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BACK FROM IRAQ



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U.S. Army Spc. David Leavitt, who served with the 101st Airborne in Iraq, stands in front of a tree tied with yellow ribbons at his parents' home in Twin Falls. The ribbons will remain as long as his friends serve in Iraq.

Soldiers adjust to normal life, worry about friends

By Jennifer Sandmerr
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It was one soldier's first solo mission after eight months in Iraq.

"I don't have a weapon. It's dark, and I'm waiting for someone to jump out at me," said Army Spc. David Leavitt, 23.

The Kentucky air smelled fresh and crisp as he made his way to the base store at Fort Campbell.

The October night was 70 degrees, cool to an infantryman returning from Iraq's 130-degree summer temperatures.

"It was really weird, going to the store to buy something," he said.

Thousands of miles away, his buddies in the 101st Airborne Division still tolerated the stench of rotting garbage piled along roadways and human sewage running down the streets.

He had lived alongside the men of Alpha Company for three-quarters of a year, under orders every minute of the day, even when it was time to eat or sleep.

He crossed most of Iraq with his platoon. They pushed up from Kuwait at the start of the war nearly a year ago, entered Baghdad and crossed the desert



Leavitt looks on the Internet to keep up with news from his friends in Iraq.

to the northern city of Mosul. They secured a bridge, distributed supplies to Iraqis and searched buildings.

At deserted schools they found munitions on rooftops and weapons in playgrounds, even new Saddam Hussein T-shirts. He couldn't pass up bringing one home.

Today he is with his family in Twin Falls, readjusting to life out

side of a war zone. He has fulfilled his active duty service with the U.S. Army, but in his mind he is still scanning rooftops for snipers.

Grappling guilt

Leavitt shocked his parents by ringing their doorbell the day before Thanksgiving. Max and Elaine Leavitt had visited him at Fort Campbell since he had

returned from Iraq about a month earlier, but they didn't know when he would come home.

Then just about a week after arriving in Twin Falls, one of his Army friends was killed in a bombing, the first casualty his platoon had suffered. Pfc. Ray J. Hutchinson, 20, of Texas, was killed Dec. 7 in Mosul when an improvised explosive hit his vehicle. Another friend, Matthew Watson of Nampa, was seriously injured. Watson had taken over Leavitt's job serving as the radio/phone operator to patch communications between the platoon leader and command.

It was hard to leave the guys over there, and they razed him about going home. The pressure will lift some when the rest of his platoon returns, Leavitt said, but for now he deals with feelings of guilt about being out of danger and not being there to save his friend. From a picture lying on Leavitt's table, Hutchinson hams it up for the camera.

The yellow ribbons tied on the tree in the Leavitt's yard will remain as long as his friends are in Iraq. He still keeps tabs on them over the Internet while life

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Blair warns of 'critical' period ahead of power transfer

The Associated Press

BASRA, Iraq — The occupation of Iraq is entering a critical stage, with just six months to restore order ahead of the return to self-rule, British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Sunday.

His top envoy warned insurgents are growing more sophisticated and planning bigger attacks.

Blair, who visited British troops in southern Iraq, said security in Iraq would be monitored closely as the U.S.-led coalition prepares to transfer authority to a transitional Iraqi government by July 1.

"The important thing is to real-

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ize we are about to enter into a very critical six months," the prime minister said on his flight home. "We have got to get on top of the security situation properly and we have got to manage the transition. Both of these things are going to be difficult."

Blair's senior diplomat in Iraq, Sir Jeremy Greenstock, earlier underscored the challenge facing coalition forces.

"The opposition is getting more sophisticated, using bigger

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British Prime Minister Tony Blair, middle, meets Iraqis training to become policemen as he arrives in Basra for a surprise visit to British soldiers Sunday in Iraq.

AP Photo

Searchers find body of ski instructor

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — The body of a ski instructor missing since New Year's Day was found Sunday buried in snow on the side of an advanced run where hundreds had skied since his disappearance.

An avalanche search dog found Tom Wernig, 40, before 1 p.m. at the edge of the woods on Upper River Run, a black diamond bump run situated between College and Blue Grouse.

His body was buried under snow to skiers' right, just above a cat track that descends from Cutoff across Blue Grouse into Upper River Run.

The Blaine County Sheriff's Department indicated Sunday evening it planned to release more information Monday. No information was available Sunday about the cause of death.

Rescue workers said that Wernig's wife had suggested that Upper River Run would be one of the places he would be likely to ski and that it was one of the first places they looked.

But the snow was so deep and soft Friday that they missed him in their initial search.

Sun Valley spokesman Jack Sibbach said he thought conditions were too soft and deep for rescue dogs to join the search Friday.

Wernig failed to return to his home in Hailey on Thursday after a heavy snowstorm that dumped at least 2 inches an hour on Baldy throughout the day.

Joining searchers on Sunday was Wernig's father. Operating on a grid, teams of searchers mapped out squares of terrain and probed the snow. Others skied through regenerating ski runs looking in tree wells and poking through snow drifts.

"It's scary because it could happen to any of us," ski instructor

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Scientists plot strategy for Mars exploration

Knight Ridder News Service

PASADENA, Calif. — Elated scientists here at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory began plotting their strategy for exploring Mars on Sunday after landing NASA's Spirit rover safely on the planet's surface.

In the hours since Saturday's successful touchdown, the golf cart-sized robot geologist has performed almost flawlessly, sending back more than 60 black and white photos of the planet's surface. Panoramic color images we expect to begin arriving on Earth late Sunday or early Monday morning.

"The science team has been very busy," said Steve Squyres, a Cornell University professor and the mission's principal scientist. "It has focused on the two obvious things: Where we are and where we're going to go."

Spirit's home for its three-

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Afghanistan's new constitution offers hope for fragile peace



The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghans approved a new constitution Sunday, embracing a deal shaped in three weeks of rancorous debate as a chance to cement a fragile peace and push ahead with reconstruction two years after a U.S.-led coalition ousted the Taliban regime.

The charter, ratified after a last-minute deal to recognize minority languages, creates a strong presidential

system that the country's U.S.-backed interim leader Hamid Karzai says is critical to uniting a country torn by two decades of war.

But the bargaining also irritated ethnic tensions that could cast a shadow over landmark presidential elections scheduled for June. Delegates said parliamentary elections would likely follow within six months after the presidential vote.

"This is the success of the whole Afghan nation," Karzai said of the constitution. "We should respect it, we should implement it."

President Bush said the new constitution marks a historic step forward after the removal two years ago of the strictly Islamic government of the Taliban militia, which allowed Osama bin Laden to use Afghanistan as a base of operations.

"This document lays the foundation for democratic institutions and provides a framework for national elections in 2004," Bush said in a statement.

"A democratic Afghanistan will serve the interests and just aspirations of all of the Afghan people and help ensure that terror finds no further refuge in that proud land."

A spokesman for United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan also applauded the news, noting that "This historic achievement represents the determination of the Afghan people to see their country transition to a stable and democratic state," the spokesman said Sunday in a statement.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and relatively dry. Highs near 21.
 Tonight: Increasing chance of snow after midnight. Lows near 16.
 Tomorrow: Not so cold with mixed showers developing. Highs near 35.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

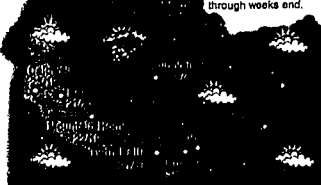
Today: Mostly cloudy and chilly. Highs near 20.
 Tonight: Cloudy with a chance of snow. Lows near 17.
 Tomorrow: Not so cold with periods of light snow possible. Highs near 34.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
 Clouds will linger through the week alongside an almost daily chance of snow. The week will start off very cold and gradually trend warmer later in the period.

BOISE
 Cloudy, mostly dry and cold today. Not as cold Tuesday, but areas of rain and snow showers are expected to develop. Periodic showers will continue to develop through weeks end.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Dry and cold today. A small chance of snow surfacing Tuesday despite slightly warmer temperatures. Cloudy and seasonal through weeks end.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 32 at Boise and Moia, Low: -4 at Coeur D'Alene weather keys: sunny, pe-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, o-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, rain, an-snow, fl-furries, w-wind, m-misting

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 21	Low 16	35/29	41/31	42/31	41/28

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Burley	20	13	Trace
Coeur d'Alene	9	4	0.00"
Idaho	26	16	0.01"
Mana	32	9	0.01"
Rupert	18	3	0.01"
Stanley	17	5	0.01"

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's Low 16	Month to Date 0.00"	Yesterday's Low 64%	Yesterday's Low 30.1	Today Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:18 PM
Record High 84 in 2001	Water Year to Date 2.21"	Today's Forecast Low 62%	Today's Forecast 30.1	Thursday Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:20 PM

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Democrat rivals target Dean

Candidates duke it out in first debate of election year

JOHNSTON, Iowa (AP) — In a feisty, first debate of the election year, Howard Dean drew fire from fellow Democrats on Sunday over trade, terror, taxes and more, then calmly dismissed his rivals as "co-opted" by the agenda of George Bush.

"I opposed the Iraq war when everyone else up here was for it," said the former Vermont governor, invoking the issues that helped fuel his 2003 transformation from asterisk in the polls to front-runner.

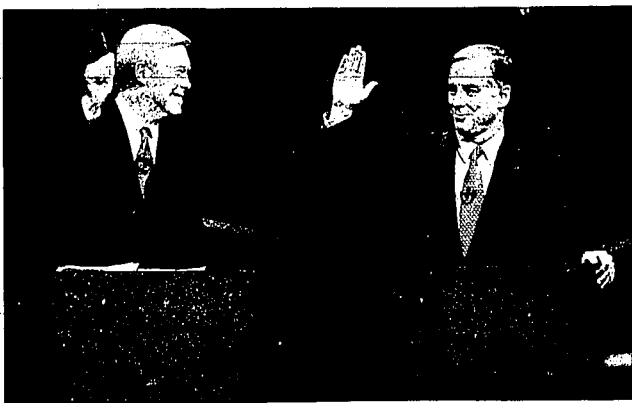
Dean's all-purpose rebuttal came midway through a debate 15 days before the Iowa caucuses, the first contest for national convention delegates who will select a Democratic challenger to President Bush.

The narrow window for campaigning prompted Dean's pursuers to attack him from the opening moments of the Des Moines Register-sponsored debate.

Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina said the former governor "has no plan to reduce the tax burden on middle-class families," and Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri said Dean had supported trade bills that led to loss of manufacturing jobs at home.

In remarks clearly aimed at Dean, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts said Democrats can't defeat Bush "by being light on national security... We can't go on raising taxes on the middle class. We need a president who has the temperament and the judgment to be able to convince America that we know how to make this country safe."

Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut — participating even



Democratic presidential hopeful Dick Gephardt, left, holds up his hand after Howard Dean, right, asked the other hopefuls if they would support the Democratic nominee during a debate Sunday in Johnston, Iowa.

though he is not campaigning in Iowa — was the first to attack, ridiculing Dean for saying that the capture of Saddam Hussein had not made America safer.

"I don't know how anybody could say that we're not safer with a homicidal maniac, a brutal dictator, an enemy of the United States, a supporter of terrorism, a murderer of hundreds of thousands of his own people... in prison instead of in power," he said.

He made his remarks shortly after Dean noted that 23 U.S. troops have been killed since Saddam's capture last month, and "for the first time American fighter jets (are) escorting commercial airlines" out of security concerns. Dean said instead of spending \$160 billion in Iraq, the Bush

administration "should have... followed up trying to get Osama Bin Laden."

"We need a concentrated attack on al-Qaida," he said of the organization blamed for the terrorist attacks on the United States Sept. 11, 2001.

Seven of the nine Democratic hopefuls participated in the debate. Wesley Clark skipped it in favor of campaigning in New Hampshire, which holds the nation's first primary Jan. 27, eight days after the Iowa caucuses. Al Sharpton was in South Carolina seeking votes in advance of that state's Feb. 3 primary.

Not all nine hopefuls are likely to survive that long. Together, Iowa and New Hampshire voters will likely dispatch some of the

contenders to the sidelines. That left Dean's rivals scrambling to make the cut, and explained why many of them challenged the former governor when it came time for them to pose a question.

Dean used his question to ask the other Democrats on the debate stage whether they would pledge to support the eventual nominee, then raised his hand to show he would. All others followed suit — Gephardt, Edwards, Lieberman, Kerry, Rep. Dennis Kucinich and former Sen. Carol Moseley Braun.

The moment echoed an earlier debate, when a moderator asked all Democratic rivals to indicate whether they thought Dean could defeat Bush. Only Dean raised his hand that time.

Bush's election-year plate is filled with challenges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Still energized by the capture of Saddam Hussein and signs of an economic rebound, President Bush began the 10-month countdown to Election Day with the nation under a high terror alert and his job performance under criticism from Democrats who want to sit in the Oval Office.

The U.S. economy is gaining traction, but job growth still lags. U.S. troops pulled Saddam out of a dirt hole in Iraq last month, but Osama bin Laden, mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, remains in hiding.

Congress passed Medicare reform legislation, just as Bush promised, yet the debate over details of the prescription drug benefit for seniors has yet to play out. And Democratic analysts say there's a political fight on the horizon about whether Bush's "No Child Left Behind" education initiative has improved schools.

Faced with the first case of mad cow disease in the United States two days before Christmas, the administration acted quickly in an effort to dissipate public fears. It banned further use of infirm cattle in meat products for human consumption and required new slaughtering practices at packinghouses. Still, more than 30 countries have banned U.S. beef products and the possible economic fallout from the case remains uncertain.

Although the nation has lost 2.8 million jobs since Bush took office, Bush is getting good marks on the economy as consumer confidence has risen to its highest levels since early 2002. Economic growth increased from an annual rate of 2 percent in the first quarter of 2003 to 8.2 percent in the third quarter and the Federal Reserve has indicated it's not inclined to raise key interest rates anytime in the near future.

Bush's overall job approval ratings hover around 60 percent. Analysts agree his biggest political challenges are sustaining job growth, turning Iraq over to the Iraqis and gaining ground on terrorists around the globe, a task he'll sell when America is under a code orange alert.

"He's got to continually show progress in Iraq because that removes the biggest possibility for hurting him on national security issues," said presidential scholar Charles Jones, professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin.



President Bush delivers his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress in this Jan. 28 file photo on Capitol Hill.

Madison. "On the domestic side, it's all the economy."

Iraq is the biggest of Bush's foreign policy challenges. While the administration seeks to halt the U.S. death toll, which exceeds 400, Bush must help decide the forum for former President Saddam's war crimes trial and persuade other nations to erase massive Iraqi debt incurred by the ousted regime. There's also transferring sovereignty to a new Iraqi government, now scheduled for June.

In postwar Afghanistan, leaders have approved a new constitution, but recalcitrant remnants of the deposed Taliban militia and private armies of dissident warlords still roam the country and threaten to spoil elections scheduled this year.

Bush is keeping an eye on Syria, trying to convince it to close its border with Iraq to keep out weapons and anti-American fighters. He's trying to nudge Iran toward democracy, and he's judging whether to lift economic sanctions from Libya.

The president continues to look for ways to help end the chronic conflicts between the Israelis and Palestinians, although those prospects presently look bleak. Also high on the administration's to-do list is restarting six-nation talks with North Korea.

Policy-maker says conditions favor keeping interest rates low

WASHINGTON (AP) — With inflation tame and the fragile job market healing, the Federal Reserve has room to hold a main short-term interest rate near rock-bottom levels for some time, a Fed policy-maker said Sunday.

The federal funds rate, the Fed's main lever for influencing economic activity, now stands at 1.25 percent, a 45-year low. The funds rate is the interest-banks charge each other for overnight loans.

Although many economists agree that the Fed will hold the funds rate steady Jan. 27-28, its first meeting of the year, they differ on the future course of interest rate policy. Some believe the Fed may opt to start inching rates up in June, while others believe the central bank will stay on the sidelines into 2005.

"For now, I believe that the Federal Reserve has the luxury of being patient," Ben Bernanke, a member of the Fed's board of governors, said in a speech to economists meeting in San Diego.

A copy of his remarks was distributed in Washington. Bernanke is a member of the Federal Open Market Committee, the group headed by Fed chairman Alan Greenspan that sets interest rate policy in the United States.

"An accommodative monetary policy is needed, in my view, to support the ongoing recovery, particularly in the labor market," Bernanke said. "At the same time, the risks of policy accommodation seem low, as inflation is low and inflation pressures seem quite subdued."

Schools monitor mad cow case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Meat chill. It's what's for lunch Monday when the 650 students of the Reardon-Edwall School District in eastern Washington state return to class.

The district is about a 90-minute drive from the Moses Lake plant where a Holstein infected with mad cow disease was slaughtered. News of that first mad cow case in the United States broke Dec. 29 when a carcass of the nation's schools were on break.

"That means Monday will be the first time that millions of students return to the school cafeteria, the place where hamburgers and meat-topped pizza often rule."

"The chances of the disease being contracted by humans is so minuscule that it shouldn't change the way we do things," said Rob Clark, superintendent of

Reardon-Edwall. For his district, in a farming region with a cattle-rancher on the school board, Clark added: "I would have a pretty tough time, especially in this town, taking meat off the table. That doesn't mean I wouldn't have to make tough decisions. I just don't see it happening."

School districts must determine how, if at all, the mad cow case will affect what food they serve and what they do with frozen meat they have stockpiled. Many school officials say they are relying on the federal government's message: The food supply remains safe.

More specifically, a spokeswoman for the national school lunch program said no meat the government buys for schools comes from suppliers connected to the mad cow investigation.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, is caused by a misshapen protein that eats holes in a cow's brain. Government officials say there is no threat to the food supply because the infected cow's brain, the spinal cord and the lower part of the small intestine — where scientists say the disease is found — were removed before the cow was sent for processing.

Still, as a precaution, the Agriculture Department has recalled more than 10,000 pounds of meat from about 20 cows slaughtered with the Holstein on Dec. 9. That meat was distributed to eight western states and Guam, although officials said most went to Oregon and Washington.

The department, which monitors the safety of animal health and meat, is also in the business of pro-

viding school lunches to an estimated 28 million children. That total includes the children who receive free or reduced-price meals through the federal lunch program and those who pay for their lunch items, but not students who buy lunch items at a cafe.

Schools get a combination of reimbursement for federally approved meals and food directly bought by the government — including a good portion of the beef served in schools. The government bought an estimated 133 million pounds of beef for schools in 2003.

"We're very pleased to report that none of the affected meat is in the national school lunch program, and we have notified our states of that," said Jean Daniel, a spokeswoman for the Agriculture Department's Food and Nutrition Service.

Britney Spears marries — but quickly files for annulment

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Pop star Britney Spears' first marriage will be remarkably brief — even by celebrity standards.

The 22-year-old married Jason Alexander, a childhood friend from Louisiana, about 5:30 a.m. Saturday at a Las Vegas wedding chapel. The bride, wearing a baseball cap and torn jeans, was escorted down the aisle by a limousine driver, a source close to Spears told the Associated Press.



Britney Spears

By that afternoon, the couple had arranged an annulment in the presence of several people, including a Las Vegas lawyer, said the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Spears and Alexander, of Kentwood, La., "took a joke too far by getting married," her record label, Jive Records, said in a statement released to "Entertainment Tonight."

"Ms. Spears and Mr. Alexander have filed for an annulment which will become official on Monday," read the statement by Sonia Muckde, Jive's vice president of publicity.

Spears and Alexander journeyed by limousine to the Little White Wedding Chapel on the Strip after a stop at the Ghostbar, a club in the Palms Casino Hotel, the source said. The chapel staff

told the couple they couldn't get married without a license, so they were taken to get a license and driven back to the chapel, where they were married.

"Nobody knew it was coming," said George Maloof Jr., a friend of Spears and the owner and operator of the Palms Casino Hotel. Maloof denied rumors that Spears was drunk and had to be carried out of the Rain nightclub inside the Palms on New Year's Eve.

"I was with her the whole night," he said. "None of those reports were accurate. She was just having a good time."

Spears was staying at the Palms but was expected to leave Sunday. Employees at the chapel declined comment.

Alexander was back in his hometown Sunday, according to his grandfather, Robert Alexander.

"He'd been through a lot. We picked him up in New Orleans coming back and he didn't have much to say," the elder Alexander told "Entertainment Tonight."

"I wish them well," he said. "Whatever happens, happens." He said Spears and Alexander had also spent Christmas Eve together.

Calls to Alexander's family home in Kentwood were answered by a machine. His grandmother said any details about the wedding would have to come from Jason or his father.

"We know about the wedding and stuff. It's all over the news," Betty Alexander said.

N.J. allows stem cell research

WEST ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey became the second state to allow stem cell research on Sunday as Gov. James E. McGreevey signed a law he said will "move the frontiers of science forward."

Stem cell research, which has been strongly opposed by anti-abortion groups and the Roman Catholic church because it involves the use of fetal and embryonic tissue, is also permit-

ted in California and bills are pending in Illinois and New York.

McGreevey was joined Sunday by Christopher Reeve, the actor who was paralyzed by a 1995 fall from a horse and has become an advocate for increased funding for medical research.

"Today we celebrate the possible in our state," McGreevey said. "It is our obligation as a people and as a state to move the frontiers of science forward."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Fireplace explodes, injures Prairie man

PRAIRIE — A long-time resident of this tiny town north of Mountain Home in Elmore County is listed in critical condition at the Intermountain Burn Center in Salt Lake City, the Elmore County Sheriff's Department reported Sunday.

Joseph T. Accareggi, a long-time Prairie resident, suffered burns over 70 percent of his body. Witnesses told detectives that he managed to drive himself to the Davison Ranch for help, a news release said.

The Prairie Quick Response Unit was the first medical unit on the scene. A Life Flight helicopter was then dispatched to the Prairie Store and Accareggi was airlifted to Utah.

Accareggi told the Davison's that his fireplace exploded on him when he opened it, the news release said. A structure fire ensued, and with out fire suppression in the area, the building was destroyed.

Icy roads lead to crash, injury outside Burley

BURLEY — Authorities reported that a number of cars rolled, spun and slid off the road Sunday all across southern Idaho as winter storms blew across the Snake River Plain.

A victim from a crash that occurred just before 1:30 p.m. about 10 miles west of Burley was flown to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, the Idaho State Police reported. The injury did not turn out to be serious, however, the ISP said.

Periodic blizzard-like conditions and icy roads caused the trouble for motorists as storms moved through southern Idaho.

