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ouple 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

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

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, SS, and Robert A. Busch, S8, were killed in the avalanche, which occurred about 1:30

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A BOOST FOR ORGANIC?



Qoodman, owner of the Ide-Mar ranch near Buhl, climbs down a haystack at his place Friday morning. Qoodman uses organically grown bay, which ows himself, to feed his Doxter cattle, and no animal by-products enter the feeding system.

Mad cow scare could boost market share

By Megan Hinds Times-News write

BUHL - Standing aton a tall stack of hay bales, Buhl cattle rancher Jack Goodman selected a brick and threw it to the ground et below.

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"My hay's not as pretty as my neighbor's hay - it's got some grass in it," Goodman said. "But that's OK. It sure doesn't bother my cows any."

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For more than 25 years, Goodman has maintained a herd of Irish Dexter cattle on the Idal-Mar ranch, located on 45 acres west of Buhl. About 70 Dexters feed exclusively on alfalfala and pasture grass grown without the

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

Mad cow disease, officially known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy or BSE, thought to be spread through cattle feed containing protein or sheep. Although the 'USDA

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.

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

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Goodman doesn't sell his cattle
directly to the average consumer,
most of his heard 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
beef market has clouded.
"As a consumer, I would been more interested in eating come."

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ucts," Goodman said. "I wouldn't sell 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.

"Its hard to get away from (the use of herbicides and pesticides)."

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 Marx and, if all goes as planned, stop with a bounce.

The plunge through the Martian atmosphere at 12,300 mph will mark the sturt of the riskest portion of the voyage thus far. As the unmanned spacecraft Spirit plummets to the rody surface 80 miles below, it will rely not the process of the shalleds, parachutes and rockets to slow its descent, just eight seconds before hitting the ground, the golf cart size Spirit should inflate a set of airbags to cushion its impact.

The entire harrowing trip down should take just six minutes from should respectively. The sping 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 mon.

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The \$820 million project also includes a twin rover, Opportunity, which is set to arrive on Mars on Jan. 24.
The camera and instrumental and 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 cupable of sustaining life. whether the Red Planet was whether the Red Planet was whether the Red Planet was warmen, wetter place cupable 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-

Agents focus on three routes

London, Mexico City, Paris draw scrutiny

of anti-terror efforts

The Washington Post

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

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Please see SECURITY, Page A7 Police at London's Heathrow Airport stand guard Friday.

American women fight, die in Iraq

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Hearts for combat — A9 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 combet in Iraq than in any previous war in U.S. history. They've taken

cent Air Force 10.5% BOURCE: Department of De

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

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 13,850 mph
through the cloud that cloaks the
dirry ball of ice and rock.
The spacecraft recorded bursts
of particles spewed by active jets
on the surface of the comet. It also
magged an untold number of dust
speckes for later study on Earth.
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Earth. The comet's nucleus, is
thought to be a jet-black ball per
haps just 33 miles across.
Scientists want to return samples of the dust particles to Earth
for study because they represent



nucleus of the comet is shown in this image taken Friday.

In this Image taken řídey.
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.

Mars

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ther survives, they will join the wretched ranks of some 20 other spacecraft from various nations that failed to successfully reach

"Some, including myself, call it the 'death planet," Weiler said.

The latest to 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.

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NASA hopes to learn whether NASA hopes to learn whether that has landed safely within 10 minutes of its expected 7:35 p.m. MST arrival. If scientists have heard from Spirit within 22 hours of landing the likelihood that it survived is very low, proj-ager Pete Theisinger said.

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N.C. couple claim \$110M lottery jackpot pot. They wanted to claim the prize but couldn't because state offices were closed for New Year's Day. The holder of the other win ning ticket, sold in York, Pa., had not come forward as of midday Friday.

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) – So where do two of America's newest multimillion-dollar lottery winners ear lunch to celebrate? Try the Steak n Shake.

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-

riday.
"It hasn't sunk in yet," a shell-shocked Deanna Shue said.

Beef

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entirely." Goodman said. "You
just do the best you can do."
Goodman said the new regulacions introduced this week by thoUSDA – 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

lowed. 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

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"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

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-

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ket meat counter.
Goodman sells his Dexter steers on the market for about \$1.10 per pound, compared with commercial beef prices that howered around an average of 90 cents per pound before the U.S. mad cow discovery. At the close of the 2003 rading season Wednesday, February live cartle futures traded on the Chicago Mercantile at 73.77 cents per pound.
Gregg Hall, president of the Magic Valley Cattle Association, said he believes the growth of the market for organic and grass-fed beef will prove to be an effect of the mad cow scare. While organic beef is a niche market, Hall said, "consumer confidence (in beef) is going to come from organic and non-labeled products."
"I Know the organic market is growing by leaps and bounds," said Hall, a Twin Falls beef products."
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While Goodmain says he silmest completely self-austaining on his operation, he admits raising his cattle in a niche market isn't as profitable as one may think, despite the possible boon to reganic market due to BSE.
"I do what I do because I feel we all have a responsibility to the earth; I really enjoy doing which I'm doing." Goodman said. "Not making a lot of money at it isn't a deterrent. Even if I were rich, I'd be doing the same thing."

Weather Information

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 underfire with assault rifles and rockerpropelled 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 journalists.

nalists at the scene and later detained three. Elsewhere, Arab gunmen shot and killed a Kurd amid rising ethnic tensions in the northern, oil-rich city of Kirkuk, and a Baath party official was assassitated in an apparent revenge killing in Mosul. An American tanker truck was set abbaze in western Iraq, and coalition forces raiding a Baghdad mosque arrested 32 sub-pected insurgents and seized an arms cache.

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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.
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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. Lory 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 123, often travels in armed convoys as part of her work as un aide to a commander of the 4th Infantry Division in Tilcrit. "Edwards 126 fr her 3-yearold son and infant daughter with her inlaws to serve in Iraq because her. husband serves in the Army in South Korea.

"I would love to be at home with y kids, but Irn doing this for them. I wouldn't want to do anything else," Edwards said recently. Opponents of women in combat continue their fight. They'et trying to pressure President Bush to reinstate restrictions on women serving in support units that travel loss to the total to the fourth lines, who are the total total to the total total to the total total to the total total total to the total total total to the total to the total total

to pressure President Bush to reinstate restrictions on women serving in support units that travel close to the front lines, such at travel close to the front lines, such as Lynch's 507th Maintenance Company which was ambushed in Nasinyah. That unit included the first American woman soldler clilled 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 bellewes it's important that women not be put in dan-

ger of being captured and raped.
Medical records indicate Lynch
was sodomized while in Iraqi captivity but she has said she does not
remember it.

"If we are opposed to violence
against women at the Air Force
and other service cacdemies, why
all of a sudden if violence happens
at the hands of the enemy, we say
it doesn't matter?" said Donnelly,
president of the Center for
Military Readiness, which claims
more than 20,000 signatures on
the petition. "That's a step back
ward for civilization, not a step beward."
Pentaeon officials say, they do

Pentagon officials say they do not keep track of the number of women service in Ingeneral 15 percent of active-duty troops and 17 percent of National Guard and reserve forces are women. Acting on the 1991 law allowing greater roles for women, but pentagon loosened restrictions on womens military service in 1994. The new rules allow women to become combat pilots and task other jobs that previously wed-off-limits.

off-limits.
The military retained some restrictions: Army women still can't serve in front-line infants, tank or artillery units, and Navy women can't serve on submarines or in the SEAL special forces with few servers for example. units, for example.

But the conflict in Iraq, like other modern wars, has blurred the line between combat and not

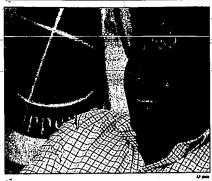
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Women can serve as military police, which patrol Iraqi cities and often have been involved in fighting with Iraqi insurgenti. Supply convoys and troop transports often include female soldier and have been the targets of repeated attacks by anti-American forces.

Some examples:

Army Pyt. Teresa Broadwell, 20, won a Bronze Star for valor follaying down machine-gun fire while her military police unit was under attack in Karbala in misocober.

Pfc. Rachel Bosveld, 19, was killed days later in a mortar attack on the police station in Abu Christia. Baghdad suburb home to one of Iraq's most notroids prisons.



Some Indian tribes bring back banishment

AMINNEAPOLIS (AP)
Banishment, long regarded as the
ultimate punishment among
American Indians, is making a
formeback among tribes trying to
find more effective ways to deal
with gangs and drugs.
Generations ago, banishmen
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 casion profits
with members.

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Band of Ojibwe is one of the latest
to revive the practice. The base
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young people convicted in a series
of assaults. Indian leaders feared
that the violence could lead to the
formation of gangs.

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of assaults. Indian leaders tack that the violence could lead to the formation of gangs.

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

The -National -Aribal 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 II -Indian bands - all are either Ojibwe or Dakona - 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.

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Where the laws exist, they are used sparingly. Most tribal leaders call banishment a last resort. But when it is used, it can hur. Kay Commodore, a Lummi Indian, was stripped of her Iribal 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

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.

Airport security director faces suspension

"WASHINGTON (AP) – The head of security at Washington Dulles liternational 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

Transportation Security Administration said Friday. Charles Brady, acting federal security director at Dulles, was

pulled over Thursday, hours after a British Airways jetliner was

pulled over Hursday, fotus atter a British Airways jetlimer was detained at the airport because of intelligence information. Airport spokeswoman Tura Hamilton said a Metropolitan Washing-ton Airports Authority police offi-cer 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.

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 spokeswman Claire Buchan said that a sixnation effort to address the issue which began last August - is the appropriate forum for such an undertaking.

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-which began last August-15 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 communis 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 Jannuzi. Both are East Asia experts and workrespettively for committee chair, man 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

Veterans with service-related injuries get medical priority

MESHINGTON (AP) – Veterans reeding medical help about health problems stemming from their military service will be scheduled first for-nonemergency – 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 out for it, VA Secretary Anthony Principi said in a statement.

Any veteran needing emergency

facility or contract for out for it, VA Secretary Anthony Princips aid 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 verans also get priority for nonservice-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.

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 banefits.

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Asked about the plans of the two groups to visit Pyongyang, State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said they are not act-ing on behalf of the administra-

ing on behalf of the administra-tion.
"Any efforts that complicate prospects or undertakings to reconvene six party talks and to achieve forward movement in dis-mantling North Korea's nuclear program aren't, helpful," Erell 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 aince U.N. monitors were ··· CHINA NORTH KOREA Kumchang-ni Taechon Yongbyon Pakchon Nuclear related Sunchon Pyongyang # O Segui

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. Iran said it prefers that the US. 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 to t

Erell 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 possistance as a prelude to a possistance described to a possible of the American Red Cross. Officials said the administration

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has been considering sending a member of President Bush's fami-ly to accompany Dole on the mis-sion. The United States moved quick-ly-this past week to provide assis-tance to Iran's earthquake vic-tims, insisting that there was no political component to the initia-tive.

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 develop-ment and others, said it suggested a-new Iranian artitude-on certain-issues.

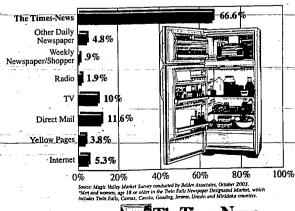
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issues.
But Iranian State Radio, in an unattributed commentary on Friday, said the United States was using earthquake aid to create divisions in Iran.
"The Americans, by publicizing their aid to Iran, have ineptly tried to implement their duplictous policy of creating a rile to 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.

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Where: Herrett Center for Arts

Where: Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

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will present "Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume I."
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Falls.
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and older, \$2 for students and \$9 for
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Cobalt Blue

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ourth Ave. S. Twin Falls.
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How much: \$4 cover charge.

The Fugitives
What: The Fugitives will play.
Where: Shakers, 826 Highway 81, eclo.

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 akes 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,
1826 Canyon Crest Dr., Twin Falls
When: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.
How much: No cover charge.

Rabid Dog karaoke

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

Twin Fails karaoke

What: Karaoke will be featured.
Where: The Klover Klub, 402
fain N., Twin Falls.
When: 8 pm. to 1 a.m. today
mough Thursday.
How much: No cover charge.

Burley karaoke

What: Karaoke will be featured. Where: 610 Club, 1054 Overland we, Burley.

When: 8 p.m. to midnight today. How much: No cover charge.

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| Blo Wood | 123% | 51% |
| Little Wood | 147% | 59% |
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| Blg Lost | 131% | 52% |
| Little Lost | 107% | 46% |
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Search teams look for ski instructor

Wood River Valley gets 2 feet of snow, several avalanches

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

Ilmos-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 speted 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 hi 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 avallanches. No one was hurt in avallanches that slid into homes along Warm Springs Road. One avalanche blocked Warm Springs Road near the Basset Mine. Another slid in a residential area in the Indian Creek subdivision three miles north of Halley.

Hailey. erous slides could be seen from the highway between Galena Summit and East Fork Road, five miles south of

Road, five miles south on Road, five miles south on Retchum.

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

nanaged areas like Baldy for the text few days. The search for the missing ski

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.

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 Scorpton, a heavily wooded out-of-bounds skiting area that comes out above Warm Springs Lodge. Police said he had not been found by late aftermoon.

The search brought a somber note to a snowstorm that had left skiers gasping for joy in snow the piled up so quickly skiers were

skiers gasping for joy in snow that piled up so quickly skiers were Please see MISSING, Page A6

PRESSING ON

Brittany Jones, 10, looks at her dad, Bobby, while talking with her brother, Jake, 13, and mother Beckl in Twin Falls this week. Brittany was born with a rare form of Savere Combined Immune-Deficiency Syndrome, or SCIDS. Girl with small chance of survival beats the odds

Southern Idaho recovers from recent wild weather

By Rebecca Mesny 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

cleaning up right now, no same Priday.

A 138-kilovolt transmission line that went down Priday morning in Hailey 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 distriplease see WEATHER, Page A6

Three face charges after drug bust

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

BUHL - The discovery of more than 100 marijuana plants - with an estimated street value of between \$500,000 and \$i\$ million-led to the arrest of three men in Buhl.

Robert Preston Werley, 46, of San Leandro, Callit, was charged with one count each of manufacturing of a controlled substance and trafficking in marijuana, both felonies.

lonies. Paul Adam Gaylord, 21, of Estes, Colo., faces one count of aiding/abetting trafficking in mar-

addingaecting inana.

Jason Robert Gaylord, 19, was charged with one count of aiding/abetting trafficking in marijuana, a felony. His place of residence was not immediately avail-

able.
Acting on a confidential tip, officers from Twin Falls County
Sheriff's Department and
Gooding County Sheriff's
Department obtained a search
warrant for the residence at 4481
N. 1800 E.
Inside officers for the sec

warrant for the residence at 4481 N. 1800 E. Inside, officers found two hidden "growing rooms," according an affidavit written by Jerry Martinez of the flwin Falls County Sheriff's Department. In one room, there were more than 30 small plants ranging from 3 inches to 4 inches tall, the affidavit says. The plants were on a wooden bench under florescent lights. Officers found a second room hidden behind a false wall, according to the affidavit. About 86 marijuana plants of various sizes were growing in planter boxes. Investigators also found rows of wire with large marijuana plants dying, the affidavit says. Three men were arrested at the scene Wednesday and arraigned in 5th District Magistrate Court Friday.

"We charged them based on what we had at the moment," said Grant Loebs, Twin Falls County prosecutor. "But that could change because the search is still going

because the searm as sun gome, on," argue and penalties could be-affected-by-amounts and types of drugs found. The maximum penalty for each charge is 15 years' imprisonment and a \$50,000 fine, Loebs said. Werley's bond was set at. 255,000. Paul and Jason Gaylord's bonds were set at \$100,000 each. None of the men has entered a plea.

plea.

Their preliminary hearings were set for Jan. 9.

Commission approves power plant plans for Mountain Home

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

Falls, Brittany weighed in at 2 pounds, 14 Jounces.
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.
"They 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

ly, kept at it.

"We were so fortunate with
their aggressiveness with her
treatment," Bobby said. "They

BOISE - State regulators have pproved Idaho Power Co's appliapproved Idaho Power Co.'s application to build a 162-megawatt gas-fired generation plant in Mountain Home for peak

TWIN FALLS - Her dolly, amantha, goes with her every-

Samantna, goes wan ner veray where.

And why wouldn't 10-year-old Brittany Jones need a little com-fort? When she was just an infant, doctors told her family several times she would not make it another day.

She had been diagnosed with.

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 cuses known in the world, said her mother, Becki Jones.

cki Jones. The little girl had been shuf-

fled around to hospitals throughout the West, subjected to life-saving but painful med-

Mountain removed.

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.

he future. The commissioners ruled Idaho lower can include \$54 million in

its base rates, including \$44.6 mil-lion to construct the plant and construct the plant and nticipated additional costs

ical procedures, including three bone-marrow transplants, with chemotherapy preceding each

one.

Brittany became a "bubble baby" and placed inside a pureair plastic dome to keep germs

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

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

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 mid-2005. It will nep meet the company's peak electrical demands in June, July, August, November and December. Though th, plant can be used any time, it probably will not operate during non-peak periods. I 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 abundaned amid public opposition and failure to secure financing.

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.

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,"
Beckt said.

Becki said.

Besides participating in a hip-hop dance class and an after-school program with crafts and

hop dance class and an after-school program with crafts and activities, Brittiny has learned gymnestics, performed the baby act role in the play "Puss "N' Boots" at the Children's Theater in Portlund 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 Please see THRIVING, Page A6

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 Fower rate case, expected to be decided next spring.

spring.

The firm contends Idaho Power has not adequately explored other options such as more effective peakload management.

The commission denied the commest because that would

unnecessarily delay both cases. But the panel agreed Idaho Power should search out alterna-

Power should search out alterna-tives 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

Idaho Power's management adjustment.
The site, north of Interstate 84 and west of Idaho Highway 20, is large enough to accommodate an additional generating unit if

Agency: Grazing rules could cause harm at first | Arrow

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interior Department's new plan for managing livestock graving on 160 million acres of public lands could have "some short-term adverse effects" in Western states, according to a draft study of the plant impacts released Friday. The Bureau of Land Management said in its draft environmental impact statement that some rangeland health might suffer initially during the transition to new rules. This could happen because the agency would have two years instead of one to make decisions and some of the changes would be phased in over five years, the bureau said.

But in the long-term, BLM said, "better and more sustainable grazing decisions would be the outcome and result in long-term positive effects on rangeland."

The Interior Department agency manages 251 million acres of public lands. Though the proposed rule could affect as many as 18,000 permit and leaseholders now using 150 million acres, what is grazed is usually less extensive because of drought, wildfires and business decisions. To minimize damage immediately after the new rules take effect, BLM said it still "could exercise authority ... to curtail grazing if imminent likelihood of

significant resource damage codata."

The Bush administration, saying it hoped to help livestock own in the property of the pr

1995 rules to eliminate a variety of public lands protections, including ending the require-ment for prompt action to address harmful grazing pracsudress harmful grazing prac-tices.

They complain the new rules would require years of monitors

They complain the new rules would require years of monitoring before damaging practices could be ended, restrict public input on grazing decisions on grazing, give ranchers ownership of range modifications and let livestock owners buy water rights on public lands.

The proposed rules would remove the current limit of three consecutive years under which livestock operators can retain

grazing permits but not make use of them. Operators could apply for nonuse for up to one year at a

for nonuse for up to one year at a time.

Ti / also would require more studies and monitoring any time BLM evaluates whether health standards for rangeland are being met. Livestock owners would be rewarded for making permanent improvements by sharing ownership of fences and wells with BLM.

Long-term conservation-use grazing permits would be oliminated, and BLM would clarify how it authorizes grazing when a permit is postponed because of an administrative appeal.

based agricultural research com-pany.

