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Turkey timetable

Roast oven to 325° F. Start checking for doneness 1/2 hour before recommended end times.

Net Weight	Unstuffed (in hours)	Stuffed (in hours)
10 to 15	3 1/2 to 4	3 3/4 to 4 1/2
16 to 22	3 1/2 to 4	4 1/2 to 5
23 to 24	4 to 4 1/2	5 to 5 1/2
24 to 30	4 1/2 to 5	5 1/2 to 6 1/4

Turkey is done when the following thermometer reaches the following temperatures:
• 180° F. deep in the thigh; also, juices should be clear, not reddish pink.
• 260° F. in the center of the stuffing, if turkey is stuffed.
Before removing stuffing and carving, let turkey stand 15 minutes to allow juices to set and stuffing temperature to rise to 165° F.

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PICTURE A

Police arrest T.F. arson suspect

By Karl Kowalski, Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Police have arrested a Twin Falls man who they believe is the serial arsonist responsible for setting several recent fires clustered near Kimberly Road.
Wayne Royce Dine, 36, made an initial court appearance Wednesday on charges of with 13 suspicious fires between Oct. 11 and Oct. 29 that burned shrubbery, outbuildings and businesses.
Dine confessed to starting the fires using matches, dry leaves and pine needles, according to a police affidavit written by Twin Falls Police Detective Sgt. Bill Hanchey.



Wayne Dine

Dine was formally charged with first-degree arson in connection with a blaze that destroyed a room at the Community Support Center at 1409 Kimberly Road on Oct. 26.
According to the affidavit, Dine used a lighter to set books on fire, then left the building through a back door. Dine received services from the center, which provides outpatient mental health help.
Dine also was charged with second-degree arson on Oct. 29.

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Tracking the arson

According to police, Wayne Royce Dine, 36, of Twin Falls, confessed to setting the following fires:

- Two fires near the Idaho Pizza Company at 1859 Kimberly Road on Oct. 13 and Oct. 29.
- A fire near the Bowladrome at 129 Eastland Drive on Oct. 11.
- A fire at 1798 Floral Ave. on Oct. 11.
- A fire at 833 Madrona St. near Morningside Elementary on Oct. 14.
- A fire at Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services at 484 Eastland Drive S. on Oct. 17.
- A fire at Mabe's Pallet and Lumber Inc. at 2265 Eldridge Ave. on Oct. 16.
- A fire in a shed at 227 Morningside Drive on Oct. 23.
- Fires at the Community Support Center on Oct. 22 and Oct. 26.
- A camper fire on Oct. 12 near OK Tires at 2075 Kimberly Road.
- A fire near the former senior citizens' center on Eastland Drive S. on Oct. 17.
- A fire at The Pressbox Sports Bar at 1749 Kimberly Road on Oct. 16.

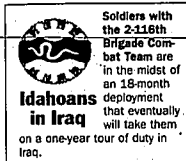
EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED



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Spec. Casey Markwell, right, of Halley, enjoys a game of spades with Cpl. Charles Monroe of Pocatello during some downtime at an intermediate staging base at the former England Air Force Base in Alexandria, La., Wednesday afternoon. Soldiers with the 116th Brigade Combat Team are leaving for Kuwait this week.

Soldiers prepare to head for Kuwait



ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Soldiers with the 2-116th Brigade Combat Team are in the midst of an 18-month deployment that eventually will take them on a one-year tour of duty in Iraq.

Keeping In touch

The Times-News is putting a human face on the deployment by following a few of the Guard members and their families as the soldiers go from Fort Bliss, Texas, to Fort Polk, La., and then overseas.

By Sandy Miller, Times-News writer

ALEXANDRIA, La. — It was just after midnight Wednesday when Mother Nature decided to pay them an unexpected visit.
Tucked into their sleeping bags on cots inside the large circus-like tents they jokingly refer to as "Big Top leftovers," the soldiers of the 2-116th Brigade Combat Team were jolted from their dreams.
"I heard a deep howl and the tent started blowing up like a balloon. Then it started picking up," said Sgt. Jacob Schwabedissen of Kimberly. "It started pulling the sides out. We held on."
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Troops from the 116th Brigade Combat Team cheer for Paul Revere and The Raiders during a concert at the Rapides Coliseum in Alexandria, La., Wednesday night.

Sgt. Chris Webb of Twin Falls prepared himself for battle.
"I got in my clothes, put my canteen on and waited for the lift-off," he said.
The men of Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 2-116th "jumped into" action, wrestling the tent poles back into the soggy ground. When the lift-off," he said.

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Garden City completes Rupert investigation

By Chip Thompson, Times-News writer

RUPERT — One of two investigations of Rupert city employees has been completed and a final report was delivered to city officials late Tuesday.
City Attorney Kelly Anthon said he and City Administrator Roger Bagley met with Garden City Police Department officials at 5 p.m. to review the final report of a four-month investigation into alleged ethical and employment policy violations on the part of city employees.
The report, in a binder about 8 inches thick, finds that eight

NewsTracker

- **Last we knew:** The city of Rupert suspended four police officers and two electric department employees between July 19 and Aug. 20 pending investigations into alleged criminal and ethical violations.
- **The latest:** The Garden City Police Department's report, issued Tuesday, indicates that eight allegations were substantiated, one was proved to be false and insufficient evidence existed to substantiate another. Anthon said after reading a 23-page summary of the report.
- **What's next:** At the request of Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden's office, city officials declined to comment on the nature of the allegations until Wasden's investigation into criminal allegations is complete.

But Anthon said the 10 allegations covered in the report do not represent all the allegations initially brought before investigators because many were resolved during the course of the investigation.
Five of the six employees apparently involved have resigned or been fired since the investigation began. Investigators did not report on many of the allegations against the former employees because there would be no employment action for the city to take, Anthon said.
Anthon emphasized that the eight substantiated violations Please see INVESTIGATION, Page A2

Congress will investigate complaints of voting irregularities

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress' investigative agency, responding to complaints from around the country, has begun to look into the Nov. 2 vote count, including the handling of provisional ballots and malfunctions of voting machines.
The presidential results won't change, but the studies could lead to changes.
The Government Accountability Office usually begins investigations in response to specific requests from Congress, but the agency's head, Comptroller General David Walker, said the GAO acted on its own because of the many comments it received about ballot counting.

GAO officials said the investigation was not triggered by a request from several House Democrats, who wrote the agency this month seeking an investigation. The effort, led by senior Judiciary Committee Democrat John Conyers of Michigan, was not joined by any Republicans.
Walker said in a statement that some of the election work is under way. The probe will cover voter registration, voting machine problems and handling of provisional ballots, which were given to voters who said they were eligible to cast votes although their names were not on the rolls.
He cautioned that the GAO cannot enforce the law. Funding irregularities are found, nothing that state officials regulate elections and the Justice Department prosecutes voting rights violations and election fraud.

Conyers said in an interview Wednesday that several House Democrats "want the widest, most impartial investigation that can be had. Whether they (GAO investigators) want to go as far as we want to go, we're not certain. We're at first base. Where do we go from here?"
The congressman said he plans to meet with Walker and key Republicans to see whether Congress should take action to improve election systems.

He said he would like the investigation to include allegations that insufficient numbers of voting machines were sent to some Democratic areas.
The study also should cover how election officials responded to problems they encountered, he said.
Thousands of complaints have poured in to Congress and appeared on Internet sites about problems with the elections, the Democrats said.
In make-or-buy Ohio, voters cast 155,337 provisional ballots. They are under review by state elections officials, who count them if registration is confirmed. About 78 percent of the ballots counted so far have been deemed valid.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A mix of rain and snow with brisk winds. Highs: 40s. Tonight: Rain/snow showers switching to snow. Lows: upper 20s. Tomorrow: Chilly and partly cloudy. Highs: 30s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Mixed showers and brisk winds	Snow showers expected	Chilly and partly cloudy	Cold and cloudy	Breezy with scattered clouds	Continued chilly, but mostly cloudy
High 46	Low 28	37/21	32/17	33/20	35/16

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	48	31	0.00"
Burley	47	29	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	47	37	0.51"
Idaho Falls	43	28	0.00"
Laurel	44	38	0.00"
Lowell	47	37	1.04"
Malden	41	21	0.00"
Mesa	40	25	0.00"
Pocatello	42	28	0.00"
Shoshone	40	25	0.00"
Twin Falls	47	37	1.04"
Stanley	47	18	0.00"

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Developing showers, changing all over to snow. Highs: upper 30s. Tonight: Scattered snow showers. Lows: 20s. Tomorrow: Chilly with partly cloudy skies. Highs: 30s.

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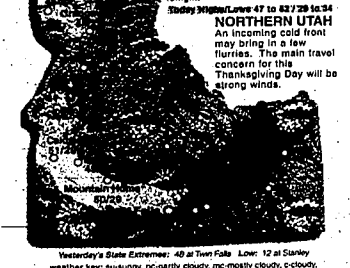
Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Pollen Count
Yesterday's High: 48 Yesterday's Low: 31 Normal High/Low: 43/24 Record High/Low: 80 in 1998 / -8 in 1994	48 31 43/24 80 in 1998 / -8 in 1994	0.00" 0.58" 0.88" 1.31"	62% 67% 68% 69%	7:42 AM 5:07 PM 7:44 AM 5:07 PM 7:45 AM 5:06 PM	TF Pollen Level: none TF Mold Level: none

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A cold front moving in on this Thanksgiving Day will bring developing snow showers to the High Country. Off and on light snow is expected into Friday as well.

BOISE - Highs: 40s to 48. Lows: 18 to 22. A cold front moving in today. Expect the rain and/or snow showers are expected later today. Expect the mixed showers to switch to snow tonight.

NORTHERN UTAH
An incoming cold front may bring in a few flurries. The main travel concern for this Thanksgiving Day will be strong winds.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 49 at Twin Falls. Low: 12 at Stanley. Weather key: sun, part. cloudy, m. mostly cloudy, c. cloudy, thundershowers, showers, rain, snow, s. snow, w. wind, m. missing.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	48-31	40-28
Butte	44-28	37-25
Coeur d'Alene	47-37	38-28
Idaho Falls	43-28	35-23
Lowell	47-37	38-28
Malden	41-21	33-20
Mesa	40-25	32-20
Pocatello	42-28	34-22
Shoshone	40-25	32-20
Twin Falls	47-37	38-28
Stanley	47-18	30-20

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	53-39	51-37
Baltimore	50-36	48-34
Boston	47-33	45-31
Chicago	42-28	40-26
Denver	38-24	36-22
Detroit	40-26	38-24
Houston	62-48	60-46
Los Angeles	68-54	66-52
London	50-36	48-34
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Investigation

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do not necessarily relate to eight different incidents and that a single incident could involve several violations of employment policy.

Based on the summary, Anthon said he was satisfied that the investigation was comprehensive.

"There are no major issues of misconduct that have not been dealt with," he said, adding that every allegation was investigated and no employee was exempt from the probe.

City officials have said previously that they would not release details of the investigation until a final report was issued. But due to an ongoing criminal investigation stemming from the allegations, Anthon said he didn't want to release information that could jeopardize the investigation.

"I don't want to step on the attorney general's toes by going public with something he's investigating," Anthon said.

After conferring with Minidoka County Prosecutor Jason Walker, Anthon said that Attorney General Lawrence Wasden's office has requested that the na-

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	41-26	39-24
Edmonton	40-25	38-23
Halifax	48-34	46-32
London	47-33	45-31
Montreal	45-31	43-29
Ottawa	44-30	42-28
Regina	37-23	35-21
Toronto	41-27	39-25
Vancouver	48-34	46-32
Winnipeg	39-25	37-23

Others involved

Rupert employees apparently involved in the investigation:

Larry Ford, an electric department employee, was suspended July 19 and is no longer employed by the city. Ford has pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of peit theft of city property.

Kan Fedders, Rupert's former police chief, was placed on leave July 22 and terminated his employment Oct. 31.

Juan Martinez, a former police officer, was suspended on Aug. 4. Martinez tendered his resignation on Sept. 9.

Police reserve officer Lauren Jackson was suspended on Aug. 20 and terminated employment Oct. 1.

Anthon said he'd only read the summary of the report and that no conclusions will be reached until the entire report has been read. After discussions with Bagley, Anthon said he expected action to be taken in December.

When employment action is taken the employee will be afforded due process and may appeal the decision to Bagley and then to the City Council, Anthon said.

Despite the turmoil brought about by the investigations and suspensions, Anthon said things are looking up for the city.

"The city of Rupert's police department has never functioned this well since I've been chief (Eric) Smarr is doing an excellent job considering the circumstances."

Wasden's spokesman Bob Cooper said the office has a policy of not confirming investigations, so it's unclear when the criminal investigation will be completed or whether charges will be filed.

Former electric department employee Kenny Smith has retained an attorney in anticipation of criminal charges for bribery and misuse of city property.

Larry Ford, another former electric department employee, was scheduled to be sentenced Wednesday on two misdemeanor counts of peit theft for stealing city equipment.

The hearing was continued until January due to a conflict of interest with Judge Rick Collar, who previously served as the city's attorney.

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Online casino forks over \$28,000 for grilled cheese

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — An online casino forked over \$28,000 Wednesday to the owner of a 10-year-old, partially eaten cheese sandwich thought to be embedded with the image of the Virgin Mary — and then sent the "religious icon" on a world tour.

GoldenPalace.com has secured the winning bid for the sandwich Monday after the grilled cheese received more than 1.6 million hits on eBay. On Wednesday, GoldenPalace delivered the check to owner Diana Dwyer at an Indian casino in Florida.

A security guard and velvet rope protected the framed snack during a ceremonial exchange.

"It represented something that we believed to be a piece of Americana — pop-culture," said Steve Baker, CEO of Cyber World Group, GoldenPalace's Canada-based parent. He said the company had expected "minimum value" — and "a laugh and a hoot about it," he admitted. "It's taken on more of a life of its own than we ever imagined."

Dwyer, a 52-year-old jewelry designer, said she convinced she cooked up an image of the Virgin Mary for breakfast 10 years ago. When she took her first bite, "I spit it back out," she recalled.

"I was just shocked. It seemed so real," she said, sporting a T-shirt featuring "Passion of the Toast" superimposed at the bottom of the sandwich.

GoldenPalace.com promotes the sandwich as a "religious icon" with a "mystifying image" and is sending the snack on a world tour.

"By taking her all over, other people will have some of the pleasure that I did," Dwyer said.

Jim DeFede, a columnist for The Miami Herald, has volunteered to drive the framed sandwich — to Vegas — over Thanksgiving, with a stop along New Orleans' Bourbon Street considered likely.

"I'll miss her greatly because she was a comfort to me in times when it wasn't so easy," said Dwyer, a Baptist whose husband suffers from emphysema.

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Daniel Walock, director

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Arson

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Hanchey received a collect call on Nov. 17 from a man who identified himself as Shane and said he had started the fires. The man promised to come speak to police the next day, then didn't appear, court documents say.

On Monday, Hanchey played the recording of the phone call for people at the Community Support Center and they identified Dine. Hanchey also learned that a man who appeared to be a nonsmoker had obtained matches at the 7-11 on Kimberly Road during the rash of fires. Hanchey found Dine living at the Purple Sage Manor at 1827 Kimberly Road.

Dine was taken into police custody and confessed to setting 14 different fires, the police affidavit said. Hanchey wrote that Dine's confession was corroborated by police and fire investigations. He also wrote that Dine appeared remorseful and said he was on medication for bi-polar disorder.

Dine was being held on \$50,000 bond Wednesday at the Twin Falls County jail, according to a news release. A preliminary hearing is set for 9 a.m. on Dec. 3.

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NATION/WORLD

Alleged al-Zarqawi tape criticizes Muslim scholars

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An audiotape attributed to Iraq's most feared terrorist lashed out Wednesday at Sunni Muslim clerics for not speaking out against U.S. attacks in Iraq and Afghanistan. U.S. and Iraqi officials said they would press their offensive against insurgents following the fall of Fallujah.

In the tape posted Wednesday on an Islamic Web site, Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi condemned the "silence" of Muslim religious figures, saying they have "let us down in the darkest circum-

stances."

The authenticity of the 16-minute tape could not be determined and it was unclear when it was made. However, the posting followed the insurgents' defeat this month in Fallujah and appeared to be a sign of anger that Sunni religious leaders were unable to muster the same degree of public outrage that they did in April when U.S. Marines were besieging the city. The backlash led the Marines to break off the siege.

Two Sunni clerics from the influential Association of Muslim

Scholars, which opposed the Fallujah assault, were assassinated this week.

With the capture of Fallujah, the U.S. general in charge of training Iraqi troops said U.S. and Iraqi forces would step up counternsurgency operations in the run-up to the Jan. 30 national elections.

"Everyone recognizes that it will be a fight to the elections in those provinces where the insurgents are active," Lt. Gen. David Petraeus told reporters after a graduation ceremony for Iraqi soldiers near Kut.

Iraq

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storm finally passed, it was eerily quiet and they were standing in water up to their ankles.

The Weather Service reported that three tornadoes touched down in and around Alexandria, La., where local soldiers with the 2-116th are camped out at an intermediate staging base at the former England Air Force Base. Starting today, they will board planes for Kuwait, where they will meet up with their equipment and gear and then head to northern Iraq where they will serve at least a one-year tour of duty.

The last four months have been filled with intense training followed by a welcome three weeks leave. Now back in Louisiana, all the boxes on the check-off list have been filled and they spend their free time playing video games on laptops and watching movies on portable DVD players.

"We're getting the guys in the right frame of mind to go over and accomplish the mission they've been given," said Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Coggins of Twin Falls. "We're getting them focused and back into the military mindset. They're missing their families. We're getting them back to being soldiers."

Many of them say they're glad the waiting is over.

"We're ready to get over there

“ This time next week, we'll be in another country.

”

— Spc. Timothy Cook of Twin Falls

and get started," said Maj. Todd Edgar of Twin Falls.

"There are some anxious times for everybody," he added. "But we're with our buddies, our mates, and we're ready to get things done."

Spc. Wesley Jones of Jerome is more than ready to get on that plane.

"I'm like a compressed spring ready to pop," Jones said. "I'm ready to go."

Sgt. Hill, who they're heading into dangerous territory where nothing is certain and it's difficult to predict what, and where the enemy's next move will be.

"We're training for the worst and hoping for the best," said Spc. Timothy Cook of Twin Falls. "It changes day to day. One day is perfect with nothing



Sandy Miller Ashley Smith

Following the coverage

For the next three days, reporter Sandy Miller and photographer Ashley Smith will file daily reports from Alexandria, La., where they're shadowing local soldiers with the 2-116th Brigade Combat Team who are preparing to board planes destined for Kuwait.

happening and the next day you're right in the middle of it."

Today, they'll enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. Tonight, they'll start getting on planes for the Middle East.

The bags have been packed and the goodbyes have been said. It's finally time to go to the show.

"This time next week, we'll be in another country," Cook said.

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The Bethel Temple Church congregation would like to honor Rev. and Mrs. Allen Picklesimer on their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were both born into military families which entailed several cross-country moves. In the 1950's their families settled in the Southern California area, placing both of them in the same high school. When their paths crossed, he was a track star and she was a high school cheerleader. They fell in love and were married on November 25, 1954. They have raised four children and have seven grandchildren.

After pastoring in Imperial Beach, CA for 15 years, they assumed the ministry in Twin Falls where he currently pastors. They have lived a life of love and devotion to each other and to the work of God.

The congregation would like to wish them many more wonderful years together.

An open house was held on November 6, which was attended by many friends and family.

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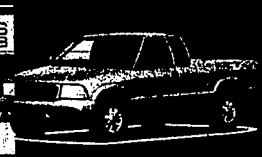
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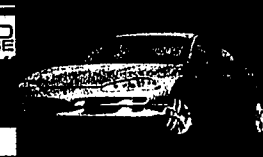
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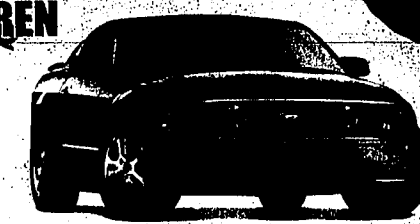
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Ukrainian opposition presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko addresses tens of thousands of opposition supporters in Kiev, Ukraine, Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, for a third consecutive day. An ally of Yushchenko said the only thing to negotiate with Ukraine's authorities is the transfer of power.

