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Officials: Troops occupy Fallujah

Iraqis say terror leader escaped

The Associated Press

FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. military officials said Saturday that American troops had now "occupied" the entire city of Fallujah and there were no more major concentrations of insurgents still fighting after nearly a week of in-

tense urban combat. A U.S. officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Fallujah "was occupied but not subdued." Artillery and airstrikes also were halted after nightfall to prevent mistaken attacks on U.S. and Iraqi forces who had taken up positions throughout the city. Iraqi officials declared the operation to free Fallujah of militants was "accomplished" but acknowledged the two most wanted figures in the city — Jordanian terror mastermind Abu

Musab al-Zarqawi and Sheik Abdullah al-Janabi — had escaped. U.S. officers said, however, that resistance had not been entirely subdued and that it still could take several days of fighting to clear the final pockets. The offensive against Fallujah killed at least 24 American troops and an estimated 1,000 insurgents, and rebel attacks elsewhere — especially in the northern city of Mosul — have forced the Americans to shift troops away from Fallujah.



An Iraqi soldier takes off his boots before searching a mosque in the western part of Fallujah on Saturday.

Exploiting the redeployment, insurgents stepped up attacks in areas outside Fallujah, including a bombing that killed two Marines on the outskirts of the former rebel bastion 40 miles west of Baghdad.

Military activity also surged along the Euphrates River valley well to the north and west of Baghdad, with clashes reported in Qaim on the Syrian border and in Hit and Hamadi, nearer to

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SELLING RIGHTS?



Les Jones, whose father was one of the original Salmon Tract farmers in 1908, still farms this 160-acre piece of land southwest of Twin Falls. Salmon Tract farmers may soon have the option of selling their water rights to help save the shrinking Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer.

Salmon Dam water could enter water deals

By Julie Ponce
Times-news writer

HOLLISTER — Life on the Salmon Tract is about building character. The place is almost always short of water, plus the 4,000-foot-to-5,000-foot elevation limits the kinds of crops grown on the 33,000-acre project spread out between Twin Falls and Jackpot, Nev. Old-timer Les Jones has never known anything different. His dad was one of the

original 1908 settlers, and he grew up understanding that Salmon Tract farmers don't know from one year to the next how many acres they get to farm. That's different from the majority of other irrigation projects in the Snake river basin where farmers pretty much expect the same amount of water each year for irrigation in order to cultivate all their fields. "Out here we look at our water like having a bank account," the 82-year-old said.

How much money a farmer makes during any given year is largely dependent on how much winter run-off accumulates in Salmon Dam nine miles south of Hollister. For example, if there is only 25 percent of an average water supply, then farmers reduce the acres they plant accordingly. They have to factor in the amount of water certain crops take. And more than irrigators in other projects, they gamble on the weather. Lots of wind and high temperatures will make it harder to

stretch their limited water. "We have excellent soil, but we have to grow short-season crops," Jones said. "The key is you try not to over plant though it does hurt the soil to let it lay idle." A bad-water year means farmers could be restricted to barley, peas and one cutting of hay. A good year means farmers can even take a chance on a thirsty crop of corn. The challenges have included in the Jones family a sense of

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Toot, toot! Popeye the sailor man turns 75

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Put away the cake. Pass the spinach. Popeye celebrates his 75th birthday this year, animated evidence that a steady diet of leafy green vegetables and pipe-smoking can guarantee you Hulk Hogan muscles as a septuagenarian. To honor the veteran sailor man, the Museum of Television and Radio unveiled a retrospective Saturday featuring rarities and collectibles from the cartoon hero's career. "There are very few characters that are that old and still in the public consciousness," said Barry Moush, curator of the exhibit. "It's quite impressive to stick around that long and stay recognizable."

Recognizable? Who could forget that face, with its jutting jaw and permanently squinting right eye? Or those arms, with the signature anchor tattoos? The exhibit at the midtown Manhattan museum features five flat-screen televisions running a loop of classic cartoons, with Popeye proudly proclaiming, "I yam what I yam." He's joined, as always, by the usual cast of sidekicks: love interest Olive Oyl, nemesis Bluto, the ever-indignant Wimpy and baby Swee'Pea. Popeye was launched in 1929, debuting in a minor role in the comic strip "Thimble Theater." The sailor was an immediate hit with readers, and artist E.C. Segar converted him into the star of the strip within two years.



An image of Popeye sits in an exhibit dedicated to the cartoon character at the Museum of Television and Radio in New York Saturday.



Vice President Dick Cheney waves from his car, as he leaves George Washington Hospital Saturday in Washington.

Docs give Cheney clean bill of health after tests

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney, who has had four heart attacks, underwent three hours of tests at a Washington, D.C., hospital Saturday after suffering shortness of breath, but went home when doctors found no abnormalities. "I feel fine," Cheney, 63, said as he walked out of the George Washington University Medical Center and waved to reporters. "Sorry we ruined your Saturday," said his wife Lynne Cheney.

Because of Cheney's long history of heart trouble, neither he nor his doctors were inclined to ignore a potential problem. The vice president went pheasant hunting in South Dakota last week and returned to Washington Thursday with a cold. On Saturday, his cough and breathing distress had grown, and his cardiologist, Dr. Jonathan Reiner, said Cheney should go to the hospital for a round of heart tests. Reporters quickly gathered outside to await news. "White House Chief of Staff Andy Card notified President Bush shortly after the president finished a bike ride at a Secret Service training facility outside Washington that the vice president had gone to the hospital. White House spokesman Ken Lisius said.

Cheney spokeswoman Mary Matalin soon issued a reassuring statement noting that Cheney had walked into the hospital. The vice president, she said, was wearing street clothes and walking from room to room as he awaited the results of his blood test. She said an electrocardiogram, taken to measure the heart's electrical activity, showed no change.

By the end of the day, Cheney's doctor confirmed that the cold, not his heart, must be the source of Cheney's breathing troubles. "Tests ruled out any cardiac cause of the vice president's symptoms. Tests also ruled out pneumonia and other pulmonary causes. The vice president likely has a viral, upper respiratory infection," Reiner said in a statement issued by the White House.

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Today: A few areas of morning fog, otherwise partly cloudy. A little breeze in the afternoon... Highs upper 40s...

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Valid to 6 p.m. Today. Yesterday's National Extratropics.

Fallujah

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for a further 24 hours, according to government adviser Georges Sada. The airport was closed for 48 hours...

ing people not to leave their homes or open their shops. The drive against remaining insurgent holdouts in southern Baghdad was aimed at eradicate the last major concentration of fighters...

-a \$25 million reward for al-Zarqawi. As U.S. forces pressed their attacks in southern Fallujah, Marines in the northern districts were hunting for about a dozen insurgents dressed in Iraqi National Guard uniforms who were reportedly wandering the city streets...

the operation in Fallujah to conclude by Sunday with a "clear-cut" victory over the insurgents and the terrorists. We have captured their safe houses, where they killed people," Allawi said.

Despite the evident military success in Fallujah, U.S. commanders have warned that the insurgency in Iraq will continue to exist...

Coin toss determines winner in Florida city council race

GROVELAND, Fla. (AP) - The state that is the king of bizarre election rules added another twist to its quirky electoral history Friday as a city council race decided by a coin toss.

Yarborough said, giving Sloan the victory. "This is a very unusual occurrence in this day and age when we have such sophisticated mechanisms to vote on, such as a touchscreen computerized voting system," said Mayor...

Salmon

fleet worth" of water rights, though the pricing for that has not been established yet. Legislators expect pumps such as those on the Bell Rapids project west of Hagerman will be among the first to be interconnected in selling water rights.

land that has consistent water," Loughmiller said. Chuck Colner, who was just elected to the Idaho Senate, suggested Salmon Tract water could be easily added to the supply in the Twin Falls Canal System by building a three-mile canal to connect the two systems.

They're far from ready to start "tweaking" water, there is an important legal issue to sort out. No one seems to know if the entire tract would have to agree to be dried up or if individual farmers could sell their rights...

Griff envisions a situation in which farmers could sell their rights over the next 10 to 15 years as they reach retirement age or when it becomes clear there would be no family hanging around to take over the land.

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A deal in the offing? The Idaho Department of Water Resources is likely to send out requests for proposals within the next few days to all water users in the Snake River Basin.

Bargaining power People on the Salmon Tract might be mulling a deal, but...

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NATION/WORLD

U.S. makes it through election, but officials now question what's ahead

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government counterterrorism experts say the threat of an attack by al-Qaida remains a significant concern, perhaps even this year, although the nation safely passed the benchmark of the Nov. 2 election.

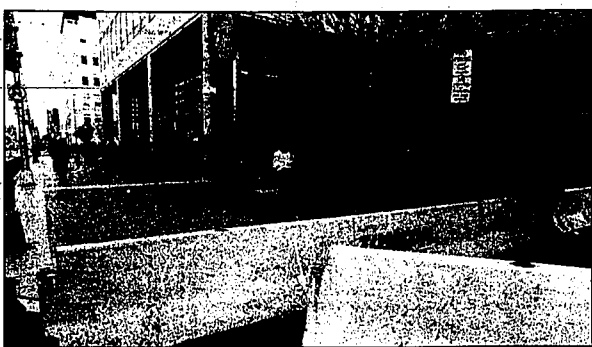
The Homeland Security Department this week lowered the terror alert for the financial sector in New York, Washington and northern New Jersey that was in place for three months. But authorities still caution the possibility of an attack is just as high as it was a month ago.

"The whole notion taking a deep breath and saying, 'Wow, we got past this and now we are OK for a while' is a very dangerous train of thought," Homeland Security Deputy Secretary James Loy told reporters in a conference call Wednesday.

Since April, U.S. authorities have warned of an increased risk of attack to disrupt democracy, often pointing to the now-passed elections. But they remain concerned about the upcoming holidays, the Jan. 20 presidential inauguration and beyond. Loy said the time period does not have a termination date.

He said a relaxed posture for financial institutions — from code orange, or heightened, to code yellow, or elevated, came because government and private-sector officials had run drills, improved security and taken other measures to "hard-core" the potential targets. The passing of the election, too, was on the minds of authorities.

Now, counterterrorism officials are analyzing why al-Qaida may not have attacked and



Concrete barriers remain outside the entrance to the Prudential Financial building in Newark, N.J., Nov. 10. Although the federal government reportedly has reduced the terror threat level for Prudential Financial Inc., barriers will remain in place outside its headquarters in Newark, a company spokesman said Thursday.

what may be ahead.

Among other efforts, experts in and out of government have been "combing" through two tapes released by al-Qaida in the two weeks before the election — first by a man calling himself "Azam the American" and another by Osama bin Laden, leader of the terrorist group.

In a recent analysis, Ben Venze, president of the private IntelCenter and a consultant to government counterterrorism agencies, said two bin Laden videos directly addressing Americans — in October of 2002 and 2003 — were followed between one and 53 days by at-

tacks. Bin Laden's most recent message turned up Oct. 29; Venze said he didn't know why the "videos" come annually in October.

None of the attacks was in the continental United States. Al-Qaida attacked a French oil tanker off the coast of Yemen and a Saudi housing complex in Riyadh after the 2002 and 2003 videos, respectively.

However, Venze said he was particularly concerned about an attack directly against U.S. interests now because the new tapes represent "the most significant effort by al-Qaida to address the American people in the last couple years."

For instance, Venze noted, for the first time the initial release of a bin Laden video comes with English subtitles.

Similarly, a 75-minute video in English from "Azam the American" is also directed at Americans. It was given to a U.S. network, ABC, on Oct. 22.

If "Azam" has been involved in al-Qaida videos before, the shrouded speaker has not used that name. He may be a 26-year-old Californian that the FBI is urgently seeking, Adam Gadahn. "You are talking about a group that really, really thinks about this stuff. The question is why that shift in focus," Venze said.

Jailed Palestinian leader will run in presidential election to be held in 60 days

Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Marwan Barghouti, a leader of the Palestinian uprising jailed by Israel but perhaps the strongest candidate to oust Yasser Arafat's old guard of politicians, plans to run in upcoming presidential elections, a person close to Barghouti said Saturday.

The candidacy of Barghouti, who supports violence but says he wants peace with Israel, could shake up the calcified world of Palestinians politics. By law, elections are to be held by Jan. 9, or within 60 days of Arafat's death on Thursday.

Many believe the popular Barghouti is the only leader capable of unifying squabbling Palestinian factions, reining in militants and possibly restarting peace efforts with Israel.

Israel, however, is determined not to free Barghouti, who is serving multiple life terms for his role in the killings of four Israelis and a Greek monk.

Barghouti also could represent the best hope for Arafat's faith movement to beat down a challenge by the increasingly popular hardline Islamic militant group Hamas, which is considering running a candidate.

"When he takes that decision (to run), we will be near him and we will support him," said Ahmed Ghoneim, a senior Fatah leader and another member of the younger guard. "I think he has the best chances of anybody in the movement to win the elections."

Barghouti's wife, Fadwa, said she was unaware of her husband's plans. But his brother-Fisham said: "His people around him, from the Fatah and Fanzim (Fatah main file), want him, and if they want him, he is looking to be president."

After Arafat's death Thursday, Parliament Speaker Raufi Fatouh was sworn in as the



Darwan Barghouti, a prominent leader of the Palestinian uprising, raises his handcuffed hands as he enters the courtroom for his murder trial in the Tel Aviv District Court in this Oct. 3, 2002 file photo.

caretaker leader of the Palestinian Authority. Though some officials have talked of amending the law to allow parliament to choose the new leader, Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said Saturday that elections would be held by Jan. 9. Fatouh was to meet Sunday with elections officials to decide

whether to hold the poll Jan. 7 or Jan. 9; Palestinian Cabinet Minister Sa'ad Erakat said.

Annar Dweik, deputy chairman of the Palestinian election commission, said the Palestinians were ready to hold their first presidential election since 1996, noting that a voter registration drive was recently completed.

There is a political will to conduct the elections," he said. "We are ready technically. All we need is a decree to set a date." Rami Hamdallah, chairman of the Palestinian election committee, called on the international community to pressure Israel to allow the elections to go smoothly, especially in disputed east Jerusalem.

Israeli police raided registration stations several months ago, preventing most east Jerusalem residents from registering. A senior Israeli official said on condition of anonymity that Israel had not been formally contacted about the matter.

Another question is whether Hamas will field a candidate. Osama Hamdan, a Hamas leader in Beirut, Lebanon, said the group is deliberating whether to run a candidate. A senior Hamas official in Gaza, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the group's leaders would meet soon and were considering the issue seriously.

Arafat's death raised speculation Israel might release Barghouti as a goodwill gesture, but Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom ruled that out. "He will remain in prison for the rest of his life because he's a murderer, because he's responsible for the killing of so many" innocent people, Shalom said Thursday.

Barghouti intends to run regardless, and will only bow out of the race if Fatah holds primaries and he loses, the person close to Barghouti said on condition of anonymity.

Chinese envoy urges calm after Japan protests over alleged sub intrusion

TOKYO (AP) — Japan and China should try to resolve their differences calmly, China's ambassador to Japan said Saturday, a day after Tokyo filed a protest with Beijing over the intrusion of a Chinese nuclear submarine.

The incident has strained relations between two of Asia's biggest economic and military powers.

Japanese officials protested to the Chinese Embassy on Friday after Tokyo determined that "the" submarine, which had entered territorial waters days earlier, belonged to China.

China has yet to respond but on Saturday, Chinese Ambassador Wang Yi urged the countries to work toward improving relations.

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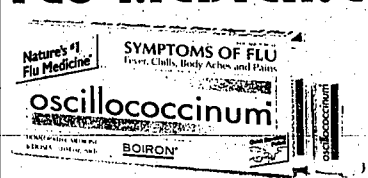
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NATION

A YEAR AFTER RULING

Nation remains divided over gay marriage

BOSTON (AP) — The fight for gay marriage appeared to be gaining ground a year ago. Although dozens of states had passed laws defining marriage as a heterosexual institution, advocates took heart in state-sanctioned civil unions in Vermont, expanded domestic partnership benefits in California, and a Supreme Court decision striking down the Texas sodomy ban.

Then, in a ruling hailed by supporters as the start of a new era, the highest court in Massachusetts made the state the first to sanction same-sex marriages.

As supporters celebrate the first anniversary of that ruling Wednesday, both sides are digging in for tougher, longer battles.

Opponents of gay marriage are bolstered by this year's elections, when 11 states pushed through constitutional amendments — banning gay marriages, joining six others that had done so earlier. And President Bush has promised to make a federal anti-gay marriage amendment a priority of his second term.

"I think what we're seeing now is a visible manifestation of the momentum that has been building and will continue to build," said Matt Staver, president of the Liberty Counsel, a conservative, faith-based law group, which is involved in 30 cases around the nation.

But advocates aren't giving in. "Backlash simply means that you're making forward progress," said Josh Friedles, spokesman for the Massachusetts Freedom to Marry Coalition. "I think that people who say suddenly seems like the radical right has momentum on their side, they're not looking at the broad brushstroke of history."

By April 2001, seven gay and lesbian couples who were denied marriage licenses in Massachusetts filed suit challenging the state's gay marriage ban. Two and a half years later, a deeply divided Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court found there was "no rational reason" for such a ban under the state's constitution and ordered the state to start allowing gays to marry six months later.

In reaction, officials issued marriage licenses to gay couples in San Francisco and New York state, conservative and religious groups spent millions of dollars to support constitutional bans, and politicians called for removal of "activist judges."

Earlier this year, Massachusetts lawmakers gave a preliminary approval to placing a proposed constitutional amendment on the November 2006 ballot that would ban gay marriages but allow Vermont-style civil unions.

Staver said he could feel passions rising as he spoke to



Julie Goodridge, left, and her spouse Hillary Goodridge cross the street after being married May 17. The Goodridges were the lead plaintiffs in the Massachusetts gay-marriage lawsuit. As supporters celebrate the first anniversary of the landmark Massachusetts ruling Nov. 18, opponents' hopes are bolstered by this year's strong election showing, when 11 states pushed through constitutional amendments to ban gay marriage.

people around the country. "Even though there was a lot of lawsuits, my feeling was the same-sex marriage movement and moved too fast and it was going to be their Achilles' heel," he said.

Within a week of the Nov. 2 election, lawsuits were filed against the new gay-marriage bans in Oklahoma and Georgia. Earlier, Louisiana's ban was struck down by a state court that found it improperly dealt with more than one subject by banning same-sex marriage and any legal recognition of common-law relationships, domestic partnerships and civil unions.

Eight of the 11 state bans passed on Election Day prohibit civil unions as well as marriage. "In any civil rights movement in our nation's history, when a minority makes significant advances toward full citizenship, that is when the forces against them rise up even uglier than they were before," said David Buckel, director of the Lambda Legal Marriage Project.

Not all the news out of the election was bad news for gay-marriage supporters. Despite a threatened backlash, none of the Massachusetts legislators who supported equal treatment for same-sex couples was voted out of office. Gay marriages

have taken place virtually without notice or protest in Massachusetts since the court ruling went into effect six months ago.

In Idaho and North Carolina, voters elected their first openly gay legislators, and an openly gay Hispanic woman was elected county sheriff in Dallas.

Lawsuits seeking marriage rights or challenging bans on same-sex marriage have been filed in Nebraska, Washington, California, New York, New Jersey and Oregon, the state where the constitutional ban passed by the narrowest margin.

Opponents want to capitalize on the backlash and move quickly for a federal constitutional ban. The election loss of Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, who helped scuttle a July vote on an amendment, fosters their hopes, Staver said.

But Yale law professor William Eskridge, who has written a book about Vermont civil unions, said it would be insanity to move now to change the U.S. Constitution. "The nation is not at rest on this issue," he said. "We should let Mississippi be Mississippi and Vermont be Vermont, and let's see where we are in another 10 years. At that point, there will be another generation of voters and more experience."

Georgia town holds festival to honor 'Hogzilla' legend

ALAPHA, Ga. (AP) — Residents of this small farming town gathered Saturday to celebrate Hogzilla, a 12-foot-long wild pig that was supposedly shot by a hunting guide last summer and quickly grew into a worldwide legend.

The festival comes five months after the 1,000-pound hog was killed when it wandered out of swamps along the nearby Alapaha River, a haven for swine that escape pig farms and start living off the land.

The prodigious porker was remembered with a hog-calling contest and a greased-pig chase, as well as a float featuring a life-size replica of Hogzilla. "Everybody is happy, smiling, excited. We're going hog wild," said Becky Davis, an organizer of an annual community gala that was held this year with a Hogzilla theme.

The hairy heavyweight supposedly measured 12 feet with 9-inch tusks, said Ken Holyoak, owner of the hunting plantation where the hog was killed near Alapaha, about 180 miles southeast of Atlanta.

But few have actually seen Hogzilla. Holyoak's only proof is a photo showing the guide with the beast dangling from a rope. Holyoak says Hogzilla was too old to butcher and too big to mount, so he buried the carcass in a grave marked by a white cross.

Festival organizers were initially "skeptical" of adopting a theme that confirmed Hogzilla's existence, so they chose to focus on the Hogzilla legend.

Holyoak said he has been interviewed by 200 newspapers and at



Chris Griffin, 34, poses beside the half-ton wild hog he shot near Alapaha, Ga., June 17. Residents of the small farming town of Alapaha celebrated Saturday, the legend of Hogzilla, a prodigious porker reportedly killed on a nearby plantation, a claim that has evoked amazement and a fair amount of skepticism throughout the world.

least 24 television stations, as well as numerous radio broadcasts.

"It's been on the radio from Canada to Russia," he said. "I didn't know people would go that crazy over a hog."

The legend has propelled Chris Griffin, the guide who

supposedly shot Hogzilla in June, from relative obscurity to celebrity status.

"They ask for my autograph," he said. "I've gotten used to it, but before it kind of freaked me out. I wasn't used to that much attention."

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Police identify officer who killed Boston Red Sox fan

BOSTON (AP) — The officer who fired a pepper-spray pellet that killed a woman in a raucous crowd of Red Sox fans was identified by police Friday.

Police on Friday also identified the shooter, Officer Rochester Millen.

In an update of its investigation into the death of Victoria Snelgrove, police said Millen fired his pepper-spray pellet gun at a fan during an Oct. 21 disturbance, but missed. The shot hit Snelgrove in the eye, fatally injuring her.

Victoria Snelgrove was not targeted; she was struck when the projectile missed its intended target, the statement said.

Millen is on paid injury leave from the department, a person close to the investigation told The Associated Press.

Snelgrove, a 21-year-old Emerson College student, was among thousands of fans who flocked to Kenmore Square and Fenway Park to celebrate what the Red Sox beat the New York Yankees for the American League pennant.

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NATION

Transplant recipient walks marathon with donor's father

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Two years ago, Len Geiger was near death, suffering from a severe case of genetic emphysema.

On Saturday, Geiger participated in his first marathon, accompanied by the father of the 14-year-old girl whose lungs were used in a double-lung transplant to save his life.

Because of the extensive damage to his lower body, Geiger did a "race walk" instead of running the course while Kevin Shroyer slowly jogged alongside him. It took the pair more than six hours to finish, but Shroyer didn't mind.

"When I'm running with him, it's all about us and it's all about Korinne and that's as close as I will ever again come to running with my daughter," Shroyer said before the race. "So I don't mind saving every minute I'm out there with him."

The race helps benefit organ and tissue donation programs for the Donate Life Partnership of LifeNet and the United Network for Organ Sharing, the Richmond nonprofit organization that maintains the national list of those awaiting transplants. More than two dozen people affected by organ donation — including families of donors, recipients and living donors — will run as part of the Donate Life team.

"Most of our patients assume a better life than they have, but to achieve something as big as running a marathon is remarkable," said Dr. Mark Robbins, medical director of the University of Virginia's lung transplant program.

In 2002, Geiger's lungs were barely functioning and his hip bones had deteriorated from his steroid medication, requiring a total hip replacement.

At the same time, Shroyer's once-vicious daughter, Korinne, lay in a hospital, about to die from what Shroyer said was a "Pallid-induced" suicide. The government has warned that the anti-depressant may be linked to an increased risk of suicide in children.

Shroyer and his wife Kristie, overwhelmed with grief, drew on their faith and decided to have Korinne's organs donated.



Double-lung transplant recipient Len Geiger, left, of Gainesville, Ga., and Kevin Shroyer of Lynchburg, Va., hold a photo of Korinne Shroyer, Kevin Shroyer's late daughter, in downtown Richmond, Va. Geiger and Shroyer ran together in the SunTrust Richmond Marathon on Saturday. Geiger was the recipient of Korinne Shroyer's lungs in 2002.

Her lungs went to Geiger, a 45-year-old from Gainesville, Ga. A year went by while Shroyer, 44, of Lynchburg, grieved for the daughter who had also been his best friend. Meanwhile, Geiger's health quickly improved and he began to ride his bicycle.

Soon after, though, Geiger faced yet another setback. He took a hard fall off the bike, shattering his left thigh bone. After surgery, he went into respiratory failure and then slipped into a drug-induced coma. Three weeks later, he awoke only to be told he might never be able to use his leg again.

But Geiger pushed his body and by the summer of 2003 was able to complete a 10K race in Atlanta.

During this time, the Shroyers had started thinking about who received Korinne's organs.

As they contemplated how they should go about contacting the recipients, they received a letter from Geiger through LifeNet, the organ and tissue donation agency in Virginia.

"I wrote that letter I can't tell you how many times," Geiger said. "I couldn't ever quite get it the way I wanted it to be until finally, somebody very smart said, 'Just say thank you.'"

The letter started a flow of

correspondence between the two parties and last fall they arranged to meet in Charlottesville at a LifeNet office.

"We all hugged and we sat down, and I sighed. And Kevin leaned over and said, 'Do that again,'" Geiger said. "Because he could hear his daughter's lungs and hear my voice and my voice is powered by his daughter's lungs."

The emotional meeting sparked a close bond, and the two soon realized they shared a love of fitness. They began participating in races together, and on Saturday completed their first marathon, with a time of 6:25:17.

Shroyer, who wears a necklace that belonged to his daughter and a photo of her around his neck when he runs, said he can feel Korinne breathing through Geiger when they race together.

"I believe Korinne is there with us — she's a part of Len now," he said.

Geiger, who always keeps a photo of Korinne close by, said he feels the same way.

"It's kind of a confusing issue, because I'm not really sure if I'm carrying Korinne with me, or if she's carrying me with her," he said.

Creator of housing grant program dies

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — George Gross, a lawyer and lobbyist who focused primarily on urban issues and who helped develop the Community Development Block Grant program while at Housing and Urban Development, died Nov. 10 at George Washington University Hospital while undergoing surgery for lung cancer. The resident of Chevy Chase, Md., was 70.

Gross, who described himself in an interview last year as "a government type who likes to see cities and states do well," seemed to relish tackling daunting tasks.

A diabetic who survived a bout with lung cancer in 1998 and quadruple bypass surgery in 2000, he went back to Bridgeport, Conn., his home town, to become city manager in 2003.

Gross was born in Vár, Hungary, a village that no longer exists. In 1939, with Hitler's army on the march, his father managed to get the family out of the country, to Bridgeport.

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NATION

Clinton library will open with fanfare this week

New York Daily News

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Suppose you just happened to have 80 million pages of paper, 2 million photographs, 20,000 videotapes and 77,000 megavids and knick-knacks. What would you do with them?

Well, if you were Bill Clinton, you'd haul them all to Little Rock, hire an award-winning New York architect to design a \$165 million home for them and then open it to scholars and the public after a four-day party starting Sunday.

The William J. Clinton Presidential Center, a gleaming, 148,000-square-foot glass-and-steel box, opens Thursday amid fanfare that includes a concert by Aretha Franklin, Clinton's favorite singer.

All the living former presidents are slated to attend, as well as a host of celebrities, among them Ben Affleck, Barbara Streisand and Bono. And there will be glitzy private parties all over town, including one said to be planned at the condo of Mary Steenburgen and Ted Danson.

It's the biggest thing that has ever hit Little Rock.

The library, repository of the largest collection of presidential material in the United States, includes the saxophone Clinton played on "The Arsenio Hall Show," and a full-scale replica of the Oval Office, complete with a pot of fire that sat on the mantel when Clinton was there.

Yes, the library contains documents involving Clinton's impeachment. Ken Starr's investigation and the Monica Lewinsky affair, said library director David Alsobrook. But, no, the infamous stained blue dress will not be on display. The archive simply doesn't have it.

The building itself is breathtaking.

It cantilevers 90 feet to the banks of the Arkansas River and seems to float there, an intentional bow to Clinton's mantra of building a bridge to the 21st century. More than 150,000 pounds of glass offer sweeping vistas of the city's skyline and



AP photo

City employee Kevin Hickmon paints parking spaces on President Clinton Avenue in front of the Clinton Museum Store in downtown Little Rock, Ark., Thursday.

flood the interior with light. The building won a National Design Award last month.

But, said library foundation President Skip Rutherford, "I don't believe the theory (that) if you build it they will come. You have to offer them something."

And the foundation has. The museum features a 110-foot interactive time line of the Clinton presidential years, plus permanent exhibits that use documents, photos and videos to showcase Clinton's life in the White House.

The complex, surrounded by a 27-acre park where derelict train tracks and abandoned warehouses once stood, is "the first green" presidential library in the country," Rutherford said. It has 306 solar panels, 10 miles of underground radiant heating and so many other conservation features it uses 34 percent less energy than a normal building its size.

Across a landscaped "scholar's garden" linked to wireless Internet, is the elaborate 1899 red-brick Choctaw Line railroad station, transformed by \$4 million into the Clinton School of Public Service. Clinton, who has an office on the second floor, is expected to be a guest lecturer.

As the weekend approached, bulldozers were still moving earth and workers were drilling, sawing and spackling

in a race to put on the finishing touches before the library's formal unveiling, which is expected to draw 30,000 people — more than the population of most Arkansas towns.

Meanwhile, in white cinderblock basement rooms, the real work of the library goes on.

Virtually every scrap of paper that passed through the Oval Office in Clinton's White House years — about 27,000 pages for every day — are stored here.

In addition are 2 million photos, thousands upon thousands of videotapes and rooms piled high with miscellaneous artifacts.

Everything the archive has is stored on row after row of electrically controlled gray metal shelves: documents in acid-free folders and boxes, photos and negatives in protective sleeves and binders, videos in a room that feels like a vast meat locker with the temperature set at 35 degrees and humidity kept at a perpetual 37 percent.

Huge wooden packing crates contain thousands of souvenirs presented to the former president: Many are from dignitaries and heads of state, but most were "given as expressions of love from ordinary Americans," said Alsobrook, a one-time, high-school-history-teacher who also has headed the presidential libraries of Jimmy Carter and George H.W. Bush.

Architect says Clinton was 'perfect client'

New York Daily News

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — President Clinton was "the perfect client," architect James Polshok was saying the other day at his Greenwich Village office.

But that doesn't mean Clinton was easy.

He had visited every presidential library in the country before he hired Polshok Partnership Architects in 1999 to design his library, and he wanted to what none of the others had — natural light and lots of it.

"Traditionally, natural light is the enemy at archives," said Polshok's partner, Richard Olcott. "Most presidential libraries are black boxes with zero natural light."

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Congress returns for lame-duck session

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republicans' election triumph behind them, members of Congress return Tuesday for a lame-duck session amid hope they can finish a huge pile of spending bills stalemated all year.

Legislators also must vote on raising the government's tapped-out borrowing limit, now at \$7.4 trillion. In addition, they would like to pass a bill to put in place the Sept. 11 commission's vision of reshaping intelligence agencies, although House-Senate disputes make the chances appear seem dim.

Congressional aides of both parties were working toward an agreement that could let lawmakers quickly finish eight of the nine remaining spending bills for the federal budget year that started Oct. 1.

The deal would involve extra money for veterans, NASA and other White House and congressional priorities while imposing across-the-board cuts of perhaps 0.75 percent on other programs, said aides who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"One way or another, we're going to get done," House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., said. Lawmakers have ample motivation for a quick post-election session, perhaps lasting little more than a week.

Republicans are eager to clear the decks for President Bush's second-term initiatives, which he would like to feature overhauls of the tax laws and Social Security.

Many Democrats want to settle now for spending increases they consider modest, knowing the elections mean next year's Congress will be more conservative and probably will look less kindly on domestic programs.

"It's important that Congress get its work done, and we're very encouraged by what we see," said Noam Neuser, spokesman for the White House budget office.

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NATION

Acting governor will bring low-key approach to N.J.

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey's incoming governor is an old hand at the Statehouse who has been in politics for 35 years.

But many people outside state Senate President Richard Codey's home district don't recognize the name of the man who is inheriting the governor's job after fellow Democrat Gov. James E. McGreevey's career was derailed by a gay sex scandal.

Codey becomes acting governor at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, filling out the term until January 2006.

He will quietly take the oath of office at his home in West Orange sometime Sunday. McGreevey is to resign Monday, 14 months before the end of his first term.



Richard Codey
Incoming Acting New Jersey Gov.

Codey, 57, has been described as folksy and calm, and his secretary of 31 years says he gets quiet when he's annoyed.
"He appears to be outwardly

very laid back, but he has an internal intensity about him," Chief of Staff Peter Cammarano says. "He has a very keen sense of politics. He hasn't survived this long in Essex County without that."

"Codey is getting the post because New Jersey has no lieutenant governor."

He inherits formidable problems — a \$4 billion hole in the state budget, property taxes so high they're forcing retired homeowners to sell, and the long-accepted but ethically suspect practice of awarding government contracts to political donors.

Though some have speculated that the acting governor may be little more than a placeholder, Codey has spent three months preparing for the job.

'Surfer Chick' catches wave of popular reform

By Tony Perry
Los Angeles Times

SAN DIEGO — Now is the season of discontent among active politicians and City Hall watchers.

The tallying of votes from last week's mayoral election continues amid lawsuits aimed at blocking write-in candidate Councilwoman Donna Frye from defeating incumbent Dick Murphy.

"The city's labor unions are crying foul. Unionists accuse the establishment of attempting to steal the election from Frye, a labor-friendly Democrat and co-owner, with her surfer husband, of a surf shop."

But business leaders are in various stages of dread over the prospect of Frye becoming mayor. She could become the first "strong mayor" in city history, thanks to the apparent passage of a ballot measure boosting the office's authority.

"The city seems to be split into camps of people who are mad as hell and aren't going to take it anymore," said lawyer Michael McDade, who was chief of staff in one San Diego mayor (Hector Heald) and a kitchen-cabinet member for another (Pete Wilson).

A neutral in the mayoral campaign, McDade has a suggestion for all sides. "Parents should take a cue from their kids: Take a nap until they can start acting rationally, not emotionally."

That might not occur soon. Labor sees the biggest prize in local politics — mayor of California's second-largest city — slipping away. Business leaders are worried about having a pow-



San Diego Mayoral candidate
Donna Frye speaks at a news conference on Nov. 8 in San Diego.

erful enemy, with new powers to veto actions by the City Council and hire and fire top administrators.

George Mitrovich, president of the City Club of San Diego, a public affairs forum, said the business community views Frye "as someone who opposes all the things they are trying to do for San Diego."

"This has become a really emotional issue. I don't think Donna Frye is helping by saying somebody is trying to steal the election."

In three years on the City Council, Frye has opposed a series of land development projects, often being the lone negative vote. She battled to keep the Sea World theme park from expanding and has talked about reducing public subsidies for downtown redevelopment projects.

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NATION

Gephardt, Daschle will depart from national political stage

By Deldre Sheegren
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

WASHINGTON — This week's lame-duck session of Congress will be the last for two long-time congressional Democratic leaders — former House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

The departure of both from the political stage will leave congressional Democrats without a well-known spokesman — save their just-defeated presidential candidate, Sen. John Kerry, at a moment when the party is still reeling from its Nov. 2 losses.

"At a time when we don't have a president, we don't have control of either house of Congress, there's Republican governors in New York, Florida, Texas and California, we don't have a national spokesman," said Bill Carrick, a Democratic strategist and longtime Gephardt adviser.

The replacements for Gephardt and Daschle bring different qualities in both style and substance.

In the House, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., took over as House Democratic leader two years ago — when Gephardt stepped down to run for president. She is more liberal in her politics and more outspoken in style. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., will be the new Democratic leader in the Senate, after Daschle lost his bid for re-election. Like Daschle, Reid is from a state more conservative than the rest of the Democratic Party. He is an untested leader with a low-key demeanor.

Both Gephardt and Daschle tried to turn a negative — their roles as long-time party leaders

— into an advantage in their campaigns. But for both, the leadership jobs brought more baggage than benefit.

Democratic presidential primary voters in Iowa were searching for a fresh face. And they were angry about the war in Iraq — a war that Gephardt, as minority leader, had worked closely with Bush to support. Daschle faced conservative voters in his native South Dakota who were highly supportive of the president and who were receptive to his opponents' message that as a national Democratic leader, Daschle had lost touch with South Dakota values.

As Gephardt's political career draws to an official close this week, there won't be much hoopla.

He said he's not even sure if he'll be there when his colleagues finish up the annual spending bills. He said he has meetings and other business to attend to.

A tribute dinner and fundraiser in St. Louis next month will officially mark his retirement, with proceeds set to go to three different charities, including a new institute in his name at Washington University: The Richard A. Gephardt Institute for Public Service.

A statement from the university's press office said the institute "will proactively encourage people, especially students, to become more involved in serving society, both through volunteer work and career commitments. While the Congressman and the university are currently discussing specific program details, it is anticipated that Institute activities will include internship opportunities, conferences, and lectures."



Senate Minority Whip Harry Reid of Nev. speaks during a news conference at his office in Las Vegas on this Nov. 3. file photo.

Gephardt declined to say exactly what he'll do in his post-political life — or where. He said he doesn't see himself in an active political role and he ruled out another well-worn path taken by many lawmakers — lobbying — a profession that Gephardt said doesn't interest him.

He said he's looking into "all kinds of different things," but wouldn't elaborate.

A source close to Gephardt said he is looking at a variety of possible pursuits including the Washington University endeavor or investment banking, and teaching at his alma mater Northwestern University.

Jon Sawyer of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch's Washington bureau contributed to this report.

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Nation's tree takes off

By Rosalind S. Helderman
The Washington Post

TREE MONTEREY, Va. — By the time the mighty red spruce arrives at the Capitol this month to celebrate the holidays, it will have officially been christened the People's Tree. Almost two weeks ago, the people came to this tiny mountain town to take their tree away, equipped with a chain saw, a double-rotor helicopter and a specially formulated glue meant to freeze the tree's needles in place for the weeks of gawking to come; a giant crane, 10,000 feet of nylon parachute rope and a water-filled rubber bladder for the butt to nourish the tree during its voyage north.

They came with cheerful Christmas spirit and a bit of amusement at the time and energy it would take to haul one pretty tree from Virginia to Washington.

The national holiday tree that graces the West Lawn of the Capitol each Christmas has been chosen annually from national forests since 1970, and states take turns for the honor. This year, for the first time in the history of the 34-year rotation, the tree hails from Virginia.

When forest ranger Pat Sheridan heard the tree could come from his neck of the woods, he said he couldn't think: "That's nice. We'll probably go and look and see if we have some candidates. Someone will pick one, and then you get it from there to Washington."

Now, he said he knows "there's a lot more to it than that."

The spruce has been bundled, shrink-wrapped and strapped to the back of a flatbed truck. Sunday, the truck and its cargo will drive out of this tiny town of 200 near the tree's forest home and embark on a 33-town tour of the state before it pulls into Washington, D.C., on Nov. 23. On the night of Dec. 9, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., is scheduled to light the tree and start its three-week tour of duty in the nation's capital.

The U.S. Forest Service, aided by the landscape architect of the Capitol, conducted an intense search throughout the George Washington and Jefferson national forests for just the right



The U.S. Forest Service searched Virginia's George Washington and Jefferson national forests for a holiday tree and chose a 106-year-old red spruce that will travel the state by truck before it enters Washington D.C. on Nov. 23.

wild tree. They settled in July on the 106-year-old spruce growing not far off a lightly trod forest trail in Highland County, one of the state's least populated regions.

Much of the forest near the tree's home was clear-cut by timber companies in the 1920s, Sheridan said. But not the patch where the Capitol's tree grew; it has grown straight and undisturbed since 1898.

At 82 feet, it is an especially tall specimen of the species, Soller said. It is, in fact, a little too big

for its purpose. The net of 10,000 lights that workers at the Capitol will drape over the holiday tree measures only 65 feet.

The surrounding forest is so wild that after the tree was cut, it could not be hauled off by land. Instead, the 7,500-pound tree had to be extracted by a load-bearing helicopter, which flew 1,000 feet above the earth, dangling the tree 200 feet beneath. State troopers closed the few highways in Highland County, in case the chopper accidentally lost the tree.

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Census: Elderly population booms in West

PAHRUMP, Nev. (AP) — When Steve Marsh first drove into this dusty town in the shadow of glitzy Las Vegas, he took one look at the gravel roads and sagebrush flats and grunted. "This is in the middle of nowhere."

Pahrump may not look like much. But it boasts miles of clean, open space and is surrounded by desert mountains. The weather is mild, the housing cheap and national parks are nearby.

It was enough for Marsh and his wife, Donna, to move here to retire.

"We love it," Marsh said, relaxing after a round of golf at his Desert Greens retirement community. "We're happy as pigs in slop."

Retirees eager to escape cold winters or congested freeways have been flocking to Western cities like Pahrump. The future will bring more of the same: The Census Bureau says the population of those 65 and older will increase more rapidly in the West than in any other area of the country.

The Graying West

While retirees settle in, states are figuring out how to keep up with an aging population. Will there be enough doctors and homes? Will housing be affordable?

"This affects all of us," said Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. "It's life, and it's time that we step up, recognize it, identify the challenges and find solutions."

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You don't have to tell retirees in Pahrump that the West is THE place to retire. They live in the third-fastest growing community in the West for those 65 and older. Only about 5,000 seniors call Nye County home, but that is more than three times the number that lived there in 1990, according to Census Bureau figures.

