on the Anderson study which disputes the notion that discharging Upper Snake River reservoir water would benefit salmon and steelhead runs. However, a critically important element is missing from this and previous editorials.

Yes, proposals for flow augmentation pit so-called salmon advocates against Upper Snake River agribusiness, but fully defining the issue requires more comprehensive analyses. How about potential consequences for Upper Snake wildlife, fisheries and recreational resources if reservoir pools could be drained away at the beck and call of downstream managers? Eighty years of agriculture and reservoir management in the region have resulted in some losses in fishery and wildlife resources but also beneficial accommodations for many species including waterfowl, bald eagles (an endangered species) and resident trout. Should Idaho not be entitled to use reservoir management to protect wetlands, waterfowl refuges, wildlife and resident fishery populations. In my opinion these are all favorable priorities preferable to the unproven scheme of "flow augmentation."

DAVID ERICKSON Burley

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Mallard Fillmore



Golden New Year's Resolutions



U.S. will create new embassy in Baghdad

The Washington Post

In preparation for ending its occupation of Iraq, the United States is making plans to create the largest U.S. diplomatic mission in the world in Baghdad, complete with a staff of over 3,000 personnel, according to U.S. officials.

The transition will mark the hand-over of responsibility for dealing with Iraq from the Pentagon to the State Department, which will then help oversee the two definitive steps in creating Iraq's first freely elected democratic government.

"The real challenge for the new embassy, so to speak, or the new presence will be helping the Iraqi people get ready for their full elections and full constitution the following year," Secretary of State Colin Powell said in an interview this week. "That's going to be a major effort on our part."

One of the first steps will be resuming diplomatic relations between Washington and Baghdad. Although the United States is the occupying power in Iraq, the two nations have not formally resumed relations, which were severed after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

"Saddam broke off relations in 1991, and it requires a fairly complicated agreement to re-establish ties," a senior administration official said.

The other major challenge will be sorting out the terms of the U.S. military presence, which is expected to exceed 100,000 troops even after the occupation ends, U.S. officials say.

"We have to determine what command American troops will be under. Will it be part of some

kind of multinational force, under the United Nations, under NATO? Or will they be relatively independent in an agreement with the Iraqi government? These are huge questions to be answered in a very short amount of time," the official added.

In the interview, Powell said he will spend the next six months pressing for larger international participation: "As I build up that large embassy, I've got to also generate more international support. U.N. presence - get the U.S. back in there in force. ... I think NATO is more and more willing to play a role in Iraq."

Over the next six months, the State Department will increasingly assume responsibility for jobs now carried out by the U.S.-led coalition authority, senior U.S. officials said. Several teams of lawyers are immersed in the complicated legal issues of handing back sovereignty to Iraq and making arrangements for a formal diplomatic relationship.

The bulk of the U.S. staff will continue to be headquartered in Saddam Hussein's former Republican Palace. But to prevent the potential psychological fallout from staying in the headquarters of the previous dictatorship, the new embassy will officially be in a building not far from the "Green Zone" of Baghdad, where the Coalition Provisional Authority operates. The embassy, however, will have nominal use.

The United States is tentatively planning to build a new embassy, although construction could take three to five years, U.S. officials say. Over the next two months, the State Department will be intensively recruiting to staff the U.S. Embassy.

Iran plans to rebuild historic citadel

BAM, Iran (AP) - Most of the 30 circular guard towers have crumbled into avalanches of dirt, along with parts of the thick, mud-brick walls. The bathhouses, gymnasiums and a Zoroastrian temple that survived for centuries now resemble a moonscape.

The earthquake that killed nearly a third of this Iranian city's people last week also devastated its archaeological jewel - the Arg-e-Bam, or Citadel of Bam, the world's largest mud-brick fortress, parts of which date back 2,200 years.

But even as aftershocks sent more of its walls crashing down, Iran's government is vowing to rebuild it.

"The citadel was almost as precious as the lives lost in the earthquake," Fakoor Pass, director of cultural heritage for Kerman province where Bam is located, told The Associated Press on Friday. Officials are "100 percent sure we will" rebuild it.

More than 30,000 people are believed to have died in the 6.6-magnitude temblor that struck before dawn Dec. 26, burying thousands alive as they slept.

Much of the historic citadel on



Iranian Red Crescent staff from Azarbaijan Province visit the Ruins of Arg-e-Bam Citadel before they leave the town of Bam on Friday.

the outskirts of the modern city collapsed like a sand castle.

The citadel, which covered about 2.5 square miles, was made up of a looming fortress on a rocky hill top and the ancient

town, encircled by walls standing some 80 feet tall in some spots.

Along the walls were the circular watchtowers, with slits for archers, and gates with peaked archways.

The structures were all built of sun-baked bricks and straw - which under the quake's punishment was reduced to dirt that avalanched down the hill's slopes.

Afghans seek to bridge gulf over constitution

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - Afghans on both sides of an ugly ethnic divide at the country's constitutional convention session they narrowed their differences during crisis talks with American and U.N. officials Friday.

The progress during a one-day break at the loya jirga could avert a complete collapse of the gathering, seen as a historic opportunity to help this war-torn nation toward the promise of peace and stability.

At the 502-member grand council, President Hamid Karzai's fellow ethnic Pashtuns have swung behind his call for a strong presidency, he says, in order to hold the country together as it rebuilds and faces a stubborn Taliban insurgency.

Smaller groups, however, including Tajiks and Uzbeks from the north, have dug in against a charter they claim would bring back the

Pashtun hegemony that lessened with the defeat of the Taliban two years ago.

Exasperated council leaders were forced to abandon voting on the charter in a tumultuous session Thursday, after more than one-third of the delegates boycotted the ballot and staged a sit-in in the huge tent where the 3-week-old meeting is taking place.

But after private talks Friday with U.N. Special Representative Lakhdar Brahimi, U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad and council leaders, rebel delegates told - The Associated Press there was new hope the constitution could be ratified soon.

Mohajuddin Mahdi, a Tajik delegate from Kabul, said the U.S. ambassador called his group for talks - possibly to discuss a deal for Afghan officials who have returned from exile to hold on to their U.S. passports, at least temporarily.

U.S. Navy seizes another small boat carrying hashish

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Navy has seized another small boat carrying drugs near the Persian Gulf after interrogating smugglers with suspected links to the al-Qaida terrorist network, the military announced Friday.

The boat seized on New Year's Day was the fourth drug-smuggling vessel intercepted by Americans in the past two weeks in or near the Persian Gulf. Pentagon officials say they believe all four boats, which were carrying hashish, heroin and methamphetamines, are part of a drug smuggling operation which funnels money to Osama bin Laden's terrorist network.

Group says 36 journalists were killed covering war

NEW YORK - Thirteen journalists were killed last year covering the war in Iraq, the highest death toll for the media in a single country since 1995, a watchdog group said Friday.

In all, 36 journalists were killed worldwide last year, up from 19 in 2002, the Committee to Protect Journalists said.

Iraq was the main reason for the increase.

CPJ said it was particularly troubled by the deaths of four journalists in Iraq killed as a result of U.S. military action. It has called on the Pentagon for a public accounting.

Fans mourn gospel singer Vestal Goodman

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - More than 1,000 people bid farewell to Gospel music singer Vestal

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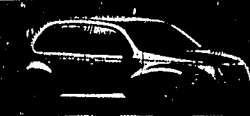
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“ I have no idea if Bryant is guilty or innocent. But if he is willing to be a Clipper, his lawyers could argue temporary insanity.”

”

— Mike Downey of the Chicago Tribune, on NBA free-agent-to-be Kobe Bryant's pending sexual assault trial

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who has won the most NBA regular-season MVP awards?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College basketball
Women, CSI at Eastern Utah, 6 p.m.
Men, CSI at Eastern Utah, 8 p.m.
High school girls basketball
Century at Minico, 6 p.m.
Carey at Dietrich, 6 p.m.
Shoshone at Richfield, 6 p.m.
Mountain Home at Wood River, 6 p.m.
Camas County at Community School, 6 p.m.
Oakley at Castleford, 6 p.m.
Gooding at Buhl, 6 p.m.
Burley at Bonneville, 6 p.m.
Lighthouse Christian at Raft River, 6 p.m.
M.V. Christian at Hansen, 6 p.m.
Elko at Twin Falls
High School boys basketball
Century at Dietrich, 3 p.m.
Valley at Malad, 5:45 p.m.
M.V. Christian at Hansen, 6 p.m.
Gooding at Declo, 6 p.m.
Community School at Camas County, 7:30 p.m.
Elko at Twin Falls
High school wrestling
Kimberly, Filer, Glens Ferry at Oakley Invitational, 10 a.m.

IN BRIEF

Minico Boosters will meet Monday
RUPERT — The Minico Booster Club will meet Monday, Jan. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Minico High School library. Parents with students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend. Please call 436-5670 for more information.
T.F. Rec offers ski packages for Pomerelle
TWIN FALLS — The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering a four-day Sunday skiing/snowboarding package to Pomerelle Mountain Resort on Jan. 25, Feb. 8, Feb. 22 and March 7.
The package includes a one-hour skiing/snowboarding lesson and lift tickets for all four Sundays. The cost is \$50. Rental equipment is available from Pomerelle for an extra \$10-15. The package does not include transportation, which is available directly from the Northside Bus Company for \$8.
Children ages 7 to 11 must be accompanied by a parent.
Children 12 and up may travel alone.
The registration deadline is Jan. 19. Register at 136 Maxwell Ave. in Twin Falls, or call 736-2265.

Correction
The Rising Stars article in the Jan. 1 edition of the Times-News incorrectly identified Zac and Byron Davis' late father. His name is Trent Davis.

Trivia Answer:
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar with six; Bill Russell and Michael Jordan are next with five each. Wilt Chamberlain won four; Larry Bird and Magic Johnson three each.

Ole Miss holds on



Above, Ole Miss' Tremaire Turner reaches for a 16-yard touchdown pass against Oklahoma State in the first quarter.

