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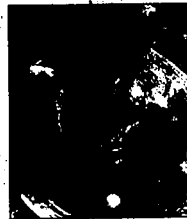


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Mitch Smith and Cody Fought, center, embrace as Erik Larson, right, gestures "No. 1" as the Twin Falls High Bruins celebrate at midfield Friday night following the Bruins 41-35 win over Coeur d'Alene in the Idaho 5A state football championship game in Pocatello's Holt Arena. It is the Bruins first state football title since 1951.

Twin Falls defeats Coeur d'Alene

The Times-News
POCATELLO - You knew there'd be tears. The Bruins made sure theirs were tears of joy.

Twin Falls won its first state football championship since 1951 as the Bruins downed Coeur d'Alene 41-35 for the Idaho 5A title Friday night.

Pocatello's Holt Arena may still be ringing from the throaty cheers and screams of the Bruin faithful after about 2,500 fans made the trip east. Six student buses made the trek after a spirited pep assembly that afternoon.

Raft River wins 1A Division I title
MOSCOW - Raft River defeated Genesee 44-22 for the state 3A Division I football championship Friday night. See page B1 for more details.

Bruins junior running back Brody Miller pounded the ball in from 2 yards out with 34 seconds left to cap the scoring in this high-octane high school thriller.

The scoring play was setup by a 19-yard pass from Mike Smith to Tyler Anderson to the Vikings

with 39 ticks remaining.

"It was kind of a busted play," admitted offensive coordinator Mark Schmal in a radio interview. "Tyler just turned up field like he was taught to. It's just kids making plays."

A bobbed PAT kick snap kept things interesting, but the Twin Falls defense stifled Coeur d'Alene with sacks by Nate Robertson and Andrew Wilkins in the final moments.

The Bruins built a 35-14 lead, capitalizing on the third Vikings fumble, this one on the opening kickoff of the second half.

But the Vikings churned out 160 yards of offense in the third

quarter to make it 35-28 headed into the fourth. Coeur d'Alene scored its fifth rushing touchdown with 5:12 left to tie it. Tailback Gabe Le scored four touchdowns.

It was only the third time Twin Falls played Coeur d'Alene in football, losing 55-13 in the A-1 state title game at Bruin Stadium in 1926. The Bruins beat the Vikings 41-21 in the state semifinals in 1991 before falling to Capital 25-19 in the championship game.

The most recent state title came in 1951, 53 years ago, when Twin Falls High beat Boise High 21-0.

Body found in missing man's home

Remains have been sent to Boise for ID

By Lorraine Cavanaugh Times-News correspondent

EDEN - The charred remains of an adult have been found in the ashes of the fire-gutted home of Joseph Glen Henry, who was reported missing by his parents on Tuesday.

Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver confirmed the finding Friday, though he did not speculate on whether the remains are those of Henry, 27.

The body was burned beyond recognition and it's not known yet if it's a man or a

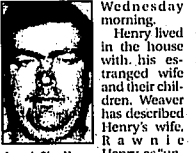
woman. The remains have been sent to Boise, but the sheriff said he does not know how long it will take to identify them.

"It depends on what all is found," he said.

Weaver said Henry's parents, who do not wish to be identified, had not heard from their son since the last week of September.

The parents did not report their son missing until Tuesday, however, because they had been receiving information that Henry had been working out of town at several different construction site jobs, Weaver said. The sheriff did not disclose who had been providing the parents that information.

The parents finally became suspicious and reported him missing Tuesday. Henry's home went up in flames early



Wednesday morning.

Henry lived in the house with his estranged wife and their children. Weaver has described Henry's wife, R a w n i e Henry, as "uncooperative" in the investigation.

Weaver said he does not know where Rawmie Henry is now staying, but he does know she's somewhere in the Magic Valley.

Whether the fire was the result of arson has still not been determined.

"The Idaho state fire marshal has collected samples as to the accelerant - if there was one," Weaver said.

Seven people participated in the fire investigation, including officials from the Idaho State Police, the state fire marshal, the Jerome County Sheriff's Department and the Eden/Hazelton Volunteer Fire Department.

Investigators do have some agreement with the people who have seen Joseph Henry since his parents last saw him.

"We are working to pinpoint those," Weaver said.

Henry is described as 6-foot-4, 230 pounds and has green eyes and brown hair.

If anyone has seen him or has information on the fire at his house, they are asked to contact the Jerome County Sheriff's Department at 324-8995.

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U.S. Senate passes Nez Perce water rights agreement

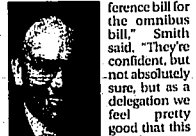
By Julie Pence Times-News writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Some last-minute negotiations by Idaho-Republican Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo resulted in a unanimous approval late Friday of a long sought-after agreement to settle water rights claims on the Snake River by the Nez Perce Tribe.

The legislation now needs the approval of the House today in order to be attached to the omnibus spending bill that will make its way to President Bush for his signature. Both chambers must approve the spending bill.

Craig spokesman Sid Smith said the odds look good that it will pass muster in the House.

"Congressmen Mike Simpson and Burch Otter are pretty confident having it in the con-



forence bill for the omnibus bill," Smith said. "They're confident, but not absolutely sure, but as a been receiving information we feel pretty good that this is happening."

The Nez Perce agreement aims for settling long-standing water rights disputes between the immense Snake River Basin Adjudication, in that process, the tribe claimed overwhelming rights for most of Idaho's water.

The agreement promises the



tribe \$190 million programs, land and timber acreage, in return for the tribe dropping its claims to nearly all the water in the Snake River and its tributaries. It would also provide annual water rights for 50,000 acre feet in the Clearwater River, and state leases for 427,000 acre feet from willing sellers along the Upper Snake River.

Just three weeks ago, Craig and Crapo had hedged their bets the bill would pass by saying they wanted the approval of the Idaho Legislature before proceeding. The senators said they might not go forward with

the bill until March after two other senators had anonymously put a hold on the bill.

Since then, it has come to light that those senators were Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., who had wanted to tack on an agreement with the Spokane Indian Tribe, and now-defeated Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., who had South Dakota tribal agreements he wanted to attach to the Nez Perce agreement, Smith said.

"In the last couple of weeks Sen. Craig and Sen. Crapo both started to approach this and see if they couldn't pry it loose," Smith said. "Then in the last two days they really made a lot of progress."

But Craig's office noted that the Idaho Legislature still has to put its stamp of approval on it.

State Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, one of the primary nego-

Wal-Mart eyes T.F. sites again

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Retail giant Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is negotiating an agreement to buy land in Twin Falls to build a new store, a Twin Falls real estate developer said Friday.

Twin Falls real estate broker and land developer Jane George said she is a part-owner of the property in question. George, who said she's currently involved with more than 10 Twin Falls developments, would not disclose the location of the land Wal-Mart is trying to buy, but she said it was within the city limits and zoned for commercial use.

"We're in a contract with Wal-Mart, but I cannot disclose the location at this time," George said.

The written agreement is pending a number of contingencies, George said, but she declined to specify them. If the transaction is sealed, Wal-Mart likely would begin construction by summer.

"The buyer and seller are in agreement to the sale," she said.

Wal-Mart regional spokeswoman Eric Berger last week that the Bentonville, Ark.-based company - which already operates stores in Jerome and Burley - has no current plans for Twin Falls. Berger was unavailable Friday for comment.

The city of Twin Falls this year has not been approached by Wal-Mart regarding any property purchase as it was in 2000, when Wal-Mart proposed building a store on 44 acres at the southeast corner of Pole Line Road and Bridgeview Boulevard, said Renee Carraway, the city's planning and zoning assistant.

In 2000, Wal-Mart requested a zoning change from residential to commercial in order to build a 205,000-square-foot supercenter. After much push and debate, the Twin Falls City Council nixed the plan, questioning the proposed location and its possible effects on the already saturated retail area.

"As far as I'm aware, no one has asked the city regarding Wal-Mart coming to Twin Falls," Carraway said this week. "The properties they're looking at must be zoned commercial."

Wal-Mart decides on a location with the proper zoning already in place, the retailer wouldn't have to seek approval from the city to establish a store, said City Councilwoman Elaine Steele.

"They've wanted to come. Please see WAL-MART, Page A2

About Wal-Mart

- Based in Bentonville, Ark.
- Reported fiscal 2003 sales of \$244.5 billion.
- Owns more than 5,000 retail stores worldwide, including stores in Jerome and Burley.
- Employs more than 1.3 million workers worldwide.
- Serves about 100 million customers a week.
- Says full-time workers account for 70 percent of its work force.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Periods of clouds, breezy winds and chilly temperatures... High in the lower 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy, breezy and cold. High in the lower 30s.

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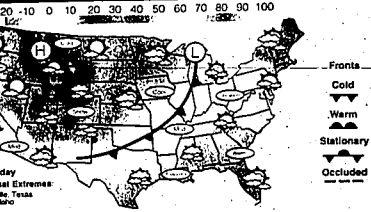
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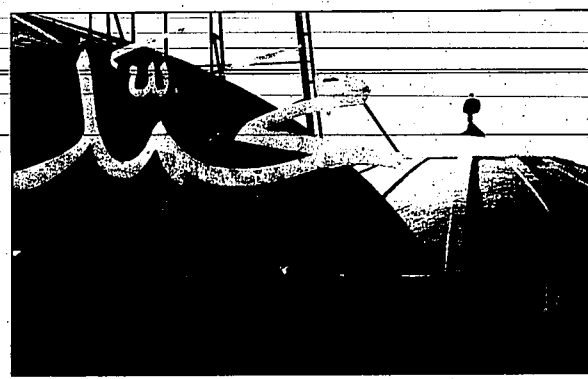


U.S., Iraqi forces raid Baghdad mosque

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi forces backed by American soldiers raided one of the country's most important Sunni mosques as worshippers were leaving Friday prayers.

Global hunt for al-Qaida sees limited success.

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U.S. soldiers stand on a roof of the major Sunni Muslim mosque in Baghdad, the Abu Hanifa mosque, Friday, Iraq forces, backed by U.S. soldiers, stormed the mosque after Friday prayers opening fire and killing at least three people, according to eyewitnesses.

According to deputy Gov. Khazro Gouran, a car bomb attack Friday on a U.S. patrol in Mosul injured one American soldier, the U.S. military said.

Five people were wounded in addition to the three deaths and roughly 40 arrests, according to members of the congregation. The U.S. military referred questions on the raid to the Iraqi government, which declined comment.

more vehicles were parked at the mosque, along with two vehicles carrying about 40 Iraqi National Guardsmen, witnesses said.

years. When Hulagu sacked Baghdad in 1257, he used it to stable his horses, but otherwise it has escaped invaders from the many forces that have invaded Baghdad. It is the most important Sunni mosque in Baghdad, and a site of pilgrimage for Muslims worldwide.

U.S. troops also raided a Sunni mosque in Qim, near the Syrian border, a cleric said Friday, calling it retaliation for opposing the Fallujah offensive.

In Baghdad, a suicide car bomber rammed into a police patrol Friday, killing one policeman and five civilians, police said.

U.S. and Iraqi authorities are concerned about a public backlash against the Fallujah offensive among the minority Sunni community, especially as word spreads of the widespread devastation.

denied the Fallujah operation except for followers of Muqtada al-Sadr whose militia battled American troops in two major campaigns this year. On Friday, U.S. troops arrested an al-Sadr representative near the holy city of Karbala — the second arrest of his aides in two days.

During the Fallujah offensive a Marine was captured on video fatally shooting a wounded and apparently unarmed man in a mosque. The death is among those under investigation by the U.S. military.

As part of the inquiry, the bodies of four suspected Iraqi insurgents arrived at Dover Air Force Base, Del., Thursday night for autopsies, said a U.S. defense official, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

The offensive against Fallujah, the main insurgent sanctuary about 40 miles west of Baghdad, triggered a spike in insurgent attacks throughout Sunni areas of central and northern Iraq, most notably in Mosul, the country's third-largest city.

U.S. and Iraqi forces began a major military operation Tuesday to wrest control of Mosul after gunmen last week attacked police stations, bridges and political offices in apparent support of Fallujah's militants.

On Friday, three of Mosul's five bridges across the Tigris River were reopened to traffic and most of the city was calm, though U.S. forces came under some "indirect fire" that caused no injuries, military spokesman Lt. Col. Paul Hastings said.

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Wal-Mart

Continued from A1 into Twin Falls since they were turned down in 2000," Steele said.

Wal-Mart won't get the incentives or other special help from City Hall that potential employers in other industries typically receive.

"We don't recall retail, period," said Dave McAllin, the city's economic-development director.

Talk abounds regarding the possible property purchase. Speaking from his experience as past president of downtown's business improvement district, Ryan Horsley said he knew that at one time Wal-Mart had looked to purchase property south of downtown near Rock Creek.

He said Horsley said he had heard the company now is interested in two locations: the intersection of Pole Line Road and Washington Street North or property along Addison Av-

enue East. According to county records, George is a part-owner of 13 acres along Addison Avenue East near Kimberly Nurseries and O & B Supply Co.

"I expect (Wal-Mart) will be making decisions within the next two or three months, but not before the year is up," Martens said this week, but Martens said this week, Wal-Mart is "actively looking into properties in Twin Falls" and that a store could fit into the planned development at North Haven.

George said Martens is not involved in the sale of the land but will be involved in the Wal-Mart project.

Meanwhile, a professor at the College of Southern Idaho

could foster some discussion on the Wal-Mart situation next week. Rosemary Forsmahl, who teaches a Boise State University business class at CSI, has been examining Wal-Mart's corporate practices as a case study for her students throughout the semester.

"I've chosen to weave it into the class," she said.

Forsmahl said the class has talked City Councilman Chris Takling, retired, Jerome economic development director Bob Richards, Jerome Wal-Mart manager Jeff Hansen and Horsley to speak on a panel discussion during Monday's class.

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Safety of five drugs questioned

A safety specialist at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration says these widely used prescription drugs are safe. But the agency says the claims are questionable.

Agreement use	Accutane	Roche	Meridia	Roche	Roche
Market	Roche	Roche	Roche	Roche	Pfizer
FDA approved	1988	1982	2002	2001	2001
U.S. sales	13 million	2 million	2 million	2 million	Over 1 million
2003 sales	\$200 million	\$24 million	\$24 million	\$24 million	\$200 million
Approved risk	Stroke, heart defects, birth defects	Stroke, heart defects, birth defects	Stroke, heart defects, birth defects	Stroke, heart defects, birth defects	Cardiovascular disease, serious skin reaction in rare cases
Safety debate	Roche	Roche	Roche	Roche	Pfizer

Congress hopes to vote on \$388 billion spending bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House and congressional finalizers sorted through a final pile of disputes Friday on an overdue \$388 billion spending bill that would slice President Bush's priorities and curb a wide swath of programs.

Legislation would cut many programs but we were committed to stay within the budget number.

Overall, the dozen Cabinet departments, and scores of agencies covered would get 2 percent more than last year for domestic and foreign aid programs. The Defense and Homeland Security departments received 7.4 percent boosts in earlier bills, not counting the tens of billions the Pentagon got for the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Even so, aides said the measure was stocked with thousands of economic development, water and other projects for lawmakers' home districts. Young said he and other leaders rejected another \$20 billion in colleagues' spending requests.

Capping weeks of lobbying, the bill also made winners and losers of many segments of the business community. Satellite television companies will be allowed to beam high definition network signals to some remote customers, and the high technology industry won 20,000 additional visas for skilled foreign workers.

The nation's ailing airlines won a one-year extension of government-sponsored terror and war-risk insurance but lost an appeal for waiver of the federal tax they pay on aircraft fuel. Also falling were efforts to extend some federal milk subsidies and repeal country-

Doctor's opinion
Medical experts weigh safety in using five drugs

PHILADELPHIA — A day after an FDA official raised safety concerns about five widely prescribed medicines, doctors and patients had the same question: Should they still use the drugs?

David Graham, the Food and Drug Administration's associate director of drug safety, testified before a Senate committee Thursday that not only had his agency not given enough weight to safety concerns about the recalled painkiller Vioxx, but he also said regulators should be looking closely at five other drugs.

They are: Pfizer Inc.'s Bextra, a pain reliever in the same class as Vioxx; Crestor, a cholesterol-lowering drug manufactured by AstraZeneca PLC; Meridia, a weight-loss drug made by Abbott Laboratories; the acne drug Accutane made by Roche Holding AG; and Serevent, an asthma medicine from GlaxoSmithKline PLC.

Manufacturers of these drugs on Thursday defended their products: most of which already have the U.S. regulatory agency's "black box" warnings — the strongest alert — on their labels regarding safety issues.

The five drugs Graham said warrant closer scrutiny have been approved as safe and effective by the FDA and "continue to be closely monitored with regard to safety and the balance of benefit to risk," FDA spokeswoman Kathleen Quinn said Friday.

Medical experts say patients taking those medications should not stop doing so without consulting with their physicians. Still, each of the medicines has been criticized since it was introduced.

• Accutane, an acne drug, can cause brain and heart defects, mental retardation and other abnormalities in babies of pregnant women taking the drug. Roche Holding and generic makers in February started a national registry mandating women cannot get their monthly supply of Accutane without a negative pregnancy test. They are told to use two forms of contraception while taking the drug.

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• Crestor, a cholesterol medicine, has been linked to kidney failure and potentially life-threatening muscle damage. The American Heart Association asked the FDA in August to investigate AstraZeneca, alleging the drugmaker delayed reporting 23 cases of serious side effects they included pancreatitis and four incidents of kidney damage.

• Serevent, an asthma treatment, carries a boxed warning of a "small but significant increase in deaths in patients receiving the drug. The FDA said there were 13 deaths out of 13,174 patients treated for 28 weeks, versus four on placebo. The analysis also showed that the risk may be greater in black patients than

McCain says Air Force leaders fixed bidding on tanker aircraft contract

WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain skewered the Air Force on Thursday for its pursuit of a contract to acquire tanker aircraft from Boeing, accusing its leaders of incompetence or corruption.

"Either way full accountability among Air Force leadership is in order," said McCain, R-Ariz.

Reading from previously unreleased internal Air Force e-mails, McCain charged Air Force Secretary James Roche, who resigned this week, and other Pentagon officials conspired with Boeing to fix the bidding on a \$23.5 billion contract that would have added 100 Boeing 767s to the Air Force tanker fleet.

McCain wrote "Go Boeing!" in one e-mail, McCain said. Roche also disparaged one of Boeing's competitors, European Aerospace Defence and Space Co. (EADS) and its North American chief executive officer, Ralph Crosby. EADS owns 80 percent of the European aircraft manufacturer Airbus.

"Ralphie is the CEO and chairman of a marketing firm, for that's all there is to EADS, North America," Roche wrote.

A Roche aide said the secretary was traveling and unavailable for comment.

Former Air Force spokesman Doug Karas said the e-mails are old news. "The e-mails ... reflect negotiations on an acquisition program that is now behind us," he said.

McCain has long criticized the tanker deal. But his speech Friday was unusually harsh, and apparently an effort to prevent Roche's resignation from ending the controversy.

The final chapter on the tanker lease proposal cannot be closed until all the stewards of taxpayers' funds who committed wrongdoing are held accountable, McCain said.

Former Air Force tanker negotiator Darleen Druyuan, who later took a job with Boeing, was sentenced to nine months in

Controversial San Diego mayor's race appears to be settled for now

Los Angeles Times

SAN DIEGO — Mayor Dick Murphy has outplayed write-in candidate Councilwoman Donna Frye by 2,200 votes in unofficial results released late Friday but the election remained unsettled until three lawsuits were resolved.

The unofficial tally was released after days of radio talk-show fulmination, national publicity, hand counting by election workers and general anger among the politically involved segment of the local citizenry.

Election officials said all votes had been counted except a small number from military personnel stationed abroad. Murphy took 34.5 percent of the votes, and Frye 34.04 percent.

Two lawsuits are attempting to have Frye's candidacy ruled illegal and seek a new runoff election between Murphy and county Supervisor Ron Roberts, who trailed with 31.02 percent of the vote.

A third suit seeks to force county Registrar of Voters Sally McPherson to count write-in votes for Frye that have been excluded because voters did not darken the oval on the left of the line where they wrote Frye's name.

"The only thing hindering us now are lawsuits," Murphy said after the vote tally was announced. "We hope a judge will rule in our favor quickly so we can get back to the business of the city."

Although it is unknown how many so-called "empty oval" voters exist for Frye, her loyalists believe there may be 4,000 to 5,000, enough for her to overtake Murphy's lead.

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Crematory operator pleads guilty to dumping bodies

Georgia man admits to improper disposal of 330 corpses

LA FAYETTE, Ga. (AP) — A former crematory operator pleaded guilty Friday to dumping more than 330 corpses on his property and giving the relatives of the dead cement dust instead of ashes.

Under a deal with prosecutors, Ray Brent Marsh could get up to 12 years in prison.

Authorities set aside half the courtroom for the victims' relatives, who were horrified to find out two years ago that Marsh let 334 bodies pile up on his property — behind his house, in the woods, in buildings and crammed into burial vaults.



Former crematory operator Ray Brent Marsh, left, sits with his attorney Ken Poston during a hearing in Lafayette, Ga., Friday. Marsh pleaded guilty to dumping 334 bodies and giving the families of the deceased cement dust instead of ashes. Marsh entered the pleas to 787 counts against him, including theft, abuse of a corpse, burial service fraud and making false statements.

"He has a sentence of 12 years," said Tori Crawford, whose brother was supposed to have been cremated in 2001 after dying of cancer. "I will be tormented for the rest of my life wondering what happened to my brother."

Marsh, 31, apologized to the families as he pleaded guilty to 787 counts, including theft, abuse of a corpse, burial service fraud and making false statements.

He told the family members that he could not explain what motivated him to discard their loved ones' corpses. "To those of you I have hurt, I apologize," he said.

Security at the hearing was tight as police officers in plainclothes surrounded Marsh, who has received numerous death threats since he was charged. Afterward, they escorted him through a throng of

victims' relatives to a car.

A sentencing hearing was set for Jan. 31 and could take several days. Several dozen relatives have already told the prosecutor's office they want to speak at the hearing, and others plan to send letters.

Marsh also is expected to plead guilty to corpse abuse in Tennessee, where some funeral homes that sent bodies to his crematory were located. That prison sentence would be served at the same time as the one he receives in Georgia.

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Partial settlement reached in lawsuit over Texas A&M bonfire tragedy

HOUSTON (AP) — Families of seven students killed or injured in a massive stack of bonfire logs collapsed at Texas A&M have reached a \$4.25 million partial settlement of a lawsuit, attorneys said Friday.

The settlement resolves claims against 25 of 35 student leaders who oversaw construction of the 59-foot-high bonfire, which tum-

bled down five years ago this week, killing 12 and injuring 27. "Justice will not be served until full damages are assessed against all of the defendants," said Darrell Keith, an attorney for four victims' families.

The lawsuit is scheduled for trial next year against three dozen other defendants, including Texas A&M University,

former school president Jay Bowen, the Texas Aggie Bonfire Committee, H.B. Zachry-Go and Zachry Construction Corp. The Zachry firms provided cranes and crane operators to help erect the logs for the bonfire, which was built annually and burned on the eve of A&M's game with its archrival, the University of Texas.

Talk show host refuses to back off remark

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MADISON, Wis. — African-American leaders in Madison on Friday criticized a local radio personality, calling his use of the pejorative Aunt Jemima to describe Condoleezza Rice insulting and inappropriate.

The talk show host, John Sylvester, did little to mollify those he offended; instead, he apologized to the character Aunt Jemima and gave away boxes of pancake mix and syrup on his morning show.

Sylvester, a white man who performs as Sly on WTDY-AM 1670, said he respected the woman who portrayed Aunt Jemima in the early 1900s.

"It is with a heavy heart that I apologize this morning to Aunt Jemima," Sylvester said during his broadcast. "She wasn't a self-serving hack politician who got up in front of Congress and lied. Aunt Jemima didn't knowtow to Dor Jamesfield or Dick Cheney." Sylvester's antics Friday further angered African-American leaders.

"His glib apology to Aunt Jemima demonstrates a complete lack of understanding of the ignorant racial and ethnic stereotypes that underlie his comments," said a statement issued late Friday by the Urban League of Greater Madison.

Defending himself in an afternoon interview, Sylvester said he was standing up for African-Americans by using the term to criticize Rice, the current national security adviser and President Bush's choice for secretary of state in his second term.

"That doesn't fly for me," said

Ariel Ford, the interim executive director of the Madison City Equal Opportunities Commission.

Negative name-calling, especially with a term that harkens back to slavery, is disrespectful and not helpful to African-Americans, Ford said.

Enis Ragland, interim director of the city's Affirmative Action Office, also discounted Sylvester's rationale.

"He used a racially specific term when he could have used different terms," Ragland said. "The comments were racist in essence."

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Bodyguard takes the Fifth in Blake's pretrial hearing

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Actor Robert Blake's former bodyguard invoked his constitutional right against self-incrimination and refused to answer questions during a pretrial hearing Friday.

Earle Caldwell had been charged with conspiring with Blake to kill the actor's 44-year-old wife, Bonny Lee Bakke, but a judge dismissed the charge.

Caldwell's lawyer, Dana Cole, said Friday that Caldwell has nothing to hide but cannot risk being recharged with a crime relating to Bakke's death.

In court, Deputy District Attorney Shelle Samuels asked Caldwell, "Did you work for Mr. Blake?"

He responded, "I invoke my Fifth Amendment rights."

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YOUR WEEKEND



Song and dance

- **What:** The Laughing Stock Theater Company will present Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "Carousel."
- **Where:** nexStage Theater, Ketchum.
- **When:** 7 p.m. today and Sunday.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$25 for reserved seats and \$18 for general admission (\$15 for children), are available at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum or by phoning 726-9124.



One girl's story

- **What:** The Oakley Valley Arts Council will present Frances Goodrich and Albert's Hackett's play, "The Diary of Anne Frank."
- **Where:** Howells Opera House, Oakley.
- **When:** 8 p.m. today.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 677-ARTS.

Dance to the music

- **What:** The Ketchum and Sun Valley Firefighters' Association will sponsor their 29th annual Firefighters Ball.
- **Where:** River Run Lodge, Ketchum.
- **When:** 8 p.m. today.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$15, are available at the Ketchum Fire Department, at Sun Valley City Hall and at the door.

Just jazzed

- **What:** The College of Southern Idaho Jazz club will play at Java in Twin Falls.
- **Where:** 228 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
- **When:** 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.
- **How much:** Free.

Dance in Albion

- **What:** A Turkey Trot dance will be held in Albion.
- **Where:** Marsh Creek Event Center, 899 S. Highway 77.
- **When:** 8:30 p.m. today.
- **How much:** The cover charge is \$5; must be 21 to attend.

High-speed chase ends in arrest

LifeFlight transports officer to hospital following incident

By Troy Foster
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Buhl woman appeared in 5th District Court Friday to face charges in connection with a high-speed chase that sent one police officer to the hospital.