Nevada leads the country in the senior population boom. From 1990 to 2003, the state's 65-and-older population almost doubled — from 129,107 to 250,787, according to census numbers. Alaska, Arizona, New Mexico, Hawaii, Utah, Colorado, and Idaho were among the top 10 states for growth in the senior population.

And it's not just the Sunbelt. Lured by the nostalgia of rural towns and outdoor recreation, retirees have turned Western towns into retirement hot spots. Florida and California have long been Meccas. But today, Bend, Ore.; St. George, Utah; Sheridan, Wyo.; and Silver City, N.M., are hip places to be.

Laura Tidley and her husband, a retired real estate developer, traded Georgia for Cody, Wyo., four years ago. She speaks about the West in post-card-perfect words.

"We can be in the park (Yellowstone) in an hour," she said. "The animals are so goodness, to see them just like it's supposed to be. The climate is just fantastic. When it snows, it's like confectioner's sugar."

Retirees who migrate are the "healthiest, wealthiest and best-educated of all retirees," said Mark Fagan, a sociologist at Jacksonville State University in Alabama. They take college classes and travel. Few pass time in rocking chairs on the front porch.

"Before, when you thought of a retirement home, you'd think of bingo and all that," said Wynne Angell, a retirement housing consultant. "Now... you don't even want to advertise that. Bingo — that just creates the impression of people that are real frail."

But as retirees age and join the baby boomers already in the West, their housing and



George Colvin, left, and Joe Rauwolf putt on the par-three golf course Sept. 28, at the Desert Greens Community in Pahrump, Nev.

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St. George becomes senior boom town. See page B6

medical needs will change. They may need help with everyday activities or move into an assisted living home.

“Through 2025, the Census Bureau projects the West will continue to dominate the country in the growth of the senior population. Utah will lead, followed by Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon, Alaska and Colorado. The senior population in those states is expected to at least double. Arizona, New Mexico, Montana and Nevada also rank among the 15 fastest-growing states.

All those extra people will strain state resources; even small states, like Wyoming could easily be overwhelmed. States are taking stock of their resources for older residents, examining health care and housing options, forming committees to study needs of an aging population and trying to plan for an unprecedented population increase.

“We've known this was coming for a long, long time,” said Bev Morrow, administrator of the Wyoming Aging Division. “Very little has actually been done. We all have to just face it. We have to take a good hard look, let go of some things and move in a new direction.”

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Kempthorne fell so strongly about preparing for older residents that he made long-term care his initiative as chairman of the National Governors' Association this past year. His father cares for his mother, a stroke victim, in the couple's home.

“That's a trend states are looking at. While not abandoning institutional care, states are increasing aid and resources for home care, hoping to move away from nursing homes and use relatives or friends as caregivers. Home care is usually cheaper and it's what people prefer, said Donna Folkemer, health program director for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

“But home care creates a whole new set of issues. How will it work? How many caregivers will there be? And what about giving caregivers a break? The availability and affordability of so-called respite care is something else states are examining, especially rural states like Montana and Wyoming.

The Wyoming Legislature this year created a long-term

care subcommittee that is studying whether to put Alzheimer's units in assisted living facilities, the availability of nursing assistants and the shortage of doctors.

“It's difficult to attract providers into all of the places we need them,” Morrow said.

More doctors are limiting Medicare patients because reimbursement rates are lower than private insurance. That makes finding a physician even harder in parts of the West where it can be 100 miles or more between towns.

Nurses are also scarce. In 2000, 10 of 13 Western states already had nursing shortages, according to a 2002 Department of Health and Human Services report. By 2020, the shortage is projected to spread to all Western states and beyond.

“There's a tug and pull here,” said Dr. Joanne Schwartzberg, director of aging and community health for the American Medical Association. “You have the age wave coming, and we just don't have work force.”

When Robert Pizzo, 69, retired as president of a Wisconsin first-aid supply company two years ago, he and his wife were looking for a town with affordable housing, a symphony orchestra and a favorable climate.

They found that in Eugene, Ore., but that search was easy compared to finding a doctor that accepted Medicare. That took a month.

It's not uncommon for older residents to be more interested in making sure recreation areas are nearby than a hospital.

Pahrump, where Steve Marsh, who has Parkinson's disease, moved to from Indiana, won't have a hospital until 2006. Marsh, 67, goes to a Veterans Administration clinic in Pahrump or drives 60 miles to Las Vegas for medical care.

“That's not what they think about,” Schwartzberg said. “They think, finally I'm ready to retire. I want to enjoy myself. I don't want to think about problems that won't arise for 10, maybe 15 years.

“It's hard enough to get people to plan for retirement. How do you get people to start thinking about health care?”

States, experts say, don't have a choice. They must prepare.

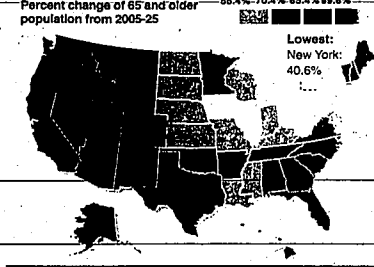
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When retirees began discovering Sheridan, Wyo., population 16,000, Mayor Jim Wilson asked them to help make Sheridan, with its main street parades and small-town charm, more attractive to an older population.

The new residents now serve

More seniors will call the West — home

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on volunteer boards and state resources; even helped the town develop hiking and bicycle trails.

Sheridan is expanding its hospital, making sure its older buildings are handicapped accessible and is working to keep housing affordable in a town where new residents have driven up home prices.

That's a big problem in retirement spots. New wealthier residents can afford to pay more for homes, but that raises property taxes for longtime residents.

The West accounted for 19 of the top 25 counties in the country for the most expensive homes owned by people ages 55 to 74, according to estimates from the National Association of Home Builders based on census numbers.

Piñon County, Colo.; home to Aspen, led the country with

an average home price of \$346,036. Teton County, Wyo., home to Jackson and a gateway to Yellowstone National Park, was third with an average price of \$650,526.

Nevada is helping launch a pilot project to build an affordable, assisted living home in Las Vegas.

The 90-unit facility is scheduled to open next year. Homebuilder Del Webb, a leader in housing for 55 and older, now offers a variety of price ranges for its Sun City communities in Nevada, Arizona and California.

But preparing for an older population is more than just making sure health care is adequate and housing is affordable. It's also about quality of life and making sure jobs are available for the many retirees who plan to

continue working.

States will need to attract companies that want to hire older workers and businesses will have to accommodate job-sharing and employees who want to work from home, said Clare Tushbeck, an economist with AARP.

“It does require big vision,” she said. “It's not an easy thing to wrap your mind around, but it's coming.”

In Arizona, the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust recently awarded grants to four communities to create “life options” centers, where older adults can learn about new careers. Like classes, volunteer and socialize.

Telemedicine — doctors practicing from afar by voice, data and video hookup — may see greater use in remote communities in the West. Kempthorne said a new hospital in Salmon, Idaho, will use telemedicine extensively.

States will also need more transportation options. Using school buses to transport seniors while students are in school is one idea.

Kempthorne said.

“While we are getting used to the current generation of retirees and near-retirees, there will be a gap,” said Daniel Perry, executive director of the Alliance for Aging Research. “They will be moving to more far-flung areas. There'll be a gap between now and when health care and transportation services and entertainment catches up with them.”

The Idaho governor hopes his yearlong work on long-term care paid off and that his fellow governors will include the issue in their state-of-the-state addresses next year.

“You don't have to look very far down the road with regard to your budgets,” Kempthorne said.

“You're going to be impacted one way or another. You better get ahead of the curve.”

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Pakistan army displays ammunition confiscated from militants at Karvan Manza in Pakistan's tribal belt along Afghanistan border on Saturday.

Pakistan army says restive tribal region will be pacified

KARWANAMANZA, Pakistan (AP) — On a strategic mountain top not far from the Afghan border, soldiers man machine guns in dry stone bunkers and the boom of rocket and artillery fire occasionally echoes in the distance.

The Pakistan commanding general gestures toward the hills on the horizon where his troops have advanced in the last two days and makes a bold prediction: South Waziristan — a haven for al-Qaida-linked guerrillas who fled Afghanistan after the fall of the Taliban — will be pacified by the year's end.

But Maj. Gen. Niaz Khattak has another, more disappointing message — there's no sign of the man that Pakistan's American allies in the war on terror really want him to catch: Osama bin Laden.

"So far I have no indication whatsoever of Osama bin Laden. There has not even been a rumor Osama bin Laden is in the area," Khattak told reporters flown to the region by helicopter Saturday.

South Waziristan, long been regarded as one of the

most likely hiding places for bin Laden and his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, although there has been no solid intelligence to support that. Khattak did not rule out the possibility they are here but considered it very unlikely.

Between 7,000 and 8,000 Pakistani forces have been deployed in a three-pronged offensive in the eastern reaches of the rugged region this week, the latest in a series of bloody military operations that have left at least 170 Pakistani soldiers and nearly 300 militants, including 100 foreigners, dead since March.

Using artillery and helicopter gunships, the army says it has won for several rebel bases and killed between 30 and 40 militants — although it so far has recovered only six bodies.

His men have come under repeated assault by militants, whom he described as the "lowest tier" of al-Qaida fighters — mainly Uzbeks, Chechens, Tajiks and Afghans, supported by renegade local tribesmen.

"The explosion of violence this year in South Waziristan — a semi-autonomous tribal region —

has long resisted interference from the central government. It has alarmed many Pakistanis and stoked criticism of President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's support of the U.S.-led war on terror. Besides the hundreds of soldiers, militants and civilians who have been killed — thousands of villagers have been displaced.

But Khattak claimed success. He estimated that the number of foreign guerrillas has dwindled from 500 or 600 in March to about 100 now.

The rest have died, fled or been captured, although he could cite only one, a young Tajik, who had been caught alive.

He contended that the entire western portion of the Wazir tribe, controlled by the Wazir tribe, had been pacified.

Five renegade leaders signed a peace deal with the government this week.

However, a bomb attack in the main town of Wana on Saturday that killed at least three soldiers and one passer-by showed that the threat of sporadic attacks remained.

Men arrested in murder belong to militant group

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Dutch authorities have confirmed that 13 young Muslims arrested on terrorism charges in the Netherlands after the murder of filmmaker Theo van Gogh are members of a radical Islamic group with international links and a Syrian-born spiritual leader.

Dutch intelligence calls the group the "Hofstad Network," and a Justice Ministry official says 43-year-old Syrian Reouan al-Issar, the alleged spiritual leader, has disappeared without a trace.

Van Gogh was ritually slaughtered on an Amsterdam street Nov. 2, apparently for criticizing Islam. His killing set off a wave of reprisals — attacks on more than 20 Islamic sites in the Netherlands, including a mosque which was gutted by fire early Saturday.

Van Gogh's alleged killer, 26-year-old Mohammed Bouyeri, of Amsterdam, was arrested in a shootout with police minutes after the filmmaker died of gunshot wounds and a slit throat. Bouyeri had a will in his pocket

saying he was prepared to die for Islamic jihad, or holy war.

In the days that followed, the government has come under pressure to release details about Islamic radicals and terrorist recruiting in the Netherlands.

In a letter and notes sent to parliament Thursday, Interior Minister Johan Remkes, who oversees the secret service, gave the clearest picture yet of the Dutch cell allegedly behind Van Gogh's murder.

Remkes said the Hofstad Network, composed mostly of young Dutch Muslims of North African ancestry, has links to networks in Spain and Belgium; that several members of the group have traveled to Pakistan for training and that its members were under the influence of al-Issar for many years.

"The number of persons and networks in the Netherlands that think and acts in terms of actual violence is, in our opinion, limited," he wrote. "But the feeding ground from which they spring, is broader... it's better to think in terms of thousands than hundreds," he said.

Al-Issar went by several names, including "Abu Kaled," the Justice Ministry official said. The same name is used by al-Qaida fugitive Muhammad Bakhat, a courier between Osama bin Laden and European cells.

Al-Issar had sought asylum in Germany beginning in 1985, but has not been seen there since May 2004, the Wall Street Journal reported Saturday.

Remkes said the Dutch secret service realized in the Spring of 2003 that al-Issar was "a leading figure" who preached at fundamentalist gatherings at Bouyeri's Amsterdam home.

Al-Issar "radiates charisma and exercises great influence on youth from this network," Remkes wrote. "Participants strengthened their radical Islamic ideas, and the subject of violent jihad is often discussed."

Dick Luedrick, an expert on Islamic fundamentalism at the Netherlands Institute of Foreign Relations Clingendael, said he had worried there would be an attack like the one that killed Van Gogh.

Militants claim U.S. official slowed U.N. hostage deal with comments

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Taliban-linked militants threatening to kill three U.N. hostages accused the United States of hampering their release, though an Afghan official said Saturday a ransom demand was the main stumbling block.

Jai-sh al-Muslimeen or Army of Muslims, a spinoff of Afghanistan's former ruling militia, is publicly demanding the release of 28 Taliban suspects in exchange for the three foreign election workers, abducted more than two weeks ago.

The group says some of the men it wants freed are in American custody. But U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage opposed any concessions during a visit to Kabul earlier this week.

Mohammed Abbas Agha, the group's purported leader, said Armitage had dashed hopes the hostages could be freed before



Afghan President Hamid Karzai, left, addresses the media after praying at a Presidential Palace mosque in Kabul, Afghanistan on Saturday.

the Islamic feast of Eid al-Fitr, which began Saturday.

"The negotiators from the Afghan government contacted

us on Friday, and we discussed the entire situation," Agha told The Associated Press in a telephone call.

Group: 2004 was deadly for journalists

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — More than 100 journalists have been killed since January, making 2004 the most deadly year for journalists in a decade, an international media rights group said.

The slayings of three journalists in recent days in Ivory Coast, Nicaragua and the Philippines pushed this year's total to 101, the International Federation of Journalists said Friday.

"2004 is turning out to be one of the most bloody years on record," said Aidan White, the federation's general secretary. "The crisis of news safety has

reached an intolerable level and must be addressed urgently."

The organization recorded 83 killings of media staff in 2003 and 70 in 2002. The most deadly year for journalists since the organization began compiling annual reports in 1988 was 1994, when 115 were killed, including 48 during the genocide in Rwanda.

This year's latest victim was Gene Boyd R. Lumawag, photo editor for the independent Filipino news agency MindaNews, shot in the head Friday by an unknown gunman while on his way to take a picture of the sur-

set in the southern town of Jolo.

A colleague working with Lumawag said she was told by army investigators they suspected an "urban terrorist group" from Abu Sayyaf, a Muslim-separatist group linked to al-Qaida and active in Jolo, killed the photographer.

The federation said Lumawag was the ninth journalist killed in the Philippines this year and the 58th slain there since 1986.

On Tuesday, Maria Jose Bravo, 26, a reporter with La Prensa newspaper in Nicaragua, was shot and killed while covering election-related protests.

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WORLD

Pachyderms on beer run flatten villages in India

Villagers use firecrackers to scare them away

GAUHATI, India (AP) — Wild elephant herds have been terrorizing India's remote northeast, killing people, flattening houses and even guzzling local rice beer supplies, prompting villagers to retaliate against the pachyderms with firecrackers and bonfires.

With an estimated 5,000 elephants, Assam state has the largest concentration of wild Asiatic elephants in India, said M.C. Malakar, Assam's Chief Wildlife Warden.

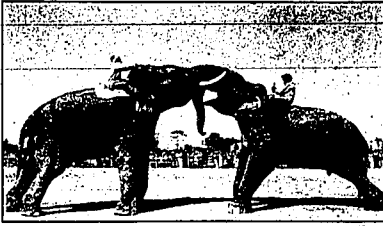
The big herds, faced with shrinking forest cover and human encroachment of their corridors, venture into human settlements looking for food and attack those who try to stop them.

The wild elephants have stampeded across the region stomping down houses and feasting on standing crops, Pradyut Bordoloi, Assam state's forest minister, said Saturday.

Rice beer is an attraction. Workers in tea plantations in Assam make rice beer at home and store it in drums.

"There are many instances of wild elephants guzzling the brew and returning for more," Bordoloi said.

Wild elephants have killed at least 22 people so far this year in the state, wildlife authorities



Two domestic elephants engage in a game during the elephant festival at the Kaziranga National park about 156 miles east of Gauhati, India, in this Jan. 30 photo. While Hindus burst firecrackers to celebrate a major festival this week, many people in India's remote northeast set them off to save themselves from marauding herds of elephants.

say. A rapidly shrinking habitat is the main reason for elephants killing more than 600 people in the past 15 years, the authorities say.

On Oct. 26, wild elephants guzzled rice beer kept in drums in Marongi, a village about 175 miles east of Assam's main city of Gauhati, and then went on a rampage, trampling three people to death and wounding two others, India media reported.

Wildlife officials and villagers use firecrackers and bonfires to scare away the large herds, Bordoloi told The Associated Press. Villagers also beat on drums.

Officials also use electric fences and dig trenches, but these are meant to protect people from elephant attacks, not to scare the elephants.

In 2001, at least 19 wild elephants were poisoned to death by angry villagers, Bordoloi said.

Satellite imagery showed that as many as 113,315 acres of thick forests were cleared by human encroachers in 1996-2000, leading to the breakup of traditional elephant corridors and their habitat, Bordoloi said.

A government ban on capturing elephants and restrictions on sending them to other states has aggravated Assam's problem.

The state has created buffer zones to tackle the menace. An area on the periphery of villages is cultivated with plants found palatable by the elephants, and the second layer has plants like mustard that elephants shun.

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Namibia election signals end of era

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — After a 23-year war of independence and three terms as president, Sam Nujoma of Namibia is ready to step down, bringing an era marked by fiery rhetoric as well as pragmatism and stability.

The 75-year-old Nujoma is the father of his southwest African nation and the only leader its 1.8 million people have ever known. But after presidential elections Monday and Tuesday, Nujoma will prepare to hand over power, presumably to Hifikepunye Pohamba, his hand-picked successor and former comrade in arms.

The election, which neutral observers expect to be free and fair, underlines how southern Africa — except for deeply troubled Zimbabwe — has emerged from turmoil and settled into democratic routines.

Outside Namibia, Nujoma is known for making outlandish statements and fiercely defending his old friend President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, who is widely seen as a tyrant.

At a U.N. conference in Geneva in 2000, Nujoma stunned delegates when he claimed AIDS was a man-made biological weapon. His tirades against homosexuals and threats to arrest and deport them drew international condemnation.

He once banned all foreign television programs, declaring they had corrupted the youth of Namibia.

But Phanuel Kaapama, a political science professor at the University of Namibia, defended Nujoma, saying "all leaders make statements they regret."

Nujoma took office in 1990 over a country half the size of Alaska, rich in diamonds and strategic metals, but ethnically fragmented and largely controlled by a tiny white minority closely aligned to South Africa.

When South Africa switched peacefully to black majority rule under Nelson Mandela, Namibia followed suit.

More recently Nujoma has been warning white farmers to share their land with blacks or risk facing a situation similar to that in Zimbabwe, where thousands of white-owned farms have been seized for redistribution to blacks.

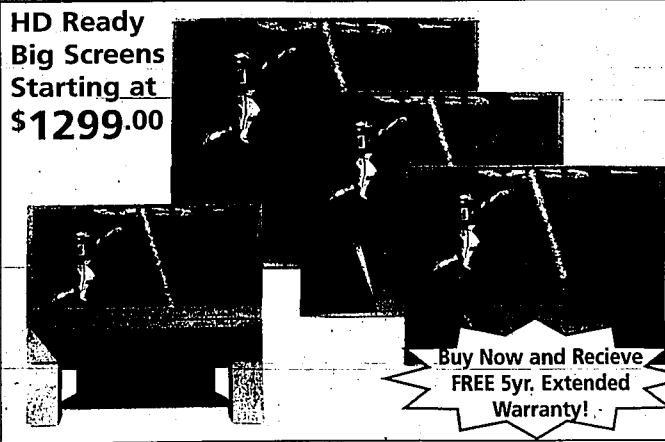


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EDITORIAL

Stop hedging on promises to reduce Idaho's sales tax

Conspiracy theorists know the Bermuda Triangle. But now there's a new phenomenon called the Boise Triangle.

Explained simply, the Boise Triangle is a three-month period of November, December and January — between the election and

whether they'll turn right back and rewrite the 6 percent increase into law.

Given how Idaho's revenue collections are known to taper off in winter months, we can understand some of the hesitancy to commit. But the current figures look good for a return to 5 percent.

Our view: Legislators

should focus on their promises to keep the 1 percent sales tax increase off the books. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

October's tax collections pushed this fiscal year's surplus to \$28.6 million. New economic reports also predict job growth to move upward through 2005 and 2006. And Legislative Director Jeff Youtz has set a target for a \$120 million revenue surplus in July. That hefty amount would certainly help plug the post-stay surplus revenue gap.

Lawmakers could fill the rest by keeping increased tobacco taxes in place for another \$25 million. Additional revenue should be explored with higher alcohol product taxes. After all, alcohol consumers haven't seen a tax increase in three or four decades, while grocery consumers have seen sales tax jumps steadily over the same period.

Today's consumer prices make another compelling case for a tax sunset. Soaring oil prices have led to higher costs on groceries and other products.

Those higher prices result in higher tax revenue to the state — in this market — if reduced sales tax would be a wash for the state, but provide some relief for consumers.

"That much more money would be in people's pockets," said House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley. "And in a consumer economy that goes a long way."

The same thing goes for confidence in state government.

When they keep their promises, elected leaders build a solid trust with the voters.

Now's the time to honor that trust, rather than let it disappear.

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Fears of a GOP empire are overblown

Some of my colleagues in the pundit business have become unblinded by the election results. The always diverting Maureen Dowd of The New York Times wrote the other day that "the forces of darkness" are taking over the country.

The voters' confirmation of Republican-led government brings with it "a scary, paranoid, regressive reality," Dowd said, with "strains of isolationism, nativism, chauvinism, puritanism and religious fanaticism."



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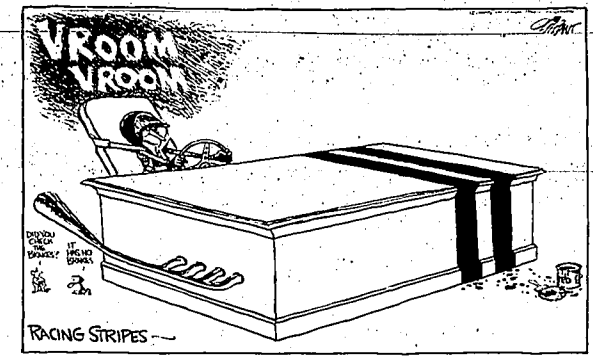
After a campaign of "blatant distortions and character assassination," Republicans have returned to Washington bent on "messing with our psyches" and punishing "society's most vulnerable: the poor, the sick, the elderly, the disabled."

I know that many agree with that. But before throwing yourself over the cliff, or emigrating to Sweden, consider a couple things.

George Bush was re-elected by 51 percent of the people. His first significant action following Election Day was to retain Andrew Card, a Massachusetts-based business moderate, as his chief of staff.

His second was to accept the resignation of John Ashcroft, the hero of the religious right and the favorite bogeyman of civil libertarians, as attorney general. Ashcroft's replacement, White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales, will receive close scrutiny from Democratic senators but almost all of them who self-described "real right-wingers" from states as red as Idaho will insist on changes in the USA Patriot Act before it is renewed, because they take their right to privacy seriously.

The exaggerated reaction to the election among many liberals was set off by the belief that



Bush owes his victory to a bunch of religious zealots bent on imposing their views on the whole society. That impression was based on exit polls showing that Bush won overwhelmingly among the 22 percent of voters who said moral values were the most important issue to them.

But as columnist E.J. Dionne Jr. has pointed out, even if he had won every vote in that bloc, Bush wouldn't have gotten close to a majority. The real Bush success was in fighting John Kerry to a near-standoff among self-described moderates.

Tim Hibbitts, an independent pollster in Portland, Ore., has done some exit poll calculations that make an interesting point. Gay marriage was an engaging issue in states like his, where it was on the ballot as a voter initiative. Bush lost Oregon, even though the measure banning gay marriage passed.

In the national exit polls, Hibbitts found that 12 percent of Bush's voters actually favored permitting gay marriages; 30 percent favored civil unions. But not gay marriages. That leaves 50 percent of the Bush voters who said no legal recognition should be given to

same-sex couples. Kerry voters went the other way, with less than a quarter taking a no-recognition stance. But on both sides, Hibbitts points out, opinion is nuanced, not monolithic. You can see why Congress is wary of a constitutional amendment on this issue.

What is true about gay marriage applies also to other questions that will confront this administration and Congress: judgments, tax reform, entitlement reform, energy, health care and the rest. Bush has gained the right to set the agenda, but he has not obliterated the opposition.

Once they recover from their disappointment, Democrats will realize that winning 48 percent of the popular vote in a high-turnout election, as Kerry did, provides a sturdy base from which to climb back into power.

Bush won, but he will have to work within the system for whatever he can get. Checks and balances are still there. The nation does not face "another dark age," unless you consider politics with all its treacheries and harguing a black art.

David Broder's e-mail address is davidbroder@usa.net

Brigade members represent Idaho's finest

My trip to visit members of the Idaho National Guards' 11th Cavalry Brigade in October recently completed their training at Ft. Polk, Louisiana left me inspired. The training was as realistic, the soldiers so committed and resolute, and the commanders so proud of the level at which your sons, daughters, wives, husbands, friends, and neighbors were performing that I came away convinced that the members of the 11th are some of the finest who have served this state and nation.

As these fine citizen-soldiers count down the last remaining days until their deployment overseas to the Middle East, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Many of them are among us, enjoying the moments they have with family during a few days of leave before reporting back to duty in Louisiana for that deployment.

When I was at Ft. Polk, sol-



READER COMMENT: Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

diers told me over and over how much it means to get the support they receive from back home — from the people of Idaho. So, when you see them around your community over the next few days, be sure to stop and thank them for their service and sacrifice. A simple gesture of thanks goes a long way.

That's why I'll be returning to Louisiana the week of Thanksgiving to visit with members of the 11th Cavalry Brigade in Alexandria — the staging area for their deployment overseas — as they leave for Iraq. I'll have Thanksgiving dinner with them and, starting the day after

Thanksgiving, I'll wish each soldier Goodspeed as they climb into the transport planes.

But before they start serving their country and they leave American soil, I want to give these soldiers an Idaho send-off they won't forget.

The day before Thanksgiving, I'll be in the States and the 11th and vocalist Nancy Roche will perform in a two-hour concert for the troops. I want to thank Paul and Nancy, along with their bands and support staff for volunteering their talents and time to our troops. When I asked these fellow Idahoans to help, they didn't hesitate — a common trait, I've found, among all Idahoans, especially when it comes to the support of our men and women in uniform.

These soldiers deserve it. The commanders and evaluators at the highest levels of the two premier training centers where our soldiers have undergone this training have told me

our soldiers have received the most realistic and demanding training possible. It is exactly the same training their active-duty counterparts undergo prior to deploying, and all involved are confident that the soldiers of the 11th Brigade Combat Team — the brigade's official designation now that the 11th is being integrated into "regular military" operations — are now ready to serve alongside their active-duty counterparts in the Global War on Terrorism.

I cannot believe that any soldiers — active-duty, National Guard or Reserves — could possibly be better prepared than the men and women of the 11th Brigade Combat Team. I am humbled by their sacrifice, awed by their expertise, and inspired by their determination and enthusiasm. They are, in the truest sense of the word, soldiers.

God bless them and their families.

Take benefit money to keep Castleford deputy

A benefit or a subsidy? While reading the story on Castleford scrambling to keep its deputy, I had, for a split second, a thought on how to take care of it. Then I realized it would never work.

You see, my idea was so simple. All we would have to do to keep sheriff service to a whole community and a school was for the county leaders to give them the money they budgeted for themselves for spouse insurance for just one year. The \$46,434 would have fixed up Castleford for several years.

It was then that I realized why it would not work.

One commissioner said that was the one benefit that would make sure he would stay in office for how many years I do not know. And another commissioner said with having to pay for his re-election costs, he deserved it.

I guess what I realized was that as long as the county pays all the incumbents their self-imposed \$4,676 extra over their

own insurance costs to subsidize their elections to stay in office, Castleford will go without a deputy and all the other county employees who do not get it will not be able to afford to run for office against an incumbent and fix things the way they should be.

I always thought contributing to a candidate for a political office was voluntary. I guess it isn't here.

Any suggestions? ROGER FRANSON, Buhl

Time for Republicans to state their expectations

OK, Republicans! You got what you wanted, four more years of George Bush. What do you expect now?

I am guessing that you have given little thought to that question, that it was more important to win than to consider the consequences. Maybe I'm wrong. Enlighten me, all you Republican writers-of-letters-to-the-editor. Sharpen your pencil or plug in your computer and send in what you think

the Bush administration will accomplish in this lame-duck presidency. I will read the letters to the editor and record your responses through the month of December. To be fair, those who voted for Kerry are invited to write in what they expect to come out of the next four years.

Please be specific. It would be difficult to measure a reply like, "Bush will make America safer" or "Bush will make America safer." On the other hand, it would be easy to measure an expectation like "Bush will reduce the deficit by 50 percent" or "There won't be any more terrorist attacks on U.S. soil." The more specific you are, the more meaningful your response. I know it is going to be a challenge, but let it be a challenge.

Early in January, I'll send in a list of expectations for both sides and we will consider that a time capsule of sorts. We will let it sit until the next presidential election gets into gear. When that time comes, Republicans will be able to get an index regarding satisfaction with Bush and the Republican

Party. The Kerry supporters will have an index to measure their expected consequences from the second Bush term.

There should be little concern for "obstructionism" activities by Democrats in the Congress because the Republicans hold significant majorities in both houses. Also, isn't the measure of a good president the ability to accomplish goals that benefit all of our citizens through negotiation and leadership with the "loyal opposition"?

OK. Let's see what you got! MICHAEL JOHNSON, Jerome

Idaho gains more with the Electoral College

Since the election, I've read a number of letters and articles saying that we should abolish the Electoral College and elect our presidents by direct vote. I have a question for those who hold this opinion: Why in the world do you want to give up your vote to someone in inner city Los Angeles? Because that's exactly what you would

be doing.

The Electoral College is a result of what's commonly known as the great compromise in the U.S. Constitution. The framers of the Constitution were in a stalemate over how many representatives from each state should be in Congress. The small states wanted an equal number from each state while large states wanted representation based solely on population.

The compromise was two houses, a senate with two representatives from each state, and a house with members based on population. This satisfied both the large and small states. At the same time, presidential electors were set to equal the total congressional delegation from each state, which gives Idaho four electors. The 23rd Amendment later gave Washington, D.C., three electoral votes even though, since they're not a state, they have no representatives in Congress.

The compromise gives small states like Idaho a slight edge in the number of votes we have.

In this election, Idaho's popular vote was about 5 percent of the national total. However, our electoral vote was about 7 percent of the total. If we were to drop the Electoral College, we would be giving up more than 25 percent of our voice in the election process.

The Constitution was designed to help small states avoid being overwhelmed by the large ones. While the electoral college has possibly worked against liberal candidates in recent years, consider that the Democratic Party depends on a dozen big cities for its votes. Los Angeles alone can probably out vote all of the mountain states combined.

Idaho needs every bit of advantage that we can get to hold our own against the big cities, and that's exactly why our founding fathers designed the election process this way.

Once our electoral advantage is gone, it's gone forever. This is an advantage that's too important to give up.

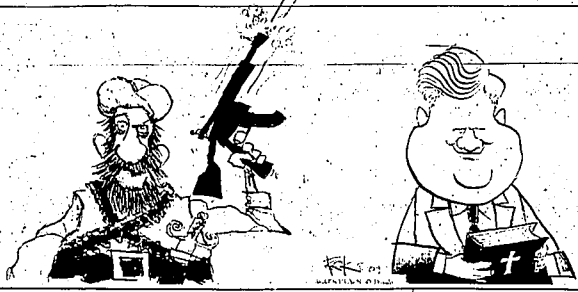
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Loser blues? Not me, I'm in denial

A couple of days after the election, my husband and I were walking down the street when I saw a sign that made my jaw drop: "REPUBLICAN PARKING."

LENORE SKENAZY

marriage zealot with a picture of Karl Rove wood-burned onto my shotgun.

so uplifting, but it does indicate liberals are hardly alone in their assessment of Bush.

The conversations I'm having are heartening, too, most of which go something like, "People may not want gay marriage, but almost 60 percent are OK with civil unions, and that's great progress!"

Oh, AS Emily Litella used to say, "Never mind." But I do think my subconscious got it right: It's a Republican country now. The rest of us just sulk in it.

You can't help but get it. Everybody has one — or 17 — and, frankly, they all sound really good.

East Village stores are still selling T-shirts that refer to Bush in any number of unprintable ways.

My husband, for instance, is far more depressed. My friends are doing the whole moving-to-Canada thing.

The '17 Reasons Not to Slit Your Wrists' e-mail by Michael Moore, for instance, is making the rounds faster than a Paris Hilton retrospective.

In short, I'm still cheery for the weeks after Christmas, because the decorations have yet to come down. As long as there's a plastic reindeer on the fire escape, there's hope.

The common man in the dull just needed me with a woe-gone. "Four more years, and that'll be \$3.75," even though for all he knows, I'm a prayer breakfast/WWJD/anti-gay-

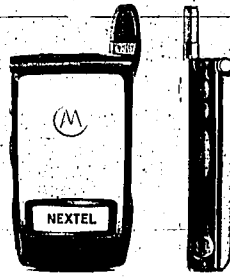
Um. Well, I'm not sure that's

Maybe the word for this blissful state is denial. And maybe, for the next four years, denial is the perfect place to be.

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You're not going out like that

Idaho used to have a dress code. Call it the Arvella Standard. Arvella was a member of my mother's bridge club. Like many Idaho women during the '50s and '60s who didn't work outside the home, she got dressed up whenever she went to the grocery store.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

And I mean *dressed up*. Frack, hose, high-heeled shoes, matching handbag, hat — the whole nine yards. Her rationale, like that of other gals of her generation was that they "might run into somebody I know."

I thought about Arvella the other day when I was standing in line at a Twin Falls supermarket. Not to put too fine a point on it, but the customers looked like a leper colony.

Slits half tucked in and half not, unaided sneakers, oversized coffee-stained sweatshirts, grossy baseball caps. One guy was wearing his shirt inside out. And sweatpants everywhere. Wearing anything with a drawing to the store, it seems to me, is clear evidence that you've just given up.

It's true that stylin' has never been our strong suit in Spudnut Acres, but, geez, we've morphed into gargoyle here. Where's the gang from "What Not to Wear" who we need them?

But then again, consider un-ironed models. Take the Idaho Legislature.

Please? A few years ago, in the spirit of celebrating my 50th birthday, I took them up to Boise to watch the lawmakers at work. The presiding officer in the House of Representatives that day was wearing a brown pin-striped suit with one leg tucked into his alligator cowboy boot.

One of the senators was sporting a belt-buckle bigger than the Coeur d'Alene of Idaho, and a female state rep. from northern Idaho got up to speak attired in a seafoam-green pants suit.

A lawmaker from rural eastern Idaho — a fellow who clearly hadn't often eaten a meal that didn't include spuds — was wearing a tweed jacket that must already have been too small when the senator graduated eighth-grade. And when he stood up, it was painfully apparent that he had trousers to match.

The debate in the House that day happened to be about a proposed law outlawing gay marriage in Idaho. I was nervous because these folks really could have used "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

I was reading an interview a few years ago with the late fashion designer Giovanni Versace. Versace was asked what was the biggest fashion faux pas.

"That's simple," he said. "The greatest sin is believing you're stylish when you're not." I think about Versace whenever I see a fellow Idahoan sporting a three-day old beard, pretending, I guess, that he's Colin Farrell or Johnny Depp.

Let me be blunt, folks: Farrell and Depp can get away with 5 o'clock shadow because they're handsome movie stars; you aren't, and so, you can't.

The average unshaven guy — the kind of fellow with multiple chins and retreating hair — looks like a Dumpster-diver.

And if your wife lets you go out of the house looking like that, then she's nuts if she lets you back in.

You may think that look embodies rugged masculinity, but the rest of the world thinks it embodies the mangle.

When I was kid, grown-ups who weren't particularly hairy, handsome took pains not to broadcast that fact. No longer. Ugly has become an entitlement.

Let me give you two sizes-too-small Tony Lama and your jeans that doesn't justify your jeans fishing so we don't have to look at you.

On second thought, don't. The local trout are too skittish as is.

Steve Crump with his chiseled good looks is the Times-News features editor.

RAISING AWARENESS



Burley Junior High School Spanish Club dancers Sarah Bernal, left, and Richard Martinez perform during the lunch break at the Human Rights Task Force Conference at Connors Cafe in Burley on Saturday.

Conference emphasizes communication between cultures

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Sonya Rosario's face flushed and her hands shook with anger as she recalled a story from her youth at Saturday's Human Rights Task Force Conference.

As a Hispanic pre-teen living on a military installation in the Netherlands, Rosario was turned away from a movie theater on the base after a ticket clerk told her she "looked like a dirty squaw" with her long braids.

"I went into the bathroom and cried," said Rosario, who founded the Boise-based Women of Color Alliance.

Rosario's stories struck a chord with the mostly female and Hispanic audience who listened to her speech at Saturday's conference, held at Connors's Cafe in Burley.

Several women in attendance wiped their eyes as Rosario spoke, remembering similar experiences from their youth.

The third-annual conference brought together about 50 people to discuss human and educational rights issues, including communication between cultural communities and the rights of people with disabilities.

"We want people to walk away with an awareness of the need to address concerns in the area of civil rights and to promote social justice in the community, as well as promoting unity between the two cultures here — the dominant

Anglo population and the Hispanic community," said organizer Gladys Esquivel of the Human Rights Task Force, who serves also as chairwoman of Idaho's Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

Esquivel, along with fellow organizers Linda Castaneda and Esperanza Gerhardt, brought in three speakers for the conference: Rosario, Marisa Smith of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' civil rights office and Pam Heward of Co-Ad, a legal service organization for people with disabilities.

In her work with Women of Color, Rosario has provided a support system for underrepresented women of all races, bringing people together to discuss their own biases

and prejudices. "Biology and distrust have divided communities," Rosario said. "We must undo this and organize ourselves across differences."

She also encouraged the audience to take advantage of state and federal grants available for minorities to start businesses and gain wealth. "There are over 100,000 Latinos in this state," Rosario said. "It's important to put aside our differences and work together now if we don't build those alliances, we're only hurting the hope for the future."

Times-News business writer Megan Hinds can be reached at 735-3238 or megan.hinds@lee.net.

Health district offers free class on arthritis

TWIN FALLS — Arthritis will be the subject of a special class hosted by South Central District Health.

The class will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the district health office located on the College of Southern Idaho campus near the Washington Street entrance.

The class will include information about the following:

- Different kinds of arthritis.
- Techniques to manage arthritis pain.
- Medical management.

• Educational and physical activity opportunities in the Magic Valley for people with arthritis.

The class will be taught by certified instructor Jami Pearson who will lead participants through some flexibility and strengthening exercises. Pearson will also teach participants some stress management and relaxation techniques.

The class is free but space is limited. To register, call Susie Beem at 734-5900, Ext. 246.

Magic Valley in brief

Cadillac of Twin Falls, 1654 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Safe Kids, located on the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's main campus at 598 Addison Ave. W., offers low-cost infant, convertible and booster car safety seats to families of all income levels. It also offers reduced prices on gun locks, bicycle helmets, seat belt covers and other protective equipment.

Magic Valley Regional is encouraging grandparents who help raise children to participate in the event.

"Grandparents have such wisdom and extensive knowledge in child rearing," said Page Geske, director of Safe Kids Magic Valley. "But that doesn't mean they don't need a refresher when it comes to children's safety."

According to the National Safe Kids Campaign, nine out of 10 grandparents spend time caring for their grandchildren during the course of a year and many are primary caregivers. In the state of Idaho, one out of every four children are raised by grandparents.

Electrical board will meet in Pocatello

POCATELLO — The Idaho

State Electrical Board will hold a special negotiated rule-making meeting and board meeting Thursday in the Madeira room of the Holiday Inn, 1399 Bench Road.

The rule-making meeting begins at 7:30 a.m. and is followed by the board meeting.

The State Electrical Board is seeking public and industry input on changing the requirements for an electrical contractor's license.

For more information, contact Kim McDonald at 208-332-7140 or kimcdonald@ds.state.id.us.

Transportation department will hold public workshop

SHOSHONE — The Idaho Transportation Department will hold the second public workshop to develop the South Jerome Interchange Management Plan on Wednesday at the Jerome City Council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.

The workshop will include an open house from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for one-on-one discussion with the consultant team and ITD representatives regarding the proposed improvements.

A group presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m., with additional informal discussion until 8:30 p.m.

The project team will present proposed improvement alter-

natives for the interchange and connecting roadways, frontage roads and intersections within the study area.

Estimated future land use development and future traffic projections for the study area also will be discussed. Area property and business owners, affected agencies, stakeholders, and the general public are encouraged to attend and provide comments on the proposed alternatives.

The resulting Interchange Management Plan will identify improvements to meet the needs of the community, area property and business owners over the next 20 years.

The study area boundaries are 100 South Road on the north, 300 South Road on the south, a proposed 100 South interchange on the west and 100 East Road on the east.

The study area also includes Interstate 64 between Jerome and the U.S. 93 interchange to the east.

The transportation department contracted with The Transpo Group to complete the plan.

For more information, call Bob Humphrey, ITD senior planner at 886-7800 or Mike Pepper, KMP Planning at 734-6208.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Annexation could bring headaches for some Dietrich residents

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

DIETRICH — At least one Dietrich resident is facing a dilemma.

"I don't want to have to put \$10,000 into a well and have to abandon it," said Lewis Parish, who is building a new home in the Dietrich West Subdivision, which city council members have approved for annexation.