Opposition calls for strike over election

Ukraine declares pro-Kremlin prime minister runoff winner

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Opposition leaders called Wednesday for a nationwide strike to shut down factories, schools and transportation after officials declared Ukraine's pro-Kremlin prime minister had won a presidential runoff election that many countries denounced as rigged.

The call by Viktor Yushchenko and his allies for an "all-Ukrainian political strike" risked provoking a heavy-handed crackdown by outgoing President Leonid Kuchma's government, which has said the opposition's actions in the aftermath of Sunday's bitterly disputed runoff are, in effect, preparations for a coup d'etat.

A strike could also further divide the country. Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich drew his support from the pro-Russian, heavily industrialized eastern half of the country, while Yushchenko's strength was in the west, a traditional center of Ukrainian nationalism.

To prevent the crisis from widening, Yanukovich said negotiations with Yushchenko's team would begin Thursday, the Interfax news agency reported, citing Ukrainian television. The opposition has said, however, that it would talk only about a handover of power to Yushchenko.

The Central Election Commission's decision to declare Yanukovich the winner "puts Ukraine on the verge of civil conflict," Yushchenko told hundreds of thousands of his cheering supporters who massed for a fourth straight night in central Kiev's Independence Square.

The election has been denounced as fraudulent by Western observers, who cited ballot stuffing, voter intimidation and other irregularities. Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States cannot accept the result, warning "there will be consequences" in the two countries' relationship.

The commission said Yanukovich got 49.46 percent of the vote, with Yushchenko receiving 46.61 percent.

"With this decision, they want to put us on our knees," the Western-leaning Yushchenko told the crowd, which responded with chants of "Shame! Shame!" and "We will not give up."

Socialist Party leader Olexandr Moroz said the opposition was "organizing citizens, stopping lessons at schools and universities, stopping work at enterprises, stopping transport ... and, thus, we'll force the authorities to think about what they are doing."

Putin challenges West with support of candidate

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Increasingly, Russian President Vladimir Putin walks alone.

He has alarmed the West with authoritarian policies at home. He announced last week that Russia was developing new nuclear missiles. And now he has embraced the official outcome of a Ukrainian election that Western observers say was rigged.



Vladimir Putin

When he succeeded Boris Yeltsin nearly five years ago, the longtime KGB officer was an enigma whose past raised eyebrows and concerns about his intentions. But as the months passed he seemed to throw his lot in with the West, stepping up ties with the European Union and NATO and pledging to develop a clean, transparent economy.

He became fast friends with European leaders, picnicking in a hunting cabin outside Moscow with Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi and chatting in German with Chancellor Gerhard Schröder. Early on, he forged close ties with President Bush — a strategic bond that remains strong today.

When he arrives in The Hague for a summit with the European Union on Thursday, Putin is bound to be in for a chilly reception.

The meeting, postponed earlier this month, comes days after he set the stage for sharp confrontation with the West by congratulating Viktor Yanukovich as the winner of Ukraine's bitterly disputed presidential vote.

Ukraine election officials on Wednesday insisted that the result would stand, drawing prompt criticism from Secretary of State Colin Powell, who said, "We cannot accept this result as legitimate."

an unabashed campaign of support for his favored candidate in a country at the crossroads of Russian and Western interests, was the latest in a long line of statements, actions

and policies that have dismayed and alienated Europe and the United States.

His move to legitimize an election result widely viewed abroad as fraudulent will add to their already persistent growing concerns about where he is leading his own country.

When many in the West look at Russia, they see a bleak political landscape painted in Putin's bold brushstrokes: a parliament seemingly manipulated at will by the Kremlin; regional governors no longer elected but appointed directly by Putin; a media that hews closely to the government line; a prominent business leader who challenged Putin thrown into prison.

EU concerns about a drift toward authoritarianism have hampered efforts to forge a new "strategic partnership" agreement with Russia. Europe is demanding that Russia pledge adherence to what it says must be the "common values" of Europe.

Putin said Tuesday that it was important "to avoid creating new dividing lines between us and Europe," but there is increasing concern in the EU that by strengthening control over Russia at the expense of democracy and supporting heavy-handed leaders in former Soviet republics, the Russian leader is throwing up new divisions — or even rebuilding a Cold War curtain.

Powell: U.S. cannot accept Ukraine vote results

WASHINGTON (AP) — Citing reports of fraud and abuse, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Wednesday the United States cannot accept the results of presidential elections in Ukraine.

Powell said there would be consequences for U.S.-Ukraine

relations if the government there did not act "immediately and responsibly" to find a solution that respected the will of its people.

"We cannot accept this result as legitimate because it does not meet international standards and because there has

not been an investigation of the numerous and credible reports of fraud and abuse," Powell said in a statement read to reporters.

He called for a full review of the conduct of the election and the tabulation of election results.

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Patient survives rabies

WAUWATOSA, Wis. (AP) — A unique combination of drugs has made a 15-year-old girl the first known human to survive rabies without vaccination, doctors said.

A team of physicians gambled on an experimental treatment and induced a coma in Jeanna Giese to stave off the usually fatal infection, said Dr. Rodney Willoughby, a pediatric disease infection specialist at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

"No one had really done this before, even in animals," Willoughby said. "None of the drugs are fancy. If this works it can be done in a lot of countries."

Only five people in the world before Jeanna are known to have survived rabies after the onset of symptoms, said Dr. Charles Rupprecht, chief of the rabies section at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But they had received standard treatment — a series of rabies vaccine shots — before experiencing symptoms.

Rabies, which attacks the brain and the nervous system, is considered untreatable with the appearance of symptoms, which include fever, headache, anxiety, loss of consciousness.

"Basically we had a race and Jeanna won. Her immune system won," Rupprecht said at a news conference Tuesday.

Rupprecht said the CDC is reexamining its approach to rabies in people, and scientists are studying what drug combinations might work in infected animals.

Although the United States has only a few cases of human rabies each year, someone in the world dies of rabies every 15 minutes on average, Rupprecht said.

Jeanna was infected when she was bitten by a bat while at church Sept. 12 but did not seek treatment. She began showing rabies symptoms Oct. 13 and was hospitalized two days later.

Willoughby said the treatment, which includes two anesthetics and two antiviral medications, will have to be duplicated in another patient before it can be credited as a rabies treatment.

Court rejects new jury for Peterson

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — A state appeals court ruled that Scott Peterson will be sentenced for the murder of his pregnant wife by the same jury that convicted him of the crime.

Three judges who sit on the 1st District Court of Appeals in San Francisco refused to intervene Tuesday in a petition filed by defense attorney Mark Geragos. The denial was issued within hours of the filing.

Peterson, 32, was convicted Nov. 12 of first-degree murder in the death of Laci Peterson and second-degree murder for the death of her fetus.

On Monday, Judge Alfred A. Deluccchi denied Geragos' motion seeking a new jury in San Mateo County or somewhere else to decide whether Peterson should be sentenced to death or life in prison without parole.

Geragos claimed, among other things, the jury that found Peterson guilty is now tainted by public opinion. Geragos cited the throng that cheered outside the courthouse as the guilty verdicts were read.

In appealing Deluccchi's decision, Geragos asked the appeals court to delay the penalty phase, set to begin Nov. 30, and to schedule a hearing on the issues he raised.

Geragos is expected to appeal to the state Supreme Court.

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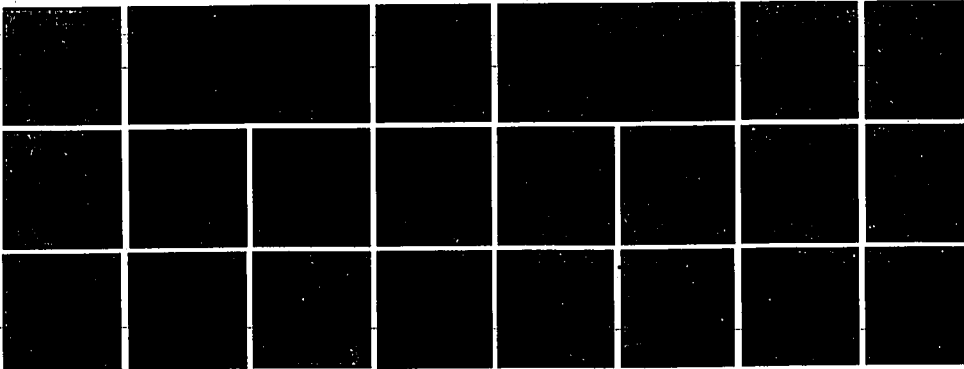
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IS IT EVER OK TO SMOKE?

Anti-smoking message respects Indian beliefs

Los Angeles Times

BISHOP Calif. — Raymond Andrews picks through the foliage of wild tobacco plants on an arid, wind-swept Sierra Nevada plateau.

The 55-year-old Paiute Indian, with waist-length gray hair and a leather satchel slung over his shoulder, inspects the leaves with an expert eye. Some he prunes and discards. Others, he saves to smoke in sacred pipes or distribute as gifts of honor.

He sets aside a portion for educational presentations at pueblos and in local schools, where he urges American Indians to use tobacco as a spiritual tool, not a recreational vice.

"The tobacco plant," he says, "is a magical being, one that can give life — or take life when abused in its commercial forms."

American Indians smoke more and die at a greater rate from tobacco-related illnesses than any other ethnic group. Anti-tobacco campaigns have done little to reduce the toll.

Now, anti-smoking advocates, including those from reservation lands and the National Cancer Institute, are trying new approaches that respect tobacco's role in American Indian rituals and traditions. The message: Skip the cigarettes and use tobacco, if you must, in ceremonial ways — to bless marriages and cropland, to banish malevolent spirits and promote peace.

Shaping an effective anti-smoking message for American Indians has not been easy. Ask-



LA Times photo

Vigil Lewis of Hesperia, Calif., examines wild tobacco leaves for use in traditional Indian ceremonies. Anti-smoking messages tailored to Native Americans stress the sacred uses of the plant.

Billboards going up on reservations in Humboldt, San Diego and Alameda counties encourage Indians to boycott tobacco products marketed with American Indian icons such as bison. Such images imply that the product is culturally acceptable. "Don't buy the lie," the signs say. When it comes to tribal elders, anti-smoking forces now make special efforts to seek their advice and support from the start. A strong relationship with such figures, organizers say, can be the difference between success and failure for a health program.

"After 15 years in this business, we now have a good game plan," said Michael Weake, director of the state-funded American Indian Tobacco Education Network in Sacramento. "We've got billboards up on reservation lands and along freeways. We're training people to give presentations that won't upset tribal leaders. We produce anti-smoking posters."

Andrews, the Paiute educator, is a consultant for Weake's group. He is among a growing number of American Indians who are seeking to revive ancient tribal traditions. Mindful of the trend, the current anti-smoking campaigns acknowledge the importance of ceremonial uses of tobacco, which often do not involve inhaling. "We even hand out advice on growing and caring for tobacco plants," Weake said. "More and more people are asking us for information about this traditional medicine; how to identify it, gather it, prepare it and use it."

Steven J. Schinke, a professor of social work at Colgate University in New York and a specialist in smoking prevention, said that such efforts tap into a renewal of interest among American Indians in "things traditional."

They also reflect Indians' deeply conflicted attitude toward tobacco. "What we have here is a strange confluence of cultures," Schinke said. "The sacred and the profane — a plant traditionally rich with meaning for native people as a purifier, and tobacco products associated with disease and death, economic expense and damage to the health of one's own children."

Many tribal members, like Tucson, Ariz., art gallery manager Veronica Talawit, feel torn between two worlds when it comes to smoking. Growing up on the Hopi Reservation in Arizona, she was taught that women were not supposed to smoke cigarettes. "The only women allowed to use tobacco smoked it in ceremonial pipes," she recalled. "That's why I get an uneasy feeling inside whenever I smoke an occasional cigarette with friends. Every time I light up, I think about quitting."

Andrews, the Paiute educator, is a consultant for Weake's

Umbilical-cord blood helps fight leukemia

Treatment, now used with children, works with adults

The Associated Press

Umbilical-cord blood, now used mostly to treat children with leukemia, could save thousands of adults with the disease each year who cannot find bone marrow donors, two big studies indicate.

A European study found that those who got cord blood were just as likely to be free of leukemia two years later as those who got marrow. A U.S. study looking at three-year survival yielded results almost as promising.

Leukemia patients often undergo radiation or chemotherapy to kill their cancerous white blood cells — a treatment that wipes out their immune systems, too. To restore their immune systems, doctors give these patients an infusion of bone marrow or umbilical cord

blood, both of which contain stem cells capable of developing into every kind of blood cell.

Cord blood offers an important advantage over marrow that makes it particularly valuable for use in transplants. Its stem cells are less likely to attack the recipient's body. That allows a wider margin of error in matching up donors and recipients.

But up to now, cord blood has been considered suitable only for children, because each donation has only about one-tenth the number of stem cells in a marrow donation.

The two new studies suggest that is not a serious impediment.

In the European study, involving 682 patients, about one-third of both those who got matched marrow and those who got cord blood did not quite match their own tissues were alive after two years. In the U.S. study of 601 patients, about one-third of those who got matched marrow were leukemia-free after two years, compared with about one-fifth of those who got cord blood or unmatched marrow.

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Bush welcomes Spanish royalty to ranch

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — President Bush welcomed Spain's king, Juan Carlos, to his Texas ranch Wednesday with a show of warm feelings in marked contrast to the chill in relations toward the prime minister of Spain.

The king and his wife, Queen Sofia, arrived by helicopter at Bush's ranch in central Texas.

The president drove his white pickup truck to the landing site, accompanied by his wife, Laura, and his father, former President George H.W. Bush.

"Hola," the president said in greetings to journalists. Bush gave the king a hearty handshake and escorted him to the truck, holding open the door. The queen, the first lady and the former president also climbed in. Bush planned to give a brief tour of the ranch and host a lunch.

Asked what signal he was trying to send by welcoming the king, Bush replied, "Spain is a great country and good friend."

Rolling down the window, he shouted to journalists: "Adios — that means goodbye."

In contrast to the welcome for Juan Carlos, Bush has given a cold shoulder to Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, who has called Bush to congratulate him on his re-election but hasn't been able to get past the switchboard.

Zapatero angered the administration by withdrawing troops from Iraq after taking office in April.

Bush also met recently at the White House with Spain's former prime minister, Jose Maria Aznar, who was a chief Bush ally in the war in Iraq.

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Snow, storms slow pre-holiday travel for some

The Associated Press

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Traffic was heavy at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, but many flights were held as delayed and a small handful had been diverted because of severe weather that blew across the South during the night.

Lindsay and Rita Pikes arrived in Atlanta more than an hour behind schedule on their flight from Baton Rouge, La.

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NATION

Researchers seek to build better turkey

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Most of the turkeys gracing the nation's dinner tables Thursday have been selectively bred for their white meat for so many generations that simply walking can be a problem for many of the big-breasted birds, and sex is no longer possible.

A small research team is hoping to come to the rescue, employing the latest in biotechnology to chart the genetic map of America's favorite Thanksgiving meal and eventually alleviate the breeding problems.



Stars, a plump, white-feathered turkey from Rocky Point Farm in Carthage, Mo., looks around the Rose Garden at the White House in Washington just before he was granted the traditional Thanksgiving season pardon by President Bush last year.

The idea is to identify specific genes that produce desirable traits such as salmonella resistance, strong leg muscles and, of course, big breasts. That would do away with much of the guesswork involved in traditional breeding methods as farmers try to match birds that appear to have the sought-after qualities.

"Improved meat quality or disease resistance will probably be the first application resulting from this research," said Kent Reed, a University of Minnesota researcher leading the effort to map the turkey's genome.

Since the human genome was mapped in 2001, the genetic codes of all sorts of creatures have been published in record time and for much less money than the \$3 billion it cost to catalog human genes.

Still, it's slow going for the turkey. With just \$1 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and two

commercial poultry interests, Reed hopes to publish by year's end a guide to roughly 300 turkey genes, and have twice that many by next Thanksgiving.

That's far short of the 25,000 genes each gobbler is estimated to possess. The work is moving much slower than with other animal genome efforts. In part because the funding is comparatively paltry and few researchers are giving the turkey much attention.

That's nothing new for the turkey, which sits in the shadow of the chicken in terms of scientific, industrial and government

support. It's been all downhill for Meleagris gallopavo, the scientific name for the wild turkey, since Ben Franklin failed in his bid to make it the national bird.

Unfortunately, the turkey's genetic sequence isn't particularly useful in the development of human medicines or the furthering of basic science, two big priorities when it comes to getting federal money for a genome project.

Also, the industry's \$3 billion in annual U.S. sales can't compare to more popular livestock like the cow, pig and chicken that have had their genetic sequence published with

commercial backing.

Still, Reed and a few other scientists' labor on, insisting that their work will help an industry solve a health care problem that afflicts many of the 267 million turkeys sold each year. They also hope for breakthroughs for turkeys resulting from the publication of the entire chicken genome earlier this year.

"We are going to make the animals' lives better," said researcher David Harry, a Nap-based poultry industry consultant. Harry helped start the turkey genome project when he was at Nicholas Turkey Breeding Farms in Sonoma, one of the largest U.S. breeders and a co-funder of the project.

Surmounting the sex problem poses a bigger challenge. Because the toms' breasts are so big, female turkeys need to be artificially inseminated. Identifying sex genes vital to reproduction would be a start, researchers say.

Meanwhile, some animal rights activists are decrying the genomic work as furthering what they see as a cruel process.

"That type of research is designed to make a bad situation a little less bad," said Gene Bauston, co-founder of Farm Sanctuary, which aims to prevent what it considers farm animal cruelty and promotes a vegan diet. "It doesn't get to the problem that these animals are being treated as commodities and it's generally done to fit the animal into the machinery of the factory farm."

Florida passes three-strikes law for malpractice suits

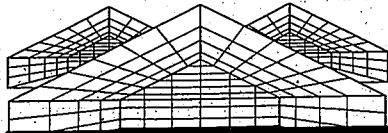
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida voters this month approved a three-strikes law unlike any other state — a measure aimed not at killers and thieves but at doctors who foul up.

The newly approved amendment to the Florida Constitution would automatically revoke the medical license of any doctor hit with three malpractice judgments. The law is backed by doctors' foremost antagonists —

lawyers — and the ramifications could be huge.

Legal experts say the law could lead to a flood of malpractice suits. Doctors say it will scare some physicians away from Florida while forcing others to reach quick malpractice settlements to avoid a "strike" against them.

"It has branded the state as probably the most unfriendly state for physicians," said Robert Yelverton, a Tampa doctor.



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Flame retardant PBDEs found in Lake Michigan add to concerns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Concentrations of a flame retardant banned by many European countries have been found in Lake Michigan and are increasing, adding to concerns over previous findings that the chemicals were showing up in supermarket foods and women's breast milk.

In the latest study sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, University of Wisconsin scientists found PBDEs, or polybrominated diphenyl ethers, in sediment hundreds of feet down in Lake Michigan.

Lake Michigan's contaminated catch

Scientists at the University of Wisconsin are studying levels of flame retardant chemicals called PBDEs, or polybrominated diphenyl ethers, found in Lake Michigan.

What are PBDEs?

Chemical compounds used to treat flammable products, such as plastics, furniture cushions and carpeting.

Where they have been found

In sediment, meat, fish, office air, human blood and breast milk.

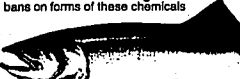
How they get into the environment

By gradual emission from the products that contain them.

Cause for concern

Studies abroad and in some parts of the United States have led to government bans on forms of these chemicals.

Lake Michigan's coho salmon (pictured) along with other fish, have been shown to contain high levels of PBDEs.



SOURCE: University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute

Fish and other animals absorb chemicals and pollutants through the environment, storing them in fat that people then eat. Studies in rats and mice suggest high levels can cause liver and thyroid damage, NOAA said.