Stephanie Scaramella, 44, faces several charges, including driving under the influence, reckless driving, eluding a police officer, resisting arrest and others.

According to court documents, Scaramella led two Buhl police officers on a high-speed chase that began near Buhl and ended in Gooding County after Scaramella's Ford pickup hit a fence post and Officer Pat Thueson rammed her truck with his patrol car.

After Scaramella hit the fence, Officer Kevin Hanners, who was pursuing Scaramella from behind, exited his patrol car and attempted to take her into custody, the court documents say.

Scaramella then put her truck in reverse and struck Hanners' vehicle.

That's when Thueson rammed the Ford pickup, causing its engine to die, the court documents say.

Scaramella struggled with the two officers as they tried to take her into custody, the documents say.

Hanners broke Scaramella's driver's-side window with his baton to unlock her door.

Thueson, meanwhile, said he was kicked in the face and chest several times as he tried to apprehend Scaramella through the passenger-side door of her truck and later as she was being placed in the back of a patrol

car, the documents say.

After Scaramella was detained, Thueson said he began experiencing a very sharp stabbing pain in his lower back and his legs went numb.

He was then flown by LifeFlight to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center where he was treated and released Thursday.

Two vehicles were run off the road during the course of the pursuit, the court documents say.

Thueson and Hanners repeatedly tried to stop Scaramella by boxing her in from the front and rear.

Before crashing into the fence, the officers were able to bring Scaramella to a stop at

one point, but she raced away after Thueson exited his vehicle and approached her truck.

Thueson said had to run back to his vehicle to avoid being run over, the court documents say.

The officers reported smelling a strong scent of alcohol on Scaramella, as they struggled to take her into custody.

Thueson initially began pursuing her just outside of Buhl when he observed her driving 60 miles per hour in a 25 mph zone.

Scaramella was being held on \$50,000 bond Friday.

A preliminary hearing has been set for Nov. 26.

PLENTIFUL DONATIONS



Mix 103 morning show hosts Karla Cunha and Brandon Rafter share a laugh during a live broadcast from the Con Paulos Volkswagen-Mazda dealership on Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls on Friday. The duo started a 60-hour fund-raiser on Thursday to collect 2,000 turkeys for needy families this Thanksgiving.

DJs fight hunger with turkey drive

By Lorraine Cavenper
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Brandon Rafter and Karla Cunha have had a lot of visitors in the past two days.

But the number of turkeys the visitors are bringing them is not what sticks out in the minds of these two disk jockeys.

The stories that often bring tears to their eyes are what Rafter and Cunha say make it all worth while.

The DJs have set up camp at Con Paulos in a motor home from Gary's Freeway RV along with a Falls Brand-Independent Meat Co. freezer trailer, which they're using to collect turkeys in during their annual 60 Hours For Hunger marathon food drive.

When all is said and done, the turkeys will be turned over to the South Central Community Action Partnership, which distributes them to people in need.

A steady stream of people have stopped by with donations and words of encouragement for the Mix 103 pair.



Some 620 Turkeys had been donated as of Friday afternoon. The fundraiser continues today until midnight.

Some of those who stopped have been more than memorable.

"We were sitting here looking out the window," said Leanne Trappen, the partnerships community service director. "Here came three guys pushing a grocery cart."

The three men appeared to be homeless, so Trappen asked them if they needed help.

"We were telling them about soup kitchens and other places they could go to eat," she said.

But the three men said the reason they came was to donate.

"They pulled a turkey, some stuffing mix and several other items out of the cart and gave it to Trappen."

"They said they wanted to give back to the community that had been helping them," she

Food drive continues

Mix 103's annual 60 Hours For Hunger food drive continues today until midnight. Turkeys and other food can be donated at Con Paulos Volkswagen-Mazda, located at 1534 Blue Lakes Blvd.

said. "They said the Lord had blessed them."

The men said they had been living on the streets but many in the community had helped them out.

"One of them had a bum leg," Trappen said. "The reason they were pushing the shopping cart — it was his walker."

The three men were beneficiaries, they're also the kind of people who are the beneficiaries of the partnership's programs.

"We are seeing more people that are seeking assistance than ever before," Trappen said. "A lot are living on Social Security. It's very hard to do."

By the second day of the 60-hour food drive more than 600

Wendell considers annexation of 14 properties

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — The City Council has begun exploring the possibility of annexing several properties that already are receiving city water and sewer services.

Council members voted unanimously Thursday to initiate the process of bringing 14 properties into the city, based in part on the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

"If we need to do something, we've been talking about annexation of those properties for as long as I can remember," said Councilwoman Ilene Rounsefell.

Each property already is con-

tiguous to city limits. They're scattered in several different locations on the outskirts of Wendell.

Councilman Don Bunn agreed with Rounsefell, adding that the city is not obligated to hook up the services overnight. In all likelihood, he said, the process will be done over a period of time as finances allow.

"We need to take the next logical step," Bunn said. "Basically, we're going to put our check-book on the line and do a little bit of exploring and see where we're at."

Mayor Paul Isaacson informed the council that he had contacted Rob Hegstrom of J-U-B Engineers in Twin Falls, who agreed to provide the city with information on the paperwork,

engineering and surveying needed to begin the annexation process.

Isaacson explained that the council was not voting to annex the properties but to find out what it would require from the city to get the annexation in place.

In other business, council members agreed on a policy for shutting off water to households that don't make payments.

A shut-off and an after-hours turn-out fee of \$25, plus the total outstanding back payment, will now be required for residents who become delinquent in paying their city water bill.

"What we're trying to fix is that historically, over the past two years, hundreds of people have gone two and three months

without paying their bill," Bunn explained.

At this time a year ago the city was owed more than \$30,000 on past due water bills, Isaacson said. The city has since started to enforce shutoffs after accounts run past 30 days delinquent.

And the result has been encouraging, he said, with only \$160 outstanding to date, excluding those that have been turned over for collection.

"A door hanger will be an added notification of a shutoff that will allow water users the opportunity to make their bill current before action is taken by the city."

In addition, residents who attempt to tamper with the water meter after a shutoff will be issued a misdemeanor citation.

Recharge plans gain momentum

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The amount of water available to Twin Falls from its main water source, the Blue Lakes spring on the north side of the Snake River Canyon, has dropped some 30 percent during the past 50 years.

The decrease has accelerated during the past five years.

Part of the reduction is due to changes in irrigation practices and also to increased groundwater pumping on the north side of the Snake River. A University of Idaho hydrologist from the Idaho Water Resources Research Institute said this week those draws on the Eastern Snake River Plain-Aquifer are fairly predictable now. But if the two-year drought continues, hydrologist Donna Cosgrove said it will continue to reduce the amount of water available to spring sources such as the Blue Lakes spring.

One way to help replenish the water is through managed recharge. In fact, part of the solution to replacing between 600,000 and 1,500,000 acre feet of water in the aquifer involves adding 200,000 acre feet of managed recharge, said Clive Strang, who heads the natural resources division of the state attorney general's office.

"Recharge has got to be part of our plan," added Rep. Dell Raybould, R-Idaho, the co-chairman of a special interim legislative water committee tackling the problem. "An excess years '07, instead of it going to the ocean, we've got to put it back into the aquifer."

A site about 10 miles north of Eden, referred to as Millepost 31, has the potential to deliver some water to the Blue Lakes spring. But no study has been completed that quantifies how much water would wind its way there, said local hydrologist Chet Brackley.

Nonetheless, the site has potential to accommodate a huge amount of water, said David Blew, who manages recharge issues for the Idaho Department of Water Resources. The site can accommodate up to 500 acre-feet a day. That is enough water to cover 500 acres with one foot of water.

But there would not be that much water soaking the site on a daily basis year round.

"You've got to remember you can only run early spring and late fall," Blew said.

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in the Magic Valley

Name: James R. Lintz II
Age: 33
Description: 6-foot-3, 215 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes.
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JEROME COUNTY COURTS

JEROME — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Riley O. Chaffed, 18, failure to provide proof of insurance; inattentive/unsafe driving; pretrial conference Dec. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Robin A. Cwik, 29, driving without privileges; failure to provide proof of insurance; pretrial conference Dec. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.



Juvenile misdemeanor arraignments

Thomas Jerry Calton, 16, reckless driving; pretrial conference Dec. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Casey Thomas Peterson, 16, driving under the influence; pretrial conference Dec. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor sentences

Ken Francis Edwards, 56, trespass, \$300 fine, \$100 suspended, \$63.50 court costs.
Sara Ann Peterson, 19, malicious injury to property; 90 days in jail, 167 suspended, credit for six days served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

\$1,900 suspended; two years supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 122 suspended, credit for 58 days served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Michelle M. Hamilton, 26, assault or battery upon certain persons; 90 days in jail, 97 suspended, credit for 63 days served, 30 days discretionary; pretrial conference Dec. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Teddy Wallis Heaver Jr., 34, driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$750 suspended, credit for one day served, 30 days discretionary; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor withheld judgment
Laverne Moore, 56, driving under

the influence judgment withheld for one year, \$1,000 fine, \$750 suspended, \$750 suspended; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 141 suspended, credit for one day served, 30 days discretionary; pretrial conference Dec. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Steve D. Miller, 44, battery - domestic violence; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Suevi L. Gehala, 48, driving under the influence; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Child support cases

State of Idaho's Health and Welfare vs. Onanella Vega, Seeking \$243 monthly support for Alana Vega, plus 25 percent of child's income granted; attorney fees.
State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Chad M. Traugott and Andy Nicole Bergman, Seeking of Mr. Traugott \$223 monthly support for Sydney Traugott, plus 70 percent of child's medical expenses; \$1,116 for pro rata share of tuition costs; attorney fees.

Divorces

Marie O. Handrick vs. Robert Hamilton
Michelle M. Walker vs. Anthony Charles Walker
Don Kent Fletcher vs. Charlene Larle Hechter

DEATH NOTICES

Clara Still
BURLEY — Clara Still, 76, of Burley, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at Rosetta Assisted Living Arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Idella Gold Cowover
BELTON, Texas — Idella Gold Cowover, 70, of Belton, Texas, and formerly of Wendell, died Nov. 18, 2004, at her home. Arrangements will be made by Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83438.

Dwain William French
BUHL — Dwain William French, 80, of Buhl, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at Rosetta Assisted Living Center.

Glen W. Short of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at The Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter-day Saints Emerson 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 950 W. 125 S. of Paul; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral Saturday at the church (Payne Mortuary).

LaRae A. Merrill of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Pella 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 160 W. 400 S., Burley; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

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

Jessie Lu Braga Hopkins.

A services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" with the Rev. Gary Gilman officiating. A graveside service will be conducted at Elmwood Cemetery in Carroll, Neb. A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.

Therma S. Wilson
FAIRFIELD — Therma S. Wilson of Fairfield, Idaho, died Nov. 12, 2004, in Tigard, Ore. A service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at the Community Church in Fairfield, Idaho.

Dorothy Jean Harpster
TWIN FALLS — Dorothy Jean

memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, 4001 Mesa Drive, Austin, Texas.

Kristee Marie Adams Tachell Staley of Heyburn, graveside service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the DeLoe Cemetery (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Mary L. Knickerbocker of Twin Falls; funeral Mass at 2 p.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Bonnie E. Lossler of Boise, her life will be honored at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Alden Wagoner Funeral Chapel.

Marguerite Wiley, formerly of Twin Falls, graveside celebration of life at noon Saturday at Twin Falls Cemetery.

Gathering of friends and family will be held following

Harpster, 84, of Twin Falls died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at the Altman Wynnwood in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Robert Lee Martin
TWIN FALLS — Robert Lee Martin, 79, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at his home. Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Mildred Borchardt
RUPERT — Mildred Borchardt, 88, of Rupert, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, in Boise. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

the ceremony at the residence of Kelly Kost, 1964 Fillet Ave. in Twin Falls. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Daton McKaide, Warrington — Martin, 93-month-old infant son of Matthew Martin and Lisa Warrington, memorial service at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at Demary Funeral Chapel, 404 West B St., in Shoshone.

Oris Otto Gibson of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert United Methodist Church with burial to follow at the Rupert Cemetery; viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Dale Lavern Taylor of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.

OBITUARIES

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Dwain D. Kirkham - Terreton

Dwain D. Kirkham, 69, of Terreton, Idaho, died Nov. 18, 2004. He was born in Ashton, Idaho, to Noah Lavoren and Nell Murri Kirkham on Jan. 16, 1935. He was raised in Ashton and went to schools there, including North Fremont High School where he was active in baseball, football and basketball.



Daunna; stepchildren, Cindy Walker, Clay (Jana) Walker, Jon (Amy) Walker and Brian (Laurie) Walker all of Idaho Falls; brother, sister, Beverly (Kerry) Heinz of Salt Lake City, Utah; brother, Darrell Kirkham of Ashton, Idaho; 12 step-grandchildren, two step great-grandchildren; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

He attended Utah State University in Logan, Utah, for three years, then served with the Army in Germany during the Korean War. He then returned to farm and raise cattle with his father in Ashton and Terreton.



He was president of the Jolly Water Canal Company. He loved to dance, ski, travel, farm and work with the cattle. He is survived by his wife,

During the next six winters he taught skiing in Sun Valley and then returned to college at Montana State University, Bozeman, Mont., where he graduated in 1971 on the dean's list with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Production. He married Daunna Lincoln Walker in Alta, Wyo., on July 1, 1983. Their marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls

LDS Temple in 1984. They lived on the farm in Terreton until the time of his death. They served as Stake Missionaries and Temple Ordinance Workers. Dwain was also a home teacher and secretary of the High Priest Group in the Terreton First Ward. He was president of the

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 22, at the Terreton LDS Chapel with Bishop Todd Simmons conducting. Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21st, at Flamm Funeral Home in Rexburg and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to services. Interment will be in the Ashton Pineview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Hospice of Southern Idaho, 1920 E. St., Suite 200, Idaho Falls, ID 83404.

Mary Josena Frost Smith - Burley

Mary Josena Frost Smith, an 84-year-old Burley resident, died Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at Miralida Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility in Rupert.



Kay DeNaughel of Roy, Utah; a sister, Lillian Ford of St. George, Utah; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She was born Feb. 27, 1920, Burley, the daughter of Roy Ivan and Mary Anna Otello Frost. She received her education in Declo and Burley. She married James Lowell Smith on Feb. 26, 1938, in Burley. He preceded her in death on May 13, 1985. They lived in various places in Idaho, Utah, Nevada and settled in Burley in 1949. Mary worked as a King's A&P Potato Processing and Ore-Ida Foods. She enjoyed fishing, camping, knitting, but her favorite was crocheting. She loved to spend time with her children and grandchildren.



In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, a granddaughter and two great-granddaughters.

Survivors include two sons, Mary Josena Frost Smith - Burley

Ivan LaDell (Linda) Smith of Kimberly and James Lyle (Linda) Smith of Burley; three daughters, Anna Corieen (Mike) Soderstrom and Wanda May (Bob) Butala, both of Butte, Montana, and Sandra

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at the Word of Life Fellowship, 1600 Overland Ave. in Burley, with the Rev. Ivan Smith and Rev. Ed Smith co-officiating. Burial will be in the Declo Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., in Burley and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Monday at the church.

Marjorie Eileen Balis Baldwin - Ely, Nev.

Marjorie Eileen Balis Baldwin, 85, of Ely, Nev., died Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Haylie Hume; and two brothers, Marvin (Lucille) Balis and Fred (Shirley) Balis both of Idaho and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Baldwin was preceded in death by her parents, her husband; and a brother, Kenneth (Leola) Balis. She is survived by her son, Philip De Baldwin of Salt Lake City; his wife Marsha; and daughter, Sara-Jae daughter, Valerie Baldwin Hume of Ely; her husband, Bob, and children, Kresta Barney, Elliot and

A graveside service is scheduled at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 22, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, Idaho. In Mrs. Baldwin's memory, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Northern Nevada Chapter, P.O. Box 6362, Reno, NV 89513.

A visitation was held on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at Faithview Baptist Church in Sauer's. Arrangements may be made to Faithview Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 249, Sauer, MS 39574.

James R. Danner, age 74, a resident of Sauer's, Miss., died Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, in Gulfport, Miss.

Remann Memorial Funeral Home, Highway 49 N., in Gulfport, was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Ann Danner of Sauer's; daughters, Triza Erickson of Sunnyvale, Calif., and Therese Hume of Washburn, Wis.; stepson, Ken Frank Avant of Pocatello, Idaho; brother, Tom Danner of Spokane, Wash.; sister, Ruby

Mr. Danner was a native of Twin Falls, Idaho, and a Mississippi Gulf Coast resident since 1965. While in the Navy, he served as a navigator for the airplane used by the Secretary of Defense during the Korean War.

He was a retired industrial supplies salesman and was a member of Faithview Baptist

Church in Sauer's. Mr. Danner was preceded in death by his son, Curtis Bradley Danner, sister, Ruth McClure; and parents - John and Edna Danner.

Kimberly schools face burgeoning enrollment

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — The School Board has decided to establish a long-range planning committee to study expected enrollment.

Superintendent John Garner suggested during the board's Thursday meeting that such a group be formed because the area is growing. Garner had said in a previous meeting that more than 500 new building sites are going up in various new subdivisions within the Kimberly School District's boundaries.

There are now 1,366 students in the school system with eight new students having enrolled in the elementary grades this past month. The high school has 319 students, the middle school 442 and the elementary 597.

The student capacity at the high school is 550. The middle school is almost at its full capacity of 450 students. If enrollment continues to increase in the elementary grades the middle school will soon be too crowded.

Another matter, representatives with J-U-B Engineers presented specifications for sidewalks, curbs and gutters for the middle school and high school along Center Street West and Emerald. These improvements are needed to meet city code requirements for newly constructed buildings. The price of the project was estimated at \$218,200. This cost does not fall within the district's budget.

Other School Board business included: Congestion — Maintenance Supervisor Ted Wascko Jr. outlined a proposed plan to eliminate the congestion in the parking lot as parents bring their children to school at the elementary building. At the present time it's mostly on the side of the building.

Refinancing — Ed Furringer of Northwest Securities spoke to the School Board about refinancing the district's bonds. These bonds were sold in 1999 to construct the new high school. The board will study the information and take action at a later date.

Pole vaulting — School Board members voted to allow Valley High School students to practice on Kimberly's approved pole vault equipment. Valley High School does not have approved equipment for its students.

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Bull rider Willy Petersen of Fort Hall, right, gets strapped in while another rider performs during the Professional Bull Riders tour on Friday at the Mohogan Sun Arena, in Uncasville, Conn.

Commission drops plan for fee changes

ORFENO (AP) — The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has abandoned an idea to ask the legislature for authority to implement small annual increases in sportsmen's fees each year.

The commission reaffirmed its commitment to a 13.7 percent fee increase to recover lost revenue in the last fee hike in 2000.

Without significantly smaller but annual fee increases beginning in 2005, Budget Director Steve Barton said the Fish and Game Department will be back in a financial bind a year from now.

But Commissioner John Watts said that while the large increase effective next July appears to have broad legislative support, the incremental plan promoted by Department Director Steve Huffaker does not, and Huffaker agreed.

"I don't think it's got a prayer," Huffaker admitted to the commission, who wrapped up their regular meeting in Orofino on Friday.

The 13.7 percent increase that survived the latest round of commission scrutiny would hike the cost of the department's basic permit, the combination hunting-fishing license, from \$29 to \$33.

A deer tag would go from \$16.50 to \$18.75. The plan would generate about \$4 million a year.

The Fish and Game Department receives no direct taxpayers support and is funded, mostly by the hunting and fishing license fees. The last fee increase averaged over 40 percent and kept the department solvent for five years.

Without the fee increase next summer, the department would have to cut \$2 million from the

\$30 million side of its budget financed by sportsmen's fees after drawing down its operating fund balance as far as possible. That balance has steadily eroded over the past four years. The total budget is about \$75 million with the rest of the cash coming from federal or other sources.

After authorizing the incremental fee increase plan earlier this year, members of the commission began having second thoughts this fall as concerns were expressed by both lawmakers and their sportsmen constituents.

Commissioner Cameron Wheeler, a former state representative, maintained that there remains some skepticism about how much the annual increases will be and what that money will be used for.

The department has promoted indexing to limit political

backlash on the less frequent but large increases.

But while the 13.7 percent increase seems to support the political environment has significantly improved from the highly charged atmosphere that surrounded the last fee debate. Since Huffaker took over in early 2002 as the third director in less than two years, the heated confrontations that often marked fish and game management decisions have disappeared.

Also this week, the commission rejected a whitetail-deer management plan that would have eliminated the Clearwater deer tag in west-central Idaho and given hunters the choice between a whitetail tag good anywhere in the state through the entire season or a general deer tag, which would not be good into the later part of the season.

UI struggles to get rid of \$36 million deficit

MOSCOW (AP) — Hundreds of responses have flooded the University of Idaho administration in response to the school's special task force report on ways to raise or erase a deficit of up to \$36 million over the next several years.

One of the prevalent suggestions was abandoning the university's participation in Division I sports and revert to Division I-AA — a proposal University President Tim White has already soundly rejected.

"What it tells me is that people are really engaged in this and want their opinions to be heard," he said.

White, who expects to make preliminary recommendations on cutbacks in January, said the

comments came from all over the state as well as the campus and were generally constructive and analytical.

White recently reiterated his past statements opposing any immediate change in the status of Vandal athletics despite the emphasis of many suggestion writers that money could be saved, especially in the travel budget, if the school returned to Division I-AA.

White has said he is open to all suggestions — but that one has no basis.

White recently told the University Foundation that the program has been plagued by inconsistency. Four presidents, three athletic directors and three football coaches have been involved since the move to Division I-A in 1995.

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"Our critics say that we should not wage class warfare against other staff members" in the athletic department, said University President Nick Gier said in a letter to White. "But we wish to reiterate that athletics is not an integral part of our mission."

The faculty council has also asked to be more involved in the oversight of athletics, another recommendation of the deficit-assessing task force.

White said he would consider a program's contribution to the university experience — not just whether it makes money. He won't even say academic cuts are inevitable.

"We're nowhere close to saying that necessarily has to happen," he said.

Small high-tech firm makes expansion plans

POCATELLO (AP) — One of Pocatello's most promising new high-tech businesses is going national with its computer software technology and plans to begin hiring more employees.

TetriDyn Solutions Inc., which set up shop in Pocatello two years ago, so far employs 14 people with salaries well above average for this area.

TetriDyn, a data integration and management software products company, plans to double employment within the next year and expects the payroll to hit \$6 million within two years and as many as 100 a year after that.

"We feel that's a very realistic goal," says John Iasonides, a marketing and finance specialist with TetriDyn.

The company has had positive growth monthly and TetriDyn's anchor product, AeroMD, is selling across the country.

"We're slowly scaling it to a national level," Iasonides says. "We've been doing very well."

The company is starting to grow and its sales are increasing. "They're on the right track," says Ray Burstedt, executive director of Bannock Development Corp.

AeroMD is a wireless system that allows doctors to use handheld computers instead of patient visits. The device sends data back to the organization's billing system.

TetriDyn officials say the applications save medical offices about 3 1/2 percent.

The technology, they say, has the potential to transform the medical fields records system.

It can also be used to benefit professionals in other fields, and TetriDyn has already received

requests from mortgage lenders and stockbrokers, among others, to apply it to their professions.

"It opens and TetriDyn officials are hopeful it will, it would create a need for many more employees in Pocatello."

Iasonides says if the technology is applied to other sectors, especially in the travel industry, it could soar to several hundred.

"The technology can be applied to just about any profession, Iasonides says, because it allows people normally restricted to an office to be mobile."

"Everybody keeps a schedule, and everybody has to collect data, and that's exactly what this allows you to do," he says.

"We've got a core product, and we can put just about any shell we want to on it."

Some of the technology TetriDyn uses has its roots in the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory west of Idaho Falls.

Burstedt says the company illustrates the positive benefit the laboratory can have on the eastern Idaho economy.

"Besides being a poster child for the types of companies Bannock Development is trying to recruit to this area, they're a perfect example of the types of businesses we're trying to spin off from the lab, too," he says.

TetriDyn officials say they are committed to staying in Pocatello, Iasonides says. All of the company's founders are from the area and dedicated to it, he says.

"It would have been a lot easier to grow the company in a major metropolitan area," he says, but that's not the point. The key thing is to be able to have jobs here.

Controlled flood at Grand Canyon will start Sunday

PHOENIX (AP) — A new controlled flood at the Grand Canyon is set to begin Sunday in an effort to return natural sediment along the Colorado River to the canyon.

Environmentalists have said for years that the unnatural flows of the Colorado River have cleared the canyon dam and washing away sediment and that beaches were disappearing, along with fish and plants.

The simulated flood beginning Sunday will allow scientists to determine whether the root cause of many of the problems — can also help fix them.

It will consist of opening four giant steel tubes at the base of the dam, sending a torrent down the Colorado and into the canyon. An estimated 800,000 metric tons of sediment will be stirred up during its 90-hour run.

"We're trying to mimic the role of all the sediment that used to be there before the dam," said Dennis Fenn, director of the Southwest Biological Science Center, under the U.S. Interior Department. Water that goes through the dam is clear and sediment-free. The sediment is trapped behind the dam and doesn't come down like it used to.

Fenn said that only about 7 percent of the historic sediment that went over the dam is still there.

Glen Canyon dam, built 40 years ago just upstream from the Grand Canyon, forever altered the landscape. Four of the canyon's eight native fish species have disappeared and prospects for the fifth, the endangered humpback chub, are grim.

Idaho Power, city of Eagle accept settlement

BAGLE (AP) — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has accepted a settlement between Idaho Power Co. and the city of Eagle on construction of an electric transmission line west of the city.

The settlement covers the entire route and burial of part of the distribution line at city expense under an increase in the franchise fee on electric service from 1 percent to 3 percent.

The 3 percent fee is intended to maintain in place until Dec. 31, 2010, at which time with the city agrees to "take all actions necessary" to bring the fee back to 1 percent. Once the cost of burying the distribution line on Eagle Road is paid, the city of Idaho Power, the city may use the fee to defray the cost of burying additional distribution lines within the city.

The agreement followed a complaint filed by Idaho Power after the city twice rejected the transmission line plan that the company said was critical to maintaining the quality of service in the area.

University will debut new student-run publication

MOSCOW (AP) — A new student-run publication is about to appear on the University of Idaho campus — but under an old name.

The Blot, debuting next

Aquifer

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Those are the times-when water in the canals that is not being used for irrigation could be diverted to the site. In addition, no one knows for sure when that water could make it to the Blue Lakes source.

Cosgrove has recently completed a model that will provide more information on how recharge efforts will affect all spring users water rights in the Snake River Canyon, though it hasn't been released yet.

Blew said infrastructure to get water to the Milepost 31 site would cost about \$30,000. About 70 percent of that would be maintenance costs. Top for seven Magic Valley sites north of the Snake River, including the Milepost 31 site, the yearly cost for maintenance would initially run at about \$70,000, he said.