After mad cow disease was dis-covered in a Holstein from the -Sunny Dene-Ranch-in Mabton, Wash., prices fell from 91 cents per pound on Dec. 22 to 78 cents on Dec. 26.

That is a higher price than ranchers saw last January, when fed cattle traded for 74.7 cents a pound.

fed cattle traded for 74.7 cents a pound.
"As an industry, we probably had the best year that we've had in history," said Dalton Straus, a Central Point cattle rancher, who said he was encouraged by the high prices to buy a new tractor, baler and truck.
Ranchers say the windfall mostly vanished in payments for debts racked up over several lean years. And a crisis may be looming as banks call in lines of credit on cattle ranchers because of

on cattle ranchers because of e mad cow scare, Coleman said. "Banks are going to be awful

points to rest stop

ARROW (AP) - It wasn't uncommon for travelers to stop at the Nez Perce village on the bluff above the Potlatch River on-thoir way by on the nearby. Clearwater River.

place in history was established almost 100 years after the corps

lion.

Of the three other peace medals that have been found, one is in the Nez Perce visitor center at Spalding and another is on display at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland,

Mistorical Society in Fortund,
Ore.
Arrow was named for the many
arrowheads once found in the
area, said Mike Venso, a former
Lewiston Morning Tribune photographer and a member of the
ladah chapter of the Lewis and
Clark Trail Heritage Foundation.
"Anyone could just put (their)
hand in the sand and pull up
arrowheads," Venso said.
But years of Scavenging by people looking for arrifacts has legitle evidence of the Indians
who made their home at Arrow
There was an important railroad

junction at Arrow in the early 1900s.
Venso said the burial grounds and medal were found when the railroad blasted away a part of the hill to put line down.
The site became a popular fishing,—partying—and dumping site in the 1950s and 1960s, according to Venso. He helped organize a cleanup of the spot last year.
"We pulled out a refrigerator and all kinds of things," Venso said in a telephone interview from Salt Lake City, "There were not of beer cans, but there was a lot of other stuff, too."



MOLALIA, Ore. (AP) —
Rancher Steve Coleman slogged
through the mud of his Oregon
cow pasture, ignoring the cold
rain dripping from the bill of his
cowboy hat to scatter hay for a
herd of snorting, soggy black
Angus beef cattle. After the discovery of mad cow

Angus beef cattle.

After the discovery of mad cow disease in neighboring Washington state, his herd lost about 15 percent of its value, or about \$75,000, Coleman said.

Yet his outlook is not nearly as glum as the weather.

While industry experts are predicting a sharp decline in North American beef exports, in the face of bans from other countries, some ranchers hope to be sheltered financially.

The discovery of the potentially tatal disease followed a miniboom for beef producers. It came after sales were burged by the popularity of the high protein Atkins diet, and a ban canadian beef after mad cow disease was discovered in that countries.

try.

Coleman drives a late-model pickup. He stores hay in a massive new sheet-metal barn. As with other ranchers, the spike in beef prices this year let him whittle away at debt on such investments.

away at debt on such investments.
"This is going to drop the ax on some ranchers," Coleman said.
"But fortunately we were able to make enough on the front end of this. We got even with our financial people."

Anne Field Johnson, of Twin Falls, celebration of life and a showing of her artwork at 11 ac-today at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls (Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

David Gene Machacek, of Buhl, funeral at 11 am, today, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl; visitation will begin at 10 am, prior to the Chapel service. Interment will fol-low at West End Cemetery.

Brad David Jensen, of Heyburn; funeral at 11 am. today, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Lated Ay Saints Burley 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave, with Bishop Ted Tateoka officiat-ing; burial will be in the Pella Cemetery, friends may call from 10 to 10:45 am., today at the



Rancher Steve Coleman feeds his black Angus beef cattle in his Oregon cow pasture Sunday in Molalia, Ore.

Ranchers are in a better posi-tion to weather the downtum than they have been in years, even as mad cow disease throws those gains in doubt, said Dianne Johnston, director of the Oregon

SERVICES

Helen M. Selaya, of Spokane, Wash.; Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. today, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 3624 W. Indian Trail Rd.,

Church, 3624 W. Indian Trail Rd., Spokane, Wash., with Reverend Michael Savelesky celebrant; interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, 7200 N. Wall, Spokane, Wash.

Merlin R. Stock, of Burley; funeral at 11 a.m. Monday, at the Burley 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel

church (Payne Mortuary)

of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2200 Galdey Ave., Burley, with Bishop Tracy King officiating; burial at Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday, at the church.

Zella Beulah Mae Fitzpatrick, of Eden; funeral at 1 p.m. today, at White Mortuary, Twin Falls; inter-ment will follow in Hazelton Cemetery.

- DEATH NOTICE -

Beef Council.

Things were just starting to look up after years of drought and a sour economy, she said.

"Finally, in the last few months, ranchers have been able

Although beef prices have fall-en sharply -- by 15 cents a pound

to put a few dollars into their back pockets," Johnston said. "Hopefully this will be short

"Banks are going to be awful standoffish in their attitude to this business for the time being," he said. "We're at the mercy of bankers." Neighbors form group to protest chopper logging

JACKSON, Wo. (AP) – Some Teton County residents have banded together to protest a pro-posed helicopter logging project. Crescent H Subdivision owner Allan Jones has asked commis-sioners to approve helicopter log-ging on 143 acres of private land bordering the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

bordering the Bridger-Teton National Forest. If approved, logging could begin as early as February and end in May Commissioners will consider the request next week. The project would be paid for with a \$100,000 federal wildfire

with a 5100,000 federal wildfire mitigation grant administered by Teton County Fire Marshall Rusty Palmer.

The area to be logged was the scene of the 2001 Green Knoll fire that threatened hundreds of homes and the town of Wilson. But some residents are opposed to the project, saying helicopters would disturb wildlife in crucial water months.

"The distressing part is that the time element of federal funds running out has caused them to ignore environmental issues," resident George Erb

issues," resident George Erb said.

Palmer said he did not think a funding deadline was the only time constraint dictating the pro-ject's timetable.

"I think it's part of it, but hot the total drive," he said. "The goal is to get rid of the logs before July when the bugs Ity."

Other residents are concerned about the project's size, and want treduced to avoid a timber sale. Palmer said helicopter logging is only an option for the project, which is not set is stone.
"Right now we are proposing

which is not set in stone.

"Right now we are proposing this action to the commissioners," he said. "We will have to look at all the bids. Whether it's horse logging or, some other method, we will look at all the different methodologies."

Violet Lesher at her home. Arrangements will be JEROME - Violet Lesher, 87, of announced by Hove-Robertson Jerome, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, Funeral Chapel in Jerome. OBITUARY -

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

Harvey L. Grindstaff - Buhl

Harvey L. Grindstaff, 85, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2003, in Tueson, Ariz. near his winter home of Casa Grande, Ariz, with family at his side.

He married his high school—sweetheart, Bernice Walker, in 1937, and they enjoyed 66 years together. He spent most of his working life farming and dairying in the Cedar Draw area where he was an active member of the community. He was a hard worker who loved farming and watching things grow. He seldom headed out without his shovel over his shoulder, whistling as he went. He continued to garden until the end and could make anything grow. He also enjoyed golfing, dancing, fishing, and travelling. He loved his family unconditionally and specially loved watching his grandchildren and great-grand-children grow. He was a member of the Cedar Draw Grange and the Clear Like Country Club. He was born Sept. 23, 1918, at



Clover, to Avery and Charity Grindstaff and attended school in Filer.

He is survived by his wife; two sisters, Ethel Brown, of Twin Falls, and Mabel Sieber, of Boise; son, Gary (Joyce) Grindstaff, of Buhl; daughter, Marilya (Joe) Hulse, of Buhl; grandchildren, Cally Parrott, of Buhl, Will Grindstaff, of Bremerton, Wash,

David Grindstaff, of Bremerton, Wash., Tacy Lind, of Portland, Ore., Ron Hulse, of Buhl, Terry Clayton, of Medford, Ore., and Melody Cameron, of Twin Falls; 12 special great-grandsdhildren; and one great-great-grandson.

His parents, one brother, and one sister preceded him in death. He will be greatly missed and lovingly remembered for his quiet way, his whistling, his kind heart, and generous nature. For many years, he grew and selected produce for the Cedar Draw Grange booth at the Twin Falls County Pair. He enjoyed participating with his fellow grangers, so the fact of the cedar Draw Grange booth at the Twin Falls County Bair. He enjoyed participating with his fellow grangers, so the fact of the cedar Uraw Grange with his fellow grangers, so the fact of the county Pair. Foundation, 215 Fair Ave., Filer, 83328.

Funeral service will be held at 10 am., Monday, Jan. 4, Eviends and family may visit from 4 to 7 pm. on 5 kunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel 130 N. 9th in Buhl.

Academy cadets face mounting pressure following sex-scandal

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) – A year after the race dal at the AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.

(AP) – A year after the rape scandal at the Air Force Academy broke, some cadets say the atmosphere is so poisonous that they are afraid a simple request for a date or a sip of alcohol could end their

or a sip of alcohol sould end tneur careers.

Any me cadets warn that the conceptual that produce the conceptual that the conc

raped.
The cadets gathered in two sep-The cades gathered in two separate groups in a lecture hall.
Academy officials arranged for volunteers to participate but left the room before questioning began.
The sweeping changes imposed has year to curb assaults, drinking and other problems have cadets walking a dightrupe.
"A lot of guys are afraid to even

ask a girl out because she will take it wrong," said freshman Paul Zielinski of Eric, Pa. Janelle Hyde of Palm Desert, Calif., said she cannot go anywhere alone with a male upper-classman, while fellow freshman complained: "Some guys say, I won't date her-because-she-will-call rape."

won't date her-because she will-call rape."

In a statement, the scademy's new superincedent, Lt. Gen. John Rosa, acknowledged there have been growing pains with the new policies, which were prompted by at least 142 assaults – many of them involving alcohol – between 1993 and 2002.

"I would hope that our young

them involving alcohol - between 1993 and 2002.

"I would hope that our young men are not afraid to approach our young women, but it's understandable, given all the attention given to gender issues here, that some might be overly cautious in their contacts," he sald.

In January 2002, cadets began contacting members of Congress with complaints of assault andifference from commanders. A year later, cadets began going public, touching off several investigations.

their way by on the nearby. Clearwater River.
Among the better-known visitors were Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.
Arrow, near the confluence of the Podiatch and Clearwater rivers about 12 miles northeast of Lewiston, was a peaceful indian village in 1806 when the Corps of Discovery camped on its return trip from the Pacific Ocean.
The town off state Highway 3 remains uncluttered, without signs of progress. A one-lane steel bridge spans the mouth of the Podiath River. It's not unusual to find some fishermen testing the tranquil waters during fishing season.

the Potlatch River. It's not unusual to find some fishermen testing the tranquil waters during fishing season.

The corps named the river Colter Creek, but it was later renamed the Potlatch River. John Colter, a member of the corps, is credited with being the first white man to enter what is now Yellowstone National Park, and the geyser basins there were once called Colter's Hell.

The corps camped about a half-mile west of Arrow on the Clearwater River the year before, on its trip to the Pacific. That site was likely near the piles of gravel on the north side of the Clearwater, below the U.S. Highway 12 bridge.

In his journals, Clark wrote about a cannee springing a leak at the spot. The group lost some supplies in the water and some members who couldn't swim were scared until they realized the river was only waist deep.

When the corps returned on horseback in May 1806, it camped at the village at Arrow. A train depot and railroad junction surrounded by a few homes was built on the spot in the 1890s, but most of the buildings are no longer there.

More recently, the area was sued as a dump site Athough the river was a camp site for the Lewis and Clark Expedition, its place in history was established almost 100 years after the corps

almost 100 years after the corps arrived.

The Corps of Discovery, eamped at the village on May 6, 1806, during its return trip on horseback from the Pacific Ocean.

It was at Arrow that one of the few Jefferson peace medals, given to Indian leaders by the corps, was found wrapped in buffalo skins when the Northern Pacific Railroad was laying tracks for a railroad. It was one of only four of the 32 Jefferson peace medals to be found.

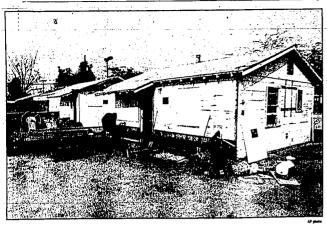
Jim Speer, a seasonal interpretive ranger at the Nez Perce National Historic Park visitor center at Spalding, said Lewis and Clark also distributed more than 50 other medals, many of which bore the likeness of the likeness of the corps was found to the likeness of the corps was the Jefferson medals, he said. The remaining Jefferson peace medals are priceless, Speer said, but if one were sold, it could feetch more than 51 million.

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Preserving the past



rkers prepare to move five World War II-era cottages Wednesday from an area south of downtown Scottsdale, Ariz. The wooden cottages that once housed German prisoners of war will escape demoitti

History buffs ensure survival of historic structures

SCOTTSDALE Ariz (AP)'-

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)'—Wooden cottages that once housed German prisoners of war in Arizona will escape demolition because of the efforts of three history buffs.

Robert Melikian, whose family restores historic buildings, is footing the bill for moving three of the five World War IL-era cottages from an area just south of downtown Scottsdale.

"My family likes to save history," said Melikian, who wanted to take the cottages but doesn't have the land for them.
One of the cottages went to the

the land for them.
One of the cottages went to the home of Phoenix resident Matt Marino, who plans to use it as an art studio for his wife.
Jim Lawrence plans to move three of the cottages to his Scottsdale property. They'll fit right in with his extensive collections of World War II memorabilia

and autographs of prominent world figures from that era.

"We don't have a lot around here from that time any more. When we get a chance (to save it), we should step up and take it. Lawrence was quoted as saying in Friday's East Valley Tribune.

The cottages are from a POW camp in the Phoenix area that at times housed almost 3,000 German prisoners. When about 25 of them escaped on Christmas Eve 1944, the search for them "was big news around the world at the time," Meliklan said.

Evans Rust had maintained the five buildings as rental units for more than 40 years. But he decided earlier this year to lease the commercial site to a small business or a developer.

tast summer, he offered the buildings for free to anyone willing to move them. Demolishing

them would have been his only financially feasible option had there been no takers by the end of the year, he said. Rust said he expects to have a taker for the fifth cottage soon. They'll no longer be all on one site and at least one will leave Scottsdale, "but they're being saved. I'm glad about that," Rust' said.

said.

Melikian, whose family owns the historic Hotel San Carlos in Phoenix, said the cost of moving the cottages is worth it to preserve a fading piece of significant histo-

a tading piece of significant instru-Moving the first cottage cost \$5,000, he said. Moving two more will cost up to \$10,000. "People don't realize the impor-tant role Arizona played during World War II ... these (cottages) are part of that story," Melikian said.

100 dogs leave in orderly fashion

Toxic blue smoke fills Wood River Valley animal shelter, but animals escape

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Wood River Fire and Rescue personnel were involved in a doggone unusual evacuation this past week.

About 100 dogs participated in orderly evacuation from a dog shelter near Hailey to escape potentially life-threatening toxic smoke.

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The saga started when an employee of the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley went to hang up the last leash at the end of the workday on Sunday.

Paul Bellefeuille opened the door to the upper dog kennel only to be overpowered by noxious blue smoke that was quickly enveloping the kennel area.

Facilities manager Kelly Noble collect the first department while

Facilities manager Kelly Noble called the fire department while

Bellefeuille blindly began evacuating dogs out a back door and into yards behind the facility. Wood River Fire and Rescue personnel determined that a heating unit had malfunctioned, burning out an element that caused melting plastic to emit the horrendous toxic smoke.

caused melting plastic to emit the horrendous took snoke. As they assessed the problem, about 10 board members and staffers rushed to the facility to help evacuate the entire animal population if necessary.

Once the building was declared suitable for habitation, volunteers returned the dogs to their runs, tucking each in with extra blankets since the windows needed to remain open to facilitate ventilation and the heater was not functioning.

"Kudos go to each canine for remaining well-mannered and cooperative under difficult circumstances," said Jodi Herich, who works with the shelter.

"It was really kind of funny when you stopped to think about it later," said Belifecuilie. "But

there's no telling what could have happened."

Animal shelter workers said the incident highlights the importance of one of the shelter's major gods: to have an on-site caretaker around the clock.

It was sheer luck – or, rather the fact that Bellefeuille and Noble were working late that evening – that the dogs were saved, noted Noble. Normally on Sunday the dogs are left alone from 4 pm. until 8 am. Monday, morning.

A caretaker could check on the animals several times a night, administering medications and comforting those recovering from surgery or made andous by fireworks or thunderstorms. A caretaker could even serve as a DJ, utilizing a recently acquired stere to play soothing tunes, she added.

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To that end the animal shelter is seeking the donation of a mobile home or \$15,000 to purchase a used one.

Board director offers to free up cash

BOISE (AP) - The state Board of Education told Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard

Education Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard on Friday that it would make up to \$50,000 available for administering the statewide mathematics and science initiative this year. In a letter to Howard, Board Director Gary Stivers acknowledged the board was using much of the federal administration money to hine its own staff to assume control next year of the initiative that Howard and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne joined forces to Create several years ago.

Both consider the initiative was you consider the initiative was you consider the initiative was successful, and Stivers said the \$50,000 would be freed up to organize teacher training programs this year and allow "time for a systematic transfer of the responsibilities to the Office of the State Board of Education."

The seeming concession after three separate instances in which the board affirmed its intention to retain control of all that money followed a letter from Howard to Kempthorne before Christmas.

elected Democrat, told the elected Democrat, told the Republican governor that the board had withheld the federal money for the initiative and her department was left with mo alter-native but to eliminate it. The debate over the math ini-tiative is the latest installment in

uanve is the latest installment in what Democrats see as an attempt by the seven other state board members, all appointed by Kempthorne, to strip Howard of authority.

members, all appointed by Kempthorne, to strip Howard of authority. But Friday's letter from Stivers appeared to contradict the position taken by the board in June and essentially reaffirmed in November and December that the board would control the more than \$450,000 in federal cash used in the past for the teacher training initiative.

About \$345,000 has been used for conferences that focus on showing teaching teachers how to teach better and over \$100,000 paid for the staff time needed to put those conferences together. Howard has been using existing staff for planning and charging the time they spend on the initia-

tive to the federal grant.

At the December board meeting, she specifically asked the board to approve allocation of that money to her department of finance this year's initiative effortand none of the other board members offered to support that.

Stivers followed up with a Dec. 15. letter advising Howard that Allison McClintick on the board staff would be the primary personhandling that money.

staff would be the primary person-handling that money.
"Apparently, there seems to be a sort of a trend toward an eleventh-hour change of heart by at least the executive director of the board," Howard said. "But the' board has already voted on this twice, and I don't see how he has the authority to go against board action." actio

action."
Without clear direction from
the board, Howard said she still
was not sure the board has author
ized the department to run the
training programs this year, and it
remained unclear whether the,
scaled back administrative cash was sufficient.

Rupert power outage starts at midnight

RUPERT - A planned power outago is scheduled to begin at midnight and run until about 3 a.m. Sunday in parts of Rupert. The outage will affect about 200 homes and businesses, Rupert electric department Operations Superintendent Jim Bowers said. Customers of both the city and United Electric will be affected.

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The outage includes all proper-ties south of Oneida and the area between A and C streets north of Oneida up to and including 10th Street. United Electric customers who are between 100 West and

400 West will be without power.

The outage is necessary so that the Haymill electric substation can be upgraded. That substation is jointly owned by the city of Rupert and United Electric The upgrade will result in increased-capacity at the substation. In the revent of trouble at either the Haymill or the Rose Corner substation in Rupert, the other substation in Rupert, the other substation will be able to handle all the city's electric customers, Bowers said.