"They're really showing up all over the world," Bill Sonzogni, a University of Wisconsin professor, said Wednesday. "And the Great Lakes — because of the food chain for bioconcentrating contaminants — has sometimes served as a sentinel for other parts of the world."

The three-year study found PBDEs of up to one part per billion in the lake sediment — the equivalent of one drop of water in a 10,000 gallon swimming pool. By dating the samples of PBDEs, Sonzogni and scientist Jon Manchester also found that the concentrations were increasing, and that they mirror levels of PBDEs and other flame retardants

used since the 1970s.

How the PBDEs and other chemicals get into Lake Michigan is still not entirely clear, but the air appears the most likely way.

"We use a large number of synthetic chemicals and we do not have a good understanding of where these chemicals move to," Manchester said.

PBDEs are added to plastics used in computers, televisions, furniture and carpets. Some computer makers stopped using PBDEs in 2002, but a flame retardant related to PBDEs is still used in some circuit boards.

No direct correlation has been shown between PBDEs and specific diseases or developmental impairment, and the

government has not set any level of use that is considered safe in food.

Starting in 2008, California will become the first state to ban two forms of the PBDEs because they accumulate in the blood of mothers and nursing babies. The ban was approved last year but delayed to give manufacturers time to find alternatives.

California researchers found that San Francisco Bay area women have three to 10 times greater amounts in their breast tissue than either European or Japanese women, while Indiana University researchers found levels in Indiana and California women and infants 20 times higher than in Sweden and Norway.

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Mob upset about kidnappings burns federal agents to death

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A mob angry about recent child abductions cornered plainclothes federal agents taking photos of students at a school and burned the officers alive, mistaking the agents for kidnappers in the latest example of vigilante justice in a country beset by high crime.

Officials said two agents were killed and one was hospitalized. Federal police director Adm. Jose Luis Figueroa told local media that the three agents went to the school on Mexico City's southeastern outskirts in an unmarked car as part of an operation against drug dealing.

The killings, filmed and broadcast on local television stations, were carried out by a crowd of people who cheered, chanted and shouted obscenities as they kicked and beat the agents. The mob then doused two officers with gasoline and set them ablaze.

Police didn't make any immediate arrests; officials said they were investigating. In the video, the agents, blood streaming down their faces, spoke into the cameras before the burning, saying they were federal anti-terrorism agents who had been sent to the area on official business.

The agents were held by the mob for several hours before they were killed. Figueroa said police were prevented from responding adequately by heavy traffic and large mobs of residents who blocked authorities from moving in until the two

agents were already dead.

The third agent, badly beaten, was rescued by police.

Images taken from a helicopter showed dozens of residents milling around the two burned, motionless bodies left in the street. Dozens of police in full riot gear moved in more than an hour later and dispersed the crowd.

The violence began in the early evening when locals colored three men staking out a school in the San Juan Ixtayopan neighborhood.

The area has been tense since

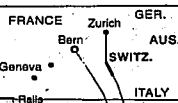
two youngsters disappeared and were feared kidnapped from the school. Some in the crowd appeared to believe the agents were kidnappers.

When asked about complaints that authorities had failed to respond to demands to investigate the disappearances, Figueroa said a full schedule had prohibited federal authorities from concentrating on the case.

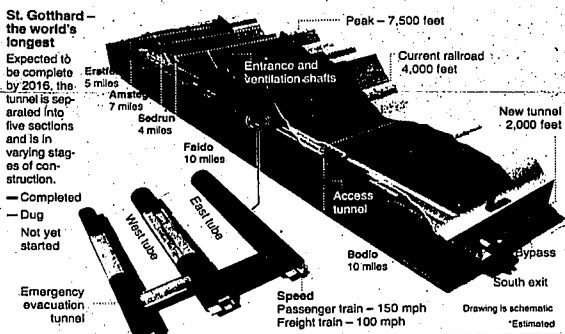
Medicines, frustrated by government corruption and soaring crime rates, have often taken justice into their own hands.

SWITZERLAND'S TWIN WONDERS Tunnel vision

Getting over the Swiss Alps to Italy is a cautious, slow journey. Two tunnels — one the longest in the world — are under construction that will slice straight through the base of the mountain ranges. The tubes promise to cut travel time in half.



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Giant tunnel projects face obstacles in linking Europe

GENEVA (AP) — In a few years train passengers will vanish into a tunnel just south of Zurich and emerge 30 minutes later blinking in southern European sunshine. They'll have missed the Alpine views but shortened their journey to Italy by half.

With mega-projects such as this one, the new, increasingly borderless Europe is knitting itself together by busting through ancient physical barriers — a tunnel from England to France, a Scandinavian bridge that makes it possible to drive from the Arctic Circle to the Mediterranean shore, and soon, running 36 miles under the Alps, the world's longest rail tunnel.

Not as soon as hoped, though. The digging is going slower than forecast, meaning the tunnel under the St. Gotthard massif to Milan will only open in 2015 or 2016 — five or six years late — and will cost some \$2 billion more than the \$10.7 billion Swiss voters were told when they approved the dig in a 1992 referendum.

A second, shorter tunnel, the 21-mile Loetschberg, is being dug to link Bern, the capital, to Milan in northern Italy. It's on course for completion in 2007

as planned, the Transport Ministry says. But for the Swiss, proud of their reputation for efficiently handling both time and money, the delay in drilling the Gotthard is a bit of an embarrassment.

"Geological difficulties are the main cause for the rising costs and delay," said Davide Demichele, a Transport Ministry spokesman. "It is normal with tunnel projects that you cannot always tell exactly where problems lie."

The Gotthard tunnel is even tougher because it has more mountain above it than any other in the world — a 7,500-foot-high mass of rock. Engineers have had to stop repeatedly because of fault lines as well as heat and dust churned up by the weight of mountain pressing down on drilling equipment.

Last year, for instance, engineers found an unexpected fault line near the tunnel's southern end. Steel arches were used to buttress the rock while drilling proceeded more slowly, and a planned maintenance point had to be moved to another area.

This problem alone set work back by a year. Attempts to

speed the tunneling machines have so far failed to make up for lost time or cut costs.

"If there is a problem, then we have to solve it, but it is much more expensive when these come as surprises," said Demichele.

For the Swiss, the Gotthard and Loetschberg tunnels can't come soon enough. With the Iron Curtain gone and the European Union expanding, truck traffic across the Alps grew more than tenfold between 1980 and 1998, while rail freight rose just 37 percent, according to AlpTransit Gotthard AG, the company which is managing the whole project.

The Swiss, who aren't in the EU, have tired of traffic jams caused by big rigs and vacationers clogging their tunnels. The government has promised to halve the number of trucks on the highways, and the new rail tunnels, carrying trucks as well as passengers, look like the ideal solution.

The Gotthard will halve the present "travel time" between Zurich and Milan to two hours and 10 minutes. The Bern-Milan route through the Loetschberg tunnel will be shorter by an hour and take the same time as Zurich-Milan.

Germany OKs extradition of terror suspect

BERLIN (AP) — German authorities said Wednesday they have approved the extradition of a Syrian-German businessman indicted by Spain on charges he is a key al-Qaida figure after a court cleared the way for his deportation.

Mamoun Darkazanli, 46, was arrested last month on a Spanish warrant. Spanish authorities accuse him of providing al-Qaida with logistical and financial support. He appears in a 1999 wedding video with two of the three Sept. 11, 2001 suicide pilots who lived and studied in Hamburg — Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah.

The United States has labeled Darkazanli's Hamburg-based trading company a front for terrorism. He appeared on U.S. suspect lists after Sept. 11 but has denied any links to al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden or the attacks.

The Hamburg state court said Wednesday it had ruled a day earlier that "there is no obstacle to extradition.

Anette Hiltpass, a spokeswoman for the city-state's justice ministry, said the ministry had approved the move — the final legal step required. The move came after a so-called European arrest warrant — a system meant to allow the swift cross-border surrender of terror suspects — came into force.

Court: Thatcher must face questions

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — A South African court ruled Wednesday that Sir Mark Thatcher must answer questions sent by Equatorial Guinea about his alleged role in bankrolling a foiled coup attempt in the oil-rich west African nation.

The ruling came the day before Thatcher, the 51-year-old son of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, is to go on trial here on charges of violating South Africa's anti-mercenary laws.

Equatorial Guinea wants to

question a number of prominent Britons, including Thatcher, about allegations they financed a plot earlier this year to overthrow President Teodoro Obiang Nguema, who has ruled Africa's third-largest oil producer for the past 25 years.

Judge Dion van Zyl of the Cape-High Court dismissed Thatcher's request to prevent the questioning, ruling a subpoena issued by the South African government did not infringe his right to a fair trial here or his right to silence.

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Nearly extinct turkeys make comeback

Consumer demand keeps breed numbers growing

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's a turkey with a proud heritage, so much so that gourmet cooks seem to be flocking to poultry farms this Thanksgiving season to buy one.

Mary and Rick Pitman say the phone at their Fresno-area farm has hardly stopped ringing since summer. The questions are always the same: Is there still time to reserve a heritage turkey for Thursday's Thanksgiving feast?

"There's such a huge demand for these turkeys, I've never seen anything like it," said Mary Pitman. This despite a heritage bird's higher price — anywhere from \$3 to \$7 a pound — compared with \$1.40 a pound for a factory-farm raised turkey.

Consumers with discerning palates say it's a small price to pay for a bird they find tastier and more flavorful than the modern, mass-produced turkeys found in supermarkets. People from as far away as Florida have been calling Mavalwalla's farm in Petaluma to order one, and those who live nearby insist on driving straight to her ranch to pick up a fresh bird.

With word about heritages spreading, the Pitmans say they expect to sell 6,000 birds this year, 5,000 more than last year when they first started raising them. Mavalwalla said she will sell 110, up from 45 last year.

A census conducted in 1997



Lance and Pam Vavra feed some of their more than 60 Heritage turkeys on Nov. 11 at their Ashland, Ore., Falling Feathers Farm. Unlike their highly bred, highly fed, cousins, Narragansett turkeys raised on the Falling Feathers Farm are very active, at times flying over the fence.

by the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy found only 1,335 heritage turkeys in the country. This year, about 20,000 were raised, according to Slow Food USA, which launched a campaign in 2001 to reacquire Americans with the birds.

Preservationists believe revived interest in eight varieties of turkeys such as the American Bronze, Bourbon Red and Narragansett will help keep the food supply diverse and save the breeds from extinction.

"When talking about certain animals being raised for food, if you're not raising them, they become endangered," said Erika Lesser, executive director of Slow Food USA. "You ensure their survival by consuming and ensuring demands for them."

People who want to try a her-

itage bird may have missed out this year if they haven't already ordered, but Lesser says they can reserve early for next year. That way farmers can plan the year's stock.

Heritage turkeys take eight months to fully develop, while a commercial turkey has about a 3-month life span. The Broad-breasted White turkeys were developed in the 1950s to come to market faster and fatter, and they've lost the ability to run, fly and breed naturally.

The Pitmans say their turkeys are fed a high-protein grain diet and are given four times as much roaming space as factory-raised turkeys. As a result, their live weights range from seven to 20 pounds, compared with 27 pounds for an average Broad-breasted White.

Heritage turkeys are also than Broad-breasted Whites, says Mary Pitman, who raises both.

"When you go out there, they follow you whereas other birds would run away from you," she said. "When you get excited, they get excited. And they're beautiful, they have intense bronze, purple feathers."

Farmers say it is worth the added time and money it takes to raise them. "I wouldn't do it if I wasn't making a profit," Mavalwalla said.

For Pitman, raising the birds is also part of a personal crusade. She switched to eating pure foods two decades ago after she began developing allergies and her body couldn't digest processed food.

"I feel strongly about the way my turkeys are raised because of my own health," she said.

Wayward elephant seal pup found in drainage

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A wayward elephant seal pup that was found in a drainage culvert behind Network Associates Coliseum will be released Wednesday.

Called "Enmy," after one of the rescuing officers at the scene, the healthy 11-month-old seal was spotted Tuesday afternoon in a litter-filled creek about two miles from San Francisco Bay.

Cars double-parked for about a block and a half, clogging traffic while a crowd gathered to watch the 181-pound mammal.

Mark Hoffmann, the fire official who coordinated the capture, said it looked as if the seal was in danger from trash and humans. He called the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito and was told to leave it alone.

"My unit wasn't comfortable with leaving it alone," Hoffmann said. "Not only was it causing a disturbance, but there was broken glass, car batteries and shopping carts. The seal was trying to negotiate through all that trash. Besides, some little kid might throw a rock at it."

Advertisement for Papoose Club's 14th Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Bazaar. It includes dates (Sat. Dec. 4th - Sun. Dec. 5th), times (9am-5pm and 10am-4pm), location (111 R Street West • Ketchum), and a list of items for sale like holiday cards, quilts, and jewelry. It also mentions a raffle and a benefit for the Sun Valley Symphony Music Conservatory.

Congress saves hunting camps in central Idaho wilderness

SALMON (AP) — Congress has ended a decade of controversy over three outfitter camps along the main Salmon River in central Idaho's Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness.

Announced into the foot-thick, \$388 billion, omnibus budget bill passed last weekend was a provision overturning a four-year-old federal court order that the permanent camps be removed.

Republican Sen. Larry Craig led the effort to save the outfitters from having to dismantle the camps, contending that the 1980 law creating the largest wilderness area in the state intended that the camps remain.

"It is clear to me that Senator Church, the main proponent of the legislation, intended for those lodges to remain," Craig said at one point during the long legislative history of the law. "I am mystified as to why anyone would want to eliminate this historical use and Senator Church's intended protections."

Wilderness Watch, which was among the groups challenging the continued existence of the camps since 1994, said their preservation violates not only the spirit but the letter of the law.

"The American people made a covenant with future generations to protect the few remaining remnants of the original wild America," Director George Nickles said in a statement.

"That they could do so with such impunity is a sad testament to the shortsighted greed and lack of integrity that are the hallmarks of the current leadership in Washington," he said.

The legislation overturns a 2000 order from U.S. District Judge Sidney Thomas requiring the Forest Service to remove the structures in Smith Gulch, Arden Creek and Stub Creek by the end of next year.

The most elaborate of the camps is at Smith Gulch. It has four cabins, a 24-cub lodge and a storage building covering

3,500 square feet. The Stub Creek camp covers 1,500 square feet while Arctic Creek has 1,000 square feet of buildings.

Since the 1930s under special use permits issued by the Forest Service, and land managers determined that they were grandfathered in when the compromise wilderness legislation was approved, a half-century later.

Grant Simunds, director of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association, has repeatedly said that was the understanding as concessions were made to extend the wilderness designation to 2.3 million acres.

Thomas concluded that since the camps were not specifically cited as protected in the legislation, they were specifically barred.

He said grandfather rights belonged only to legal uses, and that the permits the camps had been operating under prohibited permanent structures.

Sheriff seeks 'terrorism' label for gang violence

CALDWELL (AP) — Retiring Canyon County Sheriff George Nourse believes escalating gang violence in his county can be checked if the gang members are held to a higher criminal standard.

"I think we need to define this as domestic terrorism, which is basically what it is," Nourse said. "They are out there terrorizing the community, shooting guns at houses, cars and into people walking down the street."

The veteran sheriff's comments followed a weekend in which gunfire erupted twice on the streets of Nampa. One exchange of shots outside a movie theater left one man wounded. The second brief fire fight, apparently over drugs, occurred on a residential street.

"But a life sentence on them," said Nourse, who is stepping down after 12 years.

The number of shooting incidents in the county of 150,000 is approaching 200 since July. While not all are gang related, investigators say many are. In the smaller farming town of Caldwell on the western side of the county, two men have been killed and several others wounded in gang-related drive-bys.

Officials have held two com-

munity meetings in response to the violence. One in October resulted in the creation of a Public Safety League to merge community and police initiatives to identify those involved in the violence and get them off the street. The other was Monday, where gang members and their parents complained about police harassment, some questioning the community shooting guns at houses, cars and into people walking down the street.

The city of Caldwell, where over half the shooting incidents have occurred, has asked for federal financial help to increase resources to fight street violence and provide young people with alternatives to gang involvement.

Nourse's successor, Chris Smith, believes a crackdown on federal financial help to increase resources to fight street violence and provide young people with alternatives to gang involvement.

But Nourse wants tougher penalties, and he intends to lobby state lawmakers in January to include gang violence in the domestic-terrorism law, which covers threats to life that are intended to intimidate or coerce the public.

Family TV

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Advertisement for a Christmas Open House and All Merchandise 40% off sale. It features a large '40% off' graphic and lists dates (Friday-Sunday Nov. 26-28) and location (1924 Addison Ave. East, Twin Falls, 733-8322). It also mentions 'Every Blooming Thing' and 'Come Meet the Dolly Mamas Exclusive Twin Falls Location'.

Migrants finance trip to U.S.

ALTAR, Mexico (AP) — Migrants make their way through the dusty streets of this northern Mexico town toting backpacks stuffed with a few belongings and carrying jugs of water to sustain them on their upcoming treks into the Arizona desert.

Many also carry another burden: the debt they've incurred to make a trip to the United States.

Despite humble lives, migrants such as those crammed temporarily into Altar's squalid boarding houses often pay thousands of dollars to finance trips to the United States, where they will work menial jobs to support themselves and families back home.

They do everything from putting their property up as collateral to finding loan sharks to asking relatives for money to pay smugglers and other costs.

Carlos Enrique Cano Vanega hopped trains from Honduras to Altar, barely bringing enough money to also pay the bribes demanded by Central American authorities to let him through.

The 23-year-old worked on the family farm raising pigs and growing corn and beans, using his cut of harvest earnings for the trip. His father also sold a plot of land to his native San Pedro Sula, Honduras, to give Cano money for the journey.

"My dad said, 'I'm going to help you out with what I can,'" Cano said while resting at a migrant shelter in Altar, a popular staging area for migrants planning to cross the border at Altar. "So I'm planning on helping them out with what I can."

Smuggling fees range from around \$1,000 for Mexicans to



Carlos Enrique Cano Vanega awaits the evening meal outside a migrant shelter, Sept. 30, in Altar, Mexico. Vanega used his earnings from the family farm in Honduras along with help from his father to try and cross into the United States illegally. Many migrants incur heavy debt while trying to cross into the U.S. often times selling property or using loan sharks.

several thousand dollars for migrants from elsewhere.

The methods for paying them can be as varied as the people, and they can prove as treacherous in their own way as the hazardous mountain and desert terrain migrants must cross in many areas to get into the country.

"People are very creative, they're constantly coming up with ways," said David Kyle, an assistant professor of sociology at the University of California-Davis who studies migration patterns.

At the Altar shelter, 60 miles south of the Arizona border, migrants tell coordinator

Francisco Garcia of signing over their land to lenders.

The loan sharks charge interest rates ranging from 10 percent compounded monthly to 15 percent compounded daily, causing migrants to lose their possessions within a few weeks, Garcia said.

The cycle keeps loan sharks gaining more and adds to the urgency migrants feel to try to cross into the United States to find a job, Garcia said.

"They tell me, 'Even if I went back, I wouldn't have anything to pay with,'" he said. "Imagine that you're far away from your hometown and you promised

your family and your neighbors a lot of things and you incurred a debt."

There are also stories of migrants offering up homes and cars as collateral to lenders, some of whom are associated with smugglers.

"You don't have to have the money in hand before you go because there are people who have turned this into a business," Kyle said.

"It's a pyramid scheme. As long as there's new people coming into this," loan sharks continue gaining money and assets and their lending capabilities grow.

Other migrants, particularly those from South America, employ subterfuge.

They doctor assets by temporarily putting homes, cars and land in their name and transferring money into their accounts. That helps them obtain a U.S. tourist visa by showing that they are likely to return home, where they have possessions.

Once in the United States, the immigrants overstay their visas and assets revert to the original owners.

Smugglers may also call potential sponsors to ask if they'll pay to bring friends or relatives over, said Armando R. Garcia, a supervisory special agent with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Phoenix.

Preparation for the illegal trek can be either a strict or informal process. Relatives may charge interest or expect a service.

Other times, migrants must help the family financially or contribute when relatives are pooling funds to bring another person over.