Left, Ole Miss quarterback Eli Manning (10) passes against Oklahoma State in the first quarter Friday at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

Manning ends collegiate career on a high note

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press writer

DALLAS — Eli Manning stayed another year in Mississippi in hopes of a season just like this: 10 wins and a January victory.
Manning threw for 259 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score in his final game for Ole Miss, leading the No. 16 Rebels to a 31-28 victory over No. 21 Oklahoma State in the Cotton Bowl on Friday.
“Everything about this year has been great. It's been a great run ... it's been a fun ride,” said Manning, who completed 22 of 31 passes. “It has to end sometime. We picked a great way to end it.”
Not ready for the college experience to end, Manning decided against early entry into the NFL draft last spring. Already considered a top prospect, he only increased his stock with a stand-out senior season.
Manning threw for 3,600 yards

and 29 touchdowns this season, led the Rebels to their first 10-win season since 1971. He also led Ole Miss' first January victory since the 1970 Sugar Bowl when his father, Archie, threw a touchdown pass and ran for another score in a 27-22 win over Arkansas.
“This raises the bar for us,” coach David Cutcliffe said.
Ole Miss' only other “January” games since that Sugar Bowl had been in the Gator Bowl. The Rebels lost to Auburn in Archie Manning's final game in 1971 and to Michigan in 1991.
“When I came to Ole Miss, everyone expected me to bring the program back to its glory days,” Eli Manning said. “I didn't

want to put that kind of pressure on myself.”
Still, he finished with a school record 10,119 yards, becoming only the fifth Southeastern Conference passer with 10,000 yards. That is 1,082 less than the SEC record held by older brother Peyton Manning, the Indianapolis Colts' quarterback and the NFL's co-MVP who played at Tennessee from 1994-97.
Manning's 1-yard keeper with 12:32 left capped a 13-play, 97-yard drive, and ended a streak of 24 straight points by Ole Miss which provided just enough to overcome the Cowboys (9-4).
“I just sat there watching him, thinking, Eli Manning is a bad

“ This raises the bar for us.”

”
— David Cutcliffe, Ole Miss coach

Buckeyes bounce Kansas State - B4

boy,” said Oklahoma State receiver Rashaun Woods, who set Cotton Bowl records with 11 catches for 223 yards.
And Woods meant that as a compliment.
On the long drive, Manning converted third-and-13 and third-and-12 plays with passes of more than 20 yards.
Woods caught a 17-yard TD pass to get Oklahoma State to 31-28 with 4:38 left, just four minutes after Vernand Morency's second touchdown run.
On the 72-yard drive that ended with Morency's second TD, he caught two passes for 63 yards — both on plays when cornerback Travis Johnson was called for pass interference and still couldn't prevent the catches.
Please see BOWL, Page B2

Davis bounces back to lead Carolina into playoffs

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Stephen Davis sat down at his locker, unaware Steve Spurrier had just resigned as coach of the Washington Redskins.
When told, he didn't believe it. He checked his cell phone: Eight messages.
A sly smile crept across his face for a second. Then someone asked if one of those messages was the Redskins begging him to come back.
“I've got a job,” he snapped with a steely stare.



Stephen Davis

Davis' job Saturday night will be to help the Carolina Panthers (11-5) beat the Dallas Cowboys (10-6) in the first round of the NFL playoffs.
In one of the best offseason acquisitions of the year, the Panthers snapped Davis up after Washington let him go because he didn't fit into Spurrier's scheme.

The release left him bitter — he'd spent seven seasons with the Redskins, went to the Pro Bowl three times — and suddenly had to prove he was still a dominant running back.
Although he denied any hurt feelings all season, the way he bowled over blockers and churned out yards said otherwise. He immediately rebuilt the Panthers' offense, rushing for 100 or more yards in his first four games, and ended with a career-best 1,444 yards and another invitation to the Pro Bowl.
Davis has never had much suc-

cess against the Cowboys, and this year was no different.
Dallas was the only team to slow a healthy Davis this season, stacking the line and holding him to 59 yards on 26 carries. It forced the game into quarterback Jake Delhomme's hands, and he couldn't produce as Dallas won 24-20.
So how do the Panthers bounce back against the No. 1 defense in the league? A team that held them to 244 yards in the first meeting?
“Just play as a team,” Davis said. “Everybody do their job.”

Manning, McNair tie for MVP honors

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press writer

It seems fitting Peyton Manning and Steve McNair shared The Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player award Friday. After all, their teams finished with the same record and tied atop the AFC South.
In just the third tie since the award began in 1957, the premier honors were received 16 votes Friday from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL.
Manning and McNair led their teams to 12-4 records, with Manning's Indianapolis Colts edging McNair's Tennessee Titans for the AFC South crown by winning both games against the Titans.
But they deadlocked for MVP. “It is great,” McNair said. “My words can't express how I feel being co-MVP with another great quarterback like Peyton. It's very emotional right now for me that people look at me as being one of the top quarterbacks of the NFL, one of the top players, and a co-MVP.”
Manning, naturally, felt the same way.
“This is such a tremendous

2003 NFL MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Manning, McNair tie for MVP honors

Quarterbacks Peyton Manning and Steve McNair shared The Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player award Friday for just the third tie since the award began in 1957. The other ties came in 1997 (Brett Favre and Barry Sanders) and in 1980 (Norm Van Brocklin and Joe Schmidt).

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PLAYER	VOTES
Peyton Manning, Ind.	16
Steve McNair, Tenn.	16
Tom Brady, NE	8
Jamal Lewis, Balt.	5
Pratt Holmes, KC	3
Ray Lewis, Balt.	2

SOURCES: NFL, Associated Press
“Obviously it really is an honor to be on that list. Please see MVP, Page B2

David Wells doesn't expect to hear from Steinbrenner

By Seth Hottana
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — David Wells is certain of this much: He doesn't expect to be talking to George Steinbrenner any time soon.
Wells spurned the New York Yankees earlier in the week, agreeing to a one-year contract with the San Diego Padres.
“I'm sure now I won't hear from him ever again,” the 40-year-old left-hander said Friday in his first comments since the deal.
With the exception of a few words of pregame encouragement, Wells hasn't talked to the Yankees' owner since March. Steinbrenner did leave a message on Wells' cell phone before the deal was completed.
“He's been good to me in a lot of ways. And in other ways, he's been very stubborn. That's George Steinbrenner.”
Wells' deal, which could be worth up to \$7 million if he reaches all his incentives, is the latest blow to the Yankees, who lost left-hander Andy Pettitte to the Houston Astros and Roger

Clemens to retirement. With Jeff Weaver's trade to Los Angeles and Wells' departure, the Yankees head into next season without four pitchers who made 120 or more starts last season.
“They lost a lot of guys at once and I think they're in shock,” Wells said in a conference call.

Wells described pitching for his home team as a dream, but tempered the expectations of leading the rotation in the team's new \$48 million downtown ballpark.
“Every kid wants to play for their own home team,” Wells said. “I'm no savior: I just go out and do what I've been doing for 17 years. My goal is just to go out there and be David Wells.”
In 1998, Wells beat the Padres in Game 6 of the World Series at Yankee Stadium.
Wells underwent arthroscopic back surgery in early December, and said he will begin physical therapy in a few days and should be ready to pitch by March 1.



SPORTS

Hansen stays hot in Magic Valley Conference

HANSEN - Mark Pearson scored nine points for Hansen as the Huskies won a sloppy Magic Valley Conference contest with Castledale, 53-42. "It was a very slow, sloppy game after the Christmas break," said Hansen coach Mike Pfeiffer...

Kimberly 66, Buhl 45 - Buhl - Kimberly opened up what was a six-point game with five minutes left to pull away from Sawtooth Central Conference rival Buhl.

coach Ryan Bowman, whose team dropped to 2-5 overall and 1-2 in the conference. "They scored seven points from the line in that quarter, and 24 total."

Bonneville 80, Burley 43 - No report was available for this game.

Jerome 51, Filer 50 - JEROME - Sophomore Troy Tolman hit a 3-pointer with eight seconds left to lift Jerome to a dramatic non-conference win over Filer.

Local sports

to lead all scorers for Filer. Jerome travels to Twin Falls on Wednesday.

Raft River 75, Magic Valley Christian 60 - MALTA - Alex Nelson scored 37 points for Raft River (7-0, 4-0) to lead the Trojans Magic Valley Conference win.

Declo 57, American Falls 49 - No report was available for this game.

Denis' 37 saves stop Tampa Bay, 2-0

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Marc Denis made 37 saves to help Columbus beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-0 on Friday in Gerard Gallan's first game as the Blue Jackets' interim head coach.

Denis finished with his third shutout of the season and 12th of his career after losing his previous seven decisions.

Oilers 2, Wild 1 - ST. PAUL, Minn. - Ryan Smyth scored a short-handed goal nine seconds into the third period, snapping a tie and lifting Edmonton over Minnesota.

Sabres 5, Mighty Ducks 2 - BUFFALO, N.Y. - Curtis Brown, Chris Drury and Dmitri Kallinik each had a goal and an assist to lead Buffalo past Anaheim.

Flyers 2, Panthers 1 - SUNRISE, Fla. - Mike Comrie scored twice in the second period to lead Philadelphia over Florida.

Red Wings 4, Hurricanes 1 - RALEIGH, N.C. - Pavel Datsyuk and Steve Yzerman scored 1:05 apart, and Kris Draper added a short-handed goal, lifting Detroit over Carolina.

Blackhawks 2, Sharks 1 - CHICAGO - Igor Korolev scored his first goal of the season with 7:13 left to snap a tie and lift Chicago to victory.

Coyotes 6, Stars 0 - DALLAS - Brian Boucher stopped 35 shots in posting his second consecutive shutout as Phoenix beat Dallas.

Declo overcomes slow start to defeat Kimberly

Hornets improve to 7-5

by Eric Larson Times-News writer

KIMBERLY - Give this to Kimberly - they hung in there. The Lady Bulldogs scrapped and fought the Declo Lady Hornets all night in Friday's Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference home game, but ended up on the losing side of a 48-23 game.



Kimberly senior Ashley Carlton (34) blocks Katie Wall's (11) shot as Whitney Funk (24) watches Friday night.

In typical impressive-fashion, the Hornets moved the ball well, earning their first 12 points off assists. The Hornets finished with 14 total assists, with seniors Tiffany Mangum and Katie Wall dishing out five each.

eight points, helping a balanced Declo attack saw every player who saw playing time score. "I like to see that because it's hard for a team to come in and just try to take one of our players away now," Murdock said.

Bowl

Continued from B1 "My job is to go out there and make plays for my team," Woods said. "As far as how they played me, that doesn't concern me. I'm just here to make plays."