Ex-attorney general runs for court seat

JEROME — Former Idaho Attorney General Jim Jones will announce his candidacy for a position on the Idaho Supreme Court Tuesday at a meeting of the Jerome Rotary Club. It is anticipated his campaign will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the China Village, 123 South Alder in Jerome.

Jones will run for the Idaho Supreme Court position currently held by Justice Wayne Kidwell, who has stated he will not seek re-election in 2004, according to a press release from the Jim Jones For Justice Committee.

Voters will elect a new justice to the non-parson position on May 25. Jones, 60, grew up near Eden and served as attorney general from 1983 until 1990. He told *The Times-News* last month that he already had 50 people committed to fund-raising for his campaign committee.

Idaho National Guard unit trains in Gooding

GOODING — The Idaho National Guard unit in Gooding will be conducting a four-and-a-half-hour urban tactics training exercise in the city beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Soldiers and equipment will travel down Main Street and other roads in the city during the exercise covering a distance of five miles, according to a press release from the Gooding Police Department.

The urban tactics training also will include a firing exercise using blank ammunition at the fairgrounds.

Residents are advised not to be alarmed by the training exercise and not to interfere with soldiers or their equipment.

Anyone with questions or concerns is encouraged to contact the Gooding Police Department at 934-3445 or 934-5515.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Upper Snake Basin	114%	81%
Salmon Falls	135%	55%
Salmon	109%	46%
Oakley	130%	53%
Big Wood	120%	51%
Little Wood	149%	59%
Henry Fork/Teton	136%	58%
Big Lost	128%	52%
Little Lost	104%	46%

As of Jan. 4

*A compilation of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.

**An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in March.

Twin Falls might get new mayor

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The person who sits in the mayor's seat at the beginning of tonight's City Council session may not be the same one positioned there by meeting's end.

"It's an honor and shouldn't be repeated," said Councilwoman Elaine Steele, who served a term as mayor from 2000 to 2002.

In a city manager system, which is how Twin Falls is governed, mayors are not always elected by the public. In Twin Falls' case, they are elected by City Council members.

Steele said she hasn't been positioning herself for another term.

"I'm not seeking to be mayor," she said, "but I'm going to be making a nomination Monday."

In recent months, council members have been doing a lot of "behind the scenes" lobbying, Steele said, declining to reveal who her nomination would go to.

Councilman Chris Talkington and Councilman Howard Allen also have served as mayor.

There have been a few back-to-back mayors, but not recently, Steele said.

"It's probably healthier for the council not to," she added.

Meeting tonight

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

Other council business

Additional items on the City Council's agenda tonight included:

- **Daycare appeal** — Lyn Langford is planning an appeal of the Planning and Zoning Commission's November decision to grant a special use permit to Jodie Siegel to operate an in-home daycare facility on property located at 850 Rosewood Drive.
- In November, neighbors Gary and Rebecca Beale

submitted a letter to the commission protesting the special use permit because of traffic and parking problems. They said the street is a cul-de-sac and their driveway was often blocked by people coming and going from the facility. Nine residents signed a petition opposing the center.

- **BILLS Place permit appeal** — Helen Kolouch is planning to appeal the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission that would grant the request of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and Twin Falls County for a special use permit to operate an eight-bed youth transition home on property located at 285 Martin St.
- The PZ2 commission approved the permit for **BILLS Place** in November.
- Some Martin Street residents and business owners spoke against the permit.

Council member positions carry a four-year term.

The salary for regular council members is \$750 per month. The salary for mayor is \$1,000 per month.

"Mayors run the meetings, which can be stressful," Steele said. "They take calls in the middle of the night from citizens. They take the heat."

Deputy City Clerk Sharon Bryan will conduct the oath of office for Glenda

Attorney J. Dee May, representing part-time Martin Street resident Helen Kolouch, argued that planners had not provided enough details about who would be supervising the youths.

Other opponents told the Commission they were worried about potential crime from the boys who would live in the home.

Many area leaders, including a judge and a county commissioner, spoke in favor of the project. Proponents said the teens would be supervised at all times, and only certain teens would be allowed to live in the home.

- **Tree Commission appointment** — The City Council is scheduled to consider the re-appointment of David Mead for another three-year term on the Tree Commission. The commission unanimously approved his re-appointment at its last meeting, Dec. 12.

Thompson, Trip Craig, Dennis Maughan and Shawn Barigar.

Mayor Lance Clow will then open up nominations for his seat.

A council member must receive at least four votes to be appointed.

When the new mayor takes his or her seat, he or she will make a recommendation for vice-mayor.

"You rotate seats, and then you move on," Steele said.

ADDITION AND EXPANSION



Gooding County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Jerry Pierce, left, and other Gooding residents look over pictures of the construction of the new Gooding County Jail Annex during an open house for the new building Friday.

Gooding County opens jail annex

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — The new Gooding County Jail Annex is open for business.

For nearly three years the brick building south of the courthouse has been sitting empty with only the kitchen being used to feed inmates at the main jail complex.

Now the kitchen will be in full swing. It can feed 30 additional inmates at the annex as well as the 20 or so inmates at the main jail.

"We expect the majority of our inmates to come from Jerome and Twin Falls, which will save those counties money in both housing prisoners and in-transportation costs," said Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough.

Gough said if everything goes exactly as planned and the county has 30 inmates for 365 days it will

gross \$438,000. After expenses, including payroll, benefits, insurance and operating costs — estimated at \$225,000 — the county would net about \$213,000.

Gooding County will charge \$40 a day to house inmates. Gough noted costs can vary among counties on the rate charged to house inmates anywhere from between \$45 to \$52 a day.

The \$40 rate was chosen because Gooding County's contract with the state is set at the rate of \$40.

Not having to build the facility from the ground up added to the decision.

"Why gouge a fellow sheriff when they're having housing problems and especially when we don't need to?" Gough said. The county will still make a profit even with charging a lower fee.

The minimum-security facility

shouldn't be a concern to neighboring residents because of the type of inmates the jail will house, Gough said. A classification system based on the crime committed, how many times the offender has been in jail and their criminal history rates inmates on a scale of one to eight with one being the highest-risk offender.

"We will house the eight-through six-class prisoners and only those charged with misdemeanors," Gough said.

The idea to revamp the building that formerly housed juvenile sex offenders took shape early last year with Gough doing the number crunching to see if the jail annex idea was feasible.

"I just started looking at the amount of people that Jerome and Twin Falls counties were shipping out of the area because of jail overcrowding," Gough said.

Following a visit from the state jails standard coordinator, who agreed the building could be made into a minimum-security facility, Gough then received approval from Gooding County commissioners and a special use permit from the city of Gooding to go forward with the project.

Remodeling began during the summer with inside walls being knocked down to make room for the 30-bed dormlike jail. An office was added as well as a workstation for deputies.

The only item remaining is the installation of the surveillance cameras, which will also incorporate the courthouse and main jail complex.

In an effort to minimize expenses, deputies and some of the eight new employees hired to run the jail annex did a good portion of the labor, Gough noted.

Victim of avalanche once lived in Buhl

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Survivors of the Soldier Mountain avalanche that killed the University of Washington's dean of graduate studies and her husband, formerly of Buhl, will hold a news conference today in Boise.

Marsha Landolt, 55, a dean at the University of Washington in Seattle, and her husband, Robert Busch, 53, were killed in the avalanche. Busch worked for a local trout company when he lived in Buhl. He moved to Seattle in 1987 and worked there as an aquatic health consultant, according to a news release issued Sunday by the family.

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Researcher: Cans point to alcohol problem

By Troy Adams
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Every year a typical Idaho road accumulates an average of 800 littered alcohol containers per mile.

And nearly half of those containers are from underage drinkers.

So says David Brezina of Chesapeake City, Md., founder of an organization called Aluminum Anonymous.

You think your trash has an interesting hobby? Try this one.

Brezina has a habit of picking up cans and bottles along highways and extrapolating the trend of teenage drinking and driving throughout America. Brezina, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and Harvard, has volunteered extensively to work with families that are afflicted with alcohol and drug issues and has taken a good deal of time over the last seven years to scour 41,475

Please see **CANS**, Page A6.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

Today

Campus re-opens after Christmas break. (Spring semester begins Jan. 20).

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center information technology training, all day, Aspen 144.

Regional transportation board meeting, noon, Taylor 256.

Tuesday

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center information technology training, all day, Aspen 144.

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

"Mingle in the Jungle," free reptile revue, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest.

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare/CSI foster parent/pre-adoption parent training, 6 p.m., Aspen 134.

"Ring World," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Wednesday

Advanced Regional Technical Education

Coalition board meeting, 7 a.m., Taylor 276.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center information technology training, all day, Aspen 144.

Monthly construction progress report on Fine Arts addition, 2 p.m., Taylor 276.

U.S. Department of Energy public meeting on future clean-up plans at Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, 6:30 p.m., Taylor 276.

Styx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 276.

Thursday

Probation and Parole life skills class, 7 p.m., Shields 107.

Friday

CSI Outdoor Program conducts dry class for wilderness canoeing, 6 p.m., Shields 106/107 (to enroll, call 732-6597).

"Ring World," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Huggie Bears Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

Utah sees little mad cow fallout

Logan, Utah (AP) — A ban on "downer" cows at slaughterhouses won't have much of an impact on cattle prices, Utah producers say.

"There aren't a lot of those cattle," said Lane Parker, manager of Smithfield's livestock auction, who said Western beef prices haven't taken a major tumble from the first U.S. report of mad cow disease in Washington state.

"Right now the markets that have operated in California, Oklahoma and Texas since the BSE thing came out are off maybe 10 cents a pound which is pretty minimal," he said.

The United States Department of Agriculture announced last week it would ban the meat from cows that can't walk or stand on their own at the time of processing — about three percent of all beef cattle. The rule came after

the discovery of a dairy cow from Washington that tested positive for mad cow disease.

Mad cow disease, known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, attacks brain and spinal cord tissue.

The federal government also plans to require more stringent testing on cows older than 30 months that are at a high risk for mad cow disease. Meat from those animals will not be processed until the results are known.

"In my opinion that's a lot of wasted time and effort because we already watch them pretty close," Parker said.

Smithfield livestock auction will have its first beef cattle sale next week. Parker said he doesn't expect to see much of a dip in prices.

"The way things are looking

right now it actually looks like we're going to have a pretty stable market within a week," Parker said.

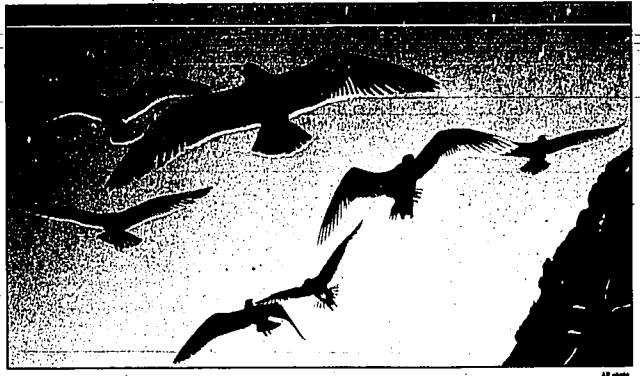
The USDA also wants to speed up the creation of a nationwide database that would make it easier to track the origin of animals. Cows can be given an ear tag that contains a microchip inside that is read with a scanner. The chip includes the history and origin of the animal.

Parker said he expects that practice to become more widespread in the coming years.

"I personally have electronically ID-ed my cattle," Parker said.

"I did it two years ago. Most people that are progressive at all have already been looking at it," Parker said. Implants cost about \$5 now, but should drop to \$2 to \$3 a head soon.

GULLED



Seagulls take flight to vie for bread crumbs at Morro Rock in Morro Bay, Calif., Sunday.

SERVICES

Harvey L. Grindstaff of Buhl, service at 10 a.m. today at the Filer Methodist Church, corner of Fifth and Union streets (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Merlin R. Stock of Burley; service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2200 Oakley Ave.; burial at Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Flora Mae Dewey Parkinson of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome).

Violet Leshor of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Free Will Baptist Church in Jerome (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome).

Delbert R. Winslow of Wendell, graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Wendell Cemetery (Demary Funeral Chapel).

Lurile Irene (Daise) Schroeder-Jones and Daniel Allen Jones of Buhl and Exp. Calif., service at 11 a.m. Friday at St. John's Lutheran

Church in Buhl; interment will follow at West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Kelly Neal Qualls of Nampa and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel, 415 12th Ave. S., Nampa.

Glady's 'Leona' Poog Paladino of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Scott C. Jex of Boise, remembrance at 2 p.m. Saturday at Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise.

DEATH NOTICES

James Edgar Connell
RUPERT — James Edgar Connell, 60, of Rupert, died at his home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and no services are planned.

Jesse Hernandez
TWIN FALLS — Jesse Hernandez, 49, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at his home in Twin Falls.

Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Bernard A. Hoffman
TWIN FALLS — Bernard A. Hoffman, 91, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at Bridge View Estates in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will

be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Mildred M. Jones
FILER — Mildred M. Jones, 103, of Filer, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation in Twin Falls.

Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Dyveka Rasmussen Sorenson
BURLEY — Dyveka Camila "Poley" Rasmussen Sorenson, 89, of Burley, formerly of Twin Falls,

died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at Highland Estates in Burley.

Services are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Suspect will enter plea in rape case

BOISE — The gym teacher accused of raping three teenage girls will enter a plea Tuesday.

Kenneth Kip Wilkins, 28, was indicted Dec. 23 by an Ada County grand jury. He was charged with three counts of rape, three counts of burglary and one count of lewd conduct with a minor under the age of 16.

The Nampa man is being held in the Ada County Jail on a \$1 million bond.

Wilkins was a physical education teacher and basketball coach at St. Mark's School in Boise at the time of his arrest.

Wilkins reportedly confessed to the attacks after he was arrested Dec. 12 by officers responding to a peeping Tom call, according to testimony earlier this month.

Police characterize Wilkins as a "serial rapist" who targeted his victims and attacked them in their homes.

DNA tests reveal the same man was responsible for all three rapes.

Wilkins' DNA is being processed to see if he's that man, Boise police spokeswoman Lynn Hightower said.

Idaho In brief

fund, according to state officials. The other half would be drawn from other state-controlled accounts.

If lawmakers don't approve the increased spending, state employees could see sharp increases in their insurance premiums or their health insurance benefits would have to be cut dramatically.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's chief of staff, Brian Whitlock, said the issue will be covered in the governor's budget proposal Jan. 14.

Last year, the Legislature designated about \$16 million to cope with rising health insurance costs. About \$8.9 million came from the state's general fund.

But the insurance costs exceeded what Legislature had set aside by about \$5 million. Many state employees paid more for their health insurance coverage the same year lawmakers gave no new pay increases.

A state employee pays \$24 a month for health insurance. Coverage for an employee and spouse costs \$60, while coverage for an employee, spouse and children is \$81.

Witnesses said Daniel Michael Bird climbed onto a Bridge Street railing at about 10:50 p.m. and jumped. A police officer arrived minutes later, Sandpoint Police Chief Mark Lockwood said.

Bird crashed through 4 inches of ice and was partly submerged in 33-degree water for about 14 minutes.

Big Sky Paramedics were able to resuscitate Bird, but he died of his injuries at about 4 a.m. Saturday.

Bird jumped following a reported argument with his girlfriend at a motel on the east end of the bridge.

Man faces charges in apartment break-in

BOISE — Police arrested Jesse Defoort, 23, for trying to break into a woman's North end apartment.

Police said the 28-year-old woman heard someone trying to force open her back door around 9 p.m. Saturday. She saw a male wearing a ski mask and carrying a small handgun.

The man threatened the woman and ordered her to open the door. The victim ran into another room and called 911.

Police located Defoort later on Broadway Avenue and seized his gun.

Defoort was booked into the Ada County jail and charged with aggravated assault, burglary and several misdemeanors.

— compiled from staff reports

State faces higher cost for employee medical insurance

BOISE — It could cost more than \$15 million for state employees to keep the insurance coverage they have for the same price they pay now.

About half of that money would come out of the state's general

Sandpoint man dies after jumping off bridge

SANDPOINT — A 24-year-old Sandpoint man was killed late Friday after plunging 27 feet from a bridge into icy Sand Creek.

Search resumes for missing snowboarders

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The search for two snowboarders presumed buried in a series of avalanches Dec. 26 in the mountains above Sundance ski area resumed Sunday after a week-long delay caused by heavy snow and high winds.

About 50 people returned to a major slide path in Provo Canyon, probing as deep as 20 feet for Rod Newberry of Pleasant Grove and Adam-Merz of Orem, who remained missing.

A Wasatch Powder Birds helicopter dropped 18 charges and released 47 slides before the search got underway. Another seven slides came down on their own during the day, although no one was caught up in one, sheriff spokesman Dennis Harris said.

The Aspen Grove area has received nearly four feet of snow since rescue teams were last in Aspen Grove on Dec. 28, he said.

Newberry, 20, and Merz, 18, are presumed dead under as many as 35 feet of snow and layers of almost impenetrable ice caused by the friction of repeated ava-

lanches. Searchers have broken metal shovels and aluminum poles looking for them.

A pair of trained dogs "alerted" at several spots in the avalanche chute on Sunday, but nothing was found, Harris said.

Early on in the search, authorities were able to recover the body of Mike Hebert, 19, of Orem, who had been with the other two snowboarders when they got caught up-in-a-series-of-four slides. A funeral was held for Hebert on Saturday.

The search will continue this week, weather permitting, for the other two snowboarders.

None of the snowboarders was carrying shovels or avalanche beacons despite traveling in what experts call one of the Wasatch Mountains' most dangerous avalanche chutes, off 11,000-foot Elk's Peak.

Hebert was the second confirmed avalanche fatality in Utah in 2003. The statewide total for avalanche-related deaths since 1951 will reach 73 if Merz and Newberry are added.

OBITUARIES

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Violet Margaret Leshor — Jerome

Violet Margaret Leshor, 87, of Jerome died Friday, Jan. 2, 2003, at her home in Jerome.

She was born March 21, 1916, in Pembana County, N.D., the daughter of Henry and Helen Dietrich.

She married Leonard Leshor on June 9, 1937, at St. Thomas, N.D. They were blessed with three children during their marriage.

Violet was a wonderful mother and grandmother, who enjoyed

sharing her vast knowledge with her family, knowledge that will be carried on for generations by her family as well as the many others she shared with. She loved to sew, cook and play the piano. Violet was a member of the Nazarene Church and the Free Will Baptist Church of Jerome.

Violet will be deeply missed by her family and by her friends.

Violet is survived by her daughter, Lois (Burley) Kiracofe,

of Arizona; son Jack (Terry) Leshor of Jerome; 16 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard, and one son, Gary.

Memorial services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at the Free Will Baptist Church in Jerome, with Pastor Gene Kissinger officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Esther Fairman — Ketchum

Esther Fairman passed away December 28, 2003, at an assisted living facility in Boise. She was born May 4, 1909, to Alonzo and Carrie Wilson Price at the Philadelphia and Idaho Smelter house on Warm Springs Road in Ketchum, Idaho. She had many diverse interests and most were connected to the Wood River Valley.

Her father was a partner in the first automotive garage in Ketchum. Since there was no snow removal in the 1920s everyone drove their cars into the garage and it was boarded up for the winter, so the family could move to the Treasure Valley for the children to attend school, and her father then operated a garage in Treasure Valley. The children would go to Boise and board with a family until their parents arrived. She graduated from Boise High School in 1926 and then was acknowledged at her granddaughter's graduation from Boise 62 years later.

After graduation she received her certificate in stenography from Link's Business College in Boise. She was secretary to the engineer from Scotland, who designed and supervised the construction of the first tram that brought the ore from Triumph Mine to the railroad. The tram was part of the prototype for the ski lifts in Sun Valley. She also was secretary to the Blaine



to Ketchum. Esther provided much of the Ketchum history and many antiques to the museum and the original early pictures of the smelter and local historical sites to the Ketchum library. She had access to these because her roots in Ketchum went back to 1885.

Her husband, her parents and 3 brothers preceded her in death. She is survived by 2 daughters, Frances Spear of Sangerville, Maine, and Mary Crouch of Boise; 6 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum. Then there will be a memorial in Boise on Esther's birthday, May 4, 2004, at her daughter's home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Boise High Band Scholarship Fund c/o Idaho Community Fund, Alzheimer Research; or a charity of your choice. Inurnment will be in the family plot in the Ketchum Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel in Halley.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to Boise Memorial Hospice for their earlier care and the staff at Park Center Place for all the care they gave Esther for the time she resided there.

County Prosecuting Attorney and legal secretary for a law firm both on a permanent basis and filling in as needed for many years.

Esther was a founding member of the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum and served as the clerk of the session while also being the clerk of the Ketchum Cemetery District, both for many years. She was a 76-year member of Snowdrop Rebekah Lodge No. 71 of which her parents were charter members.

She married Warren J. "Bud" Fairman and they lived in several other places during World War II as he was a specialist in train orders and was assigned to strategic locations to move the troop trains, but they always returned

Boise police prepare for Chinese visit

BOISE (AP) — Police detectives will begin the first of three days of meetings with Chinese law enforcement officials Monday to share evidence in a 15-year-old murder case.

A six-member Chinese delegation will review evidence in the case of Bing Ho Lee, a suspect in the 1988 murder of Miao Lee.

He allegedly traveled to the United States to kill his sister-in-law, because her lower social caste brought dishonor to the Lee family in China.

Miao was married to Bing Chong Lee, who was out of the United States on business when the murder happened. Miao was six months pregnant when she was shot and killed in her bedroom.

Bing Ho Lee left a note inside the home taking responsibility for the crime, then he fled the country.

Boise Police worked with the FBI and Interpol trying to persuade police to track Bing Ho Lee. Detectives learned in September he had been found and killed in China.

China and the U.S. have no extradition treaty. Boise detectives hope the meeting with Chinese law enforcement officers will provide enough information for Lee's prosecution in China.

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ON THE AGENDA

Today

Acquia City Council, 8 p.m., Acquia Automotive, 20602 F St. Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S. Hailey. Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 103 S. Main. Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W. Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S. Hailey. Hansen Community Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 W. Maple. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln. Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 400 E. Ave. N. Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Tuesday

Abbyon City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 225 S. Main. Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave. Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main. Friedman Memorial Airport Board, 5:30 p.m., Blaine County Courthouse, 206 First Ave. S. Hailey. Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 110 W. Main. Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W. Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth. Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St. Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W.