Tornadoes kill four across South

The Associated Press

Tornadoes plowed across the South from Texas to Alabama, killing four people, wrecking homes and businesses in rural areas and the suburbs of New Orleans, and turning trees to kindling.

The violent weather was part of a system that had drenched Texas for four days, pushing rivers out of their banks and forcing people out of their homes.

A line of tornadoes skipped through Alabama early

Wednesday, damaging homes and knocking down trees and power lines across a wide area.

A falling tree killed a woman in a home in Bryant, Ala., about 50 miles east of Birmingham, and a deputy spotted a tornado about the same time, said Calhoun County emergency management spokeswoman Laura Roberts.

Several people were injured at rural Attaugville, Ala., by a tornado that overturned mobile homes and damaged other houses.



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'Preppie Killer' Chambers faces drug charges in N.Y.

NEW YORK (AP) — "Preppie Killer" Robert Chambers was arrested on a drug charge a year and a half after he was released from prison, where he served a 15-year sentence for manslaughter.

Chambers, 38, was freed on \$1,000 bail Wednesday after being arraigned on two misdemeanor, drug possession and driving with a suspended license. The court complaint said the license was suspended in May when Chambers failed to

answer a summons for running a red light.

He was arrested Tuesday in a traffic stop when police allegedly found two straws and a tinfol packet that had crack cocaine residue. Chambers was ordered to return to court Monday.

Chambers strangled 18-year-old Jennifer Levin in 1986 during a trip in Central Park, and the slaying was splashed across New York City's tabloids as a story of privileged youth gone bad.

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EDITORIAL

A harmony of blessings to enjoy on Thanksgiving

Mm m Thanksgiving Time to forget the diet, remember our blessings and to quibble over the difference between yams and sweet potatoes.

Before you start carving the buttery Tom Turkey on the table, it's appropriate to offer up some genuine and heartfelt thanks for all the prosperity that has rained down on our community — and our nation, in the past year.

Or, if you're among the musically inclined, perhaps you can offer thanks from a few songs of praise.

"Land of the free..." No other nation provides its citizens with the liberties to seek happiness quite like the good, old, USA. Whether political, economic, social or religious, our cup of personal freedoms runneth over here as Americans.

"...Home of the brave." Our domestic tranquility does not come cheap. Our nation thrives today thanks to the valiant efforts of men and women who stand in harm's way. Our gratitude will be empty if we fail to pray for the safety of service members in Iraq, Afghanistan, and across the globe.

"God shed his grace on thee" The Plymouth Pilgrims, along with their new friends the Wampanoag Indians, recognized the almightiness of their kick-off harvest in 1621. President Lincoln did the same with his Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1863. All blessings start somewhere, and today's a fine chance for us

to recognize the divine source of prosperity and bounty.

"Here we have Idaho" The place we call home leaves quite an unique impression on the map. Mountains, prairies, plains, canyons and rivers make the Gem state as diverse as it is immense. And yet we're still relatively hidden away from the hustle and bustle of urban life.

"Just add water" No Thanksgiving would be complete without due props to the settlers who tamed the desert. Our Magic Valley have seen good days and bad, days of drought and others with filled canals. But hard work, sacrifice and an independent spirit always seem to pull us through.

"You say potato..." Quite honestly, Idaho's spuds have seen better years, same as our sugar beet crop. But the 2004 harvest turned was a little more than fair-to-middle. Prices have surged upward for wheat, milk and even cattle, which is especially positive considering last winter's mad cow scare.

"Food Glorious Food!" A plump turkey, creamy mashed spuds, Grandma's famous stuffing, and more pies than a Marie Callender pantry. Before you dig in and savor a day of culinary delights, take heart that we are a well-fed nation without widespread hunger and famine.

Whatever your tune of gratitude may be, remember that Thanksgiving hits just the right note when we take time to ponder all that we have in our country, our state, our home and on our tables.

Someday Iraqis and Afghans will thank U.S.

Thanksgiving is a good time to reflect on the state of the world and how far we have come since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. And it's also an opportunity to steel our resolve for the challenges ahead.

BRETT MCGURK

Many Americans recall the days before 9/11 as an era of tranquility and peace. I, too, remember that beautiful Washington morning with its blue sky and hint of chill to welcome a changing season. We seemed to be living in unprecedented times, defined by progress and a lasting peace.

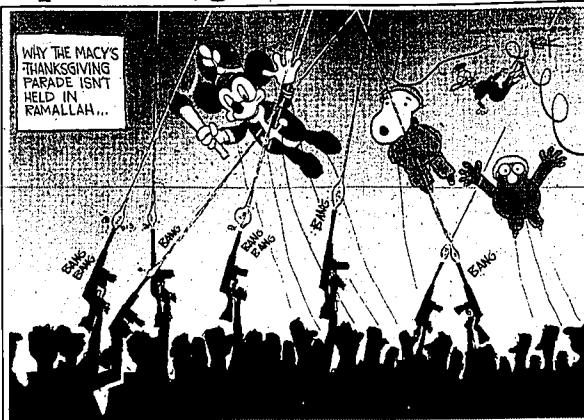
That peace, however, was an illusion. In the shadows of fundamentalist Islam, ruthless terrorists were plotting not simply to destroy buildings, but to rip asunder the very fabric of Western civilization. They plotted in places that were closed to the rest of the world, where children learned only fanatical doctrines of death and murder.

Ours was not to be an age of peace, but an age of unprecedented danger.

Indeed, for 30 years the threat of Mideastern terror had grown year by year, spread by one group after another, with increasingly deadly attacks. In the 1970s, it was Black September groups slaughtering civilians in Munich and airline passengers in Athens.

In the 1980s, Islamic Jihad and Hezbollah killed 242 U.S. Marines in Beirut. Similar groups slaughtered civilians in the sky over Scotland and in the restaurants and cafes of France, Germany, Algeria, Egypt and Pakistan.

The pace of the trend merely picked up in the 1990s: Six died and more than 1,000 wounded in the 1993 garage bombing attack on the World Trade Center; 250 dead and 4,000 wounded in attacks on U.S. embassies in 1998; 17 servicemen killed aboard the USS Cole in Yemen.



Not until 9/11 had occurred did we respond strongly to this wave of violence. Rejected at last was the idea that terrorism was a sort of cops-and-robbers game. The threat required a systemic response: shutting the sources of weapons and mass destruction and ending the repression that had been breeding the acceptance of murder as a political tool.

Today more than 50 million people are on the list of former tormentors. Black-market nuclear weapons programs in Libya and Pakistan no longer exist. Saddam Hussein can no longer reconstitute his weapons of mass destruction programs as the Ducler he concludes he was poised to do when the world looked away.

Most important, the region that bred mass murder for a generation now sees men and women of all ages lining up to vote, a powerful antidote to the purveyors of terrorist creeds. The empowerment comes through the ballot box, not the

suicide belt. I saw many of these changes personally in Iraq recently over a nine-month period. There, the emergence of peaceful expression is remarkably strong. Compromises are being forged across generations and between groups that outside observers said could never get along.

Those outside observers are wrong. In the middle of a very long night this past February, for example, I saw Iraqis deadlock over various provisions in an interim constitution. A Sunni leader took the floor with an impassioned appeal to the assembly. "We have been fighting with one another for all our lives," he said. "We have all bled for different reasons and for different causes. But we are all brothers. We are all Iraqis. And we all must work together so that our children can live to generate in peace."

With that, the assembly cheered. Compromises were brokered and the interim agreement was adopted. Four months later the Iraqis were

fully in charge of their own affairs. And soon they will elect a new leadership to create the permanent framework for a new Iraq.

At every step the Iraqis have proved the outsiders wrong, and they will continue to do so — much like millions of Afghans have surprised the cynical with nationwide elections and a dwindling level of violence.

In sum, we are in a fight that cannot be won in days or months. It will be a long struggle with a focus on long-term trends. What is vital is that more people are free today than ever before. And free people with hopes, dignity and dreams rarely become terrorists.

Someday 54 million Iraqis and Afghans will be sitting down for their own Thanksgiving dinner. And thanking us.

Brett McGurk is a former legal adviser to the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and a member of the Committee on the Present Danger.

American ambition and risk still reap success

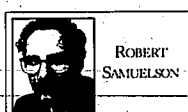
Picture yourself in the mid-1840s. It's an exciting time. Fifteen years earlier, railroads barely existed. In 1830 there were only 23 miles of track. By 1840, there were 2,118; by 1850, 9,021.

Steamboats ply major rivers — another recent development. In 1844 Samuel Morse had introduced the telegraph by sending this message from Washington to Baltimore: "What hath God wrought!" For some, it was all too much.

"This world is going too fast," wrote one old-timer, a 64-year-old former mayor of New York named Philip Hone. "Oh, for the good old days of heavy post coaches and speed at the rate of six miles an hour!" Hone apparently coined the phrase "good old days."

It's not simply that you can't turn back the clock. The larger difficulty is that the "good old days" never were. The supposedly placid past, once probed and explored, usually turns out to have been as jarring as the disruptive present. Something is always assailing our sense of security and stability. We Americans say we like change, but we want it without troubling side effects. This is a mirage.

Anyone who doubts that should read John Steele Gordon's superb, just-published book "An Empire of Wealth." Gordon has written the best one-volume economic history of the United States in a long time. He's basically optimistic. Gordon argues that America's success is rooted in a society that rewards people for being ambitious, taking risks and try-



ROBERT SAMUELSON

ing new ideas. The story has much continuity: from Francis Cabot Lowell, who expanded New England's textile industry in the War of 1812; to Cyrus McCormick, whose mechanical reaper revolutionized American agriculture in the 1840s and 1850s; to Henry Ford, who introduced the Model T in 1908; to Bill Gates and Steve Jobs, who were popularizing the personal computer. All aimed to succeed by satisfying demands of the mass market.

"With McCormick's reaper, one man could harvest eight acres a day, not one, and the American Middle West could become the breadbasket of the world," writes Gordon. "In 1839 only eighty bushels of wheat were shipped out of the infant town of Chicago. Ten years later Chicago shipped two million."

One of his is the 19th century, government was not much involved in the economy. Not so, consider the Erie Canal, which Gordon calls "the most consequential public works project in American history." Connecting Lake Erie and New York City, it engendered much ridicule. "You talk of making a

canal three hundred and fifty miles through wilderness," wrote De Witt Clinton, the main advocate. "It is a splendid project, and it may be executed a century hence. It is little short of madness to think of it at this day." But Clinton, once elected governor, pressed ahead. The digging took from 1817 to 1825. The canal succeeded instantly. In its first year, boats carried 221,000 barrels of flour, 435,000 gallons of whiskey and 562,000 bushels of wheat.

Change has always been the economy's lifeblood — often with depressing side effects. Nowhere was the contradiction more fateful than Eli Whitney's invention of the cotton gin in 1793. Before the gin, it took 25 man-days to separate out the seeds for 50 pounds of cotton; after the gin, it took a day.

The South's cotton production soared, from 1 percent of the total in 1793 to almost 70 percent in 1850.

This was an economic bonanza — and a national tragedy. Without the gin, Gordon suggests, slavery was uneconomical and might have died quietly. Other crops were less profitable and couldn't justify the cost of feeding and housing slaves.

America's dazzling post-Civil

War industrialization was much the same story. By 1900 the United States had 193,346 miles of railroad track, up six times since 1860. Steel production jumped from 1.643 tons in 1867 to 7.2 million tons in 1897, which exceeded the combined total of Britain and Germany. Americans could buy cheap farm implements and more consumer goods.

But there were large social costs: depressions, city slums and labor strife. Compared with the past, some present upsets (job outsourcing, rising health costs, jeopardized pensions) seem tame. But the dilemma we face is the same.

Surprising change is a formula for economic stagnation or suicide. On the other hand, accepting all change as unavoidable and ultimately beneficial can be socially undesirable and politically unrealistic. Gordon rightly argues that capitalism provides many benefits but that, without some government oversight and regulation, it's inherently unstable and unfair. The trick is to find the right balance. History suggests this was never easy; it still isn't.

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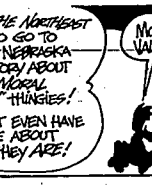
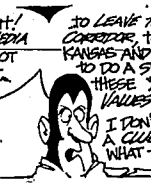
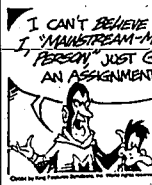
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LETTERS

Aren't we already 'overpaying' for gas?

The other day began in a bad way — snow to blow — and ended when I had to shovel gasoline for my thirsty Chevy.

Well, at the local thirty-car gas station, I was greeted by a sign which read, "All charges are to be prepaid by cash or credit card." I have both Visa and MasterCard but the day I start paying by either for gasoline will be the day I suffer excessive credit card debt. So I went inside and asked the clerk, "How can I prepay when I don't know how much it will cost?" I received a shrug of both shoulders. Then I asked, "If I overwrote a check, will I be refunded the over pay?" Another shrug of the shoulders was received by me. (Mr. Editor, not to be facetious or anything, but who overpays for gasoline, which is overpriced anyway?)

After writing a check, which not too long ago would have purchased more than a week's groceries, I proceeded to fill my empty gas tank with gasoline which maybe will last a week. But the pump stopped at the amount of the written check before the tank was full.

Why this kind of stress when there is almost too much stress?

ANN RIDGELY
Twin Falls

Some extra history on early Magic Valley

I have a few items of trivia about early day Magic Valley that you might find interesting.

In 1906, a contingent of about a dozen men from the eastern portion of Cassia County met with a like contingent from the west to decide a boundary line between Cassia County and the future Twin Falls County. The line started at the Nevada line and came due north to the Snake River. When it was seen that the line, a few miles east of Murtaugh, did not include Milner Dam, the Twin Falls contingent insisted that the line cut to the east a few miles south of the river then back to the north so that their irrigation system would fall under their jurisdiction.

The last section of the Oregon Trail highway (later known as Highway 30) to be paved was a two-mile section between Twin Falls and Filer. This highway connected the Pacific Coast with the Midwest. Before this section was paved in December of 1924, the Idaho Transportation Board hired local farmers and their teams to pull travelers across during bad weather when there was danger of cars getting stuck in the mud.

L.B. Perrine was not the only entrepreneur interested in electric railroads. The Kuhn Brothers, who owned banks in Pennsylvania and financed many of the irrigation projects in Magic Valley and owned the narrow gauge railroad which traversed Magic Valley, bought the electric power plant from Perrine because they had several big dreams. When they brought the railroad and electricity to Oakley in 1920 and 1911, one of the Kuhn brothers announced that he envisioned an electric trolley starting in Buhl, going east to Milner, then south to Oakley. It would then go east to the end of Main Street, then veer to the southeast to Ogden, Utah. They went broke before they could formulate this plan.

When Buster Brown made a promotional visit to Oakley in the 1920s dressed in his Little Lord Fauntleroy suit and angelic good looks, many of the locals suspected that he was a little girl dressed as a boy. He sure didn't resemble any of the overall-clad, barefoot local boys. But when he borrowed one of the boy's horses and rode down Main Street with a boyish enthusiasm, all doubt was quelled.

KENT HALE
Oakley

A fitting downpour on Clinton's library dream

The rains came and, except for a bolt of lightning from above, I couldn't dream of a more appropriate spate of weather during which to acknowledge one of this nation's most crooked politicians. I'm hard pressed to remember when I've ever enjoyed a rain-

storm more than the deluge that hit Arkansas during the dedication of the Clinton Library, Bubba's monument to mendacity, the Taj Mahole of Little Rock.

This steel and glass leviathan has everything but a flight deck and destroyer escort. Everything, that is, except truth. I had hoped to see it launched after a champagne christening. There was plenty of wit, and slapping of name on the costly behemoth would have been no problem. Miss Monica, the USS Vince Foster, Ron Brown's Body, HMS Cigar, the Aspirin Factory — just for starters.

While the nation looked on, eyeballs surely rolled, as mine did, as two former presidents, Nos. 39 and 41, and current president No. 43, graciously heaped gratuitousattery on No. 42, the slippery pol who disgraced the office of the presidency, desecrated the White House and was impeached for lying under oath.

Befitting the glorious occasion, many of the rainwashed unwashed were entertained by two '90s leftovers who gave forth with some of the pollution that passes for music today. One performer looked as if, in the downpour, he could have done better with a bar of soap than with his guitar.

I suffered through the opening minutes of Slick Willy's litany of pretension and self-praise until he hit her lower lip. I grabbed the remote and clicked him away. The rest would be his vainglorious rhetoric. Besides, it's too early in the decade to put up with yet another kick-off of the Clintons' campaign for presidency. So, the rains came in Little Rock, and Mother Nature dumped on the right target at the right time sending the right message. Rumors of an Air Force cloud-seeding fly-over were quickly dispelled by the mainstream media. But, who knows?

JACK LINTLEMANN
Buhl

Sanctions came after CSI botched its case

Regarding the Nov. 17 editorial about the College of

Southern Idaho volleyball sanction:

First, CSI sent two documents to the National Junior College Athletic Association that were in conflict with each other. According to the editor-in-chief, the letter of intent stated that Siermiakowska was a non-scholarship player and the other form I-20 listed her as having a scholarship. The fact that CSI has been winning so many matches and titles gives another team reason to check into the rules.

The red flags are up, the

committee takes a look and a sanction is issued. It states that you have too many foreign players with scholarships and you are guilty of violating the rules. Guilty as charged. Perhaps there is more to this story than CSI has released to the public.

CSI officials claim the committee violated its bylaws but, unfortunately, the punishment has been carried out on the volleyball players who have worked so hard and have won 40 matches and earned the No. 3 ranking in the nation. I'm

sure there are other fans who are as disappointed as I am.

Using arbitration to challenge the ruling may help save the administrators' red faces; however, the CSI Board should take a hard look at the athletic department's recruiting policies. It is hard to believe that the coach, athletic director or the president doesn't have an accurate system to prove that all rules are being followed and could present it at a moment's notice.

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Police: Students were not a threat

BURLEY — Following an investigation into students who threatened to bring weapons to school, police have found that none of them posed an immediate threat. School Resource Officer Jeff Fackrell said Wednesday that he conducted a threat assessment on each of the four Burley Junior High School students involved in the incident Friday and determined that none of the boys had weapons readily accessible to them. Fackrell said the threats had to be taken seriously by school officials and compared the situation to mentioning a bomb as a joke while passing through airport security. Conducting a threat assessment is normal policy, but it was not included in a police report because it was not an assessment to the investigation, Fackrell said. Fackrell made a point of commending Principal Steve Coppmann and Vice Principal Dana Christensen for carefully investigating the threats for several hours before he arrived.

Twin Falls man faces sex abuse charge

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man made an initial court appearance Wednesday on three counts of sexual abuse of a child under 16. Following a police investigation, Patrick J. Whitton, 42, was summoned for charges related to two incidents where he inappropriately touched a girl on Oct. 4 and Oct. 4, according to a police affidavit. Several witnesses said Whitton was intoxicated at the time, according to the affidavit. Whitton was charged with three counts of sexual abuse of a child under 16. A preliminary hearing was set for Dec. 3.

School district puts small field up for sale

GOODING — The Gooding School District is taking bids for a small field behind the Accelerated Learning Center. Superintendent Bob Stearns said the district mows and maintains the block-long field at 906 Main St., but only uses it to store pipes. "We don't get a whole lot of use out of it," Stearns said. The district also is seeking someone to lease about 30 acres of farmland east of the middle school at 1045 Seventh Ave. W. Stearns said the district has earned about \$4,000 a year in the last two years by leasing the land to farmers who have used it to grow hay, alfalfa and sugar beets. Stearns said the district bought the property about 10 years ago in case it ever needed to expand the middle school or the elementary school.

Christmas home tour approaches quickly

GOODING — The Second Annual Gooding Christmas Home Tour will be held 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 4. This year's event is sponsored by St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church and includes the homes of Jerry and Marge Anderson, David and Cindy Ervin, John and Dely Infanger, Gary and Claire Major, Don and Colleen Nicholas, and Leata and Steve Stroud. Ages 10 and up are welcome. The suggested donation is \$5 per person. Tickets are available at Croyle, Koe, Wilson-Bates and the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center in Gooding and Animal Pharmaceuticals in Jerome. Proceeds will be donated to the Gooding Senior Citizen Center. For more information, call Carmen Stevens at 934-5490 or Elaine Bryant at 934-6324.