12 cornerback Darrent Williams was called for pass interference on third-and-10. "It was one of those games where we felt like we just ran out of time," OSU coach Les Miles said.

55 in his career, breaking the school record set by offensive coordinator Mike Gundy (1986-89). Turner caught Manning's first TD pass, and his 2-yard TD run opened the second-half scoring.

MVP

Continued from B1 same list, and to have such great teammates and a coaching staff that allowed me to go out and make plays. "And to be sharing it with Steve, a player I have the most respect for, and who has had a tremendous year, and to be ahead of guys like Tom Brady, who's a friend of mine, and Jamal Lewis, a former teammate of mine at Tennessee who easily could have been there, as well, it's tremendous."

missed a start in his six pro seasons, McNair has played hurt for much of his career. This season, he missed the last month of practices with a strained right calf and a sprained left ankle that also has a cracked bone spur. These injuries also sidelined him for two games.

game Sunday, one day after the Titans play at Baltimore. "Definitely, we want to keep it going," said Manning, who led the league this season with 4,267 yards passing, topping the AFC with 29 TD passes. He has thrown 25 or more TD passes in each of the past six seasons - the only player to accomplish the feat.

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SPORTS

Dealing with the Chill



Tulsa running back Eric Richardson, left, tries to stay warm as he walks onto the icy blue turf at Bronco Stadium, Wednesday, in Boise. Tulsa is preparing for the Humanitarian Bowl game against Georgia Tech on Saturday.

Golden Hurricane don hats and gloves in wintry Boise

By Doug Alden
Associated Press writer

BOISE, Idaho — When Tulsa's bowl status was pending, coach Steve Kragthorpe joked that he would snowhike to Alaska if that's what it took to extend the season. He was more on target than he thought.

"Our athletic director, after we got invited to this, said, 'You made it about half way,'" said Kragthorpe, whose Golden Hurricane play Georgia Tech on Saturday in the Humanitarian Bowl.

After consecutive one-win seasons, Tulsa is thrilled to be in one of the less exotic bowl destinations, playing on a funky blue surface that was ringed with snow Friday.

"Nobody on either team is complaining. This whole year, it's been so great," said offensive lineman Austin Chadwick, who has lived up to a pledge he made when Tulsa was struggling early in the season by shaving his head for the game.

Several of his teammates have followed his lead.

Tulsa (6-4) got the Humanitarian bid when Western Athletic Conference champion Boise State opted out of another home game in favor of playing a ranked opponent in TCU on the Fort Worth Bowl. The Broncos won, but left the hometown bowl organizers looking for a new team to play Tech (6-6).

The Golden Hurricane were eager to accept after last appearing in a bowl in 1991. Tulsa had gone just 2-21 over the last two seasons, then Kragthorpe, an assistant with the Buffalo Bills, took over after Keith Burns was fired.

After a 3-4 start, Tulsa closed the regular season with a five-

game winning streak and got Kragthorpe plenty of recognition. He tied for third with Oklahoma's Bob Stoops in the AP coach of the year voting.

Not bad for a rookie head coach.

"I voted for Steve Kragthorpe for national coach of the year," Tech coach Chan Gailey said. "A team that's won two games total in two years and they go to a bowl with an 8-4 record? Shoot, that's an unbelievable job."

The Yellow Jackets are in their seventh straight bowl, although this one is certainly a new experience. Wednesday's practice was held in snow, something many of the Yellow Jackets had never seen.

"I bet it was pretty unique for them—those guys from Miami, they think it's sand," Gailey said.

The Yellow Jackets actually enjoyed the snow so much they took a trip to Idaho City for some snowmobiling, tubing and snow ball fights on Thursday. After just a few days, they felt plenty acclimated to the weather.

"I think it's colder in Atlanta sometimes with the wind chill factor than it is right here," wide receiver Nate Curry said.

Tech had a chance at one of the Atlantic Coast Conference's more high-profile games before losing consecutive games to Virginia and Georgia the last two games of the regular season and falling to 5-0.

Gailey said the difference between finishing 6-7 and 7-6 is huge.

"We started at a point where I think everybody thought we'd start at and I think we've improved a great deal," Gailey said. "We're a totally different team, but we still have a game to go so it's hard for me to say yet. These seniors have never had a losing season. I think that's big."

COLLEGE BOWL ROUNDUP

Clemson upsets Tennessee, 27-14

ATLANTA (AP) — Given more than a month to prepare, Clemson coach Tommy Bowden had plenty of tricks in his playbook. None was bigger than unleashing little-used Chad Jasmin.

Jasmin, a fullback known mostly for his blocking, ran for a career-high 130 yards and a touchdown, helping the Tigers upset No. 6 Tennessee 27-14 Friday.

Kyle Browning and Duane Coleman added TD runs, helping the Tigers (9-4) to their fourth straight victory.

"Chad Jasmin found the holes, and sometimes simply ran over players," Bowden said. "That was a little demoralizing for Tennessee."

In 45 previous games, Jasmin's best effort was 83 yards in the 2001 Humanitarian Bowl. He got more than 80 just one time this season — running for 81 in a victory over North Carolina — and had only 393 through 12 games. "This is a great way to end my career," he said. "It really is a dream to get my first 100-yard game in my last game."

The Volunteers (10-3) lost the Peach Bowl for the second straight season, although the score was a bit closer than the 30-3 rout by Maryland a year ago. In this one, they committed 10 penalties, including two for pass interference, two for unsportsmanlike conduct and two for roughing quarterback Charles Whitehurst.

James Wilhoit also missed a 35-yard field goal in the third quarter that would have brought Tennessee within seven points. The miss came at the end of a 17-play, 62-yard drive, and that pretty much was the last chance for the Volunteers.

"On the penalties, you have to hope you have better control," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said. "The late hits on the quarterback were close. You want your guys to be aggressive."

Aaron Hunt kicked two field goals for Clemson, which gave the Atlantic Coast Conference its third straight Peach Bowl victory.



Tennessee quarterback Casey Clausen, bottom, is brought down by Clemson cornerback Justin Miller during the first half of the Peach Bowl Friday at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

No. 7 Ohio St. 35, No. 8 Kansas St. 28

TEMPE, Ariz. — Craig Krenzler left college football with another Fiesta Bowl triumph and another MVP award. Eli Roberson's comeback fell one touchdown short in a game many thought he would not play.

Krenzler, who finished his Ohio State career 24-3 as a starter, matched his career high with four touchdown passes — two apiece to Michael Jenkins and Antonio Holmes — and No. 7 Ohio State held off No. 8 Kansas State 35-28 on Friday night.

Roberson got the start despite a sexual-assault accusation by a woman early Wednesday, an incident that tarnished Kansas State's first Bowl Championship Series trip. He was awful early, but brought the Wildcats back from deficits of 21-0 and 35-0.

After a 3-for-13 start, Roberson completed 20 of 52 passes for 294 yards and one interception. He ran for 32 yards.

Ohio State (11-2) led 35-14 entering the fourth quarter, but Kansas State scored twice. Maurice Mack's 37-yard kickoff return to the Ohio State 46 and Roberson's 19-yard pass to James Terry helped set up Ayo Sabá's 3-yard run.

Roberson threw 24 yards to Davin Dennis to

the Ohio State 15, and after a facemask penalty Roberson sneaked over from the 1 to cut it to 35-28 with 2:47 left.

Kansas State (11-4) got the inside kick, but was called for a false start. Ohio State's Bobby

Carpenter recovered the second inside kick, and the Buckeyes held on.

The Wildcats had one more chance but Roberson's desperation pass from midfield was batted down at the 2.

USC in perfect position to capture AP title

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press writer

Rest easy, USC. Your No. 1 ranking appears safe.

The Trojans impressed The Associated Press pollsters so much with their dismantling of Michigan in the Rose Bowl that some voters already have decided to drop LSU from the No. 1 spot — even before the Tigers play in the Sugar Bowl.

"I'm switching to USC, and I can't see a Sugar Bowl scenario that would change that," Ryan White of The Oregonian said Friday. "The Trojans have earned half the title, so they should get half the title."

A survey of 18 of the 65 poll voters backed up what everyone believed after watching Southern California beat Michigan 28-14 on Thursday — that USC is the top team in the nation.

USC will be the national cham-

pion — no matter what happens in the Bowl Championship Series title game between LSU and Oklahoma on Sunday night.

At least two of the 21 voters who have LSU No. 1 are ready to switch to USC, and a third plans to split his vote. Others are open to changing.

"That would make USC's 21 first-place vote lead almost instantly the same as they played," said Herb Coult of The Chicago Sun-Times.

"I'm not convinced that USC is a better team than the two teams in New Orleans, but the way the polls work I can't move USC off No. 1 after the game they played," said Herb Coult of The Chicago Sun-Times.

Of the 10 USC voters surveyed, nine have committed to stick with the Trojans or are heavily leaning that way. One is open to a switch.

Assuming nobody votes USC lower than second, at least 13 of the 42 voters siding with the

Trojans would have to change their votes for USC to be shut out of the title picture.

"It's very similar to '97 when the coaches took it upon themselves to make USC No. 1," said Tony Barnhart of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, who plans to move USC ahead of LSU. "I just think it's the right thing to do."

The split between the Cornhuskers and Michigan in 1997 was the most recent shared title and was supposed to be the last. The BCS began the next year with promises of pitting the top two teams in a bowl game.

But when the computer rankings disagreed with the polls, the top team in the minds of the human voters was left out.

Joe Biddle of The Tennesseean, who voted LSU No. 1 in the last poll, said he would probably split his ballot in the final vote.

"It's ludicrous to ask anybody to sit there and determine who's bet-

ter, Southern Cal or whoever wins Sunday night's game," he said.

While AP voters can pick any team as No. 1, the coaches have agreed to make the Sugar Bowl winner the top team in their poll.

Many coaches disagree with the arrangement that will force 37 voters to drop the Trojans despite their bowl win. And one said Friday he might not do so if Oklahoma wins the Sugar Bowl.

"Then you have to vote for USC," Michigan State coach John L. Smith said. "I don't know if they'll throw me in jail or not for doing that but that's what I have to do."

Of 19 coaches surveyed by the AP last month, 16 want to consider a change to the system when they hold their annual meeting next week.

"Absolutely it's a no-vote," Wyoming coach Joe Glenn said. "What are we doing here? It's a joke."