Trying to get Milepost 31 up and running, however, has stretched into a painfully long process. People have been looking at the site for about 10 years, Blew said. Interested parties have encountered all kinds of hurdles. One includes working out agreements with Idaho Power Co. in regard to satisfying its senior water rights in the Snake River system. Another involves working with the Bureau of Reclamation, which operates

Idaho in brief

month, is not the latest scandal or crisis at the troubled university. The name was lifted from another student magazine that ran in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

The editor Chris Kornells says that's where the similarities end. "We don't have the cigarette ads," he says, and the subject matter in the 19 stories that make up the first edition definitely is not 1950s. The lead story is an expose on students who have become confidential drug informants for local law enforcement.

Kornells was even able to pin down not exactly moral and apprentice star Donald Trump for an e-mail interview.

Blot is serving as a replacement of sorts for the defunct "Gem of the Mountains," the Vandal yearbook that was published for the last time this year. The yearbook had become too expensive to produce since very few students bought it, Kornells says.

The first run of 4,000 copies will be sold at both campus bookstores and at BookPeople in downtown Moscow.

Kornells also hopes to make distribution deals with retailers in Lewiston, Spokane, Coeur d'Alene and Boise.

— compiled from wire reports

Jury convicts man of killing wife, setting fire

BOISE (AP) — Azad Abdullah was convicted Friday of first-degree murder in the 2002 killing of his wife.

An Ada County jury deliberated about seven hours over two days before returning the verdict that could result in the 26-year-old man's execution.

The same jury began hearing testimony in the penalty phase of the case within hours of announcing the guilty verdict.

Abdullah looked straight ahead as he was convicted of murdering his wife, Angie, 37, who was found in her Boise home on fire even while four children were inside. The children escaped without injury.

Several members of Abdullah's family gasped in relief as the verdict was read and left the courtroom, some in tears. Members of Abdullah's family hung their heads.

The jury also found Abdullah guilty of three counts of at-

tempted murder, one count of felony child endangerment, and one count of arson for setting the house on fire.

The verdict was delivered only a day after the two-month trial ended with the admission by defense attorney Mitch Torjanski that Abdullah lied when he told police he was in Salt Lake City the night his wife died and the house burned.

Torjanski argued that "there is a big difference between being a liar and a hypocrite and being a murderer."

Prosecutors presented more than 100 witnesses in building their case that Abdullah strangled his wife, who had been seeking a divorce, and to refute Abdullah's claim that his wife died of a self-imposed drug overdose or accidental but lethal drug interaction. There was evidence that she had a lethal dose of Prozac in her system when her body was found.

Group presses to lower cost of hunting licenses

OROFINO (AP) — A group that advocates for low-income residents is pressing Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials to offer low-cost hunting licenses to help the state's poor feed themselves.

The Idaho Community Action Network members told Fish and Game commissioners, who wrapped up their regular meeting on Friday, that it is nearly impossible for Idaho's poor people to afford hunting licenses and tags.

"For families, like myself, that are on a fixed income — it is getting unbearable," said Buck

lured of Welpe, Idaho. "Help us feed the people."

The group is advocating a \$50 "family survival" package, which would include a hunting and fishing license and tags for deer, elk, turkey, salmon and steelhead. Those living at 150 percent of the federal poverty level would qualify.

A family of four with a household income of \$26,000 meets the criteria. Individually, the price of a combination hunting and fishing license, plus the cost of the big game tags and salmon and steelhead permits, comes to more than \$160.

Turkeys

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turkeys had been collected, which would provide meals for about half of those who had applied and qualified for food boxes.

The community action partnership is required to verify income to make sure people qualify.

"There is such a huge need," Trappen said. "People are really struggling."

But often those struggling are those who give the most. Rather said, illustrating his point by telling the story about a woman who donated last year.

"She pulled up in an old dilapidated car," he said. "It was a backfiring rust bucket."

The woman brought out four boxes of food. She was crying. "She said she knew it wasn't much but she had been worse off," Rather said. "She told us that was half of what she had."

times in our lives when we didn't have a Thanksgiving dinner."

The idea for the event was hatched five years ago after they received a fax from the partnership, which asked them to announce on the air that turkey donations were needed.

The first turkey they received was about 500 turkeys, the next year 575 turkeys came in. The third year 1,600 turkeys were donated.

"A little boy last night had saved up his allowance to bring us a turkey," Cunha said.

Con Paulus, who donated space on his lot for the food drive, gave 100 turkeys and has been challenging other businesses to donate as many as they can.

Grocery Outlet has donated a 10-pound bag of potatoes for every turkey that is donated.

Rather and Cunha made on-the-air plea for turkeys Friday.

"There are people who are not going to have turkeys on Thanksgiving unless you bring them," Cunha said.

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WEST

Kempthorne backs Bush roadless plan

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne repeated his support for the Bush administration's plan to open up 58 million acres of national forest land to logging and other development unless governors petition to protect the land.

"Recognizing the important role states have in determining the future of roadless areas within our national forests is a tremendous step," Kempthorne wrote Monday in comments submitted to the Agriculture Department.

"Strong state and federal cooperation regarding management of inventoried roadless areas will facilitate long-term, community-oriented

solutions and ensure a balance between responsible use and conservation of inventoried roadless areas," the governor said.

The Bush plan would replace the one adopted by the Clinton administration and still under challenge in federal court. It covers about 58 million of the 191 million acres of national forest nationwide. About 9 million roadless acres are in Idaho.

Kempthorne said the state, in anticipation of the new rules approval, will immediately begin soliciting comment from residents that will be used in developing its position on future development in those

roadless areas. Idaho state officials were among the first to challenge the original Clinton roadless rule, and President Bush's agriculture secretary, Ann Veneman, came to Boise to announce her administration's alternative last summer.

In September, in the heat of the election campaign, the administration said it would make no decision on the plan until after the election, and extended the deadline for public comments from Sept. 14 to this past Monday.

Environmentalists said that the administration appeared to be rethinking the plan — at least temporarily — in the face

of widespread opposition. Under the new policy, governors would have to decide by 2006 whether to petition the federal government to permit new roads in their forests or keep them untouched.

Environmentalists maintained that most, if not all, governors would have little choice but to propose development in current roadless areas as a means of injecting some life into struggling rural economies.

More than 2.5 million people commented on the original Clinton plan, with about 95 percent favored forest protection.

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BLM's preferred option for Roan Plateau includes 1,300 gas wells

PARACHUTE, Colo. (AP) — Much of Colorado's mineral-rich Roan Plateau would be opened to energy development under the favored recommendation released Friday by federal land managers.

That drilling in the sensitive wildlife habitat atop the sprawling landmark could be delayed by up to 16 years, a possibility that both environmentalists and an energy company spokesman said was intriguing.

The Bureau of Land Management's draft plan offers five alternatives with a maximum of nearly 1,600 natural gas wells, including 200 on top of the plateau, which towers more than a half-mile above the Colorado River valley.

The favored recommendation calls for more than 1,300 wells over 20 years, including 51 on top of the plateau. The plateau-top wells would be allowed only after 80 percent of the wells below the plateau's rim were fully developed.

"That could take as long as 16 years," said Rebecca Watson, assistant interior secretary for land and minerals management.

Steve Smith, assistant regional director of The Wilderness Society, said delaying plateau-top wells was worth exploring but suggested waiting until the lower wells were exhausted.

"It's too easy a threshold to cross before you get up top. Let's get all the gas out," he said. A longer wait would allow time for new technology, changes in market demand and new geological studies that could reduce the impact of drilling, he said.

David Cesark, an environmental specialist for the Williams Cos., an oil and gas company, also called the delay proposal intriguing.

Cesark said the draft was well-thought-out and said his company always



Roan Plateau is dusted by a light snow near Rifle, Colo., Nov. 25, 2003. Much of Colorado's mineral-rich Roan Plateau would be opened to energy development under the favored plan released Friday by federal land managers.

expected restrictions. "We have never wanted the extreme plan for natural gas in the area," he said.

The BLM's favored recommendation would prohibit drilling on 9,100 acres of roadless area out of the 73,602 total acres the BLM oversees on the plateau.

Another 51,000 acres on the plateau is privately owned and not covered by the BLM plan. Watson said the BLM's recommended alternative would allow energy development without protecting wildlife winter habitat and native trout.

New drilling and other construction work would be forbidden for five winter months to avoid disturbing wildlife.

She said less than 10 percent of the drilling would occur on the plateau's top under the preferred plan.

One of the alternatives in the

BLM draft would maintain the status quo, meaning no new oil and gas leases on federal land. About one-fourth of the federal land is now leased.

The BLM will take comments for at least 30 days before issuing a final decision.

Environmentalists, sportsmen and some residents have campaigned to keep the top of the plateau off-limits to development.

They say widespread drilling, especially on top, could damage wilderness and wildlife, which have become an important part of the area's economy.

Energy companies and the Bush administration have been pushing for access to the plateau, about 150 miles west of Denver, and other areas of the West, citing rising demand for natural gas and the benefits of reducing the nation's reliance on overseas supplies.

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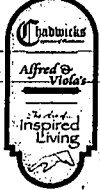
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Grizzly plan has degrees of protection

Officials say habitat areas will help bears



A grizzly sow and her cubs wrestle in the snow on May 2, 2002, inside Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. Habitat managed for Wyoming's grizzly bears would be divided into three areas, with the one closest to Yellowstone National Park affording the most protection.

GREEN RIVER, Wyo. (AP) — Habitat managed for Wyoming's grizzly bears would be divided into three areas, with the one closest to Yellowstone National Park affording the most protection, state wildlife officials said.

When examining viable areas, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department looked for places with denning locations, whitebark pine stands and core habitat, Dave Moody, the department's trophy game coordinator, told an audience at the agency's first public meeting outlining its grizzly management plan.

Consideration was also given to human-use factors, such as road densities, human-bear conflict areas, oil and gas development, potential timber harvests and livestock grazing.

"There is data to support the prediction bears and sheep just don't mix, over time," Moody said.

Planners tried to avoid private land, sheep allotments and areas where drilling is expected. In the primary conservation area around Yellowstone, management decisions will be made in favor of the bears, he said.

In the next area, which includes most of northwest Wyoming, much of the Wind River Range and the Elk Range, grizzly concerns and human concerns would be weighed equally.

Game and Fish has set an outer limit where managers

would like to see grizzly bears roaming. The line runs from Cody to Lander, down to Farnsworth and back to Pinedale and then across to Kemmerer.

Grizzlies in that area would be controlled through hunting seasons and removal of nuisance bears that harass livestock or get into garbage.

"It will be up to the bear to stay out of trouble and hunters not to harvest them," said John Emmerich, assistant division chief for the Game and Fish's Wildlife Division.

Since the grizzly bear went on the federal Endangered

Species List more than 20 years ago, the population in the Greater Yellowstone Area has reached about 700, up from the target number of 500, Emmerich said at Monday's meeting.

For the grizzly to be removed from the list, not only does the target number have to be reached, but each state surrounding Yellowstone must draft a management plan to be approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Public comment on Wyoming's proposed grizzly bear management area is still

open. The final plan is expected to be released in April, with delisting expected later in 2005.

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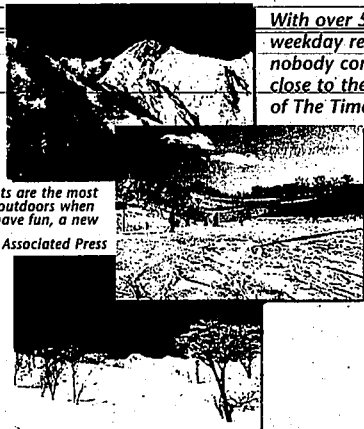
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Lawmakers agree on \$577 million to keep nuclear waste project alive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers agreed Friday to provide enough money to keep alive plans for a nuclear waste dump in Nevada, but they put off trying to resolve a dispute over radiation protection that could doom the project if not resolved.

The compromise limits funding for the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste program to \$577 million this fiscal year, the same as last year but about two-thirds of the \$860 million the Energy Department had said it needed to keep the program on track.

The House had approved only \$179 million for the project planned for the Nevada desert 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas, an amount that would have essentially shut the program down.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee dealing with Yucca, worked out a compromise with his House counterpart, Rep. David Hobson, R-Ohio, to come up with

more money and keep the program going as part of an omnibus budget package.

Congressional leaders hoped to pass the \$388 billion spending measure, covering most federal agencies, by Saturday.

While given enough money to keep it operating, the Yucca Mountain project faces numerous thorny problems that must be resolved next year.

Already a planned 2010 opening of the waste site is growing increasingly unlikely, say program supporters in Congress and the Bush administration.

A federal court ruled this year that the facility's proposed radiation standards failed to follow National Academy of Sciences recommendations as required by Congress.

The Environmental Protection Agency has been trying to rework its standards to meet the court's objection.

The White House tried to get language into the budget legislation that would have ended the requirement that EPA follow

the Academy's recommendations.

But Republicans backed away from the issue both because they feared it would doom the spending compromise and because of the vehement opposition from Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Reid, a staunch opponent of the Yucca waste site who will be the Senate's Democratic leader next year, vowed to fight any legislative provision changing the radiation requirements.

The Energy Department had hoped to submit a license application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by the end of the year and to develop a transportation plan for moving waste to the site beginning in 2010.

The Yucca repository, dug into a volcanic ridge near the Nevada Test Site, is being built to hold 70,000 tons of used commercial reactor fuel and high-level defense waste that has been accumulating at sites in 39 states.

Outfitter releases pheasants to boost popularity of hunting in north Utah

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — The glory days of pheasant hunting on the Cache may be over, but don't tell that to Dustin Shields.

The manager of Spring Creek Outfitters spent part of last week's evening releasing 100 pen-raised pheasants at the Bud Phelps Wildlife Management Area. Spring Creek was donating the birds to the state and general public, Shields said. He wants to create some excitement here in the valley and get some guys who haven't been hunting out again with their families.

Those 50 roosters and 50 hens burst out of their boxes and quickly found cover in the fields at the WMA. The knock on pen-raised pheasants has been

that they don't survive long afield and tend to look shabby after being cooped up (they often pluck one another's feathers) but these roosters have nice tails and brought a ray of light to what has otherwise been a bleak hunt.

"It wasn't what I would call a good pheasant hunt by any means," said Division of Wildlife Resources Officer Vert Hanchett, who helped organize the release. "Some areas had birds and some didn't. It just wasn't a good hatch this year."

From many hunters' perspective, lack of available public land to hunt — as well as lack of decent habitat in general — has been killing interest. Also, according to Hanchett, "the

number of predators we have now is a big problem," and has hurt upland game populations.

But Shields, who oversees Spring Creek property in Young Ward adjacent to the Bud Phelps area, along with land in Cache Junction and Cornish, refuses to give up on pheasant hunting in Cache Valley. He intends to release 150 roosters and up to 400 hens this year, followed by as many as 1,000 birds next year, to subsidize the local population.

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The terms of the next administration

Here are four points to make about George W. Bush's government shakeup.

First, this president does not intend to coast through his second term, as has been the case with many presidents. One such "coaster" was Ronald Reagan, after his re-election in 1984, his then-chief of staff, Jim Baker, and his then-Deputy Secretary, Don Regan, decided, between themselves to trade jobs. Baker and Regan made the deal, and then told Reagan about it, to get his OK.

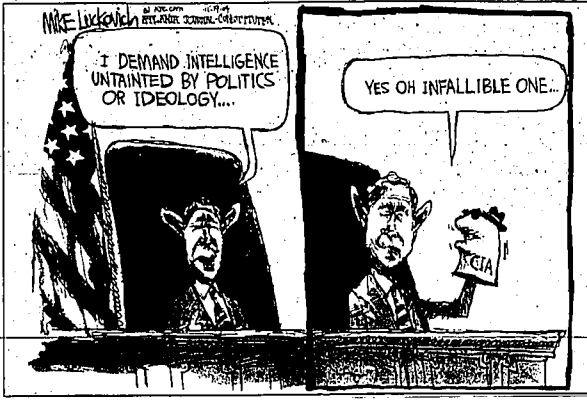


JAMES P. PINKERTON

Indeed, Regan and Baker thought that their coalition was so cool that they told reporters all about it, making their boss, the president, look as if he was out of his own loop. And Regan, not surprisingly, was a disaster as White House chief of staff; the Iran-Contra scandal erupted on his watch, nearly ruining Reagan's second term.

Bush will not have this sort of problem. To run a hands-on, bold-colors re-election campaign, and he wants a hands-on, bold-colors second term. His choices for two top posts, Condoleezza Rice for the State Department and Al Gonzales for Justice, will reflect this boldness. Rice or Gonzales may be leaving the White House staff, but they are loyalists to Bush, even friends, so their "title" centers there will be swallowed up by their own bureaucracies—which was the fate of Colin Powell.

Second, Bush's emphasis on personal loyalty and competence and judgment. Though Rice will surely breeze through her



Senate confirmation hearings, future historians will marvel that this staffer—who received a memo titled "Bin Laden Determined to Attack Inside the United States" a month before 9/11—was subsequently judged to be the best choice to lead a bureaucracy that's 100 times larger than her current one. Even *New York Times* columnist William Safire, a leading Bush supporter, observed that she "has not run a strong National Security Council staff."

As for Gonzales, the Republicans' big win in November makes it likely that he, too, will have an easy confirmation. However, as Attorney General, he will be haunted by his 2002 memo referring to Geneva "Conventions concerning the rights of POW's as 'quaint' and 'obsolete.'"

To be sure, Americans don't much worry about the fate of Guantanamo detainees, but thus we've made law irrelevant, it is to rally the hearts and minds of Iraqis and others around the

world to his vision of a "liberty century," the attorney general—who is increasingly the world's top cop, not just America—needs to be part of the appointment.

Third, the transformation of the executive branch is going to go deeper than just the folks in the ceremonial court offices. As savvy Washingtonians know, "people are policy." Bush's new appointee to the CIA, Porter Goss, is already purging The Company of old-liners who resisted—and leaked against—administration policies. At State, too, Rice will push out foreign policy "realists" who have opposed the Bush Doctrine of democratic transformation.

Fourth, U.S. policy toward Iran is headed for a hardening—and maybe a big heating-up. The German, French and British governments have negotiated a deal with the Iranians to stop nuclear production.

Yet The Wall Street Journal editorial page, the nation's

leading voice for Bush-style neoconservatism, dished the deal last week in a lead editorial titled "Appeasing Iran." The word "appeasement" of course, is loaded; that word was used by British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain during his disastrous efforts to make nice with Hitler in the late '30s.

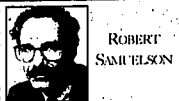
Now comes a report from a dissident Iranian group that the ayatollahs have a secret nuclear project.

Is America ready for another pre-emptive strike? Based, perhaps, on murky intelligence? One additional catch: the alleged facility is in the capital city of Tehran, with a population of 12 million.

One thing is for sure: whatever Bush decides to do, he won't get much resistance from his own government. He won't re-election, and now he's getting his dream team in place, to use as he sees fit.

James Pinkerton is a *Newsday* columnist.

Slumping dollar plays tricks on U.S. economy



ROBERT SAMUELSON

George Bush hasn't much discussed what could be his biggest economic problem. It's not budget deficits or jobs. It's the possible crash of oil prices on foreign exchange markets. Even if Bush understood it (that's unclear), he would be hard-pressed to explain it to the public. Worse, there are no obvious ways to prevent it. Little wonder Bush hasn't said much. But a dollar crash, if it occurred, could trigger a terrifying global slump.

The dollar lubricates the world economy; it's used for much trade and cross-border investment. In some form, a "dollar problem" has long existed. After World War II, there was a "dollar gap"—Europe and Japan didn't have enough dollars to import the food and machinery needed for recovery. The United States filled the gap with foreign aid and policies encouraging multinational American firms to invest abroad. These policies provided dollars, although the United States still ran big trade surpluses.

The problem now is similar and more acute. Like the 1950s, today's outflow of dollars stimulates the global economy. Unlike the 1950s, it involves huge U.S. trade and current account deficits. (The "current account" includes trade plus other "current" overseas payments, such as travel, freight costs and dividend payments.) In 1990, the U.S. current account deficit was \$79 billion, or 1.1 percent of gross domestic product (GDP). In 2004, it's expected to hit about \$665 billion, or 6.6 percent of GDP. The ballooning deficit has two basic causes.

First, the American economy grows faster than other advanced economies. Since 1980, U.S. economic growth has averaged 3 percent annually compared with 2 percent for the European Union and 1.7 percent for Japan. American higher growth sucks in imports; Europe's and Japan's slower growth hurts U.S. exports.

Second, the global demand for dollars props up its exchange rate, making U.S. exports more expensive and U.S. imports cheaper. Indeed, many countries, particularly in Asia, fix their currencies to keep their exports competitive in the U.S. market. To prevent the dollar from declining, government central banks in Japan, China and other Asian countries have purchased more than \$1 trillion of U.S. Treasury securities. Private investors have also bought lots of U.S. stocks and bonds. All told, foreigners own about 13 percent of U.S. stocks, 24 percent of corporate bonds and 43 percent of U.S. Treasury securities.

Up to a point, this arrangement benefits everyone. The world gets needed dollars; Americans get more imports. But we may now have passed that point.

Many people are outweighed benefits. The world may be receiving more dollars than it wants. A sell-off could spill

over into the stock and bond markets and cause a deep global recession. Here's how.

Foreign traders and investors sell dollars on foreign exchange markets. The dollar declines in relation to the euro, the yen and other currencies. The dollar's decline means that the value of foreigners' investments in U.S. stocks and bonds—measured in their own currencies—increases. So, foreigners stop buying American stocks and start selling what they have. The stock market drops sharply.

Presto! the makings of a global recession. The stock market slide causes American consumer confidence and spending to weaken. If foreigners also flee the bond market, long-term interest rates on bonds and mortgages might rise. Higher rates make Europe's and Japan's exports less competitive. Their industries stagnate. Recessions in the United States, Europe and Japan would hurt the Asian. Latin American and African countries that export to them.

Note, however, that the dollar's vulnerability is merely a symptom of something else: the addition of Europe and Asia to exporting to the United States. If their economies grew faster on their own, the massive U.S. payments deficits wouldn't have emerged. The dollar would have quietly drifted down. Foreigners would have invested less in the United States, but they would have more investment opportunities at home. But Europe suffers from suffocating taxes and regulations, Japan has long favored export-led growth. And about 35 percent of China's exports go to the United States.

There's a stubborn contradiction. The world may be getting more dollars than it wants, but it likes the source of those dollars—large U.S. trade deficits. China has resisted U.S. pressure to raise the value of its currency. Europeans and Japanese deplore the U.S. current account deficit. Because the dollar's vulnerability reflects other countries' weaknesses, no American president can cure it alone. Contrary to popular wisdom, for example, U.S. budget deficits don't cause U.S. trade deficits. In the late 1990s, trade deficits widened even though budget deficits declined.

No one knows what will happen. The massive U.S. payments deficits could continue for years, with foreigners investing surplus dollars in American stocks and bonds. We're in uncharted waters. If we're a shoal, it will be bad for everyone.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for *Newsweek*.

LETTERS

Gonzales' views remain a threat to justice

I see Alberto Gonzales as a threat to the rule of law in America. Some would say "OK," to this, but is it? Remember, he was a chief supporter of the torture at Abu Ghraib prison and other places that the man says, "Let these well-bred gentry be warned that we do with a clear conscience the things they do surreptitiously with a guilty one." So Alberto followed suit and received a promotion. Oh, who was the man? Reinhard Heydrich, SS chief for Hitler.

But what's all that got to do with the future? I believe that any world power will sooner or later be balanced by an equal and opposite power—the laws of physics operate in the political science arena too. And it is occurring right now. The world is reaching a point where the relationship between nations as well as between nations and their people, and soon we'll see even less effective cooperation from other world powers. In the future, the Bush doctrine, and the propaganda, will be the same, but because our actions are being neutralized, our government will be less aggressive, less militant, less unilateral and less arrogant.

Another law that applies comes to us from Justice Brandeis: "Our government is the potent, omnipresent teacher. For good or ill, it teaches those who see who they are by its example." "If government becomes the law breaker, it breeds contempt for the law; it invites every man to be a law unto himself." These quotes help define the relationship between nations as well as between nations and their people. Consequently, we arrogantly brush aside every other nation for our own reasons. It's naive to expect other governments to

act differently.

Sadly, what America lost by the Iraqi war is our ability to lead. The leadership inspires others to follow voluntarily. Now we can only push, kick and buy our friends, but we can't lead the world to a higher standard because we have not exercised that higher standard ourselves. We have only demonstrated that, and quite clearly, not law but brute force is the measure of virtue in an American-controlled world, thus we've made law irrelevant.

So what about Alberto, this supreme respecter of the law? With "secret subpoenas, secret searches, secret arrest, secret trials" already trying to cover up secret tortures, I think it's reasonable to assume secret executions are soon to come. Yes, he's definitely the man for the job all right, and he'll do all this with "clear conscience."

MARK SHUCKERT
Twin Falls

Roots of faith run deep in U.S. government

As I read the letter from a reader concerned about the discussion of politics and taking a political stand in churches, I began to consider the writer's thoughts and comments. So, dear author, please consider some facts about the United States.

This country was built on the belief in God and the Bible. From nearly every founding document to the engravings found on many of the nation's places of government, you will find our forefathers made many religious references. No separation of church and state there.

Take a look at your currency. In God We Trust. Listen to the pledge of allegiance. The courts have discussed it—thankfully,

greater heads prevailed and the reference that the nation is based upon God's laws remains in the words of our constitution.

I thinking that it's not in the courts? What then do you place your hand on when you promise to tell the truth? You got it! The Bible, God's holy word. When the president is sworn into office, what book does he place his hand on to faithfully uphold the office so help him God? Yes, the Bible. So, why shouldn't the discussion of our nation's leaders be brought up in church?

The United States' foundations are built on the belief of one nation under God, which then the pledge decrees for us, the United States, liberty and justice for all. Prayer is a powerful tool. Give it a try. Pray for our leaders. Pray that they seek the Lord's will as they guide our great country and vote for leaders who pray for that guidance. Basing their decisions and creating laws based upon the Bible, just as our forefathers did, gives us hope for a bright future. No, you shouldn't consider your political views private while you are in church. Respectfully, take a stand and make it part of your testimony.

PAUL JOHNSON
Jerome

Students need facts about scholarships

Does the student financial aid help you as much as it should? I would like to say yes, but in most colleges and universities, students who are in the need of financial aid don't normally get it. The reason that most students don't get financial aid is because they are not aware that it exists.

More likely, students did not get information about grants

from their high school. There should be a lot more help from high school English teachers and counselors so students can be aware for grants for colleges. Most high school students don't have money for college, and they are looking for some help.

