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## GOOD MORNING

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Today:  
Some morning fog, then partly cloudy.  
Tonight, patchy fog. High of 50, low of 27.

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## MILLIONAIRE MONEY INSIDE!



TODAY'S FEATURED AMOUNT: 20,000

# General praises assault

## Commander says troops 'went all the way' in Fallujah

The Associated Press

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — In April, 2,000 Marines fought for three weeks and failed to take Fallujah from its insurgent defenders. This time, war planners sent six times the troops, who fought their way across the rebel city in just six days — far more quickly than expected, the Marine general who designed the ground attack said Sunday.

"We had the green light this time and we went all the way," Maj. Gen. Richard Natonski told The Associated Press.

Natonski said he and other planners took lessons from the failed three-week U.S. assault on the city in April, which was called off by the Bush administration after a worldwide outcry over civilian deaths.



A member of Charlie Company of the First Marine Battalion, Eighth Regiment, helps remove enemy ordnance found in a house in Fallujah, Iraq, Sunday.

This time the military used swarms of aircraft — more than 20 types — that pounded the city before and during the assault. Troops also faced attacks before the assault to confuse enemy fighters.

"Maybe we learned from April," Natonski said. "We learned we can't do it piecemeal. When we go in, we go all the way through."

# U.S. looks ahead to city's reconstruction

Los Angeles Times

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Even as small groups of guerrillas continued putting up fierce resistance here Sunday, U.S. commanders were preparing for the next phase of the operation: the complete reconstruction of a city that has been devastated in battle.

"It's a monumental task," conceded Marine Maj. Timothy Hanson, one of the first civil affairs officers on the

scene to assess the scope of destruction in the city that had become the tactical and inspirational capital of the Iraqi insurgency.

Reconstruction of Fallujah is on hold as the fighting persists, especially in southern areas of the city, where some of the most die-hard guerrillas are reported to be making a last stand. Some have burrowed underground.

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Natonski described the first six days of ground war as a "flawless execution of the plan. We drew up. We are actually ahead of schedule."

As quick as the assault was, perhaps thousands were killed and maimed, most of them

Iraqi guerrillas. Natonski put the toll of defenders killed at more than 1,200.

A military statement Sunday said that 58 U.S. troops had been killed and 275 wounded so far in the operation.

## UNTIL NEXT TIME



CORY MEYER/The Times-News

Steve Paskins of Sandy, Utah, exits stage left after performing with his wife, Rhondalee, at the Ninth Annual Mini-Cassia Snake River Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering at the Wilson Theater in Rupert Saturday.

# Death penalty rate sinks to 30-year low

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of people sentenced to death reached a 30-year low in 2003, when the death row population fell for the third year in a row, the government reported Sunday.

Last year, 144 inmates in 25 states were given the death penalty, 24 fewer than in 2002 and less than half the average of 297 between 1994 and 2000, according to the Justice Department.

Death penalty opponents say the report shows how wary the public is of executions, heightened by concerns about whether the punishment is administered fairly and publicly

about those wrongly convicted. Illinois emptied its death row in 2003 after several inmates were found to be innocent.

"What we're seeing is hesitation on the death penalty, skepticism, reluctance," said Richard Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center. "I do think there is some concern about the death penalty and it's reflected in the death sentences from juries."

Opponents also point to other possible reasons, including continuing fallout from Supreme Court decisions requiring that juries be told that life in prison without parole is an alternative to death.

Dieter said 47 states now offer a life-without-parole sentence

as an option for at least some convictions, compared with 30 in 1993.

Supporters doubt the decline signifies a major shift in public opinion about the death penalty, which is in effect in 38 states and the federal justice system.

"I don't think the numbers mean a lot quite frankly," said Dianne Clements, president of the victims advocacy group Justice For All. "I don't think it means a change in death penalty attitudes. I think it means the numbers change."

At the end of last year, 3,374 prisoners awaited execution, 188 fewer than in 2002, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Illinois accounted for 91 percent of the decline; the result

of then-Gov. George Ryan's decision to commute the death sentences of 167 inmates to life in prison and to pardon four others.

Nationally, 267 people were removed from death row last year. That was the largest drop since 1976, when the Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty, according to the report by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Last year, 65 people, all men, were executed. Texas again was the leader, with 24, followed by Oklahoma with 14 and North Carolina with 7. No other state had more than three.

All but one of those men were killed by lethal injection. The other was electrocuted.

# R&B singer Usher wins big at American Music Awards

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — R&B sensation Usher won all his show-leading four nominations at the American Music Awards on Sunday, and rap funksters OutKast won three-for-three during a performance-studded, occasionally censored broadcast ceremony.

"This one is actually, for my hometown," Usher said as he picked up his third award of the night, for "Confessions" as best pop-rock album. "If they didn't raise me right, I wouldn't have been able to develop into the artist that I am."

Usher also won for favorite male soul-R&B artist, best pop-rock artist and best soul-R&B album for "Confessions," which sold more than 1 million copies in its debut week.

American Music Award winners	Rap-Hip-Hop
<b>Pop-Rock:</b> Male Artist: Usher. Female Artist: Sheryl Crow. Band, Duo or Group: OutKast. Album: "Confessions," Usher.	Male Artist: Jay-Z. Band, Duo or Group: OutKast. Album: "Speakerboxx/The Love Below," OutKast.
<b>Soul-R&amp;B:</b> Male Artist: Usher. Female Artist: Alicia Keys. Album: "Confessions," Usher.	<b>Adult Contemporary:</b> Artist: Sheryl Crow. Latin Music: Artist: Marc Anthony.
<b>Country:</b> Male Artist: Toby Keith. Female Artist: Reba McEntire. Band, Duo or Group: Brooks & Dunn. Album: "Shock 'n' Roll," Toby Keith.	<b>Alternative Music:</b> Artist: Linkin Park. <b>Contemporary Inspirational:</b> Artist: MercyMe.
<b>OutKast, the Grammy winners whose album "Speakerboxx-The Love Below"</b>	<b>Breakthrough:</b> New Artist: Gretchen Wilson. Award of Merit: Bon Jovi <b>T-Mobile Text-In Award</b> (voted by public): Kenny Chesney.



Usher accepts the award for favorite album-pop or rock for his "Confessions," at the 32nd annual American Music Awards, Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.



# Woman files lawsuit against Cuba, Castro

**Knight Ridder News Service**

MIAMI — Janet Ray Weininger was only 6 when her father — plotting a CIA plane during the Bay of Pigs invasion — was shot down and killed on April 19, 1961.

Thomas "Pete" Ray's body was frozen and kept in a Havana morgue for 18 years before it was shipped home to his family.

This week, Ray Weininger, of Palmetto Bay, Fla., is hoping to win "justice" for her father. A trial begins today in Miami-Dade

County in a wrongful-death lawsuit she filed against Cuban President Fidel Castro, his brother Raul and the Republic of Cuba.

"I think Fidel Castro has to answer," Ray Weininger said. "My father was never given the opportunity to go into a court of law. I've given the Cuban government and Fidel Castro and Raul the opportunity to come into a court of law. I just want to meet on an equal playing field."

Avenge her father's death

has been a personal mission for Ray Weininger, who says in court papers that instead of dressing up in her mother's clothes as a young child, she would ride her daddy's B-17 gear.

"To me he was my world. We always had a very special bond and when he left on this mission and the day my mom told me he wouldn't be coming back, my world imploded."

Ray's plane was heavily damaged during the invasion, but he survived the crash landing, the

suit says. "His plane went down near Fidel Castro's headquarters. He made it out of the plane alive, was injured in a gun battle and then executed at point blank range."

The court complaint says that as Ray was being treated by Cuban doctors for his initial wounds, the army carried out the orders of the Castro brothers and killed Ray with a single shot to his right temple.

"Unknown to us, he was kept and his body was desecrated for

18 years," Ray Weininger said. "The body was kicked, spit on and displayed for political purposes over that period, the suit says."

Notified of his death, the family was told only that he had died in the Caribbean Sea, with no other details.

Ray Weininger began her search for information as a child, researching the Bay of Pigs in the library — and writing — letters monthly to Fidel Castro. He never answered. But in

1978, he admitted that he had the body of an American pilot killed in the 1961 invasion.

In December 1979, after the remains had been identified through dental records as those of Thomas Willard Ray, they were shipped home to the United States.

An autopsy report upon the body's return to the United States said the cause of death was shock and hemorrhage as a result of multiple gunshot wounds.

## NOT FOR THE BIRDS

A Siamese cat takes advantage of a bird bath for a drink on Sunday, outside of the Center for Art and Education in Van Buren, Ark.



## Cheney plans to be at work today, says wife

**Los Angeles Times**

WASHINGTON — When you get a cold, the usual doctor's orders are to get plenty of rest and drink plenty of fluids.

And that's just what Vice President Dick Cheney was doing — kind of taking the day easy — his wife, Lynne, said Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition."

Vice President Cheney, 63, complained of shortness of breath Saturday after returning to Washington from a hunting trip to South Dakota. Because of his history of heart disease — he has had four heart attacks and has an implanted defibrillator to control any episodes of irregular heartbeat — his doctors sent him to George Washington University Hospital for tests.

What they found, Lynne Cheney said, was that her husband had "a bad cold," which she said was passed around her family during the campaign. "Lots of people get sick on the campaign plane," she said. "Our whole family had a pretty bad cough ... (but) Dick didn't get it until after the campaign was over."

While Cheney is, according to his wife, "doing everything you're supposed to be doing when you have a cold," there's one part of most doctors' advice that he's apparently ignoring.

To avoid spreading germs, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that employees stay home when they are sick.

But like many Americans with sniffles and coughs, the vice president is going to "go to work tomorrow," Lynne Cheney said.

## Senators ask for enforcement of corporate whistle-blower law

**WASHINGTON (AP)**

Two senators who wrote a tough but little-understood law to protect corporate whistle-blowers are pressing the Securities and Exchange Commission for aggressive enforcement just as a case emerges that could determine how companies are policed.

Spurred by scandals at Enron, WorldCom and other large corporations, Congress passed the Sarbanes-Oxley Act in 2002. The law required chief executives to swear that their company's books are accurate. But it also gave corporate whistle-blowers more protection than any previous federal law has extended to insiders who report wrongdoing.

Sens. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who wrote the whistle-blower section, said they wanted to

change a corporate culture that "valued profit over honesty."

In addition to making it easier and safer to report corporate misdeeds, the law also:

- requires corporate lawyers to report any misconduct they observe.

- exposes executives and companies that punish whistle-blowers to civil lawsuits under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

- provides the first criminal penalties — up to 20 years in prison and \$5 million in fines — for firing a whistle-blower in retaliation.

"Congress noticed there was a whistle-blower in most major scandals, like Sherron Watkins at Enron and Cynthia Cooper at WorldCom," said Stephen M. Kohn, a director of the National Whistleblower Center.

## New Jersey lawmaker takes governor oath of office

**WEST ORANGE, N.J. (AP)**

State Senate President Richard Codey on Sunday took the oath of office as New Jersey's acting governor, a role he will assume Tuesday after Gov. James E. McGreevey's resignation becomes official.

The transfer of power is a transition period that began with McGreevey's disclosure in August that he would resign because of a gay sex scandal.

Codey, 57, a Democrat, opted for a private swearing-in ceremony in deference to the circumstances of McGreevey's departure, aides said. The event at his West Orange home was closed to the public and the news media, except for an Associated Press photographer.

"I'm looking forward to governing and bringing back calm, peace and a sense of harmony to the state of New Jersey," Codey said minutes after the brief ceremony.

He was sworn in by state Senate Minority Leader Leonard Lance, a Republican from Hunterdon County. Besides a few staff members and state police security, the only other people at the ceremony were Codey's wife, Mary Jo, their two sons and Monsignor Michael Kelly of Seton Hall Prep.

McGreevey's announcement that he had an extramarital affair with a man and would resign threw the state's executive branch into turmoil and put Codey in line to assume the governor's job with 14 months left in McGreevey's term.

Because New Jersey is one of eight states without the position of lieutenant governor, Codey will wield the clout of both governor and Senate leader for a time, filling the governor's term that ends in January 2006.

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# SCHOOL DAYS

Community Editor: Pat Marantonio - 735-3288

## Students learn about Basque culture

By Sandra Wisecaver  
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — Castleford fourth- and fifth-graders learned about the Basque culture through dance.

"It's just for fun," instructor Linda Barinaga-Williams said. "To catch the spirit of the dances you don't have to be Basque. It's for everyone."

Barinaga-Williams, a former Castleford resident, was invited by music instructor Carolyn Kohrtopp to Castleford School to teach students native Basque dances that will be performed later this year.

Barinaga-Williams has been a resident of Boise for the past 18 years.

She serves as director for Boise's Ko Gizelek, a group of 150 dancers between the ages of 4 and 14, who meet every Tuesday between October and Easter.

"Basque dances are one of my favorites," student Elle Bliek said. "It's lots of fun."

"It's to preserve the culture so they will be able to pass it to their children and know there are distinct things in each culture that are fun to preserve."



Fourth- and fifth-grade Castleford students learn native Basque dances under the direction of special guest instructor, Linda Barinaga-Williams. From left are Shelby Wheeler, Barinaga, Jessa Ayala, Julie Holton and Daniel Peralta.

Barinaga-Williams said, "Idaho has a strong Basque heritage. It's good for students to know the distinct ethnic groups in the state."

Idaho's largest Basque festival in the United States, will be hosted by Boise in 2005.

The event is all-volunteer and held once every five years. It will be held the last week in July.

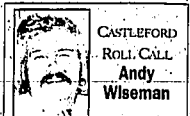
## Parents can contact teachers this month

All parents are reminded that we have set up November as a time to request that each parent contact at least one teacher about classroom activities.

Today, we will hand out grade reports for the first three weeks of this second-grading period. The grade reports are the second nine-week scope and sequences should be a place to start the discussion. Also today, Chris Bell, an Idaho Power Co. classroom representative, will present power-related topics to all students in grades two to six.

I would like to remind our sport fans that the junior high girls basketball team has a 2-0 record and will play at home again on Wednesday. Also this week, our high school girls' team has its first game at Camas on Thursday.

Connie Kinyon, the Family, Career and Community Leadership of America adviser will take a delegation to the FCCLA regional school cluster in Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 19-21. Mrs. Kinyon



feels that this cluster is a great leadership activity, and they get many ideas for activities for our local FCCLA chapter.

All our staff recently completed a two-day in-service Nov. 8-9, entitled "Step Up to Writing," presented by Nellia Solberg, a Sorris West representative. Our staff has already implemented several of the training ideas into their curriculum. We all feel this strengthens our writing curriculum, and provides a usable format that students can understand and use in all writing activities in all classes.

Andy Wiseman is Castleford School principal.

## SPORTS FORCE



The Minico Spartan Dance Force sponsored the "Spartan Sportsweek Spectacular" in the Minico High School gym for students, staff, families and community members. It was an opportunity to introduce coaches, advisers, athletic groups and clubs for the 2004-05 school year. New uniforms were modeled and raffle prizes awarded. Entertainment was provided by the Dance Force. This event served as a 2004-05 social gathering and a fundraising project for the dance team, which will represent Idaho and the Mini-Casta area at the Toyota Gator Bowl parade and half-time show Jan. 2, 2005, in Jacksonville, Fla.

## MVHS celebrates student graduations

Three amazing students are the subject of this week's Magic Valley High School Moments.

On Sept. 10, the first two graduates of the year walked down the hallway in a mid-morning celebration, and Jyska Dawson was highlighted as the featured artist of the art class.

Joshua Vaughter and September Casper reached the first of their academic goals when they donated a cap and gown and received their certificate of completion from Magic Valley High School. They took a few moments to address the student body and staff, advising students to focus on achieving

### MVHS MOMENTS

Jennifer Miller

their goals and thanked the teachers. Both students will return for the end-of-the-year ceremony to receive their actual graduation diplomas. The staff and students wish them the very best.

Dawson dominated the end hallway with many examples of her artistic talent.

She favors pointillism—a combination of dots forming a picture—as her main means of expression and says she chooses



Joshua Vaughter September Casper

as subjects she considers "out of the ordinary, but possible" for her work.

She has been creating pieces since she was young, when her father sent her a drawing of a

unicorn and she re-created it many times.

She cites Iranian artist Sam Ghahchi as a major influence, and credits her grandmother Dana Jasper for supporting her blossoming talent.

Dawson plans to attend an art school after graduation, and is a past winner of artistic talent searches.

Coming soon to MVHS: National Mix It Up Day on Tuesday, a school dance on Friday, and a special guest speaker.

Jennifer Miller is the English and speech teacher at Magic Valley High School in Twin Falls.

## Buhl students busy with their school work

Hello from Buhl High School. We have had a quiet couple of weeks with little going on except our school work. We are in the middle of semesters so people are winding down and preparing to start up again.

Our honor roll has been posted and congratulations to all who made it this quarter. We hope to see them all and more the next quarter and for the semester. Keep up the good



Alyssa Welch

work everyone.

Girls and boys basketball is just beginning. The girls have

had two weeks of practice and are gearing up to take on the American Falls Beavers this Wednesday. Our boys basketball had tryouts last week and begin their practices this week and as they get ready to participate in a jamboree in Castleford on Nov. 27.

Our student council has just returned from a conference in Boise and are hoping for great things to come. Also our

drama department is working on its next play.

Thank you to all the National Honor Society members for helping to serve at the Annual Rotary Centennial Dinner two weeks ago. Thank you also to the Ecology Club for picking up the highway this month. I have a wonderful week.

Alyssa Welch is Buhl High School student body president.

## Buhl school releases its first quarter honor roll

BUHL — Buhl Middle School has released its first quarter honor students.

**40-grade point average**  
Eighth grade: Kristina Gelever, Kristina Nye, Kristen Fabrewald, Stevia Hamilton, Kirsten March, Kurtas Kelly and Briana Castillo.

**Seventh grade**  
Landon Equilior, Chelsea Alway, Jackson Hamilton, Treasure Bowman, Dusty Benson, Kuba King, Emily Hansen, Elizabeth Tanner and Mercedes Pearson.