Arkansas coach weighs Nebraska's mega-offer

By Elizabeth Merrill and Rich Kaloust
Omaha World-Herald

LINCOLN, Neb. — Arkansas coach Houston Nutt is considering an offer to become Nebraska's head football coach Friday morning, and Razorbacks athletic director Frank Broyles said he didn't know whether Nutt was facing a deadline on his decision.

Broyles told The Omaha World-Herald he talked with Nutt on Friday morning and was waiting for his six-year head coach to inform him of his intentions.

"If he hasn't made up his mind," Broyles said, "then he's talking to both sides and each side confuses him."

Asked whether he believes

Arkansas has a chance to keep Nutt, Broyles said: "I think we have a chance until he decides."

As of 11:30 a.m. CST on Friday, the Nebraska sports information department said there was no press conference scheduled in Lincoln.

Nebraska athletic director Steve Pederson flew to Fayetteville, Ark., on Thursday night to meet with Nutt. He returned alone at 11:35 p.m. Thursday, arriving by private charter at York Municipal Airport.

When asked about his trip, Pederson said, "No comment."

The Northwest Arkansas Morning News, citing an anonymous source, reported in Friday's editions that Nutt has been offered a contract between \$1.5 and \$2 million. His package at Arkansas reportedly is worth \$750,000 to \$800,000 annually.

Spurred by at least one National Football League coach, Pederson met with Nutt just 24 hours after Pederson called Broyles to get his permission to do

so. Nutt, 46, led Arkansas to an Independence Bowl victory over Missouri on Wednesday night in Shreveport, La.

Thursday, Broyles had told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, "I think he's going. I think it's a 90 percent chance that he is. I could be wrong, but that's my experience with coaches."

Pederson, who has been conducting a private one-man search since he fired Frank Solich on Nov. 29, has been a busy man this week.

The Associated Press reported Thursday that Kansas City Chiefs offensive coordinator Al Saunders turned Pederson down for the job Tuesday. Also Thursday, The World-Herald learned from three people close to the situation that Nebraska officials had been in talks with Philadelphia Eagles offensive coordinator Brad Childress.

Childress and his agent, Bob LaMonte, did not immediately return phone calls.

When asked Thursday night whether Nutt was Pederson's top

candidate now, Broyles said, "Well, I think there has been a lot of people turning him down."

It was widely speculated that Miami Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt may have been offered the Nebraska job, but those plans fell through when Wannstedt's contract was extended earlier this week.

Wannstedt may have recommended Nutt to Pederson. Wannstedt was on the Oklahoma State staff when Nutt played there in 1979 and 1980.

Nutt, a native of Little Rock, has deep ties to Arkansas and was a star ball boy for the Razorbacks as a kid. He has taken the program to a bowl game in each of his six seasons.

Arkansas wrapped up a 9-4 season Wednesday night, the school's third nine-win campaign since Nutt arrived in 1998. Nutt has a 48-27 record at Arkansas; Solich was 58-19 in six years after replacing Tom Osborne at Nebraska.

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



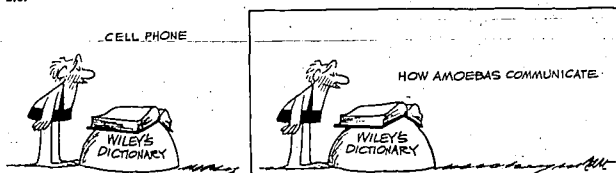
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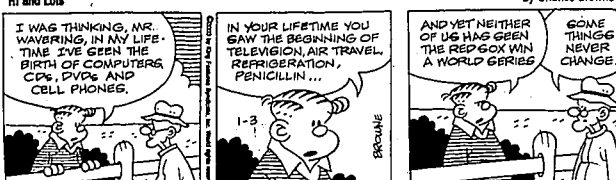
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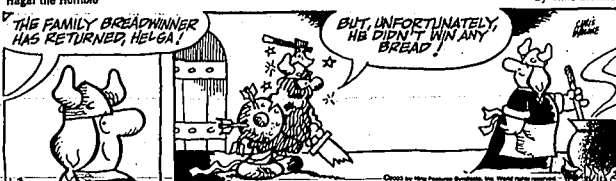
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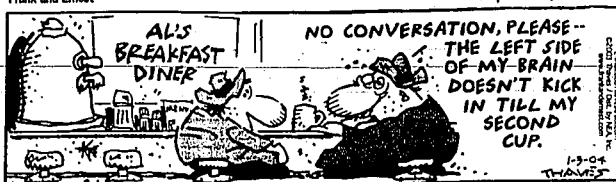
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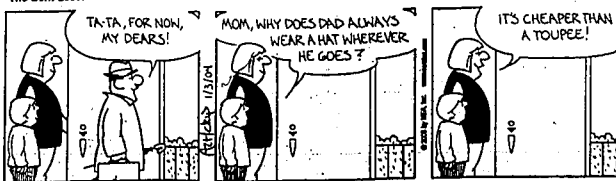
Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



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By Pat Brady



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By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luan

By Greg Evans

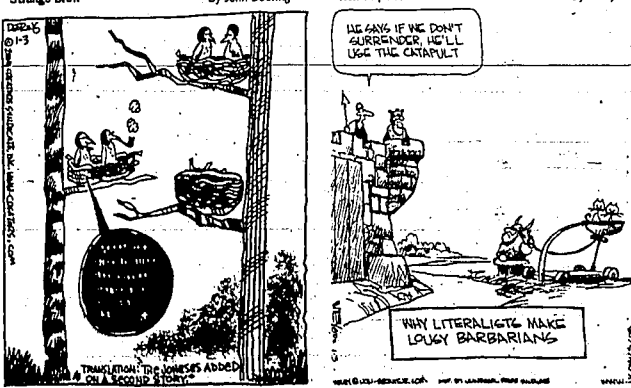


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



MONEY

Shares close mixed on first trading day

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street began the new year Friday with some of the same enthusiasm that marked its big comeback in 2003 - stocks surged in early trading on investors later took some profits in blue chips, leaving prices mixed.

Friday's price moves, and investors may have been a bit jittery because of heightened international concerns that disrupted international air travel. Still, the major indexes edged out gains for the week.

Barry Berman, head trader for Robert W. Baird & Co. in Milwaukee, commented on trading volume much into the results. "The volume is very light," he said. "I'd wait to see what the trading is like next week, when everyone is back."

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 44.07, or 0.4 percent, at 10,409.85 Friday, up 0.8 percent for the week. Earlier expected report on manufacturing, the Dow was up more than 74 points.

Broader stock indicators were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500

index dropped 3.44, or 0.3 percent, to 1,108.48 but was up 1.1 percent for the week. The Nasdaq composite index rose 3.31, or 1.7 percent, to 2,006.68 and was up 1.7 percent for the week.

The Dow and the S&P 500 had their sixth straight weekly gains, while the Nasdaq had its second straight up week.

Thomas F. Lyon Jr., president of Global Fr. Trends Inc. in Newport Beach, Calif., said the meandering market was a reflection of the low volume.

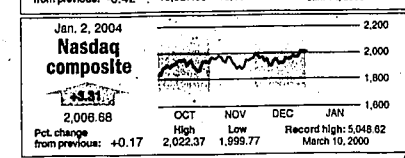
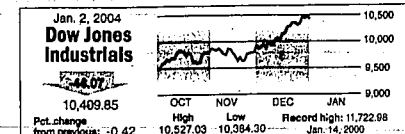
"On days like that, we sometimes see dramatic moves when buy or sell programs kick in," he said.

Still, Lyon said investors have good reason to be optimistic about the new year. It's an election year, interest rates remain at 40-year lows and corporations have chafed for bad practices for the year.

"The market is starting to be very aggressive, but not yet to the point where cash is being given up investment tips," he said.

For all of 2003, the Dow gained 25.3 percent, the Nasdaq surged 50 percent and the S&P 500 gained 26.4 percent. The markets were closed Thursday for New Year's.

The market initially rallied



Friday after the Institute for Manufacturing Index rose to 65.2 in December from 62.8 in November. Most analysts had expected the index to dip.

Norbert J. Ore, chairman of the institute's business survey committee, said the reading meant "the manufacturing sector enjoyed its best such since December 1983."

He said much of the momentum

was in orders, which bodes well for economic growth in 2004.

Countering the positive economic news was continuing concern about terrorism. More than a half-dozen New Year's holiday flights were disrupted as U.S. authorities tightened the air safety net around the country with flight cancellations, airline searches and fighter jet escorts for some planes.

U.S. manufacturing turned best month in 20 years

NEW YORK (AP) - The nation's manufacturing sector finished 2003 with its most robust month of 20 years.

The Institute for Supply Management reported Friday that its manufacturing index jumped to 65.2 in December from 62.8 the previous month, strong evidence that the economic turnaround continues to pick up steam.

The new reading was the highest since December 1983 for a

sector that has shed millions of jobs over the past three years.

Stocks rose strongly following the release of the report, but major indexes ended up mixed after a bout of late-day selling.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended 44 points lower at 10,410. Broader stock indicators were mixed: The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3 points to 1,108, while the Nasdaq composite was up 3 points at 2,007.

The December reading marks

the sixth consecutive month of expansion in manufacturing and was significantly higher than the 61 forecast by analysts.

The index measures the rate of growth in U.S. manufacturing. A reading above 50 indicates expansion; one below 50 indicates contracting. From March through June, the manufacturing index was below 50.

Economists said the index shows that while the beleaguered

factory sector still has much ground to make up, it is now firmly in recovery mode, helped along by low interest rates and a falling dollar that makes U.S. produced goods cheaper overseas.

"Manufacturing is the puzzle that's falling in place to produce broad-based, sustained economic growth," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist with Wells Fargo & Co. in Minneapolis.

Bankruptcy filings in Idaho by month and type

Here, at a glance, are the bankruptcy filings in Idaho by month and type for 2003 and 2004.

Table with columns for Month, 2003 (Ch.7, Ch.11, Ch.12), 2004 (Ch.7, Ch.11, Ch.12), Total, and Percent Change. Rows include January through December for both years.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of New York Stock Exchange data including Name, Div, Last, Chg, and various market indicators like NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ.

MARKET SUMMARY

Market Summary table with columns for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Includes Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diaries for each exchange.

INDEXES

Table of various market indexes including Dow Jones Industrials, S&P 500, and others with their respective values and changes.