Another financial problem is that scholarships are not being announced in high schools or in colleges. Students that are in high school don't think that they are qualified for scholarships. Those who are in college just don't hear about what kind of scholarships position there is. I really think that scholarship counselors need to announce what kind of opportunities there are in their colleges or high schools.

Eventually, in a college you are pointed and pushed toward loans. People are not sure how much trouble they can get into for applying for a loan. What I mean by this is that once you apply for a loan, you could get in more debt problems than you would if you just don't apply. Most people are fine with getting a loan, but some people just don't pay their loans back to their banks, that causes problems.

VICTORIA WARD
Burley

Nature did the talking in Goodwin's letter

Yes, I, too, was enchanted by the literary gem written by Deann Goodwin on Nov. 10.

How pleasant it was to find, I felt that I was walking along, seeing and hearing what she saw and heard as I read her wonderful letter.

Let us all take a healing walk, noticing the beauty of our world.

COLLEEN THIEBERT
Twin Falls

Idaho dropped the ball on flu vaccine

It appears our governor and the health officials of Idaho have let the senior citizens down when it comes to obtaining flu vaccine.

I am 63 with heart disease and am unable to find any local information about future available vaccine. I am sure there are many others in the state 65 and older who are in the same boat. Are they keeping it for use in the Boise area

where the greater population is at?

My calls to the Twin Falls County Health Department brings no satisfaction. I question why our officials are not doing their job after reading the article in *The Times-News* Sunday stating Utah has obtained sufficient vaccine to lower the age limit to 65. If they can obtain it there, surely Idaho can do the same if someone acts.

ROBERT SAMUELSON
Twin Falls

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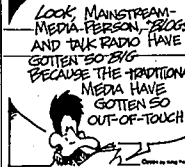
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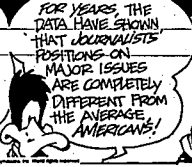
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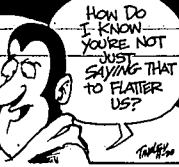
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California will sue to block Sierra national forest plan

SACRAMENTO (AP) — California Attorney General Bill Lockyer said Friday he will sue to block the federal government from proceeding with a far-reaching plan to manage 11.5 million acres of Sierra Nevada national forests.

The head of the U.S. Forest Service approved the plan Thursday, U.S. Agriculture Undersecretary Mark Rey has 15 days to decide whether to review the decision before it becomes final.

Should Rey not act, Lockyer said he will sue in federal court contending the plan violates federal environmental protection laws, and will increase logging, endanger wildlife habitat, harm water quality and weaken grazing restrictions. Environmental groups said they plan to sue as well, raising similar objections.

"We will not let stand this betrayal of treasured forests and

the public trust," the Democratic attorney general and likely 2006 gubernatorial candidate said in a statement.

"With this action, the Bush administration maintains its full-speed retreat from environmental protection. Its continued willingness to sacrifice California's natural resources has forced my office over the last four years to divert countless taxpayer dollars from fighting polluters to fighting the

federal government. That is not right. But we will continue to do what is necessary to safeguard the environment that makes California a special place to live."

Regional Forester Jack Blackwell, who in January approved the plan governing 11 Sierra national forests, took umbrage at Lockyer's remarks.

He said he personally wrote the decision, driven by a desire to avoid a repeat of the cata-

strophic wildfires such as those that devastated Southern California last year, and believes the plan will improve wildlife habitat while reducing fire danger particularly around mountain communities.

"I believe it would be a betrayal of our national forests to let them burn up. It would also be a betrayal to let people's homes burn up," Blackwell said.

"I am a career public servant," said Blackwell. "I made this de-

cision on my own, in California, using Californians to help me with a broad review that took over a year."

He was first appointed a regional forester under former Democratic President Clinton, and was transferred to the top post in California nearly a year into the Bush administration. The plan he approved in January was sharply altered from a plan approved in the final days of the Clinton administration.

Hospital won't stop brain-dead boy's case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A 6-year-old brain-dead boy whose parents fought to remove him from hospital care, hoping that alternative treatment would cure him, died Friday.

Jesse Koochin, of Clearwater, Fla., was declared brain-dead by doctors but was ordered kept on life support by a judge after the parents insisted he could recover.

He was brought to St. Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City by ambulance just after 1 a.m., according to a hospital spokesman Deb Reiner. Doctors were unable to resuscitate him and he died at 1:30 a.m., Reiner said.

The hospital said the family requested privacy.

The boy had been in a coma after suffering complications from brain cancer. Doctors at Primary Children's Medical Center said he was dead, but his parents maintained that he still was alive and capable of recovery. After winning a restraining order Oct. 13 that kept Jesse on life support, Steve and Gayle Koochin took him home two days later.

Jesse had been hospitalized in three states and Mexico, as his family went to great lengths to treat his cancer.

His father maintained that Jesse had previously fallen into a coma and was given about a week to live, but then responded to treatment in Mexico. He believed the same would be true in Utah, and after the boy had been released to the family Steve Koochin gleefully reported every twitch and response to touch his son made.

Meanwhile, the family with the help of a Hospice worker, tried to nurse Jesse back to health with alternative medicine and fed him organic juices intravenously.

Ten arrests follow drug probe at high schools

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — An undercover investigation of abuse of pain killers and other prescription drugs at Bonneville and Roy high schools has resulted in seven arrests and 17 suspensions.

"We're talking about all kinds of kids here," Mike Ashment, Weber-Morgan Narcotics Strike Force commander, said Thursday.

Ashment said his officer at Bonneville estimated about 100 pills of OxyContin and morphine flow through the school every week. At Roy High, the estimate is about 50 pills per week.

"I don't think (the amount) is something you find in most schools around the state," Weber School District spokesman Nate Jaggard said.

Ashment said the arrests involved an undercover agent and were aided by technology installed in the schools to capture the transactions.

"We've known this has been a problem in the schools for some time," Ashment said. "This was very manpower-intensive because we had to have an undercover person going to school, and we had to make sure to keep their safety in mind and have the ability to obtain evidence through electronic surveillance."

Investigation at Bonneville lasted about three months and resulted in six arrests and five suspensions.

At Roy, logistical reasons prevented a longer investigation, limiting it to three weeks. The operation there resulted in one arrest and 12 suspensions.



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


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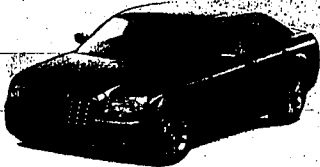
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SPORTSQUOTE

Who wants to lose to Duke? That's like getting beat up by a girl. That's like you're in elementary school and you get beat up by a girl and all of your friends just look at you. It's not a good feeling.

North Carolina football center Jason Brown, on how it felt to lose to Duke last year.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

What was the name of the head coach who led the 1920 Twin Falls High football team to a state championship, outscoring opponents 490-3 along the way?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- HS Girls' Basketball
Twin Falls at Timberline, 6 p.m.
Filler at Glenns Ferry, 6 p.m.
Burley at Declo, 6 p.m.
Dietrich, Hansen in Hansen Tournament, 6 p.m.
College Women's Basketball
CSI at Dawson Tournament, Dawson, Mont.
College Men's Basketball
Eastern Oklahoma at CSI, Arcle Circle Tournament, Twin Falls, 8 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Sources: Nationals will replace Expos

WASHINGTON - The Montreal Expos are about to get their new name: the Washington Nationals.

The search for a new name began Sept. 29, when Major League Baseball announced it planned to relocate the team for the 2005 season.

The top contenders were Nationals, Senators and Grays, with Senators the sentimental favorite.

But Mayor Williams objected, saying the name isn't appropriate, given the District of Columbia's lack of representation in the U.S. Senate.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Clifford W. Evans, according to a 1982 article in The Times-News. The lone field goal came in the 1923 championship win over Idaho Falls.

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Bruins win 41-35 thriller on late score

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

POCATELLO - The Twin Falls Bruins proved that it only takes one night to tear down 53 years of suffering in the game of football.

Though Friday night's Idaho Class 5A Milk Bowl State Football Championship was contested by a team from Southern Idaho - Twin Falls - and a team from the North - Coeur d'Alene - the two teams combined to excite fans with a wild-west shootout. It was one that the Bruins prevailed in, 41-35.

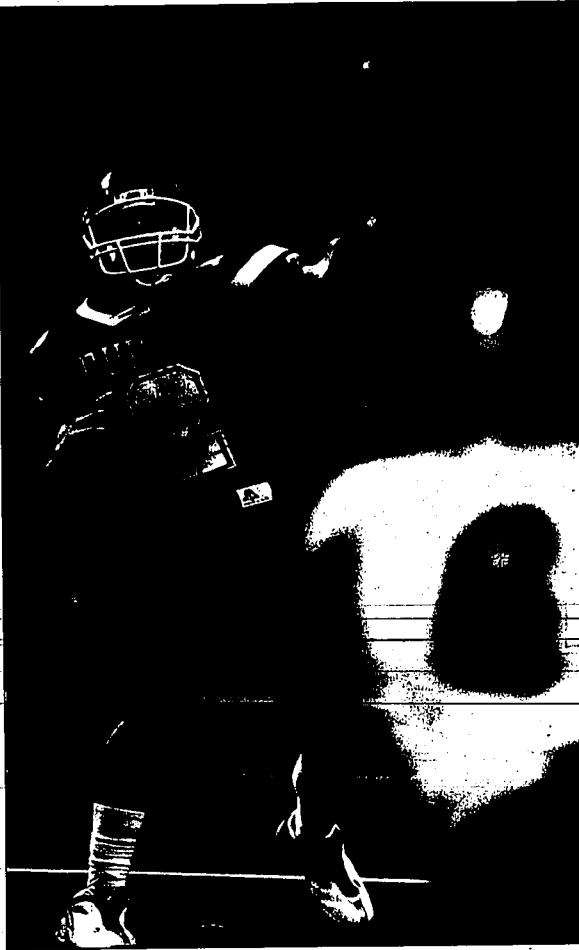
With the score knotted at 35 after Vikings quarterback Max Lyons broke free for a 14-yard keeper, the Bruins took control of the ball at their own 33-yard line with 5:06 left in the fourth quarter.

What ensued would cap off a career game for Bruins quarterback Mike Smith. The senior orchestrated a 11-play drive to the Coeur d'Alene 2 yard-line, where junior halfback Brody Miller finally broke free for a 2-yard burst to paydirt. A bad snap kept sophomore kicker Ryan Simmons from tacking on the extra point, giving the Bruins an uneasy 41-35 lead with 34 seconds remaining in the contest.

When the Vikings took control of the ball at their own 35-yard-line, the Bruins defense showed that a tumultuous off-season and a late start couldn't derail pure heart. With Lyons looking to go deep on first down, sophomore defensive end Nate Robertson came off the quarterback's blind side to level Lyons and pop the ball loose. Vikings standout back Kevin Ah-Hi fell on the ball, but the damage was done with the 12-yard loss.

On the ensuing play, Bruins lineman Andrew Wilkin broke through the line to drop Lyons for an 18-yard loss and knock the Vikings starting signal caller out of the game. With Lyons standing on the sidelines in the arms of head coach Shawn Amos, Vikings backup quarterback Jake Hill threw an interception.

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Twin Falls quarterback Mike Smith completes a pass to Brandon Stokes during the second quarter of the Bruins' 41-35 win over Coeur d'Alene in the Idaho 5A state championship football game in Holt Arena Friday. Smith threw for 288 yards and four touchdowns.

Raft River claims 1A Division I state title

The Times-News

MOSCOW - Raft River scored three touchdowns in the second half to break a 22-all halftime tie for a 44-22 victory Friday night in the state 1A Division I football championship game

over Genesee.

Quarterback Landon Hansen connected with Paden Baker twice from long range for two second-half scores.

Raft River (11-0) won it with big plays, including a 31-yard fake punt run by Baker in the

first half that tied the game at 22 headed into halftime.

It is the Trojans' second state title in three seasons. Raft River won the final 1A 11-man title in 2002.

The Genesee Bulldogs (10-2) came into the game averaging

53.5 points per game, but the Raft River defense shut them down in the second half with a number of big plays.

Due to press deadline and the time zone difference, a full story will run in Sunday's South Idaho Press and Times-News.

Woods leads by three strokes

The Associated Press

MiYAZAKI, Japan - Tiger Woods held a three-stroke lead halfway through the Dunlop Phoenix, hoping to end a drought that has left him without a title since February.

Woods shot a 3-under 67 Friday that gave him a score of 8-under 132 after two rounds in the \$1.89 million event, the richest on the Japanese tour.

Woods also renewed his criticism of the PGA of America for its decision to pass over friend Mark O'Meara as captain of the

2006 Ryder Cup team. Tom Lehman was chosen a few weeks ago.

"He is a good choice," Woods said. "But he would have been a good choice for America four years from now. Timing-wise, I just thought this was Mark's only chance."

The next Ryder Cup matches are in Ireland, and Woods thought O'Meara should have been selected because of his Irish heritage.

Defending champion Thomas Bjorn of Denmark shot a 69 and was at 4-over 144. British Open champion Todd Hamilton had a 76 and just made the cut.

Good break becomes a good lead for Sorenstam

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. - Just when it looked like a bad day was about to get worse, Annika Sorenstam turned a good break into a birdie that changed everything Friday in the season-ending ADT Championship.

Sorenstam kept pace with a steady charge from Karrie Webb, then pulled away with back-to-back birdies late in the second round for a 4-under 68 that set the 36-hole record at Trump International. She took a



American golfer Tiger Woods hits off the bunker shot in the 15th hole during the 2nd round of the 2004 Dunlop Phoenix golf tournament at Phoenix Country Club in Miyazaki, southern Japan, Friday. Woods fired a 3-under 67 in the day to maintain a three-stroke lead at the \$1.89 million tournament.

Brown dominates in CSI win

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Jamaal Brown is capable of doing it all. On Friday night, he did just that. Brown, considered one of the best point guards in the country, looked the part in the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team's 114-73 win over Peninsula College on the second night of the Arcle Circle Tournament at CSI Gymnasium.

Brown scored a team-high 23 points and dished out a game-best 11 assists for the double-double. He scored 15 of the first 24 points for No. 17 CSI (6-0). His initial nine points came from a 3-point range, where he shot 4-of-9 for the game.

At the half, Brown had 17 points and seven assists. "That's a career for some guys," CSI head coach Gib Arnold said. "I thought Jamaal played as good a 20 minutes of basketball as a point guard can play."

Brown's passes were often of the spectacular variety, but his teammates also finished as well as they have all season. The Eagles once again received a lot of energy off the bench from Reggie Larry, who twice finished off Brown's passes with dunks. Larry finished with 17 points.

"I love it, man," Brown said. "To get everyone involved, make everyone happy, get the team scoring, I mean, we scored 114 points. That's pretty good." Nick Hansen had a tremen-

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Curtis, voice of the Vandals, will sign off

By John Blanchette The Spokesman-Review

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - Maybe it's the old boxer in him, but Bob Curtis has retired as often as Muhammad Ali and made more comebacks than Larry Holmes.

For instance, a clip has been exhumed from our personal archives - a shoebox stashed behind the furnace - underneath some dusty Mason jars - dated Nov. 20, 1985, which announced and feted Curtis' retirement as radio voice of the University of Idaho Vandals. Finished with basketball for six years and out of the time, and probably football, too.

Never mind that he was still calling UI basketball games as recently as 2003. Or that his broadcast of Saturday's Idaho-Idaho football game from Honolulu will be No. 540 in a row since he became the school's regular radio voice in 1957, not counting a handful he did before that. That's merely 224 games since that 1965 business, which turned out to be much adieu about nothing.

Now Sugar Ray Curtis says this is it. No mas. For real. Done deal.

But if you're Tom Morris, who's supposed to slide over into Curtis' seat next fall, don't you ask Idaho to change the locks and station a guard outside the broadcast booth, just to make sure?

Curtis may show up for the 2005 opener if only out of habit, a horse standing unbitched in front of the pole.

"My story is that they've just been hoping I'd retire five or six times," Curtis said Tuesday. "I keep feeling them."

Old fooler-or-old fool. Bob Curtis pleads guilty to both. Carrying on a broadcast career within a month of his 80th birthday probably won't get him the centerfold layout in Modern Maturity, nor will the fact that he decided to get his start in the real estate business sometime in his 70s. Apparently, it's not that Curtis won't retire, but that he can't.

Of course, there are scores out there who wish he wouldn't. For through the great times and Please see VANDALS, Page B5

Idaho at Hawaii Radio: 127QAM KFI

SPORTS



University of South Carolina football coach Lou Holtz, left, and Florida coach Steve Spurrier chat prior to their game Saturday night, Nov. 10, 2004, at Williams Brice Stadium in Columbia, S.C.

Spurrier will replace Holtz after season

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Lou Holtz wanted his South Carolina players to focus on their game against Clemson. They suddenly have a lot more on their minds. Holtz will retire as coach at South Carolina after the season. The Associated Press learned Thursday night, apparently paving the way for Steve Spurrier to replace him. Holtz told his players before the team's final regular-season practice, according to a source close to the program who spoke on condition of anonymity. All season, the 67-year-old Holtz said he was worn out, and even said Spurrier would be a good choice to succeed him.

confirm or deny the reports. Several calls to Spurrier's agent, Jimmy Sexton, were not returned. Holtz wanted the Gamecocks (6-4) concentrating on the Tigers (5-5). A victory Saturday would be the school's first seven-win season since 2001 and probably earn a bowl invite. A defeat would be South Carolina's fifth in six years of the series since Holtz arrived. And it would be another slap after last year's 63-17 loss that Holtz said left him as embarrassed as ever. South Carolina quarterback Syvelle Newton could tell Holtz was especially intense this week — and not necessarily because he's leaving.

On Wednesday, South Carolina cornerback, Fred Bennett said Holtz promised the players he would tell them first when he decided about next year. "So I respect him for that," Bennett said. A report in The Tennessean of Nashville had Spurrier taking over and the announcement coming next week. Other reports said Spurrier and South Carolina agreed to a contract between \$1.5 million and \$2 million. If Spurrier decides to coach the Gamecocks, he would face his old team next season on Nov. 12, when Florida comes to Williams-Brice Stadium. An announcement regarding Spurrier, who won a national championship at Florida, is expected next week, the newspaper said, citing an anonymous source close to the situation. South Carolina athletic director Mike McGehee wouldn't

"I don't want them to associate La Salle with a scandal," he said. "I don't want them to say La Salle is dealing with every thing and they're really turning some heads." Smith was friendly with the three accused players and still talks to Larkai, offering support if needed. Still, it was a long, hard summer for all the Explorers. "I couldn't wait until school started," Smith said. "I couldn't wait for practice to start. Now I can't wait for the season to start." La Salle never has recaptured its success from the 1980s, when it made five of its 11 trips to the NCAA tournament. The Explorers haven't made the tournament since 1992 and went 10-20 last season. The 2004 season was the 50th anniversary of the school's NCAA championship. Now, the Explorers would just like some respectability. "The last 10 years have been a struggle, but prior to that, La Salle tradition matches up with almost any in America," Giannini said. "This is a tradition-rich program in a great conference with an opportunity to make things better."

La Salle tries to forget offseason

Coach says he had nothing to do with rape scandal

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The first point John Giannini wants to make clear is that he had nothing to do with this summer's rape scandal at La Salle. He never coached the three accused players, doesn't know them and really doesn't want to talk about them.

Giannini can't be blamed for trying to make everyone forget those three former players and an offseason that tainted a once-proud program.

The former University of Maine coach sees lots of promise at La Salle, where the men's basketball program was struggling even before the scandal. His first step is moving beyond the three arrests, still fresh and painful to so many people.

"Everyone wants to talk about it, but as a basketball program, we've very much moved past it," Giannini said. "It's not on our minds as a topic of conversation. We're focused on the present. I understand how serious it was, but it really is not affecting our daily business."

Dzaflo Larkai, Michael Cleaves and Gary Neal were charged with rape, and both men's coach Billy Hahn and women's coach John Miller resigned.

Giannini, who led Philadelphia-area school Rowan to the 1996 NCAA Division III national title, inherited a team thin on talent and expectations.

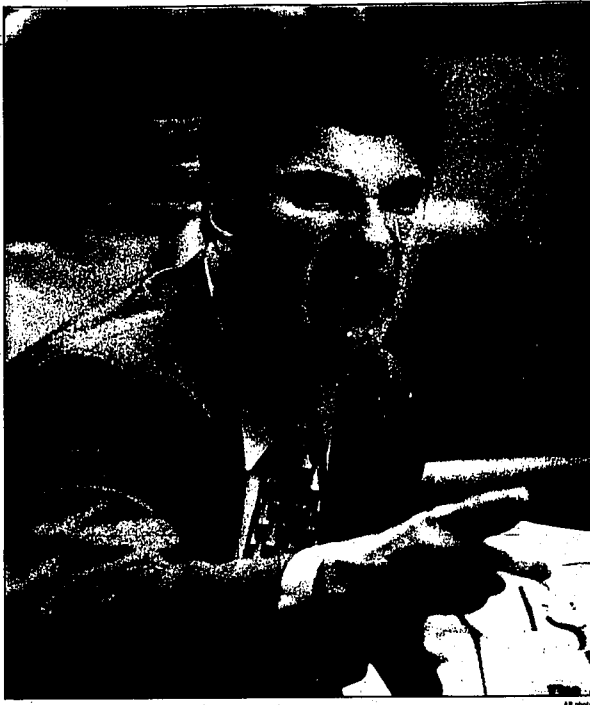
He knew one of his immediate tasks was getting players to focus on proper behavior off the court.

"I did emphasize that we can't go through another period of time where the actions of our student-athletes damage the program," he said.

"I did emphasize to them how critical it is for them to not do certain things when they leave this building."

La Salle has just nine scholarship players and three walk-ons for Saturday's opener against James Madison. Cleaves and Neal were two of its best offensive players. Larkai was a needed inside presence and starting forward David Bell transferred to East Carolina, leaving La Salle thin on depth, talent and experience.

The Explorers still have Stephen Smith, perhaps the best college player in Philly. Smith, a 6-foot-8 forward who averaged 17.1 points and 8.1



Former Maine coach John Giannini shouts at his players during the second half against Florida State, Nov. 21, 2003, in Tallahassee, Fla. Giannini can't be blamed for trying to make everyone forget an offseason at La Salle that has permanently stained a once-proud program that was already foundering on the court. But the former University of Maine men's basketball coach sees nothing but promise in La Salle.

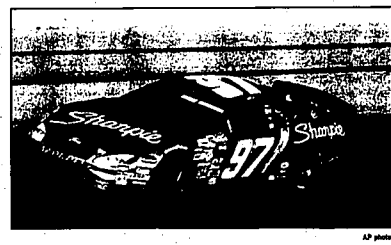
rebounds last season, considered transferring before deciding to give Giannini a chance. Plus, Smith felt he owed something to the only Division I school that really wanted to give him an opportunity. Now Smith wants to help change what people think of La Salle. "I want people to look at us and talk about how our basketball program is turning it around," he said.

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Busch wins pole for last race

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — Pressure? What pressure? Kurt Busch, last in the qualifying line and first in the NASCAR Nextel Cup points, waited out 54 other drivers Friday and then won the pole for the season-ending Ford 400, which will determine the 2004 champion. Busch goes into Sunday's race at the front of the closest five-man championship battle in NASCAR history, leading runner-up Jimmie Johnson by just 18 points and with Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Mark Martin all within 42 points of the top spot.



NASCAR points leader Kurt Busch pushes his car around the track during qualification on Friday at the Homestead Miami International Speedway in Homestead, Fla.

Busch, who isn't known as a good qualifier, grinned and asked: "Is this Friday? I never knew we could do things like this on Friday." It's the second week in a row that the fourth-year cup driver will start from the top qualifying spot, though last week's pole was handed to him as the points leader when time trials were rained out in Daytona. This one is the first pole Busch has won on the track since taking the top spot here in November 2002. He went on to win that race, although the 1.5-mile track at

Ford 400
• TV: Sunday, 11 a.m., NBC

Homestead-Miami Speedway has since been reconfigured, with more banking in the turns. Busch turned a lap of 179.319 mph Friday, easily beating out the 179.307 of Greg Biffle for the third pole of his career. "It was just one of those laps,

Busch said, "It's really been a storybook effort so far in this championship chase."

Johnson came to Homestead — the last race in NASCAR's new 10-race, 10-team playoff-style championship — with a ton of momentum, having won four of the last five races to come from far off the pace and give himself a shot at the title. But his qualifying effort Friday took away some of his steam he had built up.

Hamilton takes title; Kahne wins again

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — It was a big day for Dodge at Homestead-Miami Speedway, with Bobby Hamilton wrapping up the NASCAR truck series championship Friday and Kasey Kahne driving to his second straight victory. "This is huge," Hamilton said as he celebrated with his crew and family. "I really wanted to win it for Dodge because they've done so much for us." At 47, owner-driver Hamilton became the oldest champion of the Craftsman series and gave Dodge its first NASCAR title

since Richard Petty won the stock car championship in 1975. Kahne, the top rookie in the Nextel Cup series, became the first driver to win his first two starts in the truck series, adding this victory in a Jim Smith-owned Ram to the one last Saturday at Darlington. "To go two-for-two, that's pretty awesome," Kahne said after leading a race-high 54 of 134 laps and beating Ultra Motorsports teammate Ted Musgrave to the finish line by 1.016-seconds — about five car-lengths.

"It's really surprising," added Kahne, who has five runner-up finishes in the Cup series. "It's tough to win these races. We've been trying all year and come up short (in Cup)."

Woods

Continued from B1 three-shot lead over Webb, Laura Diaz and Cristle Kerr. "I've got a little lead, but not a comfortable lead at all," said Sorenstam, who was at 10-under 134. "On this golf course, it can change on one hole." It changed for the better on the par-5 ninth. Sorenstam was even par for her round, and her body language showed utter frustration she shook her head and slumped her shoulders. When she walked off the eighth green, she no longer had the lead. Then, her 7-wood from 214 yards on No. 9 sailed high and to the right, headed for trouble. "It was inches from hitting the path and going into the bushes," Sorenstam said. "I saw my mom standing there and she said, 'Are you trying to hit me?' It was a

good break. It was a momentum shifter." Sorenstam hit a wedge into 6 feet for an unlikely birdie that lifted her spirits. Four birdies on the back nine gave her a cushion that might look even bigger considering who's in front. England's Casey, Donald surge ahead in World Cup. SEVILLE, Spain — Englishmen Paul Casey and Luke Donald surged to a five-stroke lead in the second round of the team World Cup on Friday after shooting an 8-under-par 64. The pair has a total of 19-under-125 — Austrians — Martin Wasiele and Markus Brier carded a 70, with a half dozen teams six strokes behind the leaders: South Africa (65), Sweden (67), Spain (68), Japan (69), Ireland

(71) and the United States (67). Scott Verplank and Bob Tway are competing for the Americans. The Oklahoma friends play almost every practice round together on the PGA Tour. Their round turned at No. 9, where Verplank hit a 3-wood to 15 feet and Tway sank the eagle putt. "From that point on we started to hit a lot of solid shots," Verplank said. Casey and Donald made four straight birdies starting at No. 3. In one stretch, they birdied nine of 14 holes, playing the alternate-shot format. England shot a 61 Thursday playing better ball to trail co-leaders Ireland and Austria by one. On Friday, Ireland's Paul McGinley and Padraig Harrington slipped to a 71.