Camas library awards resident a book

FAIRFIELD — The Camas County Public Library awarded Kadi McGinnis, 7, a copy of "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg, which was a gift from the Idaho State Library's Read to Me program and First Lady Patricia Kempthorne. Tickets for the drawing were given for each child's book checked out during Family Reading Week last week. — compiled from staff reports

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE LEERY



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During the holiday season, many consumers will whip out their debit or credit cards dozens of times for gift purchases, travel expenses and groceries. Those who don't pay close attention to how their cards are handled can be easy prey for identity thieves who view the busy holidays as their perfect opportunity.

Identity thieves often target holiday shoppers

By Chip Thompson Times-News writer
BURLEY — To some the holiday shopping season is the most wonderful time of the year, to others it's a nightmare. To identity thieves it's a golden opportunity. Identity theft is on the rise and one of the easiest places for thieves to get their hands on your personal information is at the checkout counter. During the holidays, even those who dread doing so, will spend more time than usual handing over their credit or debit card and punching in their personal identification number, or PIN. "Virtually 100 percent of the population is at risk for identity theft on any given day," said Norm Carpenter, executive director of the Southwest, Idaho and Eastern Oregon Better Business Bureau. "It's not uncommon for identity thieves to hire themselves into high traffic retailers during the holidays specifically to capture debit or credit card numbers."

transaction. Card scanners are not difficult to come by and Carpenter said a common scam is to place a second scanner next to a legitimate one and swipe the card in each. "The scanner is very simply described as a magnetic code reader that reads the strip on your card," Carpenter said. "Anybody can buy the scanner, and the magnetic strip contains more than just the card number." Carpenter said the strip holds bank account numbers, your Social Security number, mother's maiden name and other information used to set up the account or apply for the card, which thieves can use to destroy your credit rating and empty your accounts.

Police charge clerk with swiping debit card info

By Chip Thompson Times-News writer
HEYBURN — A college student's purchase of a few gallons of gas and a bottle of water on her way to class in September appears to have cost her more than she thought. Theresa Staker, of Heyburn, stopped at a convenience store and bought the gas and water for \$5.87 with her Idaho Quest Card, but an additional \$100 was taken from her account a few minutes later, according to a police report. Staker claims she never withdrew the cash and didn't even discover it was missing until the next day when she called to check her balance, the report said. "The clerk, Mandy Beecher, told police that another woman returned to the store after Staker left and made the withdrawal with the card. But investigations revealed that attempts were made a week before to withdraw cash from the Quest Card at another customer, Tamara Hutcherson, at the same store and Beecher has since been charged with fraud. Heyburn Police Department Detective Dan Soto said it appears that Beecher copied the card numbers while she waited for them to be approved and then tried to memorize the customers' personal identification numbers, or PINs, as they

entered them on the keypad. With their card numbers and PINs anyone would be able to make purchases or cash withdrawals from the account. Soto contacted Larry Stroberg, a fraud investigator at the Department of Health and Welfare, who said he had access to any purchases made with a Quest Card. Stroberg said that Staker's card was used at 4:45 p.m. on Sept. 28 to make a \$58.07 purchase. Nine minutes later it was used again to withdraw \$100 in cash but the wrong PIN was entered. Three minutes later the transaction was attempted again and the correct PIN was used so the cash was granted, the report said. On Sept. 21 Hutcherson's card was used to make a purchase of \$6.52 and an hour and a half later it was used to withdraw \$20 but the card number was entered incorrectly. Ten minutes later the transaction was tried again and the card number was correct but the PIN was wrong. Hutcherson told Soto that she only made the initial purchase and had not tried to withdraw cash. Owners of the store said that Beecher's first day of work was Sept. 21 and she worked during the hours the transactions were made on that day and on Sept. 28.

Soto recently investigated a case in which a store clerk apparently copied card numbers from customers' Idaho Quest Cards and then watched as they entered their PINs. "The clerk has been charged

The double swipe

Double swiping, claiming that the card information "didn't go through" on the first try, is a common method for thieves to steal personal information. While sometimes the claim is legitimate, "consumers need to be sure. "If somebody passes your card through the reader more than once you had better know why," Carpenter said. Eric Snarr, Rupert's acting police chief, said it's important to take your card back right away after it's swiped by the clerk, and if it needs to be swiped again to make certain that the clerk cancels the first

The madding crowd

Throng of holiday shoppers and other distractions make it that much easier for thieves to get your information without you even knowing it. "The first thing consumers need to do is pay absolute attention to the sale process," Carpenter said. "It's easy to get distracted, but we should be completely focused on the financial transaction." Snarr agreed, saying that thieves who pose as shoppers often look for a young clerk with a long line of customers because they are generally more careless with cards. "If criminals are going to get you they'll hit you at the busiest time and go for the most inexperienced clerk," Snarr said. "A seasoned thief can memorize a card number in just a few seconds if it's left on the counter," said Cpl. Dan Bristol of the Heyburn Police Department. And most people can steal your PIN after seeing it entered just one time. "Don't pull out your card until you need it and cover up your eyes as you can when entering your PIN," Bristol said. Heyburn Detective Dan Soto

said that covering up the keypad can be awkward because it implies that you don't trust the people around you. "Sometimes people don't like to do it because it's embarrassing," Soto said. "Do it anyway because it keeps everybody honest."

Even in the Wood River Valley, hunger persists this holiday

By Gary Stivers Times-News correspondent
HAILEY — Blaine County's status as a white-collar community for the wealthy is reflected in its variety of fine dining opportunities this Thanksgiving Day. But there also are those living hard-core lives in this high-cost valley. There are 142 Blaine County residents who applied for and received food stamps this past September, and 165 who were qualified in August, said Ross Reason, a spokesman for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Students with the Silver Creek Alternative School in Hailey have already provided free Thanksgiving dinners for

some of those folks this year. The youths and school staff distributed 180 turkeys and a variety of canned goods to many families whose incomes put them at or below the federal poverty level. Many in Blaine County believe the number of those under financial duress is growing. Ketchum resident Tom Iselin, the director of the Blaine County Hunger Coalition, said he knows there are far more hungry families that are served on Thanksgiving. While Health and Welfare estimates that there are 250 hungry kids in Blaine County, Iselin says a number of sources lead him to believe as many as 400 are less than well-fed. To underscore his estimate,

Iselin noted that 240 women and children were enrolled this year in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children in Blaine County. The local school district served 56,606 free or reduced-price lunches during the 2003-04 school year, up 7 percent compared with the previous year. The same public schools provided 25,301 free or reduced-price breakfasts for hungry children last year, a 49 percent increase from 2002-03. Additionally, the Souper Supper program of Hailey's St. Charles Catholic Church served an average of 256 free meals weekly from its parish hall on South First Avenue. Iselin also noted that 7.8 percent of all Blaine County

residents were found to be living below the poverty level according to 2000 Census numbers. That's about 1,600 of the valley's 21,000-plus residents. The Hunger Coalition provides support for groups such as the Silver Creek Alternative School and the Jerome-based South-Central Community Action Partnership, which provided the turkeys the alternative school distributed. That, said, Blaine County is hardly unique in identifying and helping — the needy among its population. The South-Central Community Action Partnership's Chris Cruz said she also sent 12 frozen birds to Gooding this year, twice as many as last year. Another 25 fat birds went to the senior housing unit in Wendell

Water year gets off to good start

Better numbers this year are just a slight improvement
By Cindy Snyder Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Less than two months into the 2004-05 water season, experts say this year is off to a better start than the last. But that's not saying a lot. As of Nov. 24, the Upper Snake River reservoir system held 21 percent of its total capacity, Mike Beus, a hydrologist with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Burley, said. That amount "better, but only a little."

Last year, the North Side Canal Co., headquartered in Jerome, held half the water in storage. This year, the canal company ended the irrigation season with essentially no carryover storage. Beus says the difference is how the snow came off. In 2003, a sudden warm spell melted the snow rapidly so more entered the reservoir system, and a hot, dry summer kept irrigation demand high. The 2004 snow melt was prolonged, allowing more water to seep into the ground than enter the reservoirs. But timely rains in eastern Idaho reduced irrigation demand and allowed irrigators with rights in the late 1800s and 1890s to store water for the first time in several years. Summer rains coupled with good moisture in October has increased soil moisture, and that means base flows in both the Snake River and tributaries to the Snake River are higher than last year. But Beus cautions that irrigators need a good healthy snowpack to assure adequate irrigation supplies for next year. Last year also started out positive but weather patterns dried out in March. Ron Abramovich, a hydrologist with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Boise, has been trying to determine just how much snow is needed to provide adequate irrigation supplies for next year. He's been running the numbers based on a reservoir supply similar to the April 1, 2004, levels and assuming no spring precipitation. Based on that worst-case scenario, irrigators who rely on the Snake River for water will need the snowpack to generate 3.7 million acre-feet or 89 percent of average streamflow. Using historic records,

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Table with 3 columns: Watershed, % of Avg., % Normal. Rows include Salmon, Big Wood, Little Wood, Little Lost, Henry's Fork/Teton, Upper Snake Basin, Oakley, and Salmon Falls.

A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average. **An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire watershed, which peaks in spring.

and 50 were transported to Fairfield, Curry said no one from Fairfield requested assistance last year, but a teacher and a minister's wife there encouraged many to reach out for help this time. Meanwhile, those at the other end of the income spectrum will be offered a selection of five entrees ranging from \$27 to \$32 each at the Lodge Dining Room at the Sun Valley Lodge on a first-come, first-served basis. Sun Valley's Lighthouse Room, an all-you-can-eat restaurant, is also open at least 18 p.m. Even less pricey is Thanksgiving at the Warm Springs Ranch Restaurant. It's more moderately priced but nearly booked at a fixed-price of \$22.95 for adults and \$12.95 for kids.

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SERVICES

Harold Francis Vogt of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Zion Lutheran Church in Burley; friends may call one hour before the service at the church.

Anita Larragan-Davis of Buhl, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at West End Cemetery (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Jane W. Herbert of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; friends and family may call from 10 until 10:45 a.m. before the service at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Lovell Taylor of Rexburg, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Archer-Sunnyside LDS Chapel; family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday at Plamm Funeral in Rexburg and from 11:30 to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Rueben Daniel 'Dan' Steinmetz of Everett, Wash., celebration of life at 11 a.m. Friday at Floral Hall at Forest Park, 802 Mikiteco Blvd., Everett, Wash. Another service will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 4 at Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Clara Still of Burley at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hanson Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main. At 2 p.m. the family will travel to Riverside Cemetery for a memorial graveside service.

Virginie Patsy Journey Albertson, memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Renee Jane Pike of Burley, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn.

Dorothy Marie (Braga) Howsend of Wendell, (Funeral Home)

at 2 p.m. Monday at the Wendell United Methodist Church; viewing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Demary's Wendell Chapel.

Martha Martin of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Oakley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center Ave., where friends and family may call from 10 until 10:45 a.m. (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Bonnie Jean Head of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Buhl Baptist Church (White Mortuary).

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DEATH NOTICES

Elizabeth Avey 'Scottie' Luft

TWIN FALLS — Elizabeth Avey 'Scottie' Luft, 90, of Twin Falls, died early Sunday morning, Nov. 21, 2004, at her home in Twin Falls.

A prayer vigil with rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Monday evening, Nov. 29, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Deacon John McKinley reciting funeral Mass. Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father John Koehlsch as celebrant. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls. A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition of The Times-News.

Ana Maria Hernandez

HAILEY — Ana Maria Hernandez, 59, of Hailey, Idaho, died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at her home.

A service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailey with Deacon Marino officiating. Interment will follow at the Hailey Cemetery. There will be a vigil from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at St. Charles Catholic Church with Sister Regina Burrichter. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey, Idaho.

Dorothy Jean Harpster

TWIN FALLS — Dorothy Jean Harpster, 84, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at the Alterra Wynwood in Twin Falls.

At Dorothy's request there will be no services. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

J. D. 'Pete' Youngberg

GOODING — J. D. 'Pete' Youngberg, 73, a resident of Gooding, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, at his home in Gooding.

Arrangements will be made by Demary Funeral Service in Gooding.

Jerry Hess

TWIN FALLS — Jerry Hess, 51, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at his home in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be made by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Selina 'Sally' Ross Klaas

TWIN FALLS — Selina 'Sally' Ross Klaas, 89, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, at her home.

Arrangements will be made by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Nevada ad campaign will seek more Hispanic organ donors

LAS VEGAS (AP) — An organization is using a federal grant to prepare television and radio ads that hopes will raise awareness in Nevada's Hispanic community about badly needed organ donations.

Beginning in December, Nevada Donor Network will run public service messages on Spanish-speaking television and radio stations in Las Vegas. All of Nevada's transplants take place at the city's University Medical Center and Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center.

The federal Health Resources and Service Administration last month awarded the network a \$250,000 grant to air the commercials from December to August, said Ann Sagel, director

of the Nevada Donor Network. The aim of the 30- and 60-second radio and television ads is to demystify organ donation for Hispanic residents and to show the need and results of donating a kidney or pancreas. Sagel said.

One proposed television commercial features a 10-year-old character named Miguel, and an emotional appeal for a heart. The boy sits at a computer, engaged in online chat that reveals he is suffering from a life-threatening heart defect. The ad states that many Hispanics nationwide need organ transplants.

A proposed radio spot also features a child with a heart condition who, in need of a transplant, according to the

grant proposal. The Nevada Donor Network will study the effectiveness of the ads by examining attitudes about organ donations before and after the advertisements are broadcast. The study also will look at whether the rate of organ donation consent increases.

"We are still waiting to see if these commercials are effective in raising awareness," Sagel said.

Since Jan. 1, 54 people have donated kidneys or pancreases in Nevada, according to Nevada Donor Network. Hispanics represent about one in five on Nevada's kidney waiting list, but account for a little more than one in 10 donors, according to network statistics.

Republican Rossi comes out ahead in Washington governor recount

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Republican Dino Rossi came out ahead in the recount for Washington governor Wednesday by just 42 votes out of more than 2.8 million cast, and the Democrats are expected to demand yet another recount that could drag on past Christmas.

If the results hold up, Rossi will have beaten Democrat Attorney General Christine Gregoire in the closest gubernatorial election in Washington history.

The contest was the nation's last undecided race

for governor. Rossi had also won the regular count, but his 261-vote margin was so tiny that it triggered the automatic recount.

The Republicans called on Gregoire to concede and not drag the state through a third count that could take a month or more.

"As far as we're concerned, Dino has won. Dino has won twice," said a jubilant Rossi

spokeswoman Mary Lane. "It remains to be seen what Christine Gregoire will do after losing two counts."

But even before the last big surge of ballots was called, the Democrats had signaled they would seek a hand recount in at least part of the state if Gregoire ended up on the short end.

Democrats said afterward that they were still weighing their options.

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Charles F. 'Chuck' Meyer - Burley

Charles F. Meyer, Chuck to those who knew him, was called home by his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, after a battle with cancer.

Chuck was born on March 24, 1930, at Campbell, Neb. His parents were Edwin William and Amelia Susan Koch Meyer. The family moved to Idaho in 1936.

Chuck attended and graduated from Concordia Academy (a pre-ministerial school) at Portland, Ore. Upon graduation in 1948, he enlisted in the Army Air Force and after graduating from the Automotive Technical School, he was assigned to Elmendorf AFB at Anchorage, Alaska. While in Alaska, he married Marjorie J. Colberg, the mother of their five children. Chuck and Marjorie were divorced in 1972.

The most memorable military assignment was the year with the state department, deploying the F104 Fighter Aircraft to the Netherlands and Norway. Besides Alaska and the state department tour, his overseas assignments included the Philippines, England and Vietnam. Education was always a top priority and he started working on his bachelor's degree, under "Operation Bootstrap," while stationed in the Philippines. Under this program, he was allowed to attend the University of Omaha full-time for six months to finish his work and



receive his degree. Chuck retired from the United States Air Force in 1968. The last 10 years were spent as an Aerospace Ground Equipment Technician and Instructor. After his retirement from the USAF, he taught Basic Electricity/Electronics and Drafting at the Twin Falls High School and spent the summers working on his master's degree in guidance and counseling at the University of Idaho. Upon completion of his master's program, he received a grant to pursue his sixth year professional certificate in school administration. The certificate in school administration led to a position as principal at North Fremont High School in Ashton, Idaho, Minico High School at Rupert, Idaho, and Wendell High

School at Wendell, Idaho. In 1984, the family moved to Sacramento, Calif., where Chuck operated a locksmith business. They returned to Burley in 1992, and have spent the remaining years here.

Chuck was preceded in death by his father, Edwin; mother, Amelia; brother, Carol; and a son, Jonathan.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Meyer of Burley; his children, Lorna Stacey of Pocatello, Timothy (Bonnie) Meyer of Wendell, Susan (Wes) Struble of Moscow and Matthew (Renae) Meyer of Calgary, Canada; two stepdaughters, Paula (Ken) Swenson of Spokane, Wash., and Tamara (Tim) Brown of Forest Hill, Calif.; a sister, Nelda (Keith) Brosz of Anchorage, Alaska; a brother, David Meyer of San Jose, Calif.; 24 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral celebrating Chuck's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., where friends and family may call one hour prior to the service. Officiating will be the Rev. Mark Cox. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery with military rites under the direction of Hill Air Force Base Honor Guard.

Arrangement are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Dr. Marcella F. Phillips - Twin Falls

Dr. Marcella E. Phillips, age 75, of Twin Falls, passed away Nov. 23, 2004, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born March 1, 1929, at Lovell, Ind., the daughter of Claire and Ruth Meadows Futhy.

On May 31, 1950, she married Robert E. Phillips at Bloomington, Ind. Marcella graduated from Indiana School of Dentistry class of 1954 at Hammond, Ind., and for 39 years she practiced there as a dentist.

Marcella's true love was her dogs, Great Danes that she bred, raised and showed all over the country. She has resided in Twin Falls



for the past two years and is survived by her loving husband, Robert E. Phillips; her

brother-in-law and sister-in-law, David R. and Marty Mead of Twin Falls; uncle, George "Caryl" Meadows of Lowell, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

At her request there are to be no public services. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory "Chapel by the Park."

Should friends desire, contributions can be given to Alzheimer's Association for Research, National Foundation, 919 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 100, Chicago, IL 60611-1676. Contributions may also be mailed to White Mortuary, P.O. Box 845, Twin Falls, ID 83303 for forwarding.

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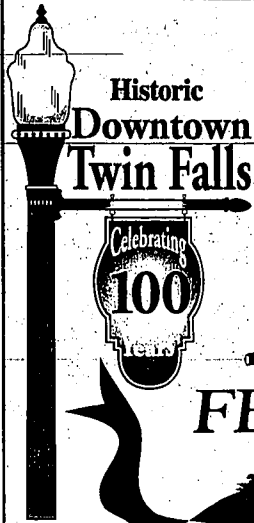
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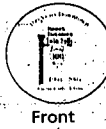
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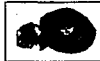
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Tickets must be picked up from the Salvation Army at 348 Fourth Ave. N. For more information, call 733-8720.

Senior center offers Thanksgiving meal

BUHL — The Buhl community Thanksgiving dinner will be served today at the West End Senior Citizen Center, 1010 Main. The meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The menu will include turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, dinner rolls, vegetable, cranberry sauce and pie.

A freewill offering will be taken. Any money collected will be donated to the Food Bank, the Community Kitchen and the senior center.

Boy Scouts hold a pancake feed today

JEROME — Boy Scout Troop 139 will host a Thanksgiving Day pancake feed from 8 to 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.

Alaska's Best offers a free dinner today

RUPERT — The third annual Thanksgiving dinner will be served from noon to 6 p.m. today at Alaska's Best, located at

702 F St.

The dinner with all the trimmings is offered free of charge. Anyone who would like to attend, needs transportation, can call 431-5899, 431-5897 or 436-2447. Delivery also is available.

Burley's Wild Flower Cafe hosts free dinner

BURLEY — The Wild Flower Cafe, owned and operated by Yvonne Desind, will host its second annual free Thanksgiving dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. today at 1834 Overland Ave.