Wednesday

Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old Highway 30. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Thursday

Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar. Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley. Fairfeld City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 407 Solder Road. Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake. Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301

Progressive Drive.

Minidoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St. Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office, 108 W. Archer. Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N. Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E.

Friday

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

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

YOU CAN FLY!



Sara Hewson, 11, left, and Nikki Bergquist, 4, hold on tight as they go off a jump Sunday at a steeple hill in Loveland, Colo. At the top of the hill Ryan Hornung and his son, Trenton, wait for their turn.

Program will recycle T.F. Christmas trees

TWIN FALLS - Residents of the city of Twin Falls can participate in the ongoing waste reduction program by having their Christmas trees chipped. The program will be conducted by the city of Twin Falls Street Department. Trees will be chipped into mulch in the interest of environmentally sound waste management. The program helps reduce waste ordinarily deposited in a landfill. Trees need to have all ornaments, wires, lights and plastic bags removed. The drop-off site is on Sixth Avenue West, east of the animal shelter. It is open through Jan. 19. For more information, call Sherry Jeff, sanitation inspector, at 735-7264.

Magic Valley in brief

Public Library. The group meets about every three weeks to support one another, share information and pray for military personnel, their families and the nation. For more information, call Sharla at 536-6159 or Sharon at 536-6111. Animal Shelter Advisory Commission meets. TWIN FALLS - The Animal Shelter Advisory Commission will meet from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at 305 Third Ave. E. Included on the agenda is a report from the workgroup for injured animal care and an update on the bidding process for the shelter. The shelter director will provide an update on the facility's budget and fund-raising efforts. - compiled from staff reports

MINIDOKA COUNTY COURTS

RUPERT - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Minidoka County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

F Vincent Obermiller Jr., 47, false report to 911, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar. Armando Fena Barrels, 30, violation of a protective order, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar. Ryan L. Olson, 24, one count unlawful hunting with an artificial light, dismissed; one count shooting across a public highway, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff. Martin Braun, 34, one count failure to purchase a driver's license, dismissed; one count contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Misdemeanor sentences

Silvestre Santana Cuevas, 18, one count driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one count contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree. Sheila Dulce Padron, 38, one count felony insufficient funds check fraud, amended to misdemeanor insufficient funds check fraud, pleaded guilty, \$10 fine, \$58.50 court costs, \$334.75 restitution.



one count open container violation, pleaded guilty, \$51.50 fine, \$98.50 court costs; one count possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; one count contempt of court, pleaded guilty, \$50 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree. Joel Lopez Jr., 43, one count domestic battery, found guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$168.50 court costs, 12 months license suspension, 180 days in jail, 178 days suspended, one day credited, treatment program; one count contempt of court, pleaded guilty, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar. Jose Rosario Juarez Jr., 21, one count possession of alcohol by a minor, pleaded guilty, 90 days driver's license suspension, six months probation; two counts contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree. Jose M. Alcantar, 21, one count failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; one count contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

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Cattle feeding habits get new scrutiny

BOISE (AP) - Sixty-three companies including a company with a rendering plant in Boise and a North Idaho feed mill have been warned about violating a 1997 ban to protect U.S. cattle from mad cow disease. The warnings, found in an examination of U.S. Food and Drug Administration records, show that while the risk of a mad cow outbreak remains small in this country, the threat remains. A warning letter does not necessarily mean a company is producing or selling beef byproducts in feed. The FDA has intended to keep cattle from eating feed that contains beef byproducts, the practice Canadian officials believe may have led to the first U.S. case of mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, last May. The FDA is reviewing 99 percent of feed companies, rendering works and other

businesses that handle beef byproducts are in compliance with the ban, said Jason Brodsky, an FDA spokesman. In May 2002, the FDA sent Darling International, one of the nation's largest rendering companies, warning 30 plants nationwide, a warning letter for violating the ban at its Tacoma, Wash., plant. Darling operates the largest rendering company in Idaho, with a plant in Boise and a transfer station in Twin Falls. It collects dead animals from farms and processing plants and gets them from a variety of sources. Its Web site says Darling makes and markets bone and meat meal protein supplement for swine and poultry, which is legal. FDA investigators said the company shipped meat and bone meal with beef byproducts without labeling. "Do not feed to cattle or other ruminants." In a response letter, company

officials said they had taken steps to correct the mislabeling issue. FDA records show both the Tacoma and Boise facilities were inspected in 2003 and found to be in compliance with the mad cow rules. When a company is caught selling beef byproducts illegally, the product is recalled. Since 1999, 47 companies have been required to recall 280 products, according to FDA records. The first confirmed case of mad cow disease in the U.S. was discovered on a dairy in Washington state on Dec. 9. Scientists believe cattle get the disease by eating feed containing altered proteins, known as prions, from brain and spinal cord tissue of infected cattle. Investigators in Canada are attempting to determine whether the cow that tested positive for

mad cow disease in Washington and a cow with the disease in Alberta had both eaten feed processed at the Northern Alberta Processing Co., a rendering company in Edmonton. Until the cow in Alberta tested positive earlier this year, Canada also had not had a confirmed case of the disease. Scientists say mad cow disease does not affect pigs or poultry, and that's why rendering companies are allowed to sell beef byproducts in feed to pigs and chickens. But officials are leery of this practice because there are still too many unknowns about prions and how they move through the environment. Stephen Sundlof, director of the FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine, said in a press briefing, Dec. 31 that the agency would be taking a new look at the feed ban in light of the latest developments.

Idaho's water outlook takes a positive turn

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Winter storms dumped a foot and a half of snow in eastern Idaho between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day, bringing welcome news for Idaho water users. The snow had a generous water content of 1.47 inches, much of it from the New Year's Day storm, said Rick Winther, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Pocatello. The jet stream is aimed squarely at eastern Idaho, indicating more precipitation is likely, Winther said. For the past three years, flows in the upper Snake River at Hells have been at their lowest levels since measurements began in 1911. This winter, however, snowpack in eastern Idaho has been reported at 16 percent above normal

and even higher in Island Park. This is the first in several years that snowpack numbers have been above normal across the state. Although the snow that came to higher elevations in December was lacking in moisture, it settled quickly under warmer temperatures. Mountain snow depths by April will determine summer water levels. For each of the past two years, about five million acre-feet of water was pumped out of Idaho's ground water, said Ron Carlson, watermaster for the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Heavy winter snows help recharge those aquifers, he said. An average snowfall would ordinarily refill Idaho's reservoirs, but dry soil can absorb much of that water.

Economists expect Utah to add jobs this year

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Less than two years ago, David Muncy was a casualty of the state's faltering technology industry that cost thousands of Utah workers their jobs. For weeks, Muncy went without a paycheck after the struggling technology company he worked failed to make payroll. His family, with four children ages 2 to 7, took on debt just to cover living expenses and watched its dream of buying a house all but disappear. Today, sitting in the comfort of their first home in West Jordan, the Muncys look forward to 2004 with a renewed sense of confidence in a Utah economy that is slowly shaking off the effects of the national recession. "Things were pretty tough for a while," said Muncy, a computer

programmer married to a registered nurse. "Now we really appreciate where we are." The long-term outlook for Utah's economy is improving, economists say. The state is expected to add 12,000 jobs for an increase of 1.1 percent this year. That would represent a turnaround after zero job growth last year and a slight decline the year before. Mark Knold, senior economist for the Utah Department of Workforce Services, believes Utah's economy is poised to outpace the nation in 2004, but another economist believes it may take longer for Utah to reclaim its place among the fastest-growing states in the country. Mark Zandi, chief economist and co-founder of Economy.com,

expects Utah initially to lag behind the national economic expansion initially. One reason is that Utah has a lot of customer-support, financial services back-office and call-center jobs. Employers nationally, in an effort to save money, are beginning to shift those types of positions overseas to countries such as India and the Philippines, Zandi said, resulting in some additional job losses for Utah. Still, Zandi is bullish on Utah over the long-term, predicting it will outpace the national economy over the next decade. Economists say one strong sign that Utah's economy is improving is the pace of new home construction, which remained strong even during the recession. Buoyed by low interest rates, home construction last year hit

levels not seen in more than two decades, and another strong building year is expected. Across Utah, single-family home permits topped 16,000 in 2003 or "nothing short of spectacular," said Jim Wood, interim director of the University of Utah's Bureau of Economic and Business Research, which analyzes home building in the state. Low interest rates made home-owners of many young families who otherwise would have had to remain renters. And the low rates enabled families that would have had to buy starter homes to purchase larger, more expensive properties. For example, with his family's finances bolstered by two steady incomes, Muncy and his wife Lynley landed a 30-year mortgage at 5.87 percent.

Avalanche

Continued from A4 Family members have yet to publicly tell their account of the avalanche that destroyed the family's cabin near Fairfield. They have asked the news media not to contact them directly and plan their press conference for 10:30 this morning. Five family members and two dogs survived. Survivors include Boise couple Kelly Rovig, 32, formerly of Murtaugh, and Busch's daughter Jenna Rovig, 30, formerly of Buhl. Other survivors were the Rovig children, Tucker, 5, and Emma, 3; Landolt's son Nicholas Kocan, 24, of Los Angeles; and family pets Shadow and Odie. Landolt and Busch had been visiting the family-owned cabin since December 20th and had planned to return Saturday to Seattle. The couple died of asphyxiation from the compacted snow, the Camas County Sheriff's Department said. The following chain of events occurred Friday: The avalanche hit at about 1:45 a.m. while the family slept. Landolt and Busch were in the downstairs bedroom while other family members slept upstairs. The snow filled the first level of the cabin and most of the second level. Jenna Rovig and her children took shelter behind the chimney while Nicholas Kocan and Kelly Rovig used their bare hands and shovels to try to dig out their parents. Jenna Rovig calmed the chil-

dren and threw additional clothing to her husband and Kocan. After more than an hour of unsuccessful searching, Kelly Rovig walked in snowshoes and socks to a neighboring cabin to call for help while Kocan continued to search. Rescuers were called at about 3:15 a.m. When Kelly Rovig returned to the family cabin, Kocan had built a fire in the wood stove in the garage where the survivors found safety and warmth. Soldier Mountain Search and Rescue arrived and recovered the bodies. After daybreak, Soldier Mountain Ski Patrol rescued the dog Odie, who had been pushed by the snow into the fireplace. All survivors were treated at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center. Kelly Rovig and Kocan had lacerations to their hands and face and suffered from hypothermia and frostbite. One of the men suffered a sprained ankle. Landolt is survived by her son and parents, Clend and LuMerle. Belcher of Orderville, Ore., Busch's surviving brother, and Kocan's daughter Jodi Wright and her family in Boise. Through the news release, the families expressed their thanks to everyone who came to their aid. Funeral arrangements are pending and in lieu of flowers, the families suggest donations to the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho or the Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue Unit.

Cans

Continued from A4 miles of America's highways and roads in 48 states. In May 2000, Brezina surveyed areas covering U.S. Highway 20 from West Yellowstone, Mont., to Mountain Home, U.S. Highway 30 between Ells and Rupert, and Interstate 64 in the Utah border. In October 2002, on a spot check survey, Brezina covered U.S. Highway 93, U.S. Highway 20, and Interstate 15 from Nevada to Montana. His Idaho finding of 800 containers per mile per year puts the

state below the national average of 1,000 per mile. Idaho sits in a tie at 34th place with Arkansas, Montana, New Hampshire, Oregon and West Virginia, with New Mexico having the highest number in Brezina's calculations. The 600 miles of Idaho roads, more than 50 percent of the cans and about 25 percent of the bottles were from underage drinkers. "Such in-vehicle behavior is likely highly correlated with illegal drug use" and therefore suggests a deeper problem than teen drinking or driving under the influence, he said.

And based on interviews with police, Adopt-A-Highway groups, teachers, citizens and substance abuse professionals, Brezina estimates that the thousands of beer containers he found along 600 miles of Idaho roads, more than 50 percent of the cans and about 25 percent of the bottles were from underage drinkers. "Such in-vehicle behavior is likely highly correlated with illegal drug use" and therefore suggests a deeper problem than teen drinking or driving under the influence, he said.

Aluminum Anonymous promotes highway traffic safety, alcohol tax increases, decreasing alcohol advertising directed at minors, and an overall reduction of underage drinking. Brezina said the areas of the country most hit by in-vehicle drinking are on Indian reservations and near smaller to mid-sized cities. And while "the DARE programs have been criticized as being ineffective," he also said, "We should all continue to improve our programs to reduce underage drinking."

The Jazz look to close ground on the Mavericks in the NBA's Midwest Division.

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

My only complaint is, you're not supposed to get beat that bad and still get into the title game. I mean, Oklahoma got run over by a truck."

Southern Cal football fan John Eliopoulos of Los Angeles, when asked whether he and a group of Trojan fans had any animosity toward the Oklahoma Sooners for getting into the Sugar Bowl after losing to Kansas State, 35-7

TRIVIA

QUESTION: One of the New Orleans Saints' few glorious moments occurred Nov. 9, 1970, when a kicker had a record-setting 63-yard field goal that gave the Saints a 19-17 victory over the Detroit Lions. Who was the kicker? ...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school girls basketball Jackpot, Nev. at M.V. Christian, 6 p.m. High school boys basketball Jackpot, Nev. at M.V. Christian, 4:30 p.m. Rimrock at Glens Ferry, 6 p.m. Buhl at Wendell, 6 p.m. Oakley at Murtaugh, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Kimberly boosters will meet today

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Booster Club will meet Monday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. in the media center at Kimberly High School. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call George Plew at 423-4987.

T.F. Rec offers

Pomerelle ski packages

TWIN FALLS - The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering a four-Sunday skiing/snowboarding package to Pomerelle Mountain Resort on Jan. 25, Feb. 8, Feb. 22 and March 7. The package includes a one-hour skiing/snowboarding lesson and lift tickets for all four Sundays. The cost is \$50. Rental equipment is available for Pomerelle for an extra \$10-15. The package does not include transportation, which is available directly from the Northside Bus Company for \$8. Children ages 7 to 11 must be accompanied by a parent. Children 12 and up may travel alone. The registration deadline is Jan. 19. Register at 135 Maxwell Ave. in Twin Falls, or call 736-2255.

Mimico Booster Club will gather today

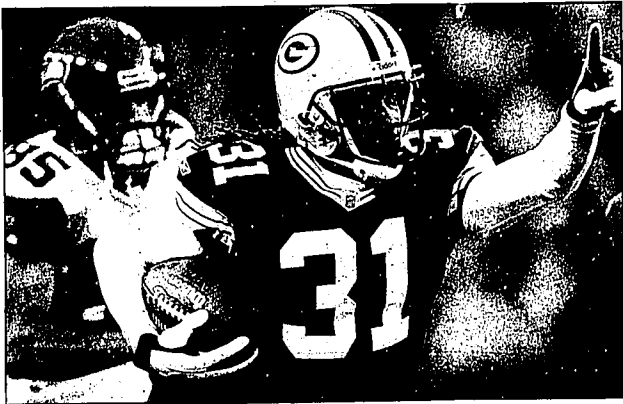
RUPERT - The Mimico Booster Club will meet Monday, Jan. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mimico High School library. Parents with students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend. Please call 436-5670 for more information.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Tom Dempsey, who had no toes on his right, kicking foot.

Seahawks fall on Harris' INT return in OT



Green Bay Packers cornerback Al Harris (31) points to the end zone in front of Seattle Seahawks receiver Alex Bannister in overtime of their NFC wild card playoff game Sunday in Green Bay, Wis. Harris returned the interception for the game-winning touchdown in the Packers' 33-27 win.

By Barry Wilner Associated Press writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. - Al Harris streamed down the sideline, his long hair flapping in the frigid wind.

Upstaging teammates Brett Favre and Alvan Green, Harris scored on a 52-yard interception return in overtime to lift the Green Bay Packers past the Seattle Seahawks 33-27 Sunday in a first-round NFC playoff game Sunday.

Harris, known as much for the dreadlocks that peek outside his helmet as his play at cornerback, picked off Matt Hasselbeck's throw and headed to the end zone - directly past former Packers coach Mike Holmgren, who Seattle Seahawks had a chance to tackle Harris, but he couldn't get there before Harris surged into the end zone for the first defensive touchdown to win an overtime playoff game.

Harris' heroes sent the Packers 27-20 to Philadelphia next Sunday, while the Seahawks (10-7) - and Holmgren - go home knowing they let a prime opportunity slip away.

Seattle tied the game with 51 seconds remaining on Shaun Alexander's third 1-yard touchdown

run. Then Packers kicker Ryan Longwell was short on a 47-yard field goal attempt as regulation time expired.

Seattle won the coin toss, and Hasselbeck told the officials, "We want the ball, and we're going to score."

The Seahawks got the ball and punted. After Seattle got the ball back, it was Harris, a six-year veteran in his first season with the Packers, who scored on the game's only turnover.

"I anticipated it," Harris said, "and I know the quarterback ain't gonna catch me."

That quarterback, Hasselbeck, had a pretty good day, throwing for 305 yards. He also made the one critical mistake, however.

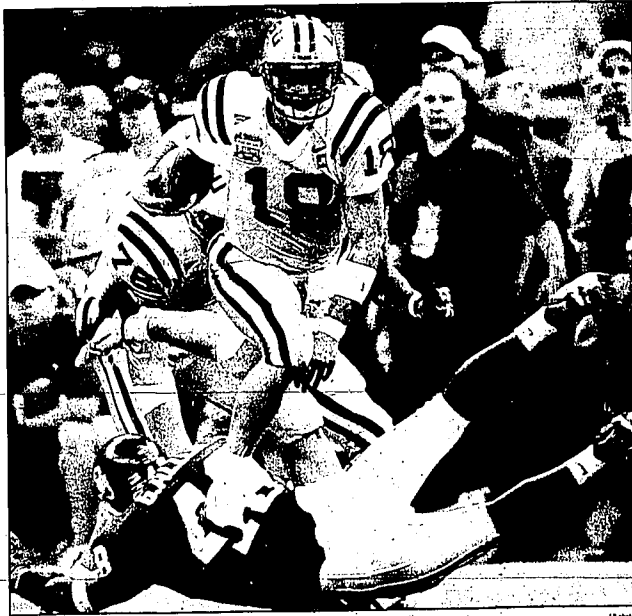
And Favre, as usual, thrived in the cold: 20 degrees, with a wind chill of 7.

He set a record by throwing for a touchdown in a 14th straight playoff game and rallied the Packers to a 27-20 lead. Then Hasselbeck, once the Seahawks' backup in Green Bay, guided a 67-yard drive to tie.

Early on, the Seahawks - 35-13 losers here in October - shut down

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Bayou bash



Louisiana State University quarterback Matt Mauch leaps over Oklahoma's Gayron Allen during the second half of the Sugar Bowl Sunday at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans. LSU won the BCS championship game, 21-14.

LSU's defense leads the Sugar Bowl win over Oklahoma

By Ben Walker Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS - There's no question who's No. 1 to the thousands of purple-and-gold partiers in tiger stripes who packed the Superdome and Bourbon Street.

That LSU will have to share the national title hardly matters.

By holding off Heisman Trophy winner Jason White and Oklahoma 21-14 at the very end Sunday night in the Sugar Bowl, these Tigers certainly proved they belonged in the Bowl Championship Series finale.

"I'm just happy that we could make this state proud," LSU coach Nick Saban said. "We got tired at the end of the game, but we played from the heart."

Now, too bad for college football fans everywhere that there's not one more game left for No. 2 LSU - against top-ranked Southern California.

The Tigers automatically received the USA Today/ESPN coaches' crown for winning this game over the third-ranked Sooners.

But a split championship was the result because top-ranked USC won The Associated Press title with a 28-14 victory over Michigan in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

Freshman Justin Vincent ran loose for 117 yards and was selected the Sugar Bowl's most outstanding player, defensive end Marcus Spears scored on an interception return and coach Nick Saban's team never trailed in bringing LSU its first crown since 1958.

And it was a rewarding win for

Saban. He makes \$1.5 million, but a clause in his contract said that if he won this game, he was guaranteed \$1 more than the highest-paid college coach - Oklahoma's Bob Stoops, at \$2.3 million.

All-America Chad Lavalais and his LSU teammates shut down the nation's top-scoring team for most

of the game, extending the jinx that haunted previous Heisman winners such as Chris Weinke, Eric Crouch and Gino Torretta.

"They did what they had to do to win," Saban said. "We played with our identity."

White found his touch in the fourth quarter and led the

Sooners down the field in the final minutes. But on fourth down at the LSU 12, White's pass was tipped and it trickled off the hands of star receiver Mark Clayton in the end zone.

Oklahoma got the ball back once more, but White was sacked on his final play.

Daniels could have gained more



Georgia Tech running back P.J. Daniels (48) leaps past Tulsa line-backer Nick Bunting (43) to score a touchdown during the first quarter of the Humanitarian Bowl Saturday in Boise. Daniels finished with four TDs and more than 300 yards. Georgia Tech beat Tulsa, 52-10.

By Doug Alden Associated Press writer

BOISE - P.J. Daniels was still plenty energetic after running for 307 yards and keeping Georgia Tech's string of winning seasons alive.

After sitting out nearly all of the final quarter of Tech's 52-10 blowout of Tulsa on Saturday in the Humanitarian Bowl, Daniels could have run for more.

"I'm energized, man. I always have energy," said Daniels, who averaged 9.9 yards a carry for the Yellow Jackets.

He certainly had energy to spare Saturday. After wearing down Tulsa with 104 first-half yards, Daniels blasted through the Golden Hurricane for another 203 yards in the second, most of which came in the third quarter as the Yellow Jackets kept taking advantage of Tulsa turnovers to improve to 21-11 in bowl games.

More importantly, Tech (7-6)

ended a two-game slide and avoided a second straight disastrous end to the season. Last year the Yellow Jackets closed the Georgia, then lost 30-21 to Fresno State in the Silicon Valley Classic.

Tech's postseason was spent in another untraditional destination this time, but the result was completely different.

And after starting the season with a disappointing 24-13 loss at Brigham Young, a second straight 7-6 finish felt like a milestone.

"Since the end of last year, the emotions have been all over the place," center Hugh Reilly said. "To come out with a winning season, and get to the bowl game and perform like we did is just amazing."

Daniels, a walk-on who was listed as seventh-string on the depth chart at the start of last season, got his opportunity only after injuries thinned the lineup ahead of him.