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Atlanta Hawks	21	13
Boston Celtics	18	16
Brooklyn Nets	17	17
Charlotte Hornets	16	18
Chicago Bulls	15	19
Cleveland Cavaliers	14	20
Dallas Mavericks	13	21
Denver Nuggets	12	22
Detroit Pistons	11	23
Golden State Warriors	10	24
Houston Rockets	9	25
Indiana Pacers	8	26
Los Angeles Lakers	7	27
Memphis Grizzlies	6	28
Minnesota Timberwolves	5	29
Miami Heat	4	30
Milwaukee Bucks	3	31
Phoenix Suns	2	32
Portland Trail Blazers	1	33
Sacramento Kings	0	34

WHAT'S ON TV

Auto-Racing

Nexel Cup, final practice for Ford 400, Speed, 9 p.m.
 NASCAR at Talladega, ESPN, 2:30 p.m.
 Busch Series, Ford 300, NBC, 11 a.m.

Boxing

Champion Ronald Wigg (47-30) vs. Shane Mosley (39-30), for WBA super welterweight championship, HBO, 7:45 p.m.

Golf

Champions Tour, UPS Cup, second round, TGS, 7:30 a.m.
 WGC-Woodbury, third round, ABC, 2:30 p.m.
 PGA, third round, CBS, 2:30 p.m.

Football

Make Forest at Miami, ESPN, 10 a.m.
 Michigan State at Penn State, ESPN2, 10 a.m.
 Iowa St. at Kansas St., ESPN2, 10 a.m.

Tennis

ATP Masters Series, Masters Cup Houston, semifinals, ESPN2, 2 and 8 p.m.

Copus Cove Arena

hosts two-man sorting
 RUIII. —There will be a two-man sorting competition at 1 p.m. Saturday with a jackpot prize at the Copus Cove Arena in Butte.

Roddick, Hewitt win to set up Masters semifinals

HOUSTON — Andy Roddick pounded 15 aces to become the first player since 1998 with more than 1,000 in a season, helping him beat Guillermo Coria 7-6 (4), 6-3 Friday to wrap up round-robin play at the ATP Masters Cup with a 3-0 record. Roddick, who lost to Roger Federer in last year's semifinals, will face Lleyton Hewitt in the final fourth Saturday. Hewitt high-fived a fan to celebrate a great win in his 6-2, 6-1 victory over French Open champion Gaston Gaudio earlier Friday.

College Football Schedule

Team	W	L	T
Alabama	10	10	1
Arkansas	11	9	0
Auburn	12	8	0
Baylor	13	7	0
Berkeley	14	6	0
Boise State	15	5	0
Brown	16	4	0
BYU	17	3	0
Cincinnati	18	2	0
Clemson	19	1	0
Colorado	20	0	0
Connecticut	21	0	0
Duke	22	0	0
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the sport paid much attention. The Wright boys, Shane Mosley, and everything changed. Suddenly, his name was in the mix among the Thriftadas, De La Hoyas and Hopkins, who bring big money to the table.

Those fights, though, will have to wait. Mosley awaits once more, and Wright has to beat him again Saturday night to truly have a chance to cash in on his success.

"This fight will set me up for bigger things," Wright said. "The first fight just opened the door."

Wright jumped right through that door in March when he dominated Mosley on his way to a unanimous decision to win the undisputed 154-pound title. The win was the biggest in a career that began in 1993 and took Wright around the world in search of paydays.

Wright (47-3, 25 knockouts) would have just as soon passed on a rematch and gone on to bigger things, but Mosley had a rematch clause in his contract and exercised it. The two meet at the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino (7:45 p.m. MST; HBO) with Wright's WBA and WBC titles at stake.

"I'm not trying to make the fight any different because, for me, the first fight was great," Wright said. "He'll try some new things, but that's fine with me."

Marino, Young make Hall of Fame cut

CANTON, Ohio — Dan Marino and Steve Young highlighted a list Friday of 25 candidates for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The former All-Pro quarterback backs up the list of first-year eligible players. The nominees were chosen by the Hall of Fame's board of selectors from a previously announced list of 90 candidates.

The list will be reduced by a mail ballot to 13 modern-era candidates. That list will increase to 15 finalists with the addition of two candidates recommended by the Hall of Fame's former committee.

The nominees, who were announced in August, are quarterback Benny Friedman and running back Fritz Pollard.

Marino's career record of 48 touchdowns passes. It quarterback the Miami Dolphins for 17 seasons and took them to the 1985 Super Bowl.

Young played with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers before the half-lender emergence from Joe Montana's shadow to lead the 49ers to the Super Bowl title after the 1993 season.

Other first-year eligible players on the list are defensive end-linebacker Chris Doleman (Minnesota Vikings, Atlanta Falcons, 49ers), defensive end-linebacker Charles Haley (49ers, Dallas Cowboys), tight end Michael Irvin (Cowboys) and linebacker Derrick Thomas (Kansas City Chiefs).

Owners Art Modell (Cleveland Browns), Baltimore Colts play and Ralph Wilson Jr. (Buffalo Bills) return to the list.

Angels trade Guillen to Expos for Juan Rivera

NEW YORK — The Anaheim Angels traded troubled outfielder Juan Guillen to the Washington-bound Expos for outfielder Juan Rivera and a prospect. The Associated Press learned Friday.

Guillen was suspended for the last eight games of the regular season and dropped from Anaheim's playoff roster after he threw a tantrum in the dugout and clubhouse when he was removed for a pinch-runner on Sept. 25.

In a grievance settlement, he agreed to allow the Angels to withhold two days' pay.

Guillen hit .294 with 27 homers and a career-high 104 RBIs in 2004. He is owed \$3.5 million next season.

Angels general manager Bill Stoneman told Guillen of the trade.

"I don't have any hard feelings toward Anaheim," Guillen said.

Rivera hit .307 for the Expos with 12 homers and 49 RBIs.

Spanish leaders denounce racial taunts by fans

MADRID, Spain — In a move to protect Spain's image and bid for the 2012 Olympics, Spanish leaders stressed that its citizens and sports fans are not racist.

The comments came in response to racial taunts by fans aimed at black players by English fans during an exhibition game.

"All expressions of racism against any player because of the color of his skin should be denounced and withdrawn," said Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos said Thursday from Costa Rica, where he's attending a summit.

Rapids fire team general manager

DENVER — Dan Canence was fired as Colorado Rapids' general manager after eight years on the job; a move that came a week after the Major League Soccer team dismissed coach Tim Lincecum.

Rapids' general manager Charlie Wright said he will reverse the club's business operations. The next head coach, who has not been named, will be responsible for most of the day-to-day operations, including some that Canence handled.

Canence was dismissed Thursday after a season in which the Rapids finished 10-11. In the playoffs, they were eliminated in the Western Conference semifinals by the Los Angeles Galaxy.

This was the Rapids' first season under the ownership of Kroenke Sports & Entertainment. Kroenke is also owner of the Denver Nuggets, the Colorado Avalanche and the Colorado Crush of the Arena Football League. Kroenke owns the Pepsi Center, where the Rapids are playing, and is planning a soccer-only stadium for the Rapids.

Wright prepares to make his boxing mark

LAS VEGAS — Winky Wright toiled for years in boxing's minor leagues, patiently waiting when he won a piece of the 154-pound title, not many in

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Western Conference

Team	W	L
San Antonio Spurs	12	20
Los Angeles Lakers	11	21
Phoenix Suns	10	22
Portland Trail Blazers	9	23
San Diego Clippers	8	24
Utah Jazz	7	25
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Memphis Grizzlies	5	27
Minnesota Timberwolves	4	28
San Jose Warriors	3	29
Seattle SuperSonics	2	30
Los Angeles Clippers	1	31
Portland Trail Blazers	0	32

Eastern Conference

Team	W	L
Philadelphia 76ers	18	14
New York Knicks	17	15
Charlotte Hornets	16	16
Orlando Magic	15	17
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Atlanta Hawks	13	19
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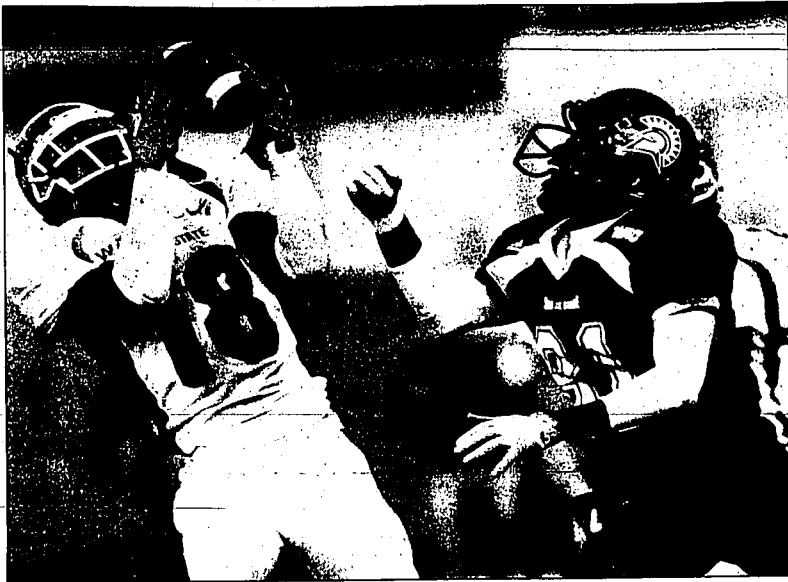
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WAC WINNERS?

Idaho State wraps up season at SUU



Boise State's Gerald Alexander intercepts a pass in front of San Jose State's John Broussard in the second half at San Jose, Calif., on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Broncos can clinch share of third straight title

BOISE (AP) — The accolades flow when Louisiana Tech coach Jack Becknell talks about No. 13 Boise State.

"You can say so many good things about them, it gets sickening," Becknell said.

The Broncos (9-0, 6-0) can clinch no worse than a tie for a third straight Western Athletic Conference title by beating Louisiana Tech (5-5, 4-2) on Saturday.

They also can tie BYU for the longest winning streak in WAC history at 25 games, extend the nation's longest current winning streak to 21 and become the first WAC team to start 10-0 since Wyoming in 1986.

Boise State's last WAC loss was a 40-42 setback at Louisiana Tech in 2001.

The Bulldogs beat Tulsa 38-21 last week to keep their bowl hopes alive. They must win their last two games to become bowl eligible. Four of Louisiana Tech's five losses have been to Top 25 teams: Miami, Auburn, Tennessee and UTIP.

Boise State's streaks nearly

La. Tech at Boise St.

• Kickoff: 1 p.m.

ended last week. The Broncos went to double overtime before beating Iowa State 56-49, their third game decided by seven points or fewer this season.

"We put together a couple of scoring drives quick and were on edge of scoring on them at will, but we fell apart," said Boise State receiver T.J. Acree. "I think we lacked focus and a sense of urgency at the beginning of game."

Still, Boise State is one of three mid-major teams in the BCS top 10, along with No. 6 Utah and No. 10 Louisville.

One scenario has Louisville and Boise State meeting in the Liberty Bowl, should Mountain West Conference champ Utah leave a guaranteed spot in that game to play in a BCS game.

"It's just great for the programs that aren't in the 'big

conferences," to get this attention," Boise State linebacker Andy Avalos said. "It's deserved attention."

Last year, the Broncos beat Louisiana Tech 43-37 with 732 yards of total offense — including 568 yards passing. They've still had the same high-scoring offense, leading the country with a scoring average of 48.2 points per game.

However, in their last two games — the win over San Jose State and a 69-3 defeat of Hawaii — 16 of the Broncos' 17 touchdowns have come on the ground, and Boise State has rushed for 705 yards.

"We're still one of the better passing teams around," coach Dan Hawkins said. "It's just that we get down there and have so much confidence and have so much success that we've been pounding it on the ground."

Louisiana Tech also changed its offense this season, grinding out runs behind tailback Ryan Moats.

Gene are the four- and five-receiver sets that dominated the

Bulldogs' offense in the past. Now, it's two tight ends, a fullback and plenty of adjustments for Bicknell and his staff.

"What has happened to us this year is completely different," Bicknell said. "I think it's made us better coaches and it's been kind of fun."

Moats runs with a powerful, slashing style. He ranks second nationally, averaging 164.1 yards rushing per game, including five 200-yard performances. He has 236 yards and four TDs in an Oct. 2 win over then-No. 17 Fresno State.

He gained 257 yards rushing in consecutive games — during a Sept. 6 win over Nevada (the last three TDs) and five days later in a victory over Louisiana-Lafayette (1 TD).

This week, Moats faces a Boise State defense that ranks third in the country against the run, allowing 76.9 yards per game.

"It's always a battle with them," Moats said. "I'm ready to go out there and play like we have been."

Calvin Armstrong said, "We've had them on the ropes a few times and were not able to finish them."

Players on both teams attend the same high schools, or played against one another before they were recruited, so the rivalry is friendly, Armstrong said.

"I wouldn't say we hate them," Armstrong said. "I don't think we like them a whole lot."

The game is the 97th between the rivals since the series started in 1900. Since 1962, the winner has been awarded the Apple Cup trophy. From 1994 to 1991, teams played for the Governor's Trophy.

WSU last beat Washington in 1997, a 41-35 victory that clinched the Pac-10 title for the Cougars. It's been 10 years since WSU beat the Huskies at home, 25-6 in 1994.

The Times-News

CEDAR CITY, Utah — Southern Utah remains at home this week as the Thunderbirds host Idaho State at 3 p.m. The non-conference clash will be the first overtime game in the season — finale for both teams.

The Thunderbirds (5-5, 2-3 Great West Football Conference) will be looking to notch their first winning season since the 2000 squad posted a 7-4 mark. SUU is coming off the first home overtime game in the school's history, a 23-17 double-OT win over South Dakota State last Saturday. The game was just the second overtime affair in SUU football history, joining the Thunderbirds' 42-34 loss at Hampton in 2000.

Idaho State (3-7, 2-5 Big Sky) is also coming off a win after posting a 24-17 home win over Northern Arizona last week in the country. The Bengals have led behind 17-0 in that one before storming back for a win in their home finale.

Saturday's game will be the 13th meeting between the two schools. SUU holds an 8-3, 1-1 advantage in the series, including three straight wins.

SUU QB Casey Rehner has made a major assault on the SUU record books this season. He has set four SUU single-season and one game record this year and has moved into the career top-10 in six career categories.

Rehner improves on the records he set at Northern Colorado two weeks ago every time he completes a pass or throws for a touchdown.

Idaho State has one of the most prolific passing offenses in the country. The Bengals average 330.9 yards per game through the air to rank third in I-AA. ISU's ground game, on the

other hand, averages just 68.2 yards — which makes for a 17-0 record. Defensively the Bengals have allowed opponents an average of 423.9 yards per game, 179.3 on the ground and 244.5 through the air.

QB Mark Rotheringham (6-2, 210, Sr.) is a two-year starter who has completed 251 of 459 passes for 2,890 yards and 15 TDs but he has also thrown 17 interceptions. His favorite targets have been:

- WRs Sale Key (6-5, 216, Sr.) with 59 receptions for 845 yards and eight TDs
- TEs and Akliah Lacey (6-3, 202, So.) who has 54 catches for 757 yards and six scores. Shack Okochea (6-1, 195, Jr.) has 81 TD receptions for 662 yards and 17 of the TDs. Josh Barnett (5-11, 175, Jr.) is the team's leading rusher with 436 yards and two touchdowns on 105 carries.

Defensively the Bengals have been led by LB Pago Tofogatu (5-10, 215, So.) with 112 tackles and nine TFLs; LB Kris Krosch (6-2, 215, Jr.) has 82 tackles, while DB Marcell Lagrone (6-1, 195, Jr.) has 81. DL Jeremiah Lee (6-2, 275, Jr.) leads the team in TFLs with 12, while DT Michael Hodges (6-1, 250, Sr.) has a team-high six sacks and DB Quinton Freeman (6-1, 202, Jr.) leads the team with four interceptions.

"Idaho State is a much better team than their record would indicate," said coach Meier. "They're potent offensively and strong on the defensive side of the ball. From what I've seen on tape they've hurt themselves with turnovers or they'd have a much better record."

BYU-Utah rivalry will hit new high Saturday

BYU-Utah

TV: ESPN2, 5 p.m.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — There was a time at Utah when about all it took to make a season successful was beating rival Brigham Young.

It happened so rarely. Ute players and fans all had to wait a long afternoon in November for years when the Utes beat the Cougars. But this is a new era in the rivalry. The balance has shifted in favor of the Utes, who are trying to complete their first winning regular season in 74 years when they host the Cougars on Saturday.

"This will be the one that will begin to hold for a long time in both media guides. We're honored to be a part of it," Utah coach Urban Meyer said. "This is a game that will be remembered."

Absolutely, but for what? If the fifth-ranked Utes (10-0, 6-0 Mountain West) win, it will all-but ensure a spot in a Bowl Championship Series game — where no team from a mid-major conference has gone before. If the Cougars (5-7, 4-2) win, they'll avoid a third straight losing season and maybe just as importantly, crush the hopes that have been building weekly for the Utes.

Whether it's BYU's religious affiliation or its proud, football tradition or the proximity of the two schools separated by just 50 miles, the Cougars and Utes don't get along. It's usually nasty and Saturday shouldn't be any different.

"Players have learned in the past that it does not matter what you say before the game. All that matters is how you play on Saturday and what the outcome is," Meyer said. "BYU defense back Mitch Alba said, 'We all know what's at stake whatever the record is.' Alba isn't talking about the Beehive Boot, the bronzed piece

of footwear that goes annually to the winner. When one team is trying for a perfect season, there's even more on the line."

"I can't take the smile off my face. I can't wait for this game. It's exciting," said Utah's Bo Nanghi, a Salt Lake City native who grew up watching the rivalry. "Everything's on the line. All the numbers really don't matter. All the rankings or whatever — who's where, who's working for what — doesn't matter. This is rivalry week."

Utah has won the last two meetings, clinching the MWBC outright last year with a 3-0 win on a snowy afternoon in Provo. The weather is expected to be similar Saturday, which is fine with the Utes as long as the outcome is, too.

"If we won the game 3-0, that would be the best," Meyer said. "The bottom line is we have to win the game."

In addition to preparing for the Cougars, Meyer has faced questions this week about reporter Mitch Alba who came to Provo at Florida after the season. Meyer maintains there has been no contact from the Gators and usually changes the subject quickly when the questions come.

"I plan on coaching here a long time," Meyer said this week.

BYU coach Gary Crowton has been the focus of career speculation of a much different sort. A third straight losing season could mean the end of his four-year tenure at BYU. And even a win in the rivalry isn't enough to save a coach's job.

No bowl game on line for Apple Cup winner

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — The shine is off this year's Apple Cup as Washington and Washington State meet Saturday at a combined 5-15 — meet Saturday in Martin Stadium to close out their seasons.

No real bowl bid is at stake, so the players are treating the annual cross-state grudge match as their bowl game.

"It's always important to win any game," outgoing Washington coach Keith Gilbertson said this week. "Since we've only won one, it wouldn't be huge for our fans and our kids."

Washington (1-9, 0-7 Pac-10) is trying to avoid a loss that would give the Huskies their worst conference record in 31 years.

Gilbertson has resigned and the game will be his last appearance with the Huskies, who have won six consecutive Apple Cup games and eight of the last nine.

That string irks the Cougars (4-6, 2-5), who have posted three record-setting 10-win seasons and made three consecutive bowl appearances.

"Any time you lose to the Huskies, it's painful," WSU junior linebacker Will Derting said. "I don't want to leave here without beating them. I'm tired of losing to them."

Both teams have been depleted by injuries to key starters and linemen. WSU has a lack of experienced players.

Washington shuffled quarterbacks before settling on junior Casey Paus. Josh Swogger started six games for the Cougars before breaking a bone in his foot and being replaced by Alex Brink.

"The main thing we want to get Saturday is a win," WSU coach Bill Doba said. "We really

have to concentrate on getting a win this week."

Washington State is an 11-point favorite.

In the last two Apple Cups, WSU held late leads only to see the Huskies storm back to win after Cougars' starting quarterbacks were injured.

The last time the teams met in Martin Stadium, in 2002, a disputed call resulted in a 29-26 triple overtime victory for the Huskies. Cougar fans threw bottles and debris at the celebrating Huskies.

The Cougars "have been a great team the last two years but it's been one of those things where, yeah, we both came ready to play but we came out on top," UW linebacker Evan Benjamin said.

"They've just made some really nice plays down the stretch," WSU senior tackle

Garfield. It was there where his mother, Ruth, recognized the inner sports-caster in her middle son.

"I'm a little nervous and put it up in the living room," he recalled, "and I'd call my own games as I played."

Funny then, that one of his many IU folk, former football coach John L. Smith, would

call him up with a wadded-up bed and a wire hanger in his bedroom in Idaho Falls, listening to Curtis' accounts.

"It's got a great voice," Smith said, unshattering his needle, "and then you hear the guy, 'What a disappointment.'"

And Tuesday's chat revealed that one other fork-in-the-road when he might never have endured as voice of the Vandals.

Vandals

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the grin. Curtis has been the messenger, interpreter, salesmen, sage and humorist who made the connection between a university and a constituency that was often one time zone and as much as 400 miles away. For the skidder in Bonners Ferry or the spuddier in Shelley, Curtis has been the window not just for UI sports, but for the school, a personality more recognizable than any politician even if the populace knows him only by voice.

"The 'big in Idaho,'" he laughed.

But it's no joke. He's been Idaho's sports-caster for the year 32 times.

Which would be impressive, if he had more than one sports-caster.

Neither a newspaper column about Curtis nor a conversation with him can turn into anything other than a reciprocal roast. Self-deprecation is a Curtis trademark, but that doesn't mean he won't loan you some.

For instance, the story of how he hooked up with Idaho is well-known — how Tidewater Associated Oil, which owned radio rights for the Pacific Coast Conference in the 1940s, signed him up as a Washington State senior for \$175 a game. How the new Cougs' rights holder in 1957 wanted to pay him about one-seventh of that so he signed on with the Vandals instead. How he meant to stay a year and lasted 48.

But few know that he used to call horse races at Playfair, broadcasted Tiger Jack Fox's

boxing matches at the Armory and worked at K10D Radio in Spokane for a couple of years, and that he hosted the "Coffee Pot Parade" on KWSC at 5:30 in the morning, or did the evening sports show with a budding sports historian named John McCallum.

"John wrote a lot of interesting things, which he was good at," Curtis once said, "and I was supposed to be the voice and the BSR, which I was good at."

More know that he is a crusty old cowboy who with his two brothers carried on the Curtis Cattle Company started by his father, E.J. "Ed" Curtis, who came from North Carolina and settled near Hay in Whitman County in 1928, then built a 2,500-acre spread near Ellerton between Colfax and

"About five or six years after I was with Idaho, Adrian Devries, who owned KCLZ and was a Spokane guy, wanted to buy the station," Curtis remembered. "He called me and wanted me to go in with him and we all put in a bid that was about \$800 short."

In time, that was a gain for the coaches like Smith, Dan Monson and Dennis Erickson, among others, who have celebrated their victories with Curtis and counted on him as a walk-around guy and backer-up when serious news needed to be worked out.

But mostly it was a reward for Idaho not just the school, but the state. In a media world discombobulated by beauep cubic, video streaming and blogs by guys who, unlike Cur-

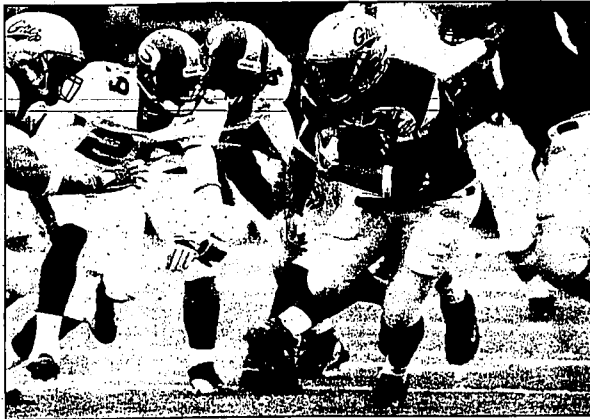
tis, aren't good BSers but mostly gibblers, the enduring constant is the legendary Radio Voice, its familiar tones and cadence, the faceless friend, the guy for whom you'll cut short a day of hunting just to find a radio signal even when the team is pretty sad.

Both Curtis and his Idaho coaches and players, the games, the stories, the excitement and even some of the god-awful travel but no more than he'll miss those people he knows only when they hear his voice at a restaurant and come up to introduce themselves. And something else.

"They usually give you a pretty good set to write or call a ball game," he said. "Sometimes it's a loosey-toun, but you always get a good set."

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Montana running back JR Waller, front right, runs against Sacramento State, last Saturday, in Missoula, Mont. Montana won 52-21.

Montana and Montana State 'brawl' for 104th time Saturday

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — It's Cat-Griz week, and you can probably throw most of the stats and the ramifications out the window. This one's for pride and statewide bragging rights.

It doesn't add any more significance to the game that No. 7 Montana (8-2 overall, 5-1 Big Sky) is playing for a share of the Big Sky Conference title in the league's automatic bid in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs and probably a home playoff game.

The game hasn't lost any luster for Montana State (6-4, 4-2), which saw its shot at a share of the league title end when Eastern Washington linebacker David Eneberg batted down Travis Lutaly's fourth-and-goal pass in a 31-14 overtime loss.

"Cats' isn't a hard game to get excited for," said MSU defensive end Beau Clark. "We don't have anything to worry about. We have nothing to lose. We can just go after it and play hard!"

Montana coach Bobby Hauck, on the other hand, insists his

team isn't preparing any differently for the Bobcats, which have won two straight over Griz.

"We get the other team's best shot every week," Hauck said. "We prepare for every game the same."

The 104th Brawl of the Wild kicks off at 12:05 p.m. Saturday at Washington Grizzly Stadium and will be carried by Montana Television Network stations. Montana leads the series 64-34-4.

Montana quarterback Craig Ochs goes into the game feeling better than he has as a Grizzly, while Montana State's famed defense has been nearly wiped out by injuries.

Two years ago, it was Ochs who had a shoulder injury and was injured twice in a 27-20 loss to the Bobcats.

"We're a offense-based program that has been shattered," said MSU coach Mike Kramer. "It's going to take some tremendous coaching this week and a

lot of work in the offseason to get us back. We have to find a way to get the guys on the field to play the way we want them to play."

At the same time, Montana State's offense is exploding. Lulay has passed for an average of 431 yards in the past four games, and the Bobcats have averaged more than 400 yards in total offense over the past six games.