The council has had two public hearings on the issue, where input was taken from residents in a well so his family will have drinking water when they move into their home by the end of the year or should he wait until city services become available?

If he waits he won't have to abandon the \$10,000 well. But he doesn't know how long he would have to wait for services.

are required before the ordinance will be final.

Parish said he does not have city services in the area of impact, but has been told that within three years after services are provided he would have to abandon his well and hook up to services.

He is wondering if he should put in a well so his family will have drinking water when they move into their home by the end of the year or should he wait until city services become available?

If he waits he won't have to abandon the \$10,000 well. But he doesn't know how long he would have to wait for services.

The city is not able to tell Parish exactly when it would be able to provide services.

The dilemma

City councilman Wallace Southwick said that giving residents of the annexation three years less before they have to hook up to available services is a compromise.

The annexation — which would eventually provide the new sewer hook-ups — would give leverage to obtain grants to pay for necessary improvements, Southwick said.

"It's a real dilemma," he said. "Small towns like ours don't have the money they need — es-

pecially where we are on the side of a volcano.

The town, with a population of less than 200, has had to deal with expenses related to excavating areas of rock to put in a new sewer system, Southwick said. Blasting and hammering rocks to put in sewer line and a new lagoon drove costs up.

History of the lagoon and subdivision

The lagoon, which was built in 1993, was financed partly by a grant from a non-profit private organization called Renaissance Institute. The grant required a lot of the work to be done by volunteers. A lift station

Police crack down on gambling in Idaho bars

POCATELLO (AP) — The Idaho State Police "crackdown on bars that pay money to people who use electronic poker machines ought to send a message to other bars doing the same thing: Stop."

"It would be best to get them out of there," said Rick Ohlman, an Idaho State Police spokesman. "They're tempting fate. They never know when well come and knock on their door."

The Alcohol Beverage Control division of the state police confiscated 50 of the machines last week in 13 bars in the Boise Valley and Coeur d'Alene areas.

"We're fully aware that these are in bars in other parts of the state," Ohlman said. "State law makes it illegal for owners of the machines to pay money or anything of value, including drinks, out to people who play them. While those bastards in the crackdown face misdemeanor charges, the bars also risk losing their liquor licenses."

The devices usually are video poker games designated "For amusement only," but some have allowed customers to "cash out" when they rack up winnings.

Several bar owners in Pocatello have recently removed the machines out.

The Office Bar got rid of its machines a few months ago to ensure they didn't create any problems, said bartender Danelle Bowden.

While the bar never paid off on the machines when they were there, with them gone, even the appearance of wrongdoing is gone, she said.

"We took them out so we wouldn't be in that situation, she said.

Other bars that have still have them said they don't pay off on them.

Jefferson Street Pub and Suds owner Theresa Pierson said all of her customers know the machines "in" her bar are for entertainment only.

"We don't put it on it, because it's against the law," she said. Pierson said she has receipts tracking how much money goes into the machines and she pays taxes on that money.

The crackdowns in Boise and Coeur d'Alene came after months of surveillance. The state police and other organizations discovered that many establishments were operating the machines in violation of Idaho gambling laws.

"In several cases, we found extensive records which indicated who had been playing the machines, how much was being taken in and how much paid out," said Lt. Bob Clements, Alcohol Beverage Control bureau chief.

Officials estimated the machines were earning their owners as much as \$2,000 each per week in net-of-tax income.

While labels clearly point out the machines are for entertainment purposes only, Ohlman said undercover officers found the truth to be a different matter.

"People don't sit down and put huge amounts of money into these things purely for recreation," he said.

He said one undercover agent watched someone put \$400 in a machine.

"I can't imagine that was purely to have a good time."

When the subdivision was originally platted in 1975, the sub-divider was not required to make any provision for roads, sewer or water. Sewer service has been provided to some of the more populated area of the subdivision.

But recently there has been a lot of activity with people wanting to build.

"I can't imagine that was purely to have a good time."

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OBITUARIES

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Donald A. Jensen - Twin Falls

Donald A. "Big Fish" Jensen, 64, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2004, at his home in Twin Falls, Idaho, surrounded by his loving family.

A longtime Twin Falls resident, businessman and civic leader, Don was born Dec. 11, 1919, in Pocatello, Idaho. Don served proudly as an officer in the U.S. Navy from Oct. 12, 1942, to Oct. 12, 1945, being discharged after surviving 17 days at sea in a lifeboat after the sinking of the tanker ship USS Oklahama.



Don married Mary E. Phillips of Pocatello on Jan. 17, 1947. He worked for Molinelli Jewelers in Pocatello, Idaho, from Oct. 12, 1935, until Oct. 12, 1955. After moving to Twin Falls, Don and Mary founded Jensen Jewelers of Idaho Inc. on Oct. 12, 1956. Don was the co-chairman of the original Downtown Twin Falls Urban District in the 1950s, and remained active in the jewelry business his entire life. Mary, his beloved wife, predeceased Don on Feb. 10, 1986. Don married Rosemary Sinclair Carpenter of Twin Falls on Feb. 27, 1988.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Rosemary, and by adoring children and grandchildren, John and Anna — the Jensen of Twin Falls, Sara and Bob Howard of Traverse City, Mich., Judi and Bob McCoy of Tulsa, Okla., Dave and Karen Jensen of Grand Junction, Colo., and their children, Carly and Donald. He is also survived by his loving extended family of Ralph and Lin Carpenter, Frank Eugene and Sula, Flint and Cassie Carpenter, Talmage and Cache, Rick and Lin Carpenter, Jas and Jessica, Gale and Julie Carpenter, and Chance.

Over the years, Don belonged to several organizations including the Elks Club, the Double R Ranch, the Four Foolish Fishermen Club and the Coyote Club (founder and past president). He was an active member of Blue Lakes County "Club" and the affiliated organization, the Short Arms and Deep Pockets Gin Rummy Club.

Don Jensen's leadership and mentoring of countless Jensen jewelers-employees over the past 48 years brought him immeasurable joy; it is these loyal employees that have built Jensen Jewelers to be 12 locations spread over three states, and the largest privately owned jewelry business in the

Rocky Mountain West. Don was also active in the jewelry industry nationally, being past president of Leading Jewelers Guild twice in his career.

Don was a lifelong fly fishing enthusiast as well as a devoted player of golf, gin rummy and duplicate bridge. In years past, he loved to hunt pheasants and snow ski. He was an avid traveler and devoured good books and news with a passion. He treasured his two annual trips to fish in Alaska, one with lifelong friends and one with his family. The nickname, "Big Fish," evolved from these annual outings.

For those blessed enough to know Don, he always had a good story to share with plenty of playful wit. Many felt his generous approach to life. Don was devoted to his family and friends and he will be greatly missed by all of them.

Don's family is grateful for the compassionate care of Aspen Grove Hospice, and the love of Dr. Joseph Ippolito and his nursing staff.

There will be a private interment at Sunset Memorial Park. Family and friends are invited to join in a celebration of life service at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, at the First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, kindly contribute to the "Mary E. and Donald A. Jensen Scholarship Fund" in care of the College of Southern Idaho Foundation. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary Chapel by the Park.

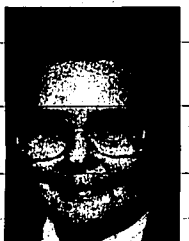
Faye Rose Byce - Twin Falls

Faye Rose Byce, 85, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, Nov. 11, 2004, at Heritage Retirement Center.

Faye was born Sept. 18, 1919, in Cascade, Idaho, the daughter of Nelson and Laura DeWahl.

She moved with her family to Gooding in 1929. It was there that she met Lyle Byce and they were married on Sept. 14, 1936.

Although she was a wife and mother, she also worked in the fields for Agrow, Secor and a logging crew supervisor for several years. She also worked for Harper Produce for many years. Faye enjoyed gardening and going fishing with her



husband, Lyle. She was a member of the Twin Falls First Assembly of God Church.

Faye is survived by her four children, Richard (Linda) Byce of Heyburn, Sharon (Larry) Lancaster of Twin Falls and Paige (Julie) Byce of Twin Falls; 10 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and one brother, Jerry DeWahl of Gooding. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lyle; four sisters; and one brother.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at White Mortuary Chapel by the Park with the Rev. Violet Christopherson officiating. Burial will follow at the Filer Cemetery.

Hilaria Lopez Galindo - Murtaugh

Hilaria Lopez Galindo, lovingly known as "Grandma (Lala) Galindo" passed away Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004, at the home of her daughter, surrounded by her family in Murtaugh.



She was born in Ojuelco, state of Jalisco in Mexico on Oct. 21, 1914. She celebrated her 90th birthday in the company of her family. Hilaria married Juan Antonio Galindo on July 31, 1939, in Del Rio, Texas. They made their home in Del Rio and Sonora, Texas, before moving to Idaho in June of 1959. They resided in Hazelton, where she was a foster grandparent at Valley School District for 20 years. She also worked at Ore-Ida for 10 years. She formed many friendships at both jobs, but what she cherished the most were the relationships with her young children in the foster grandparent program. (She delighted in being recognized and greeted by the young children. She missed them terribly when she retired.)

She loved all her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Her family was very special to her. She instilled in her children the value of family loyalty and that they were always our "brother's keeper." She never

met a stranger and was always his warm person in Idaho. She willingly gave a helping hand to Spanish-speaking families when they needed someone to interpret for them. She acted as a liaison between these families and the community.

Hilaria was a devoted member of St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church for many years.

Hilaria is survived by five daughters and eight sons, George (Blackie) Maldonado of Murtaugh, Solia Madias of Murtaugh, Mary Galindo of Twin Falls, Alexandria (Juan) Rangel of Burley, Cecilia (Francisco) Herrera of Twin Falls, Emilio Zuniga of Hialeah, Fla., Jesse (Olga) Sandoval of Del Rio, Texas, Juan Antonio (Juanita) Galindo Jr. of Twin Falls, Galdino (Maria) Galindo of Rupert, Ramon (Sofia) Galindo of Twin Falls, Don Galindo of Eden, Idaho, Lyle Galindo of Midland, Texas, and Ruben (Judy) Galindo of Hazelton. Also surviving are 34 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two children, one sister, five brothers, one grandson, one daughter-in-law and one son-in-law.

A prayer vigil with rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, at St. Edward's Catholic Church with Father Juan Garatea as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Hazelton Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until the time of rosary Sunday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be given in Hilaria's name to St. Edward's Catholic School. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

her generosity with gifts of money and instruments for beginning art and music students.

Florence is survived by her brother, John Marlin in Colorado; her sister, Mary Williamson in Nevada; and her daughter, Melissa Swan in California.

A service, hosted by the Anthroposophical Society, will be given at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at the Fairbanks Funeral Home.

Florence A. Bates - Fairbanks, Alaska

Florence A. Bates passed away at the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital in Fairbanks, Alaska, on Nov. 11, 2004.

Florence was born in Gooding, Idaho, on Jan. 4, 1928, to Henry C. and Mayme O. Martin.

She graduated from high school in Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1945, received a Bachelor of Arts in music from the University of Oregon in 1951 and a Master of Arts in music from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1981.

In 1954, Florence arrived in Anchorage, Alaska, where she worked as a librarian.

In the late 1950s, she moved to Fairbanks and married Howard F. Bates, a geophysicist at UAF in 1961. Howard died in 1990.

Florence was very active as an artist, musician and teacher.

Initially, she worked in oils and silk screens but in her later life she taught piano and voice to many local students.

Florence was also noted for

Robbin Louise Gwin - Hansen

Robbin Louise Gwin, 43, of Hansen, died Thursday, Nov. 11, 2004, at the home of her sister in Jerome, Idaho, following a courageous battle with kidney failure.



Robbin was born on May 1, 1961, in Jerome, Idaho, the daughter of Carl and JoAnn Archibald Mills. She grew up and attended schools in Kimberly and Twin Falls. On Sept. 15, 1981, Robbin married her high school sweetheart, Roy Gwin in Elko, Nev. Robbin enjoyed quilting, crocheting, shopping, shooting pool, playing darts, going to flea markets and making her own wicker baskets. She loved her family and spending time with them.

Robbin is survived by her father, Carl Mills of Hansen; one son, David (Misty) Gwin of

also survived by her two grandchildren, Karen Ann and Skyler. She was preceded in death by her mother, Joan King one sister, Linda Marie Mills; and a nephew, Willie Lon Mills.

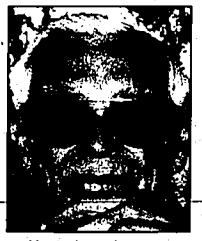
A celebration of Robbin's life will be held at 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Jim Winkle officiating. A public visitation will take place following the service. Cremation will follow under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

The family suggests memorials be given in Robbin's name to the Idaho Nephrology Dialysis Center. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Larry E. Heck was born April 22, 1934, in Twin Falls, Idaho, and slipped away peacefully at his home in Jerome Thursday, Nov. 11, 2004.

He was brought into this world, the son of Jim and Martha Heck. As a young child, Larry was afflicted by rheumatic fever, which in turn damaged his heart, but it did not dampen his zeal for life. He spent many years following the University of Idaho to research and experiment with his heart condition with the hope that mankind would benefit from the studies. That was Larry, always helping and caring for others. Larry spent the majority of his life working as a brick mason, and his two major heart surgeries did not inhibit him at all. He worked until he was 80 years old. Those of us who knew Larry have seen many burdens placed upon him and his life, but this man with the bravest of hearts never realized

Lawrence 'Larry' E. Heck - Jerome



working in the yard.

He loved his family, and spent his latter years caring for and doing upon his grandchildren who meant everything in the world to him. Those of us who knew Larry have seen many burdens placed upon him and his life, but this man with the bravest of hearts never realized

any of them.

Larry preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Jim, Rick and Lester; and one great-nephew, Kendall.

He is survived by his wife, Janet; four sons, Barry, Marcus and Kelly of Jerome and Chris of Twin Falls; one daughter, Karen of Jerome; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his two brothers, Paul and John of Twin Falls and his sister, Mary Brown of Richfield.

Larry had requested to leave this earthly life as he passed through it, with no fanfare, formalities, or without placing any burden upon others.

We love you Larry, and we will truly miss your kindness and caring for others.

At the family's request, there will not be any public services. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

DEATH SERVICES

NOTICES

Dean Barney, celebration of life open house from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Wood River Center Grange in north Shoshone (Demaray Funeral Chapel).

Armando A. Martinez of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. Rupert. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today, with a rosary at 7 p.m., and one hour before the service on Monday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Loyall "Swede" Henderson of Gooding, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the United Methodist Church in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Marguerite Fox Wiley

TWIN FALLS — Marguerite Fox Wiley, 93, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, at a care facility in Oregon.

A funeral service will be held at noon Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at Twin Falls Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Dale Taylor

TWIN FALLS — Dale Taylor, 67, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Barnes Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Barbara C. Marrs

ALBION — Barbara C. Marrs, 63, of Albion, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Russmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Velma Alvey

BUHL — Velma Alvey, 76, of Buhl, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Alexander Mai

BURLEY — Alexander Mai, 94, of Burley, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at the Warren House in Burley. Arrangements will be announced by Russmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Afton Voyce

DEULO — Afton Sidwell Voyce, 89, of Pocatello and formerly of Deulo, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at the Portneuf Valley Hospital in Pocatello.

The funeral will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at the Deulo Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Bishop Don Darrington officiating. Burial will be at the Deulo Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Bertha Ellsworth

JEROME — Bertha Ellsworth, 87, of Jerome, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

Florence J. Johnstone

JEROME — Florence Julia Johnstone, 98, of Jerome, died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004, at the Creekside Care Center in Jerome.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at the Devoe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, at the funeral chapel. Entombment will follow the service in the Jerome Mausoleum at the Jerome Cemetery.

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Program provides hunting access

Landowners will get incentives

LEWISTON (AP) — Waine Martin of Clarkston likes the looks of the hunters who have been showing up at his place west of Genesee.

He says they tend to be respectful of his property and generally courteous.

Martin and six other landowners in the Clearwater Region of north central Idaho have enrolled land in the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Access Yes! program. In exchange for allowing hunters on his place, Martin receives a small payment from the department.

The 408 acres on the Palouse includes a small pond and a stream thick with cattails and tall grass, an old Conservation Reserve Program plot and hundreds of acres of low-growing grass he says will take off this spring and become ideal pheasant and gray partridge habitat.

"Once the grass gets going here the birds will just love it. Birds already appear to like the property, as do hunters who have been showing up in a modest but steady numbers. Each time he comes to the farm to do some work, he generally sees some hunters."

The \$265,000 program is providing access to just less than 15,000 acres of private land in the Clearwater Region and 22,000 acres statewide. It also has opened 250,000 acres of previously landlocked public lands.

Landowners in the program nominate their properties in a bid-like process and are chosen based on the cost, quality of habitat and the amount of access they provide.

While they agree to provide access, they can choose who they allow on their lands, when they can be there and what they can hunt.

"They are still in control," says Brad Compton, director of the department's wildlife bureau at Boise. "They set the conditions of access and we honor that."

For example, some landowners, like Martin, don't require hunters to contact them before visiting their lands. Others require contact and written permission before hunting is al-



Many of the parcels in the Access Yes! program are marked by signs such as this one along Highway 129 near Anateone, Wash., on Nov. 3. Landowners who open their land to hunting receive a small payment from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

lowed. The program is in its second year and is designed to keep private habitat available to average hunters and to reward landowners for providing quality game habitat.

"Access Yes! is a little guy program," says Clarence Binninger of Orofino.

Private landowners are increasingly tempted to exclusively lease their land to well-heeled hunters, he explains. "We pay landowners to keep their land open," he says, "and by doing so we reduce the temptation of those landowners to lease it for big dollars to people with heavy pockets."

Compton says the state can't compete dollar for dollar with the amount of money some private hunters are willing to pay, but it can offer landowners an alternative. He says the payments are often enough to cover their property taxes and to-in some cases enough to hire access managers.

Clay Hickey, the landowner/sportsman coordinator for the department at Lewiston, says there are advantages to landowners who choose the state program over private leases. "Those who join Access Yes! are covered by the state's Good Samaritan Law, which protects them from liability lawsuits for anyone who might be injured while hunting on their lands."

Landowners can continue to give hunting access to friends and family under the Access Yes! program, but some private leases exclude all but the paying hunters.

Nobody knows how much land in Idaho is tied up by private hunting clubs. There is no requirement for landowners or private clubs to report such numbers. "But a deer disease that struck the region last summer gave Hickey a hint. Epizootic hemorrhagic disease killed thousands of whitetail deer in the lower elevations of the Clearwater and Salmon rivers. Hickey was shocked at the number of landowners who contacted him because they worried the disease would reduce the amount of money they earn from leasing land to hunters."

"It was the guys that were charging for access that were screaming like they were gut shot."

He says it is becoming more common for somebody from

out of state to have a one-on-one relationship with a landowner here. That person may pay the landowner hundreds or even thousands of dollars to keep all others off the land.

Some sportsmen have complained landowners who have always provided access to their lands are now being paid for it. They say the state should be paying landowners who have not allowed access.

But Binninger disagrees. "He says landowners who have long provided access may be tempted to lease their lands. The program rewards them for their past access policy and insures the lands will stay open."

Access Yes! is funded by department dollars and from the sale of rifle tickets for super tags and super slam tags. Those who win super tags are allowed to hunt for either elk, deer, moose or antelope in any open or controlled hunting unit in the state. Those who are drawn for the super slam tags can hunt all four species.

Hunters can find out about land enrolled in the Access Yes! program by logging on to the department's Web site. It includes maps, access requirements and contact numbers for each of the properties enrolled in the program.

State official by day, announcer by night

BOISE (AP) — The days after an election are among the busiest in the Idaho Secretary of State's Office.

Ballots need to be certified, postelection campaign finance reports have to be filed, lobbyists have to be registered before the legislative session begins.

"There's plenty going on," said Secretary of State Ben Ysursa.

Friday was the deadline for counties to canvass their ballots, and the state has until Wednesday to check all the numbers.

So where was Ysursa Friday night?

He was under the Friday night lights at the Bishop Kelly-Caldwell football game, of course.

He and his cousin, BK history teacher David Skinner, call every BK game on KFXD AM-630, and have for a decade.

Sitting above the parents and alumni (the students are in the crowd) section down by the goal line, Ysursa and Skinner provide the play-by-play, crack each other up and unabashedly root for the home team. They're both grads, after all.

I don't like this," Ysursa confided to the listening audience just before Caldwell took the lead in the second quarter.

That's a listening audience that Skinner estimated at two people just before the game started. Smiles, but loyal. "At the ticket counter, one woman said she listens to every game."

Along with stats guy Dennis Kirk — his "Kirk-ulior" — and a scratch pad ready to crunch numbers, Ysursa and Skinner wave to just about everyone who walks by, joke with half of them and graciously accept hot chocolate and candy from well-wishers.

Through a tense first half Friday, Ysursa munched on Milk Duds brought by fellow early BK grad Barry "Spud" Zamow. "Chorizo next week at the state championship," Spud promised confidently despite a first half 12-7 Caldwell lead.

In real life, Ysursa is one of Idaho's top state officials. He spent around 25 years as Pete Cenarrusa's deputy and won an easy statewide election two years ago to replace him.

Even the Democrats backed out of the race to give him the nod.

By 3 p.m. Wednesday, Ysursa, state Controller Keith Johnson and Treasurer Ron Crane need all the election info from around the state.

That's when the three meet at the Board of Canvassers to finalize the results. And that's not all that's happening.

"There are a ton of questions coming in," Ysursa said. "There could be a recount in the Bonner County sheriff's race and there almost certainly will be one in a Boise Bench legislative race — Republican Kathie Garrett beat Democrat Sean Spence by just 9 votes."

Plus, the state makes some changes after every election, and Ysursa expects this year won't be any different. "We'll take some breaths and look for suggestions for the next one," he said. "Elections never stop. There's one every year."

In the midst of all this, though, his mind does stray occasionally to the black and gold, especially in a season like this one, with the Knights favored to win their division's state championship.

But the football is Ysursa's "B-and-R," he said.

First a fall-in about a decade ago, Ysursa was later named Skinner's full-time color man.

"The top color man in the Northwest," as Skinner introduced him with a snicker on Friday night.

"Dave's the anchor of the group," Ysursa said. "The main cog."

But as odd as it looks on the phone, Ysursa has strong ties to Bishop Kelly. In fact, it's the name of the football stadium.

Ysursa was the school's first quarterback in 1964.

He graduated three years later and headed the reins to his brother, Nick, who led the school to a storied, undefeated season in 1969.

Nick died in a plane crash in 1987, and the school's football field was named after him.

Back when Ysursa played, there were no lights, and the games were held at Meridian Speedway. Now, the team is a powerhouse.

"They don't rebuild," Ysursa said. "They reload."

Committee approves raise in stipend for Kempthorne quarters

BOISE (AP) — A state panel of lawmakers has approved a \$255 raise in Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's monthly housing allowance, breaking a three-year freeze and bringing the total to \$4,500.

Idaho is one of a handful of states that does not have an official governor's residence.

The last one was 13 blocks west of the Capitol. It served five governors for more than 35 years until it was abandoned in 1987 because of plumbing, electrical and other problems.

Since then, governors have been given a stipend for housing, paid with a special fund that has a balance of \$1.5 million.

At some point, officials hope to use that money to either buy or build a new residence where the governor can live, work and entertain guests.

For the past three years, the governor's stipend was frozen at \$4,245.

The stipend is added to the

governor's salary to cover utility, security, phone and housekeeping expenses for his Boise condo, plus federal and state taxes.

Kempthorne spokesman Michael Journe said the governor's office had no say in the decision and had no comment on it.

At Friday's committee meeting, Boise Republican Rep. Debbie Field was the first suggest the \$4,500 figure.

Several minutes passed before Boise Democratic Rep. Anne Pasley-Stuart gave her support.

"I thought that it's very reasonable. You have to look at the fact that we haven't increased (the stipend) in a long time," Pasley-Stuart said after the vote.

Democratic Sen. Mike Burkett of Boise cast the only vote of dissent, saying he disagrees with the principle of giving a mondi-

ly stipend. He said the state should just buy a house for the state's chief executive.

Plans to build a \$950,000 home on 15 acres northeast of the Capitol were dashed during the 1994 election cycle after Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus agreed with Republican Phil Batt and Democrat Larry Echolfawk, that year's gubernatorial candidates, that the plan was a waste of money.

Housing committee members also voted Friday to continue paying \$3,600 a year so Kempthorne and other state officials can entertain at the state-owned Alexander House east of the Capitol.

The house, built in 1897, was the home of Moses Alexander, Idaho's governor from 1914 through 1918.

Payments to use the house go to the Department of Administration, which maintains the building.

Lawyers question man's mental state

Elizabeth Smart kidnapping trial may be postponed

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Attorneys for the man accused of kidnapping Elizabeth Smart have filed a motion requesting additional mental competency evaluations — perhaps further postponing a trial already held up for months by the tangled issue of the man's mental state.

A lawyer for Brian David Mitchell argued in a court motion filed Wednesday that she has seen a marked decline in Mr. Mitchell's capacity to rationally engage in reasoned choice of legal options and strategies.

Ten weeks ago, Mitchell was certified as competent after the defense waived its right to a hearing on the issue — which his lawyers said was a "tactical" decision to avoid airing sensi-

ble information before trial. Two court-appointed psychiatric experts disagreed on whether the 51-year-old homeless street preacher was fit to stand trial.

Defense attorney Heidi Buch, who visits Mitchell at least weekly at the Salt Lake County Jail, claims his "delusions" have taken an increasingly dominant role in his decision-making process and cooperation.

Mitchell, who has said he speaks of God, is scheduled for a three-week trial to begin Feb. 1 before 3rd District Judge Judith Alterton.

Utah Salt Lake District Attorney Kent Morgan said Friday that Mitchell should be "superficially" examined "to see if anything has changed since the last hearing," but added, "We don't need to give him all the tests again."

An independent expert chosen by the defense in August found Mitchell competent, but

re-examined him after the recent concerns.

After the second meeting, forensic psychologist Jennifer Skeem determined Mitchell's "reasoning has become more strongly driven by his delusions," according to the defense motion.

Skeem now has doubts that Mitchell meets the basic requirements of being able to choose legal options, comprehend the nature of possible criminal penalties, testify relevantly and behave appropriately in court.

Mitchell and his wife and co-defendant, Wanda Barzee, 59, allegedly kidnapped Elizabeth, then 14, from her Federal Heights home at knifpoint on June 5, 2002.

She was found on a Sandy street nine months later with Mitchell and Barzee.

Barzee was found incompetent by both of her evaluators and is receiving treatment at the Utah State Hospital.

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A snowboarder grinds a rail at the Brighton terrain park, Oct. 29 in Utah.

Ski resorts rev up their lifts

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's ski resorts emulated that trail-drive mania during the off-season, installing a half-dozen new lifts that will move skiers and snowboarders up and around their mountains more quickly.

And they enhanced efforts to appeal to the all-important youth market, either by adding superpipes to their mix of offerings or sprucing up terrain parks with new features suited to everyone from daredevil tricksters to hesitant wannabes.

"Tone, polish, create, add,

build, renovate and revise," is how Ski Utah spokesman Nathan Rafferty describes a summer of activity following the second-busiest ski season in Utah history.

Perpetual upgrades are a necessity in the highly competitive ski industry as resorts look every which way to increase their share of a generally stagnant market.

Utah resorts, always perennially that—fewer than 20 percent of Utahns engage in the sport, are no exception as they encourage more residents to take advantage of resources virtually in their back yard.

After a post-Olympic slowdown, the emphasis this off-season has been on lift construction.

"It's a marketing drive," said Jan Leonard, president of Salt Lake City-based lift manufacturer Doppelmayr-Garrett. "If a ski area perceives its clientele is looking for better skiing and more amenities, then the high-speed lift is the way they're going to go."

The most obvious evidence of that is at Alta, where the old Collins and Germania lifts are being replaced by a bottom-to-top detachable quad with an angle station in the middle.

Annexation

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septic tanks, drain fields and their own wells.

Fractured lava has been a problem.

"It's not the ideal place to put in septic," Southwick said.

In order to provide a safe and sanitary environment the subdivision needed to be annexed, Southwick said.

"After learning from public hearings that the main worry about annexation was having to hook up to city water after drilling a \$10,000 well, the city revised the ordinance to say that people would be given three years from the time service was made available to hook up. The ordinance also gives those who wish to opt out of city-provided sewer the option of staying with their septic as long as a septic inspection report is filed with the city.

"Those who switch to city drinking water could still use their wells to irrigate their yards," Southwick said.

County Commissioner Jerry Nance said that commissioners have no jurisdiction over the city's area-of-impact.

But Nance attended one of the public hearings and recommended that Dietrich only annex those parts of the subdivision that the city could provide services for.

Shohoney, who said it would cost him about \$2,500 in fees and expenses to get hooked up to city sewer, is concerned that the city could not provide residents with services or tell them when services would be provided.

"They are trying to shove a sewer system down our throats that was not put in properly," he said.

Specifications were not followed when the sewer was put in, said Howard Rich, who lives in the annexation area.

Rich said he plans to file a lawsuit regarding the sewer against the city if annexation is completed.

Southwick explained that the sewer had not been built because of the necessity of blasting and excavating.

Rich, who has worked in the construction business for many years, argued that material used to back-fill was unsuitable for a sewer lagoon.

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pects of the annexation for his clients Fred and Sue Hill, who live in the annexation area.

Guerry said that Idaho Code provides that the Legislature intended in part that private lands should be annexed, which would benefit from the cost-effective availability of municipal services. "Those services do not appear to be available to the area proposed for annexation," Guerry said.

Southwick does not dispute that services are not available. "That's not the way it works," he said. He said being able to provide services is contingent upon getting grants.

And grants would be forthcoming unless Dietrich has leverage from what is gained with annexation.

Shohoney said he does not think it is right for a town to annex for the purpose of receiving a grant and is upset that those in the annexation area have no recourse. "They do things their own way here," he said.

Growing pains of a small town

After modifications to the ordinance—such as allowing three years leeway—Southwick said people left the hearings fairly satisfied. "We really have tried hard to consider all the factors," he said.

But at least a few remain unconvinced.

"Ninety percent of the people who live out here don't want to be in the city," said Bill Shohoney, who lives in the annexation area. "They are trying to pull us in, to do nothing except collect taxes from us."

A number of property owners sent a letter to county commissioners and asked them to step in on their behalf.

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How legal is it?

Mark Guerry is an attorney who is looking into the legal aspects of the annexation.

Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at 208-438-8446 or lcavener@pmt.org.

Searchers find body after two days

WALLACE — Searchers in Shoshone County discovered the body of a man who had been missing for two days.

The body of 36-year-old Kevin Paul Hunter was found Friday morning.

Hunter, a Kellogg resident and auto dealership manager, was last seen Wednesday morning at a gas station, and mini-truck near Rose Lake, the Shoshone County Sheriff's Office said.

Hunter appeared to get his truck stuck on an overgrown and seldom-used Forest Service spur road near Lake Elsie.

Hunter was found in his truck. The cause of death will be determined by an autopsy next week, sheriff's officials said.

Idaho in brief

connection with the killing of University of Idaho cornerback Eric McMillan was arrested Nov. 4 in Kent.

Thomas Higgins, 23, of Kent, Wash., is being held in the King County Jail in Seattle.

Thompson said he plans to request that all three defendants stand trial simultaneously.

UI provost will leave for WSU chancellor position

MOSCOW — University of Idaho Provost Brian Picher is leaving the state to become chancellor at Washington State University's Spokane campus.

Picher said he will resign as Idaho's chief academic officer Jan. 16 and begin his new job the next day.

Picher said he had thought about leaving his job since plans to build the University Place satellite campus in Boise fell apart last year, leaving the school's finances in a shambles.

Picher served briefly as acting president from March to June 2003 after Robert Hoover resigned because of his role in the "questionable" University Place real estate deal.

Picher said Thursday that he will focus on growing WSU-Spokane's research activities and its booming programs in the health sciences, he said.

"It's an opportunity to create an urban land-grant research

atmosphere and a set of services that matches this community and its growth."

Picher served as Provost for the past seven years. He came to Idaho in 1997 after spending 19 years at Utah State University as a sociology professor and administrator.

Idaho Falls police capture escaped Montana convict

IDAHIO FALLS (AP) — A second Montana prison escaped convict suspected of stealing three vehicles and gas in two states has been captured.

Idaho Falls police arrested Andrew Wachtman, 22, at Boozers Quick Stop at about 11 p.m. Thursday after spotting a stolen red and white Chevrolet pickup outside the convenience store.

The pickup had been involved in a gas theft at Rexburg service station Thursday afternoon and was sought by law enforcement officers in at least three states.

Officers found an abandoned gun in the men's bathroom after the arrest but Wachtman was arrested without incident, authorities said.

Wachtman and 20-year-old Andrew Parmer escaped from the Montana State Correctional Facility in Deer Lodge on Wednesday. Parmer was captured earlier Thursday afternoon in the Island Park area after a high-speed chase and a two-hour standoff with police.

— compiled from wire reports

UI shooting suspect waives extradition right

LEWISTON — One of the brothers accused in the shooting death of a University of Idaho football player has waived his right to extradition and will soon be moved to the Idaho County Jail in Moscow.

Latah County Prosecutor Bill Thompson said Matthew Wells II, 27, of Seattle, will be moved as soon as the county sheriff can arrange the transfer.

Wells and his attorney, Steve Martonick of Pullman, Wash., filed the waiver Friday morning in Whitman County Superior Court.

His brother, James J. Wells, 25, appeared in court but did not file a waiver.

A third person charged in

Most pocket bikes set to top out at 22 mph

Most pocket bikes are set to top out at 22 mph but you can get them to go faster," said James Robinson, whose Sun-Tim business in Bountiful no longer sells the bikes. "If you cut the silencer off the .125cc-haus.375 pipe, run higher-octane gas and cut the air filter off, they can go up to 50."

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Salt Lake weighs restrictions on mini motorcycles

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Miniature motorcycles could be banned from streets, sidewalks and parking lots in Salt Lake County because they lack safety features and their low profile prevents motorists from seeing riders.

The county council is set to vote Tuesday on an ordinance restricting low-profile motorcycles to fewer than 36 inches in height.

"Until we outright ban them, this is our best first step," said Councilman Corbin Ashton, sponsor of the ordinance. "I might have some teenagers mad at me. I might have some parents disappointed that they didn't know about it before they bought their Christmas presents for their kids. But for me, the compelling public-safety aspect of these things is the reason. I just don't want to see a tragedy."

Mini-bike bans have spread from the Pacific to California since summer.

In August, an 18-year-old girl was killed in Philadelphia when her pocket bike collided

with a car.

"People just called all the time complaining about it," says Layton Police Lt. Kevin Alfred, whose city, along with Centerville and Kaysville, recently banned the bikes. "Can you imagine something 2 feet high, scooting along that fast and hitting a car? It would be devastating."

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Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
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Tuesday: Spaghetti
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Friday: Ham and turkey sandwich

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Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.
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Lunch Menu
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Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Waffle sticks
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Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served daily.
Monday: Burritos
Tuesday: Fish and fries
Wednesday: Chicken burgers
Thursday: Corn dogs
Friday: Turkey and gravy

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Milk served daily.
Monday: Taco nachos
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Friday: Spaghetti

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Wednesday: Turkey sandwich
Thursday: Spaghetti
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Lunch Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Burritos
Tuesday: Hamburgers
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Taco casserole
Friday: Sub sandwich

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Choice of milk every day.
Monday: Chicken strips
Tuesday: Baked potato bar
Wednesday: Italian sausage pizza
Thursday: Hot dogs
Friday: Thanksgiving dinner

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Milk served daily.
Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: Chicken fillet
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Hamburgers
Friday: Thanksgiving dinner

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Milk served daily.
Monday: Burrito
Tuesday: Chicken fillet
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Hamburgers
Friday: Thanksgiving dinner

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Monday: Sub sandwich
Tuesday: Fried chicken
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Thursday: Turkey sandwich
Friday: Pizza

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Choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken sandwich
Tuesday: Shaker's salad
Wednesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Thursday: Papa John's pizza
Friday: Thanksgiving dinner

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Choice of milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Muffin
Tuesday: Cereal
Wednesday: Breakfast cookie
Thursday: Scrambled eggs
Friday: Hot pocket

MINIDOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Muffin
Tuesday: Hot pocket
Wednesday: Breakfast cookie
Thursday: French toast sticks
Friday: Breakfast biscuit

Lunch menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Hamburgers
Thursday: Fish sandwich or corn dog
Friday: Macaroni and cheese or hard shell taco

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Milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken wrap
Tuesday: Pizza pockets
Wednesday: Hamburger gravy and potatoes
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Hamburgers

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Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Waffles and syrup
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Cereal

Lunch menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Taco quesadilla
Tuesday: Pasta bar
Wednesday: Deli turkey sandwich
Thursday: Foot long hot dog
Friday: Thanksgiving dinner

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Monday: Spaghetti

Tuesday: Bean and cheese burritos
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff
Thursday: Corn dog
Friday: Thanksgiving dinner

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY

Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Waffles
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Sausage gravy
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Beef and macaroni
Tuesday: Chicken sandwich
Wednesday: Chili and cracker
Thursday: Corn dog
Friday: Thanksgiving dinner

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Breakfast is served daily.
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Monday: Taco salad
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Cheeseburger
Thursday: Papa John's pizza
Friday: Thanksgiving dinner

VALLEY SCHOOLS

Breakfast is served daily.
Monday: Corn dog
Tuesday: Spaghetti
Wednesday: Hamburger
Thursday: Hamburger
Friday: Vegetable soup

BLISS SCHOOL

Milk served daily.
Monday: Beef gravy and mashed potatoes
Tuesday: Chili dog
Wednesday: Pork chops
Thursday: Taco pockets
Friday: Turkey dinner

CASSIA SCHOOLS

Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.
Breakfast menu
Monday: French toast sticks
Tuesday: Cereal
Wednesday: Breakfast burrito
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Cheese toast
Lunch menu
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: School choice
Wednesday: Crispito
Thursday: Thanksgiving dinner
Friday: Chicken burger

DIETRICH SCHOOLS

Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily.

Monday: Nuggets and fries
Tuesday: Enchiladas
Wednesday: Sloppy Joes
Thursday: Hamburger stroganoff
Friday: Nachos

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Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Mini corn dogs
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich
Friday: Turkey dinner

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Choice of milk served daily. The third choice is for junior high and high school students only.
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Burrito
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Crispy chicken salad
Friday: Walking tacos

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Choice of milk offered daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Breakfast sandwich
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Sloppy Joes
Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Corn dog

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Milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Sausage patty
Tuesday: Toasted bagel
Wednesday: Banana bread squares
Thursday: Scrambled eggs
Friday: French toast
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Tacos
Tuesday: Breaded chicken sandwich
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Hamburgers
Friday: Thanksgiving dinner

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Milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Finger steaks
Wednesday: Barbecue beef sandwich
Thursday: Chicken drumsticks
Friday: Turkey dinner

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Breakfast
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Cereal

Thursday: Biscuits and gravy
Friday: Cereal
Lunch
Monday: Hot dog
Tuesday: Corn chips and chili
Wednesday: Soft shell taco
Thursday: Hoagie sandwich
Friday: Tuna sandwich

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Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Soft shell taco
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Ham
Friday: Hot dog

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Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Hamburgers
Tuesday: Baked potato
Wednesday: Turkey gravy
Thursday: Sloppy Joes
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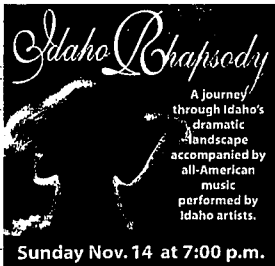
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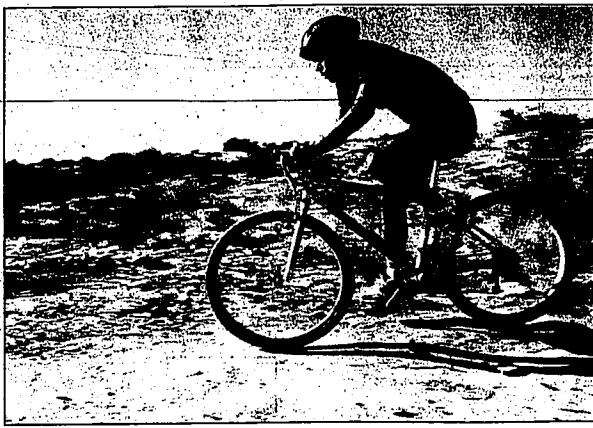
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St. George becomes a boom town for seniors

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Dan and Mitzi Tak never thought they'd give up their home in suburban Washington, D.C., to live out their golden years in Utah.

That was, until the Air Force sent Dan on a project to southern Utah.

"I liked the area, so I persuaded Mitzi to come out and take a look," the 72-year-old said. "She liked it as much as he did. We decided we'd have a new adventure in retirement," he said, explaining why they moved to a home near St. George in 1993.

The Graying West

Census says elderly population booms in the West.

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Neither Mitzi, 70, nor Dan play golf — a popular pastime in St. George — but keep busy by volunteering with community projects, walking and biking and showing their numerous visiting friends and relatives the abundant natural resources the area offers.

"We've enjoyed every one of the 11 years," Dan said.

While many view Utah as a state with a large population of young and large Mormon families, it also has one of the nation's fastest growing older populations.

The Utah State Division of Aging and Adult Services says Utah's 65 and older population increased 27 percent in the last 10 years, and will increase another 28 percent in the next decade.

The U.S. Census Bureau says the state's older population will increase 165 percent from 191,815 in 2000 to an estimated 482,543 residents in 2035.

Washington County and specifically St. George, six miles from the Arizona border, is the hot spot for the new growth of older residents in Utah.

In fact, census numbers released in early August showed that among counties that already had a population of more than 1,000 residents age 65 and older, Washington County led the nation by growing that population by 44 percent in the last three years to 2,244.