**Sixth grade**  
Christina Lewis, Cadee Lacey, Taylor Rite, Genesis Ortega and Tyler Condon.

**3.5-3.99 grade point average**  
Eighth grade: Nathan Romans, Tory Owen, Diana Garcia, Glenna Share, Samuel Smith, Katy Hulse, Gabriel Jacobson, Anataly Zherchenko, Brandon Rite, Autumn Yurbe, Aleigh Hutsacker, Bruno Loza, Ashley Kersey, Michelle Rathel, Destree Hepworth, Stephanie Serrano, Jenna Hutchinson, Jessica

DeKrug, Dede Pentinger and Katherine Busby.  
Seventh grade: Eduardo Gonzalez, Grady Carlton, Jessen White, Brandon Condon, Riley Cooper, Olivia Ford, Lucy Hall, Brianda Sanchez, Truce Hales, Jené Johnson, Alexis Verdugo, Cader Owen, Kelli Gabaudo, Isaac McCreey, Keith Thornbrow, Elizabeth Gomez, Juan Murillo, Joel Meiers, Cade Perron, Megan Smalley Kayilyn Luper, Jake Laker, Tashia Jacobson, Courtney Azevedo, Tonille Wuensch, Brian Schofield, Mollie Burnizer, Hunter Owens and Lionel Gonzalez.  
Sixth grade: Narissa Richardson, Alexander McClain, Hunter Littlefair, Brianna Heath, Cecilia Aguilar, Aron Pierce, Carla Avilar, Alyssa Sologna, Nicolas Castillo, Tegan Montgomery, Kimberly Laker, Kylie Harvey, Brody McClain, Miguel Garza, Jacob Morse, Francisco Jimenez, Levi Smith, Emily Pev, Blake Mabey, Wilfredo Lopez, Jessie Flinn, Zabrina Vandergriff, Paige

Ward, Raeh Mink, Emily Michael, Scott Harris, Tiffany Wisewich, Martin Loza, Erin Guley, Michael McDonald, Matthew Hamilton and Markus Lively.

**3.0-3.49 grade point average**  
Eighth grade: Hales Tolstokorova, Amanda Hill, Stepan Gelever, Kayla Admire, Kayla Neunmeyer, Tyler Montgomery, Robert Lysay, Ericka Howell, Karmon Timmons Soraida Cervantes, Heidi Hartwig, Jessica Dusey, Taylor Piper, Cayara Perez, Kelsey Clements, Ashley Huber, Alexander Peckham, Rbett Levitt, Eileen Pierce, Kspya Tracy, Elin Spencer, Terry Connie, Robert Beutenotte, Tessa Malby, Kearn Montgomery, Amy Allred, Garrett Montgomery, Renee Garza.

**Seventh grade**  
Joel Christensen, Calvin Driesel, Samantha Ort, James Martinez, Brooke Silva, Ted Deek, Bret Charlton, Joshua Cooper, Michayna Adkins, Paris Helton, Jose Mora, Jared Gifford, Kristijan Wagner, Armando Arroyo, Steven Lively, Brit-

ney Quintana, Blake Finney, Jessica Garcia, Maren Avellar, Bailee Montgomery, Eduardo Martinez, J.D. Pedroni, Shea Lane, Austin Jones, Zachary Henry, Francisco Serrano, Courtney Will, Katelynn Newell, Nelsia Haulbach, Joshua Cooper and Cody Koehn.

**Sixth grade**  
Leslie Hernandez, Jessica VanCasteren, Brady Owen, Kennide Pack, Evelyn Carrillo, Lucero Gonzalez, Joe Featherston, Jordan Puente, Osvaldo Rodriguez, Danielle Williams, Gino Villareal, Fern Yuna, Sarabia, Nolben Zamudio, Kelli Huelschman, Sandra Garbaldi, Brooke Fairchild, Jordan Rafter, Robert Garza, Brandon Benkula, Arly Pentinger, Yesenia Nieto, Katherine Hunter, Julian Filgrenwald, Mark Montgomery, Gino Villareal, Fern Way, Ilay Parra, Ilneco Sanchez, Ehan Compton, Beau Hayes, Caley Gerdes, Kirby Hutchison, Sara Hartwick, Cairn Connee, Justin Gill, Brandon Clandini, Connor Jones, Benn Davidson and Jason Silva.

## TOP READERS



Oregon Trail Elementary School in Twin Falls announced winners of special editions of "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg. The students participated in a school-wide Polar Express Reading Challenge during October. Pictured are, from left, front row: Austin Thompson, first grade; Morgan Anderson, first grade; Alexa Saplen, second prize winner; Seandunn Blackburn, second grade; Tyler Newby, sixth grade; and Carmen Perez, grand prize; back row: Jasmine Martinez, third grade; and Edsel Garcia, fourth grade. Principal Ted Popplewell passed out the awards and prizes. Oregon Trail students read more than 3,000 books for the competition, reported Lora Skaug, reading specialist. For each book read, the National Education Association will donate \$1 for books to schools suffering from natural disasters and in need of replenishing library books.

## Wood River school announces winner

HAILEY — The Wood River Middle School recognized Tracy Wood as a student of the month.

The following students have also been recognized for their effort and achievement in academics, citizenship and positive attitude: Kylie Glanville, Nate Hall, Brooks Minford, Rocio Patlan, Aksel Slivicki, Chelsey Soulligny, Nic Turco and Logan Young.

## Wood River school offers parent's night out

HAILEY — The Wood River Middle School Student Cabinet is offering a Parent's Night Out. The students will provide free baby-sitting from 6-10 p.m. Friday at the school, 900 N. Second Ave., for children ages 3-10.

Activities including games, arts and crafts, treasure hunt, snacks, "Remote Control Madness," movies and more. Children will need to provide their own remote control vehicles to drive in the multipurpose room.

Donations will also be accepted for Nima Sherpa, a Blaine County student battling cancer.

For more information, call 788-3523.

## Bliss BPA announces election winners

BLISS — The Bliss High School Business Professionals of America has announced its new officers.

Larry Freeman is president, Lacy Wood is vice president, Tawny Peavler is secretary, Jackson Burk is treasurer and Stormy Ivey is historian. The new officers recently at-

tended a leadership meeting and have started a recycling program for the school for paper, bottles and cans.

The school also is looking for community students and staff members who would like to sing for the Christmas program Dec. 16.

Practices will be held from 3:10-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the school, 601 E. U.S. Highway 30.

For more information, call 352-4445.

## Shoshone Elementary implements walking club

SHOSHONE — Shoshone Elementary School is beginning a walking program called the "Feelin' Good Mileage Club" for all children in grades first through fifth.

The club is held during afternoon recess on Fridays and various other days when a coordinator is available. Each

child may walk or run as little or as much as they want in the designated time.

For the first mile and each 5 miles, walkers will receive a certificate.

Parents are invited to help or walk with their children.

To volunteer, call Kelly Chapman, physical education teacher at the school, at 866-7643.

## Blaine County district offers school recess

BLAINE — The Blaine County Recreation District is offering a recess from school program with outdoor games, open gym and arts program on Thursday and Friday.

The cost is \$15 per day. The district recognized Lallman, Felman, Peterson and Co. for its continued support of the recess from

school program.

Parents who want to register their children should call the district at 788-2117.

Adult volunteers are welcome.

For more information about more programs or to make a donation, call 788-2117 or visit the Web site at www.bcrd.org.

## Bliss County provides Child Find program

BLISS — The Bliss School District is offering Child Find activities throughout the year.

The school reported that activities help create awareness of special education programs and rights of students and adults.

community-residents-to identify and serve children with disabilities from ages 3 to 21. Children with special needs may have difficulty walking, talking, hearing or learning or may exhibit behaviors different from other children their age.

To notify the school district of a child who may display special needs, call Penny Morrison at 352-4445.

## Buhl High School drama announces cast

BUHL — The Buhl High School Drama Department has announced its cast for the dinner theatre production, "A Tuna Christmas," on Dec. 10-11.

The cast includes Caleb Thom, Tianna Jacobsen, Bert Ruffing, Misty Henson, Will Stemp, Rainee Baugh, Ben Torres, Stephanie Sheffield, Mike Torres, Nicole Thom and Casey Carpenter.

The dinner theatre is the department's annual fund-raiser. This is a formal dinner and reservations are required.

Tickets are \$25 a couple and \$15 for singles. Reservations can be made by calling David Blaszkiewicz at 490-1992.

## SCHOOL NEWS

# Low super air purifier can eliminate 98% of the worst pollution in 15 minutes

## PROZONE® PRODUCTS USED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND UNITED NATIONS Eliminates odors, smoke, pollen, dust, germs, mold, pet dander, carbon monoxide, viruses and much more Provides fast relief for allergies and sinus

### The PROZONE® purifies air like nature's sun and thunderstorm

By John Whitehead, Media Services  
A powerful new air purifier that is far superior to anything else on the market has been announced by BioTech Research®.

It is the PROZONE®, The Federal Government, United Nations, many other institutions and many major corporations use PROZONE® products to purify air, water, or both.

Thousands of people across the nation are already using the PROZONE® and getting sensational results. Testimonials from a few of the thousands of PROZONE® users are provided on this page.

The PROZONE® eliminates a wide range of air pollutants. The PROZONE® can eliminate 98% of the worst pollutants from the air in 15 minutes. These worst pollutants are the ones that cause the most misery such as allergy causing pollutants, odor causing pollutants and smoke.

The PROZONE® runs quiet, has no filters, has nothing to replace and there is nothing to clean. If you have an electronic air purifier that you have to wipe off the internals to clean or has no fan, beware. I will explain shortly.

The PROZONE® eliminates from the air many more types of pollutants than do filters. It does not produce toxic oxides of nitrogen like other electronic air purifiers.

The PROZONE® brings relief for allergies and sinus quickly. Customers report it provides better sleep, reduces fatigue and improves mental abilities.

The PROZONE® utilizes the methods that nature uses to eliminate pollution from the air which is the sun and thunderstorms. Everyone is aware of that fresh air smell after a thunderstorm.

PROZONE® makes both air and water purifiers. The inventor of the PROZONE® air and water purification technology is Ron Barnes, engineer and physicist, who was NASA's chief engineer for air and water purification for the International Space Station.

PROZONE® air and water purifiers before now were used by government, institutions, businesses and in mansions.

PROZONE® customers include: The U.S. Federal Government including the departments of Defense and Agriculture, and NASA. The United Nations. NAACP. President George W. Bush in his private home; Residence Inns, Holiday Inns, Marriott Hotels. The Four Seasons, The Ritz Carlton, The Olympics, Wal-Mart, Johnson and Johnson, Dow Chemical, Texaco, The Ford Motor Company, The Chicago Bears, The University of Connecticut, The University of Maryland and many more too numerous to print here.

BioTech Research® will now provide PROZONE® residential units to the public. These are custom made for BioTech Research®. These units use the same patented PROZONE® air purification technology as the institutional, commercial and industrial units.

For more details on how the remarkable PROZONE® works, here is my interview with BioTech Research® Chief of Staff For Research and Development, John Whitacre.

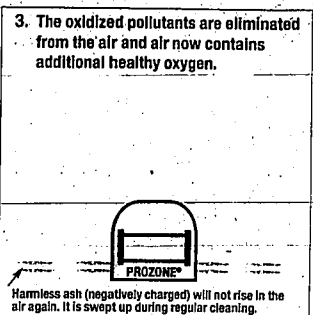
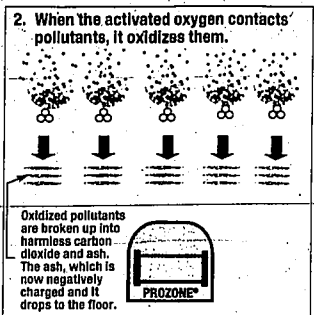
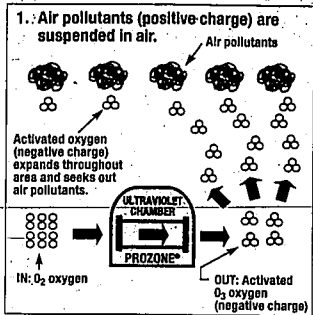
Q. Mr. Whitacre, how did you choose the PROZONE® for your home made residential air purifier?

A. We have carried out research to find the best air purification technology in the world over the past 7 years. The PROZONE® beat every other technology by a wide margin. Our research found that it is the best air purifier in the world. It was developed by a scientist who was a NASA chief engineer.

Q. How does the PROZONE® work?

A. The PROZONE® takes carbon oxygen which is O<sub>2</sub> and raises to the level of ozone, which is O<sub>3</sub>.

The ozone, O<sub>3</sub>, is created in the PROZONE® like it is done in nature by the sun and thun-



The PROZONE® Area Model

derstorms. It is done with a patented process using 2 forms of ultraviolet light. Most popular ozone air purifiers use electrical spark to create ozone.

This spark can be hazardous—it can cause an explosion if you have a gas leak and many can produce acid in the air.

After this ball of oxygen atoms, O<sub>3</sub>, is formed by the patented PROZONE® process, its natural tendency is to get back to O<sub>2</sub>. Therefore, it starts dispersing activated oxygen, which is negatively charged, throughout the room. Pollutants that float in the air are positively charged. When this activated oxygen contacts the pollutant, it oxidizes the pollutant and breaks it up into harmless carbon dioxide and a negatively charged ash which drops to the floor.

Now this is important. That ash, once it drops to the floor, will not go back into the air again. It is harmless there on the floor until it is swept or vacuumed up through regular cleaning.

Q. But why do they give ozone levels in air pollution alerts? Does ozone cause an allergic reaction?

A. Absolutely not. Ozone relieves allergies. That alert is a big misunderstanding. Nature increases ozone in high pollution conditions to balance out pollution. So the weather services measure ozone levels to determine how high the pollution because ozone is easy to measure.

Q. There are so many air purifiers on the market. How does the PROZONE® differ?

A. You cannot compare the PROZONE® with any other air purifier on the market. That would be like comparing a diamond to a lump of coal.

The PROZONE® has a patented technology and other air purifiers do not have it.

Other air purifiers fall into 3 categories. One is forced air filtration systems where the filter has to be changed. Two, are electrostatic filter systems where an electrically charged plate snares a few types of pollutants. But, the electrically charged plate has to be cleaned. And, three, as aforementioned, electric spark ozone air purifiers can produce oxides of nitrogen that form an acid in the air which is corrosive and toxic. The electric spark can cause explosions and it will interfere with radio and T.V. signals.

Typical air purifiers require the air to be brought to and pulled through the unit, either by a fan or electronic charge. This causes the pollutants to be drawn through the area to the machine. They do not eliminate pollutants at the source. Therefore they are very inefficient.

The PROZONE® patented activated oxygen generator disperses activated oxygen, like guided missiles throughout the room. It seeks out and eliminates pollutants at the source as well as in the machine.

Q. What about the air purifiers that claim to have no moving parts and no fans? Do they operate on the same principle as the PROZONE®?

A. No. Those units are electrostatic filters. You must pull out the electrostatic plate and wipe it off. They do not provide adequate ozone. There is no way they can come close to cleaning the air to the level of the PROZONE®.

If those units have an ultraviolet bulb, they will kill some fungus and bacteria. But if they do not have an ultraviolet bulb, when you go to wipe them off, fungus and bacteria that you are wiping off is alive and can be harmful. Those units do produce some ozone, but, again, they do not produce enough to be effective and they also can produce oxides of nitrogen which can be harmful. Those units have no fan. They say they move air with an electronic charge. There is no way to purify the air in a room to an adequate degree without a fan. Electronic charge air movement is very minimal.

Q. Does the PROZONE® have anything you have to clean, is there anything you have to replace, and does it run quiet?

A. There is nothing to clean and nothing to replace. And, the fan runs super quiet.

Q. What is the range of pollutants that the PROZONE® removes from the air?

A. It removes nearly all organic and inorganic pollutants. Organic pollutants removed by the PROZONE® include: fungus, bacteria, formaldehyde, ammonia from pet urine, cooking odors, skunk odors, ferret odors, fecal and other urinary odors; perfumes, colognes, tobacco, smoke and creosote from fireplaces. It also removes viruses.

The PROZONE® removes the following inorganic pollutants: dust, methylene chloride, phenols, PCBs, humic acid, DIMPs, glycerols, acetone, methyl ethyl ketones, heptane from fingernail compounds, styrene, nitro compounds, formic acid, benzene, butanes, ethanes, pentanes, propanes, methanes, alcohols, cyanides, detergents, phosphates and many more too numerous to mention here.

Testimonials from a few of the thousands of satisfied PROZONE® users  
The PROZONE® is the most remarkable product that I have tried in years. All of the claims hold true. Not only did it eliminate the dust in my house, I have not had a sinus headache or scratchy throat since I began using it. The whole house smells fresh and clean. You would never be able to tell that I have two dogs and a cat. It is also nice not to have to bother changing filters. You just plug it in, turn it on and forget about it. It is truly refreshing to use a product that does everything that it is supposed to do and more. *Michelle Goldsmith*

The PROZONE® that I used in my apartment for approximately a week was different than any air purifier that I have tried. Everyone was able to take deeper breathes than normal in the apartment. My cats now stay in the room more when someone is smoking. They would not before. My boyfriend's allergies were unnoticeable when he was inside. I personally like the fresh smell the PROZONE® let off. *Jenny Kloc*

I have terrible sinus problems. I'm also allergic to dog and cat dander, grass, dust, and ragweed. Before using the PROZONE® I had to take antihistamines and use allergy/sinus nasal spray. I was embarrassed because my eyes were red and I always sounded like I had a cold. I then got the amazing PROZONE®, I plugged in the PROZONE® and went about my daily duties when I suddenly noticed I wasn't coughing or wheezing or clearing my throat. This was incredible. The PROZONE® really works! I am so happy. My eyes are clear and I can breathe. I've tried many other air purifiers, they're all in my storage room with other failed products. The PROZONE® truly does what it claims to do. *Diane C. Vance*

The Wall Street Journal recently reported that there is 5 times more air pollution in a house than there is in the open air outside the house. Every day you breathe all these pollutants into your lungs and many go into your body.