Caribou Construction of

Bowers said.
Caribou Construction of Jerome has been hired to do the work.
City and United Electric offi-

cials chose the midnight to 3 a.m outage because they thought that would cause the fewest number of disruptions for customers Bowers said.

Bowers said.

Bowers and United Electric General Manager Ralph - Williams do suggest that anyone-who relies on life-support or special medical equipment have a back-up power system in place or stay somewhere tonight where the power supply won't be interrupted.

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They also suggest that people turn their computers-off-before midnight or back up their com-puter systems to avoid losing any data.

Weather

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bution feeders, which bring power to homes and businesses. So when a transmission line goes down, many people end up without

power.

—The transmission—line—was restored around 12;45 p.m. Friday he said.

he said.
But there were still pockets of customers without power Friday, including areas of Buhl, Hagerman, Eden, Shoshone, Filer, Paul and Jerome.

Across—the state, snowplows pushed through drifts of snow that had closed two dozen major bishoways.

that had closed two dozen major highways.
At one point on Priday morning, 25 major roads were closed in eastern and central Idaho.
"That's the most that anyone could remember in recent years," said Mel Coulter, an Idaho Department of Transportation spokesman. "The snow was closing roads faster than we could keep up with it."
—Some—key—roads—remained closed Priday, including U.S. Highway 20 from Arco to Idaho Falls and U.S. Highway 93 between the Cratters of the Moon and Arco.

between the Craters of the Moon
The inclement weather closed
some roads in and-around MiniCassin for part of the day, but all
roads were open Friday, with no
major trouble spots reported.
Minidoka County Sheriff's
Detective Vic Watson said that
department - investigated no
major accidents Thursday nor by
mid-afternoon Friday.
Near-zero visibility on the interstate Thursday night-surprisingly

Victims dispute priest molestation figures

didn't result in any accidents,

didn't result in any accidents, Watson said.

"Cars just had to come to a stantastil because drivers couldn't see where they were driving," he said. None of those drivers were stranded for very long, he said.

Several people drove off the side of the road when blowing snow prevented the drivers from seeing the road, but most of them were pulled out of the snow by other drivers, Watson said.

Valies snow conditions at Pomerelle Mountain Resort are great, Jody Burrows said, road closures in recent days have resulted in fewer siciers than usual for this time of year. A late morning ground blizard halted some New-Year's Day visitors to Pomerelle, and that situation prompted highway officials to close Idaho Highway 7 for part of the day. Thursday's storm crossed Boise and the Treasure Valley between 4 and 5 p.m.

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It came across Magic Valley about 6 p.m., traveling at over 60 miles per hour.

"It's kind of unusual for a weather system to be moving that fast." Joel Thunenhola, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Boies, said Friday.

Typically in the Intermountain. West, storms move between 25 and 30 miles per hour, he said.

"The main story was the wind." Tannenhola said, adding that it did not blow as fast as the storm moved.

moved.
Just before 6 p.m. Thursday, winds were clocked at 47 miles per hour in Twin Falls, according to a preliminary storm report by

the National Weather Service.

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Thunder and lightning added to
the drama, although such occurrences are not unheard of.
"It's not that uncommon when
you have really unstable air, very
cold at higher elevations and mild
air temperatures at the surface,
mixed with enough moisture,"
Tannenholz said. "Then you get
thunder and lightning."
The genesis of the wild weather
was a strong Pacific storm that
intensified over the Northwest
states, specifically over Oregon,
Tannenholz said.
"Very cold air at higher elevations came off the Pacific, in association with a strong jet-stream
coming over. Northern California
and Nevada," he said.
The combination caused the
formation of a deep low-pressure
area in Oregon that intensified as
it approached Idaho, Tannenholz
said.

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time the system crossed the Idaho border, he, said-mrss brightened prospects for an improved water supply situation in Idaho in the summer of 2004, the Natural Resources Conservation Service reported.

The snowpack was above average in all the state's drainages. It ranged as high as 155 percent above normal in the Owyhee Basin in southern Idaho. Even the partched Bear River Basin rose to 114 percent of average.

Times-News writer Shelley Ridenour and The Associated Press also contributed to this report.

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About 2 inches of snow an hour fell throughout the day Thursday, It began early in the morning and didn't relent until 6:30 that night. In all, 33 inches of snow fell on Baldy over a three-day period ending Thursday, bringing the mountain's snowpack to 86 inches.

The storm taxed the efforts of the condition of the con

parking lots plowed.

Skiers returned to the River
Run parking lot to find cars
buried in two and three feet of

ow. One couple, visiting from Maui ied to dig out their rental car ou One couple, visiting from Mau, tried to dig out their rental car out with a ski, then an ice scraper. When they finally got it dug out, they still couldn't move since there was two feet of snow piled up across the lot.

They had to wait another half-hour for a front loader to carve out a narrow path along which they

nour for a front loader to carve out a narrow path along which they could drive to the road.

Those who managed to get out of the parking lot stood a good chance of getting stuck elsewhere – at the gas station, in their driveway, even turning off the highway onto side streets that hadn't been played.

plowed.
"At one time, it seemed like every single car in the world was stuck," said Assistant Chief Mike McNeil of the Ketchum Police

McNeil of the Ketchum Police Department.

"If the storm had hit any other time than New Year's, we would have had all local people here who know how to drive in the snow. But we had all these out-of-towners who thought they could get around in two-wheel drive vehicles."

Compounding the problem was

vehicles." Compounding the problem was the fact that snow crews took off five hours in the middle of the day to rest up after plowing for umpteen hours, said Halley Patrolman Aaron Fynn. "That's when the snow really started piling up."

Drifting snow forced the closure of Highway 75 near the Bellevus riangle for a few hours Sunday night. And wind caused numerous but short-lived power disruptions throughout the valley.

Another two to four inches of snow was in the forecast for Friday but failed to materialize beyond a passing snow flurry. The emergence of the sun enticed 6,459 skiers to the mountain or Erdday as ski paroullers bombarded The Bowls with explosives well into the aftermoon reduce the risk of avalanche. Friday's count was surpassed only once this holiday season. On Tuesday 8,401 skiers hit the slopes at Baldy and Dollar mountains. It was the resort's third biggest skier day in history, topped only by 9,475 skiers on Dec. 30, 1981, and 8,518 or Dec. 30, 1984.

Tuesday's count, turning out for risch powder snow under warm

Tuesday's count, turning out for fresh powder snow under warm sunny skies, topped last, year's biggest day by 1,020 skiers.

Sixteen Orange County, Calif.

Sixteen Orange County, Calif, priests molested 47 children from 1976 to 2002, according to figures released Friday by Catholic officials as part of a nationwide accounting by the church. But victim advocates say the numbers understate the problem.

The 16 priests for which the diocese believes there is credible evidence of abuse represent 2.8 percent of the 589 clergymen who served in the county during that period, which starts with the year the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange spit off from the Los Angeles Archdiocese. The report

also concluded the diocese has paid \$4.6 million to victims and \$66,000 for counseling to victims and family members over those

\$66,000 for counseling to victums and family members over those. 26 years. Church officials did not name any of the 16 abusive priests. They did say 12 have been removed from active ministry, two remain on administrative leave until their cases are adjudicated, one is deceased and one left the diocese to serve as a military chaplain for 22 years before the allegation was made against

him.

The statistics were produced for a study commissioned by U.S. bishops that will be the first com-

prehensive measure of the severity of sexual abuse within the American church. The study, to be compiled by John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, is to cover the past five decades, from 1950 to 2002. The information will include the number of incidents, victims and priests involved nationally, along with the amount of money paid out to victims by U.S. diocesses. Statistics haven't existed to the 1950 of the 1950 diocesses the resisted to the Victims. The bishops plan to release the John Jay study on Feb. 27.

Thriving

out, and they're none the wiser" Brittany still suffers from more health problems than more little girls, though. She has had menin-girls, cataracts, chicken pox, esophageal paralysis and appen-dicitis.

gus, esophageal paralysis and appeared dicitis.

Many of those maladies were "a good thing," Bobby said. With her immunity at 98 percent of normal, she's able to become stronger with each illness that

strikes.

Brother Jake, now 13, doesn't remember much about his sister's early years. His parents said he was raised by hospital nurses, who would bring him toys and take him with them on their lunch breaks.

"He learned to count on hospital elevator buttons," Becki said.
Now, Jake shows a closeness to the sister who might not have been.

"She's baffled many a doctor,"
Becki said.
"Doctors don't usually go down
the religious path, but they say, 'It
wasn't me who helped her,"
Bobby said.
The Joneses believe there was
something above and beyond the
skill of the doctors and the
strength of the patient.
"Higher power alone is the
only explanation you can have,"
Bobby said.

Flight status . Canceled . Disrupted

Terror alert level-raised to orange. AeroMexico flight from Mexico City to Los Angeles canceled

British Airways
flight from London
to Washington is
detained on
arrival as officials
questioned
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Three Air France flights canceled – two from Paris to Los Angeles,

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celled Thursday and Friday — and its return. The other two flights were scheduled for Heathrow and Kryadh, 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 inexact were identified by an inexact were identified by an inexact with the information. And interrogations with alogida detainees and other creditions, and interrogations with alogida detainees and other creditions, and interrogations with alogida detainees and other creditions, and interrogations with a logida detainees and other creditions, and interrogations with a logida detainees and other creditions, and interrogations with a 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 rough to warrant cancellations on routes that already were the subject of concern, officials said.

Some of the information used for after the plane had already departed, and intelligence officials, who described the nature of the hunt as extremely fast-spaced and based on framentary information.

In one example of a quick decision based on firsh intelligence, passengers of a Dulles to Heathrow-bound flight were ordered off the plane Thursday by U.S. authorities moments before the feathrow-bound flight were officials disclosed Friday. After all luggage and cargo was removed and screened again, only the luggage was reloaded before the

luggage and cargo was removed and screened again, only the lug-gage was reloaded before the plane was cleared for takeoff near-ty four hours later.

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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 remain 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 Agustin Gutierrez Canet, spokesman for Merican President Vicente Fox. "The Merdcan government had no other option but to cancel the flights. It is the moral responsibility of the United States government to provide more information."

government to provide more information."

The French 'interior minister, Nicolas Sarkozy, however, calles 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, nebody should reproach them," he said.

One French official said almost daily the Americans raise objections to flights because some possengers 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 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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a.m., 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.

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Landolt's stepson, Nick Cosan, 24, and the couples' daughter and son-in-law, Kelly Rovig, 32, and lenguage were sleeping in the loft along with the Rovigs' two children - Rucker, 5, and Emma, 1. When they were savakened by the avalanche, the adults began trying to dig our Landolt and Busch, authorities and the son and

room 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 aided in the rescue effort, including

sac patrol for 30 years, got the cau at 5 am, and joined other rescue workers who had reached the site by Snow Cat. About 25 people aided in the rescue effort, including search and rescue personnel, resort workers and officers with the sheriff's department. "We were working by flashinght," Barno said. "All I was doing was shoveling."

Busch was still alive when he was located, Barron said. "Bl I was doing was shoveling."

A slab of snow along the ridge above the cabin broke loose, trigering 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 stammed into the structure.

"It looks like somebody just fired the snow through the windows on that whole side of the wilding." Davenport said. "The room where the grandparent 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 ava-

eep. Heavy snow had fallen for sever-

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

Soldier Mournain Skl 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 day, however.

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



"We train all the time for ava-nche," Barron said, "but it's a ter-

Emiliary Description and Control and Contr was able to get air through the chinney.

The dog found a temporary home at the Camas County Sherifts 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 finplace, where he was able to get air through the chimney. The dog - reportedly casted, caracted up but OK - was taken to the Camas Country Sherffi's Office and given a planket after the ordeal.

Camas County Sheffirs Office and give Busch's son in-law, Archie Wright, said the family was griev-ing 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 26 years, Wright said. Landolt had been dean 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

Hunsman 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 said day."

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Iragis 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, more importantly, for the Iraql people, 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 Iruq. The United States must now turn in earmest or the handover 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 hate the United States and what we have done to their and the saddam was the saddam of the United States and what we have done to their contents. Iraqis hate 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.

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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 whilch they have been unable or unvilling to do themselves.

But any joy felt by Iraqis at Saddam's end is tinged with a measure of resentment, humilation, and sadness. The daily images of terrorist strack or innocent bystanders caught in the crossifire of lethal military operations – are powerful reminders that war is, indeed, hell. Certainly, the Bush administration believes that the vast major diers as liberators, and welcome our continued occupation of



their country during the transi-tion to full sovereignty and inde-pendence. 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 Iraq iman, woman, and child -not just Saddam - and our continued presence in Iraq, is deeply humiliating, even to-those Iraqis who hated Saddam. This is true even as our mili-tary achieved its central mission with remarkable skill and preci-cion because even a nearly per-fect military campaign

with remarkable skin and pre-sion because even a nearly per-fect military campaign unleashed a host of unforeseen consequences, many of them tragic. Although direct damage to civilian infrastructure caused by American munitions was lim-ited, the American invaders, found virtually all aspects of the Iraqi regime to be in a state of near total collapse. The frustra-tion of fraqis 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. mili-tary 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 Inqui military.

This is a point that the proponents of regime change seem to completely ignore. Schools can be restored. The water can flow Mall of the physical reminders wars buttel reality can be erased. But, even in a "perfect" war sgalars a tyranucla regime, a war in which all military incover is focused exclusively on the sources of that regimes 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 pure of the legitimacy of targeting these individuals in the pure of the legitimacy of targeting these individuals arre 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 sale,
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 citzens of
the United States, or to
America's vital national intercets.

America's vital national niter-ests.

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.

Christopher Preble is the director of foreign policy studies at the Cata Institute and a member of the Coalition for a Realistic Foreign Policy.

Media sharpen knives to try cutting down Bush

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 ahare their
political philosophy. Generally,
electoral blowouts hurt TV ratings
and diminish the sense of importance most journalists have about
themselves and their ability to
influence events and "save the
world."

President Bush approval raross are in the low 6ts, according

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

media will do what they can to reduce his approval.

Remember the phony story
about Bush the elder not recogning a supermarket price scanne at the checkout counter? The media turned that into a story about his "insensitivity" to ordi-

media turned that into a story about his "insensitivity" to ordinary folks.

The early media line was unveiled 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 uniten, not a divider." Moran concluded that he had halled and that he had become a "divisive president" and a "divisive figure." To liberall like Moran, one is a divider when one doesn't buy into the liberal like Moran, one is a divider when one doesn't buy into the liberal like Moran, one is a divider when conservatives are offended and thus "divided" and excluded from 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 choed the Moran view, calling the present "a polarizing politician." While acknowledging that Bush, as governor of Texas, did seem to bring people together, now, according to Schieffer, he "seems

CAL THOMAS

to have become someone that you either love or hate." Liberal Democrate 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 Smff Leon Panetta, Moran observed. "For many Americans, this is a dividive present of the work of the present of the work of the present of the work of the present of the pres

Dean's success as an Internet fundraiser.

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 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 be bleve fit.

Constantly referring to a cardidate 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 artack to intensify if his ratings remain high, watch for the media attack to intensify: if his ratings remain high, watch for the media to become applectic. Why?

Because the media are the real dividers.

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Cal Thomas is a nationally syndi-cated columnist and Fox News Channel commentator.

Letters =

Careless driver could have caused a fatality

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To the driver of the small white
car with blue headlights who, at
approximately 7:30 p.m. on
Monday, Dec. 29, made the potenially fant decision to extinguish
your headlights and run the stop
sign at the intersection of 3200
North and 3800 East (Hansen), I
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"You are so-o-o-o damn lucky
hands."
You see, had you followed the
traffic laws and left your headlights on as you stopped at this
intersection, you would have
ronticed a family standing directlyin 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
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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

Gavs have a right

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

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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 just to decide any of this for you. The human race does not get married for the companionship. Togetherness is what makes us strong and, therefore, we survive. Be you straight, bi, or gay, every one has the right to be happy without society putting his or her nose in where it doesn't belong.

Mr. Killinger said that God callst 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 out there would love to have just that Homosecuality ign't something a person chooses to do and it in no way should be considered a weakness or judged as one. People who may the proper something a person chooses to do and it in no way should be considered a weakness or judged as one. People who have pust in the something and person chooses to do and it in no way should be considered a weakness or judged as one. People who have pust that Homosecuality ign't something a person chooses to do and it in no way should be considered a weakness or judged as one. People who have pust that Homosecuality ign't something a person chooses to do and it in no one way should be considered a weakness or judged as one. People who they pust that Homosecuality ign't something a person chooses to do and it in no one way should be considered a weakness or judged as one. People who may should be considered a weakness or judged as one. People who may should be considered a weakness or

ver going to obtain world peace or the generations yet to come. PAMELA BRADSHAW Burley

Idaho is entitled to use dams for wetlands

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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 automent

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Yes, proposals for flow augmentation pit so called salinon advocates against Upper Snake River agribusiness, but fully defining the issue requires more comprehensive analyses. How about potential consequences for Upper Snake wilsten, faitheries of recently to the sold of the salinos of the salinos wilsten, faitheries of recently and the definition of the salinos wilsten and salinos and salinos and salinos and call of downstream 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 specie) and resident trout. Should Idaho not be entitled to use reservoir management to protect wetlands, waterfirsh fruges, wildlife and resident fishery programs? In pay opinion these are all flowardle priorities preferable to the unproven DAVID ERICKSON Bull

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embassy in Baghdad

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

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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 income will be helping the Iraq's 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 elfort 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 rivoje even after the occupation—ends, U.S. officials say.

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

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—
Afghans on both sides of an ugby ethnic divide at the country's constitutional convention said they arrowed their differences during crisis talks with American and U.N.

The progress during a one-day break at the loya lipa could awert a complete collapse of the gathering, seen as a historic opportunity to help—this warsravaged nation toward the promise of pedice and stability.

At the 952 member grand council, Presiderr Hamid Karzal's fellow ethnic Fushtums have swung behind his call for a strong presidency he says is wital to hold the country together as it rebuilds and country together as it rebuilds and seen as a wubborn Taliban insur-

Afghans seek to bridge

gulf over constitution

rung of multinational force, under the United Nations, under NATO? or will they be relatively inde-pendent in an agreement with the leady government? These are huge questions to be answered in a very short amount of time," the official added.

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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.N. 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. ted 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 build of the U.S. staff will continue to be headquartered in Saddam Hussein's former Republican Palace. But to prevent the potential psychological failout 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 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.

U.S. will create new | 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 Arge-Bam, or Citadel of Bam, the world's largest mud-brick fortress, parts of which date back 2,200 years.

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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," Falcor Pass, directrect of cultural heritage for
Korman province where Bam is
located, toldThe Associated Press
op Friday. Officials are "100 percent sure we will" rebuild it.
More than 30,000 pept are
believed to have died in the 6.6magnitude temblor that struck
before dawn Dec. 26, burying
housands alwes as they slept.
Much of the historic citadel on



Iranian Red Crescent staff from Azerbaijan Province visit the Ruins of Arge 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.

AYS ONLY



U.S. Navy seizes another small boat carrying hashish ROSE PARADE OR VALUES Nation in brief

gency.
Smaller groups, however, includ-ing Tajiks and Uzbeks from the north, have dug in against a charter they claim would bring back the

—WASHINGTON - The U.S. Navy—his seized another small boat carrying drugs near the Persian Gulf after interogating smugglers with suspected links to the al-Quida ternorst network, the military announced Friday.

The boat seized on New Year's Day was the fourth drug smuggling sessel interospreted 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 smehamphemmines, are part of a drug smuggling operation which finnels money to Osama bin Laden's terrorist network.

Group says 36 journalists were killed covering war

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

journalist said.

2 Iraq was the main reason for the therease.

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

Fans mourn gospel singer Vestal Goodman

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - More han 1,000 people bid farewell to cospel music singer Vestal

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 tunultuous session Thursday, after more than one-third of the delegates byootted the ballot and staged a sixin in the luge tent where the 3-week-old meeting is taking place.