No one knows better how growth has affected southern Utah communities than Betty McCarty.

"We're bulging at the seams," said the director of the Washington County Council on Aging.

That's even after a new \$3 million, 28,000-square-foot senior center opened last January in St. George — unofficially known as the Retirement Capitol of Utah, and it's packing them in for everything from lunch to art classes to tai chi lessons.

The growth is putting the squeeze on McCarty and others that provide aging services.

About 70 meals were served daily in August 2003 at the former congregative site for seniors. That ballooned to 150 this past August in the new building, and will likely double again once the snowbirds arrive. And it doesn't



Herb Selgel pushes off from the wall as he competes in the 1500 meter freestyle Oct. 9, during the Huntsman World Senior Games at Sand Hollow Aquatic Center in St. George, Utah.

even count another 250 meals delivered daily to seniors' homes.

"We're trying to stretch it," McCarty said of her budget, which hasn't grown with the population. "It's all a money issue. Like it is with everything else."

Most people, especially those who've never been to southern Utah, probably find it puzzling that it's become a haven for retirees.

But those who have been there and seen what the region has to offer know exactly why they are flocking to this town settled by Mormon colonizers in 1861 to raise cotton.

People are drawn by the arid, Arizona-like temperatures in the winter, the 35 miles of trails, stunning national parks, 11 golf courses and dinosaur track attractions.

They even recently found the posterior marks of a dinosaur, apparently slitting down — or retiring — near the shore of an ancient lake.

But outdoor recreation is not the only reason why St. George is growing.

Violent crime is low, the cost-of-living is favorable, and there's tons of weekly free activities for

seniors on limited budgets.

"I think we've reached our ceiling of age in that we have all the amenities of the big cities without having the perils of pollution and crime," Chamber Director Lorri Kocinski-Puchlik said.

Possibly the best part for most seniors moving in is that they are getting southern Utah at rock-bottom prices, especially homes.

The market has left some Californians salivating, especially when they find out what kind of lavish home they can buy for a fraction of the profits they got by selling their homes.

In 1997, a single family home sold for an average price of \$131,627. This year, through the end of August, that has increased to \$204,391.

But Kocinski-Puchlik said it's not just the retirees that are driving the real estate market up in St. George. There's also many young families moving in.

She said 17 percent of St. George's 56,392 residents are 65 or older, but the town's median age is 31.

"We have a growing population ... of young families," she said. "It doesn't feel out of proportion."

Initial election results in Utah County off by 33,000 ballots

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Officials have discovered that an election day programming glitch in Utah County prevented card readers from registering 33,000 ballots — amounting to about one in five votes.

The votes have been re-tabulated, and the lost ballots didn't change the outcome of any races, but some officials are shaking their heads over how the error could've happened in the first place.

Utah County Democratic Party Chairman Vaughn Cook was incredulous Friday when he learned about the blunder.

"Thirty-three thousand votes?" Cook asked. "That's something we'll have to pay attention to as the Democratic Party ... strives to create an environment where there is more political balance in Utah County. Subsequent elections could be a lot tighter, and 33,000 votes would be much more significant to us."

Utah County elections coordinator Kristen Swensen said

the machines worked correctly, but were programmed wrongly. "It was just off by one letter," she said.

The recount means that when the official canvass is made Monday in Utah County, President Bush will have vacu-ated 123,752 votes in the state's second most populous county instead of the 95,039 initially reported.

Democratic nominee John Kerry picked up 16,691 votes — up nearly 5,000 from his original tally.

In the governor's race, Republican Jon Huntsman Jr.'s total in the county swelled from 73,635 to 103,618, while Democrat Scott Matheson Jr.'s votes increased from 32,579 to 37,566.

Losing Republican congressional challenger John Swallow closed the gap against Rep. Jim Matheson, D-Utah, a bit with the recount, but not nearly enough to make a difference. Swallow picked up an extra 5,817 votes to Matheson's additional 825 votes in Utah County.

But Matheson beat Swallow by about 40,000 votes in the rest of his sprawling district, which includes just a sliver of Utah County.

State Elections Director Amy Naccarato said Utah County's problem was brought to her attention the day after the election when someone noticed that the total votes in the presidential race from that county amounted to 33,000 less than the total number of ballots cast.

That discrepancy — called the "undervote" — exists in every race because voters pick and choose their contests, leaving some blank.

But the magnitude of the Utah County vote was out of line with anything that normally would be expected, Naccarato said. She said no other county had anything approaching that scale of undervote.

Utah County commissioners are scheduled to certify the re-tabulated results Monday.

Utah officials capture, deport lynx

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Wildlife officials have captured a radio-collared Canada lynx in Emery County and sent it back to Colorado to keep the animal from being mistaken for a bobcat by trappers.

The lynx, a 5-year-old male trapped in British Columbia as part of Colorado's efforts to restore the endangered species, first entered Utah in mid-July north of Vernal. It crossed the south slope of the Uinta Mountains, hit the Wasatch Front and headed south.

The animal made its way almost to Kanab before turning around and heading north again, eventually ending up near the town of Emery in north central Utah.

"We had been there five or six weeks and it looked like he was going to stay for a while," said Kevin Bunnell, mammals coordinator for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

Bobcat, a species not federally protected, and Canada lynx are frequently confused, and wildlife officials feared the male

could be lost when the state bobcat hunting and trapping season begins Wednesday.

"We didn't want a trapper to get in trouble," Bunnell said. "They look so much alike, and no trapper would expect that a lynx would be in the area."

Wildlife officials used the signal from the cat's radio collar to pinpoint its location and set traps on private land after getting permission from the owner.

The deported male lynx was caught Nov. 5 after two nights of trapping and is back in Colorado. He will eventually be set

free in the San Juan Mountains near Creeds, where he was originally released.

The animal was one of three lynx known to have frequented Utah this summer. The only remaining animal is a female detected in early September.

Another male lynx that entered Utah about the same time as the captured animal has left the state and is believed to be in Idaho.

Utah wildlife officials will ask Colorado biologists to move the female if she wanders into a place frequented by bobcat hunters or trappers.

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Utah eases flu shot restrictions

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Satisfied that Utah's highest-risk groups have been reached for flu shots, Utah health officials are loosening restrictions on who can get the inoculations.

Officials on Friday expanded the priority list to include two new groups — people aged 50 to 64 and those who provide essential community services including police officers, emergency medical technicians and teachers. After Thanksgiving, the state plans to drop the restrictions entirely on remaining supplies.

Until now, drastically reduced vaccine supplies nationwide forced public health agencies to restrict doses to high-risk groups like young children, people over 65 and patients with chronic health problems.

Most of the groups on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's priority lists have had a chance to find flu shots in Utah over the past few weeks, said Christine Perfill, marketing manager for the state health department's immunization program.

"We want to open it up to other traditional high-risk groups," she said.

Private and public health care providers across Utah are expecting about 33,000 more doses, which is likely the last batch of the year. Groups are receiving the last of the doses they originally ordered before supply problems emerged.

Earlier this year, British regulators suspended the license of Chiron Corp., a drug maker, after finding problems with some of the 48 million doses destined for the United States.

Scientists link gene with sight loss

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — After studying four generations of one family, University of Utah vision researchers may have discovered a genetic mutation responsible for a condition that causes hearing loss, poor vision and droopy eyes.

The researchers have isolated a single mutation that could be responsible for the condition, informally called "Beehive syndrome" and chronicled in the November issue of The American

Journal of Ophthalmology.

Eighteen of the 30 members of the Utah family tested had the symptoms — and exactly that, many also had the mutation, though the family members had varying degrees of eye and hearing trouble.

Across the family's generations are people who can no longer drive or who have severely restricted licenses, many who had eye surgeries and plenty with hearing aids. Some

use sign language because of near-total hearing loss.

And while not everyone has the syndrome, it has hit enough of them to get the family's attention, said Scott Thatcher, who tested positive for the gene.

It's not the first time the family's been studied. A paper was written on them 20 years ago, when 23 members of the 96-member clan were found to have the same symptoms with varying degrees.



Mitch White, of Pocatello, takes a break among the newly-fallen snow at the top of Mink Creek's Valve House trail late in October near Pocatello.

Pocatello man wins bike championship

By John O'Connell
Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — His bike tires crunched through frozen dirt clods and ice-covered mud puddles. Mitch White kept a steady pace throughout the gradual ascent up Valve House Draw. He checked his watch — 160 heart beats per minute on average.

Not bad. To White, the heart is a mountain biker's motor, and understanding and regulating heart rate is the secret to success in the sport.

During races, the 46-year-old shoots for a 175-beat average. As he cranked higher up the trail, past ghostly, barren aspens and into a fir forest, the light dusting of snow covering the landscape turned into a thin blanket.

He peddled up a short, steep hill over rock-hard ruts — 185 beats.

At the trail's highest point, he stopped and "gazed upon" a snowy Scout Mountain in the distance.

White knew that morning on Oct. 24, before launching into a single-track that got softer and muddier as he dropped in elevation, would be the last mountain bike ride of a season he won't soon forget.

On Sept. 23, the Pocatello man tested his abilities against the best in the nation and shocked himself by emerging on top. But the real significance of the stunning victory at nationals in Central California is in how far he's come in a personal quest to transform

himself from fat to fit.

White gave up biking after childhood. He spent his 20s drinking heavily and chewing tobacco and added pounds to his body. His weight climaxed at about 240 pounds.

"I wasn't very healthy at all. I decided I needed to give that stuff up," White said. It wasn't easy, but he overcame his vices, and at age 37, he took up what's become a more healthy addiction, road biking. During the winter, he skis and rides an indoor stationary bike to stay in shape.

Over time, he began to trim down.

Two years after he resumed biking and stopped drinking, the 5-foot 11-inch man was down to 200 pounds. He and his girlfriend saw an advertisement for a practice criterium race set for the parking lot at Holt Arena, and they figured, "What the heck."

"We thought it might give a focus to the training," said White, an operations manager for Beckel at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory who once biked to work.

Participants in criterium races, scheduled on Tuesdays about twice a month during the summer, ride laps through a fast course with lots of corners in the parking lot.

The initial race was grueling, but somehow fun. White was hooked and is now a regular in the criterium races, organized by Idaho Cycling Enthusiasts and sponsored by Idaho State University.

It wasn't long after that first race before White was taking the sport seriously.

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Prosecutor defies life's hard odds

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — Mia Bautista's love of the law came from those closest to her not abiding by it.

She's now a deputy prosecutor for Nez Perce County and hasn't allowed her difficult past to affect her.

On Oct. 10, she was awarded the Horatio Alger Alumnus of the Year Award in Williamsburg, Va.

It's a national honor for people who have succeeded despite difficult circumstances.

After being selected from 37 applicants, she found herself giving an acceptance speech after Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

"I consider myself successful and hope to speak at schools and tell others my story," says Bautista, a 28-year-old with a passion for the law and mentoring troubled youth.

The Horatio Alger Association for Distinguished Americans was founded in 1947, named after poet and author Horatio Alger Jr., who wrote rags-to-riches stories. The association gives scholarships to high school students like Bautista each year and honors high-achieving individuals.

"She has taken her adversity head on and helps her community and her profession," says Anthony Hutcherson, communications specialist for the Horatio Alger Association.

Bautista's story comes flowing out of her mouth freely, as she has told it before and will probably tell it many more times — encouragement for others who think they're in hopeless situations.

She grew up in Chisholm, Minn., born to a 15-year-old single mother.

Her parents married and then divorced. Her mother married a man Bautista refers to as the "wicked stepfather."

He would often say racist things to the half Filipino girl, and physically abuse her. It didn't help that Chisholm was a mostly white town.

Eventually, the stepfather was arrested and sent to prison for molesting boys. Her mother turned to drugs and alcohol for support.

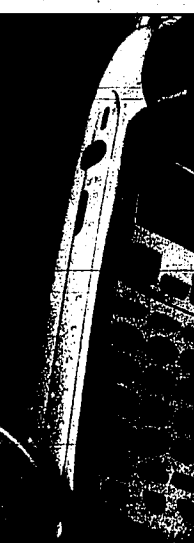
This rough life caught up with Bautista's mother, and she was put in jail for selling drugs. By the age of 11, Bautista was taking care of her siblings, often while her mother was clinching a drug deal.

Consequently, she says, she and her brothers and sisters were forced to grow up fast.

A foster home was found that would take in all of them, and with that came an important change in Bautista's life.

She calls the 26-year-old woman with whom they were placed "my personal hero to this day."

"That was the turning point in my life, and I made the decision that I wasn't going to allow this to push me down."



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— Jacksonville QB David Garrard, about Falcons QB Michael Vick

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

What was the Florida Citrus Bowl originally called?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

CSI women cruise past Mesa team

MESA, Ariz. — The College of Southern Idaho women turned up the defense in the first half, holding host Mesa Community College to only 12 points en route to a 68-44 nonconference road win Saturday afternoon.

"We played great defense in the first half," said coach Randy Rogers. "In the second half we got a little sluggish. They hit some shots toward the end. We played well and consistent most of the game."

Sophomore guard Sidney Omdorff and Lenka Zimova each scored 14 points while Delicia Jernigan added 10 points. Nakeya Isabell ran down a team-high six rebounds.

THS title game is set for Friday

POCATELLO — Twin Falls High will face Coeur d'Alene at 7 p.m. Friday in Holt Arena in Pocatello for the Class 5A football championship, said Bruins athletic director Andy Barron.

Remember that big game 52 years ago?

TWIN FALLS — Are you one of the Twin Falls High football players who played on the 1952 state championship team? The Times-News is planning a feature on that team for publication Friday. Please call sports editor Joe Paisley at 735-3239 between 2-11 p.m. or leave a message.

Hansen hosts girls hoops tourney

HANSEN — The Hansen High School girls-basketball tournament will be held on Nov. 19-20 at Hansen High School. The Huskies will be hosting Rimrock, Sho-Ban and Dietrich with the first game scheduled for Friday at 6 p.m. between Dietrich and Rimrock followed by Sho-Ban vs Hansen at 8. Saturday's games will be held at the same times with Friday's winners facing off in the second contest. General admission will be \$4.

Toyz for Kids fund-raiser scheduled

TWIN FALLS — The 8th Annual Toyz for Kids Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4th at the Twin Falls High School gym. The entry fee will be \$75 per team with one new toy from each team member. Teams will be divided into A, B, C and D divisions. For more information call Pam Pereira at 324-0354 or 404-6014.

Youth basketball sign-ups continue

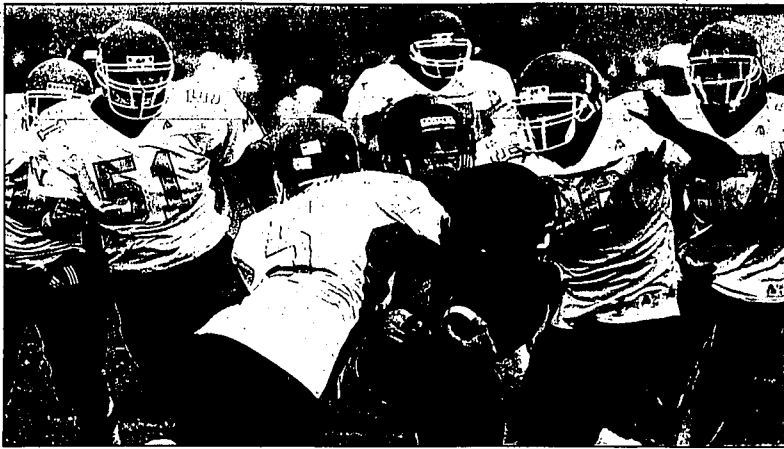
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation District will be holding registration for grades 4-7 grade boys basketball through Nov. 30. Teams will be divided by school and grade with games held each Saturday from Jan. 15th through Feb. 26th. The red and white Parks and Recreation jerseys used previously for soccer will be used for basketball as well. Players not already owning a jersey will be required to purchase one. Fees start at \$12 with a \$10 late fee assessed after Nov. 30th. Volunteer coaches are needed. For more information, call 736-2265.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The Tangerine Bowl.

SURROUNDED



Declo running back Aaron Edgar, center, is smothered by a host of Eagle defenders during the Hornets' 31-12 loss to Marsh Valley Saturday.

Marsh Valley hammers the Hornets

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Marsh Valley football coach Jayson Taylor has a photographic memory. The image on the scoreboard after his team's game with Declo is one he's probably glad he will always remember: Marsh Valley 31, Declo 12.

Marsh Valley used a dominating running game from its double-wing formation on the way to a drubbing of the host Declo Hornets on Saturday afternoon in the semifinals of the Class 3A playoffs.

With the win, Marsh Valley (10-0 overall) advances to the state finals to face McCall, 35-28 overtime winners over Timberlake on Saturday.

"(Declo's) an awfully good team," said Taylor, a former Declo assistant. "I have a lot of respect for the coaches and the kids here. They just play their guts out every week."

Declo's season came to an end at 9-1, but there's no reason for the Hornets to bang their heads, despite being manhandled by their opponent. "We went 8-0 in the regular

season and got third place in state," Declo senior Justin Bennett said. "You can't ask for much more. (Marsh Valley's) a state-championship football team."

Marsh Valley racked up 341 rushing yards on 52 carries, pummeling the Hornets' defense with sound blocking and plenty of misdirection from its unique formation.

"They just build a wall and run right behind it," Bennett said. "... They do almost the same thing every time, but you don't know where the ball is going. It's hard to see the ball."

Shawn Morris led the Eagles with 162 yards on 20 attempts while Andy Correll added 142 yards on 19 carries.

"They execute that offense so well and they've got all the weapons to do it," Declo head coach Kelly Kidd said. "But it was Declo that showcased one of its weapons first, when Bennett bounced a handoff 62 yards around the left side to give the Hornets a 6-0 lead."

"They caught us in a blitz," Taylor said. "But Marsh Valley answered right back with a 67-yard

march, capped off by Morris' run from 7 yards out. He added the conversion run to put the Eagles up 8-6 in the first quarter.

Morris looked as if he'd score again early in the second quarter when he took off for a 55-yard gain, coming within 10 yards of the end zone before Declo's Riley Smith hustled from behind and stripped Morris of the ball.

Marsh Valley, however, ground the Hornets for 72 yards on its next possession before Correll ran for a 4-yard touchdown. Tyson Gunter's kick made it 15-6.

Bennett struck again on the opening kickoff of the second half, receiving the ball at his own 4 before jetting to paydirt to put Declo within 15-12.

It was a brief glimpse of hope for the Hornets. Marsh Valley took a 17-12 advantage when a pitch from Declo quarterback Spencer Stoker intended for Brian Christians didn't connect and bounced backwards into the end zone where Christians recovered the fumble for a safety.

Morris ran from 1 yard out to

cap a 47-yard drive on the Eagles' next possession to put Marsh Valley up 24-12 after Gunter's kick.

Declo looked poised to crawl back into the game late in the third quarter and into the fourth by taking the ball from its own 20 to the Eagles' 20.

But tailback Aaron Edgar, who led the Hornets with 94 rushing yards, fumbled to end the drive.

Morris added a 12-yard TD run and Gunter tacked on the PAT to conclude the Marsh Valley scoring midway through the fourth.

Scoreboard table for Marsh Valley 31, Declo 12. Includes quarter-by-quarter breakdown and final scores.

Individual statistics table for the game, listing rushing, passing, and kicking stats for key players from both teams.



Jerome post Lindsay Williams battles for a rebound against Filer's Jennica Meacham (left) and Kendra Koyle.

Despite Williams' 34-point effort, Jerome fell 42-24 to the Wildcats in their season opener.

ERIC LARSEN/The Times-News

Filer's firepower stops Jerome

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

FILER — If there's any such thing as a one-game schmed, the Filer girls basketball team is off it.

Thanks to an attacking offense that drew 18 fouls from visiting Jerome and converted on 17-of-22 free-throws after the Wildcats improved to 1-1 on the season with a 41-24 nonconference home win over the defending Class 4A champion Jerome Tigers Saturday night in Filer.

"I thought getting to the foul line was big, and our defense turned up big too," first-year Wildcats head coach Joel Bate said. "We were able to keep Jerome out of the lane and not let them get the shots they wanted."

Junior Tigers post Lindsay Williams had a nice night, leading all scorers with 14 points and grabbing three rebounds. However, she didn't get a lot of support, as Jerome's second-leading scorers All German and Lindzie Kuhl both had four points apiece.

"We missed a lot of easy shots," first-year Jerome coach Will Harrison said. "But at the same time, we didn't get the shots we wanted. Filer did a good job on defense."

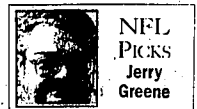
That defensive effort was especially important on a night where Jerome held Filer stand-out senior guard Jennica Meacham in check most of the game. Meacham turned in 10 points, two rebounds, and two assists — all below last year's averages.

Predictably, it was senior forward Lindsay Heikmes, who picked up the slack, leading Filer with 13 points and 14 rebounds. Sophomore point guard Kendra Koyle added eight points and four rebounds to give the Wildcats a boost.

"That has to happen for us to be successful," Bate said. "We have to be as deep as the people

Dolphins don't sweat it this week

Dug to a "disaster relief" ruling by the NFL, the Miami Dolphins do not have to lose a football game today. But we must mention Miami because of some "breaking news." Quarterback A.J. Feeley has discovered what's wrong with the Fish.



It's not the ineptitude, it's the humidity. "The humidity is warm. It's hot. It's a disadvantage every time you go to throw the ball and it's wet."

But why is it that wet? Friends, if you have a sensitive nature, you might want to skip the next few sentences.

Miami's centers sweat. A lot. And, well, you know where the quarterback has to place his hands. Explains Feeley: "(Dan) Marino probably ran the shotgun here just for that reason."

But Marino has a solution, and Feeley is going to try it. Marino licked his fingers. Ewweeeeeee.

LAST WEEK: No sweat off my—never mind. Well, there's only one way to describe my last effort: "Block, meet block." Straight up. Lwas 6:8. 729.51 for the season) and matched it by going 6-8 against the spread (72-54-4 for the season). If I don't recover today, I'll be starting—office—with Dave Wannstedt.

Tampa Bay (3-5) at Atlanta (6-2) — Falcons favored by 3.5. Don't miss it! "Attitude in Atlanta." A steel-edge match between Buccaneers Coach Jon "Clucky" Gradman and Falcons GM Rich "Mudman" McKay: Loser leaves the league? Or not. Actually, the game will be won on the field by the best quarterback. And it's all about Jerry's (pauze) Brian Griese. In a Brian-Wins-One-For-Chucky Upset Special, Bucs by 10.

Detroit (4-4) at Jacksonville (5-3) — Jags favored by 3.5. QB

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Davenport knocked out of WTA Championships

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Lindsay Davenport rallied for a 3-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory over Serena Williams in the WTA Championships on Saturday, although her No. 1 ranking was in jeopardy after she failed to reach the semifinals.

Davenport owns a 351-point lead over No. 2 Amelie Mauresmo, who could regain the top spot she held for five weeks after the U.S. Open if she wins the tournament. Mauresmo defeated Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova 7-5, 6-4 to

extend her 11-match winning streak, including titles in Austria and Philadelphia the last two weeks.

Davenport was knocked out when French Open champion Anastasia Myskina beat Elena Dementieva 6-3, 6-3. Myskina and Sharapova were the only two of five Russians in the eight-woman tournament to advance.

Davenport and Myskina finished round-robin play in the Red Group with 2-1 match records. The deciding factor was Myskina's 5-2 record in sets

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Nowak back at MLS Cup in new role

The Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. — Peter Nowak has played in two MLS Cups. He liked the first a lot better.

Nowak was the MVP of Major League Soccer's championship game in 1998, assisting on two goals in the Chicago Fire's 2-0 win over D.C. United. Two years later, the Fire returned and lost 1-0 to the Kansas City Wizards.

"I remember the feeling very well after we won and after we lost," Nowak said. "After losing the Cup, you think maybe this is your last chance at it. There's a lot of regret, thinking you were supposed to do better than that."

Nowak gets another crack at



the championship this year. The rookie coach will guide D.C. United in Sunday's title game against Kansas City. "I have a very special group of players making me look like a genius," he said. "It was a great

season. But we aren't done yet." Next, Antur, is the real Wizards. A team overlooked most of the year. "Perhaps we can surprise some more folks," coach Bob Please see CUP, Page C2

SPORTS

Warriors avoid worst-ever start

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Only an expansion team could save the Golden State Warriors from the worst start in franchise history.

Jason Richardson scored 27 points and Troy Murphy added 22 to lead the Warriors to their first win of the season, a 103-87 victory over the expansion Charlotte Bobcats on Saturday night.

It was the first win for coach Mike Montgomery, who opened his NBA career with six consecutive losses and put Golden State in danger of losing the franchise facility mark set at the start of the 1997-98 season by opening 0-9.

Because the Warriors have been so bad in their losses, they should have expected a fight from the Bobcats, who have been surprisingly good.

The Bobcats didn't roll over in their first four games and had a chance to win late each time except in Friday night's loss to Boston.

So against winless Golden State, that effort should have been enough to give them their second victory of the season.

Instead, the Warriors ran right over them.

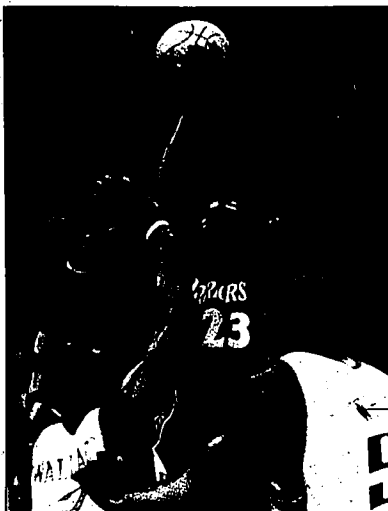
The Warriors built a 22-point, first-half lead against the undermanned Bobcats. Down to 10 players already because of injury, Emeke Okafor fell with a sprained ankle, and James May picked up three fouls in 28 seconds to take two more out of the rotation.

Gerald Wallace led Charlotte with 22 points, Eddie House added 20, and Steve Smith scored 13.

Primož Brezec had his first night of the season with eight points and seven rebounds.

Cavaliers 105, Wizards 74

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 24 points, Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 21 and



Golden State Warriors' Jason Richardson (23) shoots over Charlotte Bobcats' Gerald Wallace (3) and Jahid White (55) during the second half of the Warriors' 103-87 win in Charlotte, N.C., on Saturday. Richardson had 27 points.

The Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Washington Wizards 105-74 Saturday for their third straight victory after an 0-3 start.

James scored nine of the Cavaliers' first 11 in the fourth quarter, taking over just as he did Wednesday when he outscored Phoenix 17-14 in the final 12 minutes and the Cavs overcame a 19-point deficit to win.

Gilbert Arenas scored 25 points to lead the Wizards. Antawn Jamison had 14 and

nine rebounds for Washington, which was held to 28 points under its average.

Mavericks 94, Nets 78

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jerry Stackhouse hit all five of his third-quarter shots and scored a season-high 28 points for surging Dallas.

Dirk Nowitzki had 31 points, seven rebounds, seven assists and four of Dallas' 12 steals in helping the revamped Mavericks win for the sixth time in

seven games. Richard Jefferson's 26 points and 10 rebounds led New Jersey.

Spurs 103, Hawks 88

ATLANTA — Tim Duncan scored 26 points and grabbed 18 rebounds and Bruce Bowen scored a career-high 22 points to help the San Antonio Spurs defeat the Atlanta Hawks 103-88 on Saturday night.

After the Spurs built a 24-point lead, 65-41, midway through the third quarter, the Hawks scored 11 straight points spanning the third and fourth quarters. The rally was capped by Royal Ivey's three-point play with 9:44 left to play, cutting the Spurs' lead to 12 points.

A 3-pointer by Antoine Walker with 8:55 left pulled the Hawks to within 10 points at 81-71. But Utah answered with a 3-pointer for the Spurs.

Walker led the Hawks with 23 points, including four 3-pointers in the final quarter. Atlanta's only other scorer in double figures was Al Harrington with 10 points.

Spurs center Rasho Nesterovic had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Pacers 103, Knicks 97

INDIANAPOLIS — Once again, the ailing and short-handed Indiana Pacers built a big lead. This time, they were able to hold off New York's furious comeback.

Jermareo O'Neal had 33 points and 12 rebounds. Ron Artest marked his 25th birthday with 22 points and Stephen Jackson added 19 as the Pacers fought off fatigue and beat the Knicks 103-97 Saturday night.

It was Indiana's fourth game in five nights, and because of injuries the Pacers had only 10 players available and used just eight, with all five starters logging at least 39 minutes.

North Texas' Thomas snaps rushing record

DENTON, Texas (AP) — Jamarco Thomas ran for 291 yards and tied an NCAA mark with his 200-yard rushing game as North Texas set its fourth consecutive conference title and a spot in the New Orleans Bowl with a 51-29 victory over Idaho on Saturday night.

Thomas, the nation's leading rusher entering the game at 177.3 yards a game, also scored four TDs and extended his NCAA freshman record with his sixth 200-yard game as UNT (6-4, 6-0 Sun Belt) won its 24th straight conference game.

The Mean Green will play a Conference USA team in the New Orleans Bowl on Dec. 14. The Vandals (3-8, 2-5) played their final game in the Sun Belt Conference and will move to the WAC next season.

Thomas broke the North Texas and Sun Belt Conference single-game rushing mark for the third time this season, surpassing the 258 yards gained Oct. 23 against New Mexico State. It was his fifth straight game over 200, tying the NCAA record shared by Marcus Allen (USC, 1981) and Barry Sanders (Oklahoma State, 1988).

Thomas has 1,709 yards this season, breaking the Sun Belt and UNT single-season rushing record. The record was 1,680 set by Patrick Cobbs last season.

He broke a 70-yard run for a touchdown on the game's third play. On the next series he also scored on the third play, going 31 yards to put UNT up 13-0. After carries he had 107 yards. His first touchdown, a 15-yard run, put North Texas ahead 37-22 with 8:58 remaining.

Idaho pulled within 37-29 with 6:12 left when Michael Hurston threw a 53-yard touchdown pass to Luke Smith-Anderson.

But then Scott Hall connected on a 2-yard touchdown pass to Johnny Quinn with 1:40 remaining to pull the Mean Green up 44-29.

UNT added one more score when Maurice Holman returned an interception to the Idaho 35, then fumbled. Tamba Vaughn Priestley picked up the ball and scored.

No. 17 LSU 26, Alabama 10

BAYON ROUGE, La. — LSU defensive end Marcus Spears and linebacker Cameron Vaughn combined for the go-ahead touchdown for LSU.

With the Tigers trailing 10-6 in the third quarter, Spears hit Alabama quarterback Spencer Pennington on the Crimson Tide 8, forcing a fumble. Vaughn picked up the ball and scampered in for the TD to give LSU its first lead.

It was the ninth straight home victory for LSU (2-2, 4-2 SEC), and a rare victory over the Crimson Tide (6-4, 3-4) in Tiger Stadium.

No. 20 Arizona St. 45, Washington St. 28

TEMPE, Ariz. — Andrew Walter passed for 332 yards and five touchdowns in his final home game Saturday night and No. 20 Arizona State rolled past Washington State 45-28.

The senior from Grand Junction, Colo., completed 26 of 41 passes without an interception while breaking the school record for touchdowns passed in a season with 30. Mike Pagel set the old mark of 29 in 1981.

Fifteen of Walter's TD passes came in his last three home games.

Walter, who holds the Pac-10 career record with 87 TD passes, threw for five touchdowns in a game for the fourth time. He had six against UCLA earlier this season.

Arizona State (8-2, 5-2 Pac-10) was unbeaten at home (6-0) for the first time since going 11-0 overall in the 1986 regular season.

No. 7 Utah clinches second straight Mountain West title

LAHARIE, Wyo. (AP) — A brownout that delayed the start for 93 minutes was the only thing that slowed down No. 7 Utah on Saturday night.

After power was restored, Utah rolled to a 45-28 victory over Wyoming, clinching a second straight Mountain West title and boosting the Utes' hopes for a marquee bowl.

Utah's school-record 10-0 start combined with Wisconsin's 49-14 loss to Michigan State could move the Utes into the top six in the BCS standings and a likely berth in the Fiesta Bowl. Utah is 6-0 in conference play.

Alex Smith passed for 244 yards and three touchdowns and ran for a game-high 105 yards and another TD as Utah scored on its first five possessions. Smith, who completed 17 of 27 passes, has 27 touchdown

passes and only two interceptions on the season.

Steve Savoy had a 15-yard run that put Utah up 38-7 and a 10-yard TD among his six receptions as the Utes racked up 408 yards of offense.

John Madsen's 15-yard catch made it 45-14 on the final play of the third quarter.

Wyoming (6-4, 3-3) had no answer for the Utes' attack, which came close to its averages of 45.8 points and 500 yards.

Helped by Wyoming's ineptness, Utah piled up 318 yards and a 31-7 lead by halftime. The Cowboys coughed up the ball on three of their first four drives.

Morgan Scalle's sixth interception of the season set up a 26-yard pass from Smith to Paris Warren, putting Utah up 24-7 with 11:04 left in the

second half and tossed a 20-yard TD to Bouknight with 34 seconds left after the Utes' only turnover.

Smith's opening touchdown came after Gordon Dodds recovered a Wyoming fumble on the game's second play.

Marquess Leibert's interception on the Cowboys' next drive led to a 64-yard Utah march capped by Johnson's TD run.

Utah bolted to a 14-0 lead on Smith's 27-yard keeper and Marty Johnson's 1-yard run before Wyoming scored on a 41-yard pass from Corey Brunell to Jason Bouknight.

David Carroll's 25-yard field goal left the Utes up 17-7 after one quarter.

Bramlett, who passed for 278 yards but was intercepted twice, scored on two short runs

in the second half and tossed a 20-yard TD to Bouknight with 34 seconds left after the Utes' only turnover.

Smith's opening touchdown came after Gordon Dodds recovered a Wyoming fumble on the game's second play.

Marquess Leibert's interception on the Cowboys' next drive led to a 64-yard Utah march capped by Johnson's TD run.

Mackay eliminates Camas County in Class 1A football playoffs

The Times-News

MACKAY — Both Wrangler Williams and the football that had just sailed over his head landed on the Mackay sod at about the same time.

The ball bounced right back up; Williams was a little bit slower after 3.5 quarters of football started to take its toll.

Eventually, the Miner senior wide receiver, clearly favoring his left side, made his way back to Mackay's huddle. But he stayed in, and on the next play, he caught a pass in the right flat, ran through a Camas County defender and dove for an 11-yard touchdown on the left side, out to be the critical play in this IA-DII semifinal football playoff game.

Williams' score put Mackay up 16-6 with just over 5 minutes left in the game; the Miners eventually won 24-6 to take a place in Friday's state championship game against Horseshoe Bend in Hali Arena.

"That's what Mackay football is all about," Miner head coach Jack McKelvey said. "Come time to make the plays, they usually do that."

Williams and quarterback Kelvin Krosch both said

Williams wasn't the main target on the play, which was designed for a post pattern in the middle of the field.

"I just happened to be open," Williams said.

Krosch, who was out of rhythm under a relentless Musher pass rush most of the day, knew how big the play was, even at the time. "I was thinking, 'We're going to state,'" the sophomore said. "That sealed it, right there."

If Camas County's players had any thoughts of a miracle comeback, they were squashed when Jared Gillish returned an interception 24 yards down the left side for a touchdown on the next Musher possession.

"Falling apart at the end killed us," Camas County's Travis VanGelder said. "We came out with a lot of intensity, just didn't keep it up."

Gillish's pick-six put a cap on an impressive Miner defensive performance. Camas County (8-3) did not have a first down in the second half and had only five in the game. The Musters had only one play — a 43-yard first-quarter run by Tony Gonzales — that went for 20 yards, and were held to only 138 yards of total offense.

"They didn't let us break completely like we had (in past games)," Camas County coach Randy Jewett said. "We had some good runs but never could get broke away."

It's not like the Musters didn't have chances. "Three first-half drives for Camas County started in Mackay territory, as did a fourth possession in the second half, none resulted in points."

"Our defense has been pretty much our strong point all year and today it was (again)," Krosch said.

Both sides said Camas County was a much-improved squad compared to the team that lost to 10-0 Mackay by 28 points in September. VanGelder said his squad was "about 110 percent better than the first time we played them. We found ourselves by the end of the year, just wish we could have done it sooner."

For most of the game, the Musters held the potent Miners offense in check. Through three quarters, Mackay had only 169 yards of total offense.

"Defensively, I thought we played really good, especially compared to the last time we played them," said Dakota

Dalin, who led Camas County with 73 rushing yards.

Jewett said adjustments and improvements keyed the Musher resurgence.

"We worked real hard in preparation for this week," he said. "... I'm just so proud of them."

Girls basketball

Twin Falls 53, Mountain View 47

BOISE — Twin Falls fought off a quick Mountain View squad for a 53-47 nonconference road win Saturday afternoon, led by Hannah Henderson's 17 points and 15 rebounds. Amy Bratvold added 15 points.

"They were one of the few teams we have a little size on," said coach Joe L. Shepard. "They were real quick and that kept them in the game. They hustled. Their 24 offensive rebounds hurt us."

An overnight stay in Boise and early start prompted a slow start for the 2-0 Bruins.

"We played well enough to win," Shepard said.

Twin Falls (2-0) will play at Timberline at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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Meridian 27, Minico 47

MERIDIAN — Minico improved to 2-0 with a 47-27 win over Meridian Saturday afternoon behind 17 points from Amber Warth.

Oakley 43, Valley 36, OT

OAKLEY — No report.

Dietrich 54, Raft River 39

MALTA — Juteik Weber scored 14 points to lead Dietrich to a 54-39 nonconference win over host Raft River Saturday night, de-

spite 11 points from Haliie Ramsay.

Raft River (0-1) next plays at Rockland Tuesday.

Burley 45, American Falls 28

BURLEY — The Bobcats defeated American Falls 45-28 Saturday night.

"Both teams played real well the first half," Burley coach Gordon Kerbs said. "We had a 12-point lead at half and then the third quarter got a little out of control and looked more like a rugby match."

Sophomore McKel Baker, playing in her first varsity game, torched the nets for in a game-high 19 points, including a 3-pointer. Junior post player Kandace Dalton played a tough inside game and added 11 points for the Bobcats.

Burley (1-0) plays at Pocatello and American Falls (1-1) hosts Buhl Wednesday night.

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won; Davenport won 4-3. Mauresmo and Sharapova advanced to the semifinals out of the Black Group. Mauresmo had a 3-0 record; Sharapova

In Sunday's semifinals, Mauresmo will play Williams and Myskina takes on Sharapova.

Mauresmo and Sharapova were playing for the first time. The match wasn't the best ever played," Mauresmo said. "It was very difficult for both of us to stay focused because we have both qualified."

Sharapova hit 45 winners to Mauresmo's 19, but the 17-

year-old Russian also committed 35 errors in losing for the first time in three matches. Despite her loss, Williams advanced with a 2-1 match record in the Red Group.

"I feel like I'm cheating that I'm still in the tournament. I feel as though I should go home," said Williams, who fired 14 aces.

Davenport, who won a Tour-best seven titles this year, sensed her season was over even before Myskina and Dementieva played.

"I would be floored if Myskina lost to Dementieva," she said. "Myskina is a better player

and she's played well here."

Davenport was 5-0 against Serena and Venus Williams this year after not beating either of the sisters the previous four years. She earned \$130,000, and moved into third on the career earnings list behind Steffi Graf and Martina Navratlova with \$18,461,641.

U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova and Vera Zvonareva, the other Black Group members, were eliminated Friday. Kuznetsova finished third with a 1-2 record and earned \$130,000. Zvonareva was 0-3 and earned \$100,000.

Cup

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Gansler said. United features a strong attack led by Jalme Moreno, who had seven goals and 14 assists this season, and Alecko Eskandarian, who had 10 goals and two assists.

Fifteen-year-old Freddy Adu (five goals, three assists) also can provide a spark.

Ryan Nelson anchors the D.C. defense, and Nick Rimando has been solid in goal.

The Wizards overcame injuries to 2003 league MVP Preki, Igor Simutenkov, Chris Klein and goalkeeper Tony Meola to win an MLS-high 14 games this

year. They were led offensively by Josh Wolff's 10 goals and seven assists and Davy Arnaud's nine goals and eight assists.

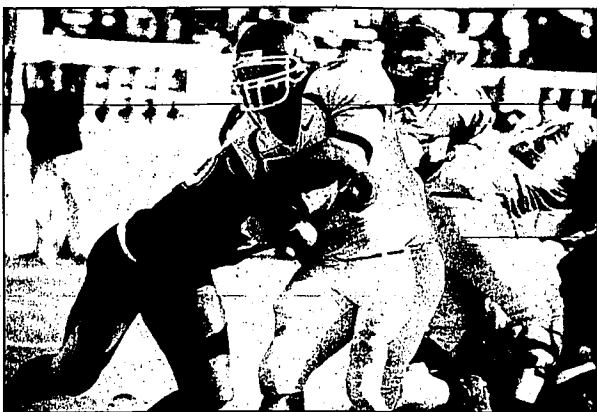
"Our players have a great mental outlook," Gansler said. "But it takes more than that, and they are a talented bunch."

Gansler, the coach when Kansas City beat Novak and Chicago in the 2000 MLS Cup, favors a defensive style that limits mistakes in the back and cashes in on chances. Jimmy Conrad and Kerry Zavagnin, aggressive and consistent on defense, often trigger the counter-

attack. Gansler with the Wizards, Novak has left an imprint on United.

"He's got a very cutthroat personality," Nelson said. "It's a win-at-all-costs type of thing and it's rubbed off on the players, especially the young players. It's an extreme kind of confidence, not arrogance. He believes we can beat anybody."

SPORTS



Boise State's Jon Helmandollar scores the winning touchdown in double overtime and his defense held San Jose State to win 56-49 at San Jose, Calif., Saturday.