Stocks of Local Interest

Table of local interest stocks with columns for Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, and YTD.

How to Read the Market Report

Header for the Market Report explaining the symbols and data used in the tables.

Main Market Report table with columns for Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, and YTD, listing various stocks.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table of NASDAQ National Market data including various stock listings and market indicators.

Advertisement for 'Down with debt' featuring a photo of a couple and text about counseling services to help with debt.

Table of American Stock Exchange data with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and YTD.

MARKETS

BEANS

Valley Beans
Cottonseed oil for growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1...

GRAINS

Valley Grains
Soft white wheat, \$1.10; barley, \$1.00 (45-pound basis)...

MEATS

Valley Meats
Calf, \$3.70 (44-lb); mutton, \$4.00 (25-lb); pork, \$3.40...

POULTRY

Portland One (AP) - Broilers at 1200 p.m.
US 1/2 broiler, 100 lb, 11.00; 1/4 broiler, 50 lb, 11.00...

CHICAGO (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Board

Wheat's open at 17.412
Wheat's close at 17.412

SUGAR

NEW YORK (AP) - Sugar futures trading on the New York Board of Trade Friday
SUGAR WORLD 11
11000000 lbs. per ton

LIVESTOCK

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Livestock Report Friday
CHICAGO (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Friday

CATTLE

40,000 lbs. cwt. per lb.
Feb. 73.52 75.00 73.52 74.50 +.53

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - High Low Beta Chg.

Wheat's open at 17.412
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POTATOES

CHICAGO (AP) - USDA - Major potato markets
Shipping points Friday, Russia's U.S. 500-carot...

METALS/CURRENCY

By The Associated Press
Selected world gold prices

WHEELS

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marriage. The Solvang, Calif., resident, a freelance legal writer...

FOSSIL FUELS

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Friday
Oil's open at 20.075

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Various mutual fund performance data including Fidelity, Vanguard, and others.

Even a basic 99-cent Hot Wheels model requires several molds: one for the chassis, one for the interior and one for the exterior. Some larger, 1/18-scale models have 200 pieces, each requiring a mold of its own.

Like many other collectors, Hot Wheels aficionados prize models from 1968 until 1977, which are sprayed with a thin red stripe around the tire sidewalls.

Automakers have seen the value of Hot Wheels: They like seeing their designs immortalized in toy form and have discovered that having a detailed cast-metal model in store shelves can help pump up sales.

Ever since, Hot Wheels signatur cars and trucks have had exaggerated proportions: big engines, fancy bright paint, chrome trim, slick oversized wheels, hood scoops, flame decals, low front ends and other customized hot-rod features.

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0.27 and 0.53 percent, respectively. The nadir of the season for online retailers came the week of Dec. 1, the post-Thanksgiving shopping period when the average failure rate was 6.32 percent.

The worst failure rates that week belonged to J.C. Penney, Co. and Sears, which couldn't complete purchases 18.2 percent and 17.3 percent of the time, respectively.

"We're not far off on the success rate, on the real proof is sales are responding to the success rate. We're pleased with the response that people have had to Sears.com."

Willy Medina, spokesman for the holiday shopping season, 49 percent of merchants saw sales increase more than 35 percent compared to the same period in 2002.

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Also coming up short in three out of four weeks was OfficeMax Inc. The office supplies retailer was recently bought by Boise Office Solutions, a unit of Boise Cascade Corp. of Boise.

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1996 CHEVY BLAZER Stock #G217. Was \$10234. SAVE \$2246	*7988
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2000 HONDA ODYSSEY Stock #F226. Was \$15843. SAVE \$2655	*12988

1999 PONTIAC GRAND AM Stock #5719. Was \$9854. SAVE \$2866	*6988
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1999 OLDS 88 LSD Stock #2767. Was \$10336. SAVE \$2348	*7988
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2000 CHRYSLER SEBRING Stock #0345. Was \$12574. SAVE \$2586	*9988
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2000 CHRYSLER 300M Stock #0918. Was \$16420. SAVE \$2432	*13988

TRUCKS

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2000 DODGE 1500 Stock #E848. Was \$13542. SAVE \$2554	*10988
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2001 DODGE DAKOTA Stock #G117. Was \$19533. SAVE \$2545	*16988

CARS

1998 PLYMOUTH NEON Stock #1927. Was \$7543. SAVE \$2555	*4988
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What will the new year hold?

Some educated guesses on what the new year might bring

1. The Episcopal Church will continue on the inevitable path to division sparked by the ordination of an openly gay bishop. The issue is too painful, and the two camps too divided, for there to be common ground.
2. Presbyterians, Lutherans and other mainstream denominations will keep talking, studying and meeting, searching for some answer that reconciles those who believe homosexuality is a sin and those who don't. The more I cover the furor, the more I doubt such an answer exists.
3. In a county where you'd think 700 houses of worship would be enough, alternative congregations and different ways to worship will challenge the status quo. A growing number of established churches will look at the latest trend in the faith world - Saturday night services for those who work or prefer sleeping in on Sunday.



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4. Other churches will look for more creative ways to minister to people. A woman called me the other day looking for a congregation with a support group for divorcees. Those that don't have one ought to at least talk about starting one.
5. The Roman Catholic Church will continue rebuilding the confidence of parishioners shaken by the sexual abuse scandal. A national report early in the year will seek to gauge exactly how many crimes were committed by how many priests. The church needs to learn the truth - and share it - before it can begin to move on.
6. If the number of calls I've gotten over the holidays is any sign, a growing number of people will live out their faith in shelters and urban ministries. I'm hearing from more individuals and congregations eager to serve a meal or donate a bag of clothing to the poor. I sense a readiness among people to do more than sing and worship. They are restless to act.
7. More women will be called to lead bigger congregations.
8. His fragile health permitting, Billy Graham's ministry will continue to flourish in 2004. He's planning two crusades, and his association will make progress on its move from Minneapolis to a striking complex of offices (and a Billy Graham museum) planned for Billy Graham Parkway near the Charlotte airport.

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A woman and a minister

More churches accept women into the ministry in Magic Valley

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

A changing clergy is reflected in the Magic Valley - with female ministers serving in a number of ways.

Karen Page, at First Church of God in Jerome, is a co-pastor with her husband, Peter. The Pages take turns giving sermons.

Karen, from southern California, and Peter, from South Africa, met at a California Bible college. Their ministerial life fell into place gradually. Both say Peter is the artist, a dreamy kind of fellow, and Karen is the grounding force. Early on, they did missionary work in Great Britain, then founded a church in California before moving to Idaho.

Elaine Steele, a member of the Twin Falls City Council and former Twin Falls mayor, is also a minister married to a minister. She is lay pastor at the United Methodist Church in Paul. Her husband, Jerry, is pastor of the United Methodist Church in Kimberly.

During her years as a preacher's wife, Elaine Steele sang in the choir, did the bulletin and taught Sunday School. But now, she has to get everything done.

She spends the week working on a sermon. Then after preaching it, she naps for a while - until Sunday evening, when she starts on the next week's sermon. She likes to grade herself on her sermons, and track their effects on her congregation. When she delivers an A-plus sermon, she said, the collection plate is fuller than when she delivers a C-minus sermon.

Darcey Grizmacher is senior pastor of the Burley United Methodist Church, having previously served in four churches in England. Her husband is an ordained minister in the Church of Christ.

Originally from Texas, Grizmacher said women tend to go into more diverse ministerial fields: Some do not want to serve as senior pastors in a church, but prefer to teach as religious educators, function as music ministers, do community outreach work in homeless shelters, work as chaplains on college campuses or do missionary work.

The ratio of women to men pastors in Methodist churches is now about 40 women to 60 men, noted Grizmacher, who has seen a wide range of responses from



Darcey Grizmacher, senior pastor at Burley United Methodist Church, carries 4-month-old Eliza Rae Taylor after baptizing her during a recent service.

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The national numbers grow in recent years

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

Across the country, large numbers of women are being ordained to the ministry.

Not that women are new to the ministry. The Friends (Quaker) Church has always had female ministers, for example, with Oregon's George Fox University starting to ordain Quaker women in the 1600s.

However, the number of women in the ministry has skyrocketed in recent years.

According to a Hartford, Conn. Seminary study, female clergy in the American Baptist Church increased from 157 to 712 during the last two decades. In Episcopal churches in the United States, female clergy has increased from 94 to 1,394. Methodist and Presbyterian churches first ordained women in 1956, and the Methodists have increased the number of women ministers from 319 to 3,003.

The Unitarian Universalists, having accepted women into the ministry for nearly 100 years, now have a majority of female clergy, with Unitarian female pastors outnumbering their male counterparts 431 to 422 nationally.

Although Pentecostal churches are deemed conservative theologically, many ordain women: Amie Semple McPherson started the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, and Ida Robinson began Mount Sinai Holy Church.

Then there is the Christian Science church, founded by Mary Baker Eddy in 1879.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has implemented a compromise policy. It does not ordain women as ministers, but does grant them most of the authority given to ministers. It also allows the ordination of women to the lower post of elder.

Meanwhile, the Reform branch of Judaism has been ordaining women rabbis since the 1970s, and the Conservative branch has been ordaining women rabbis since 1985.

Twelve percent of Nazarene ministers are women.

It was not always easy, and sometimes still isn't. Take the historical account of Antoinette L. Brown, who graduated from Ohio's Oberlin College in 1847 and returned a year later to take its three-year course in theology. This created a crisis among the faculty, since no woman had ever studied theology at Oberlin

Accidents are just accidents

The Kansas City Star

READER'S QUESTION: A person I love dearly died in an accident. Is this God's way of punishing him?

The Rev. Pat Rush, vicar general of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo.: Accidents are just that, accidents, and nothing more. God doesn't spend God's days in front of a giant computer arranging injuries for each of us. Nor does God intervene to stop nature's forces from taking their natural course when the absurdity of life places hazards in our path. An accident is an accident. It's not a punishment. God in Jesus tells us that God's primary goal is not our punishment, but our conversion and salvation. St. Paul tells us that for those who love God all things work together for their good. From accidental injuries can come the good of growth and conversion out of our negative responses to the pain, inconvenience, and disability. Instead we can learn patience and acceptance. We can learn surrender of our selfish expectations of life and concern for others' needs even in our discomfort and disappointment. We experience God's punishment when we resist and if all God's efforts to love have failed. Short of that, all accidents and disappointments are opportunities for maturation in wisdom and grace.