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

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

Goodman, recalling her joyful, loving and optimistic spirit in a music filled service.

Known as "the Queen of Gospel Music," Goodman died Saturday in Celebration, Fla., of complications from the flu. She was 74.

"If you wanted to have a day of discouragement, you didn't want to be around Vestal. It just wouldn't work," said her longtime pastor, the Rev. Marvin Gorman.

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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-acent-to-be Kobe Bryant's pending secua assault trial

TRIVIA OUESTION:

Who has won the most NRA reg-ar-season MVP awards?

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE College basketball

Women, CSI at Eastern Utah, 6

p.m. Men, CSI at Eastern Utah, 8

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,

p.m. Camas County at Community

Camas Louncy at Con-School, 6 p.m.
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Community School at County, 7:30 p.m. Elico at Twin Falls High school wrestling

Kimberly, Filer, Glenns Ferry at Gakley Invitational, 10 a.m.

IN BRIFF

Minico Boosters will meet Monday

RUPERT - The Minico Booster Cinb will meet Monday, Jan. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Minico High School library Parents with stu-dents in grades 9-12 are encour-aged to attend. Please call 436-5670 for more information.

T.F. Rec offers ski packages for Pomerelle

TWIN FAILS The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering a four-bunday skings/nowboarding package to Pomerelle Mountain Resort on Jan. 25, Feb. 8, Feb. 22 and March. Th. 7

on Jan. 25, Feb. 8, Feb. 22 and March?

The package includes a ome-flour sking/snowboarding lesson and lift tickets for all four Sundayas The cost is \$50 Rental equipment is available from Fomerelle for an extra \$10-15. The package does not include transportation, which is available directly from the Northside Bus Children ages 7 to 11 must be accompanied by a purent.

Children 12 and up may travel afform.

The registration deadline is Jan. 19. Register at 136 Marwell 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 Tyrel Davis' late father. His name is Trent Davis.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Kareem Abdul Jabbar with six. Bill Russell and Michael Jordan are next with five each. Wilt Chamberlain won four, and Larry Rird, and Magic Johnson three cash.

Ole Miss holds on





Above, Ole Miss' Tremaine Turner reaches for a 16-yard touchdown

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

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

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

CSI-blows lead, falls to E. Utah

PRICE. Utah - Freshman Chelsey Warburton hit a 3-pointer with 1.2 sconds remaining as the College of Eastern Utah women's basketball team rallied from an 18-point deficit in the second half to defeat the College of Southern Idaho, 62-59 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play Friday night. Denisa Svarova went to the free throw line for CSI (12.3 overall, 8-1 SWAC), with about 15 seconds remaining with a chance to give the Golden Eagles the lead. But Svarova, who scored a game-high 22 points, missed both tosses. CSI had an opportunity to tie the game at the end, but Andrea Sivakova was unable to get a shot off on an inbound pass before time expired.

off on an moound pass occure came expired.

Cassic Warburton led CEU (14-2, 92) with 14 points to more even with CSI in the league standings. Her sister Chelsey finished with 10 after scoring just three points in the first half.

The Golden Eagles still hold an

The Golden Eagles still hold an edge in conference winning percentage over Eastern Utah.

Southern Idado led 45-27 early in the second half when Swarova hit a 3-pointer, and again at 49-31 on sidney Orndorff's short jumper with I1 minutes remaining.

But CEU turned up the defensive pressure in the second half, forting the Golden Eagles to committ several turnovers that led to easy baskets.

kets. "They were pressing us, but not trapping us," CSI head coach Randy Rogers told 1400 AM. "We were throwing it back into the person that was covered instead of the agent person."

Systems finished with seven rebounds to go along with her 22 coints. Sivatows ended the game with 11 points and 10 rebounds while teammart Jennifer Pond also had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

CSI held a 35-23 lead at halftime describe. shooting int 28 porcent.

CSI held a 35-25 lead at manufactured despite shooting just 28 percent. The Golden Eagles finished 17-60 from the floor for the game, also good for 28 percent.

Manning ends collegiate career on a high note

This raises the bar

for us.

By Stephen Hawkins

DALLAS – Eli Manning stayed another year at 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. 15 Rebels to a 31-28 victory over No. 21 Oklahoms State in the Cotton Bowl on Friday.

"Everything about this year has

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." Not ready for the college experience to end, Manning decided against early enry into the NFL draft last spring. Already considered a top prospect, he only increased his stock with a standout senior season.

and 29 touchdowns this sealed the Rebels to their first 10-season since 1971. He also led Miss' first January victory si the 1970 Sugar Bowl when his father, Archie, threw a touchdown pass and ran for another score in a 27-22 win over win Arkansas

"This raises the bar for us," coach David Cutcliffe said

Ole Miss' only Ole Miss' only other 'Jarinary 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 schoolrecord 10,119 yards, becoming
only the fifth
Southeastern
Conference passer

Southeastern
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with 10,000 yards.
That is 1,082 less
than the SEC
record held by
older brother
Peyton Manning,
the Indianapolis
Coits' quarterback and the
NFI's co-MVP
who played at
Tennessee from

Ole Miss coach 1994-97

- David Cutcliffe,

1994-97.
Manning's 1-yard keeper with
12:32 left capped a 13-play, 97yard drive, and ended a streak of
24 straight points by Ole Miss
which provided_just_enough_to
evergome the Cowbows (94)

with 438 left, just four minutes ofter Vermand 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 comerback Travis Johnson was called for pass interference and still couldn't prevent the catches.

Davis bounces back to lead Carolina into playoffs Davis' job Saturday night will be to help the Carolina Panthers (11-5) beat the Dallas

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

He checked his cell phone: Eight messages.

A sly smille crept across his face for of those messages was the Redskins begging him to come back.

"I've got a job," he snapped with a steely stare.



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 Spurriers 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

ning back.
Although he denied any hurf 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.

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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 quarries. It
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Lower of the 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
chem-to-244-yards-in-the-firstmeeting?

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"Inst play as a team." Davis

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CSI (10-4 overall, 5-4 SWAC) fell behind early and was never able to regroup, falling 80-62 to Eastern Utah (114, 7-4).
Southern Idaho pulled to within 28-24 in the first half on a Abdoulaye Ndiaye putback of a Schafer Jackson miss But CEU distanced itself by halftime, taking a 41-27 advantage on a 3-pointer by Chris Lang from long range as the first-half buzer sounded.

Jackson hit a 3-pointer early in the second half to pull the Eagles to within 49-42, but CEU answered with a long ball of its own to take a double-figure lead, one it held much the rest of the way.

Yusuf Baker led CSI with 17 points und 12 rebounds.

Manning, McNair tie for MVP honors

It seems fitting Pevton 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 Passens gaght 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 Tennessee Tlans for the AFC South crown by winning both games against the Tlans.

But they deadlocked for MY.

Ti is great, McNair said. My words can't express how I feel being co-MYP 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-MYP.

Manning, naturally, felt the same way.

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mie way. "This is such a tremendous

2003 NFL MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Manning, McNair tie for MVP honors

Quarterbacks Peyton Manning and Steve McNair shared Nesociated Press NFL Most Valuable Player award Friday for just the third tie since the award began in 1957. The other ties came in 1997 (Bret Fave and Barry Sanders) and in 1960 (Norm Van Brocklin and Joe Schmidt).

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honor," Manning said. "Obviously you look at all the former winners,

it really is an honor to be on that Please see MVP, Page B2

David Wells doesn't expect to hear from Steinbrenner

By Seth Hettena Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO - David Wells is cer SANDIEGO-David wents tear-train 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, agree-ing to a one-year contract with the

Yankees earlier in the week, agreeing to a one-year contract with the.
San Diego Padres.
"The 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 Vankees'
owner since March. Steinbrenner
did leave a message on Wells cell
phone before the deal was completed.

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"He's been good to me in a lot of ways. And in other ways, he's been very stubborn. That's George Steinbrenner.

We'lls' deal, which could be worth up to 57 million if he reaches all his incentives, is the latest blow to the Yankees, who lost left-hander. Andy Pettitat to the Houston Aerros and Roger

Clemens to retirement. With Jeff Weaver's trade to Los Angeles and Wells' departure, the Yankees head into next season without fourpitchers who made 120 of the team's 163 starts as season.

They lost a lot of guys at once and I think: they're in the will be the same team as a dream, but tempered the expectations of leading the rotation in the team's new 458 million downtown ballpark.

"Every kid dreams to play for their own home team," Wells said own 17 m os switch i just go you there and be David Wells."

In 1988, Wells beat the Padres in Game I 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 I.

Hansen stays hot in Magic Valley Conference | Denis' 37 saves

HANSEN - Mark Pearson scored nine points for Hansen as the Huskies won a sloppy Magic Valley Conference contest with Castleford, 53-42.

Castleford, 53-42.

"It was a very slow, sloppy game after the Christmas break," said Hansen coach Mike Pfeifer, whose team improved to 5-3 overall and 3-1 in the league. "There were lots of turnovers, fouls and the shots weren't going."
Wes Rogers scored 11 points for Castleford.
Hansen hosts Magic Valley Christian tonight.

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. "(Kimberly) hit free throws down the stretch," said Buhl

by Eric Larsen

coach Nyan 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."

quarter, and 44 total."
Ricky Zodrow paced Kimberly
with 16 points.
Nick Popplewell tallied 13
points for Buhl.

Bonneville 80, Burley 43 No report was available for this

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.

over Filer.
"It was a really close game,"
said Jerome coach Houston Finn.
"Both teams kept battling back
and forth."
Drew Vance scored 14 points to
lead Jerome (2-7).
Dan Ramseyer scored 18 points

Raft River 75,
Magic Valley Christian 60
MAITA - Alex Nelson scored
37 points for Raft River (70, 40)
to lead the Trojans Magic Valley
Conference win.
Braden Barrett had 12 points
for Raft River and Landon
Hansen added nine points.
John Javvis scored 18 points
and Cody Criffiths 15 for Magic
Valley Christian.
Raft River hosts Murtaugh on
Thursday.

Local sports to lead all scorers for Filer.

American Falls 49

Declo overcomes slow start to defeat Kimberly

Raft River 75.

No report was available for

Valley 33, Shoshone 31 OT

Valley 33, Shoshone 31 OT SHOSHONE – Jessica Kowitz it a 3-pointer with 36 seconds remaining in overtime to life Valley (11-1) to a 33-31 win over Shoshone in non-conference play. "It went back and forth throughout the entire game," said Shoshone coach Tim Chapman. "We came down at the end, got a good look at the basket. We missed a shot and got the rebound, but that shot came up a little bit short." Sara Pragitzer finished with 12 points for Valley. Valley held Shoshone to 26 percent shooting from the field. Shoshone fell to 10-1 on the year.

Jerome 44. Vallyue 33

There was no report available for this game.

Junior forward Whitney Funk led Kimberly with seven points, while senior post Ashley Catlton finished with five points and five rebounds. Carlton battled the bigger Declo posts all night and was one of the biggest reasons for the Hornets' poor inside shoot-ing.

ing.
"She does a great defensive job and is a great leader, she's a fighter," Wadsworth said. "That carries over to our other girls. People shouldn't count us out of this league yet."
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The Hornets host a tough Wood River team next Tuesday in what could be their toughest test of the season. Meanwhile, Wood River will also swing into Kimberly next week, playing the Bulldogs Thursday.

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TAMPA, Fla. (AP) – Mart Denis made 37 saves to help Columbus boat the Tampa Bay Lightning 20 on Friday in Gerard Gallant's first game as the Blue Jackets' interim lead coach. Gallant, who was an assistant under Doug MacLean, took over the team Thursday when MacLean – the team's president and general manager – stephen ascored his first goal in 35 games for Columbus, and Manny Malhotra added an empty-net goal. The Blue Jackets won their second consecutive road game after starting the season 0-11-2 away from home. Denis finished with his third shutout of the season and 12th of his career after losing his previous seven decisions. Fivers 2. Panthers 1

Flyers 2, Panthers 1
SUNRISE, Fla. – Mike Comrie scored twice in the second period to lead Philadelphia over Florida. Comrie scored his second and third goals of the season in a special of 5:11 to help the Flyers erase a 1-0 deficit and win at Florida for the seventh straight time. Nathan Horton scored for the Panthers, whose six-game unbeaten streak (30-3) at home was snapped.

snapped.

Jeff Hackett finished with 29 saves for Philadelphia and won for the first time in nine decisions

Red Wings 4, Hurricanes 1

Red Wings 4, Hurricanes 1
RALEIGH, N.C. – Pavel
Datsyuk and Steve Yzerman
scored 1:06 apart, and Kris
Draper added a short-handed
goal, lifting Detroit over Carolina.
Draper also scored from his
knees while tangled with
Carolina goaltender Jamie Stora
and defenseman Sean Hill with
3:10 remaining to put it away for
the Red Wings.
Meanwhile, the Hurricanes
have scored more than two goals
just once in 14 games and were 0
for-8 on the power play.

stop Tampa Bay, 2-0

Ollers 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.
Tommy Salo stopped 24 shots
for the Ollers, who won the first
of a six-game road trip.
Minnesota's franchise-record
unbeaten streak ended at nine
games (4-0-5).

Sabres 5, Mighty Ducks 2

Sabres 5, Mighty Ducks 2
BUFFALO, N.Y.-Curtis Brown,
Chris Drury and Dmitri Kalinin
each had a goal and an assist
lead Buffalo past Anaheim.
Miroslav Satan and Daniel
Briere also scored for Buffalo,
which has won four of five.
Keith Carney and Andy
McDonald scored for the Mighty
Ducks, who had their twogame
winning streak snapped.
Martin Biron made 24 saves for
his second straight win.

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.

Chicago's Brett McLean and San Jose's -Hexander - Korolyuk scored early in the third period as the Blackhawks won for only the fourth time in 26 games (4-14-4-4).

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Steve Passmore made 31 saves for the Blackhawks. San Jose's Eygeni Nabokov stopped 28 shots but it wasn't enough to extend the Sharks' unbeaten streak (5-0-1).

San Jose had two goals disallowed.

Covotes 6. Stars 0

DALLAS - Brian Boucher stopped 35 shots in posting his second consecutive shutout as Phoenix beat Dallas.

Phoenix beat Dallas.
While Phoenix received stellar goaltending. Dallas was victimized by sub-par play in its nets. Stars backup Ron Tugnutt started the game, but was pulled before the end of the first period after giving up two goals on seven shots.



In typical impressive fashio In typical impressive tasmon, 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. Declo was led by senior forward. Meagan Webbs 10-point, six-rebound performance. Seniors Katie Wall and Ashley Peterson both chipped in

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

hard for a team to come in and just try to take one of our players away now," Murdock said. "Fm trying to get the girls to work smarter instead of harder. They don't need to work half as hard if they just work a little smarter."

Bowl

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"My job is to go out there and take plays for my team," Woods aid, "As far as how they played te, that doesn't concern me. I'm

said. "As far as how they played me, that doesn't concern me. Pranjust here to make plays."

But the Cowboys never got ball back after his leaping TD catch over another defender. Tremeine Turner's 25-yard run on third-and-5 from midfield with 2-43 left was the elincher Turner finished with 133 yards on 20 carries.

Oklahoma State had just called its last timeout, and the Rebels were able to run out the clock. Ole Miss also benefited when All-Big

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.

said.
The Cowboys played in January for the first time since 1949. They have improved in all three sea-sons under Miles: from 4-7 in 2001 to 8-5 and now just one win short of their first 10-win season since

1988.
Oklahoma State's Josh Fields set a Cotton Bowl record with 307 yards on 21-of-33 passing. The junior's touchdown pass gave him

55 in his career, breaking the school record set by offensive coordinator Mike Gundy (1986-

school record secondinator Mike Gundy (1986-89).
Turner caught Manning's first TD pass, and his 2-yard TD run opened the second-half-scoring.
After Jon Holland intercepted Manning's pass on the final play of the first quarter and returned it to the Ole Miss 44, Tatum Bell scored on a 3-yard run for a 14-7 lead.

scored on a 3-yard run for a 14-7 lead.

Ole Miss then scored on four straight series, and Oklahoma State didn't score again until the fourth quarter.

MVP

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me list, and to have such great ammates and a coaching staff at allowed me to go out and

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."

one." New England quarterback Brady finished third with eight votes, followed by Baltimore run-ning back Lewis, the AP Offensive Player of the Year, with five. Kansas City running back Priest Holmes got three votes, and Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis, the AP Defensive Player of the Year weetved two.

Year, received two.

McNair led the league with a 100.4 passer rating to Manning's 99.0. Unlike the seemingly indestructible Manning, who's never

missed a start in his six pro sea-sons, McNair has played hurt for much of his career. This season, he missed the last month of practice with a strained right call and sprained left ankle that also has a

sprained left ankle that also has a crucked bone spur Those injuries also sidelined him for two games. But the NFL has learned how tough the nine-year veteran is. And how dangerous he is, even though McNatr no longer is the running threat he was early in his career. Now, he is a superb pocket passor, accurate and strong-armed.

passer, accurate and strong-armed.
"I was healthy until the 10th week of the season, and I was able to do the things I would normally do," McNair noted." I think this was my best year overall, and get-ting the MVP cups it off. "But now there's absolutely more work to do. We want to get back to the Super Bowl and win it."

Manning, naturally, echoes such

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Manning, naturally, echoes such thoughts. The Colts are at home against Denver in a wild-card

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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.
"I felt like I've really gotten better every year since I got in the league, and that was one of my goals," Manning said. "I'm more motivated not to be a one-year wonder guy, to keep coming back and be consistent every year."





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Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The interviews with former New York
Giants coach Jim Fassel — all three
of them — are done, with Dennis
Green on deck in the Washington
Redskins coaching search.
Fassel and Redskins towner Dan
Styder concluded more than 12
hours of talks over two days in San
Francisco on Friday Both sides
will now move on check out other
possibilities, with Snyder preparing to talk to Green and Ray
Rhodes, and Fassel departing for
Arizona, Chicago and then
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"The best way to put it is that

Arizona, Chicago and then Buffalo.

"The best way to put it is that Dan Snyder has definitely made advorable impression on Jim," said Fassel's agent, Steve Rosner.

Rosner said Fassel "was very impressed with Dan and very impressed with how businesslike he was, how prepared he was. He had all the information Jim needed to evaluate the franchise."

Snyder will meet with former Minnesota coach Green this weekend in California. An interview with Seattle defensive coordinator Rhodes could take place on

Monday if the Seahawks lose to Green Bay in the first round of the FML played for on Sunday, Rhodes has said he won't interview until Seatile's season is done.

The Redskins have characterized the interviews as preliminary and that one or more of the candidates' could be brought to Washington for follow-up sessions next week. The team has said it would take two weeks to name a replacement for Steve Spurier, who resigned Tuesday.

Snyder is known for outbidding opponents to get the coach or players he wants — he paid Spurier a record \$5 million per year—but the state of the coach or players he wants — he paid Spurier a record \$5 million per year—but hos weeks to interview. The form the postion, Rosner said money did not come to player she seen offered the postion, Rosner said.

Fassel hard from the Bills for the first time Friday.

Rassel was fired last month by the Giants, who finished 412 in his seenth season in New York. Fassel's record was 69.561, including a trip to the Super Bowl three years ago.