No. 14 Boise State holds off San Jose St. in 2OT

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Jon Helmandollar scored his third touchdown in the second overtime, and No. 14 Boise State barely extended the nation's longest winning streak to 20 games with a 56-49 victory over San Jose State on Saturday.

Jared Zabransky passed for 203 yards and scored one of eight rushing touchdowns by the Broncos (9-0, 6-0 WAC), who hung on despite an early kickoff, 14 penalties and an inspired effort by the Spartans.

Lance Martin's 1-yard dive capped San Jose State's tying drive with 4:42 left in regulation. Jeff Carr could have won it for the Spartans (2-7, 1-5) in regulation—but his 30-yard field-goal attempt was blocked with 1:07 left.

Martin rushed for 112 yards, including a 16-yard score on San Jose State's first overtime possession. Lee Marks, who finished with 140 yards rushing, replied with a 12-yard TD run for Boise State.

After Helmandollar's 1-yard scoring run in the second overtime, cornerback Gabe Franklin drove San Jose State quarterback Adam Trafalis out of bounds at the 4 on a fourth-down option play. The Broncos celebrated wildly in front of the orange-clad fans behind their bench.

The Broncos rushed for 280 yards, but also revealed significant flaws in their defense, special teams and discipline. The blocked field goal probably prevented a huge upset loss to the Spartans, who lost their fifth straight and allowed at least 36 points for the seventh time this season.

Idaho State rallies to win home finale

By Jared Eborn Times-News correspondent

POCAHONSA — Larry Lewis said it might have been the worst half of football his Idaho State team had ever played.

NAU found itself suffering through a bizarre second quarter with ISU racking up the yards with the kids unable to move.

momentum-turning miscues by the Lumberjacks throughout the second half.

That's the bad news. The good news is it came in the first half and provided the perfect opportunity for one of those classic locker room speeches designed to rally a downtrodden team.

"We have to give our defense credit for making plays and keeping us in the ball game in the first half," Lewis said. "Then, we finally started playing like a team on offense. We moved the ball better and got back to doing the things we do well at."

Quinton Freeman intercepted an NAU pass near the end zone to halt a drive in the fourth quarter and David Tongole got the lead on a fumble near midfield to stymie another drive.

Whatever was said between the hives and behind closed doors wasn't made public, but it worked as the Bengals overcame that horrific 30 minutes of football and emerged with a 24-17 win over Northern Arizona in the final home game of the season.

After holding NAU to three-and-out on the second half and five minutes off the clock during a 55-yard drive capped by 300-pound defensive tackle Jeremiah Horn's 1-yard dive over the line to make the score 17-14. Another NAU three-and-out was followed by a 20-yard field goal from ISU's Ryan Slack to even the score with 4:35 in the third quarter.

But none of the turnovers as sweet — not to mention redemptive — as Eric James' interception in the end zone with 48 seconds left to play.

"All of our guys came out and played together," Lewis said. "We told them that at that point, it was up to them. We told them how they were remembered by their fans was up to them."

The Lumberjacks were again forced to punt and the Bengals finally found themselves on the positive side of the scoreboard for the first time in three weeks when quarterback Mark Hetherington faked a handoff to Horn and scampered in unimpeded on a naked bootleg for a 2-yard score.

James, who was hurt on NAU's first touchdown as he was turned around and practically escorted Roger Robinson into the endzone on a 55-yard run, was also a factor for his interference late in the fourth quarter giving Northern Arizona a first down at the 22-yard line.

If not for a 70-yard interception return for a touchdown by David Beverly, the Bengals would have been in a 17-0 hole at the break. Because of that play, though, ISU trailed 17-7 and had a little life.

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But when NAU's James Murrietta inched the ball toward his 6-foot-6 receiver Kory Ahear the ball was overthrown a bit and James made the grab and made sure his feet were inbounds on the left sideline.

A screen pass here, a pitch there and slowly but surely the Bengals began to answer the Lumberjacks. And with ISU's defense making stop after stop,

After the miserable first half, ISU responded with 221 yards of offense and had 15 first downs. Defensively, the Bengals shut down the Lumberjacks over the final 30 minutes of play.

The Bengals, improving to 3-7 and 2-5 in the Big Sky, will wrap up the season next week at Southern Utah.

New Mexico ends Brigham Young's win streak

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Just when Brigham Young appeared to be heading for the tying score, New Mexico's defense forced its third and most important turnover of the game.

Fola Fashola recovered the ball with 44 seconds left and New Mexico ran out the clock from there in a 21-14 win over BYU Saturday in the Lobos' second straight in Provo.

Craig Ochs passed for 300 yards and the three touchdowns and caught a 30-yard touchdown pass from Jefferson Heideberger on 9th Montana (8-2, 5-1 Big Sky), which led 38-7 at halftime.

New Mexico (6-4, 4-2) moved into second place in the Mountain West with its fourth straight win and is eligible for a bowl for the fourth year in a row.

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MISSOULA, Mont. — Justin Green rushed for three-quarter touchdowns and Jon Talmage caught three scoring passes Saturday in Montana's 52-21 victory over Sacramento State.

BOZEMAN, Mont. — Erik Meyer passed for 372 yards and five touchdowns as Eastern Washington rallied for a 51-44 victory over Montana State.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michael Hart rushed for 51 yards and scored a third touchdown, and Michigan scored TDs the

Michigan State humbles Wisconsin

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Wisconsin's dream of an unbeaten season might have ended just before halftime Saturday at Michigan State.

That's when Anthony Davis went airborne toward the goal line on fourth-and-inches, expecting to score the game-winning touchdown against the upstart Spartans.

Michigan State rolled up 551 yards of total offense, including 430 on the ground.

But two Michigan State players met him head-on to stop him just short—a pivotal play in a game that swayed up a lopsided 49-14 Spartan victory.

The Spartans (9-5, 4-3 Big Ten) limited the Badgers' first loss and knocked Wisconsin (9-1, 6-1) into a second-place tie with Iowa in the Big Ten behind Michigan.

John Gutterick had 146 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries for the Spartans. Jason Tenge had 112 yards and a TD on 17 carries. He also caught a 30-yard touchdown pass on a trick play in the first half with the ball thrown by wide receiver Aaron Alexander.

That was a big momentum shift, Davis said. "When something like that happens you really have to pull together as a team and get the momentum back, some how, some way. We didn't do that."

Michigan State used a powerful rushing attack, a trick play and a key defensive stand to defeat No. 4 Wisconsin and knock the Badgers out of the national championship race.

Michigan State seniors out in style in their final home game at Spartan Stadium.

The Badgers entered the game ranked fifth in the Bowl Championship Series standings, primarily because of a dominant defense that had allowed only 31 points a game in 10 games in the nation. But Michigan State rolled up 551 yards of total offense, including 430 on the ground.

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No. 3 Auburn whips No. 8 Georgia

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Carnell Williams, Ronnie Brown and Auburn dominated in a victory that could give the Tigers the boost they need in the BCS standings.

Auburn (10-0, 7-0 Southeastern Conference) was third in both polls and in the BCS standings.

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Sifford breaks another barrier in golf

Hall of Fame inducts first black member

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) — Charlie Sifford only wanted a chance to play.

Despite a warning from Jack Robinson that he would face taunts and threats, Sifford fought the PGA Tour over its Caucasian-only clause until he became its first black member in 1960. Full privileges didn't come for another five years. He couldn't stay in hotels at some of the tournaments he played.

Sifford measured success by surviving a hostile environment that infiltrated a genteel game. So imagine how it must feel to join one of the most exclusive clubs in golf, a membership that includes only the best who ever played — Bobby Jones and Ben Hogan, Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer.

"Listen to him when he answers his phone," Charlie Sifford, Hall of Famer, he says in a voice full of optimism.

An iron-willed man who spent his career fighting for inclusion, Sifford will break down another barrier Monday night when he becomes the first black member inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

His credentials include only two PGA Tour victories, the 1967 Greater Hartford Open and the 1969 Los Angeles Open. He was never invited to the Masters, a wound that only healed when Tiger Woods won the green jacket in a record-setting performance in 1997.

But many believe Sifford's election through the Lifetime Achievement category was overdue.

"Charlie won tournaments, but more important, he was a barrier," Nicklaus said. "I think what Charlie Sifford has brought to this game has been monumental. To be inducted into the Hall of Fame ... I think it's about time."

Others to be inducted at the World Golf Village: Tom Kite, whose 1991 victories included the 1992 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach. He finished in the top 20 on the PGA Tour money list 15 consecutive seasons and twice won the money title. Kite's most productive



Charlie Sifford throws up his arms after he dropped a short par on the 18th green to tie Harold Henning of South Africa at the end of 72 holes in the \$100,000 Los Angeles Open golf tournament, Sunday, Jan. 13, 1969. An iron-willed man who spent his career fighting for inclusion, Sifford will break down another barrier Monday night when he becomes the first black member inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

five year was 1989, when he won the Players Championship, the Tour Championship and was voted PGA Tour player of the year.

Isao Aoki, with 73 victories worldwide and the only Japanese player to win six majors, was the first Japanese player to win on the PGA Tour, holing out for eagle on the 18th hole in the 1983 Hawaiian Open.

Marlene Stuntz, the first Canadian in the Hall of Fame. She has won elite amateur titles the last six decades, and captured the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur title last year at 69. The induction ceremony will bring membership in the World Golf Hall of Fame to 104. Sifford, 82, still remembers

the April afternoon when PGA Tour commissioner, Tim Finchem called to tell him he was in the Hall of Fame, with instructions not to tell anyone until the official announcement. "I couldn't tell anyone," Sifford said, "because I didn't believe it myself."

Sifford's goals were modest by most standards. He wanted to win on the PGA Tour, play in the three U.S. majors and get inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The challenge was getting a chance. Sifford dominated the all-black United Golfers Association, winning five straight national titles. He longed to test his game against

the best, only to run into the same roadblock as Teddy Rhodes and Bill Spiller before him — the PGA of America had a whites-only clause.

In his autobiography, "Just Let Me Play," Sifford tells of meeting Robinson in California, about the time Robinson was trying to break the color barrier in baseball.

"He asked me if I was a quitter," Sifford said. "I told him no. He said, 'If you're not a quitter, you're probably going to experience some things that will make you want to quit.'"

It didn't take long for Sifford to find out. During the 1952 Phoenix Open, one of the few events blacks could play, Sifford found himself in the cup when he got to the first green. Even more bothersome was his first trip home to North Carolina after he had his PGA Tour card.

Sifford received death threats over the phone at the '61 Greater Greensboro Open. He heard racial slurs as he walked the fairways of Sedgewick Country Club. And he still managed to finish fourth.

"I felt a larger victory," Sifford wrote. "I had come through my first southern tournament with the worst kind of social pressure and discrimination around me, and I hadn't cracked. I hadn't quit."

Sifford's courage paved the way for other blacks to play on the PGA Tour — Pete Brown, the first black to win at the 1964 Greater Greensboro Open, and Calvin Peete, whose supreme accuracy of the tee sent him to 12 victories, including the Players Championship.

Woods said he considers Sifford a grandfather figure, saving every letter Sifford has written him since they first met when Woods was in high school.

Sifford did not go to the '97 Masters, his last major, but on the hallowed grounds of Augusta National, still bitter over qualifications that kept him out of the Masters despite victories in Hartford and Los Angeles. "It wasn't for Charles and players like Teddy Rhodes, Bill Spiller and others, we wouldn't be here," Woods said. "I certainly wouldn't probably have been introduced to the game of golf because my dad wouldn't have played. Without Charles' diligence and dedication ... we owe everything to him and to others like him."



Heather Daly-Donofrio looks over her putt on the eighth green during the third round of the LPGA Tour's Tournament of Champions at Magnolia Grove Golf Course in Mobile, Ala., Saturday. Daly-Donofrio shot a career-best 64 to match the course record for three rounds and take a three-stroke lead.

Daly-Donofrio takes three-stroke lead

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Heather Daly-Donofrio shot a career-best 64 on Saturday to match the course record for three rounds and take a three-stroke lead in the LPGA Tournament of Champions.

She opened with a 69 and had a 65 Friday on Magnolia Grove's rain-softened Crossings course, leaving her at 17 under. This is the first time in her seven-year career she has posted three rounds under 70.

"I've put three days together that are by far the best I've ever played," said Daly-Donofrio, whose previous low round was a 65 last year in the Wells/Fry's Championship.

Her 1993 total matched the three-round record Erin Cook set in 2002 on the 6,253-yard Trent Jones layout. The 22-year-old is 20 under in the R1 Pak, who won't be winning the tournament two years ago. Daly-Donofrio plans to be aggressive in the final round Sunday.

Costonson had a 65 Saturday and is alone in second place at 202. She had a chance to get closer, but missed 3-foot birdie putts at Nos. 16 and 18.

Candle King matched her personal best round with a 64 to reach 203. Also at that number after a 64 is Karen Stupples. "Daly-Donofrio is a surprise at the top of the leaderboard for other reasons. She is playing this week because tournament officials extended eligibility criteria for a year to include LPGA winners from 2001 — when she got her only career victory in the First Union Betsy King Classic.

She had struggled in this event with an average of 75.5 in 12 rounds thus far. Daly-Donofrio started the day-two strokes behind Laura Diaz, but turned that into a three-shot lead with a 31 on the front nine. The leader walked in a four-hole putt on the final hole to cap establish her career best.

Kuehne, Sluman tied with Leonard, Flesch NAPLES, Fla. — Hank Kuehne and Jeff Sluman combined for a 10-under tie Saturday and moved into a tie for the lead with Justin Leonard and Steve Flesch after two rounds of the Franklin Templeton Shootout.

Kuehne made a 15-foot birdie putt at No. 17 and rolled in an 8-foot putt for birdie at the 18th in the best ball format, getting his team to 18 under at Tiburon Golf Club. First-round leaders Leonard and Flesch had a second straight 64 under with a 64. "Host Greg Norman and Scott McCarron (64) were tied for third with Mark Calcavecchia and Loren Roberts (65) at 15 under. The father and son team of Jay and Bill Haas combined for an 11-under 61 to reach 14 under.

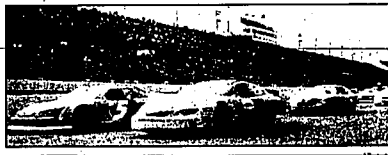
Truex wraps up title; McMurray wins race

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — Martin Truex Jr.'s fourth-place finish Saturday at Darlington Raceway gave Dale Earnhardt Jr. the first of two series championships he covets this year.

With the help of a boost from Busch Series runner-up Kyle Busch, Truex wrapped up the title with one more race remaining in the 2004 season, giving Charter 2 Motorsports, owned by Truex and his stepmother, Teresa, their first championship.

"I never thought this would ever come true," Truex said.

Jamie McMurray shared the spotlight with Truex, winning his second race in a row and giving the new Rusty Wallace Inc. team its first series victory. Truex is the first rookie to win a Busch championship since Earnhardt won his first of two consecutive titles in 1998. The new champion has been the top driver in the series most of the year, leading the series in wins (6), poles (7),



Martin Truex Jr. (8) leads to pack at the start of the Bi-Lo 200, Saturday, at Darlington Raceway in Darlington, S.C. At left is Kyle Busch (5). Truex's fourth-place finish Saturday earned him the NASCAR Busch Series title.

top fives (17) and top 10s (25). As Kyle believed he could win the title in his first full year in the series, Truex pointed at the beaming Earnhardt Jr. and said, "No, but he did. He told me back in the winter I could win this thing hands down and I told him he was crazy."

His boss said he knew Truex had the talent and the equipment to get the job done. "He just managed himself all

year long, in and out of the race car," Earnhardt said. "He got great finishes and drove a couple of 10th-place cars to top-five finishes. He had good equipment and didn't overdrive it, too often or get in trouble too often."

Earnhardt, who is third in the closest five-man championship battle in Cup history going into Sunday's Southern 500 here, was particularly

happy to see Truex wrap up his title in a car with a sponsor, Wrangler, and the blue and yellow color scheme made famous by his late father.

"That's really good to win at Darlington," said McMurray, whose No. 66 Dodge dominated the race, leading 72 of the 147 laps on the 1.366-mile oval, including the final 46.

"That's my favorite race," McMurray, a regular in NASCAR's Nextel Cup series and a part-time performer in Busch, picked up his seventh Busch victory and his 11th career title. The first two wins of 2004, including Nov. 7 at Phoenix, came in cars belonging to his Cup owner, Chip Ganassi.

Ashton Lewis Jr., whose family name will fold into the final race, Saturday in Homestead, finished second, matching his career-best. He was followed by Mike Bliss, Truex, Matt Kenseth and Casey Mears.

Contenders focus on winning at Darlington

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — The five drivers locked in the closest championship race in NASCAR's history have a single, simple goal in Sunday's Southern 500: win.

Kurt Busch, racing for his first Nextel Cup title, holds a 41-point lead over four-time champion Jeff Gordon with two races remaining. Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jimmie Johnson and Mark Martin, none of whom has won a Cup title, are all within 184 points of the leader going into the race at Darlington Raceway.

"We all really have the same stake here," Gordon said. "Yeah, (Busch) has a lead, but he doesn't have a big enough lead to protect it or pad it. He knows he's got to go out there and win. We all know we've got to win. We've got to run up front and finish ahead of those guys. I think Kurt feels that, and Jimmie and Junior and Mark feel that. That's what makes this so intense right now. It's not about getting a top 10, it's about getting wins."

Starting a four-time series runner-up and the long shot in this championship, Earnhardt said, "If I win the last two races, the points will take care of themselves," he said. "That's all we can do. We've got to win what we have to do to have any chance."

In the last eight races of the inaugural 10-man, 10-race Chase for the Cup playoff-style championship, Johnson has won three times, Earnhardt twice and Busch once. Martin has two runner-up finishes and Gordon one since the Chase began.

Johnson, who won the spring race here, got himself back into the title hunt by winning three in a row before finishing sixth last week at Phoenix.

"The best thing this team can do is to act and feel like we did three weeks ago, which is to say, 'We don't have a shot at it and we just need to go out there and win races. Because that's worked for us,'" Johnson said. "When we play that game, we do a lot better job than when we play defense."

Mountain Dew Southern 500
TV: NBC, 11:30 a.m.

Byrd retains title while Holyfield dominated again in loss

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Byrd felt the power and found the canvas. Then Jameel McCline found out what made Byrd a heavyweight champion in the first place.

Giving away 56 pounds and several inches, Byrd survived a second round knockdown and a bigger man's punch to retain his WBA heavyweight title on Saturday night on a split decision by the narrowest of margins.

As a fighter as the heavyweight division has seen in recent times, Byrd needed every bit of his skill to come out strong in the later rounds to win a split 12-round decision that was in doubt until the final judge's tally was added up.

The two good friends hugged at the high of their exciting fight and the crowd at Madison Square Garden stood and cheered. Byrd won by 115-112 and 114-113, while McCline was favored 114-112 on the third scorecard.

The Associated Press had Byrd ahead, 115-113. "The way I fought back

Boxing

showed I am a true champion. I had to dig down. He weighed 270 pounds," Byrd said. "I definitely did enough to win the fight. I am a champion."

Byrd, who weighed 214 pounds to McCline's 270, was in trouble early, going down in the second round from a right hand and taking punishment from an aggressive McCline. He was trailing badly after five rounds, before beginning to find his mark and score with quick inside combinations.

It was the third title defense for the stoppage Byrd, and the third fight that was close until the end. In his last fight, he retained the title with a draw over Andrew Golota.

He has fast hands and he took me out of my game plan," McCline said. "That was the difference." The fight preceded the WBA heavyweight title fight between champion John Ruiz and Golota, part of a card filled with heavyweights promoted by Don King.

Donald defeats Holyfield

Erander Holyfield was dominated once again, this time by journeyman Larry Donald, but refused to call it a career. At the age of 42, Holyfield lost almost every round of the fight, but now won only two of his last nine fights.

Former heavyweight champion — Hasim — Rahman — put himself in contention for one of the major titles by stopping an outclassed Kell Meehan after four rounds. Rahman never knocked Meehan down but was giving him such punishment at the end of the fourth round that Meehan's corner threw in the towel after the round ended.

Byrd (38-2-1) didn't have the power to knock McCline down, but stood and traded punches in the later rounds, getting the better of the bigger man in almost every exchange and giving a boxing clinic to both McCline (31-4-3) and the Garden crowd.

McCline was staggering toward the end of the fight, but Byrd seemed to hurt him with 45 seconds left in the 11th round and Byrd in command.

"It was not everything I imagined it would be because I expected to go home with the title," McCline said. "I looked like I fell apart a little toward the end and that may have cost me."

McCline appeared on his way to a quick end when he floored Byrd late in the second round. But Byrd got up, weathered the storm and began landing with quick combinations.

"I can't believe it happened," Byrd said of the knockdown. "He hit me right behind the ear. It was a perfect shot."

McCline's decline, meanwhile, continued when he was beaten soundly by Donald, a fighter that likely wouldn't have lasted six rounds during his prime.

McCline stood watching, unable to throw punches even when he saw openings, as Larry Donald jabbed his way to a lopsided 12-round decision over the 42-year-old fighter. Holyfield's quest for the undisputed heavyweight title seem even more ridiculous than it already was.

Moss may be out but Walker has arrived

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — He wears No. 84, gives defensive backs fits with his deep-ball prowess and leads the league in yards receiving. He's sure he'll make his mark on the big showdown Sunday between the Minnesota Vikings and the Green Bay Packers.

Not Randy Moss. Javon Walker. The Packers' third-year problem solver came into one of the league's top downfield threats over the second half of last season, when he fueled Green Bay's playoff run with a team-leading nine touchdown receptions.

When he arrived at training camp this summer, Walker proclaimed his desire to be mentioned with Moss and Philadelphia's Terrell Owens when people talk about the NFL's ruling receivers.

So far, so good. Walker's 783 yards and seven touchdowns are similar to Owens' statistics (750 yards, nine TDs), and he's averaging 17 yards a catch, giving Brett Favre a vertical option to go with Ahmad Green's ground game and the short, safe pass usually associated with the West Coast offense.

"I'm not satisfied," Walker said, "because I want to be better than that."

Moss numbers (eight TDs and 394 yards) are impressive but stunted because he's been hobbled by a strained hamstring for nearly a month and missed a game Monday night for the first time in his seven seasons in the NFL.

Vikings coach Mike Tice said Thursday that Moss was out, something the Packers considered a smoke screen.

"I'm not buying that at all," said Packers safety Darren Sharper, who might miss the game himself because of a knee injury. "I've been around long enough to know when someone really believes questionable or doubtful. I wouldn't be surprised if an hour before kickoff we see No. 84 trotting out there for Minnesota."

It will sure be trotting out there for Green Bay when the



Green Bay Packers receiver Javon Walker pulls Indianapolis Colts defender Idrees Bashir into the end zone as he scores in the first quarter in Indianapolis on Sept. 26.

Vikings at Packers

TV: Fox, 2 p.m.

surging Packers (4-1), winners of three straight, try to supplant the stumbling Vikings (5-3), who have lost two in a row, atop the NFC North.

Or, more precisely, he'll be sprouting deep passes from the sideline. Walker's emergence as a deep threat — as well as a sure thing on third down, where he leads the league with 321 yards receiving — has given Favre many more options.

It's also helped Green Bay's rushing game, which was hampered early on by Green's

Achilles' tendon injury, the result of wearing cleats that were too small in an August scrimmage, and the loss of Pro Bowl center Mike Hagan to a season-ending knee injury.

Opponents are no longer leaving Walker one-on-one but double-teaming him or rolling coverages his way. "I think he's commanding a little bit more respect," offensive coordinator Tom Rossley said.

Sometimes, as is often the case with Moss, a receiver forgoes statistics for impact, drawing attention and interruptions can make the plays. But Walker hasn't stopped producing. He's out-jumping two and three defenders to come down with

the ball.

Walker is well on his way, Rossley said, to joining Moss and Owens as the top targets in the NFL.

Walker is comparable to Moss and Owens right now, insisted teammate Donald Driver, whose 543 yards receiving and four TDs give Green Bay the best receiving tandem in the league.

"You'd have to rank him as one of the top receivers in the league," Driver said. "Javon has always said he wants to make plays. One thing he always tells us, 'It doesn't matter how many balls he catches, as long as he gets three of four deep balls a game, he's pretty much happy.' Just like Moss."

Rams try to rescue season in Seahawks rematch

ST. LOUIS — A month ago, the St. Louis Rams scored 17 points in the final 55 minutes of regulation and then beat the Seattle Seahawks in overtime to rescue what appeared to be a hopeless season.

Now the Rams (4-4) face the Seahawks (5-3) Sunday, they'll be trying to rescue their season.

"Win and they're tied atop the NFC West. Lose and they'll be two games back with seven to play."

Certainly, this week we've got to get out of this little rut we're in," quarterback Marc Bulger said. "If we can get back on a roll that would be great. Giving Seattle more momentum, it would be tough to catch them."

That's because the Rams have failed to capitalize on one of the biggest combats of the season: the NFL's a game 51 of the season. After beating the Bucs to go to 4-2, they've followed up with losses to the previously winless Dolphins and the wounded Patriots, who had neither of their starting cornerbacks before beating St. Louis 40-22.

To coach Mike Martz, it's not the losses but the way they've lost that's been the most-galling. Martz called his team out twice during the buildup to Sunday's game, saying he was tired of making excuses and that it was



St. Louis quarterback Marc Bulger, left, escapes the grasp of New England Patriots Vince Wilfork during the second quarter of their game in St. Louis on Nov. 7.

Seahawks at Rams

TV: Fox, 11 a.m.

time for the players to step up.

Then on Wednesday the team held a full-contact scrimmage. "I'm not happy with how we're playing, period, regardless of a division race or anything else," Martz said. "I think the way we've played the last two

games is embarrassing." Coughing up that 17-point lead threw the Seahawks into their own rut. The loss was the first of three in a row before they righted themselves with victories the last two weeks over the Panthers and 49ers.

"It didn't really seem like us," running back Shaun Alexander said. "It took us a couple of weeks to realize that this is the NFL, that teams are talented

and it's possible to be beaten. "You have to take your losses with the wins and that's what we finally did."

Coach Mike Holmgren said the loss to the Rams was a textbook case of how a perfect day can unravel. The Seahawks, unscathed in the preseason to unseat the Rams, had been firmly in control until late in the fourth quarter.

Wide Martz, who's refusing to take the blame for anything these days, Holmgren said he's at fault for giving Matt Hasselbeck too much responsibility recently.

"I think I was kind of over-leading the quarterback with too much input," Holmgren said. "As a result, he was grinding through some stuff. I think he's a good player and as he plays that's kind of how our offense goes."

Alexander is perhaps more important. He leads the NFL in rushing (879 yards) and touchdowns (12) and leads the NFL with a 5.1-yard per carry average. He had 150 yards in the first meeting against St. Louis.

"He's real patient, he's a real smooth runner," Rams linebacker Trev Faulk said.

"If kind of looks like he's effortless out there, and all of a sudden he hits the hole and it's a 20-30 yard run."

Browns want to put squeeze on Big Ben

Stellar quarterback could face more pressure in games

CLEVELAND (AP) — It's tough to find much, if anything, wrong with Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh's perfect rookie quarterback. His record speaks for itself.

But of his many marvelous achievements during a brief but so far sensational NFL career, Roethlisberger might have one minor flaw: He has hardly been under pressure.

Only twice has Roethlisberger had to rally the Steelers from behind to win.

So, does Big Ben have a third comeback in him?

"I'd love to find out," Browns coach Bruce Smith said. "I'd like to see him get it done."

That's been the Steelers' modus operandi the past two weeks in posting early knockouts against New England and Philadelphia, two NFL heavyweights who were unable to counter Pittsburgh's first-quarter assaults.

The fast starts have given Roethlisberger a nice cushion, allowing him to relax in the pocket and make throws without having to worry about making a costly mistake.

The Steelers (7-1) have taken good care of him, too. Roethlisberger has been sacked just nine times.

Coming off two bitter losses and with their season slipping away, the Browns (3-5) need to somehow rattle Roethlisberger on Sunday. And defensive tackle Gerard Warren thinks he knows just how to do it.

"He wants to clock Big Ben. One rule they used to tell me: Kill the head and the body's dead," Warren said.

Cleveland's tackle feels if the Browns can shake the confidence in Pittsburgh's rookie QB, they might be able to stun the Steelers.

And to unnervе Roethlisberger, Warren sounds as if he's willing to do just about anything necessary.

"I didn't say knock him out of the game, I said just go across his head a time or two," said Warren, who was fined \$35,000 in his rookie season for a cheap shot on Jacksonville quarter-

back Mark Brunell. "There's a difference. Like what he did to Brunell?"

"Mark Brunell said Warren, who blindsided Brunell after an interception."

"But it's more of a mental thing than a physical. Rattle his head. If we can't be on his head we have to be in it."

The NFL warned Warren on Friday that any cheap shot could result in a suspension.

"We notified the team, including Gerard Warren, that if a player commits a flagrant foul after making such a statement, it may be a decisive factor supporting the suspension of the player, depending on the entire set of circumstances," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said.

On Friday, Warren said he was not speaking for the Cleveland organization.

"They might have taken it in the wrong sense," he said.

"That's just me and explaining the way I approach football. I play it to a violent level and it's a violent game."

Warren, who has battled injuries, has just six tackles and two sacks in four games this season.

The Browns blitzed Roethlisberger only four times during their 23 loss at Pittsburgh on Oct. 10.

"They'd like to put more pressure on him, but they can't risk getting beat by single coverage. In their earlier meeting against Pittsburgh, the Browns got burned by Roethlisberger, who twice avoided sacks and connected with Plaxico Burress on long passes, one for a TD."

"We've got to make sure he stays in the pocket. He has burned everyone that he has played," said Davis, whose team will be the first to face Roethlisberger twice.

Not only has Roethlisberger been the perfect quarterback — he's just the second rookie since 1970 to start off 6-0 — but he's been impeccable in leading the Steelers to their best start since 1978.

"He has handled everything superbly," Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher said.

"It is like the consummate pro and he's learning every week. He doesn't get flustered. He's very calm. He's making plays and doing a very good job of leading this team."

Panthers place Davis on injured reserve, 11th out

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Carolina Panthers placed Stephen Davis on injured reserve on Saturday, their third running back to be lost for the season.

Davis has played in just two games this season after arthroscopic surgery Sept. 17 to clean out torn cartilage from his knee. He's tried to get back on the field several times since, but his knee would swell after every practice.

He now joins backup running back DeShaun Foster (broken collarbone) and third-stringer Rod Smart (knee) on the injured list. In all, Carolina (1-7) has 11 players out for the year.

But they're hardest hit in the backfield, where rookie Joey Harris started last week after beginning the season on the practice squad.

But he pulled his hamstring on Friday and is questionable for Sunday's game against San Francisco.

Carolina signed former 49ers

running back Jamal Robertson on Saturday.

Davis, meanwhile, goes from the best season of his career to the worst.

He ran for a career-high 1,444 yards last season while leading the Panthers into the Super Bowl. But this year he has just 24 carries for 92 yards this season for the Panthers.

He played in the opener against Green Bay, had surgery four days later, and returned to play against Philadelphia.

He has practiced sporadically since.

Robertson has appeared in 22 contests in three NFL seasons, all with San Francisco, and has totaled 207 yards rushing and one touchdown on 38 attempts.

He saw action in seven games this year and led the team with a 22-yard kickoff return average to go along with 71 yards rushing and 34 yards receiving before being waived on Nov. 2.

NFL

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David Garrard steps in for ailing Byron Leftwich, and he'll do fine. You may not realize it, but Garrard has not missed a pass this season. That's right — both of them were right on the money. Jags by 6.

• Pittsburgh (7-1) at Cleveland (3-5) — Steelers favored by 3.5. Got to love Browns DT Chris Johnson. In his view of Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger: "Kill the head, and the body's dead." Gerard acknowledged that he's asking for a heavy fine, cost to be the boss. "My guess is that he's flattered for unsportsmanlike conduct during the coin toss. Steelers by 7.

• Cheesecake Game of the Week.

• Minnesota (5-3) at Green Bay (4-4) — Vikings favored by 4. Poor Vikings had to play at Indy on a Monday night

while Cheesheads were on a bye week. And they don't have WR Randy Moss because Coach Mike Tice let him play just long enough to aggravate a hamstring injury. Says Mike: "I'm never going to second-guess myself any more. I try to be nice and it turns into chaos." But, Mike, you just did second-guess yourself. Heads by 9.

• Baltimore (5-3) at East Rutherford Jets (6-2) — Ravens favored by 1. Ravens OT Orlando Brown talks about his temper: "If I can't keep my cool, I'm going to have to retire. I got an attitude." Ain't it the truth, Orlando? I got an attitude, too, and could go nuts at any second. Nobody wants to mess with me. What? The game? JUST GIVE ME A SECOND! OK! In a Totally-Out-Of-Control upset. Seattle, Home-Def Jets by 4.

• Houston (4-4) at Indianapolis (5-3) — Colts favored by 9.5. Really nice that Colts QB Peyton Manning and WR Marvin Harrison have the most completions between two players in NFL history. But what makes me uncomfortable is they sit at 6:06. Would Marvin catch one more pass quickly, please? Cursed Colts by 5.

• Mortal Lock Game of the Week.

• Seattle (5-3) at St. Louis (4-4) — Seahawks favored by 1. Remember last week when the Rams were facing the New England Patriots, the team that whipped them in the Super Bowl in February 2002? Before that game, Rams Coach Mike Martz declared: "Payback really isn't an issue with me." Apparently not, Mike. New England 40, St. Louis 22. But speaking of payback, Seahawks by 18.

• Kansas City (3-5) at New Orleans (3-5) — Chiefs favored by 3.5. Come on, throw the ball to Johnny Morton in the end zone, Kansas City, 'cause we all want to see Johnny do "The Worm." Chiefs by 14.

• East Rutherford Giants (5-3) at Arizona (3-5) — Giants favored by 2. Here's something else we want to see: Arizona running back (and that will never sound right) Emmitt Smith needs 17 yards for an even 18,000 in his career. That's not asking too much, is it? Grumpy Giants by 8.

• Chicago (3-5) at Tennessee (3-5) — Titans favored by 5.5. Poor Titans QB Steve McNair is trying to play despite the pain from a sternum injury. "I'm just trying to get some throwing in," he said. Remember what my pappy used to say, Steve, "Better throwing in than throwing up." Hope that helps. Titans by just 2.

• Toxic Waste Game of the Week.

• Carolina (1-7) at San Francisco (7-1) — Niners favored by 1. Now we know why the NFL rushed to sign a contract extension with Fox — to get it done before the network had to show this stinker. Says Niners Coach Dick "The Grim" Erickson: "I hope I have the opportunity to turn this around." No sweat, Dennis, you've got hours 'til kickoff. In a Where-Does-Dennis-Go-Next upset. Panthers by 7.

• Cincinnati (9-5) at Washington (3-5) — Native Americans favored by 3. Strange story, Bengals QB Carson Palmer and WR Chad Johnson drove to Indy on Monday to watch Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison for inspiration. Said Carson about Chad: "He was my date because I drove." I had a joke here, but

I'm just going to step back and walk away. Daresless Native Americans by 6.

• Buffalo (3-5) at New England (7-1) — Patriots favored by 7 tonight. Bills have not won on the road this season, while Patriots have caught its home. See how simple this game can be? Patriots by 13.

• Philadelphia (7-1) at Dallas (3-5) — Eagles favored by 6.5 Monday night. Just do not talk to Bill Parcells. Just stay away. The Cowboys catch is walking time bomb, and when he explodes, well, that's going to be one big explosion — if you get my drift. And the chances are good it happens late Monday night, although the crowd should help keep this close. Eagles by just 4.

• Skating: Denver (6-3).

• Surfing: San Diego (6-3).

• Sinking: Oakland (3-6).

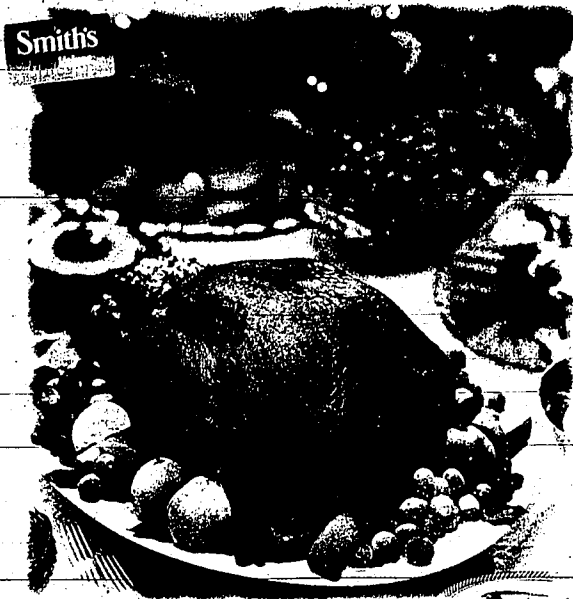
• Stinking: Miami (1-8).

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

CSI program offers classes for farmers

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's Farm Business Management program is offering winter classes for farmers, ranchers and dairy operators.

Bob Lowder will teach the Global Positioning System, Geographic Information System and QuickBooks to help operators manage their businesses more efficiently.

GPS and GIS are helping agricultural operators go beyond traditional record keeping and improve their business sustainability, class organizers said. Combined with QuickBooks, software designed to help any small business with its accounting needs, the classes can improve the managerial skill of agricultural operators and increase their operations' efficiency.

Classes begin Tuesday and will be held one day a week through mid-March. More than one person from each operation can enroll for the same fee of \$450. For information, contact Lowder at 732-6404 or blowder@csi.edu.

CSI students will sell candy at the mall

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho students will sell See's Candy during the Christmas shopping season at Magic Valley Mall.

International Business Club and free enterprise students will staff a freestanding candy store near the mall's entrance to Sears. The store will be open during regular mall hours, Nov. 23 through Christmas Eve.

Wares include individual bars and holiday gift boxes ranging in price from \$1 to \$75, assorted candy, nuts, peanut brittle, toffee, peppermints and other holiday treats.

This is the club's fifth year to hold its main fund-raiser at that location, said adviser Dennis Heiner. Proceeds will be used for club activities and conferences.

Jerome Cheese Co. presents 'Holiday Fest'

JEROME — Jerome Cheese Co. will present the Jerome Chamber of Commerce's "Holiday Fest," a dinner and wine-tasting social and live auction, Thursday at El Sombrero banquet hall on West Main Street.

A holiday dinner and wine-tasting social begins at 6:30 p.m., and a live auction by JMA Auctioneers at 8 p.m. Refreshments and entertainment are included. Admission is by donation.

The event is co-sponsored by the Jerome Wal-Mart, El Sombrero Restaurant and the Jerome Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Club. Proceeds will benefit chamber operations and projects.

For information, call the chamber at 324-2711.

Halley chamber plans holiday celebration

HAILEY — The Halley Chamber of Commerce plans a holiday celebration with the theme, "Halley's Hometown Holidays."

To kick off the celebration, a light parade will begin at 6 p.m. Nov. 26 with Santa Claus as the grand marshal.

Parade entries are free and open to everyone, but registration is required. To participate, contact the Halley chamber at 788-2700 or info@halleyidaho.com.

M-C chamber banquet slated for Thursday

BURLEY — The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce's 11th Annual Farmer-Business Appreciation Banquet will be held Thursday at the Best Western Burley Inn Convention Center, at 800 N. Overland Ave. in Burley.

Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m., followed by an awards presentation at 8 p.m. Winners for this year's awards from Cassia County are Dr. Joseph and Linda Petersen and Bruce Newcomb. From Minidoka County, Dennis Christensen and Brent Griffin will be honored.

Tickets are \$25 each. Call the chamber at 679-4793 to reserve tickets by Friday.

— compiled from staff reports

Building MOMENTUM

2004 pulls near record-setting territory after big October

By Virginia S. Hutchins and Megan Hinds
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS — For Twin Falls' construction industry, record-setting territory is in sight. With boosts from a \$5 million home-improvement store, a handful of six-digit commercial projects and yet another high-volume month for single-family home starts, October saw a 48.3 percent rise from a year earlier in construction values in the city of Twin Falls.

With the help of 48 new single-family home permits — twice the 10-year average for October — the city last month issued permits for projects totaling an estimated \$10.62 million for combined construction types. That's \$3.46 million more than in October 2003.

That year-over-year improvement signals a hearty market for labor in the construction trades, and building activity is a key indicator for Twin Falls' greater economy. In Twin Falls, hearty construction — both residential and commercial — is a driver of job growth.

"We had a record October for home building in Twin Falls," city building official Marianne Barker said.

Barker could have made similar statements for the past four months, July through October, each set new single-family home permit records for their respective months.

Not only did last month's 48 permits for new single-family homes constitute the city's busiest October ever, but that monthly total was the third-highest on record for any time of year.

October's performance helped pull overall year-to-date construction values almost even with the record-setting 2003 level.

January-October values for combined building types were down by just 1.1 percent, or \$650,000, from the first 10 months of 2003. This construction year has a chance of being one of Twin Falls' best.

Each month's permit list also provides a window into local business investment. Highlights from October follow.

Another home improvement store

October's highest-valued permit went to home-improvement retailer Lowe's, which announced its plans to build a 169,793-square-foot store and garden center at 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The Twin Falls store will create about 150 jobs, the company said.