UConn shows flaws

By Donna Tommelero Associated Press writer

HARTFORD, Conn. - Lindsay Harding dribbled nearly the length of the court unimpeded, slicing through Connecticut's defense.

Looking up, the speedy Duke guard whipped a pass to Jessica Foley on the right wing. Before a defender could thwart things, Foley let fly a 3-pointer at the buzzer that gave Duke a 68-67 upset of UConn's 69-game home winning streak.

Harding, Foley and the rest of the Blue Devils used their impressive quickness to wear down the flagging Huskies in the closing minutes and erase a big deficit Saturday night.

Duke also highlighted the flaws UConn coach Geno Auriemma insists he has been trying to conceal since last season's run to a second straight national championship.

"We were exposed for some of the things that we're not good at," said Auriemma, whose team squandered a 20-point lead in the first half of a kind of feel pretty good that we've been able to ride it for a couple of years now."

UConn's home winning streak was an NCAA mark it shared with Tennessee. But the record books mattered little to the players or Auriemma, who turned this school into a perennial power.

"We just panicked, big-time," forward Ashley Battle said. "We choked."

UConn's collapse came before a crowd of 16,294, its 103rd straight home sellout, and a national TV audience.

"Unless we do everything right, unless everybody is exactly where they're supposed to be and every pass is delivered at exactly the right time, we're going to struggle," Auriemma said. "It's not that my fault. Maybe it comes down to bad recruiting, bad coaching."

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Committee could be in BCS future

By Paul Newberry Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS - Conceding "made-us mistake" the head of the BCS said an NCAA basketball tournament-style committee might become part of the selection process next season - reducing the possibility of a split national championship in football.

Big East commissioner Mike Tranghese said Sunday several issues will be discussed in the coming months, including eliminating computers from the selection process and adding an extra Bowl Championship Series game.

The BCS came under intense criticism this season when USC, ranked No. 1 by the media and the coaches, was bypassed for Sunday night's Sugar Bowl. The Trojans were expected to remain first in The Associated Press poll after an impressive victory over Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

Oklahoma and LSU, which finished 1-2 in the BCS rankings, were invited to the Sugar Bowl, with the winner assured of getting the top spot in the coaches' poll.

It's precisely the sort of championship the BCS was supposed to eliminate.

"We've got a system that somehow leaves the No. 1 team in both human polls out of the championship because of the group of mostly writers. We've got to do something."

One method for addressing several different proposals is to set up a panel modeled after the one that selects the field for the 65-team NCAA basketball tournament.

While the BCS poll would remain UConn's top priority, Auriemma said.

SPORTS

Indianapolis throttles Denver

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Peyton Manning was finally playoff perfect.

The Denver Broncos were imperfect. And that's being kind. The result was a 41-10 rout by Indianapolis over Denver on Sunday that put to rest any questions about Manning's ability to win a big game and sent the Colts (13-4) on to Kansas City for a second-round game with the Chiefs next Sunday.

Perfection? The NFL's co-MVP threw for touchdowns on each of the Colts' first four possessions and finished 22-of-26 for 377 yards and five TDs, the third time in 17 games this season he had five or more TD tosses. That made Manning the first ever to do that.

Perfection? When he left game in the fourth quarter Manning had a perfect passer rating of 159.3 for the second time this season.

"It was one of those days that everything seemed to go right," said Manning, 1-3 in the postseason. "It's good to get the monkey off my back, but we've got more work to do now."

Added coach Tony Dungy: "It was really awesome to see from the sidelines."

Manning might have had five TDs in the first half if time hadn't run out and forced Mike Vanderjagt to kick a field goal. No problem: Manning threw his fifth on the first series of the second half.

Denver's day was passed by one play: a 46-yard TD pass from Manning to Marvin Harrison late in the first period.

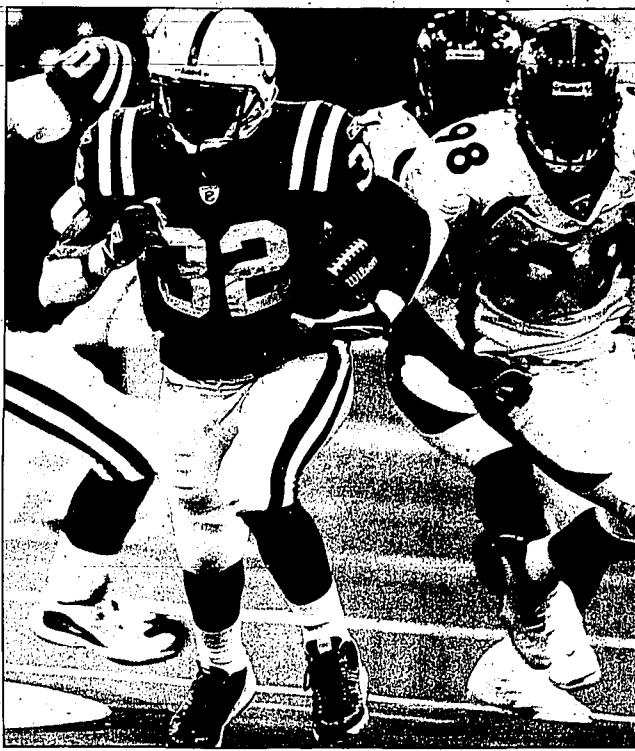
Harrison caught the ball at the Broncos 30 and fell to the turf. Three Broncos — Lenny Walls, Kelly Herndon and Al Wilson — surrounded him, but when no one touched him down, Harrison casually rolled over and started running for the end zone.

No whistle. Touchdown. And though that made it just 14-3 with three quarters left, the game was over. Denver coach Mike Shanahan laced into his brain dead defenders on the sideline and Manning continued to find open receivers everywhere.

"They just assumed he was down," Shanahan said. "You can't assume anything in this game."

On the first drive, Manning threw a 23-yard TD pass to Brandon Stokley. Manning also hit Stokley for an 87-yard TD just inside the 2-minute warning.

In between came two TDs to Harrison, the no-touch score and a 23-yard Manning's fifth was to Reggie Wayne from 7 yards out on the first possession of the second half. The star quarterback left midway through the fourth quarter.



Indianapolis running back Edgerrin James outruns Denver Broncos defender Reggie Hayes in the wild-card playoff game.

In fact, Indianapolis scored on every possession until Edgerrin James fumbled 138 into the final period. And punter Hunter Smith made it on to the field only to hold it for extra points and field goals.

Could Manning have caught the Broncos napping? You wouldn't think so, considering that he threw for six TDs against New Orleans this season and five against Atlanta, becoming just the fifth QB to throw for five or more touchdowns in the regular season.

But Denver could have been overconfident after coming into the RCA Dome just two weeks ago and beating the Colts 31-17. The Broncos rushed for 227 yards

in that game, held the ball for nearly 45 minutes and limited Manning to 146 yards and no TDs. He was way beyond that yardage in the first quarter Sunday and by halftime was 16-of-18 for 327 yards and four TDs. Harrison had six catches for 127 yards in the half, and Stokley had three receptions for 131 yards.

Dungy had lost his last four playoff games, three with Tampa Bay and a 41-0 rout by the New York Jets in the Meadowlands last season. Dungy's teams failed to score a TD in all four of those games.

As for Denver, the three defenders who stared at Walls weren't the only Broncos doing on the job. Line guard Dan Neil was called for three holding penalties and a chop block in the first half alone — 45 yards of penalties in all.

Jake Plummer, forced to abandon the running game, threw two interceptions to David Macklin, the Colts' nickel back who has been a target for opponents all season.

Childress, Stanford's top returning scorer from last season playing only his second game after recovering from a left foot injury, scored four points with a dunk and grabbed five rebounds in 13 minutes. He picked up two quick fouls.

"We just tried to make sure she didn't foul out within 10 minutes," Montgomery said jokingly. Childress was expected to play only 12 minutes after going seven minutes Friday night.

"I kind of anticipated Josh being a little rugged and trying to do too much," Montgomery said. "He's just got to get back in game shape."

The Huskies were outbounded 32-27.

Stanford (11-0, 2-0) welcomed the return of Montgomery, who served a one-game suspension — the first of his career — during Friday's win over Washington in the BCS standings.

Assistant Tony Fuller ran the team as Montgomery missed his first game in 18 seasons with the Cardinal.

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straight and for the 12th time in 15 games, defeating the Knicks for the 10th time in their last 11 meetings.

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Van Horn led the Knicks with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Kings 130, SuperSonics 99

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Peja Stojakovic hit six 3-pointers among his 24 points, and Bobby Jackson had 21 points and seven assists for the Sacramento Kings.

Brad Miller had 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Kings, who improved the NBA's best record to 23-8 with a blowout win. The Sonics' three-game winning streak was snapped by the Kings' third straight victory.

Sacramento, the NBA's highest-scoring team, had its highest-scoring game of the season and its biggest margin of victory over Seattle, surpassing a 29-point win last season.

Doug Christie had 14 points, eight assists and five rebounds as the Kings took a 20-point lead in the first half and a 36-point lead late in the third quarter.

Coyotes blank 'Canes

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Brian Boucher made 26 saves for his third straight shutout, leading the Phoenix Coyotes to a 3-0 victory over the Carolina Hurricanes on Sunday.

Boucher has stopped 82 shots in the past three games and is unbeaten in seven starts (4-0-3). The Coyotes have won three in a row and earned at least a point in nine straight games.

Jan Hejduk had a goal and two assists for Phoenix, and Branko Radivojevic added three assists.

Ladislav Nagy and defenseman Paul Mara also scored for the Coyotes.

Canadiens 4, Capitals 1

MONTREAL — Michael Ryder scored twice and assisted on Sheldon Souray's 13th goal of the season, and Montreal beat Washington for its first winning streak in more than two months.

Joe Juneau also scored and Jose Theodore made 19 saves for Montreal, which hadn't won consecutive games in 12 previous tries since Oct. 20-23.

The Canadiens, who beat Atlanta 5-1 on Saturday, extended their unbeaten streak to four games (3-0-1). They have earned a point in nine of their last 11 (6-2-3), moving four games over .500 for the first time this season at 19-15-5-2.

Joel Kwiatkowski scored for Washington, which failed in its sixth attempt for the 1,000th regular-season win in team history.

Oilers 4, Blackhawks 3

CHICAGO — Ethan Moreau snapped a tie the 55 seconds into the third period and Edmonton rallied from a two-goal deficit to defeat Chicago.

Moreau beat Steve Passmore on the short-side with a high shot from a sharp angle, giving the Oilers a 4-3 lead. Tommy Salo made 22 saves for the Oilers, who have won two straight and are undefeated in three games.

Brad Isbister, Jarret Stoll and Ryan Smyth also scored for the Oilers, all in a 2:04 span in the second period. Stoll and Smyth had short-handed goals 41 seconds apart during the same Edmonton minor penalty.

Alex Zhamnov, Deron Quint and Nathan Dempsey scored for the Blackhawks, who are 4-15-4-4 in their last 27 games.

Avalanche 3, Wild 1

DENVER — Teemu Selanne and Milan Hejduk scored power-play goals in the second period as the Colorado Avalanche beat the Minnesota Wild.

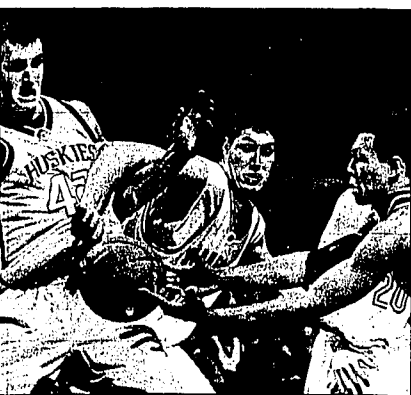
Peter Forsberg added an empty-net goal for the Avalanche in the final minute, helping rookie Phil Sauve earn his fourth career win.

Sauve made 25 saves, and Minnesota's Manny Fernandez had 26.

Jason Wiemer scored for the Wild.

Colorado moved within four points of Northwest Division-leading Vancouver, which was idle.

Strong finish carries Stanford past Huskies



Stanford forward Matt Haryasz, center, and Washington forward Mike Jensen, left, and Washington guard Brandon Roy, right, fight for a loose ball in the first quarter Sunday in Stanford, Calif.

By Janie McCauley Associated Press writer

STANFORD, Calif. — Mike Montgomery knows Stanford's days of easy victories are over. His team now realizes it too.

Justin Davis had 17 points and 13 rebounds and led a second-half charge for the fifth-ranked Cardinal, who needed a strong finish to defeat Washington 85-72 on Sunday and remain undefeated.

"They gave us some anxious moments," Montgomery said. "They're certainly 'capable' of scoring in bunches."

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Seahawks

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Green, who rushed for 1,883 yards this season. But he came on particularly on short yardage late in the game.

After falling behind 20-13, Green Bay covered 60 yards in 12 plays, with Favre connecting on five passes, including a key third-down pass of 22 yards to Donald Driver. Driver converted a fourth-and-1 from the 3 before surging into the end zone to tie it with 10:01 left.

Green converted another fourth-and-1 at the Seattle 42, although he appeared to fumble at the end of the play. Holmgren vehemently argued he could challenge, but referee Bernie Kukar said no.

Eight plays later, Green scored again for the lead.

But Hasselbeck brilliantly guided Seattle to the tying touchdown, hitting Bobby Engram on a 34-yard play before Alexander scored.

Seattle was impressive on its opening drive in overtime after Green Bay punted, mixing short passes and Alexander's runs to set up Josh Brewer's 30-yard field goal.

The Packers tied it midway in the second quarter on Longwell's 31-yard field goal.

On the next series, Hasselbeck tried to stop his passing motion and lost the ball at the Green Bay 17. Nick Barnett retrieved it and ran for a touchdown, but Holmgren challenged the call and won.

That left Seattle in position for Brown's 35-yard field goal, pushing

the Seahawks ahead 6-3.

Jason Walker's 44-yard reception on the next play from scrimmage led to Favre's playoff TD record. His 23-yard laser found Bubba Franks at the goal line as defender Damien Robinson fell down. Favre, who threw for 319 yards, was tied with former Dolphins star Dan Marino for the record of 13 straight games.

Longwell's 27-yarder made it 13-6 at halftime, but Seattle tied it with a 75-yard drive to open the second half. Alexander ran in from the 1 on fourth down after left guard Steve Hutchinson caught a deflected pass on the previous play.

Alexander also put Seattle on top 20-13 with a 1-yard run in the third quarter.

BCS

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In effect, the committee could get together at the end of the regular season to determine which teams play for the national championship.

If such a committee had been in place this season, it could have overruled the BCS standings, pointing to Oklahoma's 35-7 loss to Kansas State in the Big 12 championship game. LSU and Southern Cal, which each lost games earlier in the season, would have met in New Orleans.

Oklahoma held No. 1 in the BCS based on its strength in the computer rankings.

"Computers don't calculate when you lose a game," said Tranghese, coordinator of the

BCS as part of a rotation among the six major football conferences. "The polls are a reflection of your performance from week to week. We should have thought of that. We made a mistake, and we should be criticized."

He said the BCS would discuss several options for tweaking the system, such as requiring a team to win its own conference to qualify for the national championship game.

Tranghese favors eliminating the computers altogether, perhaps keeping a scaled-back ranking system that incorporates the two major polls and the other factors already in place — strength of schedule, losses and quality wins.

"Get rid of the computers," he said. "I hate those things."

A committee — perhaps made up of representatives from the six conferences — could oversee the selection process. But no system is perfect, Tranghese stressed.

"We've not even found the ultimate problem," he said. "What if we have three undefeated teams? What if we have three teams with one loss, but none of them last at the end of the year?"

On top of everything else, the non-BCS conferences are pushing for a greater role, having been shut out of the lucrative system that started in 1998.

"We're trying to open the door wider," Tranghese said.

Texas Tech aims for No. 1

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Natalie Ritchie scored 19 points, and second-ranked Texas Tech defeated Pepperdine 95-53 Sunday in hopes of moving to the top spot in The Associated Press poll.

"One day after No. 1 Connecticut lost 66-67 to No. 4 Duke, the Lady Riders (14-0) put five players in double figures. Jamera Clark added 17 points, Jai Perkins 15 and Jolee Ayers-Curry and Alesha Robertson 10 apiece.

"Pepperdine (6-7) was led by Shandrika Lee with 15 points.

No. 5 Tennessee 66, Old Dominion 42

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Pat Summit moved past Mount St. Mary's coach Jim Phelan and into third place in career victories in

NCAA women's basketball

college basketball with 831. North Carolina's Dean Smith has 879 and Kentucky's Adolph Rupp 876.

No. 7 Purdue 76; Notre Dame 63

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Shereka Wright had 21 points and rebounds, and Purdue atoned for its first regular-season home loss in 38 games.

No. 10 Penn St. 64, No. 23 Michigan St. 62

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Jess Trogn made two free throws with 10.3 seconds left, rallying Penn State (9-3, 2-0 Big Ten) to victory.

No. 12 Georgia 92, South Florida 65

ATHENS, Ga. — Christ Thomas scored a season-high 24 points and pulled down 10 rebounds for Georgia.

No. 14 North Carolina 72, Clemson 47

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Leah Metcalf and Camille Little had 15 points apiece for North Carolina.

No. 16 Virginia Tech 64, Providence 34

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Kirby Copeland scored 12 points and Glenn Finemery added 11 in the 12th straight victory for Virginia Tech (12-0).

No. 17 LSU 78, Arizona 68

BATON ROUGE, La. — Seimone Augustus had 22 points, and Doneka Hodges hit four 3s and finished with 18 points for LSU.

Rutgers 56, No. 18 Ohio St. 53

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Cappie Pondexter scored the game's final seven points — including a decisive 3-point basket with 5.4 seconds remaining.

No. 21 Auburn 59, Monmouth 38

AUBURN, Ala. — LeCoe Willingham had 25 points and a career-high 18 rebounds to lead Auburn to its eighth straight win.



Texas Tech's LaToya Davis (41) goes up for a shot as Pepperdine's Jasmine Clarendon (24) defends during the first half Sunday in Lubbock, Texas.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

NBA

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Chicago	107	101
Cleveland	107	101
Dallas	107	101
Denver	107	101
Golden State	107	101
Houston	107	101
Indiana	107	101
Los Angeles	107	101
Memphis	107	101
Minnesota	107	101
Philadelphia	107	101
Pistons	107	101
Portland	107	101
San Antonio	107	101
Seattle	107	101
Utah	107	101
Washington	107	101

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NFL playoffs

Packers 33, Seahawks 27 OT

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OTHER VIEWS

Political mooring over outbreak can stop now

The Washington Post

Democratic presidential candidates lost no time tagging the Bush administration as soft on mad cow disease. Democratic front-runner Howard Dean announced that the discovery of an infected cow in Washington state "raises serious concerns about the ability of this administration to protect the safety of our nation's food supply." Sen. John F. Kerry, D-Mass., helpfully urged President Bush "for once not to listen to the demands of corporate America and act on behalf of the health and economic needs of all Americans."

All of this may be good politics for candidates who have to campaign in farm states such as Iowa. The trouble is that, at least at this stage, there is no particular reason to think that the regulatory systems designed to prevent an outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in this country didn't function as intended.

So far, anyway, the United States has seen exactly one infected cow. That case was detected because of routine testing of high-risk cattle; the cow in question couldn't walk. Moreover, the cow appears to have been imported from Canada and was likely born before the ban on using nervous-system tissue in cattle feed - the means by which the disease is believed to be transmitted - went into effect in both countries in 1997. What's more, because the nervous-system tissue was separated from the meat when the cow was slaughtered, there is no reason to think that even the meat recalled as a precaution was

dangerous to eat. In other words, a system designed to prevent the spread of the disease and identify cattle carrying it may well have done just that.

To be sure, America's preventive systems at this point could use some bolstering, and officials were right this week to take action.

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced that testing of high-risk cattle would be increased; right now only 20,000 cattle are tested a year out of about 40 million slaughtered.

Under the new rules, meat would be held until the results come back. Second, so-called "downer" cows, those that can't walk to the slaughterhouse, will no longer be used for meat. Tissue from the nervous systems of older animals will be declared unfit for human consumption. And the system for tracking cattle, which is critical to finding out what happened to the other cows raised with the infected one, will be improved as well.

All of these are prudent steps. They do not, however, mean that the government was necessarily being lax before. And the task now should not be apportioning blame among politicians. Treating the issue as a partisan one can actually contribute to consumer panic that - even in the absence of genuine danger - could cause serious economic hardship. Until there is real evidence that America's effort to prevent mad cow disease has failed, rather than having worked as planned, the better part of valor - even for presidential candidates - is to reserve judgment.

The wrong turn on Boise buses

The Idaho Statesman

What a way to win allies in the Legislature. Superintendent Stan Olson didn't do himself or the Boise School District any good when he called a busing reimbursement law "garbage legislation."

The district is already getting plenty of scrutiny because its busing costs are 48 percent higher than the state average. Some legislators are upset - although a bit more than they should be - because the Boise district is handing out hamburger coupons to get more kids on the bus.

Olson's "garbage legislation" remark makes a bad situation worse. Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, reacted pointedly: "I would never call anything that comes out of the Legislature 'garbage.'"

Bell is co-chairperson of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, which writes budgets for public schools.

She's a good ally to have, a bad enemy to make. We often use this space to

criticize legislation we consider, well, disposable. But this time, lawmakers are on the right track. They want districts such as Boise to rein in busing costs. As instead of paying 85 percent of all busing bills, the state is capping reimbursements. Their theory makes sense: any money saved on busing is money that can be spent in classrooms.

Boise is in danger of losing \$1 million, if it doesn't cut busing costs or get more of its 10,700 eligible students on the bus. Hence the burger coupon giveaway, and the continuing public dispute between Olson and lawmakers such as Bell.

Olson said he isn't looking for a fight with lawmakers, and isn't trying to create fodder for the media. He said he has problems with a law that was passed late in the 2003 session and "was not well thought-out."

As school superintendent in Idaho's capital city, Olson wants to play a lead role in lobbying the Legislature.

But he has undercut his own effectiveness in the debate over this new law.

Dems circle firing squad for Dean

While cattle farmers fret about "mad cow" disease, Democratic Party leaders wrestle with another sort of malady. Call it "Angry Howard Syndrome."

Its symptoms include a tendency by former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, the party's front-runner in polls and fund raising, to insult members and factions of his own party whose help he may very well need if he wins the party's presidential nomination.