-SPORTS IN BRIEF-

Youth basketball

Youth baskethall
camps set for T.F.
TWIN FALLS - The Ivin Falls
High School baskethall coaches
have announced the dates for the
upcoming classic clinic and Little
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The classic clinic, for boys and
girls in grades 46, will be held
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A Little Dribblers camp will
also be held for boys and girls in
grades kindergarten-3. The clinics
will take place from 10 am-noon
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7 pm on Jan. 26. The campers will
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Registration forms are available at Donnelley Sports.
Call Matt at 735-5310 for more
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Shaq leaves game

Shaq leaves game
with strained right calf
SEATTLE - Los Angeles
Laicars center Shaquille O'Neal
left Friday night's game at
Seattle with a strained right calf
and wasn't expected to return.
A team spokeswoman said the
injury flared up after bothering
O'Neal earlier this week. O'Neal
was treated by a trainer at the
end of the first quarter. He
returned to play most of the second period, then took himself
out 5:06 before halftime.
O'Neal, averaging 20.6 points,
11.8 rebounds, 2.5 blocks
and
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terum. He had six points and
five rebounds in 14 minutes.

Heat rookie Wade

Heat rookle Wade
placed on injured list
MIAMI - Miami Heat rookle
guard Dwayne Wade is expected
to miss at least five games after
being placed on the injured list
with a bone bruise in his right
writs Friday.
Wade sprained his wrist Dec.
26 and played the last two
games before an MRI test on
Friday revealed the bruise.
Wade will seeson of the NBAS
top rookles this seeson, averaging
16.2 points and 4.4 assists.
Wade will wear a cast for a
week, then the injury will be reevaluated.
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Johnny Beasley, sidelined since
Nov. 19 with a lower back strain,
was activated.

Oregon State shoots

Oregon State shoots
down.rival UCLA
CORVALLIS, Ore. - Shannon
Howell scored 22 points and
Oregon State shot 67 percent in
the second half to defeat UCLA
82-68 Friday.
Five other Beavers (8-4, 2-1
Fac-10) scored in double figures,
including Leliani Estavan with
13 points.
Nikki Blue added 25 points
for the Bruins (5-6, 0-2 Pac-10).
Noelle Quina added 16.
The Bruins led by as many as
nine points in the first half, but
Oregon State went on a 24-9 run
und took a 40-36 at the break.
UCLA didn't score for more
than five minutes at the start of
the second half. Blue put back her
own miss at 1455 in the second
half to make it 51-38, but Howell
responded with a three-point play.

on the other end for the Beuvers.
Estavan made a 3-pointer to
make it 71:54 Beavers with 447
left. The Bruins put together a
small comeback. Blue made two
free throws and I isaw Willis hit a 3pointer to make it 75:64 with two
nimutes left. Another Blue 3
made it 76:67 with a minute left,
but the Bruins could get no closer.
Howell, a junior transfer from
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The Beavers made 8-of-12 3pointers.

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TORONTO - The Toronto
Raptors traded center Mengle
Bateer to the Orlando Magic for
forward Robert Archibald ort
Friday.
The Raptors also sent Orlando
the rights to 2003 second-round
draft choice Remon Van de Hare
and the option to swap secondround draft positions at the 2005
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Seahawks' Richard

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KRRKLAND, Wash. - Seattle
Seahawks reserve cornerback
Kris Richard missed practice
Friday and is listed as questionable for Sunday's willcard game at Green Bay
because of a pinched nerve in
his neck.

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Backup defensive tackle Rodey Bernard also is listed as questionable (efet-toe)-but-saw-limited action at practice. The sive end Chiko Okeafor (Ender Sive end Chiko Okeafor (Ender Springs (rest), though both should play.

Richard sustained a stinger in last week's regular season finale at San Francisco.

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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 Toch 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 Krugthorpe joked that he would snowshoe to Alaska if that's what it took to extend the season. He was more on target than he thought.

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 Perul

Bowl.

After consecutive one-win seasons, fluisa 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.

Nobody on Sandard Polining.

"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

Several of his teammates have followed his lead.

Tulsa (8-4) 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 in the Fort World Bowl. The Broncos won, but left the hometown bowl organizers looking for a new team to play Tech (6-5).

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

After a 3-4 start, Tulsa closed e 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

Bob Stoops in the AP coach of the year voting.
Not bad for a rookie head coach.
"I voted for Steve Kragthreys for national coach of the year," Tech coach Chain Gailey said. "A team that's won two games total in two years and they go to a bowl with an 84 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.

held in snow, something many of the Yellow Jackets had never seen.

"I bet it was pretty unique for them.—Those—guys from. Minni, they think it's sand," Galley said.

The Yellow Jackets actually unjoyed the snow so much they took a trip to Idaho City for some— mowmobiling, tubing, and, snow-ball fights on Thursday, After just a few days, they felt plenty accli-mated to the weather.

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

Tech had a chance at one of the Atlantic Coast Conference's more high-profile games before losing consocutive games to Virginia and Georgia the last two games of the regular season and falling to 500.

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

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"We started at a point where I think overybody thought we'd start at and I think we've improved a great deal," Gelley 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 careerhigh 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

Tennessee 27-14 Friany.

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 note 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, woo for unsportsmantike conduct and two for roughing quarterback Charlie 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 prety 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 Atlante Coast Conference its third straight Peach Bowl victory.

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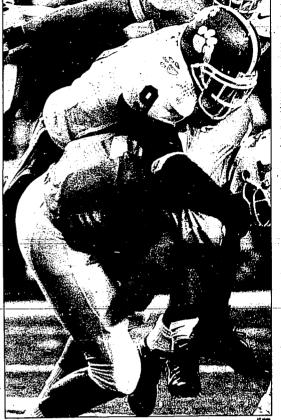
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TEMPE, Ariz. – Craig Krenzel left college
football with another Fiesta Bood triumph and
another MVP award. Ell Roberson's comeback
fell one touchdown short in a game many
thought he would not play.

Krenzel, who finished his Ohio State career 243 as a starter, matched his career high with four
touchdown passes—two apiece to Michael Jenkins
and Santonio Holmes— and No. 7 Ohio State held
off No. 8 Kansas State 35-28 on Friday night.
Roberson got the start despite a sexualassault 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 Wildcast back
from deficits of 21-0 and 35-14.
After a 3-for-13 start, Roberson completed 20
of \$2 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
65 and Roberson's 19-yard pass to James Terry
helped set up Ayo Saba's 3-yard ton.

Roberson threw 24 yards to Davin Dennis to



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

the Ohio State 15, and after a facemask penal-ty Roberson sneaked over from the 1 to cut it

to 35-28 with 2-47 left. Kansas State (11-4) got the onside kick, but was called for a false start. Ohio State Bobby

Carpenter recovered the second onside kick and the Buckeyes held on. The Wildcats had one more chance but Roberson's desperation pass from midfield was.

USC in perfect position to capture AP title

Rest easy, USC. Your No. 1 rank-

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 spoteven 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,"

A survey of 18 of the 65 poll vot-

half the title."

A survey of 18 of the 65 poll voters backed up what everyone believed after watching Southers 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 tote. Others are open to changing. That would make USC's 21 first-place vote lead almost insurmountable because it's hard to figure that marty voters would drop the Trojans after dominating the fourth-ranked team in the nation. "Im not convinced that USC is a better team than the two teams in New Orleans, but the way the polls work learn to move USC off No. 1 attaches game, they played," said Herb.

work I can't move USC off No. 1 after the game they played," said Herb. Could of The Chicago Sur-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 Nebraska No. 1," said Tony Barnhart of The Adlanta Journal-Constitution, who plans to move USC ahead of LSU. Tjust 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 disappead with the polls, the top team in the minds of the human voters was left out.

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

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

Southern Cal or whoever wing

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 their bowl win. And one said Friday he might not do so if their bowl win. And one said Friday he might not do so if their bowl win. And one said Friday he might not do so if their bowl win. And one said Friday he might not do so if their bowle with the coach John L. Smith said. "I don't know, if they'll throw me in jail or not fordoing 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

AP last month, 16 want to consider a change to the system wher 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 at joke."

Arkansas coach weighs Nebraska's mega-offer

By Elizabeth Memili and Rich Kalpust Omaha World-Herald

LINCOLN, Neb. — Arkansas coach Houston Nutt was considering an offer to become Nebruska'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.

Hroyles told The Omaha Morld-Herald that he talked with Nutt on Friday morning and was waiting for his sixth-year head coach to inform him of his intentions.

"If he haart made up his mind," Broyles said, "then het alked do not be said, "then he halked wood on the said of the said on the said of the

Arkansas has a chance to keep Nutt, Broyles said: "I think we have a chance until he decides." As of 1130 cm. CST on Fridow, the Nebruska sports information-department said there was no press conference scheduled in Lincoln. Nebraska athletic director Steve Federson flew to Fayetteville, Ark, on Thursdow, arting by private charter at York Municipal Airport. When asked about his trip, Federson 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. Spurned 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 AI Saunders turned Pederson down for the job Thesday, Also Thursday, The World-Heruld learned from three people dose to the situation that Nebraska officials had been in talks with Philadelphia Engles offensive coordinator Brad Childress.

Childress and his agent, Bob LaMonte, did not immediately

childress and his agent, Bob LaMonte, did not immediately return phone calls. When asked The

urn phone calls. When asked Thursday night ether Nutt was Pederson's top

candidate now, Broyles said, "Well, I think there have 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 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, anative of Little Rock, has deep ties to Arkansas and was even a ball boy for the Razorbacks as a kid. He has taken the program to a bowl game in each of his aix seasons.

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as a kid. He has taken the program to a bowl game in each of his six seasons.

Arkansas wrapped up a 94 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 aix years after replacing Tom Osborne at Nebraska.



Utah Jazz' Greg Ostertag Jumps for a rebound over the head of Memphis Grizziles' Stromile Swift (4) during the first half Friday in Memphis, Tenn.

Grizzlies end slide against Jazz, 100-88

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Bonzi Wells scored 21 points and handed out six assists Friday night, and the Memphis Grizzlies ended their seven-game losing streak with a 100-88 win over the Utah Jazz. Wells, coming off the bench, shot 8-0-16 from the field to lead six Grizzlies in double figures. Memphis, which had not won since Dec. 19, put the game away with a 13-2 run early in the fourth quarter. The Jazz never got within double digits the next of the way. James Peop added 13 for Memphis, while Lorenze Wright firished with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Stromlie Swift scored 11. Carlos Arroyo led Utah with 25 points.

Heat 112, Magic 101

MIAMI – Eddie Jones scored a season-high 33 points, including four of Miami's 11 3-pointers, and the Heat withstood a late rally.

Miami led 84-60 midway through the third quarter and 99-83 with 6.5 minutes left. But Orlando trailed just 103-101 before the Heat scored the final nine points. Rafer Alston scored 18 points and reserve Malik Allen-14, both season highs.

Nets 97, Cavallers 82

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

Jason Kidd had 26 points, 10
assists and nine rebounds and
played a major part in limiting
LeBron James to 14 points.

James' point total was his lowcet since scoring eight against
Atlanta on Dec. 6. The top pick in
the NBA draft had scored at least
17 points in his previous 12 games
and had averaged 27.3 since Dec.
11. But James couldn't make anything happen with Kidd, Richard
Jefferson and Kerry Kintles challenging him every time he
touched the ball.

Pacers 103, Celtics 90

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BOSTON - Resgie Miller had
three 3-pointers during a 13-0 run to
start the fourth quarter as the Pacers
recovered from a 15-point deficit.
Ron Artest score 28 points and
Jermaine O'Neal had 21 with 13
rebounds for Indiana, which has
the best record in the East (24-10).
Paul Pierce scored 18 with nine
rebounds for Boston, which led 4631 in the second quarter.
The Celtic were ahead by six at
halftime and it was still a six-point
game, 66-60, before the Pacers
scored the next nine points.

Timberwolves 93, Hawks 75

Imberwoves 43, Hawks 7b
MINNEAPOLIS - Kevin
Garnett led a well-balanced lineup
yith 18 points and 15 rebounds.
Sam Cassell had 15 points and
11 assists for the Timberwoves,
who won their fifth straight at
Eome and carried some momentum into the new year Gildowing a
franchise-best 11-2 December.

Pistons 93, Suns 81

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. – Richard Hamilton scored 26 points and Ben Wallace had 22 rebounds and 10 points. The Pistons extended their win-

The Pistons extended their winming to four games and have not
allowed 100 points in any game
this season and 33 games overall,
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Wallace and double-doubles in
Detroit's a three games and in
Seven of the last 10. Chucky
Atkins dedded 14 points, and
Chauncey Billups had 13
Stephon Matchury 1ed Phoenix
with 26 points.

Bulls 104, Knicks 99

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NEW YORK — Jamal
Crawford scored 28 points
and Kirk Hinrich added 19
as the Chicage Bulls
erased a double-digit
deficit and snapped the
shorthanded New York
Knicks fourgame winning
streak.
After mailing by 10
points in the third quarter,
the Bulls took their biggest
lead, 98-91, on Crawford's jumper
with 1:21 remaining.

Bucks 109, Mavericks 101

MILWAUKEE - Michael Redd scored 21 points, including four in the final 22 seconds, as the Milwaukee Bucks tied a season-

Milwaukee Bucks ded a season-high in points.

Brian Skinner, playing in his fourth game after returning from knee surgery, scored a season-high 20 points for Milwaukee, which had 28 assists and a season-low

nad 28 assists and a season-tow five turnovers.

Dirk Nowitzki had 23 points and Antawn Jamison had 20 for Dallas, whose three-game winning streak was snapped.

Hornets 86, Raptors 74

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TORONTO – Baron Davis scored 22 points and the New Orleans Hornets outrebounded the-Toronto-Raptors-by-a - wide-margin in a 86-74 victory Friday night.

P.J. Brown had 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Jamanl Magloire added 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Homets, who outrebound-ed Toronto 51-32 – including 15-4 on the offensive glass.

Wizards 97, Warriors 79

WASHINGTON - The man of the hour on Gilbert Arenas talking bobblehead night had nine points, nine rebounds and five assists.

Washington snapped a five-game losing streak by awakening its dormant transition game to take control in the third quarter. Arenas made a 3-pointer to start quarterending 194 run that put Washington ahead to stay.

No. 13 Kansas holds off Villanova

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LAWRENCE, Kan. – They were lined up outside of storied old Allen Fieldhouse for more than two hours on Friday night, and the lobby of every public entrance was packed with fans.

They were all waiting to get in to see a young Villanova Wildcats team get served up to their tradition-rich Kansas basketball team. Only Nova did not exaculty follow the script.

With a sellout crowd of 16,300 fans on hand screaming and hollering and chering for the home team, as well as expressing disgusting the server of the

the Jayhawks went on to open up a 66-48 lead with less than nine minutes left.

But with 38.8 seconds remaining, the Wildcats were still hanging around at \$2.77, and trying to regain possession with a quick steal or a foul Kansas, which went 35 for 41 from the free-throw line for the game, made six foul shots in the last 51 seconds on its way to sinking 27 in the half.

The Wildcats, whose five game winning streak was snapped, got 22 points from guard Allan Ray, 18 from Sumpter, and 16 from guard Mike Nardi. Five Cats scored in double figures.

"We did what we wanted to doplay Villanows basketball," said Wildcats center Jason Fraser, who was active on the glass with nine rebounds and three blocks after being listed as doubtful due to inflammation in his left knee. "We play hard whether we're up 20 or down 20."

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The contest marked the second time that Kansas and Nova had met on the basketball court. The last time they got together was at the 1968 National Invitation,



Villanova forward Jason Fraser, front, looks to pass the ball as he is pressured by Kansas forward W Simlen during the first half Friday at Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan.

Tournament in New York, where the Jayhawks won by 55-49. The No. 13 Jayhawks, who open Big Twelve play on Monday at Colorado, won their 11th straight home game overall and their 51st in a row over unranked visitors, such as Nova. Friday night, the Wildcats could not handle Kansas' inside players, who helped the Jayhawks on helped the Jayhawks 6-60ot 9 forward, Wayne

Simien (23 points), and 6-11 center David Pudgett (15) took turns hurting 'Nova from in close.

"We showed that we're a good team, but we're weak inside."
Wildcats coach Jay Wright said. "Id love to have any one of those guys."

Sumpter, the 6-7 forward from Brooklyn who had been lighting it up with 21.2 points and 8.6 rebounds over his last five games, overcame some early misses to help the resilient Wildcats come

back after being down 22-12 and 33-23 during the first 20 minutes. While Kannas was using the inside scoring of Simien and Padgett to get easy baskets during most of the half, Nova was struggling mightly to make a shot.

They hit five of their first 20 field goal attempts, and also hit a dry spell in which the Jayhawks turned a 13-12 edge into a 22-12 advantage with 9:30 to go in the first half.

${f A}$ man with a plan

Here's picking NFL playoffs through Super Bowl

ORLANDO, Fla. – Here I sit, rokenhearted, on the horns of a

dilemma.
And it hurts.
And it hurts.
Way back in August of 2003, I
predicted that Kansas City would
meet St. Louis in the Super Bowl.
The good news is that they are
both very much alive; The bad
news is that they both are seeded
No. 2 instead of No. 1 in their conferences.
So that's the thorny part – how
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But I have a plan.

I always have a plan.

But, first, it's time to wrap up the regular season:

LAST WEEK & LAST SEASON:

Sob, I was doing so well until the rend Right now I feel like the Florida Gators (although I doubt if Steve Spurrier wants this job). Finished with my only losing week of the season, going 7-9 stringht up and 6-10 against the spread. Still, it was one of my Deer years at 164-88 straight up (66 percent) and 13-111-12 against the joby (67 percent). Let's see Ron Zook top that.

—Two notes about Saturday's ABC telecasts: (1) Baccancers couch Jon Gruden Joins Christer Square Stadium. "Yeah, I bet that's where he wants to be. (2) There's still going to be Hank Williams Jrdoing-"Ane You. Roady, Ca. Some-Football," joined by – KISS. What Colonia, "Joined by – KISS. What Joe Namah wasn't available." And now let me tell you how this weekends' four games will play out – so you can marvel at the beauty of my plan:

Termessee (12-4) at Baltimore (10-6)—Tians favored by 1. Come on, it's the playoffs so think about it. The Titans got 70-5 percent of their offensive yardage from passing and they're going to Baltimore to face the Ravens' defense. And Ravens RB Jamal Lewis out-ushed 24 teams by himself. In an Edgar-Allen-Poe Upset Special, Quoth the Ravens, win by 4.

Ballas (16-6) at Carollina (11-5)—Panthers favored by 3. Yes, I know how terrifying it is to pitck against the Big Tuna, but we must be strong, After all, Bill Partells is not perfect in the postsesson (11-6)



Seahawks acout offense running back Kerry Carter, left, gets a laugh as atrong safety Reggie Tongue, right, puts an arm out to stop him as the team runs through plays during practice in Kirkland, Was The Seahawks face the Green Bay Packers in an NFC playoff game Sunday in Green Bay, Wis.

with Giants, Patisies and Juts) and he's never had to use QB Quincy Carter and RB Trey Hambrick before. Besides Pathers QB Jake Delhommenthinks ho's the second coming of Bert Faver. Faruthers by S. Seattle (10-6) at Green Bay (10-6) - Cheescheads favored by 7 on Sunday, Speaking of Brett, there are no doubt that the Cheescheads are "America's team" right now. The question is if they are really "Heaven's team", too. But if you need a more concarte reason why the Heads will win, his name is Ahman Green. Cheescheads by 11.

Derwer (10-6) at Indianapolis (124) - Colts favored by 3 on Sunday, Nobody can deny that Colts coach Tony Dungy and QB Peyton Manning are nice guys and that may be why they finish last when the playoffs start. Another reason for their failure will be the return of Bronco RB Clinton Ports. In a Run-Clinton-Run Upset Special, Broncos by 10-0K, Ravens, Panthers,

Cheescheads and Broncos-sounds illoe one very strange zoo. Now we need to look into the future (cue the "Wilght Zone" music):
Hypothetically speaking.