Faith Q&A

Dr. Harry Yates prays as congregation member Richard Chapman holds his hand up in response during a service at the Nashville Cowboy Church in Nashville, Tenn. on Dec. 24. The church, complete with a band on the stage, meets in the Texas Troubadour Theater in a strip mall near the Grand Ole Opry House.



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Cowboy churches' simple message and style resonates

By Karin Miller
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Wearing a cowboy hat, boots and string tie, Harry Yates doesn't look like a typical preacher. And the Texas Troubadour Theatre he's standing in front of - with its neon Texas-shaped sign flanked by guitars - is not your normal church building.

But that is part of the attraction

of the Nashville Cowboy Church, which draws several hundred worshippers each Sunday and has thousands more listening on the radio or via the Internet. Similar cowboy churches are popping up around the country.

In Nashville, cowboy hats are passed around as offering plates, and a 10-piece band up on the stage plays live country gospel music.

Michael E. Young, pastor of the church, says the band's music has a huge influence on the contemporary Christian music scene.

What sang to Christians in 2003?

The Dallas Morning News

1. "Astronomy," Bleach (Tooth & Nail Records, 40 min.). "Astronomy" ruminates about the struggles of the world and the ultimate hope found in God.

2. "This Is the Moment," The Violet Burning 1 (Northern Records, 46 min.). "This Is the Moment," concocted by Michael Pritzl, is a brilliant display of alternative pop. Though he resists branding his music as Christian, Pritzl's songs are unmistakably spiritual.

3. "Access.D," delirious? (Furious? Records, 116 min.). Few players in contemporary praise can match the influence of delirious?, and "Access.D" shows why, with a rocking lineup of greatest hits and a few tracks to thrill and surprise longtime fans.

4. "Fields of Grace," Big Daddy Weave (Fervent Records, 38 min.). "Fields of Grace" reaches even further than Big Daddy Weave's 2002 debut, "One and Only." The album is more immediate and edgier than its predecessor, and EDW remains unapologetically evangelical.

5. "Illuminate," David Crowder Band (Six Steps Records, 56 min.). The David Crowder Band packs "Illuminate" with humor, whimsy, tight pop-rock musicianship and songs that make you think and sing along.

-Michael E. Young
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RELIGION

Episcopal liberals struggle with dioceses

By Rachel Zoll The Associated Press

Nancy Key, a lifelong Episcopalian, grew uneasy as speaker after speaker at her diocesan meeting rose to denounce the confirmation of the first openly gay bishop in the history of the American church...



Barb Click, spokeswoman for Fort Worth Via Media, is shown at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Fort Worth, Texas. Click leads a group of moderate and liberal Episcopalians who are fighting their bishop's attempt to move away from the national church over its first openly gay bishop.

bishop of New Hampshire and moderates who may disagree with ordaining gays but don't want the denomination to break apart over the issue. Robinson has lived openly with his male partner for 14 years.

The fledgling organizations have become more active as the American Anglican Council, which represents conservatives, creates a network of parishes and dioceses separate from the church's leadership. The 2.3 million-member Episcopal Church is the U.S. branch of the global

Anglican Communion. Very important, advocates say, is the emotional support the groups provide. "It is a bit stifling to feel such a wave of unmitigated - not loathing, but distrust or fear...

bers, "they tend to exaggerate things and seem interested only in trying to stir up controversy by some of their accusations." "The Anglican way has generally been to agree on how we worship and not to inquire too deeply...

Worship Celebration for students will take place

TWIN FALLS - The youth of Epworth Baptist Church will host a Worship Celebration for junior and senior high school students at 7 p.m. today, Feb. 7 and March 6. The youth are in charge of the song service, Scripture reading and preaching...

Church news

Support group orientation session will take place

RUPERT - An orientation session for Grief Share is set for 4 p.m. Sunday at Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St. The support group, open to all, uses a television magazine format...

Methodist church holds lasagna dinner Sunday

WENDELL - A lasagna dinner will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at Wendell United Methodist Church. The public is invited; cost is a freewill offering. For more information, call Patty Jeffries at 536-5812 or Alma Bitterli at 536-2315.

It's a simple life for Texas Mennonites

By Elizabeth Campbell Fort Worth Star-Telegram

GRANDVIEW, Texas - When Evangeline Yoder returns home from school, it's quiet except for the sounds of a clock chime and of her 3-year-old daughter stiding his feet. Mennonite children might miss the constant racket of a television or video games, but Evangeline doesn't.

often come to mind when Mennonites are mentioned, Lott and Grandview have similar-size Mennonite populations. Of Grandview's 1,450 residents, about 180 are Mennonites. Harold Priesen's Quality Wood Products makes lawn furniture. Leckland Ulrich builds backyard decks and roasts coffee from his farm in Costa Rica.

RELIGION LETTER

Some worship a warlike God instead of Jesus

Whenever someone asked Saddam Hussein what the outcome would be in case there was a war, he would tell them it would be in God's hands. Saddam would have known from past history that the god some people worship has always been on the side of those who had the weapons of mass destruction and could do the most killings.

Vietnamese monk kills himself in a call for religious freedom

HANOI, Vietnam - A Buddhist monk who died after setting himself on fire on Christmas Eve in the United States sacrificed his life to demand religious freedom in his native Vietnam, a Paris-based Buddhist support organization said.

Thich Chan Hy, 74, started the fire at 5 a.m. on Dec. 24 at an altar outside the Lien Hoa Pagoda in Charlotte, N.C. He left a note explaining his act as a plea that "all Vietnamese may enjoy freedom of religion and belief."

In the Old Testament, the Bible states that God made the sun stand still so that Joshua and his men could kill more souls. Jesus wanted the people to worship a peaceful and loving God so that they would have a better life, but the scribes and the Pharisees said Jesus was misleading the people and wanted him crucified.

Religion in brief

statements of faith and national call to prayer following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Bush, a member of the denomination, was named to the Society of John Wesley Fellows on Dec. 17, according to United Methodist News Service.

"The John Wesley Award is given to clergy, laymen and laywomen who have demonstrated their commitment to Christ and their understanding of the faith differs every aspect of their daily life," said the Rev. Joe Harris, of the Commission on United Methodist Men.

place in the classroom. President Johannes Rau did not take a specific, but said he supported equal treatment of all religious symbols. Germany has roughly 3.5 million Muslims, mostly of Turkish origin.

Germany has been divided over whether to ban Muslim teachers from wearing headscarves in public classrooms since the nation's highest court ruled in September that such laws violate constitutional legislation specifically outlawed them.

Authorities turn to religious leaders to help solve killings

AKRON, Ohio - Frustrated city officials are turning to local-religious leaders for help solving several murders. Mayor Don Plusquellic has sent about 70 letters asking clergy to urge church members not to cover for the killers.

Methodist organization honors President Bush

WASHINGTON - The United Methodist Men organization has honored President Bush for his

German chancellor, officials differ on religious symbols

FRANKFURT, Germany - Muslim teachers in public schools should be allowed to wear headscarves, a German official responsible for foreigners' integration says. "It is counterproductive to block such women from training and a career and limit their emancipation," Marieluise Beck, said.

A week ago, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder took a different position, saying Islamic veils have no

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Pam and her husband are a team, but he does not preach. "I am not a woman's liberator, but am a great advocate of women's ministry in the church," Pam Rose explained.

Helen Gibson, an 83-year-old preacher in the New Life Full Gospel Church in Burley, said people who feel women should be silent in church are listening to man's words, not God's words.

Cowboy

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music before Yates gives a simple sermon about how people need a "personal relationship with Jesus" to get into heaven.

In 1950, Yates and wife, Joanne (the youngest sister of the late singer Johnny Cash), had a traveling ministry, but decided to settle down and hold their first cowboy church service in a Nashville bar.

Ministers

have been Methodist ministers for 22 years and have sometimes worked in the same church. Today, she is senior pastor in Filer; he is senior pastor in Jerome.

Sally Kimbrow thinks life is a bit easier for ministers with children when each parent works in the same church. If one spouse has a wedding or funeral and a child gets sick, the other spouse can be at home, she explained.

Margie Mai is a senior pastor at Methodist churches in Buhl and Castelford, commuting between the congregations so there is no doubt about her official status. "Otherwise," she said, "men tend to not want to not take you seriously."

Albums

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- 1. "The Beautiful Letdown," Switchfoot (Sparrow Records, 45 min.) "We are a beautiful letdown/Painfully uncool/The Church of the dropouts, the losers, the sinners, the failures and the fools," Enoch said.
2. "Who We Are Instead," Jars of Clay (Essential Records, 51 min.) Jars just continues to grow and grow, and that has blessed us all. "Who We Are" is something all bands should aspire to be.
3. "She Must and Shall Go Free," Delella Webb (INO Records, 51 min.) You can't beat Webb's piercingly honest lyrics. The former Caedmon's Call guitarist and vocalist is well on his way to making a difference in the industry.
4. "Perfect Change," Dakona (Maverick Recordings, 55 min.) The major-label debut from this Vancouver-based band rocks. The Lifeshove-sound and introspective lyrics make for an amazing end product.