All are welcome. For more information or food donations, call Donna or Yvonne at 878-4894. — compiled from staff reports

Kimberly buys new police car

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — City Council members have approved a contract agreement with Magic Valley Bank to lease a new patrol car.

The new vehicle, complete with all its necessary police equipment, will cost \$29,840. Two police cars now in service will be retired soon due to high mileage.

Council members chose to donate one to the Ageless Se-

nior Citizens group so it could transport small numbers of seniors the group's bus isn't needed. The other patrol car will be given to the city's centennial committee, which it will use however it sees fit.

In other business, Councilman Tom Coons reported that he had located a used truck that could be fitted with a snow plow.

The truck also has a dump bed that appears to be in good condition. The council will negotiate a price on the truck that will replace the one that's been

in service for several years. Library Commissioner Lee McKinlay reported that the January quill show will run from Jan. 10 through Jan. 24. All quillers are invited to enter their handiwork.

City employees have been offered the option of taking a vacation day Friday. Some staff members are taking advantage of the extra day. Assistant City Clerk Kelly Weeks will keep the office open Friday but take a longer noon-hour break to enable her to attend to some business outside the office.

Shelter gets grant from settlements

The Times-News

RUPERT — The Mini-Cassia Women and Children's Shelter was awarded a \$1,000 grant by Attorney General Lawrence Wasden's office Wednesday.

Wasden's office distributed 45 grants ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 to various shelters

throughout the state, according to a press release.

A total of \$90,000 was awarded.

The money is the result of settlements in two anti-trust cases against three European cases against three Japanese companies dating back to October 2000.

The Mini-Cassia shelter is ex-

pected to be in place this month and the grant money will be used to purchase appliances and equip the kitchen.

Shelter organizers still need to raise as much as \$20,000 to pay for purchase and placement of the modular home provided at 348 Home Sweet Homes in Heyburn.

Court leaves open chance of retrial

BOISE (AP) — The state Court of Appeals on Wednesday left open the possibility of retrying a 19-year-old man from British Columbia for allegedly killing his older brother three years ago in northern Idaho.

The three-judge panel unanimously agreed that the declaration of a mistrial four months after the killing was appropriate, considering the questionable actions of the defense attorney, and did not create circumstances that would unconstitutionally sub-

ject Joseph Manley to double jeopardy if he were tried again.

Because the relatives' justified, prosecutors could lodge a new second-degree murder charge against Manley for the Dec. 14, 2001, killing of Christopher Manley, who was found dead outside their father's mobile home in Moyie Springs.

The two brothers lived with their mother in Creston, B.C., but were in Moyie Springs visiting their father, James Williams. They visited him on most weekends at the time.

Authorities claimed Joseph Manley, who was 16 at the time, killed his brother with a rifle during a drunken argument. His defense attorney maintained the shooting was either accidental or suicide. Four days into the second-degree murder trial in March 2002, Michaud declared a mistrial following an emotional outburst by defense attorney Roger Williams, who accused the judge of being biased against him, because Williams was supporting Michaud's challenger in that May's election.

Water

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Abramovich has determined a snowpack of at least 110 percent of average is needed, and that's just to "sneak by."

During the past three years, the snowpack in the Upper Snake Basin has averaged 78 to 90 percent of normal averages while stream flow has been about 70 percent of the average.

Using the same assumptions for the Salmon Falls watershed south of Rivla Falls means that the Salmon Falls Creek will flow at 103 percent of the average next summer.

The stream has ranged between 35 and 66 percent of its normal average the last three years. A snowpack of 121 percent of average is needed to generate that streamflow.

Abramovich recommends

water users look at the percent of snow pack values when looking at snowpack rather than the percent of average to gauge how the water year is progressing. He uses the Upper Snake Basin as an example where the snowpack averaged 180 percent of average in early November but is only 12 percent of the seasonal peak.

"We've got a long ways to go," he said.

On the "positive side," soil moisture is better than a year ago. Precipitation in October ranged from near normal to 200 percent of the average in the Bear River Basin of southeastern Idaho. Snowpack ranges from 4 percent of average in the Weiser Basin to 17 percent of average in the Little Lost Basin.

Abramovich also has made

streamflow projections for next summer based on last summer's actual streamflow measurements and assuming normal precipitation.

Based on those assumptions, a 75 percent-of-average snowpack in the Salmon Falls basin could generate a 58 percent-of-average streamflow; 100 percent-snowpack, an 86 percent-of-average streamflow; and a 125 percent-of-average snowpack a 115 percent-of-average streamflow.

For the Bear River, which has been hit particularly hard by this drought cycle, a 75 percent-of-average snowpack could generate a 14 percent-of-average streamflow; 100 percent snowpack, a 51 percent-of-average streamflow; and a 125 percent snowpack, a 113 percent streamflow.

Thieves

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with fraud for making cash withdrawals using the copied information.

"The things that make identity crime so easy are the habits we have as consumers," Carpenter said.

People traveling during the holidays are often the easiest targets for identity theft because they tend to use their cards more frequently and, if they don't check on their accounts online, they might not discover any irregularities for days or weeks.

Carpenter said that customers should contact their card companies if they're planning to travel during the holidays because companies often put a hold on cards if there's a sudden increase in activity outside of the cardholder's state.

Plastic fantastic

Credit and many debit cards offer consumers protection against identity theft and generally adjust balances or reimburse victims when fraudulent purchases are reported.

"The good news is that if somebody captures a credit card number the damage can be better contained," Carpenter said, "but it's never good news when somebody captures your identity in any fashion."

It's important for cardholders to notify the issuing agency

right away so no additional purchase can be made with the information.

Most plastic companies and banks require notification within 90 days to be eligible for compensation.

Getting your money back when you've been the victim of identity theft is one thing, but the thief may still have personal information they can use to steal from you.

"Even the small-time victim who only loses \$100 is in serious trouble," Carpenter said.

"This little \$100 thing could cause the person problems for years because she doesn't know who has the information."

Carpenter said identity theft is the fastest growing crime because it's so profitable and his everyone equally.

"People shouldn't be glad it happened to someone else, because it will happen to them," Carpenter said.

"It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when."

Advances in reproduction technology have allowed counterfeiters to flood the country with bills that are increasingly more difficult to spot as fakes.

"Check your cash before leaving the store," Snarr said. "It could be counterfeit and once you leave the store you're on your own."

What to do

Besides keeping an eye on your card and protecting your PIN, what can you do to keep thieves from going to town on your tab?

Bristol said it's important to never give out your card number or other personal information in an e-mail or over the telephone, unless you initiate the call and it's to a reputable company.

Legitimate companies do not call to "verify" customer information. Other scams involve fake card readers.

Some were found near automatic teller machines with signs advertising "free card cleaner."

In reality, the readers captured card information for "identity thieves."

"A fake card reader was placed at a gasoline pump recently, Bristol said. Customers swiped their cards, filled their tanks and drove off. Both the customer and gas station were victims.

Protect yourself

Tip on protecting your identity while holiday shopping:

Pay attention — It's easy, particularly during the hectic holiday shopping time, to get distracted during a sales transaction. Make sure you are aware of everything that's taking place.

Watch double swipes — Sometimes it's necessary to re-swipe a credit or debit card. If this happens, make certain the clerk hits the "cancel" button after the first swipe. Also check to make sure the card isn't swiped on two different card readers.

Check your receipt — Look for accuracy before you sign receipts. Make sure all your receipts in one place in case a problem arises.

Monitor your account — Most cards allow you to monitor activity online. During the holidays or when you travel, make sure to check your account regularly and report suspicious

charges immediately.

Protect your PIN — When entering your personal identification number, be sure to block others from view. It's surprisingly easy to memorize a four-digit number punched into a 10-digit keypad.

Never carry your PIN in your purse or wallet.

Safeguard your cards — Don't leave cards or your checkbook in your car. Don't take out your card until you need it and make sure you get it back immediately from the clerk. If they need it again you can give it to them.

Look at your cash — Though not identity theft, consumers are burned regularly by counterfeit bills. Check your change before leaving the store. Once you walk out the door you have no recourse if the bills are fake.

Source: The Better Business Bureau and Heyburn and Rupert police departments.

Social Security number or bank account information, years later.

Legislation signed in December 2003 allowed the Federal Trade Commission to set rules requiring agencies to provide free credit reports to consumers on an annual basis.

The rules go into effect in December.

What to do if you're a victim of credit or debit card fraud

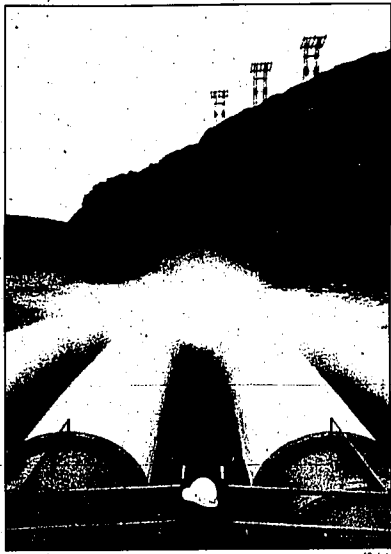
Call the card company — Immediately contact the agency that issued the card. The agency can put a freeze on the card and halt fraudulent charges.

Make sure you know the number to call before a problem arises.

Contact local police — Law enforcement can be quite successful in catching identity thieves by tracing detailed records of card use and locations.

Monitor other accounts — Check activity of other cards and bank accounts. Your credit or debit card's magnetic strip contains a great deal of personal information including account numbers, Social Security number, PIN and mother's maiden name. A single incident of theft could lead to years of problems.

Check your credit report — If you've been the victim of identity theft, chances are you'll be a victim again, sometimes years later. Beginning in December, agencies will be required to provide free credit reports to consumers.



Water is released from Glen Canyon Dam near Page, Ariz., on Sunday. The water, which flows into the Grand Canyon, was released by the Bureau of Reclamation in an effort to maintain ecosystems on the Colorado River.

The latest dam drain is estimated to cost just under \$2 million in potential power generation, according to the Colorado River Storage Project office. At its peak the test sent 41,000 cubic feet of water rushing throughout the Glen Canyon Dam every second.

The controlled flood will not change the annual water release from Lake Powell, but it is expected to drain the lake somewhat in the short term. Chip Great, director of the U.S. Geological Survey, said the Bureau of Reclamation will calculate the flood into the total water allotment for the year and adjust future flows to compensate.

About 50 scientists, including Riley, were on and around the river to study the immediate effects on the canyon. While test samples were preliminary, Riley said there was some indication that the controlled flood seemed to help the endangered humpback chub—a native fish that has been over-run by trout.

"We're seeing strong numbers of humpback chub in sampling," he said, but cautioned that they couldn't reach any scientific conclusion from it at this point.

Riley said new whirlpools had formed in several places along the river.

"It's a massive and powerful river at any time," he said. "But there are some places where you go 'Gee, I hope that doesn't suck our boat down.'"

NATION

National system to track the transient life of beef cows

A typical beef cow will be sold and shipped several times before becoming dinner, the Department of Agriculture hopes to implement a national system in the next few years to trace where any cow has been and when to identify sources of disease.

Each time the cow is sold or moved, the tag's scanner and the information sent to a central database.

If disease is discovered, the cow's history can be traced.

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A calf is born in the spring and nursed by its mother before being weaned in the fall.

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9-17 months

At a feed lot, cows gain three pounds a day from an energy rich diet of corn, soy, and hay.

600-800 pounds

18-24 months

On reaching full maturity the cow is sold to a packing plant, with a few days to live.

1,300-1,500 pounds

SOURCES: Animal and Range Sciences Department, Montana State University; U.S. Department of Agriculture Dan DeLorenzo

Mad cow scare raises concerns over USDA testing procedures

WASHINGTON (AP)—A five-day mad cow disease scare that briefly rattled the cattle markets and raised concerns among some beef eaters has been put to rest after sophisticated chemical tests on a suspected animal showed no sign of the brain-wasting ailment.

But the "false positive" in the initial screening again raised questions about the Agriculture Department's testing procedures. Some critics argued that the department had unnecessarily alarmed the public and beef markets by disclosing the inconclusive preliminary results last week. Others said the testing and government monitoring is inadequate to protect consumers and needs to be strengthened.

The department should find a way "to limit the chances of these faulty test results that put producers on pins and needles and our futures markets into full panic mode," complained Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont.

There has been only one confirmed case of mad cow disease in the United States, a dairy cow found contaminated in Washington state last December. The disease — formally known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy — attacks an animal's nervous system and

food contaminated with BSE can afflict people with usually fatal variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

After two suspected mad cow cases last June that also were found to be negative, the Agriculture Department changed its procedures to try to reduce the number of false positive events. It required a second "inconclusive" screening — as it did with the cow last week — before making a public announcement and triggering the more sophisticated chemical tests.

This time around, the cattle markets reacted with some concern but not panic.

"We saw the market sell off and then stabilize," said Bill O'Grady, director of futures research for A.C. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis. "The market had sort-of-expected that the odds were high this would end up being a false positive."

Beef futures prices, at 87.3 cents a pound on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange last Wednesday, fell by 2.7 cents after it was announced on Thursday that a potential mad cow case had been discovered. Prices dropped to as low as 84.2 cents a pound before recovering Tuesday to 87.25 cents a pound even before the final tests were made public.

"We're already back to where

we were," said Gregg Doud, chief economist of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Virtually no information was disclosed about the cow that was the subject of all the hubbub except that two separate chemical tests at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, found no sign of mad cow.

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2004-2005 CSI WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Eagles seek more success

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It will be tough for the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team to top the success it had last season.

The Golden Eagles flew through the Scenic West Athletic Conference regular season, winning the title. They then claimed the Region 18 tournament championship to secure a

place at the national tournament in Salina, Kan. There, CSI earned another title: consolation champions.

The Eagles finished seventh nationally after dropping their first game, but winning their final three on the way to a 29-7 overall record.

But with success comes increased expectations, and CSI has plenty of those this season. The Eagles entered the season ranked No. 9 and are probably still considered the favorite in a SWAC that has improved in quality.

CSI returns seven players from last year's team and has added two transfers to its sophomore class. The experience is already paying off.

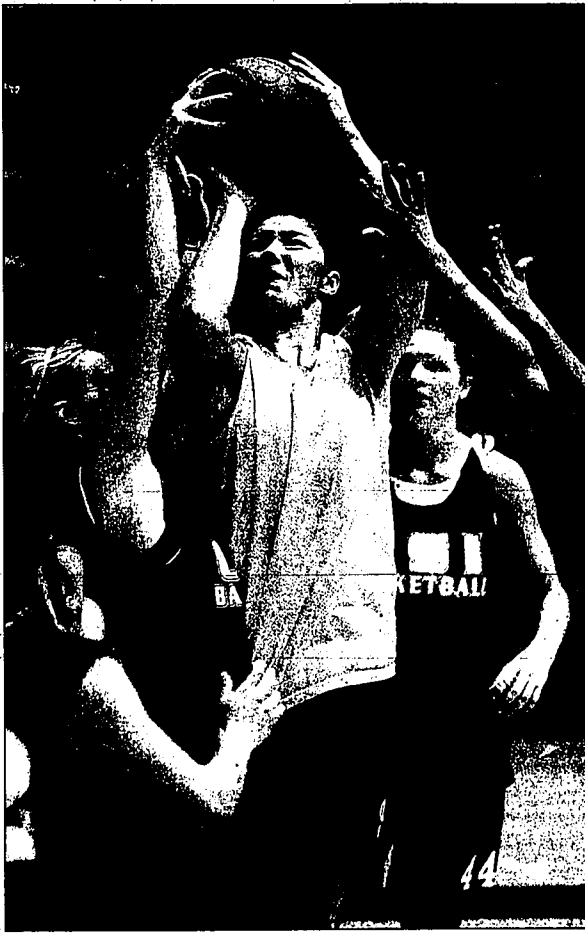
"I don't know if it's confidence or they just don't care if they make mistakes anymore," Rogers said. "They're going out there with confidence and doing things that they could last year, but they didn't because they were afraid they'd make mistakes and get taken out of the game, or whatever."

They didn't shrink

CSI still has one of the larger frontcourts in the country with the return of twin towers Lenka Zimova and Denisa Svarova. Zimova, who stands 6-foot-4, was a first-team All-Region 18 selection last season after averaging 11.5 points, 5.6 rebounds and 1.7 blocks per game. The 6-5 Svarova was a second-team selection, averaging 8.9 points, 5.6 rebounds and 0.9 blocks per game.

The knock on the two big players last season was that they appeared to, at times, lack the aggressiveness to match their size. This season could be a little

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College of Southern Idaho forward Krystin Patterson is swarmed by teammates as she attempts a shot in a recent practice. Patterson is a key piece to the Golden Eagles' frontcourt this season.

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

By all accounts, the England captain (David Beckham) was earmarked to play a professional footballer, a role that on current evidence would have tested his acting abilities to the absolute maximum.

The Guardian commented after Beckham turned down the chance to appear in 'The Pink Panther' alongside Beyonce Knowles and Steve Martin.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who won the first British Open?

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College Women's Basketball

College of Eastern Utah at CSI, Coca Cola Tournament, Twin Falls 8 p.m.

IN BRIEF

BSU aims for BCS with at-large bid

DALLAS — Boise State, California, Georgia, Louisville, Texas and Utah are still under consideration for at-large bids to the Bowl Championship Series, even though none will be able to secure an automatic bid as a conference champion.

The BCS released its list of teams still in the running for bids to the Orange, Rose, Sugar and Fiesta bowls this week.

Southern California has already locked up a spot by winning at least a share of the Pac-10 and holding the tiebreaker over Cal.

Michigan is in with the Big Ten's automatic bid as conference co-champion. The Wolverines got the nod over Iowa by beating the Hawkeys in the regular season.

Utah ended its season sixth in the BCS standings, and is in good shape to grab one of the at-large bids.

The representatives from the other conferences with automatic bids (Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East, Big 12, and Southeastern Conference) have not been determined.

In the ACC, Florida State, Miami, Virginia and Virginia Tech are still in contention. In the Big East, Boston College, Pittsburgh and West Virginia are alive. Colorado, Iowa State and Oklahoma are in contention for the Big 12's spot.

Oklahoma has already clinched a spot in the Big 12 title game against either the Cyclones or Buffaloes on Dec. 4. The winner of that game gets a BCS bid.

Auburn and Tennessee will meet in the SEC title game on Dec. 4 with the winner receiving the BCS bid.

To qualify for at-large selection to the BCS, teams must have nine regular-season wins and be ranked in the top 12 of the final BCS Standings on December 5.

CSI men's result will be published Friday

ONTARIO, Ore. — The result of Wednesday's men's basketball game between the College of Southern Idaho and Treasure Valley Community College will be published in Friday's Times-News due to an early press time because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Willie Park in 1860.

CSI women return home for Coca-Cola tournament

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Chances are, CSI women's basketball fans will be sleepy from the turkey not from the action on the floor at the Coca-Cola Classic Tournament tonight.

That's because the three-day tourney may offer the third-ranked Golden Eagles (9-0) their sternest tests in some time.

After a smoozefest at last weekend's Dawson County (Mont.) CC's tournament, Scenic West Athletic Conference member College of Eastern Utah should offer more competition at about 8 tonight in the CSI gym.

Coca-Cola Classic Tournament

CSI gymnasium, Twin Falls

Thursday's games

South Mountain (Phoenix) CC vs. Yakima Valley (Wash.) CC, 6 p.m. College of Eastern Utah at CSI, 8 p.m.

Friday's games

Yakima Valley CC vs. College of Eastern Utah, 6 p.m. South Mountain CC at CSI, 8 p.m.

Saturday's games

College of Eastern Utah vs. South Mountain CC, 6 p.m. Yakima Valley CC at CSI, 8 p.m.

Joining the College of Southern Idaho in the recent top 20 poll is No. 10 Salt Lake CC and No. 20 Dixie State. CSI head coach Randy Rogers knows that also suggests how strong the SWAC will be this year.

"Snow and CEU are all right there," Rogers said. "They're a dangerous team because they have the potential to knock people off."

CEU relies on defensive pressure and running the floor to generate offense.