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Dean's not the only one afflicted. "Angry Howard Syndrome" is contagious. It unleashes reactions in some of his rival presidential candidates, particularly Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, that President Bush's campaign could easily and gleefully use against Dean later, if Dean wins the nomination.

What's going on here? Put in its starkest terms, "Angry Howard Syndrome" is the latest manifestation of an ancient Democratic Party affliction, a divide between its sober pragmatists and its passionate idealists.

On one side, the party has its pragmatists, who want more than anything to beat the other party. Worry about the details of issues and ideas later. After all, the party's leading candidates agree on much more than they disagree, especially when compared to Team Bush. Even on the currently pivotal issue of foreign policy, Dean and his opponents all agree that they disagree with Bush's preemptive, go-it-alone approach.

But that's not always enough for the idealists, some of whom have told me they are less concerned with making a victory than with making a point - or two or three. Think of the idealists as being one step away from voting for Ralph Nader or Jesse Jackson; should the opportunity arise again.

Of course, Republicans have their pragmatic and idealist wings, too. But, since the Barry Goldwater disaster of 1964, Republicans have learned to temper their passions behind a public wall of unity and discipline, no matter how long their knives might be in private. Democrats, by



contrast, seem to relish the circular firing squad.

For example, even when John McCain was embroiled in a heated battle with Bush in the 2000 primaries, the Arizona senator never resorted to questioning Bush's electability. Lieberman, by contrast, changed a few days before New Year's Eve that Dean will "melt in a minute" under Republican attacks if he becomes the nominee.

He also said it was "outrageous" of Dean to suggest that Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe step in and shield him from growing criticism by his rivals, like Lieberman. Dean had cut into McAuliffe with snippets like, "If I had strong leadership in the Democratic Party..." and "If Ron Brown were chairman, this wouldn't be happening," referring to the late former DNC chairman.

Dean spoke with McAuliffe the next morning to clear the air, Dean spokespeople said. But attacks against "Washington Democrats" have been a standard Dean mantra on the campaign trail. While governors, including

candidate George W. Bush, often jab at Washington "insiders," Dean goes further, targeting his own party's insiders.

As Lieberman, Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri and Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts have pointed out, Dean has called members of Congress "cockroaches," party leaders "prostitutes," and the centrist Democratic Leadership Council "the Republican wing of the Democratic Party."

As one seasoned Washington Democratic insider said, Dean might want to consider the wisdom of an unspoken thought now and then. It would be more prudent, for example, for him to voice criticism of his party's leaders in, say, a cell phone conversation with them instead of public declarations.

Bill Clinton wisely warned against his party's self-destructive tendencies in an interview in the November issue of the liberal American Prospect: "I don't believe that either side should be saying, 'I'm a real Democrat and the other one's not,' or, 'I'm a winning Democrat and the other

one's not'... (These kinds of ad-hominem attacks... are dead-bang losers.)"

With the countdown ticking toward the first primaries and caucuses, leading Democrats need to hear Clinton's advice and heed it. Dean is far enough ahead in money and the polls to give serious thought to reaching beyond his impressive core of supporters. It is time for him to reassure everyone else.

And mainstream Democratic leaders need to stop dismissing the Dean crusade into the party's regular dismissed antiwar protesters in the late 1960s. Instead, party leaders should try to figure out what the Dean upsurge is about so they can harness its energy as smoothly as Clinton and Brown brought left-progressive and wary moderates together in 1992.

After all, if candidates cannot unify their own party, voters reasonably wonder how they are going to unify the country.

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Once upon a time: Reporters tell stories

When you were little, did your parents read you bedtime statistics?

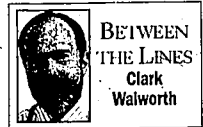
"Two-thirds of all U.S. porridge is served in improper textures, according to an investigation by a leading bear researcher."

No, they probably read you stories instead. Here at *The Times-News*, reporters are trying to get in touch with your inner child.

People instinctively like stories. Yet an awful lot of news consists of facts and statistics; this much money, this many votes, this schedule of events.

All of that information is important, and readers want to know. But readers also want to read a good yarn now and then. So one of our recent resolutions is to tell more stories in the paper.

Newspaper writing traditionally has used the "inverted pyramid" style. That means putting the most interesting information at the top, and then filling in the details in descending order



of importance. This kind of writing is efficient, but it's not always fun to read. That's why good journalists spice things up with techniques borrowed from fiction. *Times-News* reporters are aiming to do that more than ever in 2004.

Of course, newspaper stories can't always read like best-selling novels. A summary of school test scores probably can't be as dramatic as *The Sum of All Fears*.

Some stories come close, though. Of the 1,685 letters to the editor we published in 2003, one of my favorites was from John Pluntze of Ketchum. Pluntze

wrote in praise of our Christmas Day story about a Gooding firefighter's recovery from war wounds.

Like many readers, myself included, Pluntze felt inspired by the young man's courage and sacrifice. But the facts weren't all that impressed Pluntze. He also mentioned "the adroitly written article by Julie Pence."

That comment tells me our resolution is getting some results. Pence threw her heart into the soldier's story. A former English teacher, she employed fiction-writing techniques such as this physical description: "When Cpl. Benjamin Rodabaugh, 20, lifts up his shirt, an observer sees a leather, red scar running from above his sternum through his abdomen."

Few stories are as naturally spellbinding as Rodabaugh's recovery, but our writers are using storytelling techniques more and more often. You saw another example last week in Rebecca Meany's story about Frezza on

Skis. She began the tale with this tantalizing bit of narrative: "Luke Brown put on a pair of snow skis and squatted into position on the dock."

Our goal in 2004 is to write 20 percent of our front-page news with storytelling techniques. That works out to about one story per day.

We won't stop giving you the hard facts. But we'll weave some of those facts into stories that provide a human context.

If you watch carefully, you probably can spot our daily attempts. You can decide for yourself how well we're succeeding. Feel free to call or e-mail our reporters, to let them know what you think.

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

Politicians must stand up for Idaho's workers

News flash: Jobs are moving south of the border! How many times have we heard this headline in the past few years? Because of the free trade agreements that have been made, many businesses have moved down to Mexico to be able to

compete and to be able to improve their bottom line and, of course, pay their workers almost nothing.

Here is a news flash - jobs are moving into the Magic Valley. They are moving east from the great state of California. Draw cash grants, almost free land and buildings and favorable tax

advantages paid for by the residents. Wonderful news - you can pay your workers less and provide only the benefits you feel like and make the workers pay for the majority of the cost.

Why is that the growth that is being underwritten by tax dollars in the valley concentrating on the low-paying sector of industry? Why are we not going for the

companies that pay a living wage, not eight bucks an hour. Well, if you want this to change then, we have to speak up and let the powers that control this money know that the direction they are going in is not where we want them to go. It's time to work a little harder for the people of the valley.

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LETTERS

Celebrity persona will twist Jackson case

Insult on Hillary Clinton crossed the line

Regarding Mike Simmons' letter to the editor on Christmas day: Thank goodness for a man like Grant Uptain. He has proven that beauty is only skin deep but meanness is clear to the bone. I, too, felt that the letter Mr. Simmons wrote was inappropriate. It's very clear that he and the editorial staff at The Times-News are suffering from poor judgment and low self-esteem. Where is the common sense in all this? What kind of example are you setting for the children in your lives? SUE STROBEL Twin Falls

Learn the real motivation for Dean campaign

Happy New Year, everyone! As coordinator of Southern Idaho for Howard Dean, I'd like to share a passage from Dr. Dean's brochure, "Common Sense," a modern version of Thomas Paine's 1776 pamphlet that urged American patriots to rise up against King George III. "Only through the action of each of us, working together in common cause, can great change happen in America. A year ago, the Dean campaign ... hoped to talk about health care for all and a fiscal responsibility that would benefit everyone. But this campaign has grown above and beyond a discussion of the important issues that concern us. It has become a movement that is allowing the American people to reclaim their political process."

"We are not funded by a few large corporate interests giving millions but by millions of people giving a few dollars. We are relying on millions of Americans to get involved with this election by making phone calls, sending emails, writing letters, knocking on doors and voting ... No one is going to change America for you. You must participate to make it happen."

Fellow Idahoans, this is our choice in 2004. Do we give another term to an unelected president who has pursued a reckless foreign policy based on shoddy intelligence and who has run up a half-trillion-dollar deficit that Americans must ultimately pay? Do we say "yes" to four more years of government based on fear, division and radical right-wing ideology? Or can we come together as Americans with a positive, optimistic and humane vision of what we can be? I'm voting for the latter, which is why I'm volunteering for Howard Dean.

Don't believe the media caricature of Dean as "angry liberal." He was a hugely successful five-term governor who repeatedly balanced Vermont's budget (despite inheriting a \$65 million deficit); extended health-care coverage to nearly everyone, not via an expensive new bureaucracy but through expansion of existing programs; and worked well with legislators from across the political spectrum. He gets things done, he won't waste our money, and he will be a president for all Americans. If you'd like to learn more and maybe help our effort, I invite you to our next Dean Meet-Up, set for 7 p.m. Jan. 7 in the Community Room at KMVT. Come see a Dean DVD and learn what you can do. Together, we will take back our country on Nov. 2, 2004. JULIE FANSELOW Twin Falls

Tests for downer cows have proven effective

Much is being written and talked about these days regarding the single case of BSE, "mad cow disease," known to have gotten into the food supply in the state of Washington.

Having retired after 17 years of service as a veterinarian in the Food Safety Inspection Service, Meat Inspection Division, I feel I must respond to some of the statements made by House Speaker and cattle rancher Bruce Newcomb. "In a Dec. 30 story, Bruce says the practice of salvaging for human consumption a few dairy animals that can no longer walk,

or have high temperatures, or other symptoms of illness, should be stopped immediately. I would remind Bruce that the humane slaughter of downer animals under federal inspection has been done for many years. It may come as a surprise that not all downer cattle slaughtered have been dairy cows, many have also come from ranches.

A cow may be a downer for many reasons, including broken legs or hips, obturator paralysis as a result of difficult labor or other trauma. Each downer animal presented for slaughter must be examined before slaughter by a highly qualified and trained veterinarian to determine that the cause of being down is not disease. Absolutely no animal with a "high fever" is ever allowed to enter the slaughter facility but must be condemned ante mortem.

All downer animals are tagged as suspects before slaughter and must undergo another examination during and after slaughter to determine any signs of disease. Any bruises or damaged tissues must be completely removed from the carcasses and condemned. Only wholesome and normal parts of the carcass are passed for food. Furthermore, under federal inspection, no animal showing nervous symptoms of any kind is allowed into the plant for slaughter but is condemned ante mortem, tagged with an ear tag and destroyed under the supervision of a U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinarian.

There is a lot unknown about BSE, and there is also new knowledge being gained every day. Why does every politician need to weigh in with far-fetched opinions on every incident?

I have examined scores of "downers" at slaughter facilities. I have passed many for slaughter which have been salvaged for wholesome food. I have also condemned many which never reached the slaughter floor. I feel good about what I have done, and I have confidence in the system. Let it work! CHARLES LEHRMAN Buhl

Bias against gay marriage was offensive

In her Dec. 30 letter to the editor about marriage, Rondii Shockley wrote, "The bottom line is if you do not produce a child, there is no reason for you to enjoy the benefits of marriage."

Shockley is basically saying that no woman over the age of 45 should be allowed to be married. Such hatred is immoral and basely un-Christian (Shockley refers to God, so I am assuming she is Christian). Shout Joseph have been denied marriage to the virgin since he did not father her child?

Marriage in this country is a legal agreement between two consenting persons. There is no fine print about children. In any given religion, there might be specific opinions about the sacrament of marriage, but those opinions have nothing to do with the laws of this country and its states. Even the Christian sects disagree about whether or not to pressure couples to produce children.

This country was formed on the very notion of religious freedom; and that means that we are obligated to tolerate - if not respect - that others have different beliefs. This stops however at attempts to quell "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Shockley's hatred and attempt to stop others from enjoying the legal benefits of marriage is shameful.

No one pretends that sexism and racism are no longer issues in this country. There is still work to do. Homosexuals may have "made great strides," but that doesn't mean that they are now free from bias or even the real violence of "gay bashing." Fueling such fires is anything but moral. I love being married and I hope to soon see the day when my gay friends can enjoy the same legal status through our incredible country. DANIEL KANY Ketchum

The Michael Jackson case is the latest celebrity trial designed for public consumption - and the public's appetite has never been so ravenous. The recent "60 Minutes" interview with the pop star accused of child molestation just fed the beast.

Celebrity trials operate on their own set of rules. They give the public a glimpse into the lives of the rich and famous - lives where common fancies or fantasies are overindulged and assume monstrous proportions.

JONATHAN TURLEY

In California, the public has been fed an almost constant diet of celebrity cases involving sexual escapades and perversions great and small. The roster of celebrity defendants is a who's who of the Hollywood elite stretching over a century, including Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle, Errol Flynn, Charlie Chaplin, Roman Polanski, Hugh Grant, Charlie Sheen and many others.

Accusations of corrupting or abusing the young are particularly prominent in these scandals. Actress Joan Crawford had a public affair with an underage actor, Jackie Cooper. Chaplin had a well-known penchant for underage girls; he married girls who were 18, 17 and 16 years old.

A review of these cases reveals that the usual practices in criminal trials often do not apply when celebrities are involved. For example, in noncelebrity trials, the defense struggles to make the jury more sympathetic toward the defendant by emphasizing common habits and interests. But celebrity defendants often emphasize their wealth, hoping to establish the "motive of greed on the part of their accusers, claiming that the charges are fabrications by people trying to get rich quickly."

The defense in the Jackson case has already suggested that once access to Neverland Ranch ended for the alleged victim and his mother, they decided to try to



take part of the dream back through litigation.

Such corrupt motives have been central to past celebrity defenses. In Arbuckle's 1921 trial, the most famous silent-film star of the time was accused of brutally raping a showgirl, Virginia Rappe, who was found in a coma and later died. The public was obsessed with reports of the debauchery and indulgences of Arbuckle, the era's highest-paid actor.

Arbuckle's accuser was a self-professed friend of Rappe's, Maude Delmont, who insisted that Rappe implicated Arbuckle in her final words. In what should be a lesson for the Jackson prosecution team, the Arbuckle case showed that no prosecution is stronger than its witnesses. Arbuckle's defense team found a telegram from Delmont to two friends telling them that "we have Roscoe Arbuckle in a hole here. Chance to make some money out of him." The defense further showed that Rappe had lived what today would be called "the vida loca." This fed a common public reaction to celebrity trials. Although the public is often repulsed by the lifestyles of celebrities, harsh

judgment is cast upon their accusers, too. Victims and witnesses are often portrayed as motivated by money or fame - an accusation that proved correct regarding Delmont.

The Jackson team already has laid the foundation for a type of Arbuckle defense - stressing statements made by the boy and his mother that previously exonerated Jackson.

Sometimes, a celebrity's reputation can actually be an asset. Consider the case of Flynn. The swashbuckling actor was well known in Hollywood for his preference for underage girls.

The trial of Flynn for the statutory rape of two teenage girls electrified a war-weary public and liberated a sexy media. The evidence and Flynn's reputation were consistent with the testimony of the two alleged victims, Betty Hansen, 17, and Peggy LaRue Satterlee, 15. Flynn in many ways was saved by his reputation as a rake - a reputation that painted his alleged victims as willing participants. Flynn's lawyers hammered away at the girls' interest in Flynn and their alleged encouragement of

the encounters (despite the fact that consent is not a defense against statutory rape).

In one of the most savage moments, Flynn's attorneys revealed that Satterlee had had an affair before the alleged rape and later an abortion - a social stigma that all but destroyed her credibility for a jury in 1943. Adding insult to injury for these girls, "in like Flynn" became a popular expression after the trial for a man lucky with ladies.

For Jackson, this tactic may be brought to its most extreme form. The gender-bending, child-obsessed star may be seen as a walking warning to any cautious parent. How is the jury to view as a witness a mother who took her son for sleepwalkers with Jackson? Ultimately, a jury may have a hard time understanding a maternal motive for exposing her son to Jackson, but it can well understand a financial motive. In other words, Jackson's persona could prove to be not his downfall but his salvation in the context of a celebrity trial.

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Hatred for Bush coarsens American politics

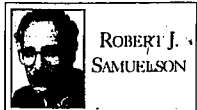
The political story of 2003 was, in some ways, the fashionability of "hate." It became reasonable not simply to disagree with George W. Bush or to dislike him and criticize him - but to go further and declare your everlasting hate for the man. This loathing of Bush from the left does not seem any more vicious (and perhaps less so) than the loathing of Bill Clinton from the right. But what is different is the willingness to call it "hated" and to have the label blessed by much of the press, which has concluded that Bush is different from other modern presidents.

Consider a recent Time cover story. Bush is "The Love Him, Hate Him President" who has "cleaved the nation into two tenaciously opposed camps even more than his predecessors." Sounds convincing, but it doesn't seem to be true.

Of course, many Americans oppose Bush on everything from taxes to Iraq. They feel that he sold the war dishonestly and find his personal mannerisms - his brittle language, his strutting - deeply offensive. Jonathan Chait, justifying Bush hatred in The New Republic, wrote: "Bush is a dullard lacking any moral constraints in pursuit of partisan gain, loyal to no principle save the comfort of the very rich, unburdened by any thoughtful consideration of the national interest."

But just because lots of people feel passionately about Bush doesn't mean the country is split into Bush lovers and haters. Many Americans are ambivalent, as they often are. Consider a Los Angeles Times survey in November (before Saddam's capture improved Bush's ratings): 40 percent liked the president and his policies; 6 percent liked his policies and disliked him; 28 percent liked him and disliked his policies; and 20 percent disliked him and his policies. Almost three-quarters liked the president or his policies.

Nor is it unusual for presidents to be vilified. Lyndon Johnson was detested for the Vietnam War. Even before Watergate, Richard Nixon was seen as a dishonest schemer ("tricky Dick"). Jimmy Carter was ridiculed as an incompetent who mismanaged the economy and foreign policy. Ronald



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

Reagan was depicted as a far-right fanatic intent on dismantling the New Deal. But none of these presidents inspired the "H word."

Indeed, among most Americans, Bush doesn't ask, we don't know how many Americans hated past presidents. But now the question is being asked, and the answers show that only a small minority - millions, to be sure - claim to hate Bush. One poll in December found that 3 percent did. Most Americans just don't see themselves as haters.

If "hate" were used loosely (as in, say, "kids hate spinach"), the word choice would be harmless. But people who claim to hate really mean it, and that's serious. It signifies that you've gone beyond to confusion, compromise or even dis-

some extent) coexistence. The differences are too basic to be bridged. Genuine political hatred is usually reserved for true tyrants, whose unseemly acts of brutality justify nothing less.

More than the language is butchered. Once disagreement turns into self-proclaimed hate, it becomes blinding. You can see only one truth, which is your villain's deceit or stupidity. This was true of Clinton haters, and it's increasingly true of Bush haters. A small army of pundits and talking heads has now devoted itself to one story: the sins of Bush, Cheney and their supporters. They ruined the economy with massive tax cuts and budget deficits; the Iraq War was an excuse for corporate profiteering; their arrogance alienated foreign allies.

All ambiguity vanishes. For example: the economy is now recovering, stimulated in part by huge budget deficits; and many traditional allies like having Bush as a political foil to excuse them from costly and unpopular commitments.

In the end, Bush hating says

more about the haters than the hated - and here, too, the parallels with Clinton are strong. This hatred embodies much fear and insecurity. The anti-Clinton fanatics hated him not simply because he occasionally lied, committed adultery or exhibited an air of intellectual superiority. What really infuriated them was that he kept succeeding - he won reelection, his approval ratings stayed high - and that diminished their standing. If Clinton was approved, they must be disappointed.

Disso for Bush. His fiercest detractors don't loathe him merely because they think he's mediocre, hypocritical and simplistic. What they truly resent is that his popularity suggests that the country might be more like him than it is like them. On one level, their embrace of hatred aims to make others share their outrage; but on another level, it's a self-indulgent declaration of moral superiority - something that makes them feel better about themselves. Either way, it represents another dreary chapter in the continuing coarsening of public discourse.

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WORLD

Boats resume search for bodies, debris

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt (AP) — Questions were raised Sunday about a charter airline's safety standards after one of its planes crashed into the Red Sea, killing 148 people.

Swiss authorities said they banned Flash Airlines 14 months ago after it flunked an inspection and an Italian passenger recalled a flight when an engine burst into flames. The head of the airline said the aircraft had been in good condition before the crash. Officials suspect mechanical failure.

"I am 100 percent sure that the plane was fit for flying," Mohamed Nour, chairman of Flash Airlines, told The Associated Press on Sunday. "Accidents happen. We are sorry for the losses of life but we shouldn't jump into speculation."

Search crews on military and civilian vessels continued efforts to recover bodies, the flight data recorder and the fuselage.

The extreme depth of the wreckage, believed to be resting in 2,500 feet of water, was hampering recovery, and only small plane pieces and body parts from the shark-infested waters near the resort had been found.

France dispatched three aircraft with 50 experts, a military surveillance plane, a naval frigate, 16 scuba divers and a robot submarine to help. Of the 148 passengers who died, there were 133 French tourists, a Japanese, a Moroccan and 13 Egyptian crew members.

French Deputy Foreign Minister Renaud Muselier told reporters there was nothing to suggest that terrorism was the cause of Saturday's crash of Flash Airlines Flight FSH604, which had just taken off from Sharm el-Sheikh on



French Deputy Foreign Minister Renaud Muselier, left, holds memorial flowers wrapped in a French flag before throwing them into the Red Sea at the crash scene of an Egyptian charter airplane off the resort city of Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, Sunday.

its way to Paris when it crashed.

French Transport Minister Gilles de Robien said indications suggest the plane suffered "simply a loss of power."

Egyptian officials have said preliminary information indicates the crash was caused by a mechanical

problem. Radar images showed the plane turned left as normal after takeoff, straightened out and then turned right before plunging into the sea.

Several tourists and witnesses interviewed by AP said they did not hear any explosions before

the crash. Egypt has said the Flash Airlines jet, an 11-year-old Boeing 737, had checked out fine before the flight.

Swiss officials said Sunday that technical problems forced them to ban the Egyptian company's planes from landing in Switzerland.