—NEC in order to get the Rams into the Super Bowl, our Challenge is to get rid of Philadelphia -white is a pretty good idea by itself. And the guys who will get that done are the Cheescheads, who are dumb enough to ignore the weather and blessed enough to ignore Donovan McNabb. Meanwhile, the Rams will be in their comfy center ring at home, throwing cream pies at home, throwing cream pies at home, throwing to so St. Louis for the Championship – and the Rams' turf is where even angels fear to tread.

Your NFC Champion – St. Louis.

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Your NFC Champion – St. Louis.
• AFC: This one is tougher.
Kansas City has to find a way to stop Jamal Lewis, and I'm sug-gesting hiring Lawrence Taylor to research that.
Meanwhile, how does Denver

dreen Bay, We.

beat New England? We know Patriots QB Tom Brady has not known and the patriots QB tom Brady has not known a pick in 241 pass attempts at home this season — and we. Leave the patriots defense has given up just 22 points in its last six home games.

Talk about a bunch of guys who are due to have a bad game.

Besides, the Patriots have won their past 12, so they would have to win 15 straight (one shy of a perfect season) to win the Super Bowl. That's why Denver finds a way to knock off the Patriets, setting up a familiar showdown in Kansas City for the AFC title. And the Chiefs will prevail as Dick-Vermeil starts to tear up.

And here's my clincher: The past two Super Bowl champions (Lumpa Bay after New England) were No. 2 seeds. What are St. Louis and Kansas City No. 2 seeds.

* Super Bowl: Kansas City 41, St. Louis 24.

That was my sticking with it.

That was my story in August, and I'm sticking with it.

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WHY LITERALISTS MAKE LOUSY BARBARIANS

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Commission plans märketing programs

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Barley Commission will offer several grain marketing educational programs, including the Idaho Grain Marketing Challenge and Advanced Grain Marketing Workshops, in

Marketing Challenge and Advanced Grain Marketing Workshops, in 2004.
Producers may participate in an online computer marketing challenge that will feature real-world grain marketing conditions and marketing tools. The three-moth computer challenge, from Jan. 1 through March 31, can be played from home at the participant's own pace and two \$250 second prizes will be awarded at the end of March. Sign up by visiting www.commoditychallenge.com.

Also, marketing workshops will be field Jan. 12-13 at the Red Lion Inn in Pocatello and Jan. 14-15 at the Red Lion Inn in Inevision. Each workshop is 1 1/2 days long and includes several hosted breaks, one luncheon and one evening reception. Speakers include consultant Darrell Holadday of Advanced Grain Market Concepts in Manhattan, Kan., and local experts on grain marketing and barley and wheat crop insurance.

Workshop topics include getting in the right frame of mind, understanding the marketplace you operate in, basic marketing tools, calculation cost of production, developing and pulling the trigger on a marketing plan, and understanding and selecting the right crop insurance tools.

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In-state cost is \$45 per person. To register, call the Idaho Barley Commission at 334-2090 or send e-mail to pmoffet@barley.state.id.us.

Outfitters can now renew licenses online

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TWIN FALLS - Idaho outfitters and designated agents now have the option of renewing their state licenses online at www.state.id.uso.glb, the Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board said Friday.

The service renews outfitter licenses along with each outfitter's designated agent licenses. It also renews the accompanying guide licedses for designated agent and sole_proprietor applicants.

Advantages of the new Webbased renewal process include automatic fee calculation, instant confact information updating. Visa or MasterCard billing through the state's secure payment portal, and the ability to print a receipt.

A convenience fee, based on the transaction total, will be assessed to online renewals.

Although online renewals will be considered on lime if submitted by 11:59 pm. Jan. 31, the following documentation must be mailed to the board before licenses can be processed: all use reports for the previous year, proof of liability insurance, and proof of bond (if not continuous).

The board said it expects to introduce a similar online service for Idaho guide enewals by April 1.

For information, call the Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board in Boise at 327-7380.

Money tip: Finding good 600 companies

NEW YORK - Many investors turn to socially responsible investing to make money without supporting companies that profit from tobacco, alcohol, weapons, environmental damage, abusive labor practices or breaking of human rights.

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A good place to start is the Calvert Social Index, which lists more than 600 large companies that fulfill the requirements listed above. To find our more about the index and see a list of the companies, go to The Calvert Group's Website, www.calvertgroup.com/.

The Calvert Social Index is mostly made up of large companies. If you do choose to invest in those companies, be careful not to overload your portfullo with large cap stocks.

If you don't wish to go through the process of selecting stocks your-self, there are many mutual funds that invest exclusively in socially responsible stocks. The Vanguard Group, for example, offers the Vanguard Calvert Social Index Pund, a fund that offers diversity with low fees.

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Fallout hits potato industry

Mad cow scare holds french fries fried in beef tallow in limbo

The Associated Press

KENNEWICK, Wash. – Fallout from the mad cow scare in Washington state has hit the potato industry, with more than \$500,000 worth of frozen french fries – prefried in beef tallow – held in limbo

at ports.

The delay raises concerns that other exports containing beef products could be affected by the bans countries have imposed on U.S. beef because

The U.S. Department of griculture announced Dec. 3 the disease had been dis-The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Dec. 23 the disease had been discovered in a dairy cow from Mabron, Wash., about 40 miles southeast of Yakima. Since then, more than 35 countries have imposed bans on U.S. beef imports.

French fries and other potations are prefried in

French fries and other pota-to products are prefried in beef tallow or vegetable oil by the manufacturer before they are frozen and shipped. They are then fried again before being served.

Most products fried in beet tallow are exported, while vegetable oil is used domestically, said Pat Boss, executive director of the Washington At least 60 containers of frozen potatoes have been delayed at Northwest and Asian potas Each container can hold about 40,000 pounds of frozen potato products. Boss said potato processors were concerned the containers might not be allowed into China and Korea. Japan was allowing some containers into the country but holding them warehouses, he said.

There is no evidence that beef tallow can transmit mad

said, but that doesn't matter if customers don't think it is afe.

"The buyers are reporting that they want to move away from those products," Boss said. "I really do think there is a level of hysteria building because of mad cow, and unforrunately other products are being lumped in."

Potato processors and growers in the Northwest depend especially on Japan's large export market. About 500,000 tons of fries or \$100 million worth went to Japan last year, Boss said. The other largest export markets for fries include Mecine, China, Korea and Taiwan, all of which have acted to ban U.S. beef.

Idahoans file bankruptcies in record numbers

BOISE - Personal and farm bankruptcies shot up in 2003 while the number of business fillings artually dropped, according to statistics provided by Idaho's U.S. Bankrupte Court.

The 9,400 bankrupcies lited in last year set a new record, maintaining the urend of the part there was a tirty hint in the numbers for the final two ments of the year that Idaho residents' financial picture may be brightening.

The 2003 figures appear to follow the general direction of the economy, which has suffered for the past three years but has shown recent signs of recorvey, state economist Derek Santos said Friday.

"We are forcasting the economy is rebounding and, hopefully, the bankruptcy numbers will improve also," he said.

Santos pointed to data from November and December of 2003 as potential signs of that recovery. In November, the 555 bankruptcy fillings represented a 1.5 percent decrease from November 2002. In December, the 433 fillings were 17.7 percent below December 2002.

"It's interesting that there might be momented and becomber of 2003 as somethid as some some important changes going on already," he said.

Economist John Church of Boise said the nation's health care crists also seems to experimental to the said the fact that there were fewer corporate bankruptcies also points to the notion that the drop in business has at least bottomed out.

As of Dec. 31, 2003, the U.S. Bankruptcy Gurt in Idaho received fillings for a \$1,200 at 100 at 1

the next 10 months.

Sue Beltin, chief deputy of the federal bank-ruptcy court in Boise, acknowledged the year-to-year trend but said she did not know what drives the phenomenon.

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That's when all the Christmas season bills ne due," he said.

Hot cars, hot wheels



Larry Wood, who works on full-size vehicles in his Lang Beach, Calif., garage has been Hot Wheels' chief designer for 34 years and heads a team of 30 designers and model makers.

These wheels blur boundaries of boyhood

At a crowded toy convention, Bruce Pascal delicately pulled a small plastic cylinder from his pocket. He popped the cap and out sild a 3-inch long bundle swathed in bubble wrap. "The asking \$35,000," he said, unwrapping his treasure: a dic-cast, deep-puple model of a Volkswagen bus, made in 1969 by Mattel Inc.'s Hot Wheels unit.

Pascal, a commercial real estate agent in Washington, didn't make this sale at the 17th annual Hot Wheels Collectors Convention in Irvine, Calif. But he has bought and sold several other Hot Wheels toys for five-figure prices in recent years. He paid what's considered a neord for a Hot Wheels item: nearly \$70,000 for a one-of-a-kind, hot pink prototype of a VW bus model; called the Beach Bomb; He now on display at the Hot Wheels exhibition at the Petersen' Automotive Museum in Los Augeles.

After 39 years and 3 billion toy car sales, Hot Wheels in a world of its own. There are about a dozen competitors— louly's Bhurago and domestic rands such as Erd, American Muscle and Maisto. But these toy firms focus on large-scale, more accurate reproductions than Hot Wheels' basic line of carroonish models.

Although sales have fallen and flatened out in the past two years, in part because of a weak economy, no one comes close to Hot Wheels' estimated 277 million in annual sales, second only to Barthe in Mattel's lineup. And none has the hard-core adult following, probably \$2,000 strong, that collects old models and keeps driving prices higher on eBay and upscale auction houses such as Sotheby's.

Vintage Hot Wheels are no steal

Picos for collectible Hot Whisele models the end fall with the economy and vary by excelly and condition. Here is a took at an assortment of tot Wheels models and their prices.

Q "Beach Bornb," a one-of-ekind 1999 We bus prototype: \$70,000 CJ bon The Snate Pruthome 1973

Mongoose and States ting text with Mongoose and States ting text \$8,000

Brown 1969 Dodge Chargert \$5,000

Prillow 1940s Woodle wegon, 1990
reliasue as No. 51 in the Collector, acries: \$1,200

Q. A.OK' delivery van in Real Riders Series, with nubber tirse, circa 1978; \$700

Q. Rolls-Royce Phantom II: \$500
Q. 1967 Camaro Issued in the 1995
Treasure Hurt Series: \$400
Q. Cherwick Cherelle SS, green with white Interior, Collector No. 915; \$385

Sources: Tomart's Price Guide to Hot Wheels: Hallsguide.com: eBay: Bruce

British dealer Charles Kitson sells a software program to track 24,500 Hot Wheels products, including 164-scale car models, racetrack ests, funchiones, children's shoes, posters, coloring books and other paruphermalia.

There are occasional tales of marriages destroyed by manie Hot Wheels collectors, with their compulsion to overspend on the tiny metal cars.

Ross "Buz" Anderson, 52, said it was the spending and the household disruption caused by his need to display his treasures that cost him his treasures that cost him his please see WHEELS, Page B9

-He-broke the mold and has been on a roll ever since

Los Angeles Times

Much of the credit for Hot Wheels' longevity goes to Larry Wood, G1, a lifelong car nut and Mattel's chief designer for 34 years.
Wood grew up in the '50s, when Detroit aped the fashton industry by dramatically changing the styling of its cars every year. After graduating from Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Calif., Wood was hired by Ford Motor Co. as a car designer in Michigan.
"I got tired of doing hundreds of grilles and tallights," he said.
He also missed the warm weather in California and returned for a design job at Lockheed Corp. In 1969 at a backyard burbecue, he watched in amazement as young children played with a set of tiny model cars that raced around an orange plastic track The Lotywere supplied by a designer from Mattel's fleeling car studio. The next week the designer moved over to work on Mattel's pace action figures, and Wood was hired to replace him. "Now I was dring whole cars, and doing them every day," Wood said. For most of the 1970 and well into the '80s, Wood was the colly How Wheels designer, and know head a ream of 30 designers mod model makes who work a block from Mattel's 12 Segundo, Calif., headquarters in a studio that resemblers under overhead lights, and the designers surround their design while saids of day and wooden models, prototypes and finished versions of their favorite toy.

Eddie Bauer, Target's sites top market poll

Study finds some on-line retailers better than others

Knight-Ridder-News-Service

Online shopping reached record levels this holiday season, but some retailers handled the increased traffic better than others.

Scans, Roebuck and Co. struggled to manage its orline traffic despite revamping its Web site last fall, according to Keynote Systems Inc., which on Testallers' online shopping performance. In only one of the four holiday shopping weeks in 2003 did Sears exceed the average,

weeks in 2003 did Sears exceen the avenue, Keynote found.

In the week of Dec. 22, the Web site of the retailer failed to complete a purchase S.31 percent of the time. The average failure rate that week for the 11 retailers was 2.67 percent, the best overall score of the season.

The most likely leason for the improvement is that fewer people also miline the closer it gets to Christmas, said Roopak Patel, senior Internet analyst for Keynote, a San Mateo, Calif.,

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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 upbeat economic news. But investors later took some profits in blue chips, leaving prices mixed.

Light volume exaggerated Friday's price moves, and investors may have been a bit jittery because'd heightened terrorism concerns that disrupted international air ruwel. Still, the major indexes sked out gains for the week.

Barry Berman, head trader for Robert W. Baird & Co. in Milwaukee, warned against reading too 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 Youl Jones industrial average was down 44.07, or 0.4 percent, at 10.409.85 Friday but up 1.8 percent for the week. Earlier in the day, after a stronger-than-expected report on manufacturing, the Dow was up more than 14 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 Nasdag composite index rose 3.31, or 0.17 percent, to 2006.68 and was up 1.7 percent, to 7006.68 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.

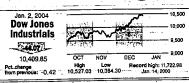
Thomas F. Lydon Jr., president of Global Trends Investments in Newport Beach, Calif., said the meandering market was a reflection of the low volume.

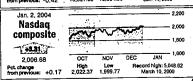
"On days like that, we sometimes see dramatic moves when buy or sell programs kick in," he said.

Still, Lydon 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 chastised for bad practices have reformed. "The market is starting to be fun again, but not yet to the point where cab driver are giving you investment tips," he said.

For all of 2003, he Dow gained 25.3 percent, the Nasdag 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 Supply Management said its manufacturing index rose to .66.2 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 is best month since December 1983." He said much of the momen-

tum 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.

Bankruptcy filings at a glance

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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 growth in 20 years. The Institute for Supply Management reported Friday that its manufacturing index jumped to 66.2 in December from 52.8 the previous month, strong evidence that the economic turnaround continues to pick-up steam.

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The new reading was the high-

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 index 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 off forecast by analysts. The index measures the rate of growth in U.S. manufacturing. A reading above 50 indicates expansion; one below 50 indicates manufacturing activity is 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 over-



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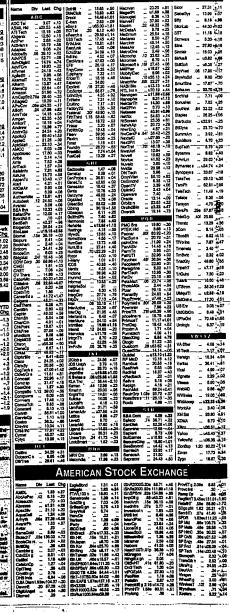
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company that measures the performance of retailers' Web sites.

But even a failure rate of only
2 percent or 3 percent can add
up for a retailer.
Consider Online retail spending totaled \$11.7 billion from
Nov. 1 through Friday, a 29 percent jump from the same period
in 2002, according to ComScore
Networks, a Chicago-based
fracker of consumer behavior on
the Internet. That excludes travel purchases and auctions.
If an average failure rate of
2.67 percent were applied to that
figure, retailers would be losing
out on \$312.4 million in sales
over that time frame.
Keynote defines failures as
those situations in which any
Web page in the transaction
downloads only partly or downloading takes longer than 12 seconds a page on average.
The top performers in the week
of Dec. 22 were the Eddie Bauer
unit of \$5 piegel Inc. and Target
Corp., which had failure rates of

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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 per-

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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. Eddie Bauer also was tops that week, with a fail-ure rate of only 0.27 percent.

Sears points out that as the holiday season wore on, it nar-rowed the gap on its failure rate-compared to those of other retailers.

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retailers.

"We're not far off on the success rate," spokesman Willy Medina said Wednesday, "The real proof is sales are up, People are responding to the site."

Indeed, online sales for Sears in 2003 are expected to be up about 40 percent over last year. According to the National Retail Federation, over the first three

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weeks of the holiday shopping season, 49 percent of merchants saw sales increase more than 35 percent compared to the same period in 2002. "We're pleased with the

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response that people have had to Sears.com," Medina said. In September, Sears redesigned its Web site to include expanded product information, and faster and casier navigation, enabling consumers to browse and buy with fewer clicks. The new architecture also included top and side naviga-rion bars.

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"There will be continued improvement in the coming year," Medina said.

But even though Sears improved its success rates as the holiday season wore on, it still ended up ahead of only L.L. Bean and Best Buy Co. Inc. for the week of Dec. 22, the last week of the shopping's season.

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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.
It was the first year that Keystone tracked the 11 retail-ers' online performance.

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are taking up all the room in the
spare bedroom," Anderson said.
He had a bout 1,200 Hot
Wheels items back then. His collection of about 2,000 viotage
toys today includes about 8,000
Hot Wheels jeicets, Anderson
and: "It just gest in your blood."

Many enthusiasts say their collections are driven by a simple
impulse.
"It's a chance to own all the
cars we could never afford as
ids," said David Lopez, a Hot
Wheels collector in San Jose.
Calif. Lopez, 52, said his collection — 3,000 pieces and counting
was fueled by a desire to have
the childhood he missed while
growing up in a migrant farmworker family.
Mattel detoured into toy cars
in 1968, when cap gun sales faltered and it was stuck with
excess production capacity.
Company co-founder Elitot
Handler date of the complement the Barbie line for
girls. He knew that an English
firm, Matchbox – now owned by
Mattel – was successful selling
realistic metal toy replicas of
milk trucks, wagons and massproduction cars.

Inspired by the customized
webicles he spotted in Mattel's El
Segundo, Calif., parking lot,
Handler told his designers, to, recate a new car toy with a
California look.

Ever since, Hot Wheels signature cars and trucks have had
exaggerated proportions: big
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roll faster than some models. Hot Wheels' mainstay 1/64-scale models still sell for 99 cents, though larger and more detailed cars sell new for \$30

detailed cars sell new for \$30 and more.

This year's Hot Wheels crop includes both the new (a competition-orange Hummer, a 50th-anniversary 2003 Corvette and Porsche 917 race car) and the classic (a 1965 Shelby Mustang muscle car and a souped-up 1948 Ford "Woody" station wagon with flame decals and a black, red, yellow and white pain; job).

Typically, the Hot Wheels line-up is a blend of new designs and updated reissues of older models. But traditional American muscle cars – Ford Mustangs, Chevrolet—Camaros,—Pontiac-GTOs-and-Dodge Chargers – are the most consistent sellers. And the Custom Corvette, first issued in 1968, is by far the biggest seller of all.

A Hot Wheels toy can acceler-

ate from an idea to something on a store shelf in a few months. If the car is a detailed replica of a race car, then licensing agreements have to be struck for each of the car's sponsorship decals.

Even a basic 39-cent Hot-Wheels model requires several molds: one for the chassis, 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. Hot Wheels are sprayed with a primer, then with a final coat of enamel, which could be the automaker's factory-correct color or a sparkling metallic hue. Then the pieces are snapped together at four factories in Asia.

Eventually the toys reach stores and sell at a rate of about 100 million a year. Many of them eventually travel to swap meets and other collector events.

Like many other collectors, Hot Wheels afficionados prize oddities. From 1968 until 1977, Hot Wheels models came with a thin red stripe around the tire sidewalls. The red added about a penny to the cost of each car, and Mattel quit making the tires during one of its periodic financial downturns. Now the "red line" is a classic, with prices ranging from \$125 to \$250.