"It's the first time all season we'll see a press by a team that practices it every day," Rogers said. "They run two or three different kinds."

But the Cougars may not enjoy too much success with a more footed CSI squad this season, led by point guards Nakeya Isabell and Delicia Iernigan.

"This year that fits into what we want to do," Rogers said.

South Mountain Community College out of Phoenix likely will also run the floor. With a frontline topping out at 5-11 or 6-foot, the Cougars will try to keep CSI out of a halfcourt offense where Denisa Svarova and Lenka Zimova's height advantage would hurt most.

South Mountain promises to be similar to the Phoenix CC and Mesa CC teams that CSI defeated earlier this month.

"I hear from other coaches that they'll really get after you," Rogers said.

But the Cougars may run out of gas in the second half, judging from having only seven players listed on the roster.

Saturday's opponent, Yakima Valley CC out of Washington state, looks to be one of the top teams in the NWAAC's East region, picking up wins against Big Bend CC and Treasure Valley CC.

It is the CSI women's first home game since the season opener Nov. 1, a 98-45 win over the Southern Idaho All-Stars.

Prankster Isabell provides flair, fun

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Nakeya Isabell may be the biggest prankster on the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team, but what she does on the floor is certainly no joke.

Isabell has been a breath of fresh air for the ninth-ranked and undefeated Golden Eagles this season. Not only does she give CSI speed and flair at the point, something the team didn't have last season, but she also helps to keep an otherwise-serious group from becoming too uptight.

"She's a jokerster. She loves to practical joke people," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "She gets me all the time. She's always going to tell my wife on me about something I say or come up to me and hit me in the gut, tell me I'm soft."

Isabell's game is anything but soft. The freshman from Seattle has taken over the starting point guard duties for the Eagles, averaging 7.8 points, 6.3 rebounds, 5.5 assists and 4.3 steals per game through the team's first six contests.

But more importantly, she's making everyone else on the team better, thanks to her uncanny ability to get the best out of her teammates.

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Jones family ready for Thanksgiving reunion

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Thomas and Betty Jones fully appreciate the good health and great timing that's bringing their entire family together on Thanksgiving for the first time in nine years.

Like thousands of families across the country, they'll spend Thursday afternoon watching the Chicago Bears play the Dallas Cowboys. Except there's one big difference: Their sons will be the starting running backs for both teams, Thomas of the Bears and Julius of the Cowboys.

"That's probably as good as it gets," Betty Jones said. "It will be a day we never forget."

The family has been looking forward to this game since Julius was drafted in April. Several things nearly threw off the reunion, but everything has fallen into place.

"This is not the biggest thing in life," says the proud pop, "but it's darn near it."

Thomas and Julius are the only boys among seven children. They've always been extremely close and have shared a love of football.

When they watched NFL games as kids, they imagined being a running back/brother tandem like Joe and Jamie Morris. Individually, Thomas wanted to be like Chicago's Wil-

ter Payton and Julius looked up to Dallas' Tony Dorsett and Herschel Walker. Amazingly, each is now starting for those teams.

Only three years apart, they shared a bedroom until Thomas left for college. They still talk several times a week — except so far this week while preparing for their first head-to-head football game that doesn't involve crayons, folded paper triangles or a joystick.

"That's probably all we need to fight about," Nintendo games," Julius said, laughing. "We were on the same pee-wee football team and we got our pads the first day. I duped me into trying my pads on and then

Some reasons sports gives us to give thanks on turkey day

Happy Thanksgiving, sports fans.

Go ahead and grab a turkey leg, pop a cold one and plop yourself in front of the TV. Just remember what day it is and that you're celebrating more than just the chance to watch two NFL games on a Thursday.

So, in the spirit of the day, let's give thanks for:

- Having 24-hour-a-day sports and news stations so the video of the NBA brawl in Detroit can be replayed over and over and over and over again. By now, the tape has been analyzed more closely — and by more people — than the Za-

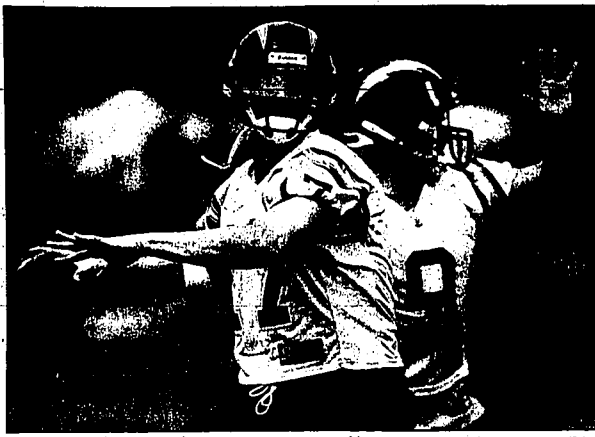


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pruder film of the Kennedy assassination.

• Living in a world where one day you're suspended for not cheering for punting out fans, and the next you're on the "Today" show taking advantage of your sudden fame to promote a new CD. "It's positive, it's Please see DAHLBERG, Page C2

SPORTS



San Diego Chargers quarterbacks Phillip Rivers and Drew Brees (9) drop back to pass during a minicamp drill at the Chargers facility in San Diego, in this May 7 photo.

Rivers sits while Brees rolls on for Chargers

By Bernie Wilson
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — Phillip Rivers' introduction to life in the NFL was the same as for most newly rich rookies.

His veteran San Diego Chargers teammates took him along to dinner at a fancy steakhouse in La Jolla and, as is tradition, made the young multimillionaire quarterback pick up the check — for a whopping \$25,000.

The Chargers haven't needed Rivers since.

While Drew Brees continues to lead the surprising Chargers toward a rare postseason appearance, all Rivers can do is stand on the sideline and watch, waiting for next year, when he's expected to be the starter.

Heck, he hasn't even broken a sweat. Running back LaDainian Tomlinson and wide receiver Keenan McCardell have thrown more passes than the highly touted Rivers, who's thrown none.

"I certainly want to be out there," said Rivers, the fourth pick in April's draft after a standout career at North Carolina State.

In a "perfect world," Rivers would have reported to training camp, won the starting job and reduced Brees to trade bait.

These being the Chargers, though, dysfunction is normal. Brees, San Diego's one-time "quarterback of the future," was all but abandoned by the front office after a 4-12 disaster last season.

Rivers joined the Chargers on draft day, obtained from the New York Giants along with a fistful of valuable picks. For No. 1 pick Eli Manning, who had told the Chargers a few days earlier he wanted nothing to do with them.

Then Rivers held out, missing the first 29 training camp practices and the first two exhibition games before agreeing to a \$40 million contract that included a \$14.25 million signing bonus.

Brees, determined to keep his job, had no competition in camp, was solid in the exhibition season and has been outstanding ever since.

Rivers eventually was promoted to No. 2 on the depth chart ahead of 42-year-old Doug Flutie, but has warmed up only twice on game day. The first time, he respectfully told coach Marty Schottenheimer he felt Brees should finish the game he had started, a 42-14 rout of the Oakland Raiders in which he threw a career-high five touchdown passes.

He usually played the following week, mopping up with

three straight handoffs and then taking a knee three times to finish a 43-17 win over New Orleans.

"That didn't benefit me in any way as far as getting better," Rivers said.

While Rivers sits, Ben Roethlisberger, the 11th pick in the draft, has gotten off to a phenomenal start by winning his first eight games with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Manning is finally in charge of the Giants after making his first start last Sunday.

Schottenheimer, wowed by Rivers while coaching at the Senior Bowl, isn't going to play the rookie unless Brees gets hurt or suddenly goes in the tank.

"We're going to put out those people that give us the best opportunity to win," said Schottenheimer, whose job has likely been saved by Brees' comeback season. "And that's the obligation that I have to every other coach, to the players, to the organization and to the fans. Training camp is training camp. Preseason is preseason. Regular season is win."

Rivers said he has a good relationship with Brees.

"We pull for each other, and obviously I do most of the pulling for him, since he's been in the game."

Peyton Manning sets sights on record

By Nicholas J. Cotsonika
Detroit Free Press

Thirty-five touchdown passes.

"If I didn't throw another one the rest of the season, that's still the most I've ever thrown," Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning said. "I'd say I still had a pretty good year if I stopped right now."

Unfortunately for the Lions, who host the Colts in the annual Thanksgiving Day game, Manning has shown no signs of slowing, let alone stopping. In fact, he has accelerated.

"He was going to be great, he's just break Dan Marino's 20-year-old record of 48 touchdown passes in a season. He will obliterate it."

He's on pace for 56.

"If he stays on track, he's going to challenge that record, which is really an accomplishment," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said.

After throwing 17 touchdown passes in his first six games, Manning has thrown 18 in his past four.

Thirty-five TD passes in 10 games? You have to go back 17 games for the Lions to equal that many touchdowns total. You have to go back 28 games—all the way to 2002 — for them to equal that many touchdown passes. Yeah, the Lions are the Lions. Still ...



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning throws during the first quarter against the Chicago Bears, Sunday, in Chicago.

"He's doing some things that only a few guys in history have had a chance to do," Lions cornerback Fernando Bryant said. "Over the last 10 years, he's the most complete player in this league."

After sharing the NFL most valuable player award with Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair last season, Manning went back to work in March, he was at team headquarters with quarterbacks coach Jim Caldwell.

Colts at Lions

TV: CBS, 10:30 a.m.

well studying his performance.

"He put up some good days of things we wanted to do and ways we could get better," said coach Tony Stewart. "That's just the way he approached it."

The receivers studied, too, and Manning has been going over things with them at almost every opportunity this season — in the locker room, in the downtime during special-teams practice. They talk about routes, adjustments, what they're looking for against different coverages.

Manning has a great rapport with offensive coordinator Tom Moore, who directed the Lions' explosive offense in the mid-1990s, and he is so smart and so prepared, he steps up to the line of scrimmage with the option to run or pass every time — a rarity in the NFL.

"He can call a pass every play," Dungey said.

It might seem like he does. More than 75 percent of the Colts' touchdowns have come on passes. Five receivers have caught at least five touchdown passes. Not only does Manning lead the NFL in TD passes, he leads the league in passing yards (2,960) and passer rating (122.2).

Henson will debut as Cowboys QB against Bears

Bears at Cowboys

TV: Fox; 2:30 p.m.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — This time last year, Drew Henson was starting to distance himself from being "the next Mickey Manzie."

He'd given up trying to play third base in the New York Yankees organization, and was ready to concentrate on what he enjoyed most, playing quarterback.

Although he was months from being an NFL team, he was about three weeks into his football workouts when Thanksgiving rolled around. He spent the holiday at home in Michigan with his family, doing

what they always did: eating a big meal and watching the Detroit Lions play the early game, then the Dallas Cowboys in the afternoon.

This Thanksgiving afternoon, Henson is the one everyone around the country will be watching. Now carrying the burden of being "the next Troy Aikman," he's expected to make his first NFL start, leading the Cowboys against the

Chicago Bears.

Sound intimidating? It might be for most rookies, even those who are 24.

But adding playing three seasons at Michigan, battling Tom Brady for playing time the first two years, then three seasons trying to live up to the expectations of Yankee fans, there's little that awe Henson, who has the added benefit of being a football coach's son.

"It's a great opportunity," Henson said. "I've got friends and family that will be able to watch. This is the kind of stage that you would like."

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about love." Ron Artest said with a straight face.

He'd just mentioned the name of Fred Hale Sr. Hale was the world's oldest man, and he hung around long enough to watch his beloved Red Sox finally win a World Series. Hale died last week at the age of his 114th birthday, but he lived to see the Red Sox do something they hadn't done since he was a mere lad of 27.

The College of Ayurveda in California, where Ricky Williams is studying an ancient Indian medical system called, of course, Ayurveda. The team he left in the lurch may be 1-9, but his former teammates will be interested to hear that Williams has learned "the things we do in football don't bring more harmony to your life. They just bring more disharmony."

Most of players and even greedier owners, who just may hasten the inevitable and kill the National Hockey League. Yes, it's the fastest game on ice, but outside of Canada and a few northern cities, who really cares if they never play again?

Boxing, a sport that allows four men to call themselves heavyweight champion, none of whom would be recognized if they walked through Times Square in New York. Hint: One is a 6-foot-7 Ukrainian who speaks four languages and has two advanced college degrees.

The end of Tigermania, which officially came to a close when Tiger Woods failed to win a single stroke play tournament on the PGA Tour this year. Jack Nicklaus can rest easy knowing his record of 18 major champi-

onships won't be touched, and Vijay Singh can do his best to make people remember why they never care much about watching golf in the first place.

An NBA commissioner who lives up to his name.

An NBA players' union which will pick up for coaches multimillionaires when no one else will.

The decision by Clemson and South Carolina not to accept bowl bids as punishment for a brawl that broke out between the two schools on Saturday. The punishment may not fit the crime for players who weren't involved, but the decision showed some real college class.

The University of Utah, for going undefeated and finally cracking the very monopoly to BCS was set up to protect.

Having Bill Mickelson on the agenda. Mickelson won his first major at the Masters, but fans will also remember that he changed clubs on the eve of the Ryder Cup, refused to practice with his teammates and took a whipping from the Europeans.

Vinny Testaverde being injured so that, in a dreadful Thanksgiving "matchup" between the Dallas Cowboys and Chicago Bears, you'll at least have the novelty of watching ex-baseball player Drew Henson get beaten up in his first pro start.

Doctors who care. Former heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe fights again this weekend despite evidence he suffers from brain damage. States with legitimate bonding commissions won't license him, but he'll fight in Kentucky, the same state

where former champion Greg Page was nearly left a vegetable from a fight with the champion.

Bans who don't care. The WUSA is gone, and the WNBA hangs on only through the largesse of NBA owners. Little pile gymnasts are fine at the Olympic level, but few American sports fans have shown they simply won't support women's pro sports.

Latrell Sprewell, someone who's been in the cannon man for a while. Not only did Sprewell attempt to strangle his boss — a fireable offense where most people work — but a few weeks ago complained that he couldn't feed his family on \$10 million a year.

Kobe and Shaq finally getting a divorce, bringing to a close a soap opera saga that overshadowed the game and allowed the NBA to focus once again on basketball. Until last weekend in Detroit, that is.

Most of all, though, let's give thanks to a society that celebrates sports and a country that allows the dreams of young athletes to be fulfilled.

After you're done watching football and eaten that last bit of stuffing, remember the men and women who have chosen another path and are fighting wars for their country in Iraq and Afghanistan. They're lonely, sometimes scared, and a long way from home this Thanksgiving.

Save a piece of pumpkin pie for them.

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he'd take me outside and bang me around a little bit. Other than that, we got along really well."

Their bond was strengthened in 2002, when Julius was academically ineligible at Notre Dame. Thomas was going through his own tough times on the Arizona Cardinals and invited Julius to live with him. They sometimes could be found at the gym at 7 a.m., channeling their frustrations into weightlifting.

"It would be pretty tough for me to say that I would be here without him," Julius said.

When they see each other on the field Thursday, they'll certainly share a big hug. He calls it "this recipe" and it's heavy on tough love and perseverance.

"Somebody's got to be there to tell them the truth, not just what they want to hear," he said. "Be a father — not the most popular father, but the best father you can be. I hope that I have been that for them."

The brothers say he has, Thomas said one example was their dad telling them to do sit-ups and push-ups every night instead of lifting weights. In addition to shaping their bodies, the workouts also provided mental toughness.

The boys still take dad's advice and he has a doozy planned for this week: "Look at

Keeping up with the Joneses

When the Chicago Bears play the Dallas Cowboys on Thanksgiving, brothers Thomas and Julius Jones will be the starting running backs in their first NFL matchup.

Julius Jones
Dallas Cowboys

Thomas Jones
Chicago Bears

Hitting back, Rookie
Crafted 2004, 2nd round, 11th pick by Dallas Cowboys

Missed seven games from broken shoulder blade

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Missed two games from foot sprain

each other right now and have a great big smile. Remember all the times you played video games and watched games together. We never, ever thought we'd have an opportunity like this, so go out and leave it all on the field. Have fun and run for all of the other little fellows who want to be where you are."

Beyond the typical obstacles Thomas and Julius faced in their climb from Big Stone Gap, Va., (pop. 5,906) to the NFL, a lot of things had to come together to make Sunday night a perfect, starting with both players overcoming injuries.

Julius missed the opener with bruised ribs, then broke his right shoulder blade. He made a surprising return Sunday and handled 30 carries. Thomas also returned Sunday after missing two games with a sprained left big toe.

The family's biggest concern recently involved their oldest sister, Gwen, who was due to deliver twins Wednesday in Baltimore.

Had they arrived on time, Gwen and Betty would've missed the game. But the babies were born seven weeks premature, causing more serious problems.

The babies progressed so quickly that they joined their mother and grandmother on a flight to Dallas on Sunday. Julius saw his niece Chloe and nephew Jalen for the first time that night and Thomas will have the same pleasure Wednesday night.

Gwen and the kids will watch the game at Julius' house, along with Thomas' 88-year-old mother and her 86-year-old cousin, Betty. Thomas and their other four daughters (including Julius' twin sister) will be at Texas Stadium, three wearing Cowboys jerseys and three sporting Bears colors.

"It's just a blessing to be in this predicament," the elder Thomas Jones said. "I invite everybody who has a child or children who are playing football to enjoy this with us as a family."

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Manning looks for more TD passes in Detroit

By Dave Goldberg Associated Press writer

With 35 TD passes in nine games, Peyton Manning is well on his way to shattering Dan Marino's record of 48 in a season...

four wins have been on the road this season, they tend to play pretty well in their Thanksgiving fixture...

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at Arizona The Cardinals have won three straight... at Cincinnati Does the spread represent what the public thinks of the improved Bengals...

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Declo hosts basketball jamboree Saturday... The Declo Hornets boys basketball team will kick off their season Saturday...

to land a quality closer at their club they decided to bring back the 12-year veteran...

Hagerman alumni battle in Friday fund-raiser... HAGERMAN - The Hagerman High School Booster Club will be holding men's and women's alumni basketball games on Friday...

FBI seizes tape linked to Sheffield extortion... CHICAGO - Federal authorities have seized a videotape believed to be at the center of an alleged blackmail attempt against New York Yankees slugger Gary Sheffield...

Lighthouse hosts fund-raiser this weekend... TWIN FALLS - Lighthouse Christian School will be holding its annual pancake breakfast on Saturday...

Mosley was arrested last week after allegedly asking Sheffield's business agent for \$20,000 to destroy the tape that he claimed showed Sheffield's 2003 annual practice breakfast...

A's, Pirates closing in on Kendall trade... PITTSBURGH - Three-time All-Star catcher Jason Kendall was close to being traded from the Pittsburgh Pirates to a pair of pitchers, a baseball official told The Associated Press on Wednesday...

Defense attorney Luis Galvan said Mosley, 38, voluntarily offered to turn the tape over to prosecutors after he was arrested but the government chose to seize it with a search warrant.

Francia, Russia lead in Fed Cup semifinals... MOSCOW - Defending champion France and Russia easily won opening singles matches Wednesday to take 2-0 leads in the Fed Cup semifinals...

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NBA Table with columns for Eastern Conference and Western Conference, listing teams and their records.

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2004-2005 CSI WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Coaches

RANDY ROGERS



Women's basketball head coach
 Third year
 Age: 40
Career highlights: Named 2003-04 Region 18 Coach of the Year, guided CSI to the NJCAA Tournament in 2003-04, leading his team to a 3-1 record and a seventh-place finish nationally; won the 2003-04 Scenic West Athletic Conference regular-season title; named Nevada Prep Coach of the Year for all di-

visions for 2001-02 season at Spring Creek High School; compiled a 92-49 overall record and 50-10 division record at Spring Creek from 1997-2002; named AAA Division I Coach of the Year in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001, as well as 1999 AAA Nevada Basketball Coach of the Year; led Spring Creek to state tournament appearances in all five of his seasons at the school, earning runner-up honors in 1999 and 2001.