A series of safety shortcomings showed up in a plane of Flash Airlines during a routine security check at Zurich Airport in October 2002. Celestine Perissinotto, a spokeswoman for the Swiss Federal Office for Civil Aviation, told AP.

Egyptian Aviation Minister Ahmed Shafeeq called the Swiss charge "baseless." French Transport Minister Gilles de Robien also cast doubt on the claim, saying he understood "it was more for economic reasons that this company did not fly over Switzerland."

"I call for extreme caution with this type of announcement that adds emotion for families who certainly don't need it at the moment," the French minister said on Europe-1 radio.

Perissinotto said the Swiss report had been given to Egyptian civil aviation authorities. "Since then we have had no reaction," Perissinotto said.

Nour, Flash's chairman, confirmed the Swiss had stopped flights but said the airline made the necessary maintenance and was inspected again.

"After that we were allowed to fly again, with Swiss citizens on board," he said, adding that the airline made one more flight to Switzerland the next week, and then the contract ended.

Families across France mourn plane crash victims

PARIS (AP) — The Fouchard family, returning from vacation under the Egyptian sun, was all but wiped out, with 11 dead. The Normandy village of Formigny, meanwhile, lost its mayor, along with his wife and three children.

Across France, families and communities were mourning Sunday for the 133 French victims of Flash Airlines flight FSH604, which crashed off the Red Sea coast of Sharm el-Sheikh on Saturday, killing all 148 people on board.

In Egypt, French and Egyptians laid wreaths at the crash site and a flotilla of boats resumed searching Sunday for bodies and debris from the charter jet, believed to be under 2,500 feet of water. France dispatched a military maritime surveillance plane, a naval frigate, 16 scuba divers and a robot subma-

rine to help the recovery efforts. Search crews were also looking for the plane's "black box" flight recorders, which could help explain the crash. Egypt quickly ruled out terrorism, blaming mechanical failure.

Officials said the 11-year-old Boeing 737 jet checked out normally before the flight. It was one of two 737s operated by Flash, a private Cairo-based carrier that FSH604 said it banned from its airspace more than a year ago.

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charge "baseless." French Transport Minister Gilles de Robien also cast doubt on the claim, saying it only added to the pain of grieving families.

"I call for extreme caution with this type of announcement that adds emotion for families who certainly don't need it at the moment," the French minister said on Europe-1 radio.

Entire families perished, leaving loved ones, friends and neighbors struggling with loss.

The wife of Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin, Anne-Marie, as well as de Robien, the transport minister, and his junior minister attended a packed church service for the victims on Sunday evening at the famed Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris.

The dead came from across France — families, groups of

friends who escaped winter weather at home to bask in the Egyptian sun during the Christmas and New Year school vacation. Many were clients of FRAM, one of France's biggest tour operators, which said it had 125 passengers aboard the stricken flight.

From Talant, a town in eastern France, retired legal expert Philippe Fouchard and his wife Annie were killed along with two of their adult children, their spouses and five grandchildren, said a local priest, Father Jacques Bonnevalle.

"He took his children and his grandchildren to Sharm el-Sheikh to spend the Christmas holidays together," Bonnevalle told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "We're hit by the scale of this drama."

Sharon orders more settlements dismantled

WEST TAPUAH, West Bank (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Sunday ordered two more West Bank settlement outposts dismantled as required under a U.S.-backed peace plan.

Settlers held a ceremony at a third outpost, signaling they don't intend to give them up. Security officials, meanwhile, said the army has a plan for carrying out the orders.

Israel must dismantle scores of unauthorized outposts under the "road map" peace plan it signed in June.

Sharon ordered four other West Bank outposts dismantled last week, but settlers appealed to the Supreme Court. A decision was expected in the next few days.

If the court sides with the government, 3,500 soldiers and police officers will carry out the evictions, security officials said.

Settlers have said they will fiercely resist any effort to dismantle the outposts.

In the past, soldiers have had to drag settler families and supporters from outposts, but the heavily armed settlers have never fired on troops.

Hundreds of settlers gathered Sunday at the outpost of West Tapuah, where they brought a Jewish religious scroll into the synagogue in a ceremony symbolizing permanence. Some carried assault rifles and held signs saying "Kahane was right."

The outpost was established by followers of the late U.S.-born



Ariel Sharon

1990. Israel has banned his militant movement as racist.

Earlier Sunday, Sharon signed for the evacuation of two new outpost posts, Havat Maon and Ta' Binyamin. Havat Maon has been dismantled at least twice in the past and rebuilt.

Pinchas Wallerstein, a settler leader, promised stiff resistance. "We will fight in all the legal and political channels and battle on the ground against the evacuation of the outposts," Wallerstein said.

The outposts — often no more than a trailer and an Israeli flag perched on a barren West Bank hilltop — have angered Palestinians, who see them as seeds of future Jewish settlements on land they claim for a future state.

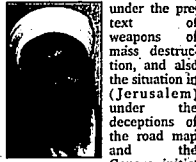
Sharon, a strong supporter of the settler movement, is under pressure from the United States to live up to his commitment to tear them down. But members of his Likud Party and other hard liners are deeply opposed.

Tape purportedly from bin Laden blasts peace efforts in the Mideast

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The Al-Jazeera satellite channel broadcast an audiotape Sunday purportedly from al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, in which he urged Muslims to continue fighting a holy war in Iraq and the Middle East rather than cooperate with peace efforts.

The speaker, who referred to recent events — including the December capture of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, called on Muslims to "continue the jihad to check the" conspiracies that are hatched against the Islamic nation. He said the U.S. led war against Iraq was the beginning of the "occupation" of Gulf states for their oil.

"My message is to incite you against the conspiracies, especially those uncovered by the occupation of the crusaders in Baghdad



Osama bin Laden

under the pretext of weapons destruction, and also the situation in (Jerusalem) under the deceptions of the road map and the Geneva initiative," the speaker said.

A Mideast peace plan dubbed the Geneva Accord was launched Dec. 1 by Israeli and Palestinian negotiators. The phrase "road map" refers to a U.S.-backed plan for a Palestinian state by 2005.

The tape's authenticity could not immediately be verified, although the voice on the tape resembled that of bin Laden.

Pro-American lawyer wins Georgia presidential election

TBILISI, Georgia — Backed by 86 percent of the vote, pro-American candidate Mikhail Saakashvili swept Georgia's presidential elections with his promise to clean up corruption in his country and keep it oriented to the West.

The aggressive 36-year-old Tbilisi lawyer swept the exit polls, trouncing five rivals in a race predicted to be an easy win. That gives him the mandate he needs to boot the corrupt administration he inherited from Eduard Shevardnadze, the man he helped depose by storming Parliament in November's "Rose Revolution."

It should also keep Georgia, a poor but strategic country in the Caucasus, in the U.S. camp.

The United States has long been interested in Georgia as a regional democratic foothold. It also wants a stable country through which Western oil companies can route their oil pipelines. And America has been hoping to see results for the millions of dollars in aid that has been spent to help reform the former Soviet republic of 5 million people.

"We have split forever from the past," Saakashvili told supporters at a victory rally at the Georgian State Philharmonic Hall.

Police arrest envoy's son, release him under immunity

WASHINGTON — The 18-year-old son of a Liberian diplomat was arrested Friday night on charges of carjacking and robbery and then released under diplomatic immunity, according to a Montgomery County, Md. police.

Police said in a news release that Thomas K. Kollie was arrested in connection with a carjacking in Silver Spring, Md. Police said about 13 people attacked three occupants of a car, took their vehicle and drove it into two cars parked in a parking lot.

Kollie, of Silver Spring, and two other teenagers were arrested in the incident, police said, but after consultation with the State Department, Kollie was released

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into the custody of his father, who is charge d'affaires of the Liberian Embassy in Washington. The embassy's Web site lists that official as Aaron B. Kollie.

In an interview Saturday night, Thomas Kollie denied involvement in the alleged carjacking. "I didn't have anything to do with this," he said.

Indian, Pakistani leaders meet at South Asia summit

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Indian and Pakistani leaders held their first direct talks on Sunday since nearly coming to war two years ago, infusing a major South Asian summit with hope that a half-century of venom between the uneasy neighbors might give way to rapprochement.

Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and his Pakistani counterpart met for about 30 minutes on the sidelines of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation gathering, trading in nuclear bravado for smiling photos and a pledge to maintain the momentum of their nations' most promising meetings in years.

"We must make a transition from mistrust, from discord to concord and from tension to peace," Vajpayee said earlier in a speech at the center where the conference is taking place.

"Mutual suspicions and petty rivalries have continued to hamper us," he said. "History can remind us, guide us, teach us or warn us. It should not shackle us."

Vajpayee was meeting separately today in an even more important face-to-face with President Gen. Pervez Musharraf. Pakistan's main press on the sidelines of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation leaders at a dinner on Sunday evening, and state television showed the leaders of the nuclear-armed neighbors shaking hands.

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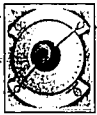
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Section B

The best game bar none - petanque

I discovered the perfect sport. You don't have to be in great shape to play it. You barely have to stand. You're thinking: golf. Wrong. Compared to the sport I'm talking about, golf is brutal, sometimes forcing you to physically walk 15 feet from your cart to your ball. Whereas the sport I'm talking about involves almost no walking, and in fact little movement of any kind, except for signaling the bartender. The most strenuous part of this sport is pronouncing its name: "petanque."

It's a French word, roughly pronounced "pog-TONK," but you have to get really nasal on the "TONK." The only people who can say it correctly are the French, who lift weights with their sinuses.



HUMOR
Dave Barry

Petanque was invented in 1907 near Marseille, at a bar. As far as I can tell, it is never played far from a bar. It's sort of like bocce, except it's played with steel balls, called "boules." You keep your feet together and throw your ball underhanded down, using a motion that I can only describe as "French." The object is to get your balls closer than your opponents' balls to another little ball, called the "point" ball. When a team has scored 13 points, it's time to go to the bar.

I saw petanque played in November on Miami Beach, near the pool bar of the Hotel Riu, which hosted the first-ever U.S. Open Petanque Tournament, sponsored by Barton & Guestier, which sells (surprise!) wine. The tournament was organized by Phil Fry Boets, who is the president of Petanque America (www.petanqueamerica.com) although he lives in France, and is, personally, Belgian.

Boets has tried for years to promote petanque in America, but has been hampered by factors (1) Americans have, inexplicably, failed to catch Petanque Fever, and (2) the French, being French, don't care. Nevertheless, Boets has a positive, upbeat attitude. I interviewed him at the bar.

"How does a player qualify to compete in the U.S. Open?" I asked. "You pay 15 bucks," he said. Boets noted that this is an excellent time for Americans to take up petanque, because you immediately have a shot at becoming one of the top players in the nation. You could hang out with the elite, and be very impressed. ("You play what? Is there something wrong with your sinuses?")

There were 40 teams in the U.S. Open, consisting of 80 players, representing a wide range of ages and genders. They played on a flat beach, watched by an appreciative crowd that ranged, at times, up to five spectators. Before play began, the competitors were briefed by the head official, Louis Toulon.

"If the small ball touch the wood, is no good," he said. "We try to have two games this morning before lunch."

Also on hand at the U.S. Open was Marco Foyot (www.marcofoyot-official.com). He's a large, shaggy, surfer-dude-looking Frenchman who has won many petanque honors, including the world championship. He is called "the Michael Jordan of petanque," primarily by himself. In fact, as far as I could tell, the only thing he can say in English is: "I am the Michael Jordan of petanque."

He was amazed to witness a petanque tournament on Miami Beach. At one point he made a sweeping arm gesture encompassing the players, the ocean, the Miami Beach police cruiser parked there in case of, I don't know, a riot by the five spectators, and said: "Yes? Huzzah!"

After a while Marco gave me a little petanque lesson, and for the record: He is really, really good at it. Wherever you are right now, reading this article, Marco could throw a steel ball underhanded from wherever he is and hit you on the head. We both realized that, if we had played an actual game, he would have creamed me.

So we went to the bar.
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Dancing t'ai chi



Serge Azzolini demonstrates the art of T'ai Chi Ch'uan at the Twin Falls Public Library recently. Azzolini is teaching a class on T'ai Chi Ch'uan and Qi Gong for the College of Southern Idaho Community Education program.

Modern practitioners bust stress, improve health with martial arts

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Nearly 40 years ago, Serge Azzolini met a man who changed his life.

Azzolini was a Marine assigned to a Montagnard village in the Central Highlands of what was then South Vietnam.

"I had studied karate and aikido, but I met a Montagnard who introduced me to t'ai chi," said Azzolini, now 68.

After a couple of more tours in Vietnam, he left the military for job in the aerospace industry, where he spent 22 years.

"When I retired, my health was poor," Azzolini said. "I hadn't practiced t'ai chi for years, and my blood pressure was sky high. But I went back to it, my blood pressure is back down to a healthy level and I'm feeling the best I've felt in years."

Now Azzolini will teach a

College of Southern Idaho Community Education class on the discipline. It starts Jan. 20.

"My hope is to get more college-aged people and young adults involved," he said. "It would be great if we could have a group of people doing t'ai chi in City Park every morning."

T'ai chi is best known to most Americans from photographs and news video - a stylized, panmimic-like exercise done by large groups of Chinese.

But it's actually a martial art - although no blows are struck - related to kung fu.

"It was originally developed to train warriors to use intrinsic internal vital energies called chi, shen, and chin," Azzolini explained. "Practitioners of t'ai chi chuan and qi gong have learned to use these vital energies for health benefits instead of overcoming opponents."

It uses flowing, rhythmic

movements, with carefully choreographed stances.

"What does all that mean to you?"

"It's a wonderful way to reduce stress, improve circulation and help concentration," Azzolini said. "In the class, we will practice at the foundation level with safe and gentle exercises that don't require strength, speed - or high impact."

In the "I Ching," the ancient Chinese philosophical text in which the concept is first mentioned, t'ai chi is the source and unity of the two primary aspects

of the cosmos: yang (active) and yin (passive).

The chi in Chinese philosophy is the ethereal substance of which everything is composed. T'ai chi seeks to focus and channel that force.

"It's learning a set of skills, but it's also a process you can learn for a lifetime," he said.

One of Azzolini's students, an 85-year-old woman, couldn't stand on one foot when she began t'ai chi instruction a few months ago. Now her mobility, and range of motion have improved

dramatically, he said. "It has real benefits for senior citizens, in terms of improving their health and physical well-being," he said. "But most people will benefit from it."

There have been many schools of t'ai chi; Azzolini practices a form called the Yang. The forms are named for the image created by their execution, such as "White stork displays its wings." All start from one of three stances: weight forward, weight on rear foot or oblique.

"The Taoism in which t'ai chi is rooted is a philosophy, not a religion, Azzolini emphasizes. "T'ai chi is often done in groups because the greater the number of people, the stronger the chi," he said.

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Sounds like fun
The College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center will present a t'ai chi and qi gong class, to be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Jan. 20 through May 27, from 7-8 p.m., in Room 202 of the Shields Building on the CSI campus in Twin Falls. Registration is \$120. For more information, call 732-6288 or 732-6290.

Serge Azzolini, who will teach the Community Education class, also offers t'ai chi instruction through Success Martial Arts. Call 733-8910 for more information.

Cool by design

Thinking up kids' fashions for Old Navy

The Washington Post

Hey shoppers: Did you see the pink velveteen cargo pants at Old Navy? David Fox and his team dreamed those up. How about the fleece jacket with a camouflage insert? Yep, Fox and company.

Attitude
Some fashion designers create \$10,000 gowns for movie stars. And some, like Fox, are in charge of thinking up outfits for the rest of us. Fox, 36, heads the kids' design department at Old Navy. In this job, he oversees the creation of hundreds of items for kids 5 to 16. The Post talked to him about his cool job.

How do you get all this done?

"In kids' I have almost 30 people. Everybody has a specialty. There's a designer that just does jeans. There's a designer that just does outerwear. Others that just do boys' skate, like skater jeans. There's others that just do dresses for girls."

How do you get your ideas?

"We shop. We shop all over the world. We get to go to Tokyo, to London, to Paris, to Los Angeles. And since we live in New York, which is a fashion capital, we shop New York."

"I walk down the street and look at what everyone is wearing in the different cities. I would stop the person and ask the person if I could take a picture. Or I would draw it. Or if it was something in a store, I would buy it. I usually buy it."

"We look at mostly teens for of kids' clothes for Old Navy in his New York. Please see DESIGNER Page B2 office."



David Fox oversees the creation of hundreds of kids' clothes for Old Navy in his New York.

Knitters of all ages take on challenging projects

It seems fitting to bow out of 2003 with a special tribute to knitting, a relaxing pastime that has gained significant momentum this year.

The simple scarf, in a variety of colors and textures, is the fashion accessory of the season.

Scarf knitters are seen at meetings, in waiting rooms and in front of TVs, eager to finish that warm hug around the neck.

Free scarf patterns, by the way, are available on several Web sites, such as www.berroco.com and www.lionbrand.com.

Now many beginners are making the leap from scarves to tank tops, vests and easy sweaters, learning to master armholes and neck shaping.

Yarn shops in Detroit and the suburbs offer classes for all ages. Hats, throws, shawls and socks are also knitting.

Who is knitting?
Still in the spotlight are the



SEWING
Barbara Gash

media stars who seem to combine a kind of Zen relaxation along with a creative outlet, making their own hip fashion statement.

But it's the younger generation that is really driving the trend.

At Groves High School in Birmingham, Mich., for instance, there's a Knitting Guild that meets weekly for students to learn new skills and socialize.

Older knitters are teaching grandchildren, with books, groups and classes lending support.

For many knitters, a visit to a
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HEALTH & FASHION

Stress weakens resistance to illness

The Washington Post

Scientists are gaining new insights into the role of temperament in making some people vulnerable to physical disease through studies exploring how stress influences the immune system, weakening disease-fighting cells and creating fertile environments for pathogens.

In this month, a carefully done study showed that shy men have much less resistance to the AIDS virus than extroverted men and benefit far less from treatment with antiretroviral drugs. It is the first study to demonstrate through laboratory tests a connection between being introverted and course of AIDS in individuals, researchers said.

Such studies are sketching in the details behind the growing awareness that the workings of the body and mind cannot be neatly compartmentalized into the departments and disciplines taught in medical school.

Although the connection between emotion and disease has long been suspected—physicians as early as the 2nd century A.D.

observed a link between "melancholy" and physical illness—researchers are finally pinpointing networks of biological systems that connect temperament with the progression of illness. Cascades of complex chemical signals flow through pathways from the brain to the body and back, often triggering "fight or flight" responses in the short term but decreasing resistance to illness in the long run.

The consequences can be dramatic. In the new study, HIV-infected men who were introverted, reserved and kept to themselves had nearly eight times as many viral particles in their blood compared with outgoing men. After treatment with antiretroviral drugs for as many as 18 months, the viral load among extroverted men fell 162 fold.

Among shy men, the drop was only 20 fold, said lead author Steve Cole at the AIDS Institute of the University of California at Los Angeles.

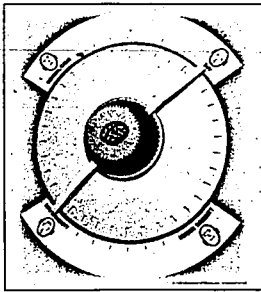
"There is a link between psychological profile and poorer response to HIV, and maybe even a number of other viral diseases," agreed Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the federal

government's lead research center in the fight against AIDS.

Other research has shown similar connections between mental disorders such as depression and AIDS, osteoporosis, even cancer. A study of 5,000 people with depression showed they had twice the risk of developing cancer compared with people without the mental disorder, said David Spiegel, a professor of psychiatry at Stanford University School of Medicine. And Philip Gold, chief of the clinical neuroendocrinology branch at the National Institute of Mental Health, found that premenopausal women who were depressed had a higher rate of bone loss and a two- to three-fold higher risk of osteoporosis compared with other women.

The UCLA study, published in the journal Biological Psychiatry, has offered important clues into the physiological pathways through which stress influences the body, which could suggest targets for treatment to combat its effects.

"People who have the shy, sensi-



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temperament seem to be more prone to having sympathetic nervous system responses," Cole said in an interview, referring to the part of the nervous system that causes accelerated heart rate and other unconscious changes. "They are more stressed by lots of things, including contact with unfamiliar people."

Public class will discuss diabetes and foot care

To do for you

A free community education class, foot care and diabetes, will be offered from noon to 2 p.m. today in the lower level conference room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

The class will include information on foot care to prevent diabetes complications. Free foot exams will be provided. Preregistration is required. To register, call 737-2166.

Weight loss support

New Beginnings of Magic Valley, a weight loss surgery support group, will meet from 7-9 p.m. today in the doctors' meeting room on the lower level floor at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The meeting is for those interested in learning more information about weight loss surgery or for patients who have undergone the surgery. For more information, call Gale Carlock at 733-4407.

Weight loss class

An adult weight loss class will be offered in a 10-week session from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning this Wednesday, in the lower level conference room at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

Instructor will be Heather Shaw, registered and licensed dietitian and certified adult weight loss consultant. Cost is \$50. Preregistration is required. To register, call 737-2166.

About back injuries

Back-School, an education course on preventing and treating back injuries, will be held from 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Wednesday and Feb. 4 and March 3, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Rehabilitation Services, 560 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class will include information on the basic anatomy of the spine, common injuries and disease that lead to back pain, and

instructions in posture and body mechanics to protect the spine and prevent injury.

Participants will be provided with written materials. The class is offered on-site at local businesses if desired.

Cost is \$25. To register, call Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Physical Therapy Department at 737-2126.

About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Thursday through Feb. 5, in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include classroom instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and newborn. This will include breastfeeding and bottle-feeding, along with a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$50. Preregistration is required, call 737-2901.

CPR class

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 4-8 p.m. Jan. 13 in the doctors' meeting room on the lower level floor at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants.

The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice. Cost is \$25. Preregistration is required, call 737-2007.

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

Spray on nylons

Knight Ridder News Service

In the summer of 2003, Americans headed for salons to have their bodies sprayed with tanning oils so that their legs had a smooth, even tan color. But a better idea may be coming soon. Make way for spray-on hosiery.

According to The New York Times Magazine, a Tokyo company, Nisun Medico, has developed silk-like stockings in an aerosol can last February. It is not yet available in the United States, but so far about a million cans at \$15 each have sold in Japan.

Each can holds 10 to 15 days' worth of stockings. It doesn't come in fishnet pattern, but it is available in terra cotta, bronze and natural. And it washes off with soap and water.