5. "Illuminate," David Crowder Band (Six Steps Records, 56 min.) Their "background" as worship leaders will always show in what they do. But the band pushes forward to another dimension, and what a joy that is. - Berta Delgado

- 1. "The Beautiful Letdown," Switchfoot (Sparrow Records, 45 min.) At the top of my list since early this year, Switchfoot remains the No. 1 spot with this captivating journey through life's tougher questions. Jon Foreman and company get better with each album.
2. "Hero: The Rock Opera," Various artists (Mcaux Music, 109 min.) Thumping rock, hip-hop, world and other music styles carry lyrics that modernize Christ's life and death. The project is also notable for using established and rising talent in key roles.
3. "Picking Up the Pieces," Seventh Day Slumber (Crown Music, 38 min.) Lead singer Joseph Rojas almost died from a

cocaine overdose, so he's all the more convincing when he sings of "hopelessness without Christ."
4. "Peace of Mind," Pence of Mind (BEC Recordings, 37 min.) KJ-52 and friends marry slamming guitar rock, playful, clever lyrics and an often unflinching look at people trying to get by as Christians in name only.
5. "Jonah 33," Jonah 33 (Ardent Records, 46 min.) Front man Vince Lichlyer states that he escaped his "trash of a life" focused on drugs, violence and sex. A real-life relationship with God is reaffirmed as the foursome dedicated themselves to spreading the word. - Marcus Stewart

- 1. "Catholic Christmas Classics, Vol. VIII," The Cathedral Singers (GLA, 69 min.) Christmas recordings aren't usually on anybody's "year's best" list, but this choral collection of sacred classics is so exceptional that it deserves the top spot.
2. "Casting Crowns," Casting Crowns (Beneath Street, 43 min.) This is not fa-la-lu-fu for the Lord, but exquisite Christian pop with theological depth that weds the pop sounds of Steven Curtis Chapman and Creed.
3. "Songs of Faith from Near and Far," Cross Culture (GLA, 64 min.) A stellar group of musicians celebrates the music of faith from cultures around the world in this unusual and compelling compilation.
4. "Do This In Memory of Me," David Haas (GLA, 42 min.) Fresh, contemporary arrangements of liturgical music for Holy Communion services that easily lend themselves to congregational singing.
5. "A Place at the Table," Lori True (GLA, 54 min.) A powerful collection of contemporary liturgical hymns written by notable composers such as Ruth Duck and Brian Wren, as well as True, a budding vocalist-turned-composer. - Susan Hogan/Albach

National

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before. Even Brown's family opposed her; her father and brother ceased to support her financially. She and her friend, Lettice Smith, were grudgingly allowed to attend classes, but were not given degrees, nor were they permitted to participate in commencement exercises. Their names did not appear in the alumni catalog as graduates of

the theological class of 1850. (Decades later, Oberlin rectified this omission and included them.) Brown wrote 10 books in her lifetime. At age 75, she accepted the call as pastor of a Unitarian church in Elizabeth, N.J., where she served with distinction until she was 90. Oberlin awarded her the honorary degree of doctor of divinity when she was 83, the first such degree ever bestowed upon

a woman by any institution of higher learning. By the time of her death, at 96, there were more than 3,000 licensed and ordained women ministers in the United States. Female clergy often serve as assistant or associate pastors, with a man serving as senior pastor. And many faith groups still refuse to ordain women, teaching that women have specific roles in

the family and in religious organizations, where positions of authority are reserved for males. Those that do not ordain women include the Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox churches, a few of the Anglican churches, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and some fundamentalist and evangelical Protestant denominations.

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said. "So every meeting was there - town elections and committee meetings and parents were just cover up the whiskey bottles." The Nashville Cowboy Church services remained at the Sweetwater Lounge until 1995, when they moved into the theater adjoining an Ernest Lubb Record Shop in a strip mall. While some cowboy churches are housed in traditional church buildings, many more are held in community centers, livestock barns, fairgrounds and riding clubs. The Thousand Hills Cowboy Church in Kerrville, Texas, has its own arena and barn on its 40-acre spread for roping and building clinics. Some cowboy church services are even held at rodeos. Yates said those simple messages from cowboy preachers are key to the churches' success.

Art heightens feelings for the Virgin Mary

By Mary Louise Schumacher
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

She is known by many names. Mother of God. Christian Madonna. The Virgin. Queen of Heaven. Lady of Sorrows. Or simply, Mary.

Very little is known about the historical Mary, even from Scriptural reference. She was a peasant girl who gave birth to Jesus. And yet, through the ages, no other woman has so fascinated the world. Millions believe she is the most holy human imaginable, a woman who made salvation for the entire human race possible.

She has intrigued Christians, Jews and Muslims alike. She has inspired the heavenward reach of the spirals at Chartres Cathedral, the luminous faces of Rubens' painted Madonnas, countless devotions and legends, the poetry of Dante, even tattoos.

What is it about Mary, or the idea of her, that holds sway over so many, that captivates, that is worshipped, that prompts devotion or, in some cases, provokes? In many ways, that is a personal question that each person must answer. But by looking at the depictions of Mary in visual art through the centuries, some things become clear. The tumult of human emotion and suffering is uniquely explored and understood through her story — and like a computer mouse in the hand of the Madonna, in "Madonna of the Internet," Osenga hopes to contrast the simplicity of Mary's

Katherine. Osenga's paintings look, at first glance, like traditional icons of Mary. But the California artist subtly inserts signs of the modern age, like a computer mouse in the hand of the Madonna. In "Madonna of the Internet," Osenga hopes to contrast the simplicity of Mary's

Many find solace and inspiration in exercise

By Leslie Garcia
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — We exercise to lose weight, right? To tighten muscles and to gain energy. Or so we think. If we're lucky, the shed pounds and firm calves become secondary.

Exercise, we begin to realize — as we cross our fingers that the rain won't keep us from running; or as we spit into our goggles, eagerly anticipating our swim; or as we greet the members of our aerobics class we've seen every morning for years — makes us feel alive.

We have been blessed with a body that can do the exercise, and a spirit that revels in what that body can do.

We watch the sky turn from navy to pink, or from light to darkness.

Somewhere within those miles, those repetitions, those laps, we find energy. We find serenity. We find ourselves.

Jennifer Leforge, of Coppell, Texas, started exercising when her husband was furloughed from a major airline. Yes, she had wanted to lose. But mostly she wanted to fight her depression.

Now, she runs between four and five miles about four times a week. She prays when she runs, she says.

"My runs are the only time I can clear my head and talk to the Lord. I can focus on the task at hand, which I don't have the luxury of doing during the day."

Cliff Stricklin, a criminal district court judge, 2 runs to stay healthy, look good for his age, keep up with his two sons. But there's a deeper reason, he says. Pushing himself to the physical extreme "reminds me that I am alive."

One day, Elizabeth Hinkle-

story with the complexity of today's communication tools.

Sculptor Robert Graham reintroduced Mary's image to be inclusive, so all women would be able to relate to her. When his bronze statue for the new Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in Los Angeles was hoisted into place, the scene was classic L.A. — giant cranes, photographers, TV camera crews. The statue was above it all, goddesslike, seeing no one, seen by everyone — the star. Commonweal magazine reported, noting how Mary was compared in appearance to Julia Roberts by at least one person in the crowd.

In Southern California, Mary is a common political and social symbol. For many in the Chicano community, displaying the brilliantly colorful image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in a store window or on a bumper sticker can be a public act of devotion as well as a small political act of independence. According to Catholic beliefs, the Virgin appeared in the 1500s to a man in Mexico City, leaving an image of herself on his cloak. Many believe her visitation was a sign of favor to Mexico.

An example of a painting that might have served to instruct countless artists is Rogier van der Weyden's early 15th-century painting "Deposition." In the painting, the elegant S-curve of Mary's swooning body mirrors the sway of Jesus' body as he is taken down from the cross.

By the 19th century, artists were more free to explore the frailty of human emotion in their work. In the 19th-century painting "The Annunciation," the Virgin is depicted as a young woman in a simple dress, looking down from the sky.

Turner — fresh from countless hours of preparing for and passing her doctoral exams — looked in the mirror "and looked awful," she recalls. Her husband, an avid runner, suggested she join him. Then, when she was diagnosed with Hodgkins disease, her doctor explained that chemotherapy can break down muscles, so at his suggestion she kept running.

Through 10 months of chemo, she ran. Her red-blood cell count stayed good, so she didn't need a transfusion. She has since given birth to two sons and is now cancer-free.

But what gets her up and pounding the pavement at 5 each morning has little to do with fitness, Dr. Hinkle-Turner says. Instead, she calls it "my thank-you to God for sparing my life."

She explained, "I've lost friends and colleagues to Hodgkins and other cancers. For some reason, God let me live and I owe it to him to keep my body in as good shape as possible ... I intend to keep it in good repair in gratitude for his miracle to me."

Dale K. Claar started playing tennis when he was a senior in high school.

Sixty-one years later, at age 80, he's still playing. Once a week, a buddy from church picks him up and they play for about an hour.

As a retired registered nurse, Vicki McManus knows swimming is good for her. As a human being, she experiences that knowledge every time she kicks her feet through the warm water, turns her face to catch a deep breath of air.

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India's gurus take to airwaves

By John Lancaster
The Washington Post

NEW DELHI, India — In the plush, heavily marbled living room of his 8,000-square-foot mansion, the wealthy industrialist sat raptly in front of the television at 7 a.m., a cup of tea in his hand and a contented smile on his face. On the screen in front of him, Yashpal Sudhanshu, one of India's best-known gurus, chanted a prayer in Sanskrit before launching into a soothing, feel-good lecture on how to cope with stress.

"Begin each day with a pure thought," he advised. "When you do breathing exercises, when you control your anger, when you laugh, you're actually prolonging your life."

The industrialist, Rajiv Malhotra, said he was deeply grateful for such guidance. Listening to a guru each morning helps him "get peace out of this mechanical life," he said. "People have become very conscious about material things."

Malhotra, 44, is not alone. As Indians move to the cities and leave behind traditional, village-level forms of Hindu worship, they increasingly are turning to the airwaves in search of spiritual sustenance. As a result, religious programming is booming, making celebrities out of gurus whose satellite-assisted reach now extends to many parts of the globe.

"Spirituality was always part of the Indian psyche, but now it has just found a new vehicle, 24-hour television," said Madhav Kant Mishra, executive director of the new Sadhna religious channel. "Indians had started disbelieving their own traditional knowledge systems. The TV channels aim to reestablish that system with modern analysis and in a modern context."

The audience for such programs cuts across social classes in India, where cable television costs as little as \$1.50 a month, and cable and satellite services reach an estimated 42 million of 191 million households nationwide. By all accounts, however, some of the most ardent viewers are educated middle-class and wealthy Indians, who tend to live in larger towns and cities and rely on the daily dose of Hindu folk wisdom, prayers and counseling as a powerful antidote to urban angst.

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Hinduism is deeply embedded



Industrialist Rajiv Malhotra and his wife, Amrapali, stand in front of the family temple in New Delhi. They are among a growing number of Indians who have turned to television broadcasts for their spiritual fulfillment.

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in the fabric of everyday life in India, where tens of thousands travel the roads on yearly pilgrimages and makeshift shrines grace the corners of the even the humblest dirt-floored homes. But the pressures of economic growth and modernization — manifest in a steady flow of people from the countryside to the cities — have taken their toll on religious tradition as observed by Hindus as well as the country's Muslim and Christian minorities.