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In recent years, automakers
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with their highly secret
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Mattel and other car model makers gain access to automakers' design vaults after paying a licensing fee to take an early look at, say, the next Ford Misstang or the new Chrysler PT.

Cruiser, Mattel also has an exclusive deal with Ferrari. In 1999, the Italian builder of exotic cars made Hot Wheels the sole manufacturer of die-ests metal replicas of its Ferrari and Maserati vehicles.

So on the same day last year that the \$651,000 Enzo Ferrari was unveiled at the Paris Auto Show, a 1/18-scale Hot Wheels model, in flaming Ferrari red and carrying a \$25 price tag, hit toy stores. Similar deals for exclusive Hot Wheels toys have been struck with General Motors Corp., Porsche and MbMW.

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Motors Corp., Porsche and BMW.

And although auto magazines pay small fortunes to freelance "spy" photographers for pictures of what may or may not be the long-awaited 2005 redesign of the Chevrolet Corvette, Hot Wheels designers have long known exactly what it looks like. "Twe got all the plans in my computer," Hot Wheels design chief Larry Wood said.

The new "Vette goes on sale at dealerships in the spring, But the '05 Hot Wheels Corvette model will be out in January.

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The Times-News

Saturday, January 3, 2004

What will the new year hold?

Some educated guesses on what the new year might bring 1. The Episcopal Church will con-tinue on the inevitable path to div-sion 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.

ground.

2. Presbyterians, Lutherans and other mainstream denominations will keep talking, studying and meeting, searching for some answer that can reconcile those who believe homescuality is a sin and those who don't. The more I cover the furn, the more I doubt such an answer exists.

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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 congression with a support group for divorces. Those that don't have one ought to at least talk have starting one.

5. The Roman Catholic Church will continue rebuilding the confidence of participants.

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5. The Roman Catholic Church will continue rebuilding the confidence of parishioners shaken by the sexual stuse 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, agrowing number of people will live out their faith in ahelers and urban ministries. Fin hearing from more individuals and congregation ministries. The hearing from more individuals and congregation more restlessness among people to do more can sing and worship. They are started to the control of the control

7. More women will be cilled to lead bigger congregations.
8. His fragile health permitting.
Billy Graham's ministry will continue to flourish in 2004. He's planning two crussades, 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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Accidents are just accidents

The Kansas City Star

READERS QUESTION: A person I towe dearly dled in m secident.
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Jošeph, Mo.: Accidents are just that, accidents, and nothing more. God doesn't spend Gods days in front of a giant computer armanging injuries for each of us. Nor does God intervance of the computer armanging injuries for each of us. Nor does God intervance of the computer armanging injuries for each of us. Nor does God intervance of the computer armanging injuries for each of us. Nor does God intervance of the computer armanging injuries for each of us. Nor does God intervance of the computer armanging injuries for each of us. Nor does God intervance of the computer armanging injuries for each of us. Nor does God intervance of the computer armanging injuries for each of the computer armanging injuries for each of the computer armanging injuries of the computer armanging injuries for each of the computer armanging in

a giant computer arranging injunies for each of its. Nor does God intervent to stop nature?

Falth Q&A forces from taking their natural course when the absurdity-of life places hazards in our path. An accident is an accident its not a punishment. God in Jesus tells us that God sprimary goal is not our punishment, but our conversion and advartion. St. Paul tells us that for those who love God all things work together for their good. Frum accidental injuries can come the good of convenience and disability. Instead we can learn patience and accordance. We can learn patience and of our selfish expocutations of life and concern for other? needer such of our selfish expocutations of life and concern for other? needer and if all God's efforts at love have failed. Short of that all accidents and disappointment cally after we die and if all God's efforts at love have failed. Short of that all accidents and disappointments are opportunities for maturation in wisdom and grace.

A woman and a minister

More churches accept women into the ministry in Magic Valley

By Dixie Thomas Reals Times-News correspondent

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

A changing ciergy is reliected 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 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 Grean Striatn, then founded a church in California before moving to the Britain, then founded a church in California before moving to the California before moving to the California before moving to 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 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 verning, 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 sait, the collection plate is fuller-than—where the delivers a Cmimus sermon.

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Darcey Grizzmacher is senior pastor of the Burley United Methodist Church, having previ-ously served in four churches in England. Her husband is an ordained minister in the Church

ordained minister in the Church of Christ.
Originally from Texas, Critzmacher 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 Gritzmacher, who has seen a wide range of responses from



Darcey Gritzmacher, 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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congregations.

There is a period of disorientation when people who are used having men as ministers learn how to act with a woman minister, he explained. Then, once they realize that you are a competent and effective minister with a calling from God, they usually become comfortable with you.

Those in her own congregation have been very gracious, she said.

But women ministers are not always accepted with open arms. One argument against women being ordained as ministers comes from the New Testament: "Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." (ITim. 2:11,12) Pam Rose, pastor of El Shaddai Sellowship in Jeropne, answers

Pam Rose, pastor of El Shaddai Fellowship in Jerome, answers

that argument with another Scripture passage: "What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?" (I Corinthians 1435) In other words, "Doesn't God speak to everyone? Not just the nen!"
Rose's church is non-denomina-tional/Full Gospel. Technically,

The national numbers grow in recent years

By Dixle Thomas Reale Times-News corresponde

Across the country, large num-

Across the country, large numbers of women are being ordained to the ministry. Nor 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 8 Hartford 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 Universalist, 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 national ly.

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Although Pentecostal churches are deemed conservative theologically, many ordain women: Amic Semple McPherson started the International Church of the Fouraquare 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 hasbeen ordaining women rabbis. Twelve percent of Nazarene ministers are women.

It was not always easy, and sometimes still int. Take the historical account a May and the Conservative branch hasbeen ordaining women rabbis that the property of the pr

What sang to Christians in 2003?

1. "Astronomy" Bleach (Both & 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 (Northern Records, 46 min.) "This Is the Moment," concerded by Michael Pritzl, is a brilliant display of alternative pop. Though he resists branding his music as Christian, Pritzl's songs are unmistakably spiritual.

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3. "Accessib," delirious? (Furious? Records, 116 min.) Few players in contemporary praise can match the influence of delirious?, and "Accessib" shows why, with a rocking lineup of greatest hirs and a few treaks to thrill and surprise lengthme fam.

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- Michael E. Young

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Music critics say the band delirious? has a huge inf rary Christian music scene.

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, Tann, on Dec. 24. The church, complete with a band on the stage,

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—in to 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 ground as offering plates, and a 10-place band up on the stage plays live country gospel Please see COWBOY. Page G2

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Episcopal liberals struggle with dioceses

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. The Diocese of San Joaquin, Calli, is among the more conservative in the nation, and its bishop, John-David Schofield, is prominent in the network moving toward a break with the denomination's leaders.
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toward a break with the denomination's leaders.

"I got up to speak and I was the splitting. I said I was proud of my update, and I was been always peaker who spoke against splitting. I said I was proud of my update and I walked back to my east and felt I was the only person in my diocese who felt that way. Key, of Fresn, eventually found others who shared her views and they formed an advocacy groupone of several springing up nationwide that are fighting to prevent their conservative dioceses from separating from the Comment of the control of the control

Sees from separating from the Some advocates are organizing in the predominantly conservative dioceses of Fort Worth, Texas, Albany, N.Y., and Pittsburgh, Pa, home to the leader of dissenting conservatives, Bishop Robert, Duncan, Other groups are becoming active in Springfield, Ill., South Carolina and Florida.

Organizers say they represent both liberals who support the consecration of V. Gene Robinson as

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Anglican Communion.
Very important, advocates say, is the emotional support the groups provide. "It is a bit stilling to feel such a wave of unmitigated—not loathing, but distrust or fear from the other side," in discussions of homosexuality, said Barbi Cilck of Fort Worth Via Media. "Who do you go to for pastoral help when your clergy and your bishop," you don't feel-like-they want to be a part of your life?" In response, Fort Worth Bishop Jack Iker said that the organizers he knows are loyal church mem-

Vietnamese monk kills himself

bers, but "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 into your exact theological beliefs beyond the basics," said Lionel Deimel, president of the Pittsburgh advocacy group, "but thee "people" who are supporting Bishop Duncan are very much concerned about purity. They feel they have the 'interpretation of Scripture. It's very un-Anglican."

Worship Celebration for students will take place

TWIN FALLS - The youth of Eastside Buptist Church will lead a Worship Celebration for junior and senior inthe Achoel students at 7 pm. today, Feb. 7 and March 6. The youth are in charge of the song service, Scripture reading and preachings. Scripture reading and preaching will begin at 6:20 pm. Sunday, Pastor Faul Thompson will lead "Come thome to the Reart of God," which challenges the exploration of biblical beliefs and practical ways to live. Renee Thompson will lead "Get a Life," which debunks mysts live. Renee Thompson will lead "Get a Life," which debunks mysts live Renee Thompson will lead "Get a Life," which debunks mysts in the quest for contentment.

Methodist church holds lasagna dinner Sunday

WENDELL - A lasagna dinner will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at Wendell United

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 informa-tion, call Patty Jeffries at 536-5812 or Alma Bitterli at 536-2315.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send to Ellio Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Thra. Regan, The Times-News Burley, Bureau, 1263 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday. It's a simple life for Texas Mennonites

By Elizabeth Campbell Fort Worth Star-Telegran

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 brother riding his rocking horse. Suburban children might miss the constant racket of a television or video games, but Evangeline doesn't. Without parental prompting, she and her brothers and sisters set to work doing their chores. The both pelied father in his shop, where he builds minibams. The girls use a food processor to prepare grains

help their father in his shop, where he builds minibans. The glifts use a food processor to prepare grains for the famility breakfast cereals. The simple home life is standard for the Yoders and the other Mennonites who call rural Grandview home.

"Twe never had TV in my home. Pve never had TV in my home. Pve never how what it's like," Evangeline, 12, said. "We see it in the stores but it's not important."

The Yoders, who two years ago moved from La Monte, Mo, near Kansas City, joined a number of others who moved from Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Lott, Texas. In fact, the Grandview Mennonite community was formed as "the daughter churth" of the one in Lott, said Chester Weaver, principal at tiny Grandview Gospel School.

Although Pennsylvania Ohlo.

Church news Support group orientation session will take place

Session will take place
RUPERT – An orientation session for Grief Share is set for 4 pm.
Sunday at Rupert United
Methodist Church, 695 H St.
The support group, open to all;
uses a television magazine format
video and discussion questions.
Topics include loneliness, anger,
denial and acceptance.
For more information, call 4363354.

often come to mind when Mennonites are mentioned, Lott and Grandview have similaries. Mennonite populations. Of Grandview's 1,450 residents, about 180 are Mennonites. Harold Friesen's Quality Wood Products makes lawn furniture. Leland Ulrich builds backyard decks and roasts coffee from his farm in Costa Rica. Others established a bakery and a butcher shop.

shop. Weaver grew up in Lancaster, Pa, where Mennonites first settled in the United States after escaping mistreatment in Europe. Mennonites have sometimes faced persecution because of their moviolent, nonresistant views, which include opposition to fighting in wars.

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Although the Mennonites in Grandview dress differently – the women wear head coverings and long, simple dresses, and the men, have beards and wear dark troussers and shirts – they an accepted part of the community. There are about 1.2 million Mennonites around the world.

Mennonites around the world. Some 20 congregations exist in New York City. The communities around when we would be a seen as a

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Parm and her husband are a team, but he does not preach. "I am not not not women's libber, but am a great advocate of women's ministry in the church" Parm Rose explained. "God speaks to everyone, men and women alike."

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."—There is - neither male - nor female, but you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galdansa 3:28)

Gibson spent eight years on the road, preaching around the country. Her husband has always supported her ministry and even plays the music in the church. She has been a senior pastor for more than 33 years.

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Dee Anna Brower and Doreen Ingram, a mother/daughter team, run the Oasis Mission in Rupert. They feed, clothe and minister to the homeless at their non-denom-

the homeless at their non-denom-inational outreach.

Ingram said women ministers are nothing new: "My grand-mother was a minister, and I grew up with lady ministers all around me." She always knew she want-ed to be a preacher, she said.

Sally and Quentin Kimbrow

in a call for religious freedom Religion in brief

Some worship a wariike HANOI, Vietnam – A Buddhist monk who died after setting him-self 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. **God Instead of Jesus** 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 should 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.

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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. Jesus also said, in John 422, "Ye worship ye know not what." Could be that's why we do not have a peaceful wild-WILLIAM HAFFNER

Buddhist' support organization said.

Thich Chan Hy, 74, started the fire at 5 am, on Dec 24 at an altaroutside 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."

Hy left communist Vietnam in 1991 after spending several years in a re-ducation camp there. A veterann of the US, backed South Vietnamese army, he joined the Lien Hoa Pagoda in 1994 Self-simulation was used as a form of protest during the Vietnam War, when a well-known image was captured of a Buddhist monk serting himself on fire in what was then Salgon.

The government maintains that it only punishes lawbrashers and does not restrict religious freedom. However, only a handful of state-sponsored religions are recognized and permitted to function.

Methodist organization

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

Methodist organization

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

realignit in Difficulty of The Market Service, and the American Country of The Market Service, and the Market Service, and the Market Service. The 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 that this faith affects every aspect of their daily life," said the Rev. Joe Harris, of the Commission on United Methodist Men.

German chancellor, officials differ on religious symbols

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FRANKFURF. Germany
Muslim teachers in public schools
should be allowed to wear head
scarves, 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. "It is
better to bet on the power of an
open society that makes offers to
young women and smooths their
way into this society."
A week ago, Chancellor Gerhard
Schroeder took a different position, saying Islamic veils have no

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 35 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 veils were allowed unless existing legislation specifically outlawed them.

Authorities turn to religious leaders to help solve killings

AKRON, Ohio - Frustrated city officials are turning to local-reli-gious leaders for help solving sev-

gious leaders for help solving ser-eral murders.

Mayor Don Plusquellic has sent about 70 letters asking clergy to urge church members not to cover for the killers. Thirteen of Akron's 32 homicides over the past two years remain unsolved Police said residents near where the slayings occurred either don't trust police or fear becoming victims themselves if they talk.

fear becoming victims themselves if they talk.
Akron police Lt. David Whiddon said the ministers can help by alerting worshippers, who can tell others in the community: "Someone in the church hay know somebody who knows something."

— compiled from wire reports

principal at tiny Grandview Gospel School. Although Pennsylvania, Ohio Virginia, Indiana or Kansas more

Ministers

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

Sally Kimbrow thinks life is a bit easier for ministers with chidren when both parents work 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 Castleford, commuting between the congregations. Off duty, she raises pug dogs, and says playing with them helps relieve stress.

Originally from Rupert, Mai attended seminary in Iteas. When she was assigned to the Buhl and Castleford congregations, "it was like coming home," she said.

Both congregations have had

she said.

Both congregations have had women ministers in the past.

"Women bring a nurturing approach to the ministry that men often do not," contends Mai, who always wears her dergy robes and shawls during ministerial functions 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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The Times News welcomes letters on religious topics of 200 words or less. Include signature, address and phone number: Letters considered libelous, obscene or in bad taste will be rejected, and The Times-News reserves the right to edit all letters.

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1. "The Beautiful Letdown," Switchfoot (Sparrow Records, 45 min.) "We are a beautiful letdown/" Switchfoot (Sparrow Records, 45 min.) "We are a beautiful letdown/Painfully uncool/The Church of the dropouts, the longers, the sinners, the failures and the fools." Enough said.

2. "Who We Are Instead," Jars of Clay (Essential Records, 51 min.) Jurs just continues to grow and grow, and that has blessed us all. "Who We Are" is something all hands should aspire to be.

3. "She "Must and Shall Go Free." Derek Webb (INO Records, 51 min.) You can't beat Webb's piercingly honest lyrics. The former Caedmon't Call guitarist und vocalist-is well-on-hisway to making a difference in the industry of the control of

way to making a dinerence in the industry.

4. "Perfect Change," Dakona (Maverick Recordings, 55 min.) The major-label debut from this Vancouver based band rocks. The Lifehouse-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 wor-ship to another dimension, and ship to another what a joy that is.

- Berta Delgado

Berta Delgado

1. "The Beautiful Letdown,"
Switchfoot (Sparruw Records, 45
min.) At the top of my list since
early this year, Switchfoot retains
the No. 1 spot with this caprivaing journey through life's tougher
questions. Jon Foreman and company get better with each album.
"Hero: The Rock Opera,"
Various artists (Meaux Music, 109
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lyrics than the project is also
notable for using established and
rising talent in ley proles.
3. "Floding Up the Pleces,"
Seventh Day Slumber (Crowne
Music, 38 min.) Lead singer
Joseph Rojas almost died from u

cocaine overdose, so he's all the more convincing when he sings of hopelessness without Christ.

4 "Pence of Mind," Peace of Mind, Peace of Mind, Peace of Mind, Sea of the Mind (BEC Recordings, 37 min.) KJ-S2 and friends many slamming guitar rock, playful, clever lyrics and an often unfilinching look at people trying to get by as Christians in name only.

5. "Jound 33," Jonah 33 (Ardent Records, 46 min.) Front man Vince Lichtyer states that he escaped his "trash of a life" focused on drugs, violence and sex. A real-life relationship with God is foremost as the foursome dedicated themselves to spreading the word.

—Marcus Stewart

- Marcus Stewart

1. "Catholic Ciristmas Classics, Vol. VIII," The Cathedral Singers (GIA, 69 min.) Christmas record-ings 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 (Beach Street, 43 min.) This is not-falada-fulf-for-the-Lord, but exquisite Christian pop with theological depth that weds the pop sounds of Steven Curtis Chapman and Creed.

3. "Songs of Falth from Near and Fars" Cross Culture (GIA, 64 min.) A stellar group of musicians celebrates the music of faith from cultures around the world in this ways of the control of the control

cultures around the world in this unusual and compelling compila-

tion.

4. "Do This in Memory of Me,"
David Haas (GIA, 42 min.) Fresh,
contemporary arrangements of
liturgical music for Holy
Communion services that easily d themselves to congregati

a singing.

5. "A Place at the Table," Lori
True (GIA, 54. min.) A powerful
collection of contemporary liturgial hymns writen by notable composers such. as Ruth Duck and
Brian Wren, as well as True, a budding vocalist-turned-composer.

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Cowboy

Commune from C1
music before Yates gives a simple sermon about how people need a "personal relationship with Jesus" to get into heaven.
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Jesus" to get min neaven.
Especially popular is the comeasyou are attitude – jeans, overalls, shorts.
A search of the Cowboy Church.
A search of the Cowboy Church.
288 cowboy churches in the
United States, and a school for
cowboy ministers is schouled to
open next month in Midland,
Tesas.
In 1990, Yates and wife, Joanne
(the youngest sister of the late
singer Johnny Cash), had a raveling ministry, but decided to settle
down and held their first cowboy
church service in a Neshville bar.
"Historically, in the old West,
when they'd build a town, the first
building was the saloon," Yates

said. "So every meeting was there
town elections and committee
meetings and churches - they'd
just cover up the whiskey bot

the course up the whiskey bettles."

It Nashville Cowboy Church services "remined at the Sweetwater Lounge until 1995, when they moved into the theater adjoining an Erner Tubb Record. Shop in a strip mill.

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While some one betweet the community of the raditional church buildings, maratore are held in community centers, livestock barns, fairgrounds and riding cluts. The Thousand Hills Cowboy Church in Kerrylle, Texas, has its own arena and barn on the 40-ars spread for roping and building clinics. Some cowboy therch services are even held at rodges.