Q. How long does it take for the PROZONE® to remove pollutants from the air in a room?

A. It depends on the amount of pollution and room size. A 400 square foot room can have 98% of the worst pollutants removed in as fast as 15 minutes. Up to 1,000 square feet will take longer. The PROZONE® eliminates the worst pollutants the fastest, the ones that cause suffering and unpleasantness. It quickly removes pollen, pet danders and other allergy causing pollutants. Odors disappear in minutes. Smoke is also removed quickly. If you have pollutants in the walls, carpets and furniture it will also remove those. But it will take longer to do that. It eventually sanitizes a room. It will even sanitize and deodorize your clothes.

The PROZONE® will take a musty room and make it smell like fresh air again. In fact, it will make the room smell like the pleasant fragrance you experience after a thunderstorm.

Customers report that the PROZONE® helps them sleep much better. This is likely because there is more active oxygen in the air and pollutants are removed. You can also be much more alert when you are awake because you are taking in more oxygen.

Customers report that they now feel so much better since they have the PROZONE®. Users say that before they were taking medication for allergies, sinus and many other such ailments. They said they do not have to take the medication while they are in the presence of the PROZONE®. People should consult their physician before they stop their medication.

Q. Let's elaborate more on odors, which are a major problem in most houses. Will the PROZONE® eliminate cigarette odors, pet odors, mildew odors, and so on from the air?

A. Yes, it will. The odor eliminating power of the PROZONE® is such that it will even eliminate skunk odor within minutes.

Q. Will the PROZONE® eliminate carbon monoxide from the air?

A. Yes. Many people do not realize that most houses

have carbon monoxide but it is not to a level detectable by a carbon monoxide detector. But this carbon monoxide can be very toxic and damaging to your health. The PROZONE® removes this low level carbon monoxide.

Q. How much electricity does the PROZONE® use?

A. Only 50 watts. Therefore, you use no more electricity than a 50 watt light bulb.

Q. Is the PROZONE® totally safe to use?

A. Definitely yes. PROZONE® air or water purifier technology or both is used by the Federal Government, the United Nations and many of the major corporations in the world. Studies on ozone show that it has no harmful effects on human tissue. The ozone produced by the PROZONE® is amazing because it removes everything bad, but does not harm anything that is good.

Q. Does the PROZONE® come with a warranty and a satisfaction guarantee?

A. The PROZONE® comes with a one-year warranty on parts and labor and a 60 day total satisfaction guarantee or all money will be refunded.

Q. I understand that you are running a 10 day sale on a residential model which will be available to readers of this publication. What is the price and the sale price?

A. The residential model we are offering at this sale price is the PROZONE® Area Model. It purifies the air in an area up to 1,000 square feet in size. It measures 6 inches by 6 inches by 2-1/2 inches. It weighs 1-1/2 pounds. Other air purifiers cost \$350 to \$700. The price of the PROZONE® Area Model is only \$290 plus \$12 shipping for a total of \$302 delivered. But, for this 10 day sale readers can get this unit at a \$75 discount for only \$227 delivered. There is a limit of 3 units at this discount. The PROZONE® Area Model will not be available in stores for an extended period.

End of interview.

For readers who want to obtain the PROZONE® Area Model at this 10 day sale price please see the Special Readers Discount Coupon on this page. Those readers ordering after 10 days from the date of this publication must pay regular price.

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## EDITORIAL

### Ashcroft's exit amounts to a welcome departure

The Chicago Tribune

For the last four years, Attorney General John Ashcroft has been a conspicuously polarizing figure in a job that should be above the usual partisan divisions. With his departure, Americans can hope that his designated successor, White House counsel Alberto Gonzales, will offer a more temperate approach.

What made Ashcroft's divisiveness particularly lamentable is that the controversies he generated were often unnecessary and unproductive. Even many Democrats, in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, agreed that changes were needed in how law enforcement dealt with terrorism. But Ashcroft seemed to go out of his way to put his thumb in the eye of anyone worried about the impact of this new approach on civil liberties and personal privacy.

Most Americans understand that there are sometimes trade-offs between protecting lives and protecting liberties — trade-offs on which reasonable people can and do disagree. This attorney general, however, saw the administration's critics as not merely wrong but villainous. A few months after the attacks, he told a Senate committee, "To those who scare peace-loving people with phantoms of lost liberty, my message is this: Your tactics only aid terrorists, for they erode our national unity and diminish our resolve."

Ashcroft's scorched-earth rhetoric only fueled opposition, informed and otherwise. A particular target was the 2001 USA Patriot Act — a valuable if imperfect measure enacted in the wake of 9/11 that was far more benign than commonly assumed. Had the Patriot Act

been advanced and defended by a more sober and judicious attorney general, it might never have become a favorite liberal bogeyman. It would also stand to get a more sympathetic reception from Congress, which will have to decide whether to renew several controversial provisions that are scheduled to expire at the end of 2005.

**Their view:** This guest editorial from the Chicago Tribune says John Ashcroft went overboard in his zeal to catch terrorists.

**What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

May be Gonzales, who would be the first Hispanic attorney general, is the person to change the climate at the Justice Department. As a long-time associate of President Bush and a potential Supreme Court nominee, he enjoys the president's trust but has an interest in demonstrating his commitment to constitutional freedoms. David Carow, a liberal law professor at Emory University, says that compared to Ashcroft, he finds this appointment "reassuring." He notes that during Gonzales' time on the Texas Supreme Court, he was seen as a relative moderate.

Criticism of Gonzales will likely focus on a memorandum he wrote arguing that the Geneva Conventions' protections for prisoners of war did not apply to captured members of al-Qaeda and claiming exemption from "strict limitations on questioning of enemy prisoners."

He also got unfavorable attention for dismissing as "irrelevant" a Justice Department memo that seemed to rationalize torture — which an independent panel later blamed for fostering the abuses at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison.

Gonzales will have to defend his record on these and other points. If he is confirmed by the Senate, let's hear the case — then it will be his task to restore the trust and prestige of an office that his predecessor did so much to injure.



### Fake signs of conversion fool nobody

Through their post-election soul-searching, Democratic leaders claim to have seen the light. The reason they lost — and the way to win — is God. It was precisely this sort of insight for which God created Monday mornings. Not to mention the indispensable thunderbolt.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi says Democrats have to start talking more openly about their faith. Sen. Hillary Clinton told a Tufts University audience that Democrats should use the Bible to advance their arguments about poverty, the way Republicans did with gay marriage.

And writing for Salon.com, the on-line magazine, Edgar Rivera Colo'n — self-identified socialist, professor, ethnographer and Episcopalian — said the Democratic Party needs to stop pretending it lives in a secular, rational country. "Until French citizens are allowed to vote in U.S. elections — the Democratic leadership will have to fashion its messages for the deeply religious country it presumes to lead one day."

Of course it's not necessarily so that secular and rational are the same, or that rational and religious are mutually exclusive. The present pope, hardly an intellectual lightweight, has argued that there is no inherent conflict between faith and reason. Truth does not contradict truth.

Meanwhile, fashioning politico-religious messages is problematic. People who are deeply religious fashion their lives, not just their messages, in certain ways, according to deeply held convictions.

Religion isn't a political strategy; it's a belief system that guides one's lifestyle. As this discussion evolves, I keep associating to that memorable scene from "Men Who Have Sinned" when Meg Ryan, sitting in a deli, convinces



ingly fakes That Very Special Moment to prove that women can and do fake their lovemaking satisfaction. Co-star Billy Crystal is duly impressed, as is an older woman sitting nearby, who tells her waitress: "I'll have what she's having."

The Democrats apparently have decided they'll have what Bush has been having. I half expect to see aspiring Democratic presidential candidates showing up at Promise Keepers conventions, high-fiving for Jesus, and photo-oping with little Baptist blue-hairs on their way to Wednesday-night prayer meetings.

Of all the things one can pretend in order to win a voter's confidence, religious devotion seems the least likely. Moreover, until the Democratic Party's policy positions reflect beliefs consistent with the values held by America's religious moderates and traditionalists, their newly fashioned messages are going to sound like what they are. Faked.

You can't just suddenly start carrying around a Bible and expect to convince people you're a believer. It is also dangerous to invoke the Bible if you're not that familiar with it, as Howard Dean proved when he expressed his admiration for the book of Job, which he erroneously placed in the New Testament. If you like Job, you know where it is.

Being religious clearly doesn't hurt a political candidate, but keeping it real is critical. As Barack Obama, the newly elected U.S. senator from Illinois, said in the current issue of Time magazine, Americans hunger for authenticity.

Kerry's defeat had as much to do with his perceived lack of authenticity as with the "God Guff." He simply never rang true.

In Wisconsin, for instance, when Kerry was trying to project his inner populist, he shuffled through his lobby box of Hallmark cards and came up with this sparkler: "When I was 12 years old, my passion was being allowed to go out and sit on the John Deere and drive it around the fields and plow. And I learned as a kid what it was like looking back and see those furrows, and see that pattern and feel a sense of accomplishment."

At yes, ye olde furrowed fields 'n' plow anecdote, No wonder voters were wowed. In another many vignette aimed at hunters and gun owners, Kerry spoke of his love of deer hunting. As reported in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, Kerry said:

"I go out with my trusty 12-gauge double barrel, crawl around on my stomach. I track around in the snow and play games and try to outsmart them. You know, kind of play the wind."

I hate to break it to Bwana, but deer hunters usually seek elevation (think deer stand) or else they're likely to get shot themselves by one of them Bush-lovin' religious fanatics collecting nightgowns for Saturday's revival.

Although Bush was as privileged as Kerry growing up, he nevertheless is able to connect with regular folks. I mean chemistry, after all, isn't related to birth, money or social standing, but emerges from and registers on an instinctive level. You've either got "it" or you don't. Sort of like religion.

Kathleen Parker is a syndicated columnist for the Orlando Sentinel. Welcome comments via e-mail at kpark@kpark.com, although she cannot respond to all mail individually.

### Six degrees of recrimination

"In the aftermath, the Democrats will form their ritual circular firing squad of recriminations." — Former Clinton adviser Sidney Blumenthal, writing in the Guardian, Nov. 4, 2004

Bruce Springsteen blames Jon Bon Jovi. Jon Bon Jovi blames James Taylor. James Taylor blames Pearl Jam. Pearl Jam blames the Dixie Chicks. The Dixie Chicks blame Dave Matthews. Dave Matthews blames Michael Stipe. Michael Stipe blames Bono.

**BRUCE FEIRSTEIN**

Bono blames George Soros. George Soros blames MoveOn.Org.

MoveOn.Org blames Michael Moore. Michael Moore blames Don Imus.

Don Imus blames Howard Stern. Howard Stern blames Al Franken. Al Franken blames Jon Stewart. Jon Stewart blames CNN's "Crossing" and Paul Krugman. "Crossing" blames Katrina vanden Heuvel. Katrina vanden Heuvel blames Maureen Dowd. Maureen Dowd blames Graydon Carter.

Graydon Carter blames David Hennek. David Hennek blames Bill Keller. Bill Keller blames Dan Rather.

Dan Rather blames the bloggers. The bloggers blame Joe Trippi. Joe Trippi blames Howard Dean. Howard Dean blames John Kerry. John Kerry blames Terry McAlliff.

Terry McAlliff blames John Edwards. John Edwards blames Zell Miller. Zell Miller blames James Carville.

James Carville blames Stephanie Cutter. Stephanie Cutter blames Joe Lockhart. Joe Lockhart blames John Sasso. John Sasso blames Bob Shrum. Bob Shrum blames Mark Mellman.

Mark Mellman blames Mike McGarry. Mike McGarry blames Tad Devine. Tad Devine blames Mary Beth Cahill.

Mary Beth Cahill blames Gavin Newsom. Gavin Newsom blames Cher. Cher blames Ashton Kutcher. Ashton Kutcher blames Leonardo DiCaprio.

Leonardo DiCaprio blames Sharon Stone. Sharon Stone blames Tim Robbins.

Tim Robbins blames Barbra Streisand. Barbra Streisand blames Whoopi Goldberg. Whoopi Goldberg blames Ben Affleck.

Ben Affleck blames P. Diddy. P. Diddy blames Ben Affleck. They both agree: It's all I. Los' fault. Bruce Feirstein is a columnist for the New York Observer and screenwriter of three James Bond movies.

## The Times-News

Brad Hurd... Publisher      Chris Steinbach... Editor

The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, Chris Steinbach, Steve Crump and David Cooper.

### List of immigrants' perks was good info

Regarding immigrants' perks in a letter for the opinion page in the Friday, Nov. 5, paper. I knew of all the benefits for immigrants but did not realize they are granted to the illegals as well. And have never seen them listed so succinctly. Thank you, Ann Davis.

It seems strange to me that so many of those who receive these benefits don't or won't learn the language of their benefactors, but must have signs in their own language, paid for, of course, by those same taxpayers. Shame!

Back to the opinion page. I also enjoyed Kathleen Parker's editorial comments on the late election.

EVELYN MEYER  
Twin Falls

### Drop oil and use nuclear power for U.S. supplies

My gawd, folks. Wake up! The oil companies are going to end up with all the money in the world, and we're helping them do it. We need another source of energy, and we need it soon. Aside from the money, look at what we're doing to our planet, some days you can hardly see across the valley, cause the air is so thick, and we're breathing that stuff. The polar ice caps are melting due to all the carbon monoxide that is released to the atmosphere every day.

In spite of what you hear from all the know-nothing, loud-mouthed blowhards, nuclear energy is safe. It does not pollute the atmosphere; it is clean, it is easily available and, at today's prices,

## LETTERS

### Write to us

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is cheap. The new generation reactors not only can produce copious amounts of electricity, but also hydrogen gas to power our cars.

Don't be fooled by all the Chicken Little protestations of a new self-anointed "experts." Contact your duly elected representatives; tell them to get busy on this new energy source. Our present energy policy will not only break us, it may very well kill us.

### Letters

false names will be permanently barred from publication. Letters may be brought to our Twin Falls or Burley office; mailed to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303; faxed to (208) 734-5538; or e-mailed to letters@magicalvalley.com.

Nuclear energy could be our only salvation. Think about it. LARRY PARKER  
Twin Falls

### T.F. Street names — a new kind of quirky

When the Twin Falls City Council first came up with the idea of changing the names of the streets, I never talked to one person who thought it was a good idea. Their first proposal

to use the names of prominent citizens drew lots of objections, so they did abandon that idea. Then they came up with the idea of using the names of surrounding towns, which was a poor replacement. I have still never talked to anyone that thinks it was a good idea to change the names.

Then, in reading Mary Inman's book, "Twin Falls Century Book," I came across an explanation as reasonable as any for the council's actions. Chris Talkington, city councilman, was quoted as saying, "Our streets are quirky, the names are quirky, but they are a new quirky." Webster's definition of quirky is "unusual behavior, mannerisms."

It's neat you at the intersection of Jerome and Murtaugh. DWIGHT SHAW  
Twin Falls

### Pastore's op-ed piece hits new offensive heights

I have just finished reading the Frank Pastore op-ed piece in today's (Nov. 5) Times-News. "Conservatives must not compromise." Unbelievable!

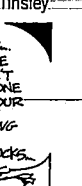
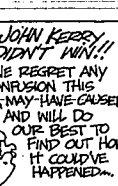
While I have read many things in the Times-News opinion pages that I disagree with, I have never been privileged to read anything that approaches Mr. Pastore's inflammatory, small-minded, bigoted and (therefore) un-Christian opinions. This sort of twaddle is just political baiting and doesn't merit being published in any newspaper that purports to inform people rather than indoctrinate them.

The Times-News owes an apology to its readers for publishing such sanctimonious crap. PETER REMIMEN  
Hagerman

### Doonesbury



### Mallard Fillmore



OPINION

# Still awaiting an immigration 'fix'

The question was posed simply, directly, in anticipation of a simple, direct reply.

MARY SANCHEZ

at least 9 million people are illegally in the country today. One attempt to close the door on illegal entry was to barricade the border with high-tech equipment, guards and fortified walls. But only a small part received the attention. Some areas are still three strands of barbed wire. The consequence—thousands of people dying. Immigrants shifted to avoid the new barriers, crossing the border at the more dangerous parts of the desert.

Another effort attempted to fine American employers waving jobs like carrots to migrants. But Congress stripped the effectiveness away from the 1996 law. An employer can beg off a fine by claiming, "I didn't know they were illegal when I hired them."

NAFTA in part was envisioned to help build the economy of Mexico so people will be less inclined to leave home for work in the United States. Mexico is the United States' second-largest trading partner and much has been done to improve how commerce flows between the two countries. But NAFTA hasn't delivered economic relief in Mexico yet to the degrees first perceived.

The United States is still a giant "have" and Mexico is still a population "have not." After Sept 11, a shift was made to focus on terrorists who might slip in among the millions looking for work. Now, universities and businesses are

complaining of steep declines of legal foreign workers and students—their entry complicated by visa crackdowns.

Powell also told the Mexican officials that the U.S. will never Congress to pass a guest worker program, matching migrant laborers with willing employers in the United States. That is already happening. Just illegally. Bush first floated the idea of a temporary guest worker program in January. It never became a bill to Congress. Immigrants living in the shadows are not about to sign up to be legal for three years with the guarantee that they will be deported later. The more workable agricultural guest worker bill stalled in Congress.

Mexican President Vicente Fox is still wishing for amnesty for some of those illegally in the United States. Bush says no. The Republican-controlled Congress is not likely to support amnesty either.

Fox at one point claimed he wanted "the whole enchilada" when it came to fixing immigration issues between the United States and Mexico. But this week, he was quoted saying, "It's hard to say how quick, how complete, how integral the accord will be."

In the next four years, Congress can either fully address the issues, or continue the past performance of piecemeal, step forward, step backward legislation.

The magical "fix" awaits.

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## LETTER

### Competitive benefits make sense for T.F. County

I find myself wanting to respond to Lupe Hernandez's letter, if only to help "enlighten" her and others that appear less than knowledgeable about our local government entities and their respective responsibilities.