Designer

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inspiration... or things we look up to in music or in movies or in other (fashion) labels."

How does an item go from being a picture in your mind to reality? "They're all drawn by hand. We call them flat sketches and we are actually looking at a black-and-white sketch, just like an architect would do of a building.

"It goes into pattern-making, then we pick fabric and trim, and we put together a package... and then it gets sent off to a factory... A sample is made and it gets checked. It's a long process. It takes about nine months from when we first have the idea till when it hits the store. So right now we're working on fall 2004."

What's popular now? "For kids, surf denim. This means skateboard jeans for boys. They're baggy, and for labels, dark washes. And for girls, miniskirts. You know what's a big hit—leeches."

How do you deal with the problem of kids wanting one thing and parents another? "We are a family company, so it has to work for everybody. We call it 'the compromise'... It's pretty much looking at where the cutoff is for when Mom buys your clothes and when you buy your own, which is 11, 12, 13. Thirteen really... You might not be able to show your bellybutton, but you still can look cool."

Do you ever design a dud? "I've thought: lime green was going to be really a cool color, and when we got the samples... we were wrong. But luckily it never made it to the stores, so no one knew."

Did you have any favorite outfits when you were a kid? "In third grade I had a purple velvet suit. It was my favorite. I wore it to show and tell every Wednesday. We're talking about the 1970s, so purple velvet was OK."

Do you ever see kids wearing your clothes? "All the time. You feel proud when you see people wearing something that you designed... when you know you can help make a difference in how people dress, look better, and have fun and not take it seriously."

Overweight doctors tackle weighty issue

Los Angeles Times

At nearly 6 feet and 286 pounds, Dr. Michael Fleming recently began thinking about what it meant to be handing out advice about diet and exercise when he wasn't practicing what he preached.

Fleming, whose family history is rife with heart attacks and obesity, was about to become president of the American Academy of Family Physicians—a group that was launching a 10-year national fitness initiative. He'd long chafed at the jokes made by friends who said they'd become his patients because he wasn't one to talk about slimming down. But then something his rail-thin wife said about their four grandchildren made him think it was time to get off his duff.

She asked, "Do you want to be around to watch them grow up?" At that point, Fleming, 53, of Shreveport, La., realized that he had to take charge of his health. At the same time, as the academy's incoming president, he could set an example for fellow physicians and patients.

In August, Fleming resolved to give up his carbohydrate-loving ways and get back to exercise, something he hadn't done since high school athletics, where the thinking was "big guys are good."

On Sept. 30, at the academy's annual meeting, a few days before he assumed its presidency, he challenged his colleagues to follow his lead. He encouraged them to buy pedometers to help attain a federal goal of 10,000 steps a day, to monitor their weight and to live a healthier life.

Dr. Robert Pally, a family physician in Hillsborough, N.J., and chairman of the academy's new Americans in Motion program, said the first step toward improving the nation's health is to get family doctors "to walk the talk." That gives them credibility.

"The thought was, if we can work on getting members of our specialty fit, we'll have a better shot at convincing the patients," he said. Doctors still command respect, so if patients see physicians committing to fitness, "they're more prone to believe there's something to it" and more open to making helpful behavioral changes.

Since late August, Fleming has peeled off 17 pounds. He fights to keep his pants up, and his suits need altering. Patients tell him they see the changes. Some are asking for help with their weight struggles. They've told him: "If you can do it, I can do it."

Fleming still remembers the hypocrisy decades ago of a doctor

Knitting

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yarn store is a visual and tactile treat. They love the glorious display of colors and textures.

A Basketful of Yarn in Clarkston, Mich., recently printed some ways to know if you're a knitholic:

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G. Adrian Dean, M.D. Q. We just found out that Gramps has Parkinsonism. Is that related to dementia or will it make his mild dementia worse?

A. The primary signs and symptoms of Parkinsonism are a resting tremor that goes away with movement, worsens with stress and stops when he is asleep. Slowness of movement and lack of spontaneous movement are prominent. Loss of arm swing, shuffling steps and stooped posture are common. Dementia may or may not be present and is not made worse by the Parkinsonism. About one third of patients eventually develop dementia. But the treatment for Parkinsonism, which may be very helpful, can make the dementia worse and even bring on hallucinations and delusions that are extremely frightening to the patient and the family. Should this happen, his doctor may need to get consultation from a specialist in the use of medications needed to stop the hallucinations and delusions so the Parkinsonism therapy can continue without these disturbances.

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Diet causes few cases of mad cow disease

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press writer

Since the latest mad cow disease scare hit the headlines, the calls have been coming in to the Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation: My loved one died of CJD, people say. Could it have been something he ate?

The news is full of concern that people can develop the brain disease by eating food products from cattle with mad cow disease.

But that's not what causes most cases of CJD.

Only about 150 cases of the human disease linked to mad cow, known as "variant" CJD, have been counted worldwide since it was first formally described in 1996. (The vast majority of those cases are in the United Kingdom.) But every year, about 250 people in the United States alone are diagnosed with classic CJD, a disease known for 80 years.

Though both forms of CJD are rare and always fatal, they do differ in several ways: in the age of their victims, the speed in which they kill, and the initial symptoms.

The cause of classic CJD is unknown 85 percent of the time. The remaining cases are either caused by inheriting a genetic mutation or acquired through medical procedures that used contaminated equipment or tissues.

Florence Krantz, executive director of the CJD foundation, said she tells inquiring families that CJD in older people is generally not linked to mad cow disease. In fact, the age difference between classic and variant CJD is striking, said Dr. Ermias Belay, a medical epidemiologist

at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The classic version typically strikes people in their 60s and 70s, half the rates seen in people aged 65. The variant kind is a young person's disease, with half its victims dying by age 28.

Symptoms also tend to play out differently in the two kinds of disease. In variant CJD, the early symptoms tend to be mostly psychiatric problems, like depression, withdrawal and anxiety, and patients often complain of pain or numbness or a pins-and-needles sensation. In classic CJD, early symptoms are usually neurologic, like trouble standing or walking properly, involuntary jerking and speech abnormalities, along with an erosion of mental abilities.

Eventually, patients become unable to move or speak and they typically enter a coma before death.

One other difference is that classic CJD kills much faster. The variant form takes about 14 months from the first symptoms to kill half its victims. The classic form takes just six months, and it kills about 90 percent within a year.

"It's a dreadful disease," in part, because one can see the loss of mental abilities "almost from day to day," said Dr. Richard Johnson of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

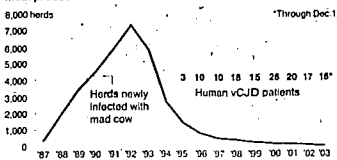
Johnson recalled an acquaintance with the disease. One Sunday, the man noticed his tennis backhand was "off." Within weeks, he was having trouble doing his work. A few weeks later, he could not remember his children's names. A few weeks after that, he could no longer recognize his wife.

Proximity of diseases fuels fear

Scientists believe that people were infected with "variant" Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease or vCJD from eating the product of cattle contaminated with mad cow. All but ten of the 153 vCJD patients ate beef in the United Kingdom during the outbreak of mad cow between 1980 and 1996.

Mad cow and vCJD in the United Kingdom

From 1995 to 2003 there were 143 cases of vCJD in the United Kingdom and ten cases in the rest of the world. Scientists believe that vCJD develops years after the consumption of contaminated meat products.



Countries with more than 20 cases of mad cow disease

From 1989 to 2002 there were 160,231 cases of mad cow in the United Kingdom and 4,477 cases in other countries.

Country	Cases
IRELAND	1,325
UNITED KINGDOM	160,231
BELGIUM	121
FRANCE	849
PORTUGAL	845
SPAIN	368
NETHERLANDS	70
GERMANY	296
SWITZERLAND	451
ITALY	88

SOURCES: National Center for Infectious Diseases; Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation Inc.; United Kingdom, Department of Health

New cold remedies range from capsules to berries

The Baltimore Sun

Scientists may never cure the flu or the common cold, but relief is closer than you think.

As the winter cold and flu season approaches, new remedies and spins on old favorites promise comfort and convenience in products ranging from a nasal vaccine and neti pots to elderberry and chicken soup.

And despite the dizzying number of products already on the market, each year manufacturers develop more new remedies, said Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, a University of Maryland School of Pharmacy associate professor.

"It's easy to get confused," Rodriguez de Bittner said. "There are more than 100,000 over-the-counter drugs out there." And that doesn't count the many alternative and natural products available.

New this year is a needleless flu vaccine approved by the Federal Drug Administration last June. FluMist, a nasal spray that contains a weakened live virus, is available for people age 5 to 49. The \$60 price tag is not covered by insurance.

The vaccine appears to be effective against influenza, according to University of Maryland pediatrics professor James King, who helped test the vaccine, which was developed by MedImmune Inc., a Gaithersburg, Md.-based company.

The best part may be that FluMist causes no tears. "Maybe kids squinch up their noses a bit, but that's it," King said.

King also recommends sticking with time-tested flu fighters, such as pain relievers (other than aspirin, to avoid the risk of Reye's Syndrome) to knock out fever, and drinking plenty of fluids.

"You can take therapies like Alka-Seltzer Cold and Flu, but it's probably a little more helpful and a lot cheaper to just take acetaminophen," he said.

Yiener recently streamlined an old product and gave it a new twist: It packaged its separate day and night cold medicine formulas in a single, sun- and moon-themed "convenience" pack.

And Robitussin found a new way to make its medicine go down easier: CoughGels - soft capsules taken without water - are said to tame coughs for up to eight hours. A bottle of 20 sells for about \$6.

Kiss My Face, an organic beauty company, has just introduced a line of flu products, including Cold & Flu Room Spray (\$9) and Cold & Flu Bath Foam (\$9) with essential oils of eucalyptus and fennel.

In January, spa-products giant Bath & Body Works plans to add new aromatherapy remedies that go beyond the company's standard bubble bath and hand lotions. The new products, including a eucalyptus chest rub, are designed to combat cold and flu sufferers.

"Customers are telling us we need to have aromatherapy," spokeswoman Barbara Jorgensen said.

For a natural healing approach, naturopath Paul Faust of Towson, Md., recommends elderberry elixirs. He said the berries contain a flavonoid, or plant substance, called quercetin, which appears to inhibit the influenza virus and may shorten an infection.

Sambucus, a popular brand of elderberry elixir, as well as other elderberry syrups, can be found at most health food and online drug stores for about \$4 a bottle.

Nicola now makes Vitamin C drops - another therapy Faust recommends - with elderberry extract. Each of the tart lozenges cost about \$1.50 at most drug stores.

New tests could determine heart disease risk

Los Angeles Times

For years, cholesterol testing has been the gold-standard for assessing your risk of coronary artery disease. Now, other blood tests are being promoted as good risk predictors and many people are wondering if they need those too.

There's no single answer. If you are younger than 40 and healthy, you probably don't need the tests. "If you're older and have been diagnosed with heart disease risk, you should already be taking measures to avoid a heart attack; the latest tests are unlikely to change your treatment. The new tests may be worthwhile if you are middle-aged with normal cholesterol levels but have other reasons for concern, such as a family history of early heart attack, or if you're diabetic

or having cardiac symptoms, such as chest pain.

"Tests are constantly being developed as doctors identify new substances, that can be used to diagnose and treat coronary artery disease, the nation's No. 1 killer. You may have heard reports about measuring homocysteine, C-reactive protein and very low-density lipoproteins, or VLDL. Earlier this month, the Food and Drug Administration approved the test for triglycerides, another fat considered another independent risk factor.

But some cardiologists caution that doctors have little experience with it, and a single test can't paint the full picture of risk.

The FLAC test provides a "tiny bit of incremental information" to be considered along with a physical

exam, health history and full risk assessment, said Dr. C. Noel Bairey Merz, medical director of the preventive cardiac center at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

If you're older than 40, or younger with significant cardiac risk factors, your doctor should order a blood lipid panel. This group of tests measures cholesterol, the waxy substance that's part of artery-clogging plaque as well as triglycerides, another fat associated with atherosclerosis. It measures your total cholesterol, your high-density lipoprotein, or HDL, or "good" cholesterol, and your low-density lipoprotein, or LDL, or "bad" cholesterol.

Doctors sometimes order detailed tests of lipoproteins, particles that carry cholesterol around

the blood. These may include measures of VLDL and lipoprotein(a), both associated with greater likelihood of narrowed arteries and heart attack. Most important are your levels of LDL cholesterol, which contribute to artery-clogging, and HDL cholesterol, which scrubs bad cholesterol from arteries. But even with high LDL, the key indicator of heart disease risk, studies have shown that one-third to one-half of heart attacks occur in people with normal LDL.

Blood tests provide one assessment of cardiac risk, but it's also determined by family history and factors controllable by lifestyle changes and drugs. Factors include smoking, obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes and lack of exercise.

Pint-sized people need smaller portions

The Washington Post

Let your kids dish out their own food. In this world of supersized portions, it may help them eat more healthfully.

That's the take-home message from a series of studies of preschoolers led by scientists from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

To help counter the trend toward oversized kids, nutrition experts and behavioral scientists are looking for better ways to get children started early on healthy eating. (And it's not just preschoolers who are targets: The USDA and the National Cancer Institute have teamed together on a \$6 million pilot program designed to boost consumption of fruit and vegetables in schools in four states and on an Indian reservation.)

In the latest research, groups of

children aged 3 to 5 were offered different portions of macaroni and cheese to see what effect size had on how much they ate. At one test lunch, children were served a portion that experts considered appropriate for their age. At another, the youngsters were served twice as much. And in a third, they were given a bowl that contained a double-sized portion and instructed to scoop what they wanted onto their plate - and they were allowed to come back for seconds.

No need to bore you with details of the study, but suffice it to say that the scientists took steps to avoid biases, such as scrambling the order in which the children were offered the different lunches and standardizing the time they had to eat (20 minutes) and what other foods were included with the lunch (sugar cookies, applesauce, carrots and milk).

The results, published in last month's American Journal of

Children Nutrition: Children ate 25 percent more macaroni and cheese when they were served more - a finding consistent with previous research.

What surprised the researchers was how the children consumed more. Served the double portion, the participants "increased the size of their bites, but not the number of bites," said Jennifer Fisher, assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor and lead author of the study. However, they didn't eat less (or more) of the other foods offered at the same meal, the study found. "They just ate more macaroni and cheese," Fisher said. And when allowed to serve themselves from the double-size bowl, the participants ate about 25 percent less than when the larger portion was placed on their plates.

The findings suggest, Fisher said, that the amount of food piled on our plates provides visual cues that determine how much food is eaten.

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Estate plan. Reread the provisions you've made in your will or trust instrument. Births, deaths, marriages, divorces, remarriages and changing fortunes will almost certainly throw things out of kilter.

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DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

gives up precious time with their own families and friends in order to make life easier for the rest of us.

Abby, thanks for printing this. I want all these generous people to know how appreciated they are, especially at holiday time. Bless you one and all.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Phil," and I lost a child two years ago on Christmas Eve. Before that Phil was always affectionate. Now he hardly shows his emotions at all, and doesn't tell me he loves me as often as he used to.

I love my husband with all my heart and want things the way they used to be. I think he is still hurting, but he refuses to get help.

What should I do? Please help me.

DEAR ABBY: I really need some help. When I was 15, my half-brother raped me. I am now almost 40. I want nothing to do with him, and I don't want him around my kids.

Abby, my half-brother keeps trying to call me. How can I make him leave alone without anyone knowing what happened?

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DEAR LOVING: It's clear that your husband is still grieving and has not been able to move on as quickly as you have. Since he refuses to go to grief counseling, go without him.

It may help you to understand that grief is an individual process, and perhaps it will better enable you to help him through it.

Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss.

Please stop protecting him with your silence. Contact a rape crisis hotline.

It is long overdue and you can still benefit from post-traumatic stress counseling. You have no reason to be embarrassed or to keep this a secret. A rape victim is never at fault.

You can also install caller ID on your telephone and block his calls to stop the harassment. If that fails, talk to your lawyer about a restraining order.

And let's not forget the emergency medical workers who are always there for childhood emergencies, all too often in the middle of the night or on holidays. Thanks, too, to the pharmacists who fill prescriptions when the establishments around them are closed.

I am grateful to everyone who

- GRATEFUL

DEAR GRATEFUL: Thank you for an uplifting letter. Counting our blessings is a wonderful way to start a new year, and you have mentioned only a few of our unsung heroes. Add to that our police, our firefighters, our brave you; men and women in the military, and caregivers everywhere. They, too, are unsung heroes.

If you've reached 400 rabbits, you're dead drunk

The Aztecs measured drunkenness in "rabbits." Convivial at 15 rabbits. At 400 rabbits, unconscious.



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

Item No. 7319C in our Love and War man's files is the word "lovelaps." Psychologists say it's a noun to categorize whatever arouses a person sexually. Or pushes a person into certain patterns of sexual behavior. Or makes a person fall in love. They say further your "lovelaps" are fairly well set by age 8.

Was "Texarkana" overmated? "Tex" and "ark" are okay. But the "ana" therein alludes to Louisiana, over thatway.

Q. Where did Jesse James' brother Frank go after his gun-toting days?

A. To work in a dry goods store in Paris, Texas.

Nobody knows why squid are called that.

Among all the American women who wear bras - that's a passel, what? - about one in 20 wears a size labeled "DD-plus." Or so report the researchers.

St. Stephen's Bell is what Big Ben was called originally. But newspaper writers nicknamed it, as you know, in honor of London's commissioner of works Sir

Benjamin Hall. Such is press power. The civic celebrity beats out the saint.

You know people with "acrophobia" when on high buildings are afraid to look down. There's an opposite. Some people in the street are afraid to look up at high buildings, and what they have is called "anablephobia."

The Antarctic sea spider is different. Its internal organs are in its legs.

Ferdinand Magellan looked at the tall natives on the southern

most tip of the New World and called them "Big Feet." In his language, that was "patagones." Whence, "Patagonia."

An incredible historical footnote, this: "Some 19th century ladies had their lowest ribs removed surgically so they could corset themselves into the much-admired 'sway waist'."

Over the Indian Ocean, trade winds blow one way for months, then the other way for months.

That made it a great place to learn to sail boats. No problem getting home. It was the first ocean the serious sailors tried.

Q. Who invented execution gas chambers?

A. One Major D.A. Turner of the U.S. Army Medical Corps is listed for that one. Using hydrocyanic gas. First execution thren - of an alleged Chinese tong member named Gee Jon - took six minutes. In 1924. At Carson City, Nev.

Birthday today? You prefer to be in motion

IF JANUARY 5 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are active and prefer to be in motion. You are highly magnetic to others, and, at times, this interferes with your Capricorn sense of propriety. Your high energy level combined with your long-term focus make you a superachiever. Make sure to take enough time with the people you love.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): Today it's harder to express what you feel. People may think you're argumentative, so be gentle. Use the stars constructively to actively plan something important in the broadest strokes. Wait to work out the details.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Taurians who are dating find this a rewarding time. Relationships with children are also blessed now. Really do try to understand and release what's bothering you in a lasting and positive way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Communication with partners is limited now as they may not understand your feelings. Wait for the more favorable stars. Don't force others into your financial plan.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): By evening, you'll be more in touch with your feelings and may feel overly sensitive. Some conflict between career responsibilities and the needs of loved ones may frustrate you. You're thinking in broad terms, but making improvements in routines.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Sidestep a battle for center stage - it's not worth it. You and your romantic partner are in for some surprises over the long term, so buckle up! Uncanned Leos may have a wandering eye now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Career focus continues and may ignite strong feelings. Buried anger makes us irritable and can even make us sick; try to let it go positively. Even if family members don't seem to be listening,

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Jeraldine Saunders

you are making an impression they'll remember.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The urge to communicate is strong, and you could be exceptionally persuasive as long as you don't push it over the line. Find a reasonable balance between the demands of work and home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can be exceptionally persuasive in presenting your financial plans now, but don't push for a final agreement until later. You're making your points, so let the whole thing mature in its own time. Unexpected romance pops up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Surprising changes may crop up at home for some time. Go with the flow for an invigorating ride! Now is an excellent time to think through and begin to implement needed improvements.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): With the sun and Chiron in your birth sign, you're moving toward deepening relationships step-by-step. Use your patience to let this process come together, and don't be discouraged by short-term obstacles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Duties to family continue to be of concern, and possibly a source of disagreement. Break free for at least short bits of private time. Your depth and devotion, added to your charm, make you irresistible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Work draws you in, but your heart is at home. Your energetic financial plans are on their way. Be patient if others are overwhelmed at first; don't let their initial caution become a source of irritation.

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CIRRHOSIS OF THE LIVER PART I

The liver, the largest organ in the body, is essential in keeping the body functioning properly... it removes or neutralizes poisons from the blood, produces immune agents to control infection, and removes germs and bacteria from the blood. It makes proteins that regulate blood clotting and produces bile to help absorb fats and fat-soluble vitamins. You cannot live without a functioning liver.

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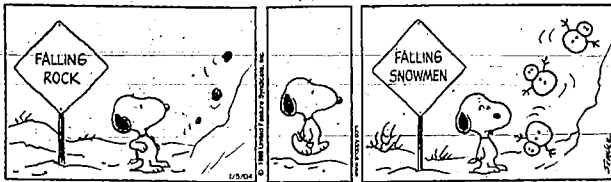
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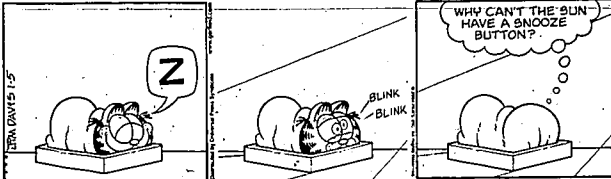
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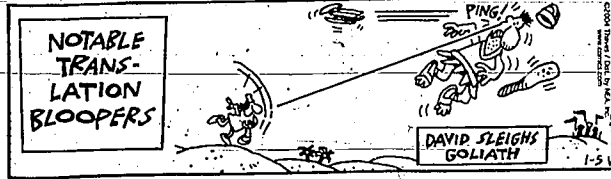
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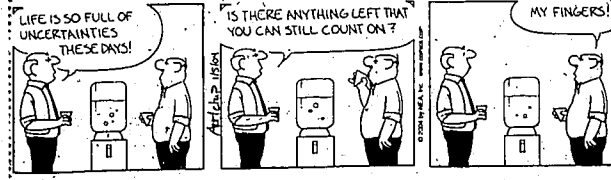
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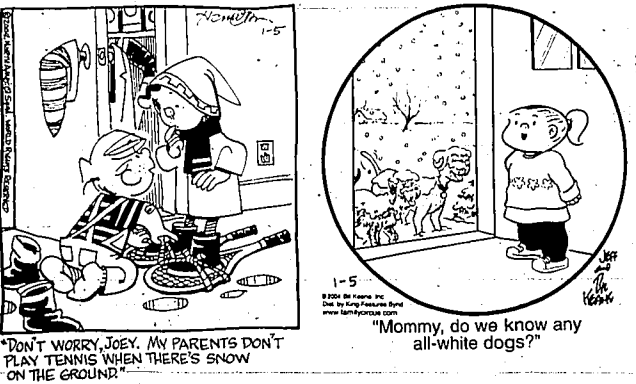


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SCHOOL DAYS

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Lunch buddies help children in need of a friend

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - "Adults mentoring students."
That is how Marsha Stallones describes the Lunch Buddy program. The program has been in existence in the Twin Falls area for about eight years. Stallones is the Prevention Volunteer coordinator for the Office of Juvenile Probation.