"We are functioning at a very high level offensively right now and our excellent quarterback play and improving play in the receiving corps is happening coincidentally to the best (offensive) line play in this program's history," Kramer said.

Hauck praises his quarterback, too.

"In my mind, Craig's the best I've been around," said Hauck, who was the recruiting coordinator at Colorado when Ochs was recruited there. "He's got it all. He's poised, he's a good leader, he's got a big arm and he understands the game. He does everything."

Iron Bowl features top rushers, defenses

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — The Iron Bowl scenario is familiar: a clash of star tailbacks and unyielding defenses.

For No. 2 Auburn, there's Carnell Williams, Ronnie Brown and the nation's top scoring defense, Alabama, meanwhile, faces the combination of Kenneth Darby and the No. 2 overall defense will be enough to win Saturday's Iron Bowl.

Iwan Mathis does the math — three of the Southeastern Conference's top five rushers, the league's best running teams and two of the nation's stingiest defenses — and comes up with a definite conclusion.

"This will be an old-fashioned Iron Bowl," the Alabama guard predicted. "This will be a game where both teams will need to be effective running the ball. Auburn does a great job of it and I think we do a pretty fine job of it as well."

It almost certainly will be that kind of game if the Crimson Tide (6-4, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) manages to dictate the style. The Tigers (10-0, 7-0) are tied for second in the national rankings with Oklahoma and have proved capable of riding either Jason Campbell's passing or the running and receiving of Brown and Williams to victory.

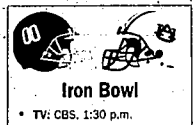
"I haven't seen anybody stop them so far, so it's going to be really hard," Alabama safety Roman Harper said. "You never know what they're going to do, what they're going to throw at you. They do a couple of trick plays here and there, they're always trying to keep you off-balance."

Campbell is the nation's fourth-rated passer but will be facing the top passing defense. Williams and Brown have combined for 1,703 yards rushing, ranking fourth and fifth in the league. And the Tigers, who are averaging 34 points, are 15-0 when each rushes for at least 50 yards.

"They've got the total package," Tide defensive end Wallace Gilberry said. "Obviously two of the best running backs in the nation, much less the SEC. Their wide receiver corps is awesome. Jason Campbell sits back in the pocket and he's awesome. The offensive line is great."

What will Alabama do to defend Williams and Brown?

"The same thing we're doing to all the other running backs in the SEC: Just hit them and hit them hard," Gilberry said.



berville said the Tigers will stick to what they've been doing defensively no matter how much the Tide like to run.

"You've got to do what you do best," Tuberville said. "You can't let an offense dictate what you do. The best thing that you can do is go out and do what you do the best and play hard, which we have all year."

The sophomore has carried 71 times in the past two games, racking up 1,042 yards and eight touchdowns this season despite starting only four games.

Darby will be facing a defense that has allowed only one rushing touchdown all season. Quarterback Spencer Pennington, leader of the fifth-worst passing attack in Division I-A, is injured (ribs, nonthrowing shoulder) from the LSU game but will play.

"You play with pain in a game like this," Pennington said. "I've grown up dreaming about this game."

Auburn coach Tommy Tu-

Buckeyes try to derail Michigan's Rose Bowl plans

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State cornerback Dustin Fox watched the video of the Buckeyes' lopsided loss to Michigan last season about 10 times.

Anything unusual about that? "No, that's way above normal," the senior said. "I'm watching it to see how they kicked our rear ends last year, because they did. They came in up there and they definitely played more physical than we did. That's important for us to get back to that physical, Big Ten play."

No. 7 Michigan at Ohio State
 • TV: ABC, 11 a.m.

Ohio State is reduced to the role of spoiler Saturday when it meets No. 7 Michigan in the 101st addition of the Big Ten's signature rivalry game.

The Wolverines (9-1, 7-0) can earn their second straight league title and Rose Bowl berth by beating the Buckeyes (6-4, 3-4) again.

When the Wolverines last played in Ohio Stadium in 2002, the second-ranked Buckeyes clinched a spot in the national championship game with a 14-9 victory.

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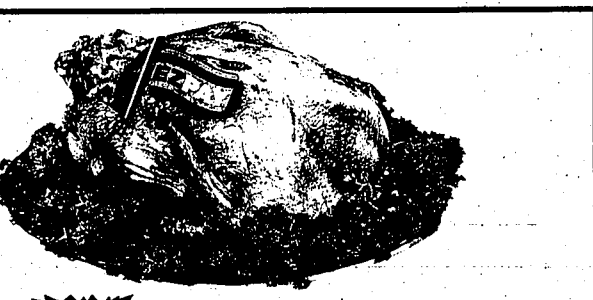
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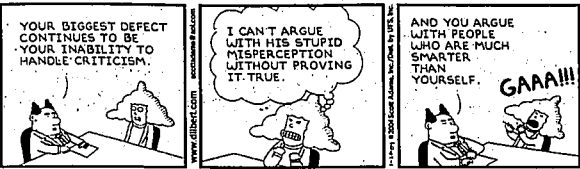
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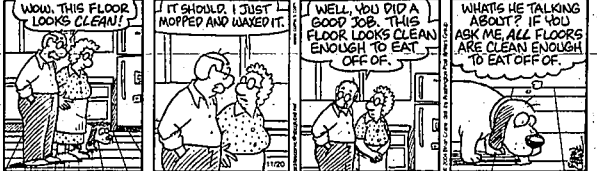
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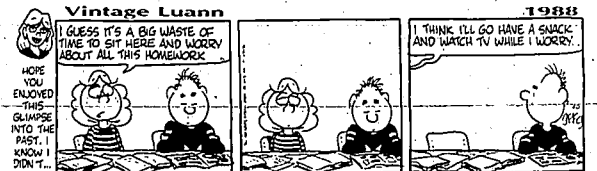
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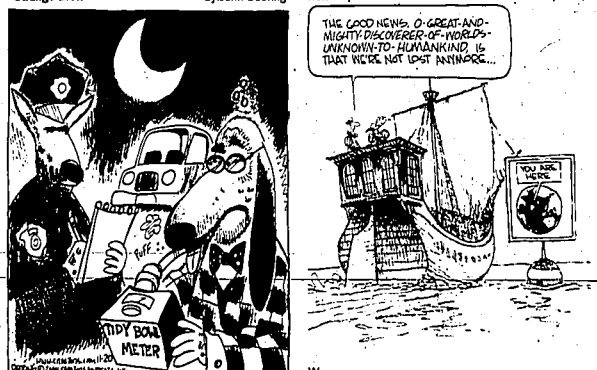


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GIVING



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Kris McDowell, Jo Smutny and Joan Lehr, deacons of the First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls, gather items for the food/gift baskets going to 25 area families. Donations of canned food and paper products are still needed. On Nov. 28, a "Caring Christmas Tree" will be decorated with gift items for these families. Gifts are purchased and brought back to the church for distribution. To donate items or for more information, call Susan Harris at 733-4779 or the church office at 733-7023.

Scout Troop holds pancake feed

JEROME - Boy Scout Troop 139 will host a Thanksgiving Day pancake feed from 8-10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Jerome United Methodist Church, 211 S. Buchanan St. The cost is \$4 a person or \$12 a family.

Pottery, calligraphy, more taught in Buhl

BUHL - The Buhl Community Education program is holding several classes.

"Memory Book" will be held for two weeks from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays, starting Nov. 29 in the Buhl High School Art Room, 525 Sawtooth Ave. The cost is \$12 and \$12 for materials. Virginia Bishop will show how to create a book for wedding, birth, graduation and personal mementos. Participants should bring photocopied photos, announcements and other items to personalize the cover.

"Pottery for Kids" will be taught for three weeks from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, starting Dec. 1 in the Buhl High School Art Room. The cost is \$8 plus \$5 for materials. Children in third through fourth grades will learn the basics of coil and pinch pottery.

"Calligraphy Workshop" will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Buhl High School Art Room. The cost is \$6 and \$5 for materials. The class will teach how to personalize Christmas cards combining scrapbooking with calligraphy.

"Seashell Angel Ornament" will be held from 3:15 to 5:15

p.m. Dec. 3 at the Buhl Middle School, Room 209, 217 Seventh St. N. The cost is \$6 and \$3 for materials. Students will use seashells to create an ornament for Christmas. Participants should bring seashells, glue gun and glue sticks if available.

The classes are held by the Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association.

For more information, call Connie Glander at 543-6553.

Kimberly Eagle Scout receives award

KIMBERLY - Keegan Brady, son of Mark and Debby Brady of



Keegan Brady

Kimberly will receive his Eagle Scout Award at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Ward Building, 222 Birch St.

For his project, the eighth-grader built two picnic tables for a park in Kimberly. Eight boys helped and worked more than 40 hours.

The 14-year-old has completed 38 merit badges; has received a silver, bronze and gold palm; and is in Troop 88 under the lead of Shannon Widmer and Wes Stuckl.

He is an eighth-grader, and participates in football, basketball, band, wrestling and track.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Val-

ley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners.

Nov. 4: first, Harold Bulcher and Betty Grant; second, Renee Bulcher and Bobette Planky; third, Don and Ruth Baker and flight B, Steve Hale and Betty Sabo.

Nov. 6: first, Herb and Ada Burgess; second, Mary Kienlen and Sam Smutny; and third, Renee Bulcher and Lonnie Burns.

Nov. 8: first, Doris Finney and Betty Sabo; second, Milo Pearson and Duane Schmeberger; third, Harold Bulcher and Larry Parker; and flight B, Steve Hale and Susan Morris.

Nov. 9: first, Betty Grant and Maxine Watkins; second, Madeline Sawaya and Mary Ann Siegel; third, Dottie Miller and Mary Lee Pfeiffer; and fourth, Steve Hale and Betty Sabo.

Nov. 10 for north/south: first, Sam Smutny and Maxine Watkins; second, Renee Bulcher and Polly Mulliner; and third, Linda Fix and Ruby Grimes. East/west: first, Harold Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll; second, Tom and Mary Schmidt; third, Lonnie Burns and Jessie Linn.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. Refreshments are served.

For a partner, call 324-2000.

Groups host holiday craft fair this weekend

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Valley Farmers and

Artisans Market will host its Holiday Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Billingsley Creek State Park.

Handmade crafts, pastries and breads, Christmas ornaments, foods and beverages will be for sale. Live music will be featured.

Billingsley Creek State Park is located 1 mile north of Hagerman off U.S. Highway 30.

Christmas Bazaar, craft fair takes place in Wells

WELLS, Nev. - A Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair hosted by the Wells Humminbolt Quilt Guild will start at 10 a.m. today in the Wells High School gymnasium. Guests should bring a nonperishable food item for entry into door prize drawings.

The bazaar will include a quilt exhibit, crafts, food, holiday gifts and holiday decor.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club plays weekly

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its Nov. 12 winners:

First, Ruby Grimes and Sam Smutny; second, Riley Burton and Max Thompson; third, Mary Steele and Kathy Rooney; and fourth, Al Anglin and Fran Anglin.

The club plays at 1 p.m. on Fridays at Gooding City Hall, 308 14th Ave. W. All bridge players are welcome. Refreshments are served.

For more information or to arrange for a partner, call 934-4093 after 5 p.m.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Group president speaks at governor's conference

Fern Warren of Twin Falls, president of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, was a speaker at the Governor's Conference in September in Boise.

Her speech was about obtaining custody of grandchildren without a lawyer. While at the conference, she met Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and actor George Kennedy, who was the guest speaker and is a grandparent who adopted one of his grandchildren.

Warren is also a new volunteer of the AARP representing the group.

NYLC accepts local student into group

Cheley Boyles, daughter of Jim and Diane Aldritt-Boyles of Southlake, Texas, and granddaughter of Jonathan and Imogene Aldritt of Kimberly, was accepted into the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. Oct. 12-17.

Boyles is a junior at The North

Wells School, participating in several programs including student council, mock trial, student ambassadors program, Future Business Leaders of America and Junior National Honor Society.

She attends Abundant Life Church in Grapevine, Texas, where she is involved in the youth group, Face To Face student ministries, in the youth choir and the Young Leaders team. She has competed for the last six years in Christian Fine Arts Competitions at the district and national levels.

T.F. resident enters Westminster College

Brian Walsh has entered Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah, as a freshman.

Walsh is the son of Sean Walsh and a graduate of Twin Falls High School.

4-H WINNERS

El El El - The University of Idaho Extension Service reported 41 winners from the Twin Falls County Fair.

- Looking Your Best
 - Emily Flew, Blue
 - Marrisa Richardson, Blue
 - Jessica Issery, Blue
 - Jessica Van Castro, White
 - Alexandra Wolf, Blue, Champion, Trophy
 - Riatta Zimmers, Blue, Reserve, Trophy
- Sewing Project-In-A-Day
 - Irena Davidson, Blue
 - Dana Dekruyf, Red
 - Michelle Glenn, Blue
 - Emily Flew, Blue
 - Sierra Sweet, Blue
 - Jessica Issery, Blue
- The Total Look
 - Katie Busby, Blue, Champion, Trophy
 - Chere Canoy, Blue
 - Melissa Glenn, Blue
 - Anna Lopez, Blue
 - Rachel Rodgers, Blue, Reserve, Trophy
 - Theater Christina Bruce, Blue
 - Irena Davidson, Blue
 - Sara Hartwick, Blue
 - Cake Decorating
 - Beginning
 - Carla Avelar, Blue
 - Mariah Bjorn, Blue, Honorable
 - Jestin Boda, Blue
 - Katie Busby, Blue, Honorable
 - Kyla Castro, Blue
 - Jordan Cramer, Blue
 - Irena Davidson, Blue
 - Melissa Glenn, Blue
 - Anna Griffin, Blue
 - Courtney Hansen, Blue
 - Haley Harris, Blue, Honorable
 - Sara Hartwick, Blue
 - Megan Jones, Blue

- Amanda Kutz, Blue
- Savannah Lezovich, Blue
- Alyssa Matsuko, Blue
- Matthew McGregor, Blue
- Elizabeth Miller, Blue
- Lannah Morishita, Blue, Reserve, Rosette
- Stephanie Morrison, Blue
- Miranda Moss, Red
- Kendall O'Brien, Blue
- Rebekah Papac, Blue, Champion, Trophy
- Emily Flew, Blue
- Erka Richman, Blue
- Juana Sarabia, Blue
- Tiffany Spann, Blue, Third
- Sierra Sweet, Blue
- Cheley Yung, Blue
- Irena Davidson, Blue
- Bread Baking Basics
 - Katie Krumm, Blue, Honorable
 - Heldi Mikota, Blue, Champion, Trophy
 - Sasha Beckham, Blue
 - Emma Ward, Blue, Honorable
 - Ready, Set, Sew
 - Brianna Bowcut, Red
 - Danielle Bowen, Red
 - Brookly Brownlee, Blue, Reserve, Trophy
 - Cynthia Cervantes, Blue
 - Kelsey Climer, Blue, Champion, Trophy
 - Irena Davidson, Blue
 - Kin Dawson, Blue
 - Cassidy Ferrell, Blue
 - Heldi Hartwick, Blue
 - Sara Hartwick, Blue
 - Kyla Horrocks, Blue
 - Amanda Hughes, Blue
 - Megan Mayo, Blue, Third
 - Place, Rosette
 - Alice Mothershead, Blue
 - Juana Sarabia, Blue
 - Taylor Yonkeller, Blue
 - Morgan Wetzelstein, White

Visiting - First Choice Hospice is seeking volunteers for Christmas shopping online, visiting patients, playing music, helping pay bills or other activities for hospice patients and their families. Call Donna Lutz at 736-0900.

Helping patients - Idaho Home Health and Hospice is in need of volunteers to visit with patients or relieve caregivers. Training will be provided with hospice orientation. Office help also is needed. Call Susan at 734-4061 or visit the office at 826 Eastland Drive.

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

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

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

Clothing - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center

resettles families from European countries. Winter clothing

needed. Drop items by the center, 1525 Addison Ave. E., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (closed from noon to 1 p.m.) Monday through Friday. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

Run errands - Hospice Visions needs volunteers to run errands, buy groceries, go shopping, do light housework, write letters, read stories and other activities for hospice patients in patients' homes and in the Hospice House. Call Flo Slater at 735-0121.

Lift chair - An elderly

woman needs a lift chair needed. Drop items by the center, 1525 Addison Ave. E., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (closed from noon to 1 p.m.) Monday through Friday. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

Mentor - The Building Excellence in Academics, Character and Health Club is an after-school mentor program that meets at Central Elementary and Jerome Middle School in Jerome. Mentors who can volunteer at least one hour a week are needed. Pre-service training is provided. Call Joy Karavadas at 324-3996, ext. 2814, or Millie Cawthra at 324-4286.

POETRY AWARD



Mary Ditto displays a silver cup trophy and bronze medallion she won for her poetry. Daughter, Alysa, also writes, but prefers story-writing to poetry. Ditto has been writing poetry since she was young. "It began as a way to express my feelings," she said. "Somedays," which she had written for her husband before they were married, won for Great Poets of the Western World.

"Always There," the winning entry for Immortal Portraits, was written for a close friend. Ditto was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis several years ago and is legally blind. In addition to writing, she crochets afghans for the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council.

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Global hunt has limited success in capturing al-Qaida leaders

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — The two suspected masterminds of the Istanbul suicide bombings are at large a year after the blasts in a scenario that's being played out around the world: police quickly make arrests, but often struggle for years to catch the organizers of terror attacks.

In this case, Turkish security forces say they have dismantled much of the network behind the bombings that killed some 60 people, but the leaders are thought to have fled to Iraq.

"What al-Qaida and other terrorist groups often do is make sure that the true masterminds leave the country or go underground" after an attack, said Daniel Byman, a senior fellow at the Saban Center at the Brookings Institution. "In general, the expendable foot soldiers remain."

Just look at Morocco, where police detained about 7,000 string of bomb attacks killed at least 33 people in Casablanca. More than 700 remain behind bars; intelligence officials admit key suspects are on the run.

In Madrid, police haven't identified a mastermind behind the March 11 train attacks that killed 191 people. And in Kenya, where suicide bombers destroyed the U.S. Embassy in 1998, police have caught only one of four suspected organizers.

U.S. forces, backed by thousands of Pakistani soldiers, have so far failed to nab Osama bin Laden for the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. The al-Qaida leader feels so secure in hiding that he released a videotape last month warning Americans that the United States must stop threatening the security of Muslims if it wants to avoid "another Manhattan."

"The Turkish crackdown after the Istanbul bombings illustrates the successes and the difficulties that security forces have in uprooting terrorist networks."

A year ago Saturday suicide bombers slammed into two trucks at the Istanbul headquarters of the London-based HSBC bank and the British Consulate. Five days earlier, truck bombs devastated two synagogues.

Police quickly found the owners of the trucks and checked

the records of cell phones that had been used in the series of attacks. That led to raids that netted hundreds of suspects nationwide.

Those detentions helped lead to the unraveling of the local terror network, including discovery of a detergent factory where the bombs were secretly loaded on the trucks and the detention of dozens of people believed to have been part of the supply network.

But Habib Akdas, believed to be the leader of the attack, and Guran Bac, the suspected chief bombmaker, fled to Iraq. Akdas fled via Iran while Bac fled through Syria using a fake passport, officials said.

A half-dozen other suspects also are fugitives.

"In general, the operational masterminds often escape but the logistical networks often remain and being able to crack down against that is something of a success," Byman said. "It's good to wrap up the foot soldiers, but that is only half of the battle."

A month after the bombings, Istanbul Gov. Muammer Guler said the group behind the attack had been "totally dismantled" but admitted key members were believed to be abroad.

"Unless these people come back to Turkey and get caught it is hard to see how those people will be apprehended or killed," said Michael Radu, a terrorism analyst at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia.

If the United States and Pakistan have not been successful in their hunt for bin Laden "with all our technology and all our means, it is certainly unlikely that Turkey can do it if the main leaders are outside of the country now," Radu said.

Some 7,000 Pakistani soldiers supported by U.S. forces and intelligence are combing the mountainous border area with Afghanistan where bin Laden is believed to be hiding.

In Turkey, 69 suspects are on trial for terrorism-related charges. And while the top leaders weren't captured, they were forced to flee and terrorists have not mounted another big attack.

Akdas is believed to have joined militants fighting the United States in Iraq. Militants announced in September that

Al-Qaida evades global hunt

A worldwide dragnet has netted many suspects in the war on terror but few leaders or organizers. One expert believes that terrorist groups ensure the true masterminds escape, leaving foot soldiers behind.

Top attacks attributed to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network:

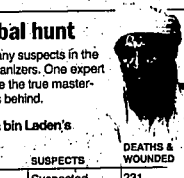
COUNTRY	DATE	TARGET	SUSPECTS	DEATHS & WOUNDED
Nairobi, Kenya; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	Aug. 7, 1998	Nearly simultaneous car bombings hit U.S. embassies	Suspected mastermind detained but escaped	231
United States	Sept. 11, 2001	Hijacked jetliners hit New York, Washington and Pennsylvania	Suspected operational mastermind captured	Nearly 3,000 killed
Casablanca, Morocco	May 16, 2003	Jewish sites and a Spanish restaurant	Officials blame Abu Musab al-Zarqawi	33; more than 100
Jakarta, Indonesia	Aug. 5	Marriott hotel struck by a suicide bomb	Key Islamic chief arrested	12; 150
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	Nov. 8	Foreign workers compound hit by suicide car bomb	15 of 28 arrested or killed	17; 122
Istanbul, Turkey	Nov. 15-20	British consulate, two synagogues bombed	Guran Bac and Habib Akdas' evade capture	60; hundreds
Madrid, Spain	March 11, 2004	Four commuter trains bombed	Seven dead; one arrested	191; 1,600

* Akdas is believed to have been killed in U.S. bombing raid in Iraq.

Akdas was killed in a U.S. airstrike, and released a videotape of what they said was his body. A relative who saw the video told authorities the body appeared to be Akdas. Police say they have not been able to confirm the death, although most intelligence analysts believe the video is genuine.

There have been some key successes in the war on terror. —Pakistani security forces captured Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, but a year and a half after the attacks on New York and Washington.

The arrest followed that of his close associate, Ramzi Binalshibh, who is believed to have helped plan the Sept. 11 attacks. He was captured on Sept. 11, 2002, at a house in Karachi, Pakistan after a shootout. Southeast Asia terror leader Riduan Isamuddin, also known



Six allies refuse to aid in training Iraqi forces

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least six NATO allies are refusing to send military instructors to help the United States train Iraqi officers, another impediment in the Bush administration's drive for support for its effort to pacify Iraq.

The six nations — Germany, France, Belgium, Spain, Luxembourg and Greece — had refused to contribute troops to the U.S.-led coalition that overthrew President Saddam Hussein and to the postwar campaign against insurgents.

The administration was hoping to forge a consensus on postwar peacekeeping. The project to train Iraqi officers will not involve combat duties and is part of a broader security program.

A State Department official close to the dispute said Friday that all 28 NATO allies voted on Wednesday at alliance headquarters in Brussels for the training program and agreed to help fund it. However, at least six held out from playing any active role and refused to send officers to NATO training areas in Norfolk, Va., and Mons, Belgium.

Still, the official, speaking on condition of anonymity, stressed that all NATO allies, including the holdouts, approved the plan by consensus and were committed to paying a share of the costs.

Meanwhile, the State Department's deputy spokesman, Adam Izzi, said of the holdouts: "It's a decision of the individual countries that does not undermine the importance or value of the overall mission."

Hungary, which is withdrawing its troops from Iraq, will contribute a company to help protect the training officers, the official said. Fifteen other NATO countries will contribute trainers, protect troops, or both.

The United States will bear a large share of the costs and contribute a sizable percentage of the 400 officers and a protective force of about 1,200, the official said. An advance contingent of 60 to 65 officers will go to Baghdad in the four to six weeks to begin the training program.

While NATO long has played a postwar peacekeeping role in Afghanistan, disapproval lingers over the Bush administration's decision to go to war in Iraq. The decision to use NATO nations to train Iraqi officers is the first collective action on Iraq by the alliance, the official said. By contrast, the official said, NATO might increase its forces in Afghanistan.

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EU plans 12 'battle groups' by year 2007

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Union is expanding plans to set up several elite battle groups for rapid deployment to international trouble spots.

The original plan was to have nine such groups of 1,500 troops ready by 2007, but EU officials said an enthusiastic response from nations wanting to contribute forces meant that at least 12 would now be set up.

Of that, four — by France, Britain, Italy and Spain — should be in place next year.

Ministers are to firm up their contributions to the forces at a meeting at talks in Brussels on Monday.

They are also set to expand an EU police training mission in Congo, widening its role in setting up a 1,000-strong force drawn from various forces previously in conflict with each other in the African nation's civil war.

France, Britain and Germany developed the battle group idea early this year to give the EU more military reach by allowing it to intervene quickly in international crises before they spin out of control.

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Big dig, big problems

Leaks, cost overruns plague Boston's vast construction project

BOSTON — Boston's Big Dig has sprung a big leak.

Twenty years and \$14.6 billion after its conception, the most ambitious public works project in the nation — an unprecedented effort to route an unsightly highway deep beneath the central city and replace it with a green ribbon of parks, is dogged by reports of a thousand leaks, cost overruns and faulty waterproofing materials.

Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, Republican, has said he was "shocked" by the revelations and asked for resignations at the Turnpike Authority, which oversees the project. The state attorney general has opened an investigation. And U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a longtime critic of the project, has talked about holding a hearing in Washington next week before the Commerce Committee, which he chairs.

The Big Dig's leak problem came to light Sept. 15, when homebound-bound commuters driving deep — 110 feet down — in the new northbound tunnel saw an unsettling sight. Saltwater was gushing through a crack in the wall.

"They said millions of gallons were pouring out of that hole," said Lilien Hanley, a school teacher who was stuck in the tunnel that night. "I don't like the M-word when I'm stuck in a tunnel."

Work crews trooped in and repaired the hole. But in the weeks since, the Boston Globe has run a series of investigations reports noting that the 95 percent-completed tunnels are



Workers clear water from the tunnel in the northbound lanes of I-93 in Boston file photo, after gridlock ensued when water began leaking into the tunnel, which carries Interstate 93 through downtown Boston. Boston's brand-new \$14.6-billion highway tunnel has been found to be riddled with hundreds of leaks, and at least some of the problems were known to the builders back in the late 1990s.

plagued by as many as 1,000 leaks and that the waterproofing provided "insufficient protection," according to a 2001 audit report. Engineers with Bechtel/Parsons Brinckerhoff, the project managers, knew of these problems for seven years, according to the audit mentioned in the Globe.

A Bechtel spokesman, Andrew Paven, noted this week that the project is still under construction. Once the above-ground pillars are removed and holes are sealed, he said, the completed tunnel will spring for leaks. Designers projected that the tunnel's drainage system

would handle 500,000 gallons of leaking water per year.