First, elected officials actually run for re-election because the large majority really care about the people and communities they serve. Changing elected officials every two years isn't an effective way to make progress. Elected officials need considerable time to learn the duties of the offices they hold in order to be effective. If they didn't get a chance to be re-elected, it would be a continuous cycle of learning these duties just in time to be elected out of office. No one is infallible, including elected officials. I've always been told, "If you aren't making a few mistakes here and there,

you'll never accomplish anything but the same old, same old."

I feel providing competitive benefits for those in elected positions is necessary to attract qualified people for these positions. Otherwise, we could end up with people in office who really do believe the county is in charge of city water rates, sewer services and facilities. And if elected officials didn't assess the salaries of their respective offices and adjust them accordingly to keep up with inflation, who do you think would? It is the responsibility of officials in these positions. Realistically, any elected official that would arbitrarily vote themselves a raise, unnecessarily would soon find themselves out of a job. There will always be people who think elected officials never need a raise or benefit changes, but they've allowed that opinion. Right, wrong or otherwise.

To address another issue in your letter (which many other mislead individuals also believe): The \$5,000 put toward the respective Anderson Lumber building purchase is currently in an escrow account and stands to be returned to the county (with conditions) should the purchase never come to fruition. Given the many county services that are spread from hell to breakfast here, it would be a blessing to have them all under one roof. If not for possible monetary savings achieved through consolidation of facilities, then at least for the convenience of the taxpayers.

Given all the negative, non-factual rhetoric that came out during the election, I'd like to close with this one thought: "It's better to remain silent and thought a fool, than to speak up and remove all doubt."  
JOHN E. POHLMAN  
Twin Falls

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**WORLD**

**Gunfire kills two at Arafat mourning tent**

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Mahmoud Abbas, the temporary successor to Yasser Arafat, escaped unharmed Sunday when militants firing assault rifles burst into a mourning tent for the deceased Palestinian leader, killing two security guards, and wounding six other people.

**World in brief**

The shooting raised grave concerns about a violent power struggle in the post-Arafat era. Some of the gunmen shouted slogans calling Abbas a moderate who has spoken out against violence, an agent of the United States.

The bursts of gunfire came just hours after Palestinian officials set Jan. 9 as the date for elections to choose a new leader — the first vote in nine years.

The temporary Palestinian leadership, headed by Abbas, has been trying to send a message of unity since Arafat's death Thursday. Arafat's responsibilities were divided among several leaders, and officials held talks with rival factions in Arafat's Fatah movement and the militant opposition groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

**Ivory Coast's president hides as crisis continues**

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Ivory Coast's president, blamed by France for violence against foreigners and on guard against feared attempts by Paris to overthrow him, hid out in his lagoon-side mansion Sunday and skipped an African summit in Nigeria on ending his country's crisis.

Foreigners jammed the airport to flee the West African country despite the return of calm.

At the Nigeria summit, African leaders supported an arms embargo and other U.N. sanctions on the Ivory Coast government and rebels. Earlier this month, the U.N. Security Council supported sanctions if the government and rebels did not return to a peace process by the beginning of December.

President Laurent Gbagbo also promoted the hard-line commander whose forces launched a deadly airstrike on French peacekeepers that set off the confrontation, making Col. Maj. Philippe Mangou head of the country's armed forces in a move likely to anger France and much of Gbagbo's own army.

**U.S. plans anti-drug strategy for Afghanistan**

WASHINGTON — Worried about a vast and still growing heroin industry in Afghanistan, the Bush administration has devised a more aggressive counternarcotics strategy aimed at greater eradication of poppy fields, promotion of alternative crops and prosecution of traffickers.

The plan, a mix of stronger carrots and sticks, attempts to bring more coordination, more money and more muscle to Afghan and international programs launched over the past three years that have not made much of a dent in the lucrative drug business.

The new approach emerged from a high-level administration review this summer of U.S. operations in Afghanistan. The review acknowledged the gravity of the drug problem and the ineffectiveness of past measures, according to several officials who participated.

**Rumsfeld tours Panama Canal**

QUITO, Ecuador — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld gave the Panama Canal administration his vote of confidence Sunday, after touring the facility that keeps much of the Pacific fly-connected with the U.S.'s Eastern seaboard.

U.S. officials have been pushing Panamanian and Latin American security forces to coordinate their efforts to make the installation safer.

With Alberto Aleman, the canal's administrator looking on, Rumsfeld handled knobs that opened and closed locks, letting the Peru-bound Yu Shan freight ship through the waterway.

—compiled from wire reports

**Cubans, tourists change dollars into local currency**

**Before new surcharge takes effect**

HAVANA (AP) — Cubans and tourists lined up to change U.S. dollars into local currency Sunday — the first day-to-day without paying a 10 percent surcharge that is part of a government measure to eliminate the dollar from circulation on this communist-run island.

As of last week, dollars no longer were accepted at Cuban stores, restaurants, hotels or other businesses. The 10 per-

cent surcharge taking effect Monday is meant to further discourage people from bringing currency from Cuba's No. 1 enemy to the island.

President Fidel Castro has said the widespread use of the American currency was being halted to guarantee Cuba's economic independence.

"I was given this (dollar) last night, so I had to come here today — tomorrow it

will be worth only 90 cents," Pedro Michelena, 62, said at a Havana cash exchange, holding the single greenback he received from a group of foreigners for guarding their parked car.

The retired Cuban said last week he changed the other \$26 he possessed to get the Cuban convertible peso — the local currency tied to the dollar and now the dominant legal tender on the island.

For a decade, the dollar was Cuba's dominant currency and was used to buy

everything from shampoo to canned food-to-furniture. Cubans as well as tourists visiting the island now must use the convertible peso.

No figures have been provided on how many dollars have been exchanged or deposited since the currency switch was announced Oct. 25. Cubans, who can still hold the American currency, are believed to have been hoarding several hundred million dollars at home, most of it money received from relatives in the United States.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

CSI considers system upgrades

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Board will meet tonight to consider a \$24,000 upgrade to its micro-wave conferencing system, said Mike Mason, the college's vice president of finance. The three \$8,000 systems would upgrade the analog connections with Filer, Buhl and Coeur d'Alene to digital connections. Curtis Eaton, the college's vice president for planning and development and director of its foundation, will present updates on his departments. The board will also certify election results and hear an accreditation report. The meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. in room 258 of the Taylor Building. It's open to the public.

City will discuss renovation of shell

TWIN FALLS — The City Council will consider a resolution to renovate the City Park band shell when it meets at 5 p.m. today at 305 Third Ave. E. The council will also consider a request by the YMCA to increase pool prices at the city pool. The YMCA contracts with the city to run the pool. The meeting is open to the public.

Music groups hold spaghetti dinner

BUHL — The Buhl High School Jazz, and Select choirs will hold their third annual Spaghetti-Dinner-and-Concert at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the gym at Reynolds Middle School. Students will be serving food donated by WinCo Foods. The candlelight dinner will include spaghetti with meat sauce, green salad, Italian bread and sherbet ice cream for dessert. Following dinner, both choirs will perform. "Proceeds from the dinner will be used for the choirs' travel expenses. The Jazz Choir is competing in the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in February and the Select Choir is competing in the Music in the Parks Festival in May. Admission is \$10 per person. Advance tickets can be purchased by any member of the Jazz or Select Choir, choir director Jennifer Scholtz or at the Buhl School District office. Limited tickets may be available at the door.

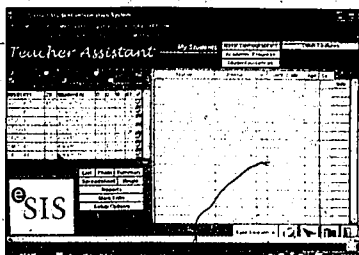
Mix 103 fund-raiser will start Thursday

TWIN FALLS — Branden and Karla of Mix 103 will broadcast nonstop from noon Thursday to midnight Saturday to collect turkey donations for families in need. South Central Community Action Partnership will distribute the turkeys. This is the fifth year of "Branden and Karla's 60 Hours to Fight Hunger," which has helped 4,000 families sit down to a holiday meal thanks to individuals and local businesses in the community. Turkey donations can be dropped off at Con Paulos Volkswagen-Mazda on Blue Lakes Boulevard from noon Thursday to midnight Saturday. For more information, call Branden Rathert at 324-8181 or 539-1546, or Leanne Trappen at 733-9351.

Commissioners will tour jail today

BURLEY — Commissioners from Minidoka and Cassia counties are scheduled to make their quarterly tour of the Minidoka Criminal Justice Center at 11:30 a.m. today. Cassia County Commissioners also will discuss canteen guard policy issues and consider Glen Larson for appointment to the Mid-Snake Regional Water Commission. Discussion of a cellular phone tower lease is on the Minidoka County Commissioners' agenda. Both commissions meet at their county courthouses beginning at 9 a.m. The meetings are open to the public.

Coping with data overload



A screen from the Idaho Student Information Management System.



Filer Middle School seventh-grade teacher Sharon Lutkehus uses the Idaho Student Information Management System to take attendance in her science class Thursday. Some teachers and administrators complain the system is slower than the previous program used.

Schools struggle to implement online information system

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

FILER — Looking over her seventh-grade science class, Sharon Lutkehus writes down that two students are absent, then records it with a few computer clicks into the Idaho Student Information Management System. It takes all of two minutes but sometimes it takes longer. Lutkehus finds that the Web-based information system runs a little faster when the Filer Middle School teachers aren't using it at once to take attendance. Moments of success are small victories in the long process of implementing the Web-based project. The Filer district is one of 29 around the state in the first phase of using the mammoth computer system that will eventually give all of Idaho's schools uniform programs for student information, curriculum management and data reporting. After a limited pilot last year, Idaho schools are either gearing up for—or attempting to use—the student information parts of the program. Many schools have had trouble implementing and using the new student information programs to the point that the second phase, meant to start this spring, has been put on hold indefinitely until the first phase schools are "stabilized."

Cumbersome process

On the front lines of the project is Shelly Christensen, Filer's network administrator and technology integration specialist. The district has the grades and attendance systems running at the high school and middle school. The elementary will have attendance starting in January, she said, then the whole district will be on the same system. At the beginning of this year, she worked on the system a lot more than she does now. She said having the next phase on hold will be a good thing and enable the schools to work out the bugs in the system. "Everybody in the state is having issues," Christensen said. At the middle school, Lutkehus still uses Grade Quick. Instead of the new ISIMS program for recording grades, it just works better, she said. Principal Greg Lansing said many teachers miss the School Administrative Student Information program, which records student information, such as grades, classes and parent contact information. The ISIMS equivalent of the program has a different set of shortcuts and different ways of doing things. Lansing finds changing student schedules can take about three times as long with the new system, which isn't a big deal except during fall when there are a lot of schedules to change. "It's a pretty cumbersome process," Lansing said. He demonstrated by clicking on a schedule. The first thing that came up was the "dead end hourglass" as the computer called up the information over the internet from a centralized state server. Lansing said the program is gradually

What will it do?

The Idaho Student Information Management System project has three main prongs to categorize its functions: Student information — The AIS, eSIS program will manage student demographics, scheduling, discipline, attendance, transcripts, report cards, progress reports and student transfers. Teacher/parent resources — Plato Orion program from Plato Learning (not to be confused with a different Plato Learning product the State Board of Education purchased unlimited rights to provide to schools in Idaho), will be for lesson planning, assignments, assessments, traditional and standards-based grade books and student/parent access to assignments. Data reporting — CRI Advantage Academic Accelerator will allow for data analysis, comparative studies and data reporting for No Child Left Behind. The Systems Integration Layer will allow data transfers between the applications. Source: August 2004 Fact Sheet from www.isimsproject.org

becoming faster as the state improves it. Filer Superintendent John Graham said teachers resort to writing information down when things go wrong with ISIMS. "It hasn't been as user-friendly as it needs to be," Graham said. The program has tech support, but it takes a while to respond. Graham said he likes Phase I is a good thing once the bugs are worked out. He said the curriculum management piece will be really useful when it comes on line. "It's a powerful and really valuable tool," Graham said. The data reporting part of the project will also help the bureaucracy behind education to run more smoothly.

High level shakeup

Part of the effort to stabilize the project at the state level includes some new leadership. The I.A. and Kathryn Alberson Foundation, which provided the \$35 million in start-up funds for the project, replaced Advantech LLC with Cargemini as the project's manager this fall, said Luc Willis, spokeswoman for the State Board of Education. Gary Stivers, the board's executive director, said the Alberson Foundation is in charge of developing the project, then the state Department of Education will manage it once it's done, and schools will be required to use it. When ISIMS is done in two or three years, it will be funded by the Legislature at the state level, said Allison Westfall, spokeswoman for the state Department of Education. The state Department of Education's budget request for the 2005 fiscal year includes about \$5 million to manage ISIMS at a state level. For that year, the budget request for technology Please see INFORMATION, Page B3

Buhl optimistic about ISIMS troubles

By Mickey Walker Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Gary Moon, principal of Buhl High School, came away from a user group meeting last week on the Idaho Student Information Management System in Boise feeling a bit more optimistic about the program. It wasn't an outlook Moon held before the meeting, particularly after experiencing glitches in issuing report cards. Teachers at the high school keep a handwritten grade book as well as an electronic grade book. From the electronic grade book the information is rolled over to the eSIS program to produce student report cards. "We've had problems where the report card was not the same grade as in the handwritten or electronic grade books. For some reason it had changed," Moon said. The problem has been random, Moon added, with no specific class or teacher having discrepancies. "The overall goal is a great goal — it's going to be better for students, teachers and the state department when it works right," Moon said. But the growing pains experienced by the Phase I schools, including Buhl, have not been easy to handle. Moon said he feels uncomfortable sending out progress reports "when he's not 100 percent sure of the grades." This past week's meeting, with the program developers had Moon hopeful that fixes to the program will be made before the second phase of the ISIMS starts for the 2005-2006 school year. One of the larger school districts in the area, Twin Falls, is scheduled to go on line next year. "In my mind, the problems we are having will be magnified in a larger school district," Moon said. "I think that's why we're all stopping at this point and taking a look at what's wrong and trying to fix those things before we take the next step." According to Moon, the programmers are now asking what specific problems districts are experiencing. They are also asking what the pilot schools want from the specific packages for attendance, grade reporting or discipline. "After the meeting I had, I feel somewhat optimistic that the people are slowing down and trying to identify the exact specific problems and things that individual schools need and they're trying to address those issues," said Moon.

Wood River Valley gets ready for winter

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — More fog than snow capped the mountains of the Wood River Valley Sunday. A hush enveloped the valley like the calm before a storm. When winter comes most of the country into partial liberation, the Wood River Valley comes alive. Mike Ward, a bartender at the Sun Valley Inn, likes it when it's busy. "Between Christmas and New Year's, this town grows to about 25,000," he said. "December 15 is when they start cranking."

A banquet was to begin later that night at the Inn, but for the moment Ward's hands were trying to stay occupied. The new Dollar Mountain Lodge was experiencing its final few weeks of quiet before it welcomes a crush of visitors. Glimpses of stone, metal and woodwork hinted at the upcoming Austrian Mountain motif, but Sunday the remnants of American labor were most evident. Construction equipment took up parking spaces. Black tarp over unidentified piles littered in the utility yard. A jogger in shorts and a T-shirt darted around the unfinished facility, undaunted by the afternoons falling temperatures. Down the road in Keetchum, Ritchie Thurston, manager at Paul Kenny's Ski and Sports, shared a few laughs with friends against a mostly mellow backdrop. "It's not jamming," he said. "We've been open for three weeks. We're getting our store ready to go, just being here when people come ... to get people aware they can heat the crowd."

A faithful few already had hiked up Baldy and skied down, Thurston said, some as early as two weeks ago. The lifts aren't open yet, but their legs got them where they needed to go — unscathed by the rush of winter recreationists that is sure to follow.

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THIS WEEK AT CSI

- Today — Idaho Department of Education and Drug Free Schools training for educators and human service staff, all day, Taylor 276; CSI Latinos Unidos weekly meeting, 11 a.m., Student Union 248; CSI Golden Eagle Boosters luncheon, noon, Taylor 277; CSI "Disabilities" weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Student Union 247; CSI Student Senate weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Student Union 232; CSI poetry workshop for high school students, 4 p.m., Student Union 248; CSI board of trustees monthly meeting, 5:30 p.m., Taylor 258; CSI Jazz Workshop with Brent Jensen, Jeff Rev, Justin Nielsen and Dan Buckvich, 6 p.m., Student Union (free admission); CSI Equestrian Team board meeting, 6:30 p.m., Student Union 248; CSI Boxing Club practice, 9 p.m., Physical Education 236. Tuesday — Idaho Student Nurse Association monthly meeting, 1 p.m., Aspen 195; CSI Ski Club weekly meeting, Please see CSI, Page B3

MAGIC VALLEY

Officials investigate death

The Times-News
GLENNIS FERRY — Deputies from the Elmore County Sheriff's Department were called to Fringing Road near the Glennis Ferry Fairgrounds Saturday for a report of a pedestrian versus

vehicle accident, according to a news release issued by the Elmore County Sheriff's Department. John Chambers, 55, was pronounced dead at the scene. After investigating, sheriff's detectives determined that

Chambers was lying in the road before being struck by the vehicle, the release says. An autopsy will be performed by the Ada County coroner's office. No other information was immediately available.

Today
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m. courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley.
Bliss School Board: 7:30 p.m., school library, 601 E. Highway 30.
College of Southern Idaho board, 5:30 p.m., Room 258, Taylor Administration building, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls.
Gooding City Council: 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 14th Ave. W.
Halley Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S.
Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 550 Main.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
Ketchikan City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N.
Minidoka County School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 633 Fremont, Rupert.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
Tuesday
Buhl School Board: 7 p.m.