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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 altimni catalog as graduates of

the theological class of 1850. (Decades later, Oberlin rectified this omission and included them.) Brown wore 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

women ministers in the United States. Female clergy often serve as assistant or associate pastors, with a man serving as senior pa-tor. 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 Ortholic 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.

for the Virgin Mary

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
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 Christian,
Jews and Muslims alike. She has
inspired the heavenward reach of

Jews and Muslims alike. She has inspired the heavenward read het spires at Chartres Cathedral, the luminous forms of Rubeng 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 visuabart chrough _the_centuries_isome_ aepictions of Mary in visuabart through -the_centuries_5ome, things become clear The tumult of human emotion and suffering is uniquely explored and understood through her story - and sin a powerful symbol for changing ideas about women, love, God and sin.

ideas about women, towe, cou amining, look, at first, glance, like traditional icons of Mary. But the California arrist 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

story with the complexity of the complex of t

Many find solace and inspiration in exercise

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

pounds and tirm 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 aerobies class we've seen every morning for years—makes us feel alive.

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.

arkness.
Somewhere within those miles, hose repetitions, those laps, we ind energy. We find screnity We ind ourselves.
Jennifer Lefforge, of Coppell,

Jennifer Lefforge, ot Coppell, Texas, started exercising when her husband was furloughed from a major airline. Yes, she had weight 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.

week. She plays when she two, 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 adive."

aliye;" One day, Elizabeth Hinkle

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 cancerfree.

birth to two sons and is now cancerfree.

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

She explained, "Tve lost
friends and colleagues to
Hodgkins and other cancers. Forsome reason, God let me live and
I owe it to him to keep my body in
as good shape as possible ...
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.

tennis when he was a senior in high school.

Skty 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.

Her thrice-weekly swims give her even more energy than she usually has, and she puts the extra energy to good use, volun-teering for the American Cancer Society, Baylor Pastoral Care and her church

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Art heightens feelings 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 maniston, 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 correct in front of him Vashral 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 bestenown 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 laugh, you're actually prolonging your life."

The industrialist. Raiiv

control your anger, when you laugh, you're actually prolonging your life."

The industrialist, Rajiv Malhorra, 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 strends to many parts of the globe. "Spirituality was always part of he 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 nodern analysis and in a modern context."

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The audience for such programs
cuts across social classes in India,
where cable television costs at little as \$1.50 a month, and cable and
satellite services reach an estimated 42 million of 19 million hauseholds nationwide. By all accounts,
however, some of the most audient
viewers are educated middle-class
and wealthy Indians, who tend
live in larger towns and cities and
rely on their daily dose of Hindu
folk wisdom, prayers and counseling as a powerful antidote to urban
angest.

angst. walk through any neigh-borhood in Delhi at 6 or 7 a.m. and you will hear the sound of religions TV coming out of most homes," Mishra, said. "People have gotten addicted to it." Hinduism is deeply embedded

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all, 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

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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 humbest 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 traditions as observed by Hinduas as well as the country's Muslim and Christian minorities. "Indian religions are very locality of the properties," said Ashis Nandy, one of India's leading social scientists. "You have family priests, family

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gurus, personal gods, village gods and goddesses - this is what living Hindusm is - and that is truly in decline in urban areas. Therefore you begin to search for substi-tutes. The consequence, he said, is a more homogenized and generic form of Hinduism, Another is the rise of Hindu nationalism, whose collicious have made commous

form of Hindustu. And the second Hindustu. And the second 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 national

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

The trend has set off fierce competition for sirrime 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 Murdech media empire. But the trend is most visible in the emergence since 2000 of four 24-hour cable channels whose content consists largely of gurus singing prayer mogs (hajhans) or delivering ser

mons.
"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 not to be identified. Someters un-competition for media exposure, the executive added, that lesser-known gurus typically pay reli-gious channels for airtime; some have been known to record their igious channels for airtime, some have been known to record their sermons in private, "their insert shots of a crowd from elsewhero 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





izels Slack of Rupert received high point and reserve in the senior division at the Ride 'em & Slide 'em 4-K Left, Angele Stack of Rupert received high point and reserve in the senior division at the Ride 'em & Silde 'em 4-H club 'Shaggy Show.' She also fied for high point with 'Waine' Loveless at the Ride 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 Stack. Right, in the Intermediate division, high point went to Jordy Weimer of Rupert and reserve went to Ashby Barkes of Murtaugh. They received these renkings at the 'Shaggy' and the end of season shows. At the second and third shows, Barkes received high point and Weimer received reserved.





Left, Krystal Loveless of Rupert received reserve high point in the senior division at the third show and reservo overall at the final show. The club shows were put on with the help of Boo Hooker. Right, Seth and Skylar Thaxton of Declo tled for high point in the junior I and II division at the third show. They also received overall high point in that division at the for high point in the junior I and I utiliston at the stim a snow, reps just between the state in the process of the shows included Sharon Dealba of Buhl, Angle Doyle of Rupert, Lawrence Valdez of Rupert and Candy Evans of Buhl, Trail judges were Brittnay Thomas and Chris Patterson.

Novice high point went to Lakia Mair of Hazetton at the second and third shows. She also earned reserve overall high point at the final show.







Left, Charlotte Loveless of Rupert received reserve high point at the third show. Hoof picks, rubber curry combs and to phies for each division were donated by Howard Conrad of Conrad Ranches in Murtaugh. Right, novice high point went to Chelsea Trebett of Paul in the Shaggy Show. She also won reserve at the third show and overall high point at the final show. Leadine winner was Cheyerine Barkes of Murtaugh, not pictured. Spray bottles for high points were donate by Larry Edgar and for the high point award was donated by WSI for each winner. Not pictured, Roy Davidson of Twin Folia 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 \$78-0725.

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

Volunteer drivers – Volunteer drivers age 55 and older are needed to drive clients to doc-tors and grocery shopping. Volunteers are needed in the entire Magic Valley area and are enimbursed 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

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer

help. If you need a volunteer, call the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 73e-2122, Ext. 320. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

idaho. Please submit your request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday fo Saturday publication, Call weekly to retain request.

work with children in kinder-garten through third grade. Call Shirley Basham at 736-2122, ext. 325.

Tax-Aide volunteers — ? ARP Tax-Aide Program ne AARP Tax-Aide Program meeds volunteers throughout south central Idaho to help low-aid 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 raining. 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 near the college of Southern Windows and conforcers. Items may be dropped off from a n. n. to 12 pm. and 14:30 pm. Mondays through Fridays. Call Aleksandra at 736-2165.



Thata members reviewing the pur-poses of Delta Kappa Gamma at the meeting in Richfield are, from left, standing: left, standing: Micheile Powell of Gooding and Phylls Richert of Jerome; seated: Amanda Eller of Shoshone, president Dorothy

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 am. on Jan. 10 at Donna Pence's home in Gooding.

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

Leavne Ruffing to the 2002.



a meeting ear-lier in the fall and noted that she is an exem-

plary student. She has two 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 Rappa Gamma-International organization.

The December miceting 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

tion.
President Dorothy Morris of
Buhl called the meeting to order
and Cindy Canine of Gooding
gave the opening collect.
Melha 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 mein,
bership 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 cachers to be especially mindfu
of the first of these, which is 'The
unite women educators of the
world in a genuine spiritual fel
towship.' She also had written a
participation poem, which was
read by the members.

Fisher reminded everyone the
theep 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

seeking ways to turned action.
After the demonstration, the members had a lasagna lunch followed by a candle exchange.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Minidoka County holds

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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 in consultations.

Center, 85 E. Baseline Road, Rupert.

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

Participants will learn the ins and outs of shotpun 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 4H = \$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. Young people will be able to participate at minimal to

For more information, call 436-

Burley Veterans of Foreign Wars holds meeting

Wars holds meeting
HIRLEY—The Burley Veterans
of Foreign Wars, Cassia County
Post 3042, will be conduct 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 mem-

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 thechief symci.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

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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 rumbead dinner bells or candle holders. Class size is limited to 15 per
session and free for anyona ages
12 to 18.
This program is in collaboration
with the Boys and Girls Club of
the Magic Valley, 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

hold annual meeting
GOODING - The annual members meeting of the Gooding
County Senior Citizens
Organization will be held at 11.45
am., 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 break for dinner at noon, the meeting will be recon-vened and all hallots will be col-

more information, call 934

Red Cross First Ald and CPR Classes in Burley

CPR Classes in Burley
BURLEY — American Red
Cross will hold sundard fiftst aid
and cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes from 8 am to 4 pm.,
Saturdays, Jan. 31 through June
66 at the Civil Air Patrol building
at 1057 Airport Road in Burley.
Thanks to an agreement with
the US. Air Force Auxiliary Civil
Chapter of the American Red
Cross is abla to offer regularly
scheduled Gatesta in Burley for
the first time, the Red Cross
reported The Civil Air Parrol also
is donating classroom space.
To enroll in any of these classes.

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

Seminar on ADHD

Seminar on ADHD
takes place next week

TWIN FALLS - A free seminaron attention deficit hyperactivity
disorder (ADHD) will be held
from 9 to 11 am on Jan. 10 in the
west building-octagon at the IvinPalls Reformed Church located at
1631 Grandview Dr. N. in TwinFalls.

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

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Q. In the bra business, what does "WOW" mean?

A. "Without Wire."

The Great Dame Hams Christian Andersen was another of those historic characters who feared being buried alive. During his final lines, he posted near his bed a sign that ranslates: "I am not really dead."

Q. What did the U.S. Government pay for its filest all lane?

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The kiwi lays a one-pound egg

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Dandles some centuries ago started wearing hats with brims. They tried to outdo one another with broader brims. And kept at it. Until brims got so big they had to be curled up and tied. That's how the colonials wound up wearing those ridiculous cocked hats. You don't hear much about India's camels. It has a million of them.

them.

Robert Frost, the poet, couldn't spell worth a darn. Bothered him all his life. Tough handicap for a

all his life. Tough handicap for a word mechanic.

Mention of the 1904 World's Pair in St. Louis usually calls onlind the first ice cream cone or the first iced tea. But what the people went to see were thousands and thousands of shining light bulbs, "electric candles." No one on earth had ever seen anything quite like it. Start of a great new era.

Husband's taunts wear on wife

DEAR ABBY: I married "Jerry" five years ago. I am 37 and he's 26. From the beginning, Jerry has said hurtful things from time to time, like, "Our marriage is over," "I want a divorce," etc. He also refuses to do household repairs. (He moved into my house.)

When Jerry doesn't get his way, he accuses me of being selfish. He wants us to buy a new house. Abby, I am terrified of going further into debt with him. We've been to marriage counselling. We were told the worst thing we could do is to buy another house together. We would only move our problems to a new location. Yesterday was the last straw. He said, "You may look young, buy ure old. No one is ever going to want you for anything except what they can get out of you."

I have not confided this to a single soul. I'm too ashamed that the man I married could think something so cruel – let alone say it.

DEAR **ABBY** Abigail VanBuren

Jerry always apologizes, but I can't seem to get past this. When I think about what he said, I start to cry. (He can't understand why I'm not able to "get over it" and jump into bed.)

Abby, I look a decade younger than my actual age. May I add, Jerry is no Mr. Universe, although he seems to think he is. What do you think of this situation, and most of all – me?

most of all - me?

- CRUSHED
IN THE ROCKIES
DEAR CRUSHED: You are
married to a verbal abuser. He
uses insults and deprecation the
way other abusers use their firsts.
If you continue to accept this

treatment, your self-esteem will eventually, dwindle to zero which is his goal.
You've tried counseling. It has not worked. Now it's time to ask your-elf, "Are you better off with him or without him?" The answer is obvious to me.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have worked long and hard our yard to make it a beautiful, peaceful retreat. Last year, we had it landscaped and added a lovely pond with koi fish and a small waterfall. We both work and time is limited, so we enjoy it mostly in the mornings with our coffee.

The problem is since we added the pond, our yard has become a "public park"! Almost every day we go outside and find people in our yard—even strangers—asking questions about the cost of the renovation. We finally put up a fence but

we finally put up a fence, but folks have climbed it to look at the

waterfall they could hear from the front walk. How can we stop this? I want to put up a sign that says, "If you weren't invited, you're not

"If you weren't invited, you're not welcome."

The clincher came yesterday, when the vent out early with my coffee to find a neighbor occupying my. lawn chair with her coffee to find a neighbor occupying she said a we was glad we had put in the pond because she had always wanted one – and now she can come and medicate at ours.

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DEAR HAD ENOUGH IT's dime to speak clearly. If you're feeling generous, designate one day a month for your nervy neighbor to meditate beside your pond (before you pre-meditate murdering her), and tell her that the rest of the time you and your husband need your privacy.

If you're not feeling generous, you the sign. There may be repercusions, but the option of having visitors should be yours.

Aries: Don't completely bury feelings of rebellion

IF JANUARY 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are a great storyteller and conversationalist and always enjoy a good laugh, especially as you get older. Creative and persevering, you can achieve almost anything you set your mind to. You can be generous but are seldom foolish with money. You're an easygoing authority figure, lovable and loving.

ing.
ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Think through what to reveal and what to keep private. Don't totally bury your feelings of rebellion; notice what really does need to change, then change it construc-

change, then change the tively.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):
Things feel lighter and less serious. Plans are still subject to interruptions. Let yourself relax and enjoy your blessings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

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You're a delight today—sensitive and fun-loving. Creative plans may begin to take shape. Feelings may shift quickly, so let the stars move on before making important emotional decisions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22).
Emotions are changeable and difficult to understand now. Clarity will. return, so, wait this output plans are on hold for now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Some of the pressure's off and you can relax with friends. Emotions are uneven; don't sweat the small stuff. Sudden changes in plans can be expected; take them in stride and "go with the flow."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A

good day to consider opening communication at work. Not the best day for reconciliation – better to wait. Watch out for overconsumption; be moderate to avoid weight gaim.

LIBRA-(Sept. 23-Oct. 22): By evening, your thirst for new knowledge will be more than a desired escape from boredom; it will. be a force to be reckoned with. Don't have so much fun [hat you burn the candle at both ends and become ill.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Feelings may varcillate quite a lot, but you should feel lighter overall. Really, Scorpio, it's OK to be less intense at times. Let home routines go for today; everyone will be happier.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You've off the treadmill now, and relationships capture your interest. Don't attach too much

significance to emotional fluctua-tions now; it's a better time to reach out. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19);
You're unusully casual in your responsibilities today. As long as you mind the hig stuff, it's probably a welcome reprieve. Longrange planning is still best put off, it's much more favorable now to make an emotional overture. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18);
You're more able to relax and have fun this weekend; things will trouble you less. It's a good time to reflect — as long as you don't stew. Hold off on making plans.

don't stew. Hold oft on making plans.
PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Relationships with children are burdensome, and dating-Pisceans aren't having much luck either. Serious relationships are protected, and group associations are starting to feel good again.

Woman carries man from burning house, says she's not a hero

DALLAS (AP) - An in-home caregiver who rescued her disabled client after a plane crashed into his house says God gave her the strength to carry the man from the burning home.

"I just heard a big crash and I thought it was a bomb," a teary-cyed Elpora Denmark said Thursday,
"And I thought, 'Just come back to myself,' because it almost knocked me out," said Denmark, 51.

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She has been a caretaker for Dr. Bud Thompson, a 79-year-old stroke patient who is partially paralyzed, for about four years.

The small plane crashed Thursday morning shortly after takeoff, setting two houses afire

and killing both men in the plane. Nobody on the ground was hurt, authorities said. Matt Sousa, who lives a block away, ran to the scene and found Denmark, who said she needed to get something and ran back into the blazing house.

"I kept screaming at her to get out," said Sousa, 34. "Then she came out and she had the little way in her arms."

"I kept screaming at her to get out," said Sousa, 34. "Then she came out and she had the little man in her arms." Sousa said he and two others helped Denmark lay Thompson on the lawn, while a neighbor from across the street rushed-over with a wheelchair. He was taken to a hospital for observa-tion. tion.
"She was rattled, but she was steadfast in what she was doing,"

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Sousa said. "She was the hero." Denmark disagreed and credit-

Denmark disagreed and credited God.

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lems-seeing-his-panel-or-prob-lems with an instrument, I don't know" said Alex Lemishko, inves-tigator for the National Transportation Safety Board. The single-engine 1975

Bellanca crashed into a vacant corner house, then skidded across the street, where most of the aircraft ended up in the garage of Thompson's home, authorities said. The crash site is

authorities said. The crash site is about three miles south of the airport in a north Dallas neighborhood.

Knowles was medical director at Sundown Ranch, an Past Teasubstance abuse treatment center, and also had a private practice, said Robert Power, the center's founder.

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In-French, "treated by the clear the table." Whence "dessert." In his home at Lexington, Va., stonewall Jackson had a study, and in that study were no chairs. Whatever he read, he read standing up. Jackson was convinced his internal, organs functioned, best. when he was on his feet. So says a Civil War historian. Each bather who went to the ancient Roman baths had to take his own body scraper. Wasn't any soap. The Times-News

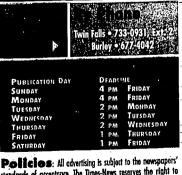
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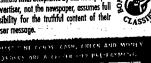
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When the 3-1 break was revealed, he belatedly led a diamond toward dummy, with the diea of setting up a diamond for a club discard. After winning the diamond king, East cashed the spade king and forced dummy with a third round of spades. When South crossed to hand with a trump, dummy was out of trumps. Now South was in his hand, but whatever he did next, he would go down. If he played a diamond, setting up a trick in the suit, West would win with the ace and play a third diamond to dummy's established honor, forcing declarer to lead away from the Q of clubs. If declarer tried the club finesse instead, he would have no entry to his hand to lead toward dummy's second diamond honor.

To make the contract declarer Vulnerable: Both Dealer: East

The bidding:

West North East

2 ♣

Pass 4 ♥ All pass South 3 ♥

Opening lead: Spade eight

BID WITH THE ACES

01-3-B

South 1 ♥ West North East Pass 1 ♠ Pass

ANSWER: Raise to two spades. Go to the back of the class if you repeated the hearts (promising six) or rebid one no-trump with such powerful stops in the minors! Though a raise in spades might suggest four trumps, your hand is eminently suitable for play in a suit, and your sound opening values make this encouraging call clearly the right one. aging call clearly the right one.

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toward dummy's second diamona honor.

To make the contract declarer must play a diamond toward dummy after just one round of trumps. This keeps sufficient trump entries to the South hand for both the club finesse and the lead of second diamond toward table.

Incidentally, winning the first spade is a necessary precaution at double dummy, for otherwise a club switch from East would beat the contract. West would play his club king, then take the first diamond and lead another club to establish a club winner for his side.

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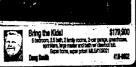


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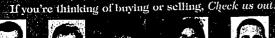
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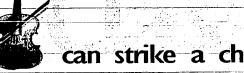
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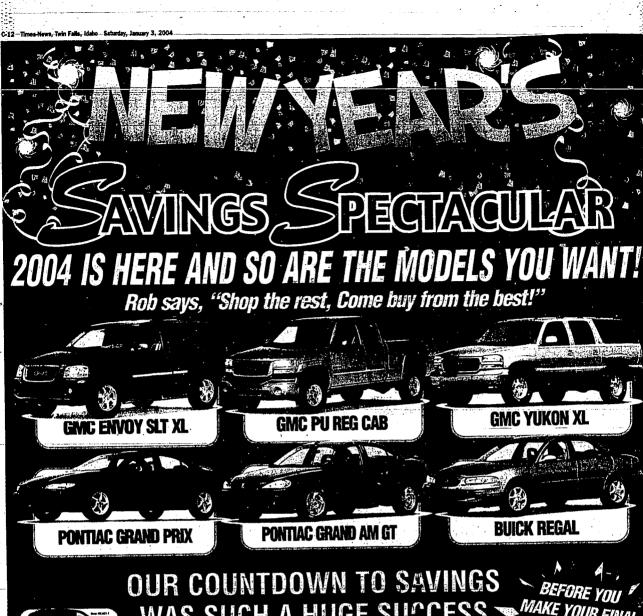
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