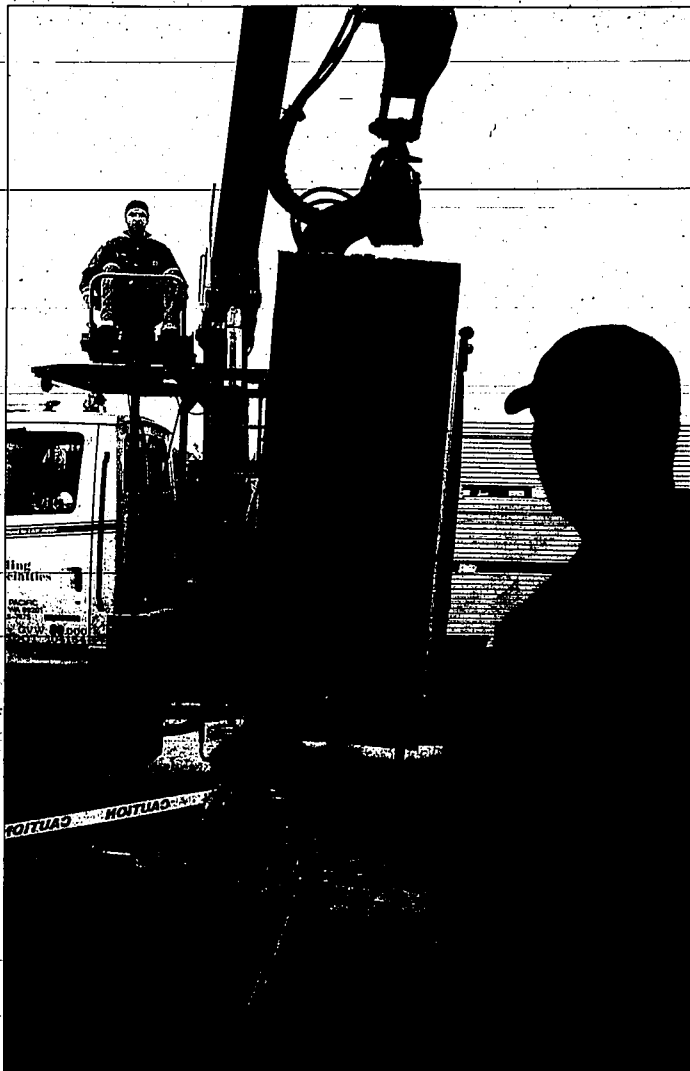
The store — which is being constructed on the 20-acre former site of Weston Plaza Hotel and Convention Center — is valued by the building department at just more than \$5 million, but the Mooresville, N.C.-based company said its total investment will be about \$16.5 million.

The Lowe's store is part of development group Blackhawk LLC's planned commercial development on the site that will allow for the completion of North College Road from Blue Lakes Boulevard North to Locust Street North. Plans include a four-way stoplight at the intersection of Blue Lakes and North College.

The Twin Falls Lowe's will be the company's sixth store in Idaho, including a location under construction in Meridian. The company employs about 150,000 people, including more than 500 in Idaho.

Expansion is all in the family

A family-owned flooring store will expand into a larger



A.J. Klop, left, and Matt Hatch of Gem State Acoustical unload drywall at the future site of First Horizon Home Loans in the Locust Grove office park in Twin Falls.

Construction values

Estimated values for construction that received permits in October from the city of Twin Falls:

Type	Oct. '04	Oct. '03	Oct. '02
New single-family homes:	\$4,226,730	\$3,690,748	\$3,040,899
New multifamily units:	\$153,210	\$251,909	\$276,513
New commercial projects:	\$5,484,166	\$2,666,173	\$184,747
Commercial alterations/additions:	\$349,169	\$153,446	\$60,160
Total (including such things as mobile homes, residential alterations/additions and signs):	\$10,617,688	\$7,159,063	\$3,837,930

Source: City building department

Recent numbers at a glance

Here's how Twin Falls' total construction values in the past six months stacked up against the same months a year earlier:

- Oct. '04 up 48 percent
- Sept. '04 up 73 percent
- Aug. '04 down 34 percent
- July '04 up 37 percent
- June '04 down 32 percent
- May '04 down 20 percent



location by March.

Beams' Quality Flooring, which offers a variety of laminate, tile, carpet and other flooring options, will open a new gallery in a 9,558-square-foot building at 1475 Elm St. N., said co-owner Mark Beams.

The building department estimated the new store's value at \$279,518, but Beams said the total investment — including additional inventory and the like — is about \$550,000.

Beams and his wife, Pauline, leased a space on Fourth Avenue East for four years but recently moved into a tempo-

rary store location at 232 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The store will hire four new employees as a result of the expansion, Mark Beams said.

The building will also house a beauty salon — separate from the flooring store — operated by Beams' daughter, Cherec Slagel.

"We've been working on building our own store for a while now," Mark Beams said.

Additions to Locust Grove

The Locust Grove develop-

ment at the corner of Falls Avenue East and Locust Street North is continuing to grow, as two more businesses plan to set up shop there.

The Le Duke and Sun tanning salon, now at 242 Main Ave. N., will leave its downtown storefront for a 4,121-square-foot space at 1411 Falls Ave. E., Suite 301. The new building under construction is valued at \$183,268, but the total investment is around \$500,000, said Julie Kodesh, owner of Le Duke and Sun.

The tanning salon is partnering with Elements Custom Skin

and Body to open a new day spa called Le Duke Salon and Elements Wellness Spa, Kodesh said. The day spa will offer tanning and traditional salon services as well as "natural preventative skin care," which Kodesh described as an alternative to surgical and chemical cosmetic treatments such as Botox.

"I think there's a market here for both," Kodesh said.

Kodesh said the spa plans to hire up to five licensed employees as salon assistants. The spa is slated to open in late spring.

Also in Locust Grove, part of an empty shell building at 1411 Falls Ave. E., Suite 115, will be filled by mortgage company First Horizon Home Loans, said building owner and real estate broker Walt Tless. An interior remodeling project to suit the space to First Horizon is valued at \$116,800 and is scheduled to be completed by mid-December.

Elsewhere in town

Twin Falls' other October building permits of note included:

- Costco Wholesale Corp.'s \$165,000 pharmacy remodeling at 731 Pole Line Road.
- The city of Twin Falls' \$25,000 remodeling of Fire Station No. 1 at 345 Second Ave. E.
- Blue Lakes Gas' \$31,000 gas pump canopy at its station at 1230 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

Sherry Cahn

TWIN FALLS - Sherry A.E. Cahn joined the staff at the Region IV Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho as the new public information and contracts manager for the office.

Cahn has a background in journalism and adult education. She has a variety of experiences, including correspondent writer and instructor.

Christa Cravens

TWIN FALLS - Christa Cravens recently joined Canyonside Realty as a real estate agent.

She will work out of the Twin Falls office at 590 Addison Ave.

Cravens was raised in Magic Valley. For the past seven years she has been the advertising manager for Micron Technology in Boise. She has advertising and marketing skills.

Cravens can be reached at 731-8696.

Bob Locke

GOODING - Bob Locke was elected as one of three new Buy Idaho directors.

Locke is a lifelong resident of Gooding, where he has been in the insurance business for 31 years. He is the manager of Gem State Insurance and the owner of Locke Insurance Agency Inc.

Denis Delalle

TWIN FALLS - At the Idaho Milk Processors Association Cheese Contest in Sun Valley, employees of Glanbia Foods Inc. took home more than two dozen awards.

Denis Delalle from Glanbia's Twin Falls plant won second place overall in the competition.

Delalle, with his mild cheddar block entry after winning first place in the past two years, won cheddar class.

The Twin Falls plant also took third place in that class. In the medium cheddar class, the Twin Falls plant won second and third, and it took home second- and third-place honors in the aged cheddar class.

Mary Ann Jones

GOODING - Employees at Gooding County Memorial Hospital elected Mary Ann Jones Employee of the Quarter, honoring her dedication to patients at the hospital said.

Co-workers said Jones is dedicated to improving the care provided to each patient and is always willing to help other departments. Jones has

Robert Allred

TWIN FALLS - Robert Allred of Twin Falls, a financial representative of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, announced that the company's Most Valuable Producers conference in San Diego.

Allred was chosen from the top 5 percent of a national representative.

Allred is a member of Northwestern's investment program. Allred was selected to attend the conference for each of the eight years it has been offered.

Allred, who joined the company in 1994, maintains an office at 488 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Suite 108, in Twin Falls and is associated with the Robert F Rice Network in Boise.

Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, the sales and distribution arm of Northwestern Mutual, provides guidance on insurance, investment products and services, retirement and estate planning, education funding and employee benefits.

Mustafa Golcuklu

TWIN FALLS - Mustafa Golcuklu, who joined Cactus Petes in October 2001, works in the housing maintenance department.

In gaming - Jaledene Cox, who joined Cactus Petes in July 2003, works in the keno department.

In food-and-beverage - Macario Gamez, who joined Cactus Petes in June 1989, works in the food and beverage department.

Executives of the Quarter for the third quarter were:

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Darin Stoddard

BURLEY - Darin Stoddard was named manager of the

Wal-Mart store in Burley

Stoddard, who has more than 22 years of retail experience, began his duties in September.

Stoddard worked in the retail industry for 17 years before starting his Wal-Mart career in 1999 as assistant manager in Rock Springs, Wyo. Stoddard, a Utah State University graduate, was promoted within a year to co-manager in Jerome, and then he was district manager for foods in Idaho. Stoddard went back to Jerome as co-manager for a short time before being promoted to store manager at the Burley Supercenter.

He replaced Troy Richards, who was named manager of an Idaho Falls-area Wal-Mart store.

Stoddard and his wife, Heidi, have four children.

Dealership employees

JEROME - Team Con Paulos announced two employee changes at Con Paulos Chevrolet-Pontiac-GMC in Jerome:

- Carla Galley, team service manager, joined the business in August and has extensive background in customer relations.
- Galley has completed courses in many areas of the General Motors Service arena including "Professional Customer Service," "Customer Retention," "Shop & Service Productivity" and "Genuine GM Accessories."
- Parts manager Josh Gregg, who has been with Con Paulos since 1998, was promoted to detail manager. His responsibilities include department inventory control, profitability and customer satisfaction.

Gregg, a Twin Falls native, has held various positions within the business, including team service manager, assistant parts manager and parts counter person. He received a General Motors Customer Satisfaction award for this region in 2003 and holds GM certifications in "Management Initiatives to Penetrate and Grow Diverse Markets," "Effective Teamwork" and "Success Drivers for Managing the Parts Department."

Casino employees

JACKPOT. New - Cactus Casino announced six winners of recent e.m.p.l.o.y.e.e awards.

September Employees of the Month were:

- In support - Tim Lent, who joined Cactus Petes in October 2001, works in the housing maintenance department.
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Entrepreneurs open 'three-in-one' business

TWIN FALLS - Tim and Rhonda Thibaut opened a "three-in-one" business Oct. 11 at 1196 Addison Ave. W. west of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and next to Burger Mattson.

ATI and Lube, ATI, Motor Mate and All Tune Transmission are a franchise of a business based in Maryland. They are owned by the Thomans, with Neil Weseley as manager and Don Mosley as lead technician.

Mosley is a master technician certified through Automotive Service Excellence for GM, Ford, Chrysler, Toyota, Honda, AMC and Jeep vehicles. He is certified for brake and suspension work and is a state of California smog control. He also is a certified advanced instructor.

The businesses offer complete car care, including tune-ups and oil changes, transmission rebuilding and engine replacements.

A grand opening will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

The store can be reached at 736-3885.

Princess-Hair opens for business in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - Princess Hair, owned by Tristen Jones, opened Nov. 1 at the Escape Salon, 347 Main Ave. E.

Services include hair extensions such as bonding, fusing, euro locks and hair locks; cuts for men and women; hair coloring including corrective colors, touchups, foils, weaves, highlights and wild colors; dreadlocks such as natural dreads, dread perms and dread extensions; hair styling and braids.

Princess Hair offers free consultations, same-day service and appointments seven days a week and evenings.

Jones can be reached at 401-4249 or 737-9553 or by e-mail at tristenjones@msn.com. For information, visit www.princesshair.com.

Snake River Antiques, an antique mall, opens

BUIH - Snake River Antiques is open at 118 N. Broadway in Buih.

Owner/operator Sue Brown has been dealing in antiques for several years, displaying her collectibles at antique malls and businesses around Magic Valley.

Opening Snake River Antiques in Buih allows her to display her collection and several other dealers' antiques in one location.

"It's a mall setting without the boxed-in feel," Brown said. "It provides for a co-mingling of the antiques for the best display."

Brown is a 22-year resident of the Buih area. She and her husband, Bruce, have four adult children.

Brown encourages individuals to consign their collectibles. Snake River Antiques will also post buy dates. Residents will be invited to bring antiques they want to sell to the store, and Brown and other dealers will be on hand and have the option to buy.

"There are so many who have a few items - not enough to open a store, but they want to sell," Brown said.

Snake River Antiques is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

"The inventory will be constantly changing," Brown said. "New items will be brought in every week."

Gooding hospital gets three-year accreditation

GOODING - Gooding County Memorial Hospital was awarded a three-year term of accreditation in mammography, as the result of a peer-review process by the American College of

MILESTONES

ACR awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation.

The ACR awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation. Board-certified physicians and medical physicists, who are experts in the field, conduct the evaluations. They assess the qualifications of the personnel and the adequacy of the facility equipment. The surveys report their findings to the ACR's Committee on Accreditation, which provides the practice with a comprehensive report. Gooding County Memorial is one of the first facilities in the region to receive this accreditation.

Kelly McDaniel, Andrea Summers and Candice Moore are certified mammographers at Gooding County Memorial.

Sterling Life lowers certain premiums

TWIN FALLS - Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in Sterling Option I, a Medicare Advantage Private Fee for Service Plan offered by Sterling Life Insurance Co., will see reduced premiums for 2005.

In Idaho, premiums for Sterling Option I will be reduced to \$28 a month, and the 2005 plan will also introduce changes to benefits and cost sharing, all pending federal approval. President Debbie Ahl attributes the reductions in premium to the effect the Medicare Modernization Act has had on the Medicare Advantage program.

For information, call 1-800-858-8572 or visit www.SterlingPlans.com.

Sterling Life Insurance Co. provides a variety of health-care solutions to Medicare beneficiaries. Sterling is wholly owned by Combined Insurance Co. of America, and both are subsidiaries of Aon Corp.

Insurance firm, software business reach pact

TWIN FALLS - Northwest Physicians Mutual Insurance Co., a provider of insurance coverage to physicians in the Northwest, including Magic Valley, announced an agreement with Rightfield Solutions LLC, developers of the Emmi software tool - Expectation Management and Medical Information.

Through Emmi's ability to help patients understand what to expect before, during and after surgical procedures, the agreement will help member physicians build relationships with patients, further increase patient safety and improve their satisfaction with the care provided. NPM said.

A focus of NPM's approach to malpractice is its emphasis on helping physicians provide the highest quality medical care possible; the company said. Members are encouraged to participate in continuing education courses and implement programs that promote patient education and safety.

NPM members who use Emmi will receive patient education safety points that will be credited toward their malpractice premiums. Emmi will also be offered to nonmembers through NPM-sponsored events.

Emmi is a Web-based risk management and patient education tool, created to manage expectations and facilitate understanding of the process, steps involved and alternatives for patients undergoing cardiovascular, orthopedic, obstetrics/gynecology, plastics, colonoscopies, LASIK and other medical procedures.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The fourth annual Canyon Rim Dance Classic: Dancers for Cancer competition was held in April at the College of Southern Idaho. CSI also sponsored the two-day event, which hosted 27 dance studios from three states involving nearly 1,000 dancers.

This year's competition raised \$5,000 for the American Cancer Society. Since the inception of the Canyon Rim Dance Classic four years ago, a total of \$20,500 has been donated to aid cancer victims and their families in Magic Valley.

Directors of this year's event include Julie Wright of Julie's Jazzworks in Twin Falls, Shari Mauldin of Mauldins' Dance Studios Dance with Shari in Jerome and Kimberly, Cindy Jones of M o t i o n s School of Dance in Gooding, and Kelli Turner of Gooding and Kelli Turner in Twin Falls. The donation was presented to Vicki Cole, representative from the American Cancer Society, on Sept. 11.

Throughout November, McDonald's restaurants worldwide, including seven stores in Magic Valley owned by Bill and Donna Kyle, are participating in two fund-raising opportunities for World Children's Day. "Give a Hand" invites customers to purchase and personalize paper-cut-out hands for \$1 each, then post the hands in the restaurants.

Nov. 18-20 in the United States, a portion of sales from Happy Meals, Mighty Kids Meals and Extra Value Meals will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities and



Directors of the Canyon Rim Dance Classic: Dancers for Cancer present a cash contribution of \$5,000 to the American Cancer Society. From left are Julie Wright, Shari Mauldin, Vicki Cole, representative for the American Cancer Society; Cindy Jones; and Kelli Turner.

other children's causes.

Ronald McDonald House Charities was founded more than 20 years ago in honor of McDonald's founder Ray Kroc. For information, visit www.rmhc.org or www.mcdonalds.com.

Wells Fargo made an \$800,000 equity equivalent investment in Idaho-Nevada Community Development Financial Institution Inc. to support small business, affordable housing and facility lending in Idaho, Nevada and Wyoming.

The Idaho-Nevada CDFI, a nonprofit organization, will use part of the funds to finance women- and minority-owned businesses. As part of the lending process, Idaho-Nevada CDFI provides comprehensive technical assistance to borrowers.

Funds also will be used for financing toward affordable housing construction loans. Working on lending with a traditional bank, the Idaho-Nevada CDFI will provide financing up

to 90 percent loan-to-value. It also helps arrange refinancing at the end of the loan term. Eligible borrowers include nonprofit affordable housing developers.

As borrowers repay their loans, money will go toward a revolving fund and be made available to other borrowers. Idaho-Nevada CDFI eventually will repay Wells Fargo its initial investment.

For information about applying for an Idaho-Nevada CDFI loan, call the Pocatello-based organization at 637-0671.

Grocery Outlet shopper Elidene Judd

Twin Falls won a two-minute shopping spree for herself and a two-minute shopping spree for her favorite charity at the Twin Falls store's "Basket Bonanza" giveaway.

Judd chose The Salvation Army as the beneficiary of the second spree through the aisles of Twin Falls Grocery Outlet, 2318 Addison Ave. E. on Oct. 22. Store operator Judy Craig said The Salvation Army received over \$300 of food, which will help give holiday meals to local needy people.

TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

Your business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New certifications.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

Please e-mail items to Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins at virginia.hutchins@twi.net

Or contact her at: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, 733-0991, Ext. 242, fax: 677-4543 or 734-5538

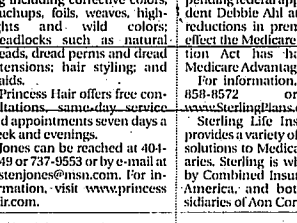
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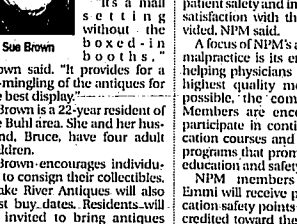
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Companies lure customers with prizes

BOISE — Southern Idaho companies are increasingly using mailed prize promotions to draw customers, the Better Business Bureau said in a press release. The mailings generally inform customers they have won a prize.

"A recent advertisement sent to hundreds of local customers told them: 'You are a grand prize winner.' The solicitations were sent in an effort to lure the customer to inquire about the prize, giving the company an opportunity to sell its product."

"When receiving similar mail solicitations, remember to read the fine print in order to com-

Money in brief

pletely understand the advertised offer, the BBB advised.

Anyone who receives a "prize" the BBB said, should think of the offer through by doing the following:

- Before you give any money, understand the requirements and conditions of the offer to determine whether they meet your needs.
- Determine the complete cost involved when accepting the offer, then do comparative shopping before deciding.

• Fully understand the company's terms and conditions, as well as any refund or cancellation policy, before accepting the offer or giving any money.

• Check with the BBB for a reliability report on the company before doing business with it: call 342-4649 or visit www.800askbb.org.

Annual Tax Update course airs December 8

TWIN FALLS — The Annual Tax Update course developed by the Business Professionals' Network and Accounting Con-

tinuing Professional Education Network will be broadcast live via satellite from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 8. Check-in time is 7:45 a.m.

The course is designed for those in the taxation field and will be instructed by an ACEP panel. Eight hours of continuing professional education credit are available.

Panel members will provide participants with the latest best preparation for their tax practices, and experts will focus on important tax developments scheduled to be in place by Dec. 8, course organizers said. Participants will be able to ex-

amine the latest statutory, regulatory and judicial developments affecting tax issues.

Early bird fees, before Nov. 24, are \$175 for members of the Idaho Society of Certified Public Accountants and \$250 for nonmembers. The full fee is \$200 for members and \$275 for nonmembers.

Buy Idaho 2005 Capitol Show slated for January

BOISE — The Buy Idaho 2005 Capitol Show will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 19. The show provides a place for

Buy Idaho members exclusively to show and tell what's good about Idaho products and services, show organizers said.

Participants can network with other Buy Idaho members, talk to legislators and lobbyists, about their businesses, show the public what they do and give out brochures, samples, business cards and the like.

Booths are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost is a \$75 administrative fee. Call Barbara Dorsey at 343-2582 to reserve space. Public admission to the show is free.

— compiled from staff reports

Old phone service fees cause consumer confusion

By Beatrice E. Garcia
Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Consider this: You're new in town and need phone service. Enter BellSouth, the major local phone provider in south Florida, offering basic phone service, with no extras like Caller ID or call waiting, for \$11.04. Not bad for someone on a budget.

But your monthly bill reads \$27 — nearly \$16 are fees and taxes. A single fee of \$6.50, called an FCC line charge, accounts for more than a quarter of the total bill. Despite the official-sounding name, this fee isn't a tax. The dollars go to BellSouth.

Your long-distance bill from AT&T is equally disturbing. You spent only \$8.61 on calls and there's another \$8.63 tacked on in fees and taxes, including \$2.49 to have the AT&T charges added to your BellSouth bill.

When consumers closely examine their phone bills, whether it's for local, long-distance or wireless service, their blood boils.

"It's expensive and it's deceptive," said Dominique Virchoux, who runs Virchoux & Partners, an executive-recruiting firm in Coral Gables, Fla.

Virchoux, who also maintains a home office with eight phone lines, got enlightened by that FCC line charge eight times. BellSouth, his local phone company and most phone service providers charge this fee per line.

Cherry at Consumer Action in San Francisco, tells consumers to add about 15 percent to advertised prices for local and long-distance or wireless packages to cover all the extra fees. "The way people work tonight short."

The industry says the fees are necessary to recoup normal business expenses.

Those fees add up to significant dollars. T-Mobile USA, a major wireless provider, reported that two fees — in addition to subscribers' bills contributed a neat \$58 million to its fiscal first-quarter revenues.

BellSouth has 5.9 million phone lines in Florida. About 4 million are residential lines while the rest are business lines. Each month, the Atlanta-based company collects nearly \$38.4 million from its Florida customers in the FCC line-charges alone.

Nearly a year ago, wireless companies were required to let customers take their number with them when they changed phone carriers. To cover their costs, cellular companies added a so-called number portability fee to all their customers' bills. Some companies began charging the fee in early 2002, more than 18 months before the service was offered.

The Center for Public Integrity in Washington figures wireless companies are collecting about \$94 million a month in portability fees.

The rub for consumers is that there's often in sight when it comes to escalating fees.

A telecom industry group plans to ask the Federal Communications Commission for permission to raise that FCC line charge to \$10 per line by 2006. The filing is expected by the next few weeks. If the major telecom companies get their way, the first increase will come in mid-2005.

companies to terminate calls on their networks. The FCC line charge was initially \$3.50. Today it stands at \$6.50.

The industry now proposes to eliminate the access fees between companies, allowing the service carriers to raise the FCC line charge to make up the lost revenue, and long-distance companies would lower their rates if they no longer had to pay access fees.

Richard Whit, senior director for federal law and public policy, said the FCC line charge increase to \$10 is not a given. He expects competition among carriers might keep a lid on the charge and perhaps force some companies to keep it down.

Those fees "are a slush fund for the phone companies," said Bruce Kushnick, who runs a small New Jersey-based watchdog group known as TeleTruth, and the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates have petitioned the FCC to better enforce its Truth-in-Billing requirements.

Rich Sayers, editor of 10-10PhonesRates.com, a Web site that keeps tabs on fees and surcharges imposed by long-distance companies, alerted consumers to two new fees: the MCI, Qwest and Primus are adding to customers' bills.

MCI was set to charge a \$2 "additional line fee" to customers who have two phone lines with long-distance service, Sayers said.

In August, Qwest added a 99-cent "interstate services fee" to most of its long-distance plans. In October, it will add that charge to the \$2 it already collects from the popular Qwest Choice service, Sayers said.

Primus is also instituting a \$15 "low usage" fee to business customers who spend less than \$25 a month in long distance.

For Florida consumers, these ever-escalating fees are part of a double whammy.

In 2003, the state Legislature passed a law allowing the three major phone companies operating in Florida — BellSouth, Verizon and Sprint — to ask for a record \$350 million rate increase over the next two years. Rates for basic service could rise \$4 to \$7 a month.

What's worse is the aftermath: Local phone companies will be able to raise rates as much as 20 percent per year without PSC approval and no further reductions in long-distance rates.

The matter is before the Florida Supreme Court. "Both the Florida Legislature and the FCC have thrown Florida consumers to the wolves," said Rich Sayers, editor of 10-10PhonesRates.com.

"You can't avoid those charges," said Mark Cooper, director of research, Consumer Federation of America. "The consumers have to elect a set of public policy makers that understand that consumers are getting ripped off."

The federal excise tax on telecommunications, charged by local and long-distance companies, is really a tax, too.

Congress enacted it to pay for the Spanish-American War in 1898. Since only a few thousand Americans had phones then, the one-penny tax was a luxury tax.

It was repealed in 1902, but reinstated in 1914 to pay for World War I. In 1930, Congress made the tax permanent, setting it at 3 percent.

In 2000, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a measure to eliminate the phone tax, but the U.S. Senate never took up the bill.

Independent Meat celebrates 100 years

TWIN FALLS — A company that traces its roots back to the founding days of Twin Falls is starting its second century by narrowing its focus and expanding its reach.

Independent Meat Co. was formed to service butcher shops in Twin Falls in 1904, expanding over the years to service other Magic Valley communities, then Idaho and surrounding states. Today the company sells fresh and smoked meat products across the U.S. with significant sales to Asia and Mexico.



Photo courtesy of Independent Meat Co.

Otto Florence Sr. emigrated from Europe with his family in the late 1800s. The family settled in Wyoming, and Otto came to Idaho to work for Independent Meat in 1919. He worked a year, then moved to Oregon and California to assist his grandson Patrick Florence describes it — "make his fortune." However, the owners of Independent Meat kept in contact and urged him to come back to Twin Falls and manage the plant. After his first child, Otto Jr., was born, the family did return.

Through the depression years of the 1930s, Florence received a portion of his pay in stock. In 1935, his company was officially incorporated under Independent Meat, keeping the name it had been using since 1904.

The Florences had four sons, all of whom worked at Independent Meat during their youth. After World War II ended and the older sons returned from



Otto Florence Sr., owner of Independent Meat, inspects meat slides with Beef Manager Phil Baker in this photo taken during the 1950s.

the war front, Otto and his older sons purchased the company in 1945. In 1983, Patrick and his brother J. Francis bought the company and ran it until Patrick bought out his brother's share in the mid-1990s.

Canadian cattlemen sue U.S. government

ALBERTA, Canada — Canadian Cattlemen for Fair Trade are going big-time in a \$200 million lawsuit against the U.S. government.

The case, originally filed earlier this year by five Alberta-based feedlot operators, expanded last week when 100 new notices of intent were filed to submit claims under Chapter 11 of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

In the end, it's the American taxpayer who will foot the bill, but Todd Weiler, Canadian attorney for the CCFT and a NAFTA law expert, said "Some-ones got to pay."

And that's what the claimants

are after: monetary compensation for losses incurred after the United States closed the border to live Canadian cattle following a discovery of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in that country in May 2003.

Rick Paschal, Canadian farmer and CGFT founding member told the Calgary Sun, a leading Canadian newspaper, "We are the victims of the U.S. bureaucracy, which has failed to deal with this matter quickly and effectively."

M.V. rancher honored for conservation efforts

MOSCOW — A Magic Valley rancher who has worked to improve both sage grouse habitat and water quality was honored for his conservation efforts by a state organization.

The Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts presented Rob Rogerson with its Grassman of the Year Award during the Association's annual convention in Moscow. The

award recognizes landowners who are both conserving resources and maximizing grass production.

"We were very excited to have an award winner from the Magic Valley," said Larry Meyer, chairman of the Twin Falls Soil and Water Conservation District, which nominated Rogerson. Rogerson farms in the Eden area and has a 1,400-acre grazing operation in the Shoshone Basin, south of Twin Falls.

Noh recognized for legislative efforts

MOSCOW — A Magic Valley legislator was recognized for efforts to protect natural resources across Idaho.

The Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts named Sen. Laird Noh Legislator of the Year during its 62nd annual convention in Moscow on Nov. 9. Noh has represented eastern Twin Falls County in the Idaho Legislature for 24 years before retiring after the 2004 session.

Noh served as chairman of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee where he was instrumental in enacting legislation that protected water rights. He provided leadership in passing the Protected River Planning Act. He was responsible for establishing the Idaho State Oversight Office, within the Department of Environmental Quality, for overseeing the Idaho Nuclear Engineering and Environmental Lab in eastern Idaho.

He is co-chairman of the largest interim legislative committee ever formed in Idaho, which is charged with looking at aquifer issues across the state.

Laird is also part of the working group that is focusing specifically on problems in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer.

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Retention of employees should start their first week

By Amy Lindgren
Knight Rider News Service

Are you in the human resources business? If so, you know that the expanding job market means busy times ahead. It's jobs continue to grow, you'll be placing more ads and interviewing more candidates than you have openings for - and welcoming more new employees on board.

If you've gotten rusty on the fine art of orienting workers (it's been a long time since you've done it), it helps to remember that new employee orientation is really an issue of retention.

Retention matters. Even in an employment market where workers are constantly asking for jobs, your best bet is to keep the staff you have (assuming your people are a good fit, of course). That's because every employee represents a significant investment of company resources. If he or she leaves too quickly, you've lost that investment. Not only that, but you have to start all over again to hire and train someone new.

Studies - and probably your own experience - have shown that the first weeks on a new job are the most critical. It's during this time that he or she will form impressions about the company's standards and workload, about the availability of resources, about the work ethic of fellow employees and about the interest that upper management takes in his or her job.

It's also true that when a new employee is most likely to quit or be fired.

Unfortunately, many companies let these precious days slip by without a plan. Other than a session to train the new worker on specific job tasks, very little is done to ensure a good start to the "relationship" between employee and employer.

One of the reasons of the tips I have gathered from employers as we've met to discuss retention issues. Maybe one of them will work in your company from the first day. Once the offer has been tendered and accepted, the new worker will start to sweat the small stuff.

What is the "small stuff" there do workers eat their lunch? Is there a refrigerator or microwave? What about parking? Anticipate these questions and others, and put the answers into a handy "handout" for each new employee.

Provide a warm welcome. Assign someone to greet the new employee upon arrival on the first day. The person who hired the worker welcome him or her at the door. Another option is to put the new employee's name on the message board with a friendly note that says hello. In one small company I visited, the president sent flowers to each new employee on his or her first day of work.

Assign a friend. For the first week or more, your new hire should be assigned a mentor or buddy. This person will meet the new worker for breaks and lunch and answer any questions or concerns one might hesitate to ask the boss. Choose the mentor well: A friendly person is more important than one who is a top-notch performer.

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BOISE - Following is the list of businesses filed during October with the Idaho secretary of state's office - including both new ones and existing ones that had been filed with counties and had to be refiled with the state.

Businesses are listed by name, agent, address and nature of business.

211 Gimlet LLC, Peter Ryan, 211 Wall St., Ketchum, ID 83340.

5B Red Robin Meridian LLC, Chris R. Stephens, 200 S. Main St., Ketchum, ID 83340.

A Chocolate Affair Inc., Stacy Swoyer, 4117 N. 2600 E., Filer, ID 83328.

A S I M H LLC, Robert H. McElfresh, 1031 Gridley Drive, Hagerman, ID 83332.

A.T. Anesthesia PC, Teresa McCoy, 1616 Eldridge Ave., Burley, ID 83301.

AAA Taxi & Transportation Services, Sun Valley Chauffeur LLC, P.O. Box 3784, Hailey, ID 83333, services.

AGM Development LLC, Jeanne M. Nelson, 102 IED Elevation Drive, Hailey, ID 83333.

ALH LLC, A. Leon Hanson, 4514 Snake River Road, Buhl, ID 83316.

Amen's Magic Wand Inc., Paul W. Ortege, 451 Trotter Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Apex Vacation Home Services, Anderson Computing LLC, Ken Anderson, 519 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

Angelle Expressions Salon LLC, Pauline Reese, 1237 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Apex Vacation Home Services LLC, Frederick C. Allington, 115 Second Ave. S., Hailey, ID 83333.

Aspen Tree Service, Travis Newsom, 1842 Miller Ave., Burley, ID 83318, services and agriculture.

B & H Office Shops, Berger and Haight Enterprises LLC, 2091 Whitecloud Circle, Twin Falls, ID 83301, finance, insurance and real estate.

Best Accommodation Titleholder VI LLC, Robert Karb, 128 Saddle Road, Suite 103, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Baybinks, Amanda J., Gates-Hoffman, 2531 Ninth Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

The BRQ Guy LLC, Rod Rushton, 709 Yakima, Filer, ID 83320.

Be Prepared LLC, G. Kent Taylor, 450 Falls Ave., Suite 201, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Big Fish Construction LLC, Scott Trout, 541 Wildrose Loop, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Bizzie Bea, Georgina Dimick, 730 S. College, Oakley, ID 83340.

Blue Sky County Home Inspections LLC, Douglas Ray, 621 Cedar St., Bellevue, ID 83313.

Blue Sky Trucking, Esad Husakovik, 1768 Harmon Park Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301, transportation.

Boer Dairy LLC, Adrian Boer, 472 S. 200 W., Jerome, ID 83338.

Bold Dreams, Jana Arnold, P.O. Box 1261, Ketchum, ID 83340, retail and wholesale trade.

Boe's Welding Inc., James L. Bos, 33 E. 400 S., Jerome, ID 83338.

The Bridge Group LLC, Brian Clark, P.O. Box 428, Fairfield, ID 83327.

Brook Construction Inc., Robert D. Thurston, 1031 Eastland Drive, No. 2, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Brooke's Bar, Danbar LLC, 3116 Garrity Blvd., Suite 20, Nampa, ID 83657, 3072 Heatherwood Rd, Eric G. Woolstenhulme, 924 Eighth St., Rupert, ID 83350.

Bullfrog Spas of Burley, Dan Cooney, 267 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318, retail trade.

Burley Glass & More LLC, Douglas G. Myers, 1231 Atlantic Drive, Burley, ID 83318.

C. and M. Cycle Repair, 108 E. S. Crabtree, 1433 Olympic Drive, Jerome, ID 83338, retail trade and services.

Calm Enterprises LLC, Norman Michael Hall, 1260B E. 3800 N., Buhl, ID 83316.

Cannoreengo, A Joint Adventure, Alan Goodman, 717 Seventh St., Rupert, ID 83350, finance, insurance and real estate.

Cas Development Inc., Chris Schatz, 260 W. Eighth St., Ketchum, ID 83340.

Case Development - Subdivision, Homeowners' Association Inc., Charles E. Clark, 1830 Canyon Park Court, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Cavalli Corp., Jacob Cavali, 875 N. 2500 E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Chelsea Bug's Bar, Danbar LLC, 3116 Garrity Blvd., Suite 17, Nampa, ID 83687, 3072

Heatherwood Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

Cherry Gulch Boys Ranch LLC, Andrew Dean Sapp, 1533 Fourth Ave. W., Gooding, ID 83330.

Chris Harmon LLC, Chris Harmon, 705 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Suite B, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Citation LLC, Henry W. Dean, 520 N. Leadville Ave., Ketchum, ID 83340.

Clark Rodeo Ranches, Bill Clark, 1906 E. 4100 N., Buhl, ID 83316, services and agriculture.

Clear Creek Farms, Clear Creek Properties Inc., P.O. Box 1598, Twin Falls, ID 83303, agriculture.

Clear Creek Land & Mortgage, Clear Creek Properties Inc., P.O. Box 1598, Twin Falls, ID 83303, finance, insurance and real estate.

Clinically Speaking LLC, Tina O'Donnell, 111 Pinewood Lane, No. 6, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Coffee Jalopy, Michelle Quigley, 223 Broadway Ave. S., Buhl, ID 83316, retail trade.

Corral Creek Ranch, Jacob Jeffrey Ashmead, Route 1 Box 187, Corral, ID 83322, agriculture.

D & D Lawn Care, Domingo Jimenez, 1106 Morningside Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

DNA Redfish LLC, Raymond Davis III, 551 W. Meadow Drive, Hailey, ID 83333.

DVA - Chestnut LLC, Raymond Davis III, 551 W. Meadow Drive, Hailey, ID 83333.

DVA Redfish LLC, Raymond Davis III, 551 W. Meadow Drive, Hailey, ID 83333.

Emanice Inc., Stacey L. Parke, 546 Main St., Gooding, ID 83330.

Family Farm Land, Limited Partnership, Kiki Tidwell, 120 E. Ave., Ketchum, ID 83340.

Feast LLC, Wallace D. Runswick, 460 E. First St., Ketchum, ID 83340.

Fox Acres Upholstery, Julie Fox Jones, P.O. Box 116, Hailey, ID 83333, services.

Frederic Bolox Fine Arts, Frederic Bolox Fine Arts LLC, P.O. Box 2711, Sun Valley, ID 83353, retail trade.

Frederic Bolox Fine Arts LLC, James R. Jaski, 675 Sun Valley Road, Suite A, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Freedom Air, Bud J. Amendt, 122 Bay Horse Road, Bellevue, ID 83313, retail trade.

Freeway RV Camp Inc., Michael Schrank, 1894 N. Frontage Road, Wendell, ID 83355.

Friends of the Pari Center Inc., Donald H. Lieblich-196 Nez Pierce Circle, Hailey, ID 83333.

G & W Transport, Gene Tibbets, 605 S. D. St., Rupert, ID 83350, transportation and public utilities.

Freeport Placing Co. Inc., Jeff M. Pockmough, 928 Morningside, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Golden Valley Holdings LLC, Bruce Mitchell, 2104 S. 100 E., Oakley, ID 83346.

GoodLife Services Inc., Kelly Schifano, 151 E. 500 S., Jerome, ID 83338.

The Gerald Wood Doctor LLC, Shon Gerard, 1040 Cherry Hill Drive, Hailey, ID 83333.

Handy Hubby, Brett Bern, 905 N. 100 E., Rupert, ID 83350, services.

Holder Construction, Bret Heider, 748 Trotter Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction.

I-84 RV Camp Inc., Michael Schrank, 1894 N. Frontage Road, Wendell, ID 83355.

Idaho Wings LLC, Mark D. Doerr, 3513 E. 3985 N., Kimberly, ID 83341.

Ideal Management, Sandy Trautwein, P.O. Box 2127, Hailey, ID 83333, services.

Integrative Medicine & Wellness LLC, Andrea Girman, 180 E. Ave. N., Ketchum, ID 83340.

J.D.'s Sales & Right Person for Your Job, J. Duane Bertsch, 106 Keyhole Drive, Jerome, ID 83338, retail trade.

Jackson Properties LLC, Raymond E.C. Pickett, 771 Eastland, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Jerome RV Camp Inc., Michael Schrank, 1894 N. Frontage Road, Wendell, ID 83355.

Jet Investments LLC, Edward A. Lawson, 675 Sun Valley Road, Suite A, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Jokki's Jacob's Salon, Danbar LLC, 3116 Garrity Blvd., Suite 19, Nampa, ID 83687, 3072 Heatherwood Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

Jones and Jones Construction Inc., Rex S. Jones, 1559 Elba Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

K & I Investment LLC, Frederick H. Kroll, 216 Woodridge Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Kilne Construction, Keith R. Amund, 724 17th Ave. E., Jerome, ID 83338, construction.

Kyago LLC, Byrd W. Goley, 2140 Eldridge, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

KB Speed Shop LLC, Keith Bell, 350 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Kelly's A to Z, Carl Kelly, 541 Main St. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

Kilne Alp Enterprises, Kathryn L. Baker, 2236 E. 3500 N., Filer, ID 83328, retail trade.

Klink's Florist's & Greenhouses, Kinki B. Klink, 1830 Conant Ave., Burley, ID 83318, retail and wholesale trade.

KW Farms, Fred Worman, 1100 W. 200 S., Burley, ID 83301, agriculture.

Kyla Kelly Media Consulting, Kyla Sawyer, 342 Cotnam Circle, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

L & F Handyman Service, Faylin D. Finch, 680 Blue Lakes Blvd. S., Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction.

LP Auto Motive, Larry Paul Conrad, 1038 Wyoming St., Gooding, ID 83330, services.

Lyle Net Dairy, Lyle Nef, 11 E. 900 N., Rupert, ID 83350, retail trade.

Madison Place LLC, P.O. Box 3175, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Magic Massage E. Vance Outfitters, 1342 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

Magic Valley Bioresources LLC, David Price, 1200 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

Magic Valley Livestock Feed LLC, David Snelson, 1246 E. 2500 N., Buhl, ID 83316.

Magic Valley RV Camp Inc., Michael Schrank, 1894 N. Frontage Road, Wendell, ID 83355.

Malone Properties, Bruce Malone, P.O. Box 962, Hailey, ID 83333, services.

Marketing Success, Melissa K. Fairbanks, P.O. Box 4048, Hailey, ID 83333, wholesale trade.

Mason & Mason Real Estate LLC, Edward A. Lawson, 675 Sun Valley Road, Suite A, Ketchum, ID 83340.

Max Fowler Machinery Sales LLC, Max Fowler, 706 River Drive, Keyhole, ID 83336.

McNae Metals and Design Inc., Adam McNae, 419 N. Fourth St., Bellevue, ID 83313.