ON THE AGENDA

district office, 920 Main.
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave.
Castelford School Board: 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main.
Filler City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers, 300 Main.
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.
Jerome School Board, 7 p.m., high school telecommunications room, 104 Trier Drive.
Magic Valley Regional Airport advisory board, 11 a.m., Joslin Room, airport terminal.
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 624 F St.
Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 750 E. Main.
Wednesday
Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 140 Kentucky St.
Filler School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library, 700 Stevens.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Thursday
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar.
Kimberly School Board, 7 p.m., intermediate school library, 241 Center St. W.
Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 4 p.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert.
Sun Valley City Council, 4 p.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St.
Friday
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

SERVICES

Alexander Mal, of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave., with the Rev. Herb C. Whitaker officiating. Burial will be in Paul Cemetery.
Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

funeral will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Albion. A viewing will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Rogelio Castillo
RUPERT — Rogelio Castillo, 69, of Rupert, died Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary/Rupert Chapel.

Services are pending and will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Lillie M. Walden
KIMBERLY — Lillie M. Walden, 82, passed away Saturday, Nov. 13 at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

George L. Olsen
TWIN FALLS — George L. Olsen, 81, of Twin Falls, passed away Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Barbara C. Marrs, of Albion, a celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, at the Albion Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Rev. Father Kenneth Hein, of the Monastery of the Ascension Priory, will officiate. Burial, with Catholic Commit-

ment, will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Albion. A viewing will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

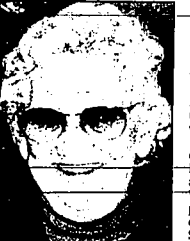
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Velma O. Alvey — Buhl

On Friday Nov. 12, 2004, our beloved mother, Velma Alvey, passed away quietly in her sleep, at home surrounded by her daughters. Mom was born in Hagan, Neb. on Dec. 27, 1927, at her parents' home. Her parents, Nelson and Silet Priman, took mom and brothers and moved to Oregon following the fruit harvest and working odd farming jobs.



who always put us before herself. She had a great sense of humor that we'll miss greatly. Mom will be in our hearts and thoughts forever! Her cats were her second passion and she always made sure that strays had a full tummy and a warm bed. They will also miss her too.

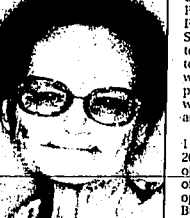
After years they settled in Twin Falls where she met her future husband, Leonard Alvey. They were married June 27, 1945, and were together for 31 years until his death in 1976. From their union came five daughters: Karen Waters, Winchell of Star Valley, Nev., Sandi (Rudy) Armenta of Ontario, Ore., Connie (Steve) Orondez and Kathy (Rodney) Atchison both of Buhl. Debbie Gerber of Elko, Nev. Mom had

eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren that she adored and many more family members that will miss her greatly. Mom was the center of our world. She was a great mother

Funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." Visitation will be for one hour prior to services on Wednesday. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, should friends desire, contributions may be made to Home Health and Hospice-Magic Valley Regional Medical Center or their favorite charity. Contributions may be given to mortuary staff for forwarding.

Afton Voyce — Declo

Afton Sidwell Voyce, 89-year-old Pocatello resident and former Declo resident, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at the Portneuf Valley Hospital in Pocatello. She was born Aug. 14, 1915, in Nephi, Utah, the daughter of James William and Mabel Birden Sidwell. She married Arvil Voyce on Sept. 26, 1933, in Burley. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan Temple on Sept. 3, 1960.



daughter, Merna Kay Stuck of Pocatello; a sister, Birdien Fryer, and a brother, Corvin Sidwell, both of Salem, Ore. Survivors include her sixteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Max Sidwell; a sister, Norma Curtis; and a son, James Arvil Voyce.

Afton had owned an Ore-Ida Foods for 17 years and was also involved in the PTA, a member of the Thrifty Thrivers, and Band Mothers secretary. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served in various capacities. She spent most of her life in

Declo, until moving to Pocatello in July of 1997. Survivors include her husband, Arvil in Pocatello; a son, Gary Frank Voyce of Joliet, Ill.; a

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

Florence Johnstone — Jerome

Florence Johnstone was born on July 1, 1906 to Martin and Theresa Larsen at Hunter, Utah, now part of Salt Lake City. She moved to Jerome with her parents and four siblings in 1916. They settled on a farm northwest of Jerome. While attending Jerome schools, she drove a horse-drawn school wagon to transport the neighborhood children to school.



death by her husband, parents, five brothers, two sisters one grandson and one great-granddaughter. Funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Friends may call Monday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel. Entombment will take place following services in the Mausoleum at the Jerome Cemetery. Family suggests donations be made to a charity of one's choice.

She married Aubrey Johnstone at Shoshone, Idaho, on Sept. 30, 1925. They purchased the old Johnstone homestead northeast of Jerome. She helped with the farming, raising pigs, turkeys, and chickens. A son, Dale, was born in 1926 and a daughter, Alice, was born in 1933. Aubrey and Florence sold the farm and moved to town in the spring of 1947. They purchased a home on the northwest corner of Jerome in 1949, where she resided until Aubrey's death in 1978. Florence stayed on the farm until 1980 when she moved to town due to health concerns. She was forced to move to the Creekside Assisted Living Center in 2003. She resided there until her death. Florence was an old-time

member of the Grandview Community Club and also the Highland Sewing Club. Mom loved to cook and garden; she excelled at both. She loved her family and friends and she was always there to help those in need and to share whatever she had. She is survived by Dale (Norma) Johnstone, Alice (Donovan) Yngst, one sister, Gladys (Willard) Bell, one grandson, Lyle Johnstone, two granddaughters, Susan Willic and Patti Cline and six great-grandsons. Florence was preceded in

TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls included the following:

Martin Arizmendi-Sanchez, 41, 320 Broadway Ave. N., Buhl; malicious injury to property; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Nov. 30; \$250 bond.
Mark-Pierre Werner, 32, 1437 Fourth E., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance by an inmate; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 19; \$25,000 bond.
Gerald Astwood, 29, no address listed; fugitive — California; fugitive hearing set for Nov. 19; \$200,000 bond.
Buddy L. Osborne II, 34, 572 S. 2100 E., Hazelton; failure to appear — driving without a valid license and possession of a suspended driver's license; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for Dec. 7; \$50 bond.
Matthew Joseph Hobbins, 25, 195 Monroe St., Twin Falls; failure to appear — failure to carry a driver's license; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for Dec. 20; \$500 bond; failure to appear — possession of paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; court trial set for Dec. 20; \$2,500 bond.
Joseph Allan Thompson, 31, 294 Gudch Creek Lane, Twin Falls; domestic battery violation of a family member; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for Nov. 30; \$100 bond.
Carlos A. Cortes, 26, 709 Main St., Buhl; domestic battery; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Nov. 30; posted bond.
Leobardo R. Cruz, 13, 848 Eastland Drive S., Twin Falls; failure to appear — minor in possession of tobacco; public defender continuing; pleaded innocent; court trial set for Dec. 20; \$250 bond.
Nicole V. Slegers, 22, 906 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., No. 109, Twin Falls; burglary; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 19; released under own recognizance.
Terrian Krist Jenkins, 34, 317 W. Avenue G, Jerome, 34, failure to appear — failure to purchase a driver's license and contempt; public defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for Dec. 7; \$300 bond.
Jesus Manuel Rey-Villa, 17, 906 1/2 Roberson, Buhl; failure to purchase a driver's license; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Nov. 30; \$500 bond.
Iolanda Ramis Aguilera, 44, 1515

Kimberly Road, No. 22, Twin Falls; failure to appear — trespassing; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; court trial set for Dec. 13; \$500 bond.
Benjamin Christopher Hamilton, 22, 447 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls; violation of a no contact order; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Nov. 30; \$250 bond.
Justin T. Kolben, 26, no address listed, Twin Falls; failure to appear — driving without privileges; public defender continuing; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Nov. 30; \$25,000 bond.
Marie Bernadette Rodriguez, 9, 66, no address listed, Twin Falls; grand theft; private counsel; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 19; summons issued.
James Roger Lee Hoover, 57, no address listed, Arboles, Colo.; theft by possession of stolen property; public defender continuing; pretrial conference set for Dec. 19; \$250 bond.
Aron J. Johnson, 39, 476 Diamond, Twin Falls; failure to appear — petit theft; public defender appointed; sentencing set for Dec. 21; \$5,000 bond; failure to appear — failure to purchase a driver's license and failure to show insurance (second offense); public defender appointed; pleaded guilty; sentencing set for Dec. 7; \$500 bond.

Joel R. Hejehl, 40, 305 Fifth Ave. W., Twin Falls; failure to appear — carrying a concealed weapon; public defender continuing; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Dec. 7; \$1,500 bond.
Robert Duane Hekley, 25, homeless, Twin Falls; probation violation — possession of a controlled substance; public defender continuing; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 22; \$50,000 bond; possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Dec. 21; released under own recognizance.
Dustin Paul Hoffmann, 22, 926 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls; failure to appear — under the influence in public; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Jan. 4; \$1,000 bond; probation violation — possession of a controlled substance; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Dec. 16; \$25,000 bond.
Lorenthal David Daniels, 20, 518 Ash, No. 1, Twin Falls; petit theft; under own recognizance; possession of property; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Dec. 21; released under own recognizance.
Dustin Paul Hoffmann, 22, 926 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls; burglary; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 19; \$10,000 bond.

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MARIACHI MUSIC



Randy Carrillo, of Mariachi Cobre, seen through the strings of a harp, strums the guitar on Sunday, during the Mariachi Mass at the Pan American Center in Las Cruces, N.M. The mass ended the annual Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference.

# Idaho Democrat wants state to split electoral votes

BOISE (AP) — An Idaho Democrat plans to propose a bill to the Legislature in January that would divvy up the state's electoral votes proportionally, according to the popular vote.

On Nov. 2, Idaho's four electoral votes went to the Republican candidate, as they have in every election save one for 50 years.

With the outcome seemingly never in doubt, state House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet said many Idaho voters are complaining their votes don't count. President George Bush was so certain of victory that he never came to Idaho.

"I actually heard it all over the state," said Jaquet, D-Ketchum. "I heard it from Republicans, too, because they'd like to know where people stand on the issues."

Had such a system been in place this year, Bush, who got 68 percent of Idaho's vote, would

have gotten three of the four electoral votes, while Sen. John Kerry, who polled 30 percent, would have nabbed one.

Jaquet, from Blaine County, Idaho's only county to favor Kerry, said a new system — in a close election — might inspire the candidates to pay more attention to making their case to Idaho voters and addressing issues that matter here.

Each state gets electoral votes based on its representation in Congress, so there is one for each of the state's two senators, and one for each member of the House of Representatives.

But states can determine their own rules for how they allocate their electoral votes. Iowa, Nebraska and Maine, currently allow them to be divided on a limited basis. Neither has ever split its electoral votes.

This year, Colorado voters considered a similar idea in the form of a voter initiative. It

failed. Opponents argued that Colorado's election results almost certainly would split its electoral votes 5-4 one way or the other, leaving just one vote up for grabs instead of nine. That would make candidates unlikely to ignore the state, rather than less, they said.

"That was the argument against it, which seemed to resonate with voters," said Tim Storey, a senior fellow with the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Mike Nugent, supervisor of research and legislation for the Idaho Legislature, said Idaho could change its rules simply by passing a new law. It wouldn't need to amend the state's constitution.

Traditionally, small states have pressured the winner-take-all Electoral College system because it gives them more of a voice.

# Higher costs dries up farming profits

LEWISTON (AP) — Wheat farmers say the high price of diesel is shriveling profits in what would otherwise be a good year.

Wheat prices at Portland, Ore., this past week were about \$3.94 a bushel, up 50 cents from a year ago.

But the prices of diesel fuel, natural gas-based fertilizer and farm equipment have shot through the barn roof, leaving many farmers with profit margins at barely break-even levels.

"Diesel prices are more than 68 cents a gallon higher than a year ago, with last week's national average hitting \$2.16. In northern Idaho, the average price is even higher at \$2.32 a gallon."

"This is just increasing the cost of everything to some extent," said Prineville-based Cooperatives Manager Ken Blakeman. "They get less for their grain and they pay more

for their inputs. Everything that impacts the farmers has gone up massively."

The high fuel prices affect nearly every part of the farming process — from preparing the land for planting to moving the finished product to market. Ninety percent of the region's wheat is shipped by barge from the Port of Lewiston to Portland, and the cost of barge fuel has more than doubled, Blakeman said.

"There's nothing you can do on our current system. The cheapest transportation is still the barges, and if you were to try to go to trucks, it would be way worse," he said.

There is nothing farmers can do but be as efficient as possible, said Grangeville farmer David Bodine.

"He uses direct seeding — drilling seed directly into unplowed ground and skipping

conventional tilling methods — to cut down on the number of times he must drive over a field. Though some farmers fear the method does not produce as much grain, Bodine said the lowered costs were a huge benefit.

"There really isn't anything else you can cut back on any more," Bodine said. "We've always been kind of lean and mean, so we will continue to do that and hope for the best."

Lapwai farmer Dick Wittman also uses direct seeding and is a firm believer that it pays off. Even so, he said, the higher price of fuel this year has added a minimum of \$3 to \$4 an acre in production costs.

Farmers are continually working at ways to make the business more cost-competitive, Wittman says, "but then you have these cost increases that wipe out a lot of these gains."

Patla, nongame biologist for Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

"Trumpeter swans are so traditional they usually come back to their nest sites year after year," Patla said. "If their nest site is vacant, we're concerned that we may be losing some nesting pairs."

The board meets at the district office at 633 Fremont Ave. in Rupert. The meeting is open to the public.

# Union Pacific moves Pocatello jobs

POCATELLO (AP) — Union Pacific is transferring a tenth of its Gate City work force by mid-February to boost slumping profits.

The nation's largest railroad is moving 65 of 650 Pocatello Union Pacific Fruit Express unit jobs to its North Platte, Neb., and De Soto, Miss., locations.

Union Pacific is reorganizing the Pocatello business, after third-quarter earnings slipped more than 30 percent, dented by higher fuel prices, costs to train new employees and rail congestion.

"We have to take whatever actions are necessary," spokesman John Bromley said. "It's our obligation to operate this business as efficiently as possible."

The Fruit Express is keeping 12 positions in Pocatello, to inspect refrigerated cars before they're cleaned and reloaded in Nebraska.

Workers can transfer to keep their jobs, Bromley said. Railroad union officials said the transfer is merely job cuts in disguise.

"With the transfers, we always lose jobs because people

aren't willing to move 800 miles," said Kevin Anderson, local chairman for the Carriers' Union in Pocatello.

He thinks the railroad will subcontract those positions to people willing to work for less money and no insurance benefits. Anderson is also angry he wasn't told about the moves until Friday afternoon.

"The railroad didn't even have the decency to let me know what was going on ahead of time so I could be with them (workers) to answer questions," he said.

# CSI

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1 p.m., Shields 106. Hospitality Management Walt Disney World college internship program presentations, 2 to 6 p.m., Taylor 276.

Bilingual Education Student Organization meeting, 2 p.m., Taylor 248.

CSI poetry workshop for high school students, 4 p.m., Student Union 248.

Alcohol and traffic safety school, 5 p.m., Shields 109. CSI and Department of Health and Welfare foster/adoptive pre-service class, 6 p.m., Taylor 277.

"Mingle in the Jungle," free reptile revue, 6 p.m., Herrett rainforest (free admission). Herrett Center Family Night, 6:15 p.m., Centennial Observatory (\$1 per person).

The Greatest Wonders of the Universe, 7-9 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

Magic Valley Symphony Twin Falls Centennial concert, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Wednesday Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition board meeting, 6:45 a.m., Taylor 258.

Regional superintendents meeting all day, Taylor 277.

CSI New Student Services campus tour, 9 a.m., all campus.

CSI Renaissance Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 110.

CSI and Idaho State University discussion of teacher education and English as a Sec-

ond Language issues in the classroom, 6 p.m., Student Union 248.

Automotive service exams, 7 p.m., Shields 117 and 118.

CSI Accent Club's annual International Dinner, 7 p.m., Student Union.

Styx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.

CSI Boxing Club practice, 9 p.m., Physical Education 236.

Thursday CSI alumni board meeting, 4 p.m., Taylor 256.

CSI New Student Services campus preview, 4:30 p.m., Aspen 108.

Charity Anywhere Foundation monthly meeting, 6 p.m., Meyerhoeffer 218.

Baptist Campus Ministries "Sales and Light" weekly fellowship, 7 p.m., Student Union 247.

CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball Arctic Circle Tournament, 8 p.m., vs. Western Wyoming, gym.

Friday Certified Nursing Assistant written exams, 8:30 a.m., Aspen 141.

Latinos Unidos weekly meeting, 2 p.m., Student Union 248.

Plano workshop, 3 p.m., Fine Arts 133.

Free group percussion lessons with Steve Cox, 4 p.m., Fine Arts 121.

CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball vs. Mary College, 4 p.m., Dawson, Mont.

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

"The Greatest Wonders of the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

# Information

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funding, which could include technology staff funding, equipment, training in schools and ISIMS is \$12.4 million, Westfall said.

Silvers said each district has to deal with the necessary infrastructure and cost to be compatible with ISIMS programs.

A bid timeline for the project should come out in December, Silvers said. The immediate plan is to stabilize the project, then replan and go forward with a new budget and a new timeline.

ISIMS and smaller schools

In Kimberly, Superintendent John Garner said the district is having minimal problems implementing ISIMS at the middle and high schools. They haven't started with the elementary yet.

"The program has problems and we've experienced those," Garner said. However, district officials aren't at the point of wanting to throw it out.

Garner said the schools have had delays while using ISIMS to register students. There are problems with instability and slow processing, but Garner expects first quarter report cards to be generated by ISIMS.

At the 191-student Bliss School, Superintendent Kevin Lancaster said the school and its computer system are so little, that taking on ISIMS has been an added burden. However, the school is persevering with it.

"Rather than drop out, we're giving them a chance," Lancaster said.

The school's computers didn't need much updating to use the programs, but the district has run redundant systems to make sure important information, such as attendance and grades, doesn't get lost.

"It's added work for us at this point," Lancaster said.

Working out the bugs

This fall Jerome had several parts of the system functioning at the high school and middle school.