Since last December, however, 26 million gallons of leaking water has flowed through the drainage systems.

"Everyone put up with the spiraling costs because they could tell themselves that technologically the tunnel was built right and it was great for the city," said David Luberoff, executive director of Harvard's Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston and a supporter of the project. "But the leaks are unfortunate because it confirms people's worst fears about public projects."

All this said, few critics would declare that the Big Dig is a big wet failure. Five thousand workers labored in dark tunnels; archaeologists, engineers and environmentalists hammered out complex protocols; traffic was rerouted, often weekly. Yet somehow the city acquired a potentially beautiful facility without quite grinding to a halt.

"It's been described as doing a triple-bypass surgery while the patient's awake," said Michael Goldman, a midlife talk show host here and a political consultant. "It was an amazing feat, as long as we don't end up having to swim to work."

Judge releases one youth in poisoned cake case

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — One of two 13-year-old girls accused of serving poisoned cake to classmates was allowed to go home Friday, but a judge ordered the other girl to remain in custody while she awaits trial.

A judge freed one of the girls after hearing testimony that she was an honor student and cheerleader with no history of discipline problems. Authorities

believe she took part in baking the cake but not in giving it to classmates.

Cobb County Juvenile Court Judge J. Stephen Schuster ordered the other girl returned to a youth-detention center where she has been since her arrest Wednesday.

The two face charges including aggravated assault with intent to commit murder.

Lawsuit aims to put dodgeball on trial

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The school yard game of dodgeball, rollicking fun for some but worthy of an orange-armor-armor-for others, is itself in the cross hairs of a legal challenge.

This week, a New York state Appellate Division panel threw a case back to a lower court, refusing to dismiss a lawsuit that claims a school wounded a 7-year-old girl who broke her elbow while playing dodgeball. But what's different about this case is it doesn't fault the school for poor supervision. Instead, it takes aim at having kids of that age play the game at all, state and national education officials said.

The new challenge to dodgeball in schools comes when the game is flourishing as a trendy adult activity, with national associations and a movie starring Ben Stiller. Yet the game is also increasingly being targeted as unfair, exclusionary, and warlike for school kids.

In fact, some schools in Maine, Maryland, New York, Virginia, Texas, Massachusetts and Utah have banned dodgeball, or its variations, including war ball, monster ball and kill ball.

"Dodgeball is not an appropriate activity for K-12 school physical education programs," states The National Association for Sport and Physical Education, a nonprofit professional organization of 20,000 physical education teachers, professors, coaches, athletic directors and trainers. Dodgeball provides "limited opportunities for everyone in the class, especially the slower, less agile students who need the activity the most."

Some kids may like it — the most skilled, the most confident," the association stated, but many do not. Certainly not the student who gets hit hard in the stomach, the head, or groin. And is not appropriate to teach our children that you win by hurting others."

New York's case began in the fall of 2001. Seven-year-old Heather Lindeman was playing a variation of dodgeball in gym class on a hardwood court. The version included several balls and no safety- or protection zones to run from the thrown balls. She became tangled with another child and fell, breaking her elbow. Her lawyer, Philip Johnson, said the injury required surgery and there is a continuing concern that her injured arm might not grow as long as her other arm because a growth plate may have been affected.

The New York appellate judges upheld the lower court ruling that the school district's request for summary dismissal of the case, without trial, should be denied. The appellate judges said there is an argument to be heard about whether this version of dodgeball "was particularly dangerous for younger children."

The judges found some merit the family's expert witness, said Steve Bernheim, a recreational and educational safety authority. Bernheim said that "while there are no established standards of age appropriateness for dodge ball, it is recognized as a potentially dangerous activity and has been banned by several school districts in New York and elsewhere," the judges wrote in the decision.

The appellate panel said while schools can't be "insurers of the safety of their students, they are under a duty to exercise the same degree of care as would a reasonably prudent parent."

The girl is now active and healthy, agreed Johnson and the school district's attorney, Keith O'Hara.

Johnson said the family has not said how much it seeks to recover in the lawsuit.

"This seems to be a new arena," O'Hara said. "It kind of makes you think, 'What's next?'"

More schools are likely going to be asking the same thing.

The New York State School Boards Association is analyzing Thursday's court decision and preparing an article for its members governing districts statewide.

"Districts get sued all the time over these issues and the courts throw them out, usually in favor of the districts," said the association's Barbara Bradley. "But in this particular instance, the court has focused on whether this (game) is appropriate ... that's what seems unusual."

The Vestal Central School District named in the suit now must decide whether to again appeal to have the suit dismissed, or prepare for trial. No decision has been made, O'Hara said.

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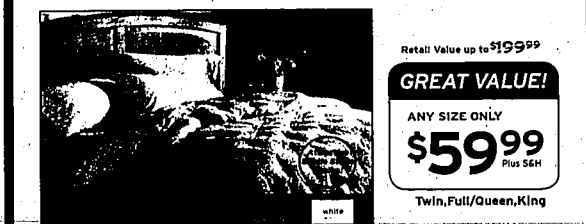
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A cloud of tear gas surrounds a demonstrator during clashes with Chilean police as protesters stage a rally against the upcoming APEC summit in Santiago, Chile, on Friday.

Chilean riot-police clash with protesters

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Riot police used "water" cannons and tear gas Friday to break up a demonstration by hundreds of rock-throwing protesters before more than 20,000 people marched to vent their anger at Pacific Rim leaders, particularly President Bush.

While some protesters said they oppose the APEC summit, which they likened to a rich man's club that does nothing for the poor, much of the rage was aimed at Bush and the

U.S.-led war in Iraq. Bush was arriving in Chile on Friday night. At the summit, he will seek more international support, to persuade North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons program, administration officials said.

Organizers said 40,000 protesters participated in the government-authorized march downtown, far from the conference center hosting the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. Police put the number at 25,000.

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Somali president asks U.N. for support

NAIROBI, Kenya — Somalia's new president asked the U.N. Security Council, meeting Friday in an extraordinary session in Africa, for financial and political support for a major peacekeeping operation in his anarchy country.

Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed did not say what size peacekeeping force he would like, but last month he asked the African Union for 15,000-20,000 troops, which

African leaders have signaled they are ready to provide if wealthy nations provide funding.

"This new government possesses no trained army, organized police or any other security personnel," Yusuf said in his first address to the United Nations since his election as Somalia's president on Oct. 10. The council Friday adopted a statement expressing support for the new Somali government.

British hunters go to court for hunting rights

LONDON (AP) — Defeated in Parliament, supporters of fox hunting went to court Friday to try to overturn a legislative ban on their more than 300-year-old sport and vowed a campaign of civil disobedience in the run-up to next year's general election.

The court case by the Country-side Alliance challenged the validity of the law which enabled the House of Commons to ban hunting of foxes, hares and stags with hounds despite the opposition of the House of Lords. The House of Commons enacted the ban in England and Wales, effective Feb. 18, by invoking the Parliament Act for only the fourth time since 1949.

If that challenge fails, the Alliance planned a second case arguing the law violated human rights, said spokesman Tim Bonner.

"Beyond that, our people will certainly be engaging in the general election campaign," Bonner said, adding: "Many thousands of people are committed to peacefully disobeying any law against hunting when it is brought."

The civil disobedience campaign reportedly would include protests in London, and landowners preventing the use of their land for military training facilities, electricity pylons and sewage treatment.

U.S. stops effort to ban human cloning worldwide

UNITED NATIONS — The Bush administration has dropped its bid this year for a global ban on human cloning, avoiding what promised to be an acrimonious battle at the United Nations over the right of countries to clone human embryos in pursuit of cures for life-threatening diseases, U.S. and U.N. officials said Friday.

President Bush made the ban a foreign policy priority, issuing a personal appeal to the 191-member U.N. General Assembly in September to adopt a treaty prohibiting the controversial practice. The majority of U.N. members supports a ban on the cloning of human beings, but there is deep division whether it should extend to the cloning of human embryos for stem cell research.

The United States supports the ban on such research, known as "therapeutic cloning," but it agreed to withdraw its demand for a vote on a Costa Rican resolution that would have opened formal negotiations on a ban. In exchange, the U.N. assembly made a commitment to resume discussions in February on a nonbinding declaration appealing to countries to "prohibit any attempts to create human life through cloning processes and any research intended to achieve that aim."

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Gratitude, after all, is an attitude worth cultivating and sharing.



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1. Before your Thanksgiving meal, ask each person at your table to say what he or she is most grateful for.

2. Examine your understanding of thanksgiving in light of the following observation by Simone Weil.

3. Choose a charity that your family will support during the holidays or throughout the coming year.

4. Write a thank-you note to someone to whom you're always meant to express your gratitude.

5. Watch a movie that deals with the theme of gratitude and discuss it.

6. Create a gratitude journal for your children. Teach them to write something specific in it every day for which they're thankful.

7. Take a photograph of your family together. On a piece of paper, write each person's name and have each list one thing he or she is thankful for.

8. Place a lighted candle on the Thanksgiving table for each member of your family.

9. Express your thanks to U.S. troops in Iraq through "Operation USO Care Package."

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Somebody needs you

Every Thanksgiving Day, The Times-News publishes a list of the needs of folks - mostly residents of nursing homes and extended-care facilities and clients of local charitable organizations - during this season of giving.

If you're involved with a charitable organization and would like to have your group included in that list, send it to Ellen Thomson at ethomson@magvalley.com by 5 p.m. on Monday.

Reflections



CORY MYERS/The Times-News

Author Anne Hagerman Wilcox wrote 31 passages about 'the one to whom we pray' for the book '365 Meditations for Women by Women.'

Wendell schoolteacher contributes a month of meditations

By Joan Bean Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Day by day. That's the theme of "365 Meditations for Women," written in part by Anne Hagerman Wilcox.

It's a new book that takes the reader through the 12 months of the year with a different meditation each day.

Twelve people wrote one of the book's chapters apiece. The Wendell native chose the month of July for her meditations.

"I'm looking at God from what he did in response to those prayers," she said. "So I'm kind of like switching the view from looking through the prayer's eyes to looking through God's eyes, and seeing what he does in response to our prayers."

Wilcox focused on stories from the Old Testament in which someone prayed - and received an answer to their prayer.

For one of her meditations, she chose "Bending a Bow of Bronze," from Psalm 18: "He trains my hands for battle," the psalm says. "My arms can bend a bow of bronze."

As a child, Wilcox watched her father practicing with a bow and arrow before the start of antelope-hunting season.

As the weeks of practice continued, Wilcox marveled at how the muscles in her dad's arms grew sturdier, and how each arrow consistently found the target's bullseye.

"The one to whom David prayed had used the difficult circumstances of David's life to make him effective in the heat of many battles," she said.

Elementary School in the English Language Learners Department. The book of meditations is available from Something More in Wendell, otherwise known as "the bookstore-that-comes-to-you."

Its owner, Sharla Dunn, says she likes the personal stories in the book that are only a half-page or three-quarters-page long. Each begins with a scripture, followed by a story that a woman can relate to in her everyday life.

"It's short," Dunn said. "That's good for women's meditations; they don't want a long lengthy theology thing."

"365 Meditations for Women," which retails for \$13.99, is available by phoning Sharla Dunn at 536-6159.

Times-News correspondent Joan Bean can be reached at 733-0830.

In conservative town, gay teen finds support at church

The Washington Post

SAND SPRINGS, Okla. - The fliers arrived three weeks ago. Some came over the fax machines of local churches, and others appeared mysteriously around town.

But the message that followed was a rari against a 17-year-old Sand Springs resident named Michael Shackelford and his mother, Janice, the subjects of a recent Washington Post series examining Michael's struggles as a young gay man in the Bible Belt.

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Janice Shackelford has struggled to accept that her son is gay. Janice and Michael, shown in February in their Sand Springs, Okla., home, talk about homosexuality.

school, fresh battle lines were drawn. To many here, homosexuality was a sin, but Michael Shackelford was his sinner. Just as the November election was reducing moral issues to red or blue, Sand Springs confronted subtler shades of truth.

After Michael's story was published, competing forces wrestled for his soul. In Human Rights Campaign, the country's largest gay advocacy group, invited Michael to attend its national dinner in Washington last month.

Janice Shackelford was terrified by the persecution of her son, then surprised by what happened next. "This Westboro outfit thought they could come to this town and break it apart," Janice said.

Black Pentecostals vote values

But they say they're not part of the 'religious right'

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Like other evangelical Christians, leaders of the Church of God in Christ want to limit abortion and bar same-sex marriage.

But that doesn't mean the predominantly black Pentecostal denomination considers itself part of the "religious right" or supporters of the Republican Party.

"I've seen the tone of the religious right," said G.E. Patterson, the church's presiding bishop. "It seemingly was born out of the fact that African Americans were making too many gains."

Patterson's church, often referred to simply as COGIC, reports having more than 6 million members across the United States and in 57 countries.

While COGIC agrees with white evangelicals that the Bible is the primary source of spiritual authority, its ideas on government-social programs and protecting the rights of minorities differ, Patterson said.

"Every law that has anything to do with leveling the playing field for blacks, they are against it," he said.

COGIC also disagreed with President Bush on the war in Iraq. The church's top leaders wrote the president before the war started urging him to resist sending in the military.

Bush won a plurality of 78 percent of white evangelicals, who were stirred in part by issues such as abortion and gay marriage. One COGIC bishop, George McKinney of San Diego, even endorsed Bush for re-election.

But Patterson said those issues alone were not enough to bring COGIC into the Republican camp.

"There's a lot more to morality than just those two points," he said.

COGIC's national headquarters is in Memphis, where the church was founded in the early 1900s by Charles Harrison Mason, a son of slaves and a former Baptist preacher.

Today it's America's largest Pentecostal denomination, attracting new members with its foot-stomping, hand-clapping worship services.

"Many black churches that please see PENTECOSTAL, Page C3

Janice Shackelford, whose son is gay

This Westboro outfit thought they could come to this town and break it apart. But it has brought the town together. It has opened some doors to talk.

Janice Shackelford, whose son is gay

bent and lashed to a fence in Wyoming. Mostly Janice worried about Michael's salvation. Attending the dinner in Washington might reinforce his belief that he is gay.

Yet something insisted to her to let him go. The factor tipped it Michael would get to meet Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew, who would be attending the event. Janice couldn't take off from her job at a barbecue restaurant, so Michael was accompanied by his 23-year-old sister, Shelly.

In Washington, a tux was waiting for Michael in his hotel room. He brought his suitcase to the dinner and asked a male model if it was OK to take his picture.

The next day there was a Please see GAY, Page C2

RELIGION

Churches change meeting times

BUIH - Worship times at the Buhl and Castledorf United Methodist churches will change Sunday.

In Buhl, worship will be at 9 a.m. with Sunday school classes at 10:15 a.m. At the Castledorf church, Sunday school classes start at 9:30 a.m. and worship begins at 11 a.m.

Ministerial Association sponsors worship service

BUIH - The West End Ministerial Association is sponsoring a Thanksgiving worship service at 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Church of the Nazarene, 300 Broadway Ave. N.

The service will feature a worship band from the First Church of the Nazarene. A Thanksgiving message by Pastor Art Freund of the Buhl Christian Church, and prayers, readings and thoughts from other area pastors. An offering will be collected and given to the West End Ministerial Association for its food pantry.

Fellowship time and refreshments will follow. Participants are encouraged to bring finger foods to share.

For more information, call Chuck Sheridan at 543-6025.

Thietten presents concert at First Baptist Church

TWIN FALLS - Jamie Thietten will present a concert at 7 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. E. Thietten's special perform-

Gay

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lunchroom and sightseeing of the monuments. A lesbian couple with a 3-year-old daughter took Michael and Shelly to dinner. Walking around a gay neighborhood, Michael was in awe. "It was like being around a family," he said. "Seeing those successful people that could be me."

Shelly, who shared Janice's views against homosexuality, was also in shock. "Men were holding hands with men, women were holding hands with women, and no one was yelling at them," Shelly said.

What Michael wanted most was to buy his mother a book on being a Christian parent of a gay child. He found them at Lambda Rising, a gay and lesbian bookstore.

When they got back home, Janice listened to their stories. "There's a life out there," Michael said.

Janice took the books Michael brought home—"My Child" and "The Gay Face of God"—among others, and not ready to read them. She piled them on a table in the living room, which is where they were still sitting when she received a call from her pastor.

"Janice," he said, "We got a fax. Janice" tried remembering where she had heard of Westboro Baptist - and then it clicked. While visiting her oldest daughter in Las Vegas, she remembered seeing the group picketing a high school that was staging "The Laramie Project," a play about Matthew Shepard's murder in the town of Laramie.

Janice listened to the group's anxiety as her pastor, Bill Eubanks of Cornerstone Church, explained that Westboro Baptist was coming to protest Cornerstone for allowing Michael to worship there. When Eubanks called Westboro, a woman who identified herself as Fred Phelps' daughter told him that he had not been strong enough in "prescribing the truth about, homosexuals."

Eubanks, 53, has a deep-well Oklahoma accent and a 6-foot-2 frame that makes him a commanding preacher. He pastors a flock of 650, where atheists are welcome and men are not embarrassed to brush away tears when praying. A huge banner, hung from the rafters, said, "Family Under Construction." There was no doubt that "family" referred to a man and woman. Homosexuality is viewed as a sin.

Eubanks had known Michael was struggling with his sexuality. But to the pastor, seeing Michael in church meant there was still a chance that he would turn away from homosexuality.

Eubanks was disturbed by the sisters' hateful message, but he saw an opportunity. "I got to speak about the grace of God," he said. "No matter what the sin, God loves you. He is saying, 'Come on, come back to the family.' I was an alcoholic and a drug addict. I can see the possibility of change."

A transformation, from gay, to straight.

Church news

ance for the First Baptist Church will be the culmination of the 40 Days of Purpose, that church members have been sharing over the last few weeks. The public is invited to attend.

North Valley Christian School hosts fund-raiser

HEROME - A harvest fair and fund-raising event will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday at the North Valley Christian School, 900 N. Lincoln. Food, music and games are featured. Free-will donations will be accepted at the door.

Covenant players present program in Kimberly

KIMBERLY - The Covenant Players will present a program at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Kimberly Christian Church. The group uses drama and music to share its ministry and challenges individuals to take a closer look at themselves and the practice of their faith.

M-C minister group plans Thanksgiving service

PAUL - A community Thanksgiving service sponsored by the Mini-Cassia Ministerial Association will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Congregational Church, 121 N. Second. Those attending are asked to bring dry and canned goods

that can be used for the Rupert Methodist Church food pantry.

Advent study will be held at Presbyterian church

TWIN FALLS - A special two-night Advent study will be held next month at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. Sessions are scheduled for 6:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 2 and Dec. 9 in the fellowship hall. The study theme is "Let Us Walk in the Light of the Lord" from Isaiah 62.

Each evening will include dinner, music, a devotional thought and a 45-minute study. Children in fourth grade and younger will have their own class, and child care will be provided for toddlers and infants.

Pre-registration is advised. To reserve space, call the church office at 733-7023 or Church, 29. For more information, call Chuck Upton at 734-2280.

Yoshida receives young womanhood award

BUTLE - Danielle Yoshida recently received a Young Womanhood Recognition Award.



Danielle Yoshida

To earn the award, Yoshida set goals in community and church service and personal growth and

achieved them through various projects. Her projects included memorizing "The Living Christ"—reading "The Book of Acts" each month, organizing alumni for the Burley High School homecoming banquet, tutoring math students at Burley Junior High School and making quilts.

Yoshida graduated in 2004 graduate from Burley High School and is attending Idaho State University studying dental hygiene. She served as president of her Laurel class at church and was a member of B-Teens, the National Honor Society and Leo Club in high school. She was involved in cheerleading for five years and received scholarships for "Who's Who Among High School Students," ISU Kaskia, Project Mutual Telephone, Burley Rotary Club and Papa Kelsey's. Awards include Idaho Top Scholar, Burley High School scholar, National Merit Scholar and National Honor Roll. Her hobbies include reading, sports, writing, and spending time with friends. She is the daughter of Beverly Yoshida and Dan Yoshida, both of Burley, and is in the Star 2nd Ward.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thietten, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Trena Tegan, The Times-News Burley Bureau, 230 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Tuesday. Publication on the Saturday religion page.

MISSIONARIES

BUIH - Elder Shawn Robert Moore has been called to serve as mission director of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Milwaukee Mission.



Shawn Moore

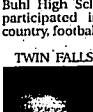
Moore is the son of Cindy Moore and Tim Moore, both of Buhl. He is an Eagle Scout and 2004 graduate of Buhl High School, where he participated in track, cross country, football and Key Club.

Bishop graduated in 2002 from Bliss High School, where he was student body president. National Honor Society president and co-valedictorian. He will attend Boise State University to study electrical and mechanical engineering. He is an Eagle Scout and the son of Cheryl Bishop and S.H. Bishop of Bliss.



Joshua Bishop

TWIN FALLS - Elder Dayne Hansen served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Cape Verde Praia Mission.



Dayne Hansen

A mission is 2007 from Minico High School, where he was a state wrestler and played football. He will attend Idaho State University. He is the son of Steve and Kay Hansen of Twin Falls and an Eagle Scout.

KIMBERLY - Elder Jackson Platt served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Texas Fort Worth Mission.



Jackson Platt

Platt is the son of Vernon and Toni Platt of Kimberly and is in the Kimberly 2nd Ward.

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RELIGION LETTER

Atheists' arguments stem from pride, not reason

I continue to read with interest the religion letters in this column (particularly the ones with an atheistic bent) and never cease to be amazed by their logic. If God does not exist or is simply a man-made idol, how do we explain our very existence and that of the universe? Can the complexity of the human mind and spirit, the good and evil in this world and reality itself be written off to a "Big Bang"? The atheist believes there is no God, but the rationale he uses to draw this conclusion is based on pride rather than reason. The motivation is to prove himself right, not God. His dilemma becomes a cruc-

sade to convince others how much peace can be found if you'll just forget about God. Jesus said it well in Matthew 15:14, "And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." Jesus is real. If you will accept him today as savior and Lord, He will change your life forever.

KRISTEN KECK Jerome

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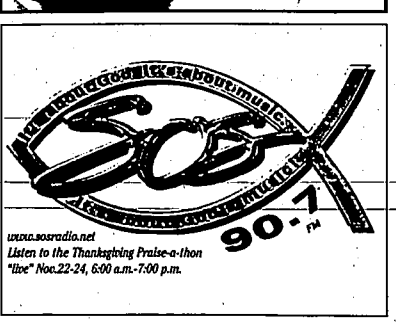
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As bishops meet, storm brews for Catholics

Knights Ridder Newspapers

The nation's Catholic bishops open their annual conference Monday in Washington, D.C., fresh from major political victories but facing deep divisions among their 64 million members, including continuing controversies over their efforts to deal with the sex abuse scandal and recent moves to close big-city churches because of a shortage of priests.

In Boston, angry Catholics have kept 24-hour sit-ins, trying to save eight churches set for closing in the wake of expensive sex-abuse settlements and the lack of priests. New York Cardinal Edward Egan is talking about the looming purges and closings in his archdiocese as well.

And in metro Detroit, Cardinal Adam Malda's staff recently signaled to Catholics that closings are likely in 2005, not because of settlements paid to abuse victims, but because Malda soon will have too few priests to staff his 304 parishes in six counties.

As the bishops gather in Washington, they should be wary of taking too much credit for electoral victories, two of the nation's top experts on voters' attitudes said last week.

There's little evidence that bishops are swaying their followers' political views, but there is strong evidence of a

chasm in social attitudes dividing American Catholics, said Frank Newport, head of the Gallup Poll.

A Gallup telephone poll on the eve of Election Day showed Catholic voters backing John Kerry over Bush 52 percent to 48 percent.

Plus, 51 percent of Catholics continue to describe themselves to pollsters as pro-choice, Newport said. In saying that, "those Catholics are ignoring the teachings of their church. Overall on abortion, the Catholic population looks the same as the American population as a whole."

The winner of the Catholic vote on Nov. 2 is still in question, said John Green, an expert on religion's impact on politics at the University of Akron in Ohio.

National exit polls reported the exact reverse of the Gallup phone survey, Green said. The exit polls, conducted in person outside a sampling of polling places, showed Catholic voters favoring Bush over Kerry 52 percent to 48 percent.

"Maybe Gallup is right or maybe the exit polls are right," said Green, but two things certainly are true: First, "a lot of people are going to be exploring these issues in the next year to find out what happened," and second, "Catholics, as a group, look as divided as the rest of Americans on a lot of issues."

Could faith in God be genetic?

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Dean Hamer has received much criticism for his new book, "The God Gene: How Faith is Hardwired Into Our Genes."

Evangelicals reject the idea that faith might be reduced to chemical reactions in the brain. Humanists refuse to accept that religion is inherent in people's makeup. And some scientists have criticized Hamer's methodology and what they believe is a futile effort to find empirical proof of religious experience.

But Hamer, a behavioral geneticist at the National Institute of Health and the National Cancer Institute, stands by research he says shows that spirituality—the feeling of transcendence—is part of our nature. And he believes that universal genetic factors for spiritual fulfillment explain the growing popularity of non-traditional religion in this country and the presence of hundreds of religions worldwide.

"We think that all human beings have an innate capacity for spirituality and that that desire to reach out beyond oneself, which is at the heart of spirituality, is part of the human makeup," Hamer, 53, said in an interview at his home. "The research suggests some people have a bit more of that capacity than others, but it's present to some degree in everybody."

The "God Gene," published in September and featured in Time magazine's Oct. 25 cover story, is a sequel to "Living With Our Genes," a 1998 book in which Hamer examined the genetic basis of such behavioral traits as anxiety, thrill-seeking and homosexuality. Hamer said his previous research, most notably his work on anxiety, encouraged him to look into what he found was that the brain chemicals associated with anxiety and other emotions, including joy and sadness, appeared to be in play in the deep meditative states of Zen practitioners—and the prayerful repose of Roman Catholic nuns—not to mention the mystical trances brought on by users of peyote and other mind-altering drugs.

At least one gene, which goes by the name VMAT2, controls the flow to the brain of chemicals that play a key role in emotions and consciousness. This is the "God gene" of the book's title, and Hamer acknowledges that it's a misnomer. There probably are dozens or hundreds more genes, yet to be identified, involved in the universal propensity for transcendence, he said.

Furthermore, the scientific linkage of a gene with chemicals that affect happiness or sadness does not answer the question "Is there a God?" but rather "Why do we believe in God?"

"Our genes can predispose us



Author and behavioral geneticist Dean Hamer, at home in Washington, His new book, 'The God Gene,' (seen at upper right) is promoting both praise and criticism from scientists and evangelicals.



tics can be done inside or outside organized religion, he said. Hamer said he has received numerous comments from people who say the dichotomy of spirituality and religion makes sense. "I always knew this, that I was inclined to be spiritual, even though I've always had a problem with religion," they tell him.