"My program is one of adults mentoring grade-school age children," Stallones said. "It's a great program."

Those mentored are children at risk.

"At risk" may mean a lot of different things, Stallones said. "Lots of times the risk factors are more simple ones, but sometimes they're more serious."

Sometimes, a parent will call and say their child needs a mentor.

"I consider this a prevention program," Stallones said.

She cites the importance of having a "good, positive, non-related adult role model."

The mentor's job is to be a good friend, a good influence and positive adult role model.
"It's really rewarding for the mentors," Stallones said. "They feel like they're really adding to the child's life."

The mentors generally spend about one hour per week with the child, most often, having lunch with them. Sometimes, the mentor will go out to the playground with the children or do quiet indoor activities.

"The schools have been really welcoming to the mentors," Stallones said.

"I think there's been some really neat relationships that have come out of it."

Sally Fullmer has been involved with the Lunch Buddy program for six years and was co-Lunch Buddy of the Year in 2002.

Fullmer loves children. She has three sons and seven grandchildren who all live out of the area.



Jose Orozco is a lunch buddy and mentor to children in need of a friend. He calls the volunteering a rewarding experience.

Want to help?
If you are interested in volunteering with the Juvenile Probation programs, call Marsha Stallones at 736-4215, ext. 3113.

"This lets me be involved with kids here," Fullmer said. "It's just an awesome program. I really look forward to it. It's just the most rewarding thing you can do. It takes very little effort and the blessing is unbelievable. It's just so worthwhile."

Fullmer recommends the program for people like her, people who love children.

"They just need a little extra bit of love," said Fullmer of the young participants.
Probation Officer Jose Orozco is embarking on his second year with the Lunch Buddy program.

"I like it," he said. "It gives me that rapport with the kids at school. It's a lot of fun being out there. It's pretty rewarding, too."
Orozco said he can relate to the children he mentors because "I was kind of a troublemaker."

Orozco also appreciates getting feedback from the teachers who tell him the child he has mentors has improved.

"That's good enough for me," Orozco said.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman has been a "lunch buddy" for the same boy for almost four years.

"I've seen him grow up," he said.
Brockman, also co-Lunch Buddy of the Year in 2002, said the program has been an enjoyable experience.

"I really enjoy going to see him," Brockman said. "I go to the school and I end up with 10 or 15 kids."

Brockman sometimes plays basketball, goes on the slide or just walks and talks with his buddy. He said the best part of the program is giving moral support and "just being there as a friend."

THANKS TO VETERANS



The high school students at the Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center in Rupert honored the Veterans in their lives by creating a "Veterans Thank You Wall." The students and staff brought pictures and information about family and friends who are serving or have served in the armed forces. The Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center Junior High School created a thank you banner and placed it at the Veterans Tree in Rupert. From left are Chantelle Tucker, Shaaleen Nelwert, Jennifer Cannon and Bailey Brower.

BIG VALLEY ELEMENTARY



The students at Big Valley Elementary School were challenged to read and test to reach a goal of 8,000 Accelerated Reader points for the first trimester. They exceeded the goal by 1,900 points. Everyone received an ice cream sundae served by the principal, Alan Cardon, and volunteer Phillip Webb. Winners for grade levels were, second, Powell Gibson; third Ballea Nye; fourth Susie McHan; fifth, Sunny McHan; and the overall winning reader was Susie McHan with 242 points. Susie received a complete volume set of the Harry Potter Books. All grade level winners received a book, also.

New teacher brings unique style to English lessons

The newest member of our awesome English/language arts department in the Richfield Junior and Senior High School is Terence Ford, who joins our team as Connie Brass, to teach the fundamentals of the English language and prepare students for tougher college courses.
Mr. Hussman instructs the English 2 and 3 classes. In them, "students are learning a chronological approach to his own, military conflicts, clothing styles, science, music, literature, philosophy and architecture," Hussman said.

His classes are not run of the mill. Students participate in activities "designed to combine a variety of previous lessons into a learning-teaching activity that allows students to develop their individual strengths and weaknesses," he said.

All students are assigned a research project and required to give an oral presentation. Students are then tested over the content covered by each presentation given to the class, bringing another unique aspect of Mr. Hussman's teaching style into effect. That is, reinforcement of the lessons taught by students learning from each other.

Each student giving a presentation to the class brings something fun and interesting into the lesson. Whether it be wearing period appropriate clothing, a castle built with playing cards or

RICHFIELD ROARS

Charlene Fenelon

handmade tools prevalent in a particular era, members of the class "audience" can absorb these lessons with long-standing memories portraying distinctive aspects of what they needed to learn.

Mr. Hussman, who received an honorarium and a stipend from the National Endowment for Humanities for his work in this area, brings a flare of English history and arts to the students of the Richfield School.

Students involved in the theater arts class also taught by Mr. Hussman have been working on a presentation of a full-length work written by Billy St. John, the play "Heaven Help the Po, Taters!" or "Pd-a-Hoe the Taters but They Just Won't Grow."

This slapstick melodrama about a group of Idaho spud farmers who are trying to survive a drought and a villainous lawyer has already been performed by the cast of the class to elementary and secondary students. Mr. Hussman and his class are hoping to invite parents and interested community members to a presentation immediately following Christmas break.

Charlene Fenelon is an administrative assistant at Richfield School.

Looking back at 2003

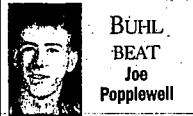
As we begin 2004, it is important to relive some of Buhl High School's special accomplishments in 2003.
Probably the most important event was the passing of our bond issue in May, with an outstanding 86 percent for a new high school.

In 2003, the faces of our faculty took a dramatic change with the addition of 15 new educators. Leadership took on a new face, as Gary Moon became our new principal. We are thankful to have such a top staff. They will be involved in an in-service day on Jan. 16, and school will not be in session that Friday.

In 2003 the student council garnered several awards, the most important being the Outstanding Student Council Award that it received while at a fall conference held in Idaho Falls.

This was not only the beginning of a great school year, which has so far been fun and productive, but also marked changes for our other 22 clubs and organizations. Leading the pack were FFA and Key Club.

Both organizations are active and help build a positive atmosphere for all students. Just recently the FFA crop team, comprised of Garrison Herzinger, Tara Bridges and Casey Fairchild, placed second in competition at the College of southern Idaho. The foods team, with Shawn Carter, Amber Gifford and Anthony Tomkins, also placed



BÜHL BEAT
Joe Popplewell

second in their competition. Congrats to them and their adviser, Shane Stockman.

All clubs and organizations have witnessed a jump in participation. An example of exciting things happening is that kids are caring more. The Buhl junior varsity girls basketball team met before Christmas to fill stockings and decorate at Woodland and Applegate Retirement Estates.

As students return from the break they will be treated to a school-wide assembly on Jan. 12. It will focus mainly on education as semester tests will be emphasized. Principal Moon and our school counselor, Angela Hoops, will hand out citizenship and most improved student awards. Students will be recognized for their academic accomplishments and endeavors.

As the winter sports action continues, students encourage our great fans to come and support their Buhl Indians.

Happy New Year from Buhl High School!

Joe Popplewell is the student body president at Buhl High School.



Citizens of the Week at Big Valley Elementary School in Rupert were, from left, front: Samantha McHale, Elaine Navarrete, Callasa Nottle and Autumn Ehliert; center: Powell Gibson, Austin Norris, Adam Reed, Kenya Valencia and Nancy Cordova; back: Nathali Ramirez, Allister Robbins, Raymond Rodriguez and Mitchell Young.



Citizens of the Week at Big Valley Elementary School were, from left, front: Diego Arroyo, Jessica Jones, Rachel Leon, Patt/Janet Guzman and Thomas Homandez; center: Tawni Smith, Megan Hall, Briana Son, Tol Pethel, Steaton Houston, Ryan Sotser; back: Dennis Bortz, Tania Rutz, Justin Cameron, Gustavo Salinas, Crystal Corona and Gabriela Rutz.

Students cook breakfast, gather to make positive change

TWIN FALLS - Students at Twin Falls High School showed care in different ways.

On Dec. 17, Jason Torgrimson, along with about 25 of his students, arrived at Twin Falls High School early in the morning to cook a dish over breakfast. The class is a junior information technology academy that also did a community service project at Dell computers that entailed wrapping Christmas presents.

Last school year, concerned sophomores gathered together to form a plan to bring students together. With the help of student assistant Amy Rothweiler, 10 students, who are now juniors, formed a group known as All-Stars.

All-Stars stands for All Students Together Are Reaching Someone. They work towards bringing the diversity at



Twin Falls High School students conducted a community service project recently.

the high school together in an attempt to diminish cliques and bring people to a closer understanding of one another. To help with this challenge, they

recruited 25 incoming students combined from O'Leary Junior High and Robert Stuart Junior High to join them. Every other month, they are going to try

D.L. Evans Bank offers eight scholarships to M.V. students

TWIN FALLS - D.L. Evans Bank will award eight \$250 scholarships for the 2004 fall semester to seniors graduating from several high schools, including Buhl High School, Burley Senior High School, Carey Public School, Castleford School, Community School, Declo Junior/Senior High School, Dietrich School, Filer High School, Gooding High School, Hagerman Junior/Senior High School, Hansen High School, Jerome High School, Kimberly High School, Minico Senior High School, Murtaugh High School, Oakley Junior/Senior High School, Raft River High School, Twin Falls Senior High School,

to plan a day activity spent focusing on ways to unify the school and pass it on to others throughout the school.

For more information, call the school at 733-6551.

Valley Junior-Senior High School, Wendell High School and Wood River High School.
Eligible students must attend Idaho State University for the 2004 fall semester.
Preference will be given to students majoring in finance, business or economics.
However, all majors will be considered and students must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average at the time of application.
Those interested must complete the application available at: <http://www.isu.edu/scholar/forms/DLEvans.pdf>, attach a high school transcript and a statement and return by March 25 to the ISU Scholarship Office PO Box 8391, Pocatello, 183209-8391.
For more information, call the ISU Scholarship Office at (208) 282-3315 or check the Web site at <http://www.isu.edu/scholar/>.

SCHOOL NEWS

Fingerprinting for international visitors will begin today in U.S.

Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — Anyone who needs a visa to visit the United States will be photographed and fingerprinted entering the country under a massive new Department of Homeland Security initiative set to launch Monday.

Homeland Security officials say the system — called the U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology program, or US-VISIT — will record the comings and goings of some 24 million people a year.

Officials insist the new system will add only 10 to 15 seconds to the time it takes immigration agents to interview a person entering the United States, while improving the virtually untraced visa system and making the nation safer.

But critics say it will do little to intercept would-be terrorists and may further antagonize allies who are already balking at a growing tangle of red tape for their citizens to visit the United States.

"The system seems to presume that most terrorists are fools," said Loren Thompson of the Lexington Institute, an Arlington, Va., think tank on defense and terrorism. Critics note the program has a giant loophole because it doesn't apply to citizens of 28 countries where a U.S. visa is not needed for entry — mostly Western European states, plus Canada, Australia and Japan.

"Many of the countries that we consider our closest allies harbor al-Qaida sympathizers," Thompson said. "As a conse-

quence, the simple possession of nationality in those friendly countries is no guarantee of friendly intent."

The U.S. travel industry, already hit hard by a drop in travelers in the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, is also worried that the new screening will send the wrong message to foreign visitors.

"Unintentionally, there is this perception that's being created that we're just not open for business," said Rick Webster of the Travel Industry Association of America.

Major hubs such as John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York already subject people to long delays in arrival terminals at peak travel times, Webster noted.

"That's not the way we want these international guests to begin their visit here — standing in line for two to three hours to be inspected," he said. "There needs to be a balance between homeland security and economic security."

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which oversees the region's three airports, has consulted with Homeland Security officials so that "passengers will not be unduly inconvenienced," Port Authority spokesman Pasquale DiFulco said.

US-VISIT, which is expected to cost \$7 billion over 12 years, will begin at 115 airports and 14 seaports. It will be expanded to 50 major land border crossings by Dec. 31. All other land crossings will adopt the system by Dec. 31, 2005.

British Airways flight faces another delay

LONDON (AP) — A British Airways flight from London to Washington, canceled twice this week because of security fears, was delayed by more than three hours Sunday for security checks requested by the United States.

The airline canceled Flight BA223 from Heathrow to Washington's Dulles airport on Thursday and Friday on government advice. The same flight was delayed for more than three hours on Saturday for security checks.

British Airways spokesman Paul Parry said that U.S. officials had requested extra security information about Sunday's flight. The flight, scheduled to depart at 8:05 a.m. MST, took off just after 11:15 a.m. MST.

"The delay has been caused by the passing of some extra information to the U.S.," he said.

"We have requested to be supplied with extra information about the flight for security purposes before take-off to Washington, the same as happened yesterday."

British Transport Secretary Alistair Darling on Sunday warned travelers to expect an increased number of security alerts, like the one that caused the cancellation of flights to the United States this week, in the coming years.

Iraq's bind: Revenge or justice in high-stakes Saddam trial

Chicago Tribune

BAGHDAD — In the office of the Free Prisoners Society, as in so much of Iraq, the call for justice does battle with the cry for revenge.

On the ground floor, seething over cigarettes and tea, survivors of torture and imprisonment talk about settling scores. Down in the basement, other victims of Saddam Hussein's regime hammer at computer keyboards, collecting names from seized police files in preparation for a day in court.

"The war will begin" now that Saddam is captured, said Ibrahim Al-Jidrisi, the society's president. "This does not stop with Saddam. There are his supporters. I am talking about the teachers and the doctors. Everyone."

Far from the legal debate over the mechanics of trying Saddam and his cronies, the victims, relatives, lawyers, judges and ordinary Iraqis who have the most at stake are taking varied approaches to trials that could either heal wounds or open new ones. Iraq's judgment of Saddam and the others brings either a measure of reconciliation or extends Iraq's legacy of corruption and vengeance.

"All over the world, if you want to know how developed a country is, you look at their respect for the rule of law," said Judge Dara Nooralain, a senior jurist who served 8 months in prison for declaring one of Saddam's orders unconstitutional. "If people try to solve their problems by their hands, it will be chaos."

Four thousand years after Iraqis embraced the notion of "an eye for an eye," they have declared their intention to resolve the crimes of the past three decades not in a bout of vengeance, but in a tribunal that would meet the standard of international law.

Human rights groups worry that the new court could face serious problems, because Iraqis are inexperienced in handling complex war crimes cases, and their legal tradition has been tainted by corruption and interference. But Iraqis maintain they can operate the court themselves, with limited help from foreign advisers.

The task is daunting, and the stakes could not be higher.

Saddam killed an estimated 290,000 Iraqis in the last two decades of his rule, according to Human Rights Watch. More than 250 mass graves have been found across the country since his regime fell in April.

Some Iraqis have chosen to set-



A cameraman films the wooden court cage of the newly established war crimes tribunal in Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 10. Three days before Saddam was captured by U.S. forces on Dec. 13, the Iraqi Governing Council announced the creation of a special war crimes tribunal to try former members of Saddam's Baath regime.

tle old scores without waiting for the courts.

Since April, local newspapers have reported a stream of disappearances and killings of former Baathists and their informants. In a flurry of attacks last week in the Shiite city of Najaf, gunmen opened fire on two former Baath Party officials and an angry mob lynched a third. Shiites, who make up 60 percent of Iraq's population, were brutally oppressed by Saddam's predominantly Sunni regime.

But the flashes of vigilante justice are controversial in a nation struggling to regain its place in the international community.

"I would want to see (Saddam) in a cage like an animal, in the streets, and everyone could come and do what they want to him," said Haider Harzi, 43, who spent 13 years in prison and lost two brothers to executions.

Others in the former prisoners' society office nodded in agreement.

"It is not good to put him in a cage because then we are becoming no better than him," retorted Adel Shaker, a 45-year-old mechanic who still bears the limp from 13 years of beatings and torture he says he received in prison for being a member of the once-outlawed Dawa party.

"If you just kill Saddam immediately, then he would never suffer. We must put him in jail," he said.

International experts say Iraq's

law community needs major training and investment before it is fit to conduct credible war crimes trials.

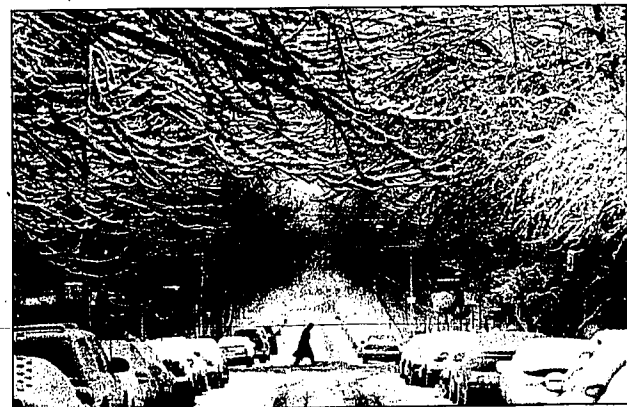
"There isn't a single laboratory in Iraq that can do DNA testing. Where do you get the forensic experts who can determine cause of death?" said M. Cherif Bassiouni, an international law specialist at DePaul University who helped draft a plan for Iraq's postwar judicial system.

At a small law office in downtown Baghdad, attorney Mohammed Saeed, 37, flipped through pink and green case files, pulling out cases that stuck in his mind as symptoms of the damage Saddam did to Iraq's legal system. The execution of seven men after a trial that lasted 45 minutes. A drug case transferred without explanation to a secret court. A murder conviction that he believed was decided before the trial began.

Like many attorneys here, the most sophisticated science he has ever seen in a criminal trial is a magnifying glass and a blood test. "Iraqi lawyers were prevented from having the international technology for collecting evidence," said Saeed. "In fingerprinting ... we had to use very ancient ways that might not lead to the truth."

Saeed spoke proudly of Iraqis' ability to mount Hussein's trial on Iraqi soil, even as he laments the damage left by three decades of totalitarianism.

SNOW COVERS CHICAGO



Snow-covered tree branches hang over parked cars as a man walks on North Halsted Street Sunday in the Lakeview neighborhood of Chicago.

Osbourne denounces need for speed

Knight Ridder Newspapers

Singer Ozzy Osbourne says he has given up riding old-terrain vehicles after a crash twice caused him to stop breathing and left him in a coma for eight days, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Osbourne, 55, fractured his collarbone, eight ribs and a neck vertebra when the 600-pound vehicle he was riding flipped and landed on top of him at his estate in Buckinghamshire, southern England, on Dec. 8. He spent a week on a ventilator.

"When I woke I was so confused you could have told me I was upside down in a kilt and I'd have believed you," the former Black Sabbath frontman was quoted as saying in an interview with The Sunday Mirror.

Osbourne, who posed for photographs at his estate wearing a neck brace and with his left arm in a sling, said he owed his life to bodyguard Sam Ruston, who twice gave him mouth-to-mouth to restore his breathing.

The Sunday Mirror said Osbourne spoke quietly and was stumbling when he stood. "Tim Ozzy Osbourne, rock and roller, but I can barely set foot outside my own front door," he said. The tabloid said the singer checked himself out of the hospital on Christmas Eve and will remain in Britain with his wife, Sharon, until doctors say he is fit enough to fly back to his Los Angeles home.

Jackson jury selection may face complications

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When the law speaks of defendants being entitled to a jury of their peers, it's obvious no one contemplated Michael Jackson's trial in the justice system.

The millionaire pop music star, who is charged with committing lewd acts on a child, is in a class of his own.

But should his lawyer decide to challenge Santa Barbara County's jury-selection process as skewed against him, it would be possible to do so on one issue: whether it systematically excludes racial minorities. That issue already has been a subject of legal challenges in Santa Barbara County.

One of those cases is pending before a state appeals court. A judge found that Hispanics were being excluded from juries because of the manner in which jurors were summoned for service.

For Jackson, the problem is compounded by the lack of blacks in Santa Maria, where his case would be tried. Census figures show blacks represent just 2.3 percent of Santa Barbara County's population.

The issue under consideration by the appellate court is a lack of follow-up to jury summonses by the jury commissioner's office. The commissioner sends out questionnaires to prospective panelists but does not follow up if they are not returned, said Santa Barbara attorney James Herman, a past president of the state bar.

"You wind up with a self-selecting jury pool," he said.

The lack of follow-up results in "a volunteer jury," said Los Angeles criminal defense attorney Steve Cron, who is familiar with the procedure. He said many Hispanics in the agricultural areas around Santa Maria are farm laborers who might not return the jury summons because they can't afford to take time off work for jury service.


Loyola University Law School Professor Laurie Levenson said the Jackson case could provide an unexpected twist that Santa Barbara County residents who normally would not answer a jury summons may do so now, with the high-profile trial looming.

Jackson's arraignment on seven counts of performing lewd or lascivious acts on a child under 14 and two counts of administering an intoxicating agent is scheduled for Jan. 16. Until then, all warrants and affidavits in the case will be sealed.

Cron said the law guarantees defendants a jury taken from a cross-section of the community in which they live. But that cross-section in Santa Maria would have few blacks.

Los Angeles defense attorney Harland Braun said there is no question Jackson would have a better chance with a multiracial jury.

"Blacks still tend to regard him as a hero," he said. "Whites look at him as a weirdo."



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