Clark Muscat, a school improvement coordinator and assistant principal at the high school, said the implementation team had to discipline attendance, demographics and

parent contact systems work but have a few bugs.

One of the troubles with ISIMS is that it is Web-based, so it is plagued by poor connections and slow page loading. Muscat said the ISIMS programs can be frustrating for school officials used to instantaneous connections in old data systems.

The student information programs should come online at the district's elementary schools after Thanksgiving, Muscat said. The school has had helpful tech support from Boise, including help converting data to the new formats, which has saved Jerome a lot of time, Muscat said.

"I believe that the implementation plan was too aggressive," Muscat said. He said the Phase I schools were a more realistic pilot of the program.

"We've had our bumps and bruises," Muscat said. "It's more important to get it right than to spend money on a pilot."

One of the problems with ISIMS is a temporary grade book setup within the system. The setup will eventually be changed to a standards-based grade book as required by law, but that can't be fully accomplished until the curriculum management part of ISIMS comes online, Muscat said. It's difficult to get teachers to learn the new system when they don't know it's only temporary, they don't want to spend much time on it.

Muscat has seen the system crash and when that happens, the school can't look up parent phone numbers or change student schedules, among other things.

He looks forward to the system being more of a benefit when schools will be able to transfer information with a click of a button when a student moves. Schools will also be able to report attendance with a push of a button instead of 18 times-consuming forms.

"We're staying optimistic with this," Muscat said.

Computer compatibility

Graham said ISIMS runs on Windows 2000 or XP, so Filer had to replace some of his older computers. It didn't have to be done this year, but within two years the schools would have to upgrade from Windows 98 to

Windows 2000, so it wasn't an additional expense.

The district also had to make room on computer servers to support the programs. Graham said he doesn't know how much more money and supplies the district will have to put toward the program.

In Kimberly, Garner said the district set aside extra money for staff meetings and upgrading its own technology.

"There's always a hidden charge," Garner said. "I think the benefits will pay off in the long run."

Richfield is not a Phase I school, but the district used its yearly allotment of technology money to upgrade computers in preparation for ISIMS, said Superintendent David Hocklander.

The Legislature directed schools to use that money — about \$24,500 in Richfield — with ISIMS as a priority, Hocklander said.

The school upgraded some computers a little sooner than it normally would have, so students are still benefiting from the money, Hocklander said.

In Jerome, the district didn't have to spend money on upgrading to be ready for ISIMS, Muscat said. "Our transition was really smooth," Muscat said.

But around the state, schools haven't had the financial help to create a uniform system, Muscat said.

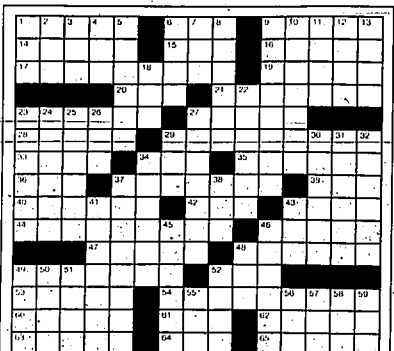
Uncharted territory

"The scope of the project brings up all sorts of issues, including the technological needs of schools, how to manage it and privacy concerns."

Muscat said he hasn't heard much about privacy problems with the Web-based systems. He said there are high levels of security within the system, but he hasn't heard it much because other people are working on it. He hasn't heard of any confidential information being hacked or released.

Garner said the project is so uncharted territory it is completely in uncharted territory. "We are the first state to try it," Garner said.

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Mom reluctant to share daughter's activities

DEAR ABBY: I am divorced and my 5-year-old daughter, "Liza," just started kindergarten. Her father, "George," remarried two years ago to a woman I call Beth. Beth has a 6-year-old daughter.

Now that Liza is going to "big school," Beth wants to come to all of Liza's parent-teacher functions with George (and in his place when I can't make it). George agrees with her.

I don't want Beth there. I am Liza's mother. It would be one thing if I weren't around and my daughter needed a mother to come to these things. I appreciate Beth wanting to do it, but to have her there would make me uncomfortable.

I don't want to hurt Beth's feelings, but as a mother she should understand. Am I wrong to feel this way? Should I approach them with this? Please advise.



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

— FEELING STEPPED ON IN N.C.

DEAR FEELING: Before saying anything, consider that Beth is showing a sincere interest in Liza's education. That is a plus if custody is shared. Every child

Abby, my wife and I talked this over before you came to live here, and we both acknowledged that although it might be difficult, we could work through any problems. However, lately I have begun to include imaginary issues as saying we won't permit her use of the telephone. (It never happened!) Is it time, to seek professional help?

— CONCERNED IN TEXAS

DEAR CONCERNED: Yes. Any change in the behavior of a person your mother-in-law's age could signal a physical, mental or neurological problem. She should be evaluated by a doctor who specializes in geriatrics — and while you're at it, the doctor should be told about her chronic depression and loneliness. One thing is certain: She won't get any better if you ignore the problem.

DEAR ABBY: My 60-year-old mother-in-law, "Verna," moved in with my wife and me some time back. We thought it would be better for her than living so far away from me. Her husband of many years died about 15 years ago, and she is still depressed.

The trouble is, Verna has become obsessive. She has food in her room, rarely comes out, and spends hours just talking to her dog. She also believes that we feel she's an intrusion in our lives.

should write my own eulogy. I'm not sure if that's appropriate or just self-indulgent.

I'd appreciate your thoughts. A positive attitude has been my strength.

— "WATCH ME FLY" IN PALM SPRING

DEAR "WATCH ME FLY": If you would like to write your own eulogy, by all means do so. You won't be the first to do it, and it's a surefire way to assure your message gets across — especially if it's videotaped.

RS. I hope your "flight" is long delayed and you have many more good years in Palm Springs.

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Aries: Speak with your actions

IF NOVEMBER 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... If you are in the market for a permanent romantic partner, December might be your lucky month. People you meet in the next six weeks will definitely have their heart in the right place and could view you through rose-colored glasses. But in January your first quest return to earth and dig in for a yearlong push towards material success.

Horoscope  
Jeraldine Saunders

but you can sit through a mishmash of minor decisions or emotional issues to find the right direction.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be confident where work is concerned and put extra effort into getting important projects off the ground.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put off that shopping spree or public appearance. Temporary celestial aspects make this a poor day to make agreements or spend money.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Although you have a pretty good day to make your mark in the business world, it is still best to avoid writing up contracts or deal making.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21): Friends could have problems and you might think that a friend in need is a friend indeed. Put requests for financial help under advisement until tomorrow and do not get drawn into emotional squabbles that do not concern you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There is always the vicious circle of needing to work hard to please others, that leaves you with little time to spend with those you love.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are at your attractive best and a few flirtations could brighten up the day. Because you are such a live wire, others could be shocked.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be shocked to find that mild flirtations are taken seriously or that stable relationships experience sudden reversals. Hold off on making declarations of love or making serious commitments.

Pike's Peak got its name on this day in 1806

This day in history: On Nov. 15, 1806, a U.S. army officer named Zebulon Pike, on a mission to explore the Louisiana Purchase and reconquer Spanish-held lands, saw a tall mountain in the distance — and headed toward it. Spanish troops captured him before he could set foot on the mountain, but Pike's Peak was named after him anyway.

One in eight lightning fatalities takes place on a golf course.

Here's a good reason for wearing earplugs when shopping. Researchers working with retailers have found that the right music can make customers spend more time in the store, move slower through it and make bigger purchases.

Just about everybody knows someone who's afflicted with outbursts. It means egotism and gross conceit.

At 16 of a square mile, Vatican City is the smallest country in the world. Its 750 residents

**RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS**  
Jack-Mingo  
Erin Barrett

have a remarkably low birthrate — not particularly surprising, we suppose, since most of them are either priests or nuns.

How do they get the fig inside a fig Newton? Think in terms of a funnel inside a larger funnel; the inner funnel extrudes fig paste; the outer, a cookie dough. The result is a long rope of fig surrounded by cookie dough. Flatten it out, bake it, and slice it into cookie-sized pieces — voila, fig cookies.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at [twoballooncompanion.com](mailto:twoballooncompanion.com)

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Charisma and public appeal hit a low point temporarily today, so avoid making presentations or agreements. New faces in your life may be here today and gone tomorrow.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You may need to tiptoe around some landmines where your love life or career is concerned, as a few things may be going on that escape your notice. Your partner and trusted friends are your best guides through tricky situations.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You have the ability to concentrate on whatever needs your attention without interruption, so much can be accomplished today. Working behind the scenes is to your advantage.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Making changes in the status quo could seem counterintuitive

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**Kids' menu: Far becomes burning**  
issue at restaurants.  
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## News ripped from yesterday's headlines

"Today we have some urgent breaking news, defined as 'news' that happened at some point in the past year and we just now found out because we're way behind in our mail."

Our first breaking item, brought to our attention by alert reader Don Bovard, is an alarming report in the May 28 Erie (Pa.) Times-News, which devoted most of its front page, and an entire inside page, to this story. What happened, in brief, was that an 18-year-old male got sick and defecated in ... well, in his briefs. He then changed, put his soiled clothes in a black garbage bag, and threw the bag away.



DAVE BARRY

Now in normal times, this would not be front-page news, even in Erie. But of course we do not live in normal times. In fact, the day U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft had issued one of those vague yet at the same time unhelpful federal terrorism warnings that boil down to: "Be afraid. Be very afraid."

So the nation was on High Random Fear Alert when the young man disposed of his poop pants. Unfortunately, he decided to toss the garbage bag next to a municipal reservoir, where he was spotted by an Erie Water Works employee, who found the bag and reported it to the police, who closed all the streets in the area, and called the Bomb Squad and the Hazardous Materials Response Team. The Water Works department shut down the reservoir and warned the public to conserve water, a move that caused concerned residents to deluge the police with phone calls.

After several tense hours, police apprehended the young man, who told them what was in the garbage bag. This was confirmed by the Bomb Squad, and I think we can all agree that no matter how much those officers get paid, it is not enough. So life in Erie returned to normal for everybody except the young man, who is currently in a Guantanamo Bay cell surrounded by trained military dogs.

No, seriously, he faced minor charges, and we're sure he's doing just as well as you'd be doing if you were the subject of a front-page newspaper story informing the world that you managed to paralyze your city after doodling your drawers. But let this story serve as a reminder to all of us: If we ever have a similar accident, we should not dispose of our underwear in a careless manner. Instead, we should - to quote U.S. Department of Homeland Security director Tom Ridge - "pull it to whoever is responsible for the TV show 'Wife Swap.'"

In international news, we have a truly disturbing item from the June 21 edition of the Daily Yornium, an English-language Japanese newspaper. This item begins: "An 83-year-old professor emeritus has been arrested on suspicion of attacking and injuring a salesman with a sword after the latter offered to fix his sewage pipes."

The article states that the professor, Tatsuo Chubachi, was at home when the salesman came by and offered to fix his pipes, at which point Chubachi produced the sword and slashed the salesperson on the buttocks. The professor was arrested on suspicion of, among other things, violating the "Firearms and Swords Control Law."

This story should remind all Americans how lucky we are to live in a nation (America) where we have a constitutional right to keep and bear swords to protect ourselves from those who would repair our sewage pipes. We also have the right to vote for our leaders, which leads us to our final breaking news item: Apparently there's going to be some kind of presidential election this year. Somebody should look into this. Not us. We have to use the bathroom.

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him c/o The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla. 33132.

# Making style a plus

## Retailers discover there's a big market beyond size 10

Knight Ridder Newspapers

MIAMI — Abby Zeichner wears Versace, but only when she day-dreams.

"That's because Versace doesn't come in size 18. Nor to most designer jeans. Or sparkly ensembles. Or silky dresses. 'I don't want elastic waistbands and the soccer-mom look,'" said Zeichner, 37, sitting in a South Beach Starbucks on a recent visit to Miami from New York. "I should be able to get up and feel pretty and sexy."

When Zeichner designed clothing for stores for teens, she couldn't get the stores to carry even a size 14. So last year she launched the Abby Z Collection, with exactly the styles she herself longed for.

In the beginning, most buyers wouldn't return her calls. But somehow all that changed about six months ago.

When clothing manufacturers realized in the last decade that larger women were happy to pay for nice clothes, often they merely doubled the girth. But without altering the cuts to accommodate different proportions, the clothes were a poor fit — and sometimes still are.

"I don't know why — people just see it all of a sudden," said Zeichner, wearing three-inch heels and her very outrageous jeans and purple print poncho in silk.

Selected Saks Fifth Avenue and Nordstrom stores began carrying Abby Z in the last several months. Her line arrived recently at various Lord & Taylor stores. Bloomingdale's is putting the apparel in three stores later this month.

"We like that Abby Z is the Abby Z customer herself," said Marisa Gottlieb, senior assistant buyer for Bloomingdale's. "We also like that it's a little hipper and more youthful, trendy, yet the fabrics are very high quality."

Describing plus-size clothing as "hip" is a recent phenomenon. Gilda Gevis opened a store by the same name 16 years ago in Aventura, Fla., to dress women who were like herself, a size 20. But back then, most of what she had to choose from were what she calls "fat ladies' clothes."

"They were boxy, shapeless and matronly or with big old floral prints," Gevis said. "We didn't have clothes that were the counterpart of the regular marketplace."

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Still, when it comes to fashion, being big in America isn't easy. Claudette Armbrister, who was crowned Ms. Plus Florida 2003, is a size 22-24 and usually buys clothes from Lane Bryant, Ashley Stewart and Roaman's online catalog. But when she walks into department stores — other than JC Penney — she feels like a second-class citizen.

"That's because the bigger clothes are tucked away on top floors, in basements or far behind the misses sections. 'It almost seems as if they're embarrassed of us,'" said Armbrister, of Miami. "But we are here to stay. So bring our clothes down by the little girls."

The clothing industry is getting wiser, however. Said Marc Shomberg, manager of Gilda Gevis' My customers are size 10 to 60, business women or retired women who have disposable income.

Old Navy now has jeans and separates in sizes 16 to 26. Wal-Mart is adding sportswear to its Just My Size line (JMS) for larger women, and labels will reflect which items are best for a woman shaped like an apple versus one shaped like an hourglass.

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### Accentuate the positive

All women carry extra weight in different places. Be it their bottom, waist or thighs and rear.

Clothing cuts will either accentuate assets or highlight flaws, and full-figured women are finally getting a bit more choice in the matter.

Regina Martin, designer director for Wal-Mart's JMS line for larger women, says women with thicker waists and smaller legs should wear clothes with extra details on the neckline, longer shirts and pants with a boot-leg cut.

"That way, you've moved away from her middle and are looking at her top and the bottom of the leg, which gives the illusion of shape," Martin said. Women with more distinct waists but heavier bottoms should accentuate the waist, through colors, cuts, belts and sashes, she said.

"In a pant, we'll give her a tie belt, interesting pockets, and the leg is straight. The emphasis is right on her waist. The top is shorter, in a stripe maybe, and we might turn the stripe at her waist," Martin said. "It's kind of extreme and it's great when you see it on because it really works."

Designer Abby Zeichner wants bigger women to sex it up. "It should definitely be like 'Sex and the City' gone large," Zeichner said. "High heels give you another attitude, especially in Miami. Put on your jeans and pick a pretty printed floral top and glitz it up a bit."

If you don't have jeans, especially some with Lycra for a little give in the waist, "get over it and try some on," Zeichner advises. Bohemian blouses are a trendy option for women who want to cover their backsides, she said.

"Lift yourself up, either with a heel or with a free beauty makeover. Then go shopping."

Sources: Miami Herald

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"I think more and more we have become aware of the difference of the proportions

in terms of women's shapes," said JMS Designer Director Regina Martin. "Before they just defined her as plus."

## Online fabric advice 'Petaled pins a bloomin' hit is always available

Knight Ridder Newspapers

It has been a few years since "Sex and the City" set off a wave of faux flower lapel pins. The show is history, but thanks to the popularity of

Attitude jewelry, brooches and every other accessory on the planet, the flower pins are back. But what's new is that the blooms are finding big fans among the kindergarten set.

When Lisa Hoffman, a Kansas City, Mo., public relations executive, started making floral pins, hair clips and headbands for her own wardrobe and friends, requests and special orders transformed her hobby into a small business.

The adult corsages were steady sellers, but to her surprise, the headbands and clips for little girls have turned out to

be hands-down favorites.

"The bigger the bloom, the better," she says of the infant stretch styles and regular headbands.

Mothers like them for mother-daughter photographs combined with the corsages. "I can't keep up with demand."

Hoffman is marketing them through a traditional home show she calls "petal

T-shirt (\$9.99) and utility drawing cargo pants (\$29.99), available in sizes 16-32 at Fashion Bug stores.

Photo courtesy of Fashion Bug

Classic plaid button-front shirt (\$19.99) with cotton flannel



SEWING  
Barbara Gash

It's late at night and you need advice on how best to rip out rows of serger stitching. You don't have to wake a sewing buddy! Just turn on your computer and get the answer online by clicking on a discussion board. They're free and available to you anytime. Here are some examples:

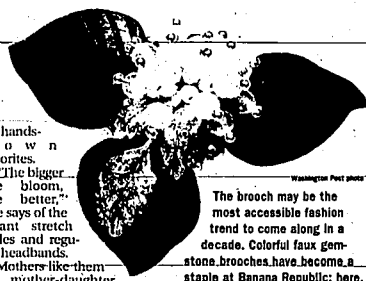
The Creative Machine Online Discussion forum was started by the newsletter of the same name, now discontinued. Currently run by Threads magazine, the forum explores the many creative uses of the sewing machine and serger. Daily postings cover a wide range of topics, from specific garment patterns to collecting machines.

Guest hosts include authors, educators, manufacturers, store

owners and other sewing enthusiasts. Go to [www.nation.com/threads/pages/cme-discuss-jump](http://www.nation.com/threads/pages/cme-discuss-jump).