Mountain West Masonry, Dennis L. Grangin, 525 Carter Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, construction.

Multipublications, Tamara Polard, 1746 Occidental Ave., Burley, ID 83318, wholesale trade.

Nancy's Salon & Supply LLC, Nancy Dent, 2245 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

Netstorm Marketing, Laura Edwards, 3310 Highlawn Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

No Harm Done Design LLC, Rebecca Bogan, 500 E. Ave. N., Ketchum, ID 83340.

Old Towne Lodge, Ribah Mansour, 248 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

On and About, Jeannette Marie Kopecky, 1455 S. 1600 E., Gooding, ID 83330, services.

Paladros LLC, Delea Miller, 1703 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Palz Palace LLC, Lupe Jarvis, 1720 Partner Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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Schools depend on suspended tech money

The Associated Press

In remote regions of Alaska, where looking for a satellite to the Internet via satellite can cost tens of thousands of dollars a month, cash-strapped school districts have come to depend on a federal program that has suddenly suspended funding.

E-Rate reimburses schools for Internet service, wiring and some equipment, getting proceeds from surcharges on long-distance phone bills.

Without it, its advocates say, rural or poorer schools would have limited access to the online world, if at all.

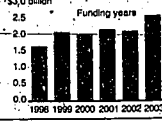
"We would not have broadband access. We would not have interactive video," said Marge Randlett, technology director for the sprawling Kuskuok School District about 350 miles west of Anchorage. "Teachers could find things to read on the Internet but then you can't effectively use the Internet as a live source of information."

Schools in other states benefit, too. In fact, most schools and some public libraries have got E-Rate funding at some point since the program began in 1998.

However, with charges of fraud and new accounting rules delaying new funding commitments, the Kuskuok district and

Wiring schools

Annual funding for a federal program to promote quality telecommunications services in schools and libraries: \$3.0 billion



SOURCE: Federal Communications Commission

other E-Rate beneficiaries around the country aren't sure whether they can count on the program anymore.

Kuskuok, which had made plans to switch Internet providers before it found out about the suspension, had already scaled back plans to install equipment and left some school buildings Internet-free for now.

In Alaska's Southeast Island School District, which spans nearly 25,000 square miles, all the schools have new videoconferencing equipment to provide students with opportunities to take advanced math and foreign language classes remotely.

Without E-Rate funds, the required Internet linkage

is absent. "The teachers have been (forced) to buy their own. The kids have been exposed to it, but right now we're just waiting for the opportunity to get it up and running," said Jim Nygaard, the district's superintendent.

Many other school districts in Alaska and other states have managed to continue service for now, shifting funds from elsewhere or convincing vendors that funding will eventually come through. The federal government has assured districts that the money is merely delayed, not cut. But school administrators remain worried.

The program has come under fire as auditors under earthed cases of wasted equipment, improper or falsified purchases, insufficient payments and poor oversight, prompting a closer look by the Federal Communications Commission, which oversees E-Rate.

As part of that review, the FCC noticed that the program hasn't been complying with federal accounting rules that require agencies to have enough cash upfront to cover the costs of any new commitments—the letters that assure a school district it will get funding in a given year. So instead of continuing the

past practice of issuing commitments all at once, "it's a careful bill that wouldn't come due for months, the FCC required its outside administrator, Universal Service Administrative Co., to suspend commitments until the end of a year's money was already in the bank."

Michael Blackwell, a spokesman for the administrator, said commitments would resume in a few weeks, though the program will have to spread them out over the year because phone companies make their payments monthly.

He said phone companies also may have to increase contributions to the Universal Service Fund to cover the new requirements, a proposal that could face resistance from consumers and industry groups.

The Education Department says 92 percent of public school classrooms had Internet access in 2002, up from 27 percent in 1997, before E-Rate began. Ninety-four percent of the schools had broadband in 2002.

E-Rate has also contributed to wiring public libraries, more than 95 percent of which now offer free access to patrons, up from 74 percent in 1998.

E-Rate has guaranteed business from a large user base. School districts make it more economically feasible for serv-

ice providers to sell access to high-speed Internet business in the region as well, said Della Mathis, Alaska's E-Rate coordinator.

Of course, technology isn't about wiring alone, and the E-Rate program doesn't fund computers, software and other tools needed in the classrooms.

Nor does it pay to train teachers to use the technology. Bonnie Bracey, who runs workshops for the Lake Bastrington, Ill.-based Thornburg Center for Professional Development, said infrastructure won't do much good if teachers aren't trained in how and where to find information useful for their lessons.

But Andy Carvin, an expert in improving access to technology and the Internet, said having the wiring funded by E-Rate gives school districts "confidence to make long-term plans" that include computers and training.

Without E-Rate, wouldn't school districts see the Internet's value anyhow?

"It's easy for administrators to choose between new books, fixing the building and paying for teachers—and paying for the Internet," Carvin said. "The Internet isn't going to be a very high priority even if they knew the Internet would help learning itself."

Credit-card criminals: Do they have your number?

Knight Ridder News Service

MILWAUKEE—A credit card thief has more than one way to get what he wants.

In his perfect world, you'd leave your purse unattended in a shopping cart long enough to secretly snatch your Visa or MasterCard and begin a spending spree of his own.

But some scoundrel has discarded receipts that contain your name and expiration date—the kind of information that makes it easy to shop online.

Sometimes, employees of restaurants, stores or banks steal the numbers and pass the numbers to criminals.

Other thieves make phone calls posing as bank employees or send out official-looking e-mails asking customers to verify account details.

Still others buy card numbers from computer whizzes who hack into company databases and steal huge amounts of credit card information at their leisure. Some even know the market Internet sites familiar to crooks.

"They are limited only by the ingenious things they can think of," said Bill Marek, director of security for Milwaukee-based Marshall & Isley Corp., Wisconsin's biggest bank.

A survey conducted by the Federal Trade Commission in 2003 found that in the last five years, about 27 million Americans—about one of every 11 people—had been victims of identity theft. And credit card theft was the most prevalent type.

With credit-card crooks ever mindful of new ways to get your information, consumers should be prepared to detect it and know what to do if they suspect they're victims of credit card fraud—consumer advocates and financial industry spokesmen say.

All agree on the first thing a victim of credit card fraud should do: Call the bank that issued the card. Most companies have toll-free numbers and 24-hour service to handle such emergencies.

The bank immediately will stop the card from being used for purchases, rendering it useless to the thief. Under federal law, a person whose card is stolen and used to make purchases is responsible for no more than \$50 of the bill, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

In most cases, the consumer will not be on the hook for any amount. The two major card companies, for example, Visa and MasterCard, both have "zero liability" policies for consumers who use their cards.

One key to identifying credit card number theft, particularly if the card itself isn't missing, is to promptly open and reconcile monthly bills. If there are inconsistencies or purchases the card-holder doesn't remember making, it's worth a call to the bank.

The sooner they call, the sooner we can get the account closed and get a new card issued to them," said Linda Locke, vice president of global communications for MasterCard.

Criminals become more high tech, so do card issuers—and retailers, said Aviva Litan, vice president and research director at Gartner Inc., a technology research and business consulting firm in Stamford, Conn.

In fact, although illegal card purchases are the most common type of identity theft crime, they are starting to decline, because of increasingly sophisticated computer programs that spot credit card fraud, she said.

Executive: Weak bosses can't handle relationships well

Knight Ridder News Service

If there's a thing as a situational boss, Michael Feiner would be the first to come to mind. The former PepsiCo executive lacks the sentiment of Herb Kelleher, the beloved former chief of Southwest Airlines. Nor has he got the goody humor of Amazon's Jeff Bezos.

A slender man with disciplined posture, Feiner has a sternness that tells people "approach cautiously." Yet many of those who worked for him during his 20 years at PepsiCo where he headed the personnel office, or who took his tough but popular management class at Columbia Business School, he's the boss they want to emulate: fair, straightforward, ethical and demanding—but compassionate.

"Mike has probably had more influence on shaping me as a professional than any adult than probably any other single individual," said Dave Pace, Starbucks' human-resources chief who worked at Pepsi—for 18 years. "He was always honest. He was an adult than probably any other single individual," said Dave Pace, Starbucks' human-resources chief who worked at Pepsi—for 18 years.

Feiner's proteges have gone on to head the HR departments at Dell, Microsoft and Sears. Harvard Business Review has published his advice. His new book, "The Feiner Points of Leadership," has landed on suggested reading lists for CEOs. His message: A great boss

The main types of bad bosses

Here's yet another reason to hate employees well: The office water cooler now has a broadcast function: A Houston research company that conducts employee surveys, The Business Research Lab, collects stories about bosses and posts them on the Internet. Anyhow sound familiar?

- **The abusive boss:** One boss at a real-estate firm called a subordinate a "fat cow." And when another employee brought him a sandwich with onions, he "picked up the sandwich to hurt it at my head."

- **The crooked boss:** "He would always go through the other boss's offices after they had left, and then the mirror at a meeting on his timesheet to coincide with some work they had done, thus falsifying the billing."

- **The insensitive boss:** When an office worker asked for time off to be with her dying grandmother.

er, her boss replied, "Well, she's not dead yet, so I don't have to grant your leave."

- **The sneaky boss:** "He would listen in on my phone calls (all business) by hiding behind a pillar in the office."

- **The tyrannical boss:** After working 13-hour days to meet a deadline, one employee was caught outside during his break reading a book. "The next day we received an e-mail stating that the president stated that there was to be no reading of personal matter while on breaks."

- **The jealous boss:** The more a competent office worker accomplished, the more her boss hated her. One day she feigned helplessness, asking her boss how to solve a problem. "The yelling ceased and he started smiling and I was his new best friend."

—Source: The Seattle Times

doesn't need a larger-than-life persona, and leadership isn't conveyed by heroic gestures and brilliant insights.

Rather, it's the unglamorous and old-fashioned work of building relationships, being committed to employees' success, and holding them accountable.

"When people think of great leaders, they think of visible leaders," Feiner said during a stop in Seattle. "Ninety percent

of leadership is hidden below the surface."

Feiner's laws of leadership, as he calls them, came from witnessing other bosses' mistakes, as well as his own. He recounts some of his management goofs in his book, but mostly he helps would-be bosses understand how to lead people rather than manage them.

Great bosses believe their work—their company's mission—is important, and they infuse

employees with the same passion. Masao's great cutting force, Feiner says, they're building a cathedral. During his Pepsi days, Feiner was such a devotee he once left a restaurant, family in tow, because it only served Coke.

Great bosses also create high expectations. Feiner's notoriously high standards motivated employees such as Dave Pace.

"They weren't uncomplaining, unrealistic expectations. Pace says, "They challenged me to do better than you thought you could be."

Personal commitment is also key: Employees respect a boss who cares as much about their success as he does his own. Great bosses demonstrate this by giving their time, advice and attention, an effort that can take up two-thirds of their workday. "To get loyalty," Feiner said, "you must give loyalty."

Moreover, great bosses don't treat everyone the same. They get to know the people who work for them: their hot buttons, their fears, their passions. "To know your people, you must know your people," said Feiner.

Another tip is to always give feedback. Time-consuming, yes, but a gift to employees, said Feiner. Great bosses offer ongoing advice (not just during a performance review) that's balanced, consistent with expectations and very specific.

A good boss also practices tough love. Weak bosses often avoid tough conversations because they're uncomfortable.

Tough love is as painful to give as for the employee to hear, Feiner says, but it's a demonstration of commitment.

And in turn, a boss can't be afraid to lay down consequences. Great bosses let employees know what will happen if they fail to improve. This isn't a threat, but an extension of the boss's commitment to her employee.

Coaching can be another valuable skill. "Weak bosses complain that they're too busy to teach their employees how to do their jobs. Great bosses understand there will be times when coaching is necessary to help a worker succeed," Litan explains. "Feiner said, 'You assume this role willingly, no matter how busy they are.'"

And finally, a great boss must help employees accomplish their goals. "You must inspire and encourage, they hold employees as well as themselves accountable for meeting their expectations. Without measuring performance, the relationship principles are toothless."

For would-be bosses who worry that they lack the charisma, drive or authority to create loyal followers, Feiner offers a simple solution: Don't try to be something you're not.

"People respond when they believe the person they're working for is authentic," said Feiner. "People need to feel that they have a connection with someone who's real—and wins and all."

Trucker takes the comforts of home with him on long trips

Knight Ridder News Service

When Tom Wiles steers his "bulldog" (Mack truck) off the "big slab" (Interstate 20) and into the Dallas Flying J Travel Plaza, chances are it is not a great eat-up (diner) he's seeking.

No, Wiles and thousands of other cross-country truckers are increasingly dropping their CB 10-4's for the 802-11's—wireless "Wi-Fi" Internet connections right to their truck cabs. And major truck stops have found that Wi-Fi is becoming as vital to their clientele as diesel fuel and hot showers.

It was not that long ago that Wiles, an early technology adopter who spends about 25 days each month on the road, had to hunt-down-truck stops that had open phone jacks for his notebook computer's modem.

"That was a nightmare," says the West Fork, Ark., resident. "There were only a few with jacks, and those were pretty far between. Back in those days, if you had a laptop you got a lot of attention." Now, they're so ubiquitous, they're like cell phones; people just ignore them.

Many long-haul truckers like the 40-year-old Wiles have outfitted their rigs with an arsenal of new electronic gadgetry. "I'm living stretches of five days in the truck, which is fine—as long as I can have all the conveniences of home right there in the cab," he says. To that end, Wiles carries a

Toshiba laptop computer equipped with a Wi-Fi card and subscriptions for access points at Flying J truck stops across the country. Flying J's currently blanket 180 of their North American locations with Wi-Fi signals. Hooking up costs from \$1.95 for an hour to \$200 for a yearlong subscription.

Competitor Truckstop.net has installed more than 400 Wi-Fi hot spots at independent truck stops and has targeted about 3,000 for its \$250 annual subscription service.

But that only gets a trucker online when he's fueling up or "getting horizontal" sleeping over at a service center. For connectivity out in the sticks, Wiles has subscribed to Sprint's PCS Vision cellular nationwide network.

For \$60 a month, he gets unlimited access to data network available just about anywhere in the country. He can simply snap his Sprint Merlin PC card into the Toshiba and hook right into the Net.

Coverage, he says, can be light in some sparsely populated

Western states and in the Midwest westside of big cities. But in his primary stomping grounds in the Eastern United States, Wiles says he has been pleasantly surprised by the consistency of his connections.

For phone calls, Wiles has jettisoned his home-land line and now uses his cell phone for voice communication. For on-the-road entertainment, he can burn disks on his home entertainment system's DVD recorder, then pack them up for viewing in the cab on his laptop. For music, Wiles has subscribed to XM satellite radio (\$9.95 per month) and purchased a portable Delphi SkyFi receiver that works in his home system as well as the truck cab.

And for a hobby, Wiles has begun taking still digital pictures with his 3.2-megapixel Toshiba PDR-M71 and bursts of video with a digital camcorder.

Trucking can be a lonely road, and being constantly on-line has helped "Wiles stay in touch with far-flung friends

and family about a year ago. Wiles discovered his hyper-connectivity also could spawn new conversations with perfect strangers.

Wiles set up a Web site (www.truckphoto.com) to display some of his digital artwork and perfected a way to update it from the road. Since then, it has blossomed into a trucking blog of his daily travels, an advice center for other digi-truckers, a repository of roadside restaurant and movie reviews and a showcase for his humor and conservative social commentary.

"People who contact me especially like the restaurant reviews," he says.

"There aren't that many independent truck stops any more. It really ruins the food. Employees in gas stations are just there putting time in

Sometimes, as a result, the food is really, really bad."

Wiles' Web effort now receives anywhere from 100 to 1,000 visits a day and has gained modest fame as one of the few trucker-oriented personal sites that pop up in major search engines.


But, he says, he is tired of having to keep up so many subscriptions to multiple services in order to keep in touch and entertained. Some day, he says, emerging technologies like WiMax radio will enable a single provider to keep his trucker on a wireless in movie downloads, phone communications, television streams and high-speed Internet.

"I could have one account for everything, nationwide," he says.

And that would really make me very, very happy."

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401(K) OR IRA?

Keeping your retirement money in one, maybe two, spots is best

Knight Ridder News Service

MILWAUKEE — When Korie Klomphand-Buckman came to work at the Milwaukee office of Deloitte & Touche last December, she faced a common dilemma: what to do with the money in the 401(k) retirement account she had left behind at her former employer.

She had several choices, but the 25-year-old senior marketing coordinator quickly decided to transfer the money to the 401(k) she had established at Deloitte.

"My husband is an accountant for York University, 35, resident explained. "I told me I had to do it." The couple liked the convenience of having the money all in one place.

Klomphand-Buckman was lucky to have a good adviser, so by many people have to figure out on their own what to do with old accounts. It is an important decision.

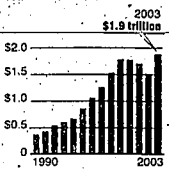
"Enrolling in a 401(k) and home ownership programs are top priorities for my clients," said Michael Arnow, a certified public accountant and financial planner in Glendale, Wis.

Under the law, there are four possible options for a 401(k) parked at a former employer. Leave the money in the existing account; withdraw it and pay taxes on it; roll it over to the new employer's 401(k); or move it to an Individual Retirement Account.

Most 401(k) plans offer these options, but not all. The law

401(k) assets

Assets in 401(k) retirement plans rose sharply in 2003 as the stock market posted good returns. Assets, in trillions:



Source: Investment Company Institute, Washington, D.C. Labor Department, Washington, D.C. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Washington, D.C. Fidelity Investments, Boston, Mass. Morningstar, Chicago, Ill. Wall Street Journal, New York, N.Y.

Provides considerable leverage to sponsors, so it pays to check the provisions of a particular plan.

Named after the section of the Internal Revenue Code that regulates them, 401(k)s are similar to IRAs. Money contributed grows on a tax-deferred basis until withdrawn. Unlike an IRA, however, both employers and employees can contribute to 401(k)s in pretax dollars. Typically, a sponsoring company offers a limited range of investment options.

About 45 million Americans have 401(k)s, up from 37 million in 2002. Each of their appeal is linked to their portability. 401(k)s are attached to the individual, not to the employer. That is, in contrast to traditional pensions, which were set up and maintained by one employer even after a worker moved on to another company.

Now, though, many people change employers frequently. According to a recent study by the U.S. Census Bureau, people born between 1957 and 1964 are likely to have more than 10

jobs prior to retirement. In such a mobile society, few workers will bring around long enough to accumulate a large traditional pension from any one employer. Meanwhile, they are likely to amass 401(k) balances on each job.

"That is when people are faced with the decision — as Klomphand-Buckman was — about what to do with their collection of accounts.

Typically, employers do not want to babysit low-balance accounts owned by former employees. Often, plans specify they will not keep account balances of less than \$5,000 for former employees. In such cases, the former employer can force a worker to either move the money to an IRA or new 401(k) or to withdraw it and pay the required taxes. In most cases, that translates to regular income tax rates plus a 10-percent federal penalty.

If a former employee with a small balance does not make a choice, then he or she usually is sent the money, less 20 percent withholding for taxes.

In coming months, however, the standard will change. Under regulations being developed by the IRS and U.S. Labor Department, if a former employee does not make a choice, the money will be deposited in an IRA. A partner in the Milwaukee law firm of Godfrey & Kahn who specializes in retirement plans.

Moving the money from an old 401(k) to an IRA usually is the best plan in any event, even for those with balances of more than \$5,000, according to both Arnow and Ileb Bortz, a financial planner with Lincoln Financial Advisors in Brookfield, Wis.

"Unless there are extraordinary circumstances, and by that I mean disability, absolute

medical emergency or some sort of financial crisis, the ideal choice is to do a rollover to an IRA because an Individual Retirement Account owner has an almost unlimited choice as to where that money can go," Bortz explained. "If rolled into the new employer's 401(k), they are required to use the investments that are inside that plan."

The disadvantages are most IRAs charge an annual fee and commissions often must be paid to invest the money. 401(k) sponsors pick up such costs for their plans.

There also is additional record keeping involved in keeping track of an IRA, especially if the person also participates in the 401(k) at their new employer, as both Bortz and Arnow advise.

Deyan Stojanovich, vice president and co-owner of the Benefit Solutions Corp. in Milwaukee, believes for the average person, moving the money to a new 401(k) is the better solution. Benefit Solutions helps companies set up 401(k)s.

"Some people are reluctant to move money out of a 401(k) if they have lost on the investments it holds. They hope it will rebound before they roll the funds into a new account."

Denise Lee, 28, an associate financial representative at the Goris Financial Group in Milwaukee, moved her 401(k) from a different job she had during college to an IRA.

"Nowadays, a people don't seem to be in their jobs very long," she said. "It is better to have it all under one roof."

Financial pros' advice often based on own experiences

Knight Ridder News Service

Even people who are really good with money have had days. Financial pros can feel deeply into credit-card debt or hang onto a bad investment longer than they should, just like the rest of us.

"Our four fallen angels know you're bound to trip up too. This trick is not to brood but to bounce back as quickly as you can and look at the incident as a learning experience."

Lynnette Khalifani knows what she's talking about when she warns of the dangers of credit-card debt. A few years ago she managed to run up balances of more than \$100,000.

"I really engaged in too much consumerism," said Khalifani, the author of "Zero Debt: The Ultimate Guide to Financial Freedom" (\$14.95, Advantage World Press). "Even now, I have to fight the urge to overspend."

She and her husband used credit cards to pay for a \$400,000 piece of land, but the rest of the debt came from various purchases — gifts for friends, vacations and two timeshares.

"For a long time, I was making the minimum payments," she said. "The payments were high, so I switched cards for lower interest rates. But I never had a ding on my credit report. I was swinging it."

The way Khalifani had it all figured out. She had a six-figure income, was saving money for retirement and her kids' college funds and staying on top of all her bills. But by making only minimum payments in the end, she would be paying thousands of dollars extra in interest charges for things she can't remember buying.

The way Khalifani came in February 2003, when she was laid off. That made her get serious about paying her debt. Fortunately the land had shot up in value, and selling for \$200,000 and repaying \$100,000.

Now she pays off her credit-card bill every month.

"You can spend money on what you want," Khalifani said. "But you must follow one rule: You have to spend less than what you earn."

Suze Orman says the stupidest thing she's ever done was leasing a gold-colored BMW 730i for a month in 1987 (that figure today would be about \$1,300).

"I did it to impress the person I was in a relationship with," said Orman, who dispenses financial advice through books, columns and television. "I thought I was brilliant. I didn't have to come up with the money to buy it, and everybody would think I could afford it."

But the lease payment was weighing her down, her debts were growing and she was forced to borrow \$50,000 from her 401(k) to get by. To top it off, the lease outlasted the relationship.

In 1990, she was struck by a sobering revelation while eating at a Denny's in Emeryville, Calif. "My BMW is parked outside. My carter watch is on my wrist and my Armani clothes are on my body," Orman said. "I'm mortgaged to the hilt, and I've drained my 401(k), and the woman waiting for me had more money than I did."

It took another three years to dig herself out, and these days Orman doesn't buy anything if she can't wait a check for it.

"If I have to finance it, I can't afford it," she said.

Knox Fuqua, who manages the \$12.2 million AAM Equity Fund, a portfolio of roughly 50

large-cap stocks, says falling in love almost cost him a fortune. "I grew up in the South, and I love Coke," Fuqua said. "There was no such thing as Pepsi."

So when he launched his fund in 1998, he included a stake in Coca-Cola Co.

"I wanted to make money on it," Fuqua said. "You're told all your life that it's a good company. It has been great. It made people a lot of money in the 1980s."

But the stock's performance has been erratic in the past few years. Fuqua chalked it up to a revolving door in the executive offices and a general lack of direction. When his son gave Coca-Cola Co. — the new low-carb, low-calorie product — a thumbs down, he knew it was time to dump his shares.

"I grew up in the South, and I just need to walk away," Fuqua said. "You just say, 'Enough's enough.' I did the same thing last year with Bristol-Myers (Squibb). If you really don't do what's best for your shareholders, then you have to ask what is best for your shareholders."

His love affair with Coca-Cola isn't over, but he's giving the relationship a rest. He's keeping an eye on the company and knows he can always buy it again when the time is right.

Carl Marker learned the hard way that greed is dangerous and costly.

In November 2000, he bought Conseco Inc. at \$0 a share for his long-term growth fund, which currently has more than \$80 million in assets. He bought more Conseco at \$7.50 a share a month later. He planned to sell it once the price hit \$14. By January 2001, Marker sold half the portfolio's holdings at \$17 a share.

"We well exceeded our price target," he said. "It was getting to be too big of a position in our portfolio, so we cut it in half."

But Conseco was climbing, reaching \$19.92 a share in May 2001, and Marker got greedy. He wanted an even better return for the rest of his investment. He even shook out

some financial troubles. Turns out that was the first in a string of notices that ended with Conseco seeking Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization.

"I should have sold at the first hint of bad news," he said. "The stock was well above our expectations. We rode the thing all the way down to bankruptcy."

When Conseco was having trouble, Marker was trading at \$2 a share. Marker held tight, betting that he might get more value once the company emerged from Chapter 11. He lost that gamble when common shares were rendered worthless in the reorganization.

As a result, Marker adopted a "shoot first and ask questions later" policy, and he will pull the sale trigger once he sees his price target and stock signs of financial trouble. But he'll hang on if the stock is climbing, and the company is performing well.

"We'll wait for it to stab its toe before we sell," Marker said. And when it does, he'll have no reservations about selling, especially if the stock has hit his price target.

"If it exceeds the price target, you are not going to disappoint yourself or shareholders for taking a nice profit," he said. "You have to be willing to take your egg out of the nest."

"You always could have bought lower, and you could always have sold higher," said Marker. "It's better to take your lumps and move on."

Keep to a holiday budget by making list

The Associated Press

Q: With rising fuel prices and worries about my job, I need to keep a budget for the holiday shopping season. What tips can you offer so I don't run up a lot of credit card debt?

A: It's definitely easy to overspend on gifts during the busy season because it's such an emotional time. According to America's Research Group, a Charleston, S.C.-based consumer behavior strategic research company, 38 percent of consumers polled said they usually spend more at holiday time than they planned.

There is tremendous amount of hype associated with holiday gift giving," said Jack Gillis, director of public affairs for the Washington, D.C.-based Consumer Federation of America.

"Unfortunately, we sometimes become victims of letting the amount of money we spend on a gift be a measure of

how much we value the recipient. It's the thought that counts and not the value of the gift, so by spending some extra time on thoughtful planning, you can save yourself from financial heartache in January."

Financial experts say consumers must develop financial self-discipline when shopping for the holidays to avoid going into debt. Here are some tips to help make the process easier.

- Shop early because last-minute shopping — while offering the benefit of some bargains — presents a greater chance of poorly thought-out choices, according to Gillis.

- In creating a holiday shopping list, specify the price range you want to spend for each family member and friend, and the gift you want to buy. And stick to that range.

- Be creative to save money. Bake cookies or cake for your neighbors instead of buying

- gifts. Offer to babysit your relatives' children, or make picture collages.

- If people are creative enough and plan, then they can have a wonderful Christmas," said Paul Ritchard, executive director of the Institute of Consumer Financial Education in San Diego.

- Try to pay for your gifts in cash. Ideally, you don't want to charge any more on your credit card than you can pay off in 90 days, according to Ritchard.

- Do research online before purchasing, whether you're shopping in stores or on the Internet. Use price comparison sites like myson.com or shopping.com to check out price, quality, and shipping fees.

- At shopping.com, consumers can also find out whether the site will calculate shipping fees and tax for each item. Consumerreports.org, the online arm of Consumer Reports, offers a free guide to how to shop for products, from digital cam-

- eras to MP3 players, and tell you how much you can expect to spend.

- When shopping online, be sure to order at least two weeks before Dec. 25; otherwise, you'll likely pay extra shipping fees.

- Consider gift cards, which are easy to buy and make it easy to stick to a dollar amount. At the same time, experts warn that consumers need to find out about any fees before purchasing. Bank-issued cards often have an initial sales charge, and many retailers charge shipping and handling fees for cards bought online. Consumers should also find out whether these cards can be replaced if they are stolen or lost.

- Keep a record of your expenses. If you are comfortable with what you spend, then you can start saving for next year by putting away one-twelfth of that total amount per month, according to Gillis.

Greed and need give life to scams old and new

Knight Ridder News Service

Maybe it's sympathy that motivates people to give money to a stranger. Or maybe it's the temptation to put one over on the system.

For whatever reason, the sort of scam called "the Nigerian letter" separated Americans from more than \$100 million of their hard-earned cash in 2002.

The solicitation usually comes in an e-mail supposedly sent by the widow of a former military head of state or a deposed member of a foreign government who cannot access money after a government coup. They could end their suffering if only you could provide a bank transfer to help secretly transfer their millions "out of their country. And by the way, you'll be richly rewarded for your help."

To most of us "the Nigerian letter" is a laughably obvious rip-off. Still, this scam cheated Americans out of \$122 million in 2002, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

Victims of scams are not always greedy. Sometimes they are financially strapped people who look for a little extra cash to help pay the bills.

"We didn't try to be rich," said Jim Rothchild, a 56-year-old Chicago resident who was taken by an envelope-stuffing scam. "We just wanted some government money. Instead of making easy money, he found himself in a scheme in which he got paid only if people responded to the work-at-home offer. It was making me lose my own expenses. It can be hard to stay ahead of

schemes, since the way in which they present themselves is constantly evolving.

The most victimized group remains those over the age of 50.

Here are the newest twists on old schemes.

...The fee scam. The "Nigerian letter" and the "Canadian lottery winner letter" are modern variations of the classic "pigeon drop," what AARP's Humge calls the "I'll get you-in-on-a-deal" swindle.

The general premise is always the same — you have to provide to get money. In the Canadian lottery scam you have to pay fees to process a check for your share of "lottery winnings." In the Nigerian letter scheme you might be asked to pay for chemicals to clean bills that have been blacklisted to get them past customs.

Internet schemes. The Internet has given con artists a new venue for defrauding consumers through auction Web sites and phony e-mails. Bucksters will use auction Web sites to take payments for goods they never intend to deliver, or swap what they advertised with something less valuable.

A concept called "phishing" has cropped up repeatedly whereby e-mails purporting from Internet auction sites, financial institutions or Internet service providers ask you to provide your bank or credit card or credit card number so they can verify their records. The message might direct you to what looks like an official corporate page, but the personal information you are providing is being used to steal your identity.

Cramping. This scam can sneak up on you. Cramping involves mysterious and bogus charges popping up on your phone bill for services you never agreed to, so always keep a close eye on your monthly statement to ensure no one is trying to slide anything past you.

You may call a toll-free number or fill out a contact entry form and be tricked into agreeing to a membership fee that shows up as a miscellaneous charge on your phone bill.

Bogus business opportuni-

ties. As the soft economy sends people looking for ways to shore up their income, more consumers are complaining to the Better Business Bureau about work-at-home scams or pitches that leasing an ATM, pay phone or vending machine will provide a financial windfall.

Promoters assure you that you will receive help in placing the machines and get a high return for your investment, said Adkins, but what really happens is that you end up pouring money into a flourishing business venture.

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U.S. trails in new race to the moon

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — A new race to the moon is under way, and the United States is lagging behind a swarm of foreign competitors.

A European spaceship, Smart-1, is due to enter lunar orbit Monday night. Four other moon missions — two Japanese, one Chinese and one Indian — are planned for launch in the next three years.

But the next American spaceship to visit the moon won't go until 2008 at the earliest. That trip would be the first step toward President Bush's ambitious call to send humans to Mars by a generation from now, but even the moon-shot depends on approval from a skeptical Congress.

The six lunar ventures planned for this decade are all unmanned orbiters. None would attempt to land robots or humans on the moon's surface, but they would study it from afar with scientific instruments. Bush's plan would send human flesh-and-blood earthlings to the moon's surface until at least 2015. That would be 43 years after the last Apollo astronaut came home from the moon.

Moon enthusiasts deplore the delay. "It's an embarrassment," said Alan Binder, a planetary scientist and founder of the Lunar Research Institute in Tucson, Ariz. "We've wasted almost four decades. ... It's heart-breaking."

Reaching the moon was the highest-prestige space goal during the Cold War, when the United States and the Soviet Union competed to demonstrate their scientific and technological prowess.

Now Mars is the glamour target, but scientists think there's still much to be learned from exploring the moon with robots or humans.

Six Apollo missions, from 1969 to 1972, explored only a tiny fraction of the lunar sur-

face, all near the equator. Since then, the United States has sent two scientific spacecraft to study the moon's polar regions: Clementine in 1994 and the Lunar Prospector in 1998. Both found tantalizing hints of frozen water, but no positive evidence.

The upcoming missions, if they succeed, would provide much greater detail about the moon's structure, gravity and magnetism. Their sponsors hope to identify potentially valuable resources that could support a permanent moon base and a way station for voyages through the solar system.

Lunar experts say they aren't troubled by the prospect that the flock of moon voyages could duplicate one another and waste precious resources.

"The more people are doing things in space, the better for everybody," said Paul Spudis, a planetary scientist at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Md. "The data these missions collect could be of value to us and other nations. It's win-win for everybody."

"In science, it never hurts to duplicate," Binder said.

Of course — perhaps most — of the proposed spacecraft never will be launched or will fail to complete their missions.

"The probability is less than 50-50 they'll even get off the ground," Binder said.

Spudis is more optimistic: "No doubt there will be some spacecraft failures and perhaps some instrument failures. But I anticipate a high success rate."

Here's a quick look at the foreign moon missions:

Smart-1, a project of the European Space Agency, was launched in September 2003. It's taking 14 months to reach the moon — the U.S. Apollo

missions took four days — because it's using an experimental propulsion system called an ion drive, which starts very slowly and gradually accelerates

to a high speed. It requires little fuel and is being tested for use in extremely long missions in outer space.

Smart-1 is a square box, measuring about 3 feet on a side, and weighing about 800 pounds. Inside are three container-sized instruments to study the chemical makeup of the moon in X-rays, infrared light and ordinary light.

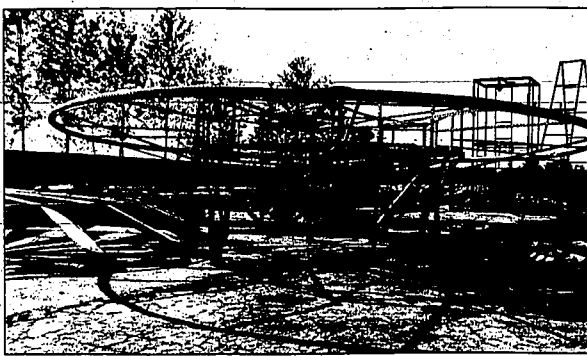
Japan plans two lunar visitors but has been having trouble getting them off the ground. The first, a 1,200-pound orbiter called Lunar-A, originally was scheduled to take off in 1999, but has been delayed repeatedly by problems with the launch rocket. It's now slated to go up sometime next year.

After settling into a 2,000-mile-high orbit, the spacecraft will fire two missile-like penetrators that will drill to 200 yards deep into the lunar surface, one on the side facing Earth, one on the back side. The penetrators will relay data on possible moonquakes and the nature of the moon's core.

Japan hopes to launch a more ambitious, 4,400-pound package of three satellites called Selene, the Greek name for the moon. The main orbiter will carry 13 scientific instruments to study the origin and evolution of the moon. It will spin off two smaller satellites, one to relay signals from behind the moon and the other to measure the moon's wobble as it circles the Earth.

The Indian Space Research Organization plans to launch Chandrayaan-1, a Hindi for "moon voyage," in September 2007. The 1,200-pound orbiter is to circle the moon, 60 miles above the surface, for at least two years.

China, which launched its first man into Earth orbit in October 2003, plans to send up a lunar orbiter in 2007. It's named Chang'e.



Du Wenda has spent \$95,000, including family savings and proceeds from the sale of a cow, to get his flying saucer off the ground. During a test Oct. 22, it rose about 4 inches for five or six seconds.

Chinese inventor builds UFO for earth travel

The Baltimore Sun

DUANYUAN, China — Tucked away down an unpaved car path, behind a high brick fence, is about the strangest thing anyone could expect to find in the middle of rural northern, short of a UFO — an "experimental base" for building one.

Well, technically, it's not unidentified, and it's not flying, but what Du Wenda is building here in eastern China is indisputably an object.

Du, the son of a horse-car driver, is founder and president of the Global UFO Scientific and Technological Research Institute of Xiao County of Anhui Province, an institute with a single proposition: to make a flying saucer for earthbound travel.

Lacking money, formal education and a full understanding of the science of flight, Du has an unlikely proposition. Certainly the first test flight — observed by fewer than 20 people just before dusk Oct. 22 at his experimental base, did not conjure up images of the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk. The UFO-looking saucer, with huge horizontal rotors powered by a used eight-cylinder car engine, rose about 4 inches off the ground for five or six seconds, he said.

Du, 39, a former maintenance man, has spent \$95,000 in 2 1/2 years, including his family's savings, investor contributions and proceeds from the sale of a cow, but the remains undaunted. "We are still thinking about ways to find more funds for this, because at a later stage, if we want to make this into a real product, we have to buy aviation engines and aviation materials," he said. "I don't believe you have to think that building a flying saucer is that hard. What I'm building will have similar capabilities as a UFO, but the speed will be much slower."

In the late 1990s, China's countryside became the setting for Mao Tse-tung's disastrous Great Leap Forward, during which tens of millions of farmers were exhorted to answer Mao's call to help the country industrialize quickly by operating backyard blast furnaces to produce steel.

Today, some farmers are committing their livelihoods to the pursuit of seemingly impossible dreams, including in a few cases the building of a homemade fly-



Du Wenda

One recent weekday, Xu and a few other workers were taking calls from the Chinese news media, which, after a nationally televised segment on the project, has swamped them with coverage, all extremely skeptical.

"We do not like the satire, this way they pose questions are building this UFO," Xu said. "Not only do they not support us, they did not comfort us spiritually."

Xu and others have placed their faith in Du, a self-confident figure who established a local reputation as an inventor almost a decade ago, when he sold a patent for a bamboo-weaving machine to a coal mine company for more than \$20,000.

Du has dreamed of flying saucers since he read a comic book in fifth grade that featured a UFO in a dogfight with an airplane. (The UFO won.) A graduate of middle school and vocational school, he has long read anything he could find on UFOs and on aviation. He spent many late nights drawing up plans, and he lost sleep when he couldn't sort out the latest wrinkle in his theories.

He borrowed design theories from cars, airplanes and helicopters. He staged crude experiments to test his ideas, from tossing a homemade saucer as a child to operating a small battery-powered toy saucer that is sort of a miniature of his grand project. Two years ago, he earned a Chinese patent for his flying machine design, which includes horizontal rotors of differing sizes spinning in opposite directions at differing speeds.

"The UFO will have three functions: moving on the ground, in the air or underwater," Du explained in an interview last week. It will be useful for short-distance travel, he said, because it would be unaffected by bad roads or traffic. China's annual air show in Zhuhai invited him to show the saucer this week, and he is taking a small demonstration model.

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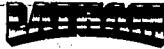
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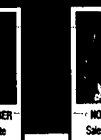
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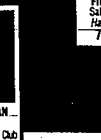
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Steve Avalos, center, area manager for The Buckle, laughs with customer Ed Sabla and employee Beccy Anderson at the store in Magic Valley Mall. Anderson was hired as a temporary worker for the expected increase in business during the holiday season.

Retailers struggle to hold employees

Knights Riddor News Service

DALLAS — Many retailers are gearing up for the holiday season by adding temporary workers. But many stores could find themselves scrambling to hold onto their existing staffs if they're not careful, experts say.

Online job board CareerBuilder.com said in a recent poll of retail workers that 21 percent of them plan to change jobs in the fourth quarter this year.

At the same time, 49 percent of retail hiring managers say they'll add workers to their staffs by the end of the year.

"That certainly does pose both challenges and opportunities for employers," said CareerBuilder spokeswoman Jennifer Sullivan.

It's a challenge in terms of being able to retain the top talent — but then there's also an opportunity to go out there and get great workers who aren't happy in their current jobs," she said.

"I probably no secret why workers are unhappy.

In the CareerBuilder survey, 50 percent said they're upset with their pay and have not re-

ceived a raise this year. About 40 percent said they have few career advancement opportunities.

Although Sullivan said CareerBuilder doesn't have any historical data for comparison, retail workers said things are getting worse.

Roughly 62 percent of those polled said their workloads have increased in the last six months, and 44 percent say they're being asked to do too much.

Retailers have long been plagued by high employee turnover, Sullivan said.

But in the last few years, many employers could count on a relatively high unemployment rate to minimize turnover. Not anymore.

"In the past few years, the trend we saw is people were more inclined to stay in their current positions because they just felt lucky to have jobs," she said.

"The retail workers know that there are more opportunities available for them now. So they're not happy in their current job, and they're going to be looking for something else."

Turning a seasonal post into year-round work

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In early October, Vicki Fillmore of Jerome was looking to leave her clerk position at a local gas station for a new job with "more normal hours."

Around the same time, Vickie Johansson, co-owner and manager of The UPS Store in Twin Falls, was looking for another employee to help handle the extra business the store expects around the holidays.

When Fillmore came into Johansson's store to copy her résumé, the two women struck up a conversation, and Fillmore ended up with a new job.

"The résumés are still sitting out in my car," Fillmore said. Fillmore said she's been working about 20 hours a week at The UPS Store now during her training period. But she'll shift into full time as the holiday season progresses, and she'll stay on

after the holidays as over. "I stole her from another place and I'm not going to give her back," Johansson said.

Most retailers and other businesses in Magic Valley have wrapped up the hiring process for seasonal employees. Some employers say they've hired more seasonal workers than last year, and some — like Johansson — plan to keep a number of those employees on board after the Christmas trees lose their needles.

The keys to turning a seasonal job into a full-time position are performance and the ability to hang onto the skills learned in pre-holiday training, said Kerri Simas, of temporary-employment firm Personnel Plus in Twin Falls.