"I see more and more people doing things like yoga," Hamer said. "They do it initially because they want to get more flexible and look good and feel great. Then they find that once they spend some time sitting on a mat, doing nothing but concentrating on their body and clearing their mind of everything else, they say, 'That feels kind of good.'"

Such feelings can lead to an intuitive sense of God's presence, Hamer said. "We do not know God; we feel Him."

Organized religion can become so codified, so caught up with learned rituals, that the focus on spirituality gets lost, Hamer said. The resurgence of Pentecostalism and other emotion-based religions is one sign of the staying power of inherited spirituality, he said.

Megachurches, too, are part of this phenomenon and have widespread appeal because of the emotional aspects of worship, he said. "They have lots of music, video screens, the whole multimedia thing going on," he said. "They're tapping into that (innate spirituality). It's fun and allows people to get into that spiritual frame of mind."

Hamer said more research has to be done to determine whether there is a genetic basis for other religion-related phenomena, including the existence of archetypes, the similarity of creation stories in various religions and the common characteristics of fundamentalism in Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

Also left hanging is why women score much higher than men on transcendence tests.

"I'm not completely sure about that," Hamer said. "I just know that it's true. Women are more attuned to their emotional connections, and that's at the heart of spirituality."

Methodist Episcopal Church, said it's hard to quantify matters of the spirit and that attributing behavior to one's genetic makeup "can be a frightful thing." By analogy, saying that people are predisposed to be spiritual also means that criminals are genetically wired to be criminals and have no hope of rehabilitation.

"Why not just put them in prison and throw away the key?" he asked. Richardson said there's also the danger of people losing hope of believing their genetic makeup limits their development and personal growth. "In my own system, we do have choice. We always have choice," he said.

Hamer said his own religious development began in a Congregationalist church designed to communicate through language, but they speak English, French or Chinese because of the part of the world they grew up in. Similarly, genetic makeup urges people to believe in a Creator or find spiritual fulfillment, but culture, history and environment determine whether one is a Christian, Hindu, Jew, Buddhist or Muslim.

"When people can change or abandon that religious affiliation, they cannot rid themselves of the genetic propensity to be spiritual. But people can build on and develop that innate spirituality through meditation, prayer and creative arts such as music and painting. These prac-

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Others, such as Bishop Adam Richardson Jr., of the Washington area district of the African

to believe. But they don't tell us what to believe in," said Hamer, whose current research involves HIV/AIDS. Critics in the scientific community argue that Hamer's conclusions are simplistic and speculative, relying too much on anecdotal evidence and too little on testing of the VMAT2 gene to determine other possible connections to behavior. They also wonder whether his findings can be replicated, a necessity in scientific research.

Some religious leaders welcome the idea of a genetic basis for spirituality and say it validates long-held teachings. "I wondered for a long time why (the concept of) a genetic implant hasn't been put in print or been part of conversation in the broad theological community," said Bishop John Chane, of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. Chane associates Hamer's findings with the Apostle Paul's statement, "There are a variety of gifts but the same spirit."

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G.E. Patterson, presiding bishop of the Church of God in Christ, preaches on Sunday at the church in Memphis, Tenn. Leaders of the predominantly black Pentecostal denomination want to limit abortion and bar same-sex marriage like other evangelical Christians, but Patterson says that doesn't mean they consider themselves part of the "religious right" or supporters of the Republican Party.

Pentecostal

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are experiencing numerical decline are often seen as either elitist or very rigid in their worship," said Quinton Dide, a professor of religious studies at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

"Those that tend to be among the fastest-growing churches are those that lean to a more charismatic worship style," COGIC's founder preached of a "spiritual baptism" in which believers were suddenly awash in a soul-shaking love for Jesus that left them praising him in a divinely inspired language, known as speaking in tongues. COGIC also has a strong connection to the civil rights struggles of the 1950s and 1960s, which gives it a different perspective from other born-again denominations.

"These are issues that touch them in ways that don't touch other Pentecostal denominations," said Edith Blumhofer, a Pentecostal historian at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill.

Martin Luther King Jr., who was murdered in Memphis in 1968 while helping lead a sanitation workers strike, delivered his last sermon, his famous "Mountain Top" address, at Mason Temple, COGIC's mother church, the night before he was assassinated.

Pentecostal leaders from COGIC and several large white churches in Memphis met in 1994 to bridge the racial divide. While encouraging at first, the new bonds were strained by the 1996 elections, Patterson said, and the unification movement soon fizzled.

"The demands of politics still remained stronger than the demands of brotherhood," he said.

COGIC's primary business is praising Jesus, but the parent church also encourages individual congregations to set up community programs for helping the poor and bringing them to Christ.

"They recognize that part of what it means to live as a Christian witness to the world is to place oneself as an advocate for the least of these," Dide said. "Not only do you save souls, but

you feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

"There aren't national programs established by the denominational hierarchy. They allow the local communities to determine what are the needs in their communities."

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Learn about recalls on new Web site

TWIN FALLS — The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission established a Web site where consumers can learn about product recalls as soon as the information is released.

The Web site combines product recalls released by several government institutions, including the Food and Drug Administration, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Coast Guard. Press releases by the recalls were only available on the institutions' individual Web sites.

The site also contains safety warnings and information on how to report a problem with consumer products.

By working with our federal, corporate and non-profit partners, we hope to serve the public more efficiently, while saving countless lives and preventing injuries," said Hal Stratton, chairman of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The recall Web site can be found at www.recalls.gov.

Lee names publisher of Helena paper

HELENA, Mont. — Pat Schlauch, a financial executive for Lee Enterprises in Missoula, Mont., has been named the new publisher of the Lee-owned *Independent Record* in Helena.

Schlauch succeeds Brad Hurd, who earlier this month was named publisher of the *Times-News*, also owned by Lee.

Schlauch joined the Missoulian as controller in 1997 and became regional controller two years later for Lee's Missoula strategic business unit, which also includes the daily Ravalli Republic in Hamilton, a weekly advertising publication, and a bi-weekly auto sales publication.

Lee Enterprises is based in Davenport, Iowa, and owns 38 daily newspapers and a joint interest in six others, along with associated online services. Lee also publishes nearly 200 weekly newspapers, shoppers and classified and specialty publications.

Tip: Spend flexible accounts by Dec. 31

NEW YORK — When you make a list of things to do before Jan. 1, be sure to check up on the state of your tax-saving flexible spending account, CBS MarketWatch advises.

Medical flexible spending accounts, allow you to put aside up to \$5,000 pretax each year to pay for out-of-pocket medical expenses.

You save a lot on taxes while paying necessary health-care costs. Such costs include insurance-related premiums, deductibles, co-payments and prescriptions.

Depending on the plan, you may be able to buy over-the-counter medications.

The downside of an FSA: You must use all money in the fund before year's end.

Otherwise the IRS considers it forfeit.

Using the remainder of your FSA for this year doesn't require you to hope for a sudden illness or minor injury. Here are some ways to check and improve your health before the year's end:

- Schedule your annual checkups, including ones with your primary-care physician and dentist.
- Get your teeth cleaned.
- Update your eyewear — a new pair of glasses, or an extra box of contact lenses.
- Stock up. Refill prescription drugs before Dec. 31. If you regularly use over-the-counter medications, purchase extra. FSA plans also cover pain relievers and allergy medications.
- Explore alternative treatments. Flexible spending accounts cover many medical expenses not covered here, including sessions with a chiropractor.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

NETWORK GLITCHES



Livestock stand in a feedlot outside Caldwell on Nov. 11. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has set a goal of a national network that would track within 48 hours every contact an infected animal has had in its life. But in states like Idaho, it's not uncommon to see herds mingling on thousands of square miles of public range. At the other extreme, families with a just a couple of milk cows could be required to participate, as could kids raising animals in 4-H programs.

Cattle-tracking policy meets reality

The Associated Press

EMMETT — Federal policy is meeting Western reality on the ranchlands of Idaho, where ranching culture, technological glitches and the bitter cold all are potential obstacles to plans to track livestock and protect the food supply from disease and bioterrorism.

Fearing another incident such as last December's discovery of a mad-cow case in Washington state, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is trying to develop a national network that would track, within 48 hours, every contact an infected animal has had in its life.

On Thursday, Agriculture Department officials said a second case of mad-cow disease may have turned up. Officials investigating that case released few details, but said conclusive tests could take four to seven days.

If the final system were in place now, government officials could track all the cows that animal had contact with before the tests were even finished.

The proposed tracking network casts a wide net. In addition to cattle, it would track horses, poultry, bison, sheep, dogs and farmed fish. Farmers with a milk cow or two would participate alongside ranchers with thousands of range cattle. Even kids who raise and exhibit an animal as a 4-H project would be part of the network.

Such strict tracking is necessary, officials say, because it took just one infected Holstein last year to lead more than 30 countries to close their borders to U.S. beef.

But the vast scope of western ranching is a problem in itself. Herds mingle on thousands of square miles of public range for weeks or months on end. Some grazing allotments cross state borders, and some herds graze on both public and private lands.

"It's good that we're getting this started now, because there's going to be glitches," said Jim England, a University of Idaho veterinarian who's testing some of the new tracking devices being used in Idaho.

England discovered a few of those glitches at Emmett's livestock sales yard, about 25 miles northwest of Boise, where he was checking electronic identification tags attached to the ears of a volunteer's herd.

He had a hard time getting within range of many of the calves — the tag reader only works within a foot of the tag.

Another system employs personal digital assistants, but the Palm Pilot screen shatters at about zero degrees, so that won't work in some areas," England said.

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diving the systems, underwritten by some of the \$1.1 million in federal grant money Idaho received. The grant also will pay for a registration database of all the pieces in Idaho's beef producers keep cattle.

For now, producers can register their business locations voluntarily at no charge. But England and other industry experts predict some kind of system — electronic tagging, branding, or something else — could become mandatory within a few years.

Most ranchers seem reconciled to the idea. "It's something everybody knows they need to address," said Guy Colyer, owner of Colyer Herefords in Bruneau, a small town about 50 miles southeast of Boise. He has about 350 cows that eventually will be tagged under the new system.

"It's going to be a complicated situation for most producers, but with the electronic system they're developing it's not going to be impossible," Colyer said. "It's another tool to give the consumer more confidence that their beef is as safe as can possibly be."

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Seattle coffee chain gets ready to expand again

Knight Ridder News Service

SEATTLE — For three years, Tully's Coffee has held its annual shareholders meeting at the Seattle Museum of Flight. Each time, it's told investors that would be the year the company soared.

Tully's reiterated that pledge this week, but investors seemed more open to the message than in years past. With a new president, an improved bottom line and the force of a brand that bel-

ongs to \$2.7 billion, or 16 cents a share, on sales of \$50.8 billion.

Sales were flat when compared with the previous year, as Tully's focused on tightening operations and inching closer to its elusive goal of turning a profit.

Although privately held, Tully's must file financial reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission because it has more than 500 investors.

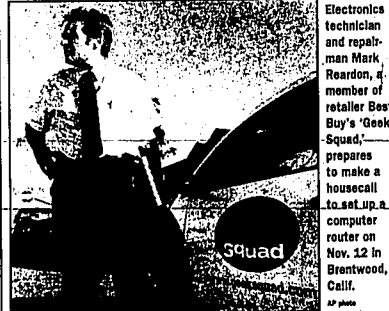
The company operated 93 stores in four states as of Sept. 30 and had five franchised stores in the United States and 207 abroad, mostly in Japan.

Still, it's a tall order for a company that has long sought to be the No. 2 retailer in a category dominated by Starbucks.

Shareholders pressed executives for a timeline toward an initial public offering. An IPO would not only allow shareholders to cash in a decade-old investment, it would give Tully's cash to open more stores.

Founder and Chairman Tom O'Keefe said the company had to be careful, for legal reasons, about how much it disclosed.

But when asked how much farther it needs to go to be ready for an IPO, he said, "I believe the answer is: We're there."



Electronics retailers send 'geeks' to do housecalls

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The first time Bruce Dougherty tried to get his home wireless network up and running it was a bust. The former marketing executive had to enlist his son's help, and still there were problems.

So who did he turn to when he wanted a network upgraded? "That's my geek, Johnny," Dougherty said happily outside his local Best Buy store, gesturing toward a young man in a snappy black-and-white "Volkswagen Beetle emblazoned with a Geek Squad" logo.

Best Buy's Geek Squad employs white-shirted men and women with snap-on ties whose mission, for a fee, is to convert consumer wrath about complicated gadgets into warm and fuzzy feelings.

Like Dougherty, many consumers are warming this holiday season to expanded tech house call services offered by Best Buy Co. Inc. — which has a Twin Falls store — and by Circuit City Stores Inc., CompUSA Inc., and Dell Inc. Dell operates a technical-support call center in Twin Falls.

The retailers' traveling alpha geeks help customers with everything from home theater installations to virus removals to setting up gaming consoles. They even program remote controls.

"It's less of a do-it-yourself Please see GEKES, Page C6

SBA seeks nominations for business 'Champions'

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The U.S. Small Business Administration is seeking nominations for Small Business Person of the Year awards given annually to outstanding small business people and small business champions.

The president designates one week each year to recognize the small business community's contributions to the American economy.

Small Business Person of the Year winners from every state spend three days in Washington, D.C., for small business-related activities and meetings with government officials.

The SBA Boise District Office holds an award event in the spring to honor state aid regional winners.

National winners are chosen from state and regional winners.

"Small businesses are essential elements in sustaining our nation's economic growth, and currently represent about 97 percent of all employers," Thomas Bergdoll, SBA's Boise District Office district director, said in a statement.

Small businesses generate about 50 percent of nonfarm private gross domestic product, employ 52 percent of private-sector workers, and make up 97 percent of all exports.

Small businesses also lead the nation in job creation, providing about three-quarters of net new jobs, the SBA said.

Champion awards are given to people who have used their professional and personal resources to further public understanding and awareness of small business.

Categories include: SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Financial Services Champion, Home-Based Business Champion, Minority Small Business Champion, Small Business Exporter of the Year, Small Business Journalist of the Year, Woman-Owned Business Champion, Family-Owned Small Business of the Year and Women in Business Champion.

Individuals, professional and trade associations, business organizations, chambers of commerce, banks or a small business employees may submit nominations. Small business owners may nominate themselves.

Nominations for champion awards do not have to be small business owners.

Winners are selected based on length of time in business, growth in the number of employees, increases in sales and/or unit volume, improvement in financial condition, responses to adversity and the business owner's contributions to community-oriented projects.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Dec. 3.

For information and forms, contact Rodney Grzadzieski in the SBA Boise district office at 334-6004, ext. 333, or by e-mail to rodney.grzadzieski@sba.gov.

Region IV fair will help students learn about world trade

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The gymnasium at the College of Southern Idaho will be full of high school students and educators from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday for the semi-annual Region IV International Economic Summit.

In mock negotiations, students will take on the roles of various heads of state from countries all over the world as they develop strategic plans to increase their country's standard of living, discuss trade issues and bring forth scarce resources. Many will bring costumes portraying the country they represent.

The Region IV model has been adopted by a number of states and in parts of the former Soviet Union, said Bryan Matsovet, event organizer.

The public is invited to observe proceedings from the gym's bleacher area.

Greenspan warning pressures share prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell sharply Friday, with the Dow Jones Industrial... Chairman — Alan Greenspan sounded a warning over the nation's spiraling trade deficit.

Greenspan's unusually frank assessment of the trade imbalance and its effect on the U.S. economy worried many investors. The Fed chairman said the economy was resilient though, but foreign investment could worsen the deficits.

Certainly that has investors worried, though I'm not entirely sure why Greenspan chose to make a case out of this... said Lincoln Anderson, chief investment officer at LPL Financial Services in Boston.

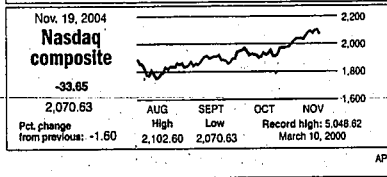
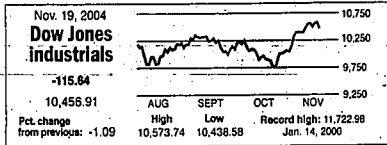
The Dow Jones industrial average fell 115.99 points, or 1.09 percent, to 10,456.91. It was the biggest single-session point drop for the Dow since Sept. 22, 2003.



Gerald Mowly calls out during trading in the live cattle futures pit Friday at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Mowly that a second case of mad cow disease may have turned up in the United States sent cattle prices tumbling...

Friday's trading also was pressured by oil prices, which rose in response to a U.S. government report that showed a drop in inventory for distillates such as heating oil — critical as winter approaches.

Despite oil prices and Greenspan's assessment of the trade deficit, analysts said that the overall market remains strong, and that Friday's selloff amounted to profit-taking after weeks of strong gains.



Cattle

But the notion of government tracking grades on some ranchers, who hold dear the western notion of independence and freedom... Elzinga, the owner of Alderspring Ranch in Tendency, Idaho, is raising 440 cattle that are hormone and antibiotic free and never taken to feedlots.

"Folks can do this by going to farmers markets or directly to farms asking at their stores. There's information on the Internet for people interested in their beef," Elzinga said.

"It's a good idea that will protect the market for beef. I think everybody will accept it because they all realize that we need a tracking system," said Eric Robinson, who plans to volunteer his herd of more than 700 cows for the project.

"When prices are high, everybody can swallow something like a beef checkoff. Cattle are bringing up to \$1.20 and \$1.30 a pound right now, and it used to be 60 or 80 cents," he said.

The tracking system may also boost prices in some markets. "It will pay off with organic beef, where you can prove your animal has never had antibiotics," England said.

"We have a lot of cattle changing hands and moving around the region on any given day," said Julie Morrison, a coordinator with the Northwest Pilot Project, an industry tracking project also supported by USDA.

"It's up to producers to make it work. That's why we're trying to get a national tracking project to test all these scenarios," she said.

After the Idaho Department of Agriculture finishes registering all cattle, it will solicit tracking volunteers to try. A tracking system, said state Veterinarian Clarence Siroky. Some of the federal grant money will be used to help producers buy tracking systems.

"This will be invaluable in case of a highly contagious disease such as foot-and-mouth disease," Siroky said.

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Geeks

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double agent with Best Buy's Geek Squad in the San Francisco Bay Area was dispatched to the home of a 12-year-old who wanted to be set up to play online before the highly anticipated game of Halo 2.

Geek Squad worked until 9 p.m. to wirelessly network three PCs and hook up the Xbox, and by midnight, the boy was standing in line with hundreds of others to get the game.
For a flat-rate of \$159, Reardon handled another assignment: configuring a wireless router at the Breunert home of Tom Guercio.

Geek Squad's success in expanding its services to include nights and weekends, and last month, strengthened its lineup to include not just basic computer setups and wireless networking, but also the installation of PC accessories, Internet connections and e-mail accounts as well as moving files from an old computer to a new one.
The direct-to-consumer technician also sells and installs plasma TVs.

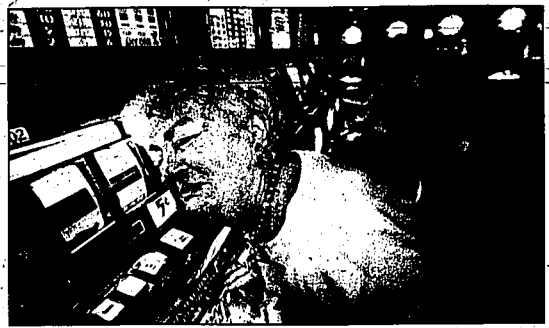
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A costly comfort?

Some experts say gambling can be healthful for seniors; others say it's costing many their savings



Rose Kario, who took a bus from Leisure World in Laguna Woods, Calif., to Casino Pauma in northern San Diego County, puts a kiss on a slot machine that almost made her a winner. Indian casinos rely on seniors for half their business, experts say.

By Dave McKibben
Los Angeles Times

It's barely noon, and 78-year-old Rose Kario is already \$300 in the hole. With each puff of her cigarette and each losing spin, she grows more agitated.

"Come on, sweetie pie," she whispers to a clanging slot machine she has been feeding for more than an hour at Casino Pauma in northern San Diego County. "Come to Mama."

A few minutes later, Kario's patience is gone. She swears as another spin comes up empty.

Two seats over, 80-year-old Clara Stern isn't having much luck either. But as she watches the last of her \$200 in credits spin away, Stern says she is getting her money's worth.

Cost what it may — and gambling has cost her plenty — the casino visit is a welcome respite from what for her is the monotony of old age.

"I have no limit," Stern says in a voice husky from years of chain-smoking. "I don't know if I'm going to wake up tomorrow."

Kario and Stern are among thousands of senior citizens in California who have become regular customers of the state's growing number of Indian casinos, which now look to the elderly for half their business, experts say. Casinos actively encourage the trend by dispatching fleets of buses to retirement communities and senior centers and by offering incentives such as buffet vouchers.

The trend reflects a national pattern: A study by the federal National Gambling Impact Study Commission in 1999 found that the fraction of U.S. seniors who gambled jumped from 20 percent in 1974 to 50 percent in 1998, a surge unmatched by any other age group during a period when casinos proliferated across the country.

It's still unclear, however, what easy access to casino gambling means for senior citizens in California, where Indian tribes have opened 54 casinos jammed with as many as 60,000 slot machines.

While some experts worry about gambling addictions, many retirees say casinos have improved the quality of their lives by providing a change of pace and intellectual stimulation.

"We're not interested in sitting home and watching TV every day," said Phyllis Zalomek, 82, who arrived at Casino Pauma on a chartered bus from Leisure World in southern Orange County, Calif., along with Kario, Stern and about 50 others. "It's a place to go, a place to occupy your mind."

Experts on gambling and aging agree with many senior gamblers that casinos do offer a change of scene that is attractive — even, perhaps, beneficial.

"Seniors are often dealing with loss of a spouse, loneliness, boredom, or they are unable to cope with retirement. For all those reasons, casinos can be a very comfortable place for seniors," said Bruce Roberts, president

of the California Council on Problem Gambling.

Despite the potential benefits, many experts say gambling addictions are being kindled — with unforeseeable consequences for retirees and their families.

"Ever since the growth of Indian casinos, so many more seniors are gambling away their golden years," said Suzanne Graupner Pike, a psychologist with the San Diego Center for Pathological Gambling. "It's tragic." No hard statistics are available, but seniors are just as vulnerable as younger people to gambling problems, they say, and the proliferation of casinos inevitably will ruin lives.

Pike, who has been treating gamblers for 11 years, said one-third of her nearly 50 patients are seniors, and each is hooked on gambling at Indian casinos. Several of her elderly patients have refinanced their homes to pay off gambling debts, some have filed for bankruptcy and a few have attempted suicide, she said.

"Aging is a time of repeated losses, and that can lead to depression," said Pike, who gets most her referrals from a Gamblers Anonymous toll-free hotline. "Seniors are separating from their children geographically and losing the sense of self through retirement. So they go to the casinos to escape from their lives."

Casinos welcome retirees with enthusiasm — in part because they arrive during the day, when other gamblers are scarce. "Seniors are half the market of Indian casinos," said Bill Thompson, a University of Nevada-Las Vegas professor of public administration who has written nine books on gambling. "They are the perfect demographic for the casinos."

Kathy Swank, a spokeswoman for Harrah's Rincon, another north San Diego County casino, agreed. "Seniors are a great market for us," said Swank, who said her casino did 42 percent of its September business with adults older than 60. "They have more discretionary income and more time on their hands," Swank said. "During the week, the seniors and the bus program support us."

To keep the seniors coming, Harrah's and other casinos pay independent bus operators to maintain elaborate schedules, funneling in retirees from throughout Southern California. In September alone, Harrah's buses carried more than 32,000 people — 80 percent of them older than 60 — to the casino.

One of those buses goes to south Orange County's Leisure World, in Laguna Woods, every weekday, arriving at 9 a.m. and returning by dinner time. Two other Indian casinos send bus buses to the retirement community once a week.

In addition, the largest social organization at Leisure World, the Players Club, charts buses to casinos on average three times a week. The group used to offer mostly trips to the



Clara Stern amuses her friends by playing the slots with her foot. Thousands of senior citizens have become regular customers at California's Indian casinos, which look to them for half their business, experts say. Casinos send buses to retirement communities and senior centers, and offer incentives.

ater. Today, its 400 loyal members mostly go to casinos and gamble.

About 50 Players Club members are visiting Casino Pauma on this recent trip. At 10 a.m., they are nearly alone in the dark dome-shaped building off state Route 76 in a wooded patch of northern San Diego County.

There is a long wooden bar and tables for blackjack, poker, pai gow, roulette and craps. But most of them are empty, their dealers waiting quietly. The seniors descend instead on the slot machines — and stay there all day.

Among them are Kario and Stern, both dedicated gamblers who visit casinos as often as three times a week. Unlike most of the others from Leisure World, they also travel regularly to Laughlin, Nev., and Las Vegas — where Stern, in particular, likes to play poker, blackjack and craps in addition to the slots.

Stern and Kario are not only the highest rollers among the Leisure World group, they're also the most dapper. While much of the crowd is dressed in sweat shirts and tennis shoes, Stern is wearing white slacks and a red blouse, Kario an expensive tan suit.

Stern considers casinos her sanctuary. Stern, a twice-widowed survivor of Auschwitz, flees her Laguna Woods condominium three days a week for the comfort of the Indian casinos.

She says she doesn't know or care how much she's lost over the years but acknowledges that she refinanced her



After a day of playing, gamblers board a bus bound for Laguna Woods, Calif.

Leisure World condo this year to pay off gambling debts.

Susan Conforti, Stern's daughter, believes the casinos are therapeutic and enthusiastically approves of her mother's habit.

Her two sisters "think she's gambling away their inheritance," Conforti said. "But my mom has had a really rotten

life. And if the slot machines are a legal way of numbing yourself, I say go for it."

That's how Stern sees it. "I have such a sad past," she says, taking a drag from a cigarette with her left hand and playfully pounding the dollar slot machine with her right. "This is my enjoyment."

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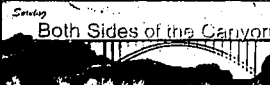
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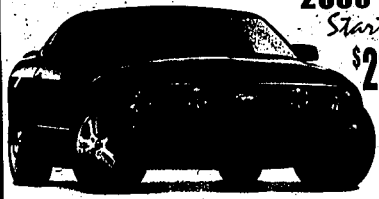
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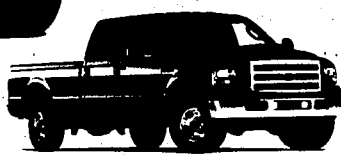
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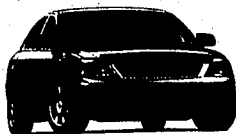
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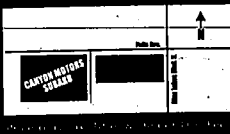
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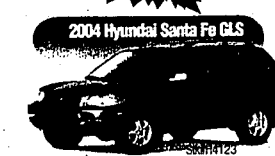
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