Also from Threads is Gatherings, inviting chats about all things related to the fiber arts, including sewing, quilting, embroidery and knitting. This community welcomes beginners looking for help with a first project, as well as experts eager to pass along time-savers, teach

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The brooch may be the most accessible fashion trend to come along in a decade. Colorful faux gemstone brooches have become a staple at Banana Republic; here, a beaded cluster leaf brooch.

pushier parties." Prices start about \$10. For more information, send e-mail to [petalpusher@kcr.com](mailto:petalpusher@kcr.com).

IMAGE

# You can take 'em with you

## Flying with your pet this holiday season

Soon millions of Americans will be celebrating the season by flying to visit their far-flung families. This year, along with the brightly wrapped gift boxes and tins of fruitcake that even the dog won't eat, many of us will be taking our pets with us on our airplane journeys.

If you're worried about flying with four-legged family members, you can minimize the chances of an unpleasant experience—by following a few guidelines from experts in pet air travel and government agencies whose responsibility it is to insure that pets are shipped safely and humanely.

Walter M. Woolf, VMD—who along with his wife, Millie, is the owner of Air Animal Pet Movers, a Tampa, Fla.-based company that ships pets worldwide—is adamant about one piece of "flying with your pet" advice.

"The well-traveled pet will receive no tranquilizers or sedatives," Woolf says. "Pre-flight conditioning in the pet travel container is the no-risk and safe method of relaxing and conditioning your pet for airline travel and flight."

Woolf also cautions pet owners that whether the flies as cargo or in the cabin, they must obtain a veterinary-issued interstate health certificate within 10



THE BOND Marty Becker

days of flight departure. The AWA, whose company ships over 2000 animals per year, says owners who travel with their pets, especially during the winter seasons, may experience the airline requirement of a Certificate of Acclimation. Signed by both the pet owner and veterinarian, this document states the pet's ability to withstand ground temperatures below 45 degrees Fahrenheit for a period of up to four hours (either at the origin, transfer or destination of the pet's flight.)

Before you and your veterinarian get alarmed, Woolf explains that the certificate has absolutely nothing to do with the temperature within the aircraft during flight. It only references the conditions on the ground at origin, during transfer and at destination.

If your pet is flying this holiday season, make sure you have an airline-approved crate. The Animal Welfare Act (AWA), the Federal Law governing the acceptance and carriage of live animals (dogs and cats), mandates the pet carrier to be suitable for the pet to stand, turn and lie down comfortably. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal—and Plant Health Inspection Service

(APHIS), which enforces the AWA, has lots of specific pet travel requirements on their Web site at [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov). This will not necessarily be the same as the carrier used for car trips and at home. Make sure you purchase the crate well in advance so that the pet can be acclimated to it prior to travel.

Ask your airline for details, or check the airline's Web site for specific air carrier requirements. Mark the crate with the "Live Animal" stickers as required by the AWA. Contact your airline the day before your trip to confirm your reservations.

Try to book a nonstop flight for your pet; midday flights are best for pets when the weather is cold.

You should not put water in your dog's crate because it can spill and then the pet is sitting in a wet kennel; but instead you can take the half-moon plastic clip-on cups, placing them in your freezer the day before your airline flight.

For reasons of airline security, you will not have access to your pet during transfers.

When you arrive at your destination airport, your pet will be available for you shortly after you and at the airline's baggage claim office, or the air carrier's special handling office for live animals.

Some smaller pets are allowed to fly in-cabin in soft-side carriers after meeting certain requirements. Pet must stay inside the carrier for the duration of the flight. To help insure a

great flight, familiarize your pet to its portable den well in advance of travel.

Reservations must be made well in advance as only a small number of pets are allowed on-board and an extra fee must be paid. Check with airlines in advance as rules and regulations vary from airline to airline.

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## MVRMC offers CPR class

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6 to 10 p.m. today in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 598 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 737-2007.

## 'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Traveling With Baby."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

## About infant care

An infant care class will be offered from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at Central Regional Medical Center in Burley. Topics will include infant care, feeding and bathing.

An infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation and safety class will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the medical center. Instruction will include first-aid techniques to assist infants who are choking.

Cost is \$20. To register or for more information, call 677-6500.

## About C-sections

A cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 7 to 9:30

## Sewing

Continued from C1 techniques and tips.

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Do you have a favorite sewing discussion board? Please share, and I'll add more in future columns.

Also, I've been asked for an update on places to donate fabrics and related items. If your church or organization accepts such donations, please contact me and I'll pass it on to readers.

Barbara Cash writes about sewing for the Detroit Free Press. Send e-mail to [compuserve@aol.com](mailto:compuserve@aol.com).

## To do for you

p.m. Tuesday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class will be taught by a registered nurse. Topics will include cesarean deliveries, hospital procedures and recovery from surgery. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to the class.

The class is free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

## Alzheimer's support

SunBridge Care Center and Rehabilitation will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at SunBridge, 640 Filler Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The support group is open to Twin Falls area residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.

For more information, call Steve Jones or Dawn McCoy at 734-8645.

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

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## WEDDING

### HOPKINS-DAVENPORT

TWIN FALLS -- Kristen Marie Hopkins and Robert W. Davenport were married Nov. 6 at The White House in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Naomi-Hopkins of Buhl.

The bridegroom is the son of Craig and Rose Loden of Twin Falls.

Mr. Hopkins, grandfather of the bride, escorted the bride down the aisle. Amanda Jenkins, friend of the bride, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amanda Drown, friend of the bride, and Krystal Loden, sister-in-law of the bride.

Bryan Davenport, brother of the groom, was the best man. Groomsmen were Jeff Aphaltee and Joey Astley, friends of the groom.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Loden residence in Twin Falls. Krystal Loden, sister of the groom, attended the guest book.



Robert and Kristen Davenport Special guests were Florence Serino of Irvine, Calif., grandmother of the groom; Misty Lingle of California, cousin of the groom; and Carrie Claffey of Pennsylvania, godmother of the groom.

The bride is completing her senior year at Twin Falls High School and plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho nursing program.

The bridegroom is currently serving in the United States Army and will be stationed in Iraq for 12 months.

The couple will reside in Twin Falls.

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# DITCH THE KIDS' MENU

## Fat becomes a burning issue at family restaurants

Knight Ridder Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Want to cut the amount of fat in your child's diet? Ditch the kids' menu at many family restaurants, says a new consumer report on nutrition and kids cuisine.

Many restaurants have responded in recent years to demands for more healthful choices for adults, but children's menus with their familiar and cheap items have lagged behind, according to the report from the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

With some exceptions, the nation's sit-down restaurant chains are serving too many fat-bloated menus of cheeseburgers, fries, pizzas and chicken nuggets that contribute to obesity, diabetes, heart disease and cancer, the center said.

Some restaurant chains downplayed the report, saying it failed to acknowledge menu changes that either had taken place or were being planned.

The center, which is a national nutrition advocacy organization, surveyed 20 restaurant chains for its report. Dishes from seven chains were sent to an independent laboratory for nutritional testing.

Some items, with the ubiquitous order of fries, provided two-thirds or more of a child's recommended daily dose of fat.

"Kids' menus have just been fast food for years and years," Jayne Hurley, a nutritionist and co-author of the report, said. "It's cheap for the restaurants, but the cost for kids is measured in obesity and related diseases."

Restaurant chains said the report failed to note that in some cases parents could substitute items on kids' menus, for instance replacing an order of fries with a plate of healthful broccoli.

Applebee's is committed to providing our guests with great-tasting, healthy menu options," said Laurie Ellison, a spokeswoman for Overland Park, Kan.-based Applebee's International Inc., which recently added Weight Watchers items to its adult menu.

Applebee's was taken to task in the report for its children's menu grilled cheese sandwich. The center's analysis found that the sandwich — with fries — added up to 900 calories, including 44 grams of total fat and 21 grams of saturated and trans fat.

According to American Heart Association guidelines, an average child on a 1,500-calorie-a-day diet should consume in a day no more than 50 total grams of fat, of which no more than 17 grams should include artery-clogging saturated fats and trans fats.

The center's report saved its biggest criticism for Outback



Andrew Dillard, 11, is treated to lunch by his mother, Anne, at a District Heights, Md., restaurant.

Washington Post photo

### What's on the menu?

The chart below shows selected meals with complimentary beverages. Items are ranked from least to most saturated-plus-trans fat in the main dish.

Kids' meals	Calories	Total fat			Sodium (milligrams)
		(grams)	(grams)	(grams)	
Chili's macaroni/cheese	420	12	6	910	
Chili's ribs	280	17	7	370	
...with fries	630	33	13	590	
Chili's chicken cispers	360	20	8	980	
...with fries	630	33	13	590	
Applebee's grilled cheese	520	26	14	1,350	
...with fries	900	44	21	2,050	
...fries and a Coke	1,020	44	21	2,060	
Outback Boomerang cheeseburger	730	40	27	180	

Daily limits for low-active children ages 4-8  
 Calories: 1,500. Total fat: 50 grams. Saturated fat: 17 grams.  
 Sodium: 2,400 milligrams.

Source: Center for Science in the Public Interest

**Boomerang Cheese Burger.** With fries, the meal accounts for 56 grams of fat, including 31 grams of saturated fats and trans fats, the independent analysis found.

Adding a Coke and a Spotted Dog Sundae with chocolate sauce raises the total to 97 grams of fat, including 58 grams of saturated and trans fats.

Outback Steakhouse did not return calls for comment. The report praised some children's menus, in particular healthful options offered by Cracker Barrel's grilled chicken tenders (2 grams of fat) and the Olive Garden's spaghetti and tomato sauce (3 grams). Those items balanced out fattier options, including Cracker Barrel's macaroni and cheese (29 grams) and Olive Garden's cheese pizza (18 grams).

"We clearly feel our menu is doing fine," said Julie Davis, a Cracker Barrel spokeswoman. "We take this as a validation that our strategy is effective."

Olive Garden spokeswoman, Steve Coc said a menu that provides healthier alternatives for children "is something most definitely we are thinking about."

The report also spoke highly of Red Lobster's children's menu, which was too new to evaluate in the study.

### Seeking solutions

Doctors and nutritionists offer the following tips to help parents cut down on fats when dining out with children:

- Avoid foods cooked or fried in animal and hydrogenated fat
- Order baked, broiled or grilled chicken, fish, turkey or lean beef.

When possible, ask to substitute vegetables, fruits or applesauce for fries.

- When ordering fries, reduce the quantity or share portions.
- Order leaner portions offered on the adult menu or share an adult portion with your child.
- Request white cheeses (which have less fat than yellow cheeses) in sandwiches and pizzas.

- Choose low-fat milk and water as an alternative drink to high-calorie sodas.
- Choose a hamburger or fries — but not both.

- Get your child to try a new vegetable offering on each outing.
- Use home dinners to introduce healthful foods that can be ordered when dining out.

Source: The Kansas City Star

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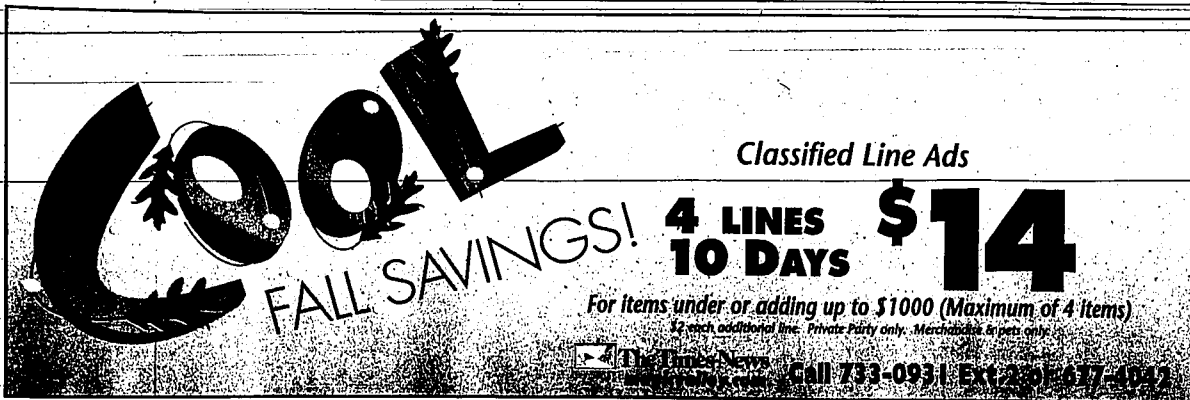
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TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Which team did the Los Angeles Rams play in the final game at Anaheim Stadium?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

M.V. trio leads Sheridan College

CASPER, Wyo. - Danielle Maloney of Twin Falls, Liz Brice of Burley and Jennifer Pond of both Jerome and College of Southern Idaho led Sheridan College (Wyo.) to a 2-1 record this past weekend at the Casper (Wyo.) College Thunderbird Tournament.

Maloney scored 31 points and Brice chipped in with eight points and 10 assists to lead Sheridan to an 89-57 win over Arizona-Chandler. The following evening, Maloney went for 25 points and Pond added 13 points and 10 rebounds in a 74-69 victory over the College of Eastern Utah.

Sheridan, which began its season with five straight wins, saw its winning streak come to an end against Colby Community College (Kan.), 68-57. Maloney and Pond each had 13 points in that game.

Sheridan will be in action again this weekend at the Air Force Academy Tournament in Colorado Springs, Colo.

CSI booster

luncheon set for today

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho's CSI booster luncheon will be held at noon today in the Taylor Administration Building's Room 277 on campus. Fans and boosters are encouraged to attend. Coaches will be on hand to discuss their teams.

Fans and boosters can go through the food line in the cafeteria, buy their food and bring it to Room 277.

Kemp cards first career hole-in-one

TWIN FALLS - Gayle Kemp carded her first hole-in-one at Blue Lakes Country Club on the 140-yard Hole No. 9 using a 7-iron. Marcia Rankin and Robbie Robertson witnessed the feat.

T.F. Parks and Rec offers hoops signups

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation District will hold registration for Grades 4-7 boys basketball through Nov. 15. Teams will be divided by school and grade with games held each Saturday from Jan. 15 through Feb. 26. The red and white pants and neon green jerseys used previously for soccer will also be used for basketball. Players not already owning a jersey will be required to purchase one.

The fee is \$12, with a \$10 late fee assessed after Nov. 30. For more information, call 736-2265.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:

The Washington Redskins.

Green Bay outguns Minnesota

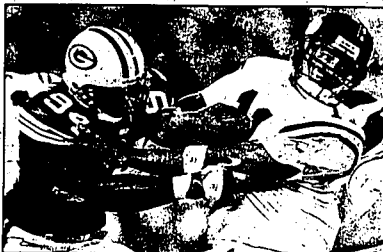
By Arnie Stapleton Associated Press writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. - What a difference a month has made for the Green Bay Packers and the Minnesota Vikings.

Ryan Longwell's 33-yard field goal as time expired gave the Packers a 34-31 victory over their archrivals on Sunday after the Vikings had rallied to tie it with two touchdowns in the final 2:53.

After Daunte Culpepper's fourth touchdown toss, Robert Ferguson returned the ball to midfield, where Antoine Winfield forced a fumble. The officials ruled that Packers tight end Ben Steele recovered, even though Minnesota's Larry Ned emerged from the scum with the ball as the Vikings (5-4) celebrated.

Brett Favre, who also threw four touchdown passes, calmly guided Green Bay to the Vikings' 15-yard line, where Longwell split the uprights. It was Favre's 18th game with four or more passes for 363 yards. Note



Green Bay Packers defensive end Kaber Gbaja-Biamila sacks Minnesota Vikings quarterback Daunte Culpepper (11) in the fourth quarter on Sunday in Green Bay, Wis. The Packers won 34-31.

AP photo

Burlison caught 11 of them for 141 yards and a score.

Favre went 20-of-29 for 239 yards, four TDs and no interceptions for a passer rating of 153. Culpepper was 117.9.

Green Bay's Javon Walker caught a 50-yard touchdown pass to get things going. Ahman Green rushed for 145 yards on 21 carries and helped the Packers take a commanding 31-17 lead into the closing minutes.

But the Vikings weren't done. Culpepper's 2-yard shovel pass to Ontario Smith with 2:53 left made it 31-24. The Vikings held Green Bay (5-4) without a first down and got the ball back with 2:18 left. Culpepper needed just three plays and less than a minute to move Minnesota 58 yards for the tying score, a 17-yard toss to Moe Williams with 1:20 left.

Favre threw touchdown passes on three of Green Bay's first four possessions and the Packers led 24-10 at halftime.

Panthers emerge in game of the week

By Greg Beacham Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO - With their punter kicking field goals and their defense kicking Tim Rattay all over the field, the Carolina Panthers touched their win total.



Muhsin Muhammad caught three touchdown passes from Jake Delhomme in the second half, and Todd Sauerbrun made the go-ahead field goal.

Muhsin Muhammad with 4:25 left in the Panthers 37-27 victory over the hapless San Francisco 49ers on Sunday.

Delhomme was 19-of-34 for 303 yards - 123 on six passes to Muhammad - as the Panthers (2-7) overwhelmed the Niners' terrible defense with 34 points after halftime.

The beleaguered defending NFC champions had no running game and no kicker, thanks to John Kasay's calf injury, but still snapped their six-game losing streak.

The Panthers scored 17 points in the final 7:12 after Brandon Lloyd's 30-yard TD catch gave San Francisco a 27-20 lead early in the fourth quarter. Muhammad caught scoring passes of 4 and 26 yards while finding alarmingly big holes in the Niners' befuddled secondary.

The entire second half was yet another disaster for the 49ers, who lost their fourth straight game to their worst start since 1979. Rattay passed for 284 yards, but made a key fumble and threw four interceptions - two that immediately were turned into points for the Panthers in the second half.

Sauerbrun put them ahead with a 34-yard kick before Rattay's third interception set up Muhammad's final catch.

Kasay kicked two field goals before getting injured at some point in the third quarter. Sauerbrun was perfect on four extra points and his field goal.

Cedrick Wilson had five catches for 101 yards for the 49ers, but Rattay had perhaps his worst game as a starter.

The 49ers held the ball for nearly 23 minutes in the first half, taking a 17-0 lead on two short TD runs by Kevan Barber. But Carolina scored 17 quick points in the third quarter, taking the lead on Muhammad's 40-yard TD catch.