"Indian religions are very locality-specific," said Ashis Nandy, one of India's leading social scientists. "You have family priests, family

gurus, personal gods, village gods and goddesses — this is what living Hinduism is — and that is truly in decline in urban areas. Therefore you begin to search for substitutes."

One consequence, he said, is a more homogenized and generic form of Hinduism. Another is the rise of Hindu nationalism, whose politicians have made enormous gains over the last decade in part by trying to "exploit this sense of void" among the increasingly transient urban masses, Nandy said.

But most of India's best-known gurus are determinedly apolitical — cultivating followers in secular par-

ties as well as the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party at the head of India's governing coalition.

The trend has set off fierce competition for airtime among gurus who regard television as key to enhancing their profile — and bringing in the financial contributions that sustain their ashrams and lifestyles. Some of the programming can be found on mainstream, India-based cable channels such as Zee TV, which claims a worldwide audience of 225 million, and Star Plus of the Murdoch media empire. But the trend is most visible in the emergence since 2000 of four 24-hour cable channels whose content consists largely of guru singing prayer songs (bhajans) or delivering sermons.

"The religious business in India is very lucrative," said an executive of a religious channel who asked not to be identified. So fierce is the competition for media exposure, the executive added, that lesser-known gurus typically pay religious channels for airtime; some have been known to record their sermons in private, "then insert shots of a crowd from elsewhere and send us the tapes. Some of them are such novices that they need teleprompters and written scripts to give discourses. It's a big commercial game."

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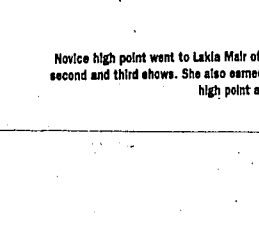
4-H HORSE AWARDS



Left, Angela Slack of Rupert received high point and reserve in the senior division at the Ride 'em & Saddle 'em 4-H club 'Shaggy Show.' She also tied for high point with Valerie Loveless at the third show and received overall high point at the final show. Awards were head stalls and reins for both high point and reserve, donated by the club and Cynthia Slack. Right, in the intermediate division, high point went to Jordy Welmer of Rupert and reserve went to Ashley Barkees of Murtaugh. They received these rankings at the 'Shaggy' and the end of season shows. At the second and third shows, Barkees received high point and Welmer received reserve.



Left, Krystal Loveless of Rupert received reserve high point in the senior division at the third show and reserve overall at the final show. The club shows were put on with the help of Boo Hooker. Right, novice high point went to Chelsea Trabett of Paul in the Shaggy Show. She also won reserve at the third show and overall high point at the final show. Judges for the shows included Sharon Dealba of Buhl, Angie Doyle of Rupert, Lawrence Valdez of Rupert and Candy Evans of Buhl. Trail judges were Brittany Thomas and Chris Patterson.



Left, Charlotte Loveless of Rupert received reserve high point at the third show. Hoof picks, rubber curry combs and trophies for each division were donated by Howard Conrad of Conrad Ranches in Murtaugh. Right, novice high point went to Chelsea Trabett of Paul in the Shaggy Show. She also won reserve at the third show and overall high point at the final show. Leadline winner was Cheyenne Barkees of Murtaugh, not pictured. Spray bottles for high points were donated by Larry Edgar and for the high point awards was donated by WSI for each winner. Not pictured, Roy Davidson of Twin Falls received high point in the Junior I and II division and reserve in the novice division at the second show.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Respite - Volunteers are needed to give respite to elderly homebound clients so their main caregivers can take a break. Volunteers are needed in the Buhl, Twin Falls, Gooding, Wendell, Eden and Jerome areas. Call Edith at 736-2122, ext. 320 or Kitty at 878-0725.

Upholsterer - Volunteers needed to upholster a set of chairs. For information about this project, call Flo Slater at 735-0121.

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 are reimbursed mileage and 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

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

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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 Camas,

Cassia, Lincoln and Minidoka counties. In January, volunteers will receive free comprehensive classroom training. No prior tax experience is needed, but some computer experience is helpful. Volunteers will need to commit at least 40 hours of volunteer service over the 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 in advanced math in the Mini-Cassia area three to four hours a week. 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 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.



These members reviewing the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma at the meeting in Richfield are, from left, standing: Michelle Powell of Gooding and Phyllis Richert of Jerome; seated: Amanda Eller of Shoshone, president Dorothy Morris of Buhl and Melba Fisher of Jerome.

Delta Kappa Gamma members meet in Gooding, award scholarship

RICHFIELD - The January meeting of the Theta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma International will be held at 10 a.m. on Jan. 10 at Donna Pence's home in Gooding.

Lawrence Pence will be the speaker, discussing "Nature's Dam Builders."

Jeanne Ruffing is the 2003 recipient of the Theta Chapter's scholarship.

Members and committee chairmen nominated and voted on her application at a meeting earlier in the fall and noted that she is an exemplary student.

She has two grown sons and is studying to receive a bachelor's

degree in elementary education. She has completed her associate's degree at the College of Southern and attends Idaho State University night classes.

Ruffing has been working at Wendell Elementary School in different capacities for several years, and said she appreciated receiving this award from the Delta Kappa Gamma International organization.

The December meeting was held at Sandra Calkins home in Richfield and attended by 12 teachers and retired teachers who brought books to donate to Gooding's Nickel Toy organization.

President Dorothy Morris of Buhl called the meeting to order and Cindy Canine of Gooding gave the opening collect.

Melba Fisher of Jerome and Amanda Eller of Shoshone conducted a demonstration of "Lotions and Potions" and then

helped members make samples. Fisher, Alpha Nu State membership chairman, led the group in a reaffirmation ceremony that included the review of the seven purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma, which is an organization for female educators. She asked the teachers to be especially mindful of the first of those, which is "To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship." She also had written a participation poem, which was read by the members.

Fisher reminded everyone to keep recruiting potential members in any and all areas of education and to remember that the organization offers scholarships at local, state and national levels, to assist qualified applicants seeking ways to further their education.

After the demonstration, the members had a luncheon followed by a candle exchange.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Minidoka County holds 4-H shooting sports event

RUPERT - All Minidoka County 4-H members are invited to participate in the 4-H Shooting Sports program at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the McGregor Center, 85 E. Baseline Road, Rupert.

Young people and parents will be given an overview of the program and then have an opportunity to try their skills at the shooting sports trailer.

Participants will learn the ins and outs of shotgun shooting and the specifics of the game of trap. Younger participants will be able to master the sport of air rifle. Members will be able to complete the project by attending the events, giving a demonstration and completing the requirements.

The National Rifle Association Foundation has awarded Minidoka County 4-H a \$2,300 grant in support of its shooting sports program. The grant funds will be used to purchase shotguns, air rifles, a trap thrower, safety

equipment, a gun safe and other supplies. A young person will be able to participate at minimal to no cost.

For more information, call 436-7184.

Burley Veterans of Foreign Wars holds meeting

BURLEY - The Burley Veterans of Foreign Wars, Cassia County Post 3042, will be conducting its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday at the VFW Hall 554 Hilland Ave, Burley.

The discussion topic will be VFW events for 2004. All members are encouraged to attend. New members must bring proof of military service.

For more information, call Post Commander James Wright at 679-3249 or e-mail thechie@vfwci.net.

Arts council seeks help to develop summer events

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council is looking for help in developing a

series of summer events for the new performance platform in McClusky Park.

The performances will be held on Sundays and can include dance, theater and music. To help organize these summer events, call the Buhl Arts Council at 543-2888.

Blacksmith sculpture techniques class is offered

BUHL - Blacksmith sculpture technique classes will be held from 3:10 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 13 to Feb. 17 at the Buhl High School Ag building.

Instructors Holly Langdon, David Klug and Shane Stockham will teach participants a variety of metal patina finishes along with heating, forging and shaping metal into objects, such as ranshead dinner bells or candle holders. Class size is limited to 15 per session and free for anyone ages 12 to 18.

This program is in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club of the Magic Valley, a and the Buhl

Middle School After School Academy Program and made possible in part through a Creative Alternatives for Youth grant from the Idaho Commission on the Arts & the National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C.

For more information or to sign up, call 543-2888.

Burley Music Club holds board meeting

BURLEY - The Burley Music Club will hold its monthly board meeting at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Burley Library, 1300 Miller Ave., Burley.

Gooding County seniors hold annual meeting

GOODING - The annual members meeting of the Gooding County Senior Citizens' Organization will be held at 11:45 a.m. Jan. 15 at the Gooding Senior Citizens' Center, 308 Senior Ave., in Gooding. There will be the election of four, two-year board members and

three, one-year alternate board members. Nominations will be accepted up until the time to vote.

Following the vote for dinner at noon, the meeting will be reconvened and all ballots will be collected.

For more information, call 934-5504.

Red Cross First Aid and CPR Classes in Burley

BURLEY - American Red Cross will hold standard first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays, Jan. 31 through June 26 at the Civil Air Patrol building at 1057 Airport Road in Burley.

Thanks to an agreement with the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol, the Greater Idaho Chapter of the American Red Cross is able to offer regularly scheduled classes in Burley for the first time, the Red Cross reported. The Civil Air Patrol also is donating classroom space.

To enroll in any of these classes

or for more information about costs, call 733-6464.

Seminar on ADHD takes place next week

TWIN FALLS - A free seminar on attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Jan. 10 at the west building extension of the Twin Falls Reform Church located at 1631 Grandview Dr. N. in Twin Falls.

Presenters Jack Trotter, a pediatrician, and Jane Krumm, a counselor, will discuss the diagnosis and treatment of ADHD.

United Methodist Church offers lasagna dinner

WENDELL - The Wendell United Methodist Church will serve a lasagna dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday at the church located at 1715 E. Main St. A freewill offering will be taken.

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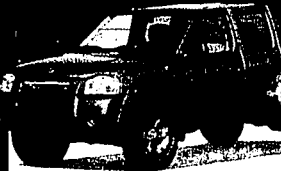
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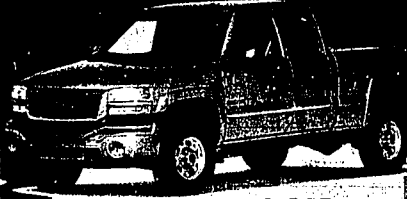
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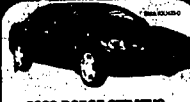
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