"It's mostly the (employees) who can go in and prove themselves to be good workers," Simas said. "Employers will say, 'If we come across someone who's good and we want to keep

them, we'll find a way to put them on staff."

Jeff Hansen, store manager at Wal-Mart in Jerome, agrees.

Wal-Mart hired about 30 seasonal employees this year — about double last year's numbers, thanks to a healthy Jerome County economy — and Hansen said he plans to retain about 10 of those workers. Hansen will keep on file for future reference the names of the employees who aren't kept on board.

"We prefer to hire people with prior experience with us," he said.

Specialty clothing retailer The Buckle doubled its number of seasonal workers this year with 10 new employees, manager Steve Avalos said. The Twin Falls store's sales have been "on fire" recently, and nearly 30 people total work at the store now.

The Buckle received a number of applications at its booth at the Southern Idaho Career Fair

in September. Those applicants yielded a store intern who will work both during and after the holiday season, learning the ins and outs of managing a clothing store, Avalos said.

Higher-than-average turnover and the scheduling of more workers on nights and weekends led Twin Falls J.C. Penney store to double its number of part-time seasonal employees this year from four to eight, said store manager Jim Godwin. Godwin plans to keep one or two of those seasonal workers on full time.

"Who gets the year-round position?"

"We sure look for people we can keep — someone who's interested enough to do the job fully, someone with a good attitude," he said. "Blindly put, just show up."

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Plan for your career with CSI workshop

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a free Career Planning Workshop for people who are considering training, trying to decide on a program or thinking about a career change.

The workshop will help participants learn about the labor

market, training programs and wage potential; identify their interests; investigate careers; and make a plan for success.

The center will offer the free workshop in two parts — 3-5 p.m. Monday, then 3-5 p.m. Wednesday. Career tests are also free.

To sign up, call 732-6680 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6680. The registration deadline is Monday.

Secret to great résumé writing is honesty, brevity

Knights Riddor News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Writing a résumé is like doing taxes: The temptation to overstate accomplishments is as strong as the urge to inflate deductions.

According to a recruiting firm Christian & Timbers found 23 percent of executive job applicants misrepresent their accomplishments on their résumés. Fifty-two percent of the fabricators claimed to hold a college degree for which they only did partial coursework — even though that lies easily exposed with a call to the school.

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Drive for jobs heats up in trucking industry

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RICHFIELD, Ohio — Cheryl Cowley has never spent a minute behind the wheel of a big rig. But after losing two warehousing jobs in a year, she's starting to think that a steady job steering a truck down the highway would be appealing.

"It seems like a good way to see the country," said Cowley, 45, of Richfield, Ohio, who enrolled in a six-week course at Hamrick Truck Driving School to earn a commercial driver's license. "There's always going to be a need for truck drivers."

Especially now. With the U.S. economy rebounding, factories are moving record amounts of freight to warehouses and stores around the United States.

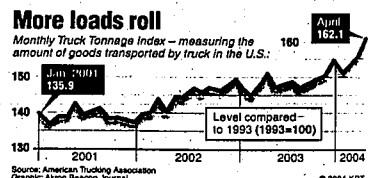
And trucking companies are struggling to find drivers to help move it all.

Trucking companies are competing fiercely for drivers, offering higher pay packages, training, reimbursements, health insurance, signing bonuses and new trucks to drive.

"It's as tight a labor situation as I can remember," said Mike Nordor, a spokesman for Schneider National Inc. in Green Bay, Wis., one of the largest trucking companies in the nation.

The squeeze is even forcing some trucking companies to turn down business or raise prices until they can find enough drivers.

"Some trucking companies are firing their customers and being more selective about what they haul," said Paul Mur-



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phy professor of business logistics at John Carroll University in Ohio.

And it's not just a stronger economy that's pushing freight volumes. A flood of imported goods, due to the growing trend of offshore manufacturing, is causing trucks to haul more freight farther from ports.

Trucking rates have increased 3 percent to 6 percent since January, and some of that cost is likely to be passed along to consumers, according to the National Industrial Transportation League, a trade association of shippers in Arlington Va.

But overall, the upturn in trucking volumes is a good omen for the economy, experts say. Truckers haul 69 percent of the nation's freight by volume and 87 percent by value.

"A good part of our gross domestic product is still moved from one place to another by trucks," said Freightliner and Volvo, who are seeing or-

ders rise. And it's good for parts suppliers, such as Eaton Corp. of Cleveland, which makes truck drivetrain systems, and Goodyear, which makes a broad line of truck tires.

That all translates into wide opportunities for people interested in driving a truck. Open the newspaper to the Help Wanted section, or type "truck driving jobs" into an internet search engine, and you'll see position after position from trucking companies frantic for more drivers.

"I need 200 more people on the fleet. I can start you right away," Tom Cook, a recruiter from Swift Transportation, a trucking company in Phoenix, told students at Hamrick.

It's a strange sensation for Cowley and other students at Hamrick, watching companies throw job offers at them. Many of the students have seen their previous jobs disappear as manufacturers closed plants or moved jobs offshore.

Cowley lost her last job at a warehouse worker at Jo-Ann Stores after only nine months. After 10 years, she lost her previous job at Boston Distributors

in Maple Heights, Ohio, when the company closed that location.

Several times a day, a recruiter will visit her class and outline a package of wages, benefits and working conditions.

"It's very overwhelming," Cowley said. "We heard from three yesterday and two today. Everybody is making big promises."

Other students agree it's a nice feeling to be wanted. Thomas Miller, 48, worked for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. for 24 years before losing his job as a technician in the company's Ohio test center last year. Since then, he has done a series of odd jobs, such as preparing tax returns. But most of the work was temporary with no future.

Now he's getting wooed by trucking companies every day and he won't even earn his commercial driver's license for several weeks. "People want to hire you right off the bat," Miller said.

Truck-driving schools are seeing more and more mid-career students. Truck driving used to be a first career for a lot of people, but now the average person is in their 50s.

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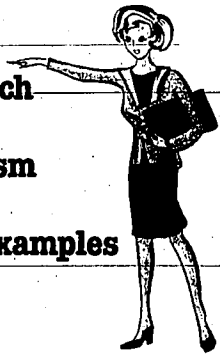
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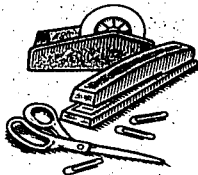
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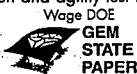


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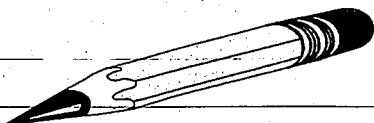
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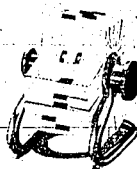
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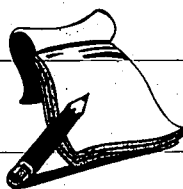
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Confessions of a recovering perfectionist

Denise Turner is off this week. Here's her column from Jan. 25, 1994.

I'm happier when everything is in place. But I wish I weren't. I think.

Sometimes in restaurants, members of my family will move my fork slightly sideways when I am not looking. Then they laugh at me when I straighten it back up.



LIFE AND TIMES
 Denise Turner

I've always struggled with perfectionism, because I don't want to be a classic case. I don't want to become a complete neurotic. I know that perfectionism has been linked to all sorts of health problems, everything from insomnia to depression. Not to mention the fact that most people think perfectionists are nuts.

I recently read a magazine article that identified perfectionism as a distinct personality trait, and cited some new research on the subject.

The study was conducted by Gordon Fleit, a psychology professor at York University in North Ontario, and Paul Hewitt, of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. The two have concluded that there are three types of perfectionism.

Other-oriented perfectionists are those who expect everyone around them to be flawless. These are the people who hardly ever delegate anything.

Socially-prescribed perfectionists are people who believe everyone expects them to be perfect, so they respond by setting impossible standards for themselves.

Self-oriented perfectionism isn't quite so bad. These perfectionists adopt certain personality expectations for themselves, but they are often able to increase or decrease their expectations in response to the situation.

I'm not sure I fall into any of these categories, exactly. I'm more of a thwarted perfectionist. Or to put it another way, I was getting really good at being a perfectionist until I had kids.

When I was young and newly married, I used to color code and label everything in my closet. Two months into motherhood, and I was grabbing the first clean blouse I could find.

Maybe I should thank my kids for saving me from myself (but I think I'll wait until they leave home).

On the other hand, there are times when I think people should act out their perfectionist tendencies. I mean, I'd prefer that doctors have pretty high standards, especially if they are operating on me.

Even paying a bit of perfectionism from the people who repair my car. And I would love to find a perfect TV dinner that some perfectionist slaved to create.

But I know that a number of people carry the whole thing too far. And I know that lots of them end up miserable.

Someone once told me about a doctor who had defined "the migraine personality." Before any patient comes to see him about a headache, he always moves one chair in his office slightly askew. He insists that the person with migraines will invariably straighten it.

This might not be definitive diagnostic procedure, but I suspect the doctor is on the right track.

Sounds a lot like my fork in the restaurant story, Ouch.

Anyway, I'm glad my children taught me to tolerate dirt beneath I read "Murphy's Laws" on the subject.

"In order for something to become clean, something else must become dirty," according to one of the laws. That you can get everything dirty without getting anything clean."

Sounds pretty hopeless - if you're a perfectionist - which I guess I am not, really. Instead, I am a mom.

In the magazine article about the types of perfectionism, there was a quiz. If you agreed with certain statements, you were deemed a perfectionist.

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Young drivers, pricey wheels

More teens score their own cars, but safety fears lead some parents to balk

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - By the time 16-year-old Caroline Groom got her driver's license Oct. 3, she had spent a year deluging her father with e-mails about the makes and models of cars she'd like to have - including her dream vehicle, a Jeep Cherokee. At first, her father resisted, figuring he'd share his car with her and take Metro to work a couple of days a week from their home in Arlington, Va.

But after "a couple of bad fights," Caroline said, he gave in. "It was kind of a matter of wearing him down," she added. Caroline didn't get her Jeep, but two weeks ago, her father bought her a new silver Subaru Legacy.

Nearly every culture has a recognized "turning-point-between childhood and adulthood, when rules must be learned, tests passed, talismans awarded. In the United States, for the past half-century, the iconic rite of passage for a teenager has been this: You take your driver's test. You get your license. You slide behind the wheel and drive into the grown-up world.

In the past, the car in question usually belonged to Mom or Dad, but increasingly the teens-agers drive are their own. Even parents who hadn't planned to buy their children cars feel pressure to do so - not only from the "new drivers" in their households, but also from other parents and from their own busy schedules.

But a recent string of fatal traffic accidents in the area involving young drivers has strengthened some parents' resolve to delay giving a teen-ager the keys to the highway. Julie Sussman, of Centreville, Va., long ago decided that her son Chad, 15, will wait until he is 17 to apply for his learner's permit. She said she is baffled by parents who say to their child, "You're 15 1/2 - here are the keys to a car."

According to CNW Marketing Research, which tracks national purchasing trends, 41 percent of



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16- to 19-year-olds in the United States own cars, up from 23 percent in 1985. The percentage of parents who pay for those cars has also risen. In 1985, 19 percent of teen-agers' used cars were paid for by their parents. Today the figure is 40 percent.

One reason parents are willing to spend the money is safety, according to Art Spinella of CNW. If their child is going to have a car, they want it to have air bags and anti-lock brakes. Another reason, he believes, is indulgence.

"Baby boomers are trying as hard as they can to not so much be parents as be friends with their kids," he said. "That translates into buying them a car instead of letting them buy their own car. It translates into buying them a new vehicle instead

Reading and math lessons supplant playtime

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Chloe Hamrick sat cross-legged on the floor of her kindergarten classroom, hunched over a super-size edition of "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" On a sheet of paper labeled "blue," the 5-year-old carefully wrote her name, then studied the book for a blue-colored animal and found a horse. She put a place marker in the book and then moved on to "green."

Across the room, teacher Trish Fichtner worked with a handful of students who each held the little picture book "Pumpkin Grown" and were taking turns reading - all seven pages, with three words to a page. "A pumpkin seed," Krishna Kalanruth, 5, read aloud.

Soon it was time for singing, and the words went: "Four, six, six, seven-ty" ... up to 100, then back down again. Fichtner pointed to each number on a chart as the voices echoed.

Chloe and Krishna declared it all great fun, but that wasn't the real intention, said Susan Benenza, principal of McNair Elementary School in Herndon, Va. The schools' curriculum-called "integrated" because it allows children to explore knowledge in various subjects in connection to their environments-stresses early reading and math skills to prepare them for the rigors of life grade.

Once focused heavily on a child's social and emotional development, kindergarten is now a largely academic experience - sometimes with math drills and daily homework and worksheets. In many schools, time



At McNair Elementary in Herndon, Va., an exercise in matching pictures to sounds has Benton Stival, foreground, cutting out a picture and teacher Trish Fichtner helping Dalena Nguyen.

half-day programs giving way to full days in state after state, the curriculum once saved for first grade has been pushed down to 5- and 6-year-olds. Nearly 88 percent of youngsters in the United States attend kindergarten, 60 percent of them in full-day programs, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

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for music, art, recess and games has withered.

Kindergarten also has become a political battleground, as lawmakers, educators and parents argue over what should be taught.

"Kindergarten has changed drastically over the years from a 'get-used-to-school' type of experience for young children to one that is very academic," said Susan Catapano, assistant professor of teaching and learning at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. "A critical issue is what the child's experiences prior to

entering kindergarten were and how well-prepared they are to engage in the academic requirements of kindergarten today."

Ready or not, kids are expected to do more in kindergarten now than just a few years ago, and many educators say that makes sense in many ways.

For one thing, large numbers of children are starting kindergarten at older ages than in the past: the age of the typical child is 5 1/2, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. New brain research also shows that the very young can learn a lot, and children are coming to kindergarten more sophisticated than in the past as a result of exposure to media and more prevalent preschool, said Priscilla Wohlstetter of the Center on Educational Governance at the University of Southern California.

Those factors have come into play at a time when the country's educational establishment has emphasized teaching basic academic skills and accountability, causing such teachers as Stacy Gaddy to change their focus.

But many educators worry that too many children are no longer being allowed to be children.

What has been lost is much of the focus on socio-emotional development that provided the foundations in behavioral training for school and life," said Jill Fox, associate professor of teacher education at Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Education.

Though children are more savvy today than 20 years ago, their development patterns haven't changed fundamentally, educators say, and they need to be taught the same social skills - how to cooperate, for example - that their parents learned in kindergarten.



of getting them a used one and letting them do the work on it."

Not all families can afford cars for their children, and in dense urban areas with subways and limited parking, some teen-agers don't want them. But in affluent suburban areas where there is no bus line and bicycle riding is more hobby than transportation, it has become almost odd for a teen-ager not to have a car.

Many parents are steering a middle course, accessing in the car as a convenience for the family and using it as a way to teach responsibility. Gail Harrison, of Arlington, bought her 15-year-old son, Mike, a 2000 Honda Accord to get to increase and band practices. But he had to sign a contract with his parents pledging to drive no more than one passenger under age 18, which is the law in Virginia; to be home by curfew; and to keep his grades up.

"I won't go to sleep until he's home, but from a scheduling standpoint, it does make it easier," Harrison said.

Debra Youngberg, a Centreville mother, has hung a placard by the front door with a traveler's prayer she hopes her children read. She bought her 17-year-old son, Sean, a 2000 Nissan Altima, which he drives to high school with his 14-year-old sister.

"I watch my life go out the door every morning as they drive away," she said.

But some parents are resisting the trend - Long before 15 lives were claimed this fall in teen-ager driving accidents, Sussman decided that her son Chad, a high school freshman, will not get a license let alone a car - when he turns 16 next year.

He won't even drive until he turns 17 and becomes an Eagle Scout, his parents told him.

"Everyone I know who has a child who is driving has bought their child a car," Sussman said. "I don't judge them, but they all say to me, 'So you're going to be getting Chad a car?' and I say, 'No, we're not getting Chad a car.'"

Their reaction? Yeah, right. Sure.

"Why am I defending myself?" she asked. "This is crazy. I should be, the other way. I should be saying to them, 'Why are you letting them drive?'"

Tom Nathan, an Alexandria, Va., father.

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Fight kid obesity on home front

Eat meals together. In this hurry-up world, this is one of the best ways to teach (and model) smart eating habits and healthy menus. And it's better if the meal is consumed at the kitchen or dining room table.

With the television turned off. Plus, if you can make at least part of the meal yourself, you'll teach your children about cooking. If you're cooking and eating healthfully yourself, odds are higher that your children will be, too.

Weigh your child yearly. While you're at it, also have height measured. Doing so is a "critically important" indicator of health, the NAS committee noted. The task is best performed by a professional, such as your family doctor, who can also track your child's body mass index, which can be used to flag kids who are overweight or obese.

Let your kids help themselves in the kitchen. Penn State University research suggests that adults tend to dish out bigger serving sizes and then often expect kids to clean their plates. Both are bad ideas because they undermine a child's ability to develop normal cues for hunger and feeling full, the academy's report noted.

Reach a healthier weight yourself. Fact is, overweight parents are more likely to have overweight kids. By watching your weight, not only do you set a good example for your kids, but odds are you'll be healthier, too.

Source: Washington Post

FAMILY LIFE

SENIOR CALENDAR

WEDDING

Twin Falls Senior Center

530 Shoshone St. W. Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors...

Pool room open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading.

Monday: Pork chops; au gratin potatoes; spinach, fruit salad, bread, cake

Tuesday: Taco salad bar, tortilla, refried beans

Wednesday: Beef goulash, peas and carrots, green salad, bread, fruit

Thursday: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, salads, pumpkin pie

Friday: Tuna casserole with noodles, vegetables, salad, apple crisp

Activities: Tuesday: Quilting Monday: Quilting Tuesday: Ticket Tuesday Blood pressure

Wednesday: Quilting Elks Card Club Board Meeting Gem State Fiddlers

Thursday: Center pinocchle Thanksgiving Dinner Friday: Blood pressure Quilting

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl Menus: Today: Swiss steak dinner Monday: Ham and beans, green salad, corn bread, dessert, fruit

Tuesday: Beef stroganoff, green salad, green beans, bread, fruit left-O

Wednesday: Cook's choice Thursday: Pork chops, potatoes and gravy, green salad, carrots, bread, birthday cake and ice cream, fruit

Activities: Today: Buffet, 1 p.m. - Seniors, \$4, under age 60, \$4.50. Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m. Cards, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafts, 1-4 p.m. Bingo, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m. Farmer's Market, 5-7 p.m. TORS, 4 p.m. Leave jackpot at 10 p.m. Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Blood pressure check, 11:45 a.m. Birthday dinner, noon Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m. Saturday: Community breakfast, 8-10 a.m.

Filer-Senior Haven

222 Main St. Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals are available each mealtime.

Monday: Beef stew, tossed salad, corn bread, honey butter, fruit cobbler

Thursday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, green peas, carrot and raisin

Jerome Senior Center

212 11th Ave. E. All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.

Monday: Chicken enchiladas, au gratin potato, cauliflower, cookies, fruit

Tuesday: Biscuits, ribs, scalloped potatoes, winter blend, fruit, cinnamon rolls

Wednesday: Chili, green salad, Jell-O w/ fruit, doughnuts, cornbread

Thursday: Hot pork sandwich, potatoes, gravy, corn, green salad, custard

Friday: Turkey stuffing, potatoes, gravy, peas, cranberry salad, pumpkin pie

Activities: Monday: Aerobics, 11 a.m. Tuesday: Gem State Fiddlers, noon Pinocchle, 1 p.m. Snack bar, 6 p.m. Early bird, 6:45 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Aerobics, 11 a.m. Pinocchle, 7 p.m. Friday: Pinocchle, 1 p.m. Thanksgiving dinner

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly Menus: Monday: Lima beans and ham, tossed salad, rolls, cottage cheese, peaches, cookie

Tuesday: Meatloaf, potatoes, gravy, carrots, tossed salad, bread and butter, fruit cocktail

Friday: Turkey dressing, potatoes, gravy, peas, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, pumpkin pie

Activities: Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m. Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m. Friday: Birthday and Thanksgiving dinner, noon Foot clinic: \$6 fee, sign up Medication management clinic, 1-3 p.m. sign up, call Diana at 433-4338.

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave. All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors.

Monday: Baked ham, yams, corn, green salad, whole wheat roll, cookie

Tuesday: Barbecue ribs, fries, beans, applesauce Jell-O, pineapple upside down cake

Wednesday: Juice, beef stew, carrots, potatoes, fruit salad, cornbread, cinnamon rolls

Thursday: Baked chicken, potatoes and gravy, mixed veggies, frog eye salad, roll, pudding

Activities: Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Hearing clinic, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pool, 1 p.m. Bridge, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Massages, 10 a.m. Computer lessons, 12:45 p.m. Shwiltzard, 6 p.m. Thursday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. SIIIBA, 11 a.m. Blood pressure, 11 a.m. Fiddlers, 12:30 p.m. TORS, 4 p.m. Pinocchle, 7 p.m.

Hagerman Senior Center

140 E. Lake Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.

Monday: Pork ribs, sauerkraut, veggies, fruit, salad, bread, dessert

Wednesday: Baked chicken, potatoes, veggies, fruit, salad, rolls, dessert

Friday: Cook's choice, zucchini casserole, tuna sandwiches, salad, dessert

Silver and Gold Senior Center

Eden Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Tuesdays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

Tuesday: Creamed chicken, mashed potatoes, squash, fruit, cookies, bread

Thursday: Ham and beans, coltslaw, corn bread, apricots, dessert

Golden Years Senior Citizen, Inc.

218 N. Hall St. W., Shoshone Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Tuesday: Fried fish, tater tots, green salad, peas and carrots, dinner rolls, cream puffs

Wednesday: BLT's, fries, sliced cucumbers, carrot sticks, peach pie

Friday: Baked-Tom-turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed green salad, birthday cake, ice cream

Activities: Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10:30 to 3 p.m. Tuesday: Pinocchle, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m. Early-bird bingo, 6:30 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m. Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m. Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Friday: Pinocchle, 1 p.m.

Richfield Senior Center

Orange juice, milk and coffee served daily.

Monday: Chicken and noodles, peas and carrots, green salad, homemade rolls, cookies and applesauce

Thursday: Split pea soup, Belgian sandwich, coconut cream pie

Bialne County Senior Center

721-Third Ave. S., Halley Menus: Tuesday: Sweet and sour chicken w/ rice, egg rolls, Chinese veggies, anytime fruit salad, fortune cookie, lead sugar cookie

Wednesday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, garlic cheese bread, center cut ribs, tossed green salad, chilled apricots and pineapple, fudge brownies

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492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glens Ferry Meals served at noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. \$5 for non-seniors under 60, and \$10 for children under 12.

Monday: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed veggies, bread

Tuesday: Roast beef and gravy, potatoes, Scandinavian mixed veggies, cookie, bread

Thursday: Thanksgiving dinner, roast turkey and dressing, potatoes and gravy, peas, cranberry sauce, pumpkin dessert, bread

Activities: Thursday: Business meeting, 12:30 p.m. Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m. Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30-10 a.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9 - 2 on most days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 are \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.

Tuesday: Vegetable soup, sandwiches, Jell-O w/ fruit, dessert

Wednesday: Shepherd's pie, tossed salad, fruit, cookies

Friday: Traditional turkey dinner

Activities: Thursday: Art class Make candy, 9 a.m. Friday: Birthday party

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

702 11th St., Rupert Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Monday: Assorted salad, parmesan chicken, noodles, broccoli, rolls, ice cream

Tuesday: Tossed salad, cream peas-and-potatoes, fish, Texas toast, apple crisp

Wednesday: Birthday and anniversary dinner

Thursday: Taco salad w/ corn chips, sugarillas

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley Menus: Monday: Cheeseburger casserole, peas and carrots, bread, fruit, mealy, cookies

Tuesday: Rib sandwiches, potatoes soup, applesauce, mocha bars

Wednesday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, sugar snap peas, roll, salad, applesauce cake

Thursday: Chicken enchiladas, baked potatoes, corn, Jell-O, peach pie

Friday: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, beans, rolls, Jell-O salad, coconut cream pie

Activities: Monday: All-play pool, 10 a.m. Pinocchle, 1 p.m. Tuesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m. Computer class, 1 p.m. Woodcarving class, 8:30 a.m. Community bingo, 7 p.m. Wednesday: All-play pool, 10 a.m. Pinocchle, 1 p.m. Thursday: All-play pool, 10 a.m.

Organ lessons - Night pinocchle, 7 p.m. Friday: All-play pool, 10 a.m. Pinocchle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m. Gift certificate house enter, 4-7 p.m. judging, 7:30 p.m. Saturday: Public can view fingerread houses, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PIERSON-HEPWORTH



Shawn and Lindsey Hepworth BURLEY - Lindsey Marie Pierson and Shawn Dalton Hepworth were married Nov. 6 in the Idaho Falls Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Lloyd and Gail Pierson of Idaho Falls. She graduated from Bonneville High School and attended Idaho State University.

The bridegroom is the son of Steve and Lodi Hepworth of Burley and Ardith Dalton of Billings, Mont. He graduated from Burley High School and later served a mission for the LDS Church in the Nebraska Omaha Mission. He is currently working on his family's farm in Burley.

The couple will reside in Oakley.

An open house to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at the Burley Institute Building on Parke Avenue.

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FAMILY LIFE

ENGAGEMENTS

DEAN-CARPENTER

BUHL - Lori Mortensen of Buhl announces the engagement of her daughter, Anne Marie Dean, to Thamer James Carpenter, son of Charles and Donna Carpenter of Gooding. Dean is a graduate of Buhl High School. She is employed at

D&B Supply in Twin Falls. Carpenter is a graduate of Gooding High School. He is employed at Commercial Tire in Gooding. The wedding is planned for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the Gooding Christian Church. A reception will be held at 4:30 p.m., Nov. 17 at The Ballroom in Twin Falls.

OBORN-ANDERSON

PAUL - John and Terri Oborn of Chubbuck announce the engagement of their daughter, Tessa Marie Oborn, to Dillon Cade Anderson, son of Cliff and Kaylee Anderson of Paul.

Oborn is a 2002 graduate of Highland High School. She is currently attending Idaho State University, where she will major in psychology.

Anderson is a 2000 graduate of Minico High School. He served an LDS mission in Tucson, Ariz. He is currently attending ISU and will graduate in December with an associate's degree in electro-mechanical drafting and design. He is employed at Ballard Medical in Pocatello.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Nov. 19, in the Idaho Falls



Dillon Anderson and Tessa Oborn LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at the LDS Church, 4774 Hawthorn Road, Chubbuck. An open house will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis, Paul. The couple will reside in Pocatello.

NELSON-BINGHAM

HEROME - Tim and James Nelson of Pinedale, Wyo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Mardy Marie Nelson, to Trent Robert Bingham, son of Robert and Hene Bingham of Jerome.

Nelson is a graduate of Utah College of Massage Therapy in Salt Lake City, Utah. She is self-employed at a private massage practice. Bingham is a graduate of Jerome High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho, majoring in business. He served an LDS mission to Indianapolis, Ind. He is employed at PetSmart in Twin Falls.



Mardy Nelson and Trent Bingham The wedding is planned for Friday, Nov. 14, in the Bountiful LDS Temple in Bountiful, Utah. A reception will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Jerome LDS Church, 825 E. Ave. B.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE CRYSTALS

HEYBURN - Mr. and Mrs. J. Reed Crystal of Heyburn will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday, Nov. 20. Crystal and Roba Jardine were married Nov. 20, 1944. The family is compiling a memory book for them. Anyone wishing to send a card or letter to be included in the book can send it to 419 S. 700 W., Heyburn, ID 83336.

The couple has lived in the Mini-Cassia area for the past 50 years. They farmed north of Paul for 26 years and then moved to Buhl, where they farmed for 10 years. In 1950, the couple served an LDS mission in Seattle, Wash. Their children include Bill (Sylvia) Crystal of Burley, Janet (Ken) Blacker of Rupert, Dave Crystal of Rupert, John (Colleen) Crystal of Rexburg, Scott (Perrin) Crystal of Paul and the late Dixie Crystal. They have 26 grandchildren



Reed and Roba Crystal



and 32 great-grandchildren, with five more on the way.

THE GUERRYS

CASTLEFORD - Marlene and Maurice Guerry recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married Oct. 24, 1958, in Lewiston. They have lived in the Castleford and Three Creek area all their married life.

Their three children hosted a weekend party for relatives from north and south Idaho. Guest of honor was their aunt, Lucy Echevarria, of Elko. New Five grandchildren and two step-grandchildren were present.

Following the celebration, the couple enjoyed a cruise tour to Alaska.



Marlene and Maurice Guerry

Ditch the kids' menu

Fat becomes a burning issue at family restaurants.

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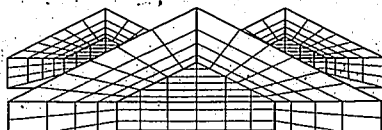
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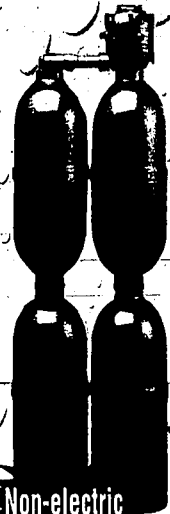
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COMMUNITY

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9-11 survivor helps raise funds

Group hosted benefit for guide dogs

TWIN FALLS — The Tomorrow's Leaders' 4-H Guide Dog Puppy Raisers of Southern Idaho hosted a benefit recently for Guide Dogs for the Blind Inc. featuring Sept. 11 World Trade Center survivors Michael Hingson and guide dog, Roselle.

The event raised almost \$4,000, the organization reported. Part of the proceeds went to Guide Dogs for the Blind to purchase a tonometer measure the pressure inside of the eye for its Oregon campus veterinary clinic, and the rest of the proceeds stayed locally to help young people and adults who volunteer their time and resources to raise the special pups to become guide dogs.

For more information on guide dog puppy raising in Jerome, Twin Falls, and Gooding counties, call 324-8283.



Sept. 11 World Trade Center survivors Michael Hingson and guide dog, Roselle, were featured at a recent fund-raiser. Those pictured with guide dogs are, from left, front row: Denise Ervin, Dan Ervin, Austin Day, Danielle Ervin and Tustin; Hingson and Roselle; Stephanie Palne and Elke; Josiah Palne and Silas Thompson with Dasha; back row: Renee Thompson, Alex Kraal, Debi Kraal, Laurie Day, Jim Babcock, Giliff Palne, MaryBeth Palne and Joan Palne.

STORK REPORT

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Lauryn Rice, daughter of David and Heidi Rice of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2004.

Jenessa Marie Esquivel, daughter of Laura Nicole Pardez of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004.

Shoshanna Sue Randall, daughter of Regina Marie and Kevin Lee Randall of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004.

Cody Van Price, son of Tara and Lawrence Nathan Price of Gooding, was born Thursday, Nov. 4, 2004.

Schuyler Mitch Mower, son of Elizabeth Ann and Jamey John Mower of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Nov. 4, 2004.

Sierra, Kate Infanger, daughter of Regina Lynn Freed and John Ray Infanger of Gooding, was born Friday, Nov. 5, 2004.

Keaton Logan Walock, son of Karl Lee and Daniel Lee

Walock of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Nov. 5, 2004.

Abigail Marie Olsen, daughter of Sarah Lynn and Grant Traylor Olsen of Jerome, was born Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Mique Gabral McCallister, son of Chad and Michelle McCallister of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Oct. 25, 2004.

Zachary Jonathan Woodward, son of David and Kassandra Woodward of Wendell, was born Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004.

Arhin Guadalupe Mora Arzanga, daughter of Raul and Juana Mora of Paul, was born Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004.

Aric Romero, son of Armando Romero and Deborah Torvan of Shoshone, was born Thursday, Nov. 4, 2004.

After-school program provides enrichment

CASTLEFORD — Castleford children have more to do than homework after school. They also are enjoying activities ranging from arts to computers at the Lights on After School Program held every Tuesday in the Castleford School cafeteria.

The \$15-sponsored program is held from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m., reported Teresa Tverdy with the University of Idaho Extension Service office in Twin Falls. Because of a grant this ongoing program is free, and open to children.

The program is for students ages kindergarten through high school, with some middle school and high school students acting as mentors. The activities are led by 4-H program assistants with help from extension educators.

Activities will include arts, crafts, computers, healthy eating and model rocketry. One of an Oct. 14 program, about 45 students and parents made scarves and hats out of fleece. Each child made a hat and scarf for themselves, but then made at least one more set for distribution to needy children.

Healthy snacks are also provided. For more information, call the Twin Falls County Extension office at 734-9590 or Castleford School at 537-6511.



Top, Brittney Irving and Shandi Bell make scarves and hats at the 4-H Lights on After School Program in Castleford sponsored by the University of Idaho Extension Service. Above, Antonio Corla and Tyler Draper enjoy the activity at the after-school program.

CHURNING CHANGE



Students in Maren Knopp's kindergarten class at St. Nicholas School in Rupert made butter from whipping cream as part of a week-long series of learning activities about things that change. They were also learning about the color yellow and the children were encouraged to wear yellow for the activity.

Twin Falls Co. youngsters earn 4-H ribbons

Bareback Equitation Class 64, 15-16 Macie Larray (45), Blue, 1st Place Amanda Russell (64), Blue, 2nd Place

Bareback Equitation Class 65 Age 14 Alley Carlton (10), Red, 4th Place Meghan Egbert (21), Blue, 1st Place Amanda Hanchey (33), Blue, 2nd Place Kyle Roudenbush (61), Blue, 3rd Place

Bareback Equitation Class 66 Age 13 Taylor Kirkdoffer (43), Blue, 1st Place Ricka Wiggins (63), Blue, 2nd Place

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Bareback Equitation Class 64, 15-16 Andrea Tomlinson (73), Blue, 3rd Place

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Symphony features music from UI professor

TWIN FALLS — The upcoming Twin Falls centennial celebration symphony concert will feature an original music composition by University of Idaho music professor Dan Bukwich.

The concert will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium, 315 Falls Ave. E.

UI alumnus Ted Hadley will conduct the Magie Valley Symphony. An event honoring Bukwich and Hadley will precede the concert.

The symphony event is part of the city's centennial celebration with its theme "100 Years of Music." Tickets are \$7 each. The event is open to the public. For information, call University Communications and Marketing at 885-6291.

Local store shares new ideas for Thanksgiving

TWIN FALLS — Rudy's is offering two cooking courses this month.

"Thanksgiving" at Mortimer's will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Rudy's, 147 Main Ave. W. The cost is \$40.

The menu includes Florentine turkey roulade; tomato and sage gratin; spaghetti squash with ginger, orange and squash; dried cranberry and hazelnut gratin; red potato

roesti; and pumpkin cheese-cake tart.

Chef Jon Mortimer is the chef and owner of Mortimer's, chef of B.B. Strands restaurants in Boise and author of "The Idaho Table" cookbook.

"Cajun Classics" will be held from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 30 at the store. The cost is \$35.

The menu includes roux basics; southern gumbo made with a deep chocolate roux with hocks, greens and okra; brown jambalaya with crawfish and andouille sausage; and coconut bread pudding.

Instructor Perry Washburn teaches Cajun cooking classes at Easy Cookin' Store in Boise.

For information, call 733-5477.

Kimberly Public Library adds books to shelves

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison W., has added several new books to its shelves.

Adult fiction: "Gunnar's Mine," "The Silver Yoke," "Lincoln County Crucible" and "Crisis on The Stinging Water" by Roland Cheek; "Big Sky Country" by Jon Johnston; "Northern Lights," "A Little Fate" and "Winner Takes All" by Nora Roberts; "On Thin Ice" by Cherry Adair; "Wife of Moon" by Margaret Coel; "A Faint in The Blood" by Dana Stabenow; "Peep of The Raven" by Kathleen O'Neal; "The Big Gamble"

by Michael McGrarity; "Nights of Rain" and "Stars" by Maeve Binchy; "Double Homicide" by Jonathan and Iyae Kellerman; "Are You Afraid?" by Sidney Sheldon; "Melancholy Baby" by Robert Parker; "The Dark Tower" by Stephen King; "Trace" by Patricia Cornwell; "Dance With Me" by LuAnne Rice; "Blind Alley" by Iris Johansen; "Obsidian Butterfly" by Laurell K. Hamilton; and "Perfect Match" by Jodi Picoult.

Christian fiction: "Deadly Aim" and "Dying To Kill" by Patricia H. Rushford; "The Innocent Libertine" by T. Davis and Isabella Bunn; "The Prodigal" by Beverly Lewis; "The Other Side of Jordan" and "Promiseland" by Daven Miller; "Secrets" by Kristen Heitzmann; "River's Edge" by Terri Blackstock; "The Spider Catcher" by Gilbert Morris; and "Reunion" by Karen Kingsbury.

For information, call 423-4556.

Minidoka County Senior Center presents potluck

RUPERT — The Minidoka County Senior Center and Heritage Museum is having its annual potluck at 6 p.m. Thursday at the center, 702 11th St.

Organizers will provide the turkey and ham; guests are to bring a side dish, salad or dessert. For information, call 436-9107.

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Magic Valley scrapbooks



Members of the Clover Trinity Band of Clover City pose prior to 1925.

Photo courtesy of BETTY JO JONES of Eden



Jay Hill, a blind man, plays the organ in Twin Falls in 1935. Hill was a well-known musician and a radio celebrity, says friend James Leo of Twin Falls.

Photo courtesy of JAMES LEO of Twin Falls



Photo courtesy of KERRY DOGGETT of Twin Falls

The Oklahoma Hillbillies are pictured in 1939 in front of the Radioland Ballroom and the KTFI radio station in Twin Falls. In back from left are Roy Tadlock, bass fiddle; Audie Johnson, guitar; Orville Doggett, violin; and John Stone, accordion. In front from left are Elaine "Dolly" Anderson, piano; and singer Bonnie Doggett. The group played around Magic Valley from about 1938 until 1942, says Jerry Doggett, son of Orville. In 1939 they auditioned and were hired to play on KTFI and at the Radioland Ballroom. After the band's 5 to 6 p.m. radio program, the musicians would gather outside for fans to take pictures. They would broadcast from the ballroom from 9 to 10 p.m. The Oklahoma Hillbillies received fan mail from Canada, Montana and California as well as Idaho, and from Civilian Conservation Corps camps. "People relieved tension and loved to dance and listen to the radio," Jerry says. "Men in CCC camps also loved this music as they were away from their homes."

This week, the Magic Valley Symphony plans a centennial concert celebrating both Twin Falls history and the Magic Valley musicians who enlivened the city's first century.

The concert - scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday in the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium - will be a tribute to the musicians who staged community productions, published compositions, educated young musicians and launched long-running ensembles throughout the years.

We wanted to help set the stage. So today we present a selection of our readers' old photographs of a few of the many local performers who brought music to homes, schools, churches, dances and radio listeners in years past.

In fledgling desert towns, folks who wanted music often had to make their own.

-Virginia S. Hutchins



Photo courtesy of PATRICIA COXWELL of Twin Falls

The musicians of Cliff Goddard's Reno Racketeers, billed as a "Western barn dance orchestra," play at the Radio Rodeo in Twin Falls in 1934. "Dancing at the Rodeo was the thing to do on a Friday or Saturday night," says Patricia Coxwell of Twin Falls, whose parents courted at the dances there. "Sometimes the programs were broadcast live from the Rodeo over KTFI." Coxwell identifies these musicians. In back from left, as Cliff Goddard, Valma Goddard, Bob Rayle of Twin Falls; Paul Rayle-of-Twin-Falls-and-Sparky-Hollen-of-Twin-Falls; in front are Jack Horton, Bert Goddard and Austin Durfee of Buhl. Several of the musicians were from Reno, Nev.

Alice Brown Rudolph, left, Vera Brown Conover, at front center, and Hazel Glasgow Horling, right, enjoy a musical session in a Maroa home in 1916. The woman at back center is unidentified. "This piano stayed in the family," says Annabel Frazier of Twin Falls, daughter of Alice. Annabel says she tried to accompany her dad, Fred Rudolph, when he practiced his singing. Later, Nancy Frazier, Annabel's daughter, took lessons on this piano.

Photo courtesy of ANNABEL R. FRAZIER of Twin Falls



1939 Program

Twin Falls Community Symphony Orchestra
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Photo courtesy of CLARE THEENER of Her

This is the front page of the 1939 program for a Twin Falls Community Symphony Orchestra concert. The program featured pieces by composers Boltdieu, Tschalkowsky, Beethoven, Strauss, Bizet, Schubert and Sibellius - played by 60 musicians from throughout Magic Valley - as well as a speaker and a dedication address.

Communities gather their best

"Every small town and village as well as the larger towns in southern Idaho supported their various school districts' music curricula. Marching bands, pep bands, concert bands, orchestras, male and female glee clubs, as well as small groups who performed, were the norm and not the exception."

Between 1938 and 1940, music teachers in those towns sent some of their best young musicians to take part in the Twin Falls Community Symphony Orchestra.

The rehearsals were held at Kimberly High School. "The music teachers of the high schools in the area invited the students considered capable enough to read and perform the music. The teachers, themselves, performed, as did private music teachers and other adults in the various communities of southern Idaho."

"I was a Buhl High School junior when

the orchestra was started. I shall never forget the magic of the sounds of the instruments being tuned when we entered the auditorium to rehearse. Hearing passages of music, e.g., "Finlandia," for the first time, was an incredible experience for everyone. It wasn't like our high school music!

"We presented one concert each year under the direction of Bert Christmann, band director, Kimberly, and Richard R. Smith, associate conductor. Smith was Twin Falls High School orchestra director as well as directing the overall orchestra program in the Twin Falls schools. ... "I was a second violinist at that time."

- Claire Theener of Filer, in a note to The Times-News (Theener also played in the Magic Valley Symphony in 1939, when it was organized with Richard Smith as conductor.)