Muhammad caught a 4-yard TD pass with 7:12 left to cap a drive five with Niners defensive errors, and Rattay fumbled while being sacked moments later.

Mike Rucker recovered at the San Francisco 21, and Sauerbrun drilled his field goal with 4:25 left. After Brenson Buckner intercepted Rattay yet again, Muhammad got open for his third score.

Seahawks' 0' sputters in 23-12 division loss to St. Louis Rams

By R.B. Fallstrom Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS - Mike Martz's week of anger was no empty display. He saw the season slipping away for the defending NFC West champions and thought taking potshots at his players might be his best shot at turning things around.

The St. Louis Rams responded to the tongue-lashings and physical practices by slapping around the Seattle Seahawks.

Marc Bulger got off to a red-hot start and belatedly defended held Seattle to three field goals in five trips inside the 20 in a 23-12 victory that earned the Rams a first-place tie with the Seahawks atop the NFC West on Sunday.

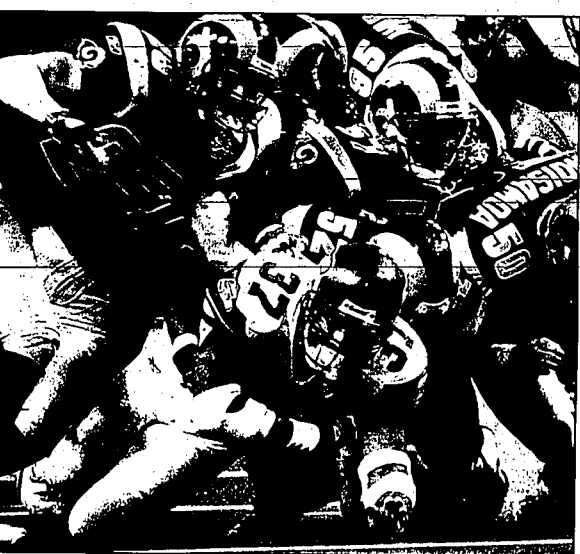
Martz held little back after consecutive losses to the Patriots and previously winless Dolphins.

"You don't want the head man upset," wide receiver Devin Curtis said. "It can't help but fire you up a little bit to play even harder."

Martz's tactics included a live scrimmage on Wednesday, a very unusual full-contact drill for the NFL, but something that he'll continue after seeing such impressive results.

"It's easy to take things for granted - all of us, coaches too," Martz said. "If you don't coach actively and bring on the passion that they have to play this game, then you start to slide, and I think that's where we were."

The Rams (5-4) responded to Mad Mike by sweeping the season series against their top competition in the West, this time benefiting from an early cushion rather than a fast finish. The Rams led 17-0 early in the second quarter, a month ago in Seattle, they had to score 17 points in the final 5.5 minutes of regulation to force overtime.



A host of St. Louis Rams defenders gang tackle Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander (37) during the third quarter in St. Louis, Sunday. The Rams won 23-12.

"They made key plays when they had to, and we didn't," Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren said. "I think that was the story."

Shaun Alexander had 176 yards on 22 carries for Seattle, giving him 531 yards the last three games and putting him over 1,000 yards for the fourth straight season. But Alexander's fumble after a 35-yard gain to the St. Louis 9 early in the fourth quarter blew the Seahawks' chance to tie it, with Aeneas Williams stripping the ball and Rich Coody recovering.

"I was just thinking 'make plays,' and I went out to make a play," Alexander said. "Their defense made a better one."

Matt Hasselbeck ended with one of his worst games of the season for the Seahawks (5-1), going 15-for-36 for 172 yards. The Seahawks were limited to four field goals by Josh Brown.

Bulger was 5-for-6 for 71 yards on the opening drive, capped by a 15-yard touchdown pass to Curtis, and was 12-for-15 in the first quarter for 158 yards. By early in the second quarter he had completed passes to nine receivers.

He was ineffective much of the second half playing with the

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D.C. wins fourth MLS Cup

By Ken Peters Associated Press writer

CARSON, Calif. - D.C. United won an unprecedented fourth MLS Cup on Sunday, beating Kansas City 3-2 in Carson, Calif.

United spotted the Wizards an early goal, then scored three times in a seven-minute span of the first half to move in front for good.

Alecko Eskandarian scored in the 19th minute to tie it 1-1, then added another goal four minutes later.

United built a two-goal lead on an own-goal when a pass by Earnie Stewart deflected off Wizards' defender Alex Zolnic and into the net in the 26th minute.

Kansas City, the 2000 MLS Cup champion, pulled within 3-2 on Josh Wolff's penalty kick in the 58th minute. The Wizards were awarded the kick when United's Dema Kovalenko, protecting the goal line, used his hand to knock a shot by Davy Arnaud over the bar.



D.C. United's Alecko Eskandarian heads the ball against the Kansas City Wizards during the first half of the MLS Cup in Carson, Calif., Sunday. D.C. won 3-2 to claim its fourth MLS Cup.

Kovalenko was ejected, the first player sent off in the nine-year history of the Cup.

Despite being down a man, United held off the Wizards the rest of the way.

Who's No. 2 in college football?

By Ralph D. Russo Associated Press writer

AUBURN, Ala. - Auburn made its case on the field - and off - as the No. 1 team in college football. The Tigers moved up to No. 2 in The Associated Press Top 25 on Sunday, but they're not alone.

Auburn and Oklahoma now share the spot behind No. 1 Southern California in the media poll.

And they're only separated in the coaches poll by two points, with the Sooners holding the slim advantage.

The "next thing to change will be the Bowd Championship Series standings, which come out today.

The annual debate about the BCS is about to reach a fever pitch. With three weekends of football left before the postea-

son matchups are determined, the chances of three major conference teams finishing unbeaten is a distinct possibility.

USC will play in the Orange Bowl for the BCS title on Jan. 4 with little protest. It wins its remaining two games.

As for the Tigers and Sooners, with two wins each, one will be on the way to Miami while the other is left to wonder why a 12-0 record and a major conference championship wasn't good enough.

This much is clear: If USC, Oklahoma and Auburn all run the table, a team deserving a shot at the national championship isn't going to get it: Nice job, BCS.

Auburn and Oklahoma each received 1,536 points in the latest AP poll. The Tigers got six

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# Ravens escape Jets

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)** — Matt Stover kicked a 42-yard field goal with 7:39 remaining in overtime to give the Baltimore Ravens a 20-17 victory over the New York Jets.

Last season, Stover kicked two game-winning field goals in overtime for Baltimore (6-3).

Kyle Boller got the Ravens in position for the winning score by converting a third-and-5 from the Baltimore 49 with a 21-yard pass to Kevin Johnson. Boller then completed a 10-yard pass to Travis Taylor on third-and-14 from the Jets 34 to put the Ravens in field goal range.

Boller was 19-of-33 for 213 yards with two touchdowns, both to rookie Clarence Green. Jamal Lewis had 30 carries for 68 yards.

The Jets (6-3), losers of their last four games, led 14-0, but Ed Reed's end-zone interception of Lamon Redans' halfback pass and return to the New York 36 turned things around.

## Jaguars 23, Lions 17, OT

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** — David Garrard threw two touchdown passes, including a 31-yarder to Jimmy Smith in overtime. Garrard, making his first start in nearly two years, finished 19-of-36 for 198 yards and added 12 yards rushing.

Fred Taylor had a season-high 144 yards rushing as the Lions (4-5) were outgained on the ground for a second consecutive week—and lost their third straight game.

## Bears 19, Titans 17, OT

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — Alex Brown sacked backup Billy Volek in the end zone and knocked the ball loose for a safety and an overtime win.

It was only the second time an NFL game has ended in overtime on a safety. The first was Nov. 5, 1989, when Minnesota beat the Los Angeles Rams 23-21 when Mike Merritt weather-blocked Dale Hatch's punt and the ball rolled off the end zone.

The victory gave the Bears (4-5) their first three-game winning streak since the end of the 2001 season — Chicago's last playoff appearance.

Tennessee (3-6) allowed Steve McNair another week in effort to rest his bruised and aching chest.

## Falcons 24, Buccaneers 14

**ATLANTA** — Bouncing back after the officials denied an apparent defensive TD, Alge Crumpler hauled in a 48-yard scoring pass from Michael Vick to clinch the victory. Crumpler had four catches for a career-best 118 yards, and the Falcons rushed for 205 yards.

Meanwhile, the Atlanta defense had a season-high seven sacks to make life miserable for Brian Griese and the Bucs (3-6). The Falcons (7-2) scored on their first three possessions for a 17-0 lead.

## Steelers 24, Browns 10

**CLEVELAND** — Ben Roethlisberger became the first rookie quarterback to begin 7-0 since the 1970 merger, and Jerome Bettis had two short touchdown runs, leading the Steelers over Cleveland.

The Steelers (8-1) took a s m a s h mouth football to a new extreme. Pittsburgh linebacker Joey Porter blocked Browns running back William Green in a fight during pregame drills. Both were ejected before the game began.

Bettis, starting in place of the injured Duce Staley for the second straight week, gained 103 yards on 23 carries. He scored on TD runs from 5 and 1 yards in the first half.

The Steelers put the game away when Aaron Smith stripped quarterback Jeff Garcia and safety Russell Stovins tackled him in 24 yards. Garcia was just 7-for-16 for 110 yards. He was sacked four times and threw an interception for Cleveland (3-6).

## Cardinals 17, Giants 14

**TEMPE, Ariz.** — Just like the old days in Dallas, running back Smith made life miserable for the Giants, who aided greatly in their own demise.

Smith rushed for a pair of touchdowns and Arizona (4-5) sacked Kurt Warner six times, including four by Bertrand Berry. Smith rushed for 67 yards on 19 carries, 30 yards on Arizona's go-ahead touchdown drive. He had scoring

runs of 2 and 3 yards en route to passing 18,000 yards rushing in his career.

## Bengals 17, Redskins 10

**LANDOVER, Md.** — Second-year quarterback Carson Palmer, displaying the smooth efficiency lacked by Redskins veteran Mark Brunell, completed 24 of 39 passes for 217 yards against the NFL's top-ranked defense.

Rudi Johnson added 102 yards on 31 carries for the Bengals (4-5), who have won three of four. They also broke a six-game road losing streak.

The Redskins fell to 3-6.

## Saints 27, Chiefs 20

**NEW ORLEANS** — Aaron Brooks threw a 42-yard touchdown pass to Jonathon Morgan on the fourth quarter and the Saints (4-5) rallied to win. With the score tied at 20, the Saints drove 72 yards to take the lead with 5:35 remaining.

The Chiefs (3-6) responded by driving to the Saints 17, but Derrick Blaylock could not handle a pass from Trent Green and linebacker Orlando Ruff grabbed it to preserve the victory.

## Colts 49, Texans 14

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Peyton Manning threw five touchdowns for the third time this season and completed 18-of-27 passes for 320 yards.

Indianapolis (6-3) won its second straight and retained its share of the AFC South lead, with Jacksonville.

Manning engineered three touchdown drives that used a total of 2:06. After three quarters, Manning had just one more incomplete pass than he did touchdown passes, and he surpassed his last year's TD total of 29. The 2003 co-MVP now has 31 touchdown passes this year. Dan Marino's NFL record is 48.

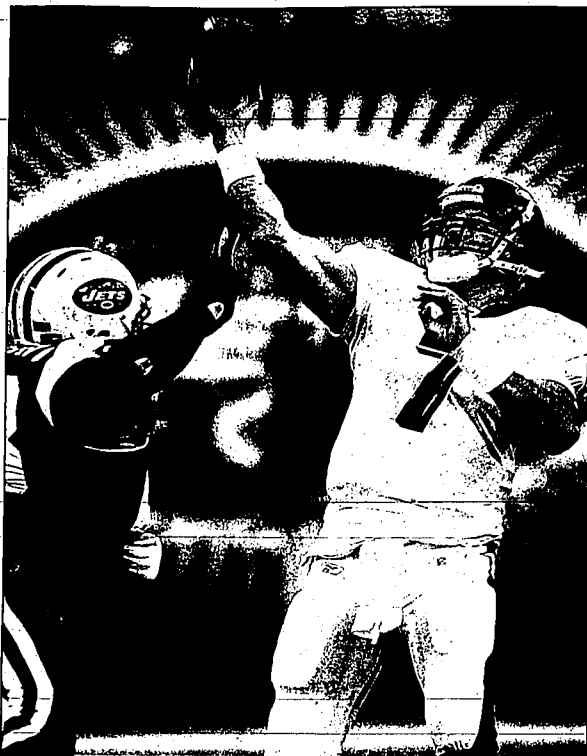
Houston fell to 4-5.

## Patriots 29, Bills 6

**FOXBORO, Mass.** — Tom Brady threw two touchdown passes to lead New England over Buffalo.



The Patriots (8-1) outgained the Bills 420 yards to 125 and moved two games ahead of the New York Jets in the AFC East.

The Bills (3-6) scored only on a punt return of 70 yards by Jonathan Smith.



Baltimore Ravens quarterback Kyle Boller, right, releases a pass as he is pressured by New York Jets defensive tackle Dewayne Robertson during the third quarter Sunday at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. Boller completed 19-of-33 passes for 213 yards and two touchdowns as the Ravens beat the Jets in overtime, 20-17.

## Sunday's NFL leaders

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| <p><b>Passing</b><br/>Brett Favre, Packers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>went 20-of-29 for 239 yards and four TDs as Green Bay won 34-31.</li> </ul> <p><b>Peyton Manning, Colts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>shredded Houston for 320 yards and five touchdowns, tying NFL record with his third game this season with five TD passes. The Vikings' Daunte Culpepper set the record earlier this season.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rushing</b><br/>Fred Taylor, Jaguars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>had a season-high 144 yards rushing despite missing most of third quarter with leg cramps in a 23-17 OT win against Detroit.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ahman Green, Packers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>rushed for 145 yards on 21 carries in a 34-31 win over Minnesota.</li> </ul> <p><b>Duce McAllister, Saints</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>rushed for 127 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries against Kansas City.</li> </ul> <p><b>Receiving</b><br/>Joe Horn, Saints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>had five catches for 167 yards, including a decisive 42-yard TD reception, in a 27-20 victory against Kansas City.</li> </ul> <p><b>Isaac Bruce, Rams</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>had seven catches for 104 yards, his fifth 100-yard game of the season.</li> </ul> |  <p>Brett Favre</p>  <p>Duce McAllister</p> |
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first-place votes and the Sooners received eight. Last week, Oklahoma led Auburn by 43 and had 10 first-place votes to the Tigers' three.

Auburn made a convincing case Saturday against Georgia, beating the Bulldogs 24-6. It was Auburn's ninth victory of the season by at least two touchdowns.

"I haven't talked much about the BCS until this point," Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said Saturday. "We had to get over this hump because of how good that team (Georgia) is."

Now, Tuberville is ready to talk about the BCS.

He made those comments not at the postgame news conference, but during an impromptu post-game news conference in the pressbox at

Jordan-Hare Stadium. Tuberville admittedly dropped by to do a little lobbying.

Who knows whether it helped. It's doubtful that he could have said anything that was more persuasive than his team's stellar performance.

The Sooners beat Nebraska 30-3 on Saturday night, but it was their close calls the previous two weeks against Oklahoma State and Texas A&M that left the voters questioning Oklahoma's credentials.

The Sooners beat the Cowboys by three and the Aggies by seven, playing poor defense in each game.

Despite the struggles, Oklahoma's resume stacks up well with Auburn's.

Both are 10-0 with three victories against ranked opponents.

The Tigers have been winning

more decisively, by an average of 25 points. The Sooners average margin is 16.8, but so far they've played a tougher schedule.

The Tigers' nonconference slate served up three cupcakes — Louisiana-Monroe, The Citadel and Louisiana Tech.

Oklahoma's nonconference schedule at least offered a couple of soft teams in Bowling Green and Oregon, to go along with pushover Houston.

"Strength of schedule is important, but it's also how you are playing," Tuberville said. "It's not like we've been winning by two or three points. We've been pretty much naming our score."

Since beating LSU 10-9 in September, Auburn has been running roughshod through the Southeastern Conference, including a 34-10 win at Tennessee.

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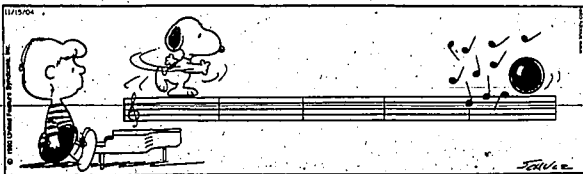
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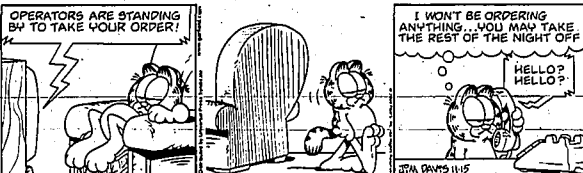
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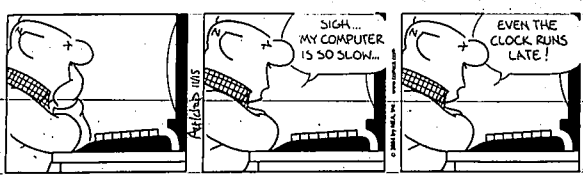
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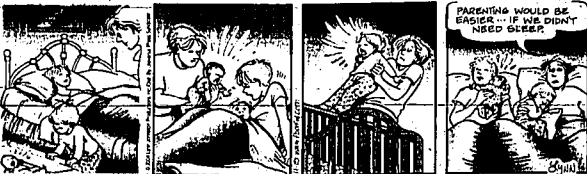
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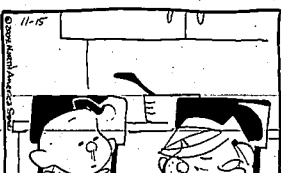
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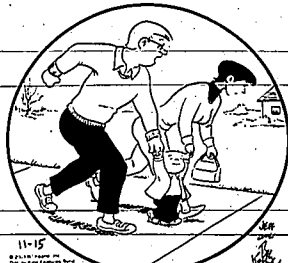
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