JESSICA GIBBS



Women's basketball assistant coach
 First year
Career highlights: Played professionally for Jämtland in Sweden in 2002-04, averaging 30 points and 18 rebounds per game; in 2002-03 and 17 points and 11 rebounds the following season; named 10th top athlete in Sweden in 2003; Played at University of Wyoming from 1999-2001; named honorable mention in

the Mountain West Conference at Wyoming as a senior in 2000-01; earned All-Region 18 honorable mention honors at CSI as a sophomore after averaging 12.3 points, 7.4 rebounds and 3.2 steals per game that season; averaged 3.6 points and 2.5 rebounds at CSI as a freshman; lettered and qualified for state in basketball all four years at Wells (Nev.) High School.

The Players

Statistics through six games

No. 10 SIDNEY ORNDORFF



(G) Sophomore
 Height: 5-8
 Hometown: Hawthorne, Nev. (Mineral County HS)
 So far: Averaging a team-best 13.5 ppg while grabbing 5.2 rpg and dishing out 2.83 apg. Has shot .538 from 3-point range.
A look back: Third-team All-American and first-team All-Region 18 for Eagles in 2003-04, averaging a team-high 12.7 points and 6.5 rebounds while also dishing out 3.53 assists per game. Scored 27 points as a senior in state championship game as Mineral

County won fourth consecutive state title.
Intangibles: Just gets the job done. Great defender. Usually guards the opposition's best perimeter weapon. A silky-smooth player. Not an intimidating athlete, but knows how to play, and win.
Coach Randy Rogers says: "She's doing the same thing she did last year. You know exactly what you're going to get from her. I expect her to be the MVP of this team and hopefully, a first-team All-American and the MVP of this league."

No. 30 JALENA WILLIAMS



(G) Freshman
 Height: 5-7
 Hometown: Terreton (West Jefferson HS)
 So far: Averaging 2.0 points and 2.7 rebounds per game.
A look back: Averaged 18.2 points, 8.7 rebounds, 4.5 steals and 3.8 assists per game her senior year at West Jefferson. Named first-team all-state in Class 2A as a sophomore and a senior. Led West Jefferson to three state tournament appearances. Named first-team all-conference and first-team all-area as a sophomore, junior

and senior.
Intangibles: Reminds Rogers of former-rosed Ashley Alley, a guard on last year's team. Has a well-rounded game. Isn't outstanding in any one area but does many things well.
Coach Randy Rogers says: "Great defender. Great practice player. She's always moving, always hustling, always seems to get rebounds. If there's a rebound to be had, you can bet Jalena will be there. Probably the team's favorite player. If I say, 'Hey, let's all do what Jalena's doing,' they know what I mean."

No. 11 MEGAN KANE



(G) Sophomore
 Height: 5-7
 Hometown: Post Falls (Post Falls HS)
 So far: Averaging 5.0 points, 2.0 assists and 1.5 rebounds per game.
A look back: Averaged 3.6 points, 3.2 rebounds and 1.7 assists for Eagles in 2003-04. Saw some starting point guard duty after an injury to Jerriann. Played point guard at two-time Class 4A state champion Post Falls, the team that knocked off

Jerome in the championship game in 2003.
Intangibles: Could become the Eagles' best perimeter shooter this season after a summer of working hard on her shot. Solid ball handler. At times, shaky on defense.
Coach Randy Rogers says: "She finally had a good shooting game against Mesa College (4-of-9 for 12 points). She handles the ball well enough to control it. But she's a shooter and that's what we need her to do."

No. 31 KRYSYN PATTERSON



(F) Sophomore
 Height: 5-10
 Hometown: Wells, Nev. (Wells HS)
 So far: Averaging 4.7 points and 4.3 rebounds per game.
A look back: Averaged 2.0 points, 1.5 rebounds and 0.2 assists per game in limited minutes last season for the Eagles. Had a 25-point, 16-rebound game to hand Owyhee High School its first 1A-East-Division loss in February of 2003.

Intangibles: One of the Eagles' most physical players. A terrific position post player. Should be more of a scoring threat this season.
Coach Randy Rogers says: "Completely different player from last year. More confidence. She has more of a perimeter game and she's putting the ball on the floor more. She's going to go from about two or three minutes a game to 20 or 25 minutes a game."

No. 12 CHERYL BLAZZARD



(G) Freshman
 Height: 5-7
 Hometown: Morgan, Utah (Morgan HS)
 So far: Averaging 4.0 points and 2.6 rebounds per game.
A look back: Averaged 20 points, 4.3 steals and 3.7 assists per game as a senior at Morgan High School, leading her team to back-to-back state championships in Utah. Top scorer in Class 3A in Utah

her senior season.
Intangibles: A pure shooter. A gymnast always looking to improve her game. Seems to be able to get her shot off in any situation. A natural scorer.
Coach Randy Rogers says: "We need her as a senior at ball. She's a good shooter. Still needs to be a little quicker on offense and defense, but she can score it."

No. 32 RAYLENE JOHNSON



(G) Freshman
 Height: 5-7
 Hometown: Seattle (Franklin HS)
 So far: Averaging 5.5 points and 1.7 rebounds per game.
A look back: Scored 31 points in Franklin's 67-50 victory over Eastside Catholic High School. Named honorable mention KingCo 4A all-league as a senior.
Intangibles: The second of CSI's two new quick point

guards. A tremendous ball handler. A very streaky shooter. Provides a lot of effort. May be the Eagles' premier perimeter defender.
Coach Randy Rogers says: "Real athletic and handles the ball well. She's going to be a role player. She wants to be a starter and she's trying to earn more playing time right now. She was a leader on her high school team."

No. 20 DELICIA JERNIGAN



(G) Sophomore
 Height: 5-6
 Hometown: Hawthorne, Nev. (Mineral County HS)
 So far: Averaging 5.8 points, 2.3 assists and 1.2 steals per game.
A look back: Second-team All-Region 18 selection last season for CSI, averaging 8.8 points and a team-best 4.5 assists to go along with 4.2 rebounds per game. Tied for team high with 39 made 3-pointers. Missed 12 games last season, 11 with a foot injury and another in the consolation

championship game at the national tournament after tearing both her anterior cruciate ligament and medial collateral ligament in her left knee.
Intangibles: Expected to play a lot more at off-guard this season with an improved shooting touch and the emergence of Isabell at the point.
Coach Randy Rogers says: "She can set up the offense for us at the 1 and is one of our better shooters from the 2. We're just trying to get her back completely healthy, get her more minutes per game."

No. 33 TANYA LALICKER



(F) Freshman
 Height: 5-11
 Hometown: Dillon, Mont. (Beaverhead County HS)
 So far: Averaging 2.5 points and 3.8 rebounds per game.
A look back: Helped lead the Beavers to a state title as a junior.
Intangibles: Physical interior presence and good rebounder. Doesn't have great foot-speed

but runs the floor hard. Gets to the free throw line a lot, but is shooting just 2-of-13 there so far. Also was an excellent volley-ball player in high school.
Coach Randy Rogers says: "She's another one of our versatile big kids. She can shoot the rebound—shot-pass-it-a-little bit. She can hit 3s, bring the ball up the floor if we needed her to."

No. 21 JOANNA HIXON



(F) Sophomore
 Height: 5-11
 Hometown: Reno, Nev. (Montana State)
 So far: Averaging 3.5 points and 3.5 rebounds per game.
A look back: Transferred to CSI after averaging 5.0 points and 3.5 rebounds per game last season at Montana State. Won a state championship in high school.
Intangibles: Transfer from NCAA Division I Montana State.

Was an AAU teammate of Orndorff and Jernigan in Nevada. A well-rounded game but needs to get better on defense. A rapidly-improving player.
Coach Randy Rogers says: "She's so versatile. She plays the 4 and the 3. She puts the ball on the floor and can shoot the outside shot. A great rebounder, great shot blocker."

No. 44 KODI HESS



(F) Sophomore
 Height: 5-10
 Hometown: American Falls (College of Eastern Utah)
 So far: Averaging 1.8 points and 1.8 rebounds per game.
A look back: Played in nine games as a freshman at CEU, averaging one point and one rebound per game.
Intangibles: Transfer from

Eastern Utah after seeing limited minutes with that team. A decent post-up player despite being overmatched size-wise at times. Can step out and hit the mid-range jumper.
Coach Randy Rogers says: "Work ethic is second to none. She comes in here and practices as hard as anybody. She wants to get better, she wants to learn."

No. 22 JORDAN ECKMAN



(G) Sophomore
 Height: 5-9
 Hometown: Seattle (Kennedy HS)
 So far: Averaging 3.2 points, 2.2 rebounds and 1.3 assists per game.
A look back: Averaged 2.2 points, 3.3 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game for CSI in 2003-04. Saw time at point guard when Jernigan was injured midway through the season. Scored 12 points in Kennedy's 21-point loss to powerhouse Garfield at inaugural

King Classic tournament.
Intangibles: One of CSI's most versatile players. Is able to play point guard, shooting guard, small forward and power forward effectively. A great position rebounder.
Coach Randy Rogers says: "She's one of those players when you look at the stat sheet, she has assists, she has steals, she has rebounds. Doesn't score a lot of points but does everything well. You really feel like you've got to have her on the court to get things done."

No. 52 LENKA ZIMOVA



(C) Sophomore
 Height: 6-6
 Hometown: Partizanske, Slovakia (Gymnazium OSG)
 So far: Averaging 10.5 points and 5.3 rebounds per game to go along with 1.5 blocks per game.
A look back: Averaged 11.5 points, 5.6 rebounds, 1.7 blocks and 1.0 assists per game last season for the Eagles in being named first-team All-Region 18. Led CSI with a .521 shooting

percentage and made 9-of-20 3-pointers, good for 45 percent.
Intangibles: Versatile player. Can score from the inside and outside. Has improved her play with her back to the basket and is running the floor much better.
Coach Randy Rogers says: "I expect huge things from her. She's being recruited by some of the top teams in the country. I expect big point games and big rebounding games."

No. 24 NARKEYA ISABELL



(G) Freshman
 Height: 5-6
 Hometown: Seattle (Cleveland HS)
 So far: Averaging 7.8 points, 6.5 rebounds, 0.5 assists and 4.3 steals per game.
A look back: Averaged 15.0 points per game at Cleveland High School. Named to the Seattle Times All-Seattle Metro first team in 2003.

Intangibles: Very quick point guard. Excellent ball handler and passer. Ballhawk on defense. The key to CSI's ability to score more "in transition" this season.
Coach Randy Rogers says: "How she goes, we go. She's so quick, so athletic. She pushes the ball hard and you can't trap her, can't press her. A good shooter but a great passer."

No. 54 DENISA SVAROVA



(C) Sophomore
 Height: 6-5
 Hometown: Ruzomberok, Slovakia (Obchodna Akademia)
 So far: Averaging 10.7 points, 8.7 rebounds and 1.0 blocks per game.
A look back: Named second-team All-Region 18 after averaging 8.9 points, 5.6 rebounds, 0.9 blocks and 0.8 assists. Shot a team-high 481 from 3-point range, connecting on 13 of her 27 attempts.

Intangibles: Excellent perimeter shooter. A little more athletic than Zimova. Solid defender. Good footwork in the post.
Coach Randy Rogers says: "She's pretty tough-nosed. I expect her to keep having big games like she's had. She's also a great passer. Without (Svarova and Zimova), we'd be a mediocre team. With them, we can contend for the region championship."

Compiled by Kevin Colbert, Times-News sports writer

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Glanbia exec will join Gossner

HEYBURN — Dave Thomas, president and chief executive of Twin Falls-based Glanbia Foods Inc., will join Utah-based cheese maker Gossner Foods Inc. at the end of the year as general manager of Gossner's Idaho dairy operations.

"We have known and had the pleasure of working with Dave Thomas and the Glanbia Cheese group for many years. Based on the leadership that Dave has demonstrated over that time we feel that we have hired the best man possible to direct the expansion of Gossner Foods into Idaho," Gossner President and CEO Dolores Wheeler said in a statement distributed Wednesday by Brian Tibbets, Gossner's community development specialist.

Construction of Gossner's Swiss cheese plant is under way in Heyburn, at the former site of a J.R. Simplot Co. potato processing plant. Thomas will have oversight and operational responsibilities for that project and future Gossner projects.

"Thomas has been president and CEO of Glanbia for the past 14 years and will maintain a close working relationship with the company providing Glanbia with consulting services," the Wednesday statement said.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my career with Glanbia and being part of the growth and success of the dairy industry in Idaho," Thomas said in the statement.

Thousands ignore high pump prices

BOISE — More than 130,000 Idahoans are traveling during the long Thanksgiving holiday, refusing to let near-record gasoline prices crimp their traditions.

"While gasoline prices remain quite high by historical standards, consumers seem to be shrugging off the increased price of fuel," said Dave Carlson, Idaho spokesman for the Automobile Association of America.

The AAA's daily fuel survey put the average price for a gallon of unleaded gasoline in Idaho at \$2.04 1/2, down 5 1/2 cents from the Oct. 29 record of \$2.10 but still 40 cents higher than last Thanksgiving.

"Pump prices have stabilized a bit in the past two weeks because crude oil prices are continuing to slip," Carlson said.

After peaking at over \$55 a barrel in late October, prices retreated to below \$47 in the following three weeks before showing some new strength this week.

Idaho's average price was the sixth highest nationally and more than a dime higher than the national average. The only higher state with a higher average was Nevada at \$2.17.

Carlson said other travel costs are also up this holiday season, including hotel and rental car rates. But he also said competition for the slowly rebounding tourism dollar has created a number of discount promotions that cost-conscious travelers can take advantage of.

Huntsman Corp. files statement for IPO

SALT LAKE CITY — Chemical giant Huntsman Corp. has filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a proposed initial public offering of its common stock.

Huntsman said in a statement Wednesday that it expects to sell about \$1.25 billion in net proceeds from the offering. The money will be used to repay debt and general purposes.

The Salt Lake City-based company is the holding firm that will own the existing Huntsman company. International LLC is led by petrochemical entrepreneur and philanthropist Jon M. Huntsman. His son, Jon Jr., is Utah's governor-elect.

The company agreed to list shares on the New York Stock Exchange as "HUN."

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Chamber asks for input

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce prepares to shift into the new year with a new executive, the business organization is asking for some feedback from its members.

The chamber's new president and chief executive, Shivan Barigar, replaced retiring chamber executive Kent Just this Nov. 30.

Barigar said Wednesday he's working on laying out plans for next year. As part of those plans, the chamber this week distributed a survey via fax and e-mail that asked members to name the "most important" business for the chamber in 2005, offering options including creating a convention center, recruiting new industry and improving communication between chamber leadership and chamber members.

The multiple-choice questionnaire also asks members to give their opinions on the prepay gasoline ordinance recently enacted by the Twin Falls City Council.

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Retailers hope to start momentum early

Knight Ridder News Service

MILWAUKEE — Shoppers have been bombarded all month with coupons, 50 percent off deals and doorbuster specials.

And it remains a good bet that many people will line up before dawn Friday on the holiday season's traditional "Black Friday" selling blitz to snare a DVD player or a flat-screen TV at a rock-bottom price.

"This is an effort to start momentum early," New York retail analyst Walter Loeb said of the early-bird pricing that has become a Black Friday tradition. "They lose money on it, because the selling price is almost at cost."

Retailers hope that bargain hunters won't snuff the deals and head back to bed on Friday. Strong sales early in the holiday shopping season make it less likely that they will be forced to slash prices in December. Retailers dubbed the day "black Friday" because strong sales put many stores "in the black" profitwise.

Although surveys show that about 30 percent of consumers expect to shop on the day after Thanksgiving, that number is down from past years, apparently because of skittishness about sales.

Those saying they plan to shop Friday is the lowest in a decade, said Brit Boemer, head of America's Research Group.

Boemer's survey found that even fewer, about 26 percent, plan to shop on Saturday and Sunday. In the past decade, the Friday number has been as high as 45 percent, he said.

Boemer attributes the decline to a feeling of fear among shoppers that, aside from "doorbuster specials," the mark-downs won't be attractive enough on the weekend.

"Last year, consumers didn't see 50 percent off, and they said, 'I'm not going to fight the crowds,'" Boemer said.

It's the perennial shopper's dilemma: whether to buy early or wait out the season in hopes of getting a better price later, when retailers get nervous and slash prices.

This year, retailers started holiday promotions early, to coax shoppers to buy before Thanksgiving.

At the same time, they've tightened inventories to avoid getting stuck with a lot of unsold sweaters and mittens after Christmas.

"It looks like the tactics used the day after Thanksgiving can be used at other times," said Richard Hastings, retail sector



A customer walks past a display of sweaters with detachable faux fur collars and bows at a Sears store in downtown Chicago on Tuesday. With the holiday shopping season beginning, retailers are hoping that the merchandising of various gifts will interest frugal shoppers into spending early in the season.

analyst for Bernard-Salts in New York.

Many stores got a jump on Black Friday this year.

"This year, the industry has made it easier to find sales in November," Hastings said. It's possible that the strong sales reported by retailers in October had something to do with early holiday shopping, he said.

By this weekend, 76 percent of consumers say they will have started their holiday shopping, including 43 percent who started by October, according to a survey from the National Retail Federation.

Electronics is high on most lists of hot gift categories this year. In the third quarter of the year, electronics retailers were the biggest gainers in earnings growth, up 55 percent, according to RetailMetrics in Boston.

Best Buy is expected to make an especially strong showing, said William Cody, director of the Baker Retailing Initiative at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

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State guards unclaimed property

The Times-News

BELLEVUE — The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for hundreds of people and businesses whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley.

The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, workers' compensation benefits and the like.

The Idaho Legislature in 1997 changed state law governing unclaimed property. Now after property that's safeguarded by the tax commission remains unclaimed for 10 years, it will transfer to state ownership and be deposited in Idaho's general fund.

"The first time that will happen is 2007. Before the 1997 law, the tax commission held unclaimed property for its rightful owners in perpetuity."

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. Today's list is from Bellevue, Bliss and Hallett. The tax commission said each person or business listed today — or the person's heir — owns unclaimed property worth more than \$75.

Watch for other towns' in coming weeks.

Bellevue: Ackleybanister, Juan Carlos Carrillo, Valerie Garrett, Barbara Gibbs, Antonio Gonzalez, Ross Maria Gonzalez, J & E Custom Siding, Kim D. Jensen, Madrie Miller, Paul Pickett, Robert W. Prince, Ethel M. Scott, Ron A. Scott, John Vaughan, Amy Camp

Bliss: Andrea Green, Maureen Guerrero, Chris Haugh, Ryan Humphreys, Victoria Kohler, Dustin Levasseur, James Lyons, Jorge Milina, Colby Molynex, Teresa L. Molynex, Karen Montgomery, Brian Horn, Glenn Nlwa, Peggy Olsen, Salena Ortiz, Elias Reyes, Doreen Roggs, Eric Slawinsky, Bradley Homeowners Association, Deborah L. Shavinden, Michael Siguenza, Dale E. Smith, Mark Streiker, Gerald F. Johnson, Joan Wetman

Hallett: John Cavanna, Flipped Out Foods Inc., Halley Medical, Julia Haagle, Jayna Jaskowski, Jean Jensen, Michael Kibling, Nicholas Nelles, Nellie Leverich, Bill Lewis, Francis Livingston, Lynn McMillin, Roger Grove, Ranch Homeowners Association, Deborah L. Shavinden, Michael Siguenza, Dale E. Smith, Mark Streiker, Gerald F. Johnson, Joan Wetman

What to do: See your name on Idaho's unclaimed-property owners list? To claim your property, do one of these:

- Call 1-800-972-7660, ext. 7623 or ext. 7627.
- Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410.
- Send e-mail to lostandfound@tax.state.id.us.
- Log on to www.tax.idaho.gov and click on "Unclaimed Property" for instructions and claim forms that can be printed and mailed to the commission. The site also provides a search link for other names and a link to other states' unclaimed-property listings.

Keep track of holiday spending, but have fun

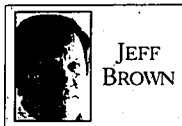
Operating Instructions: Do not read this column Thanksgiving morning.

For greatest effect, it should be read AFTER an enormous meal and a day of sloth — at the moment you resolve to avoid all excess henceforth.

We've arrived at the season for finger-wagging about holiday overindulgence of the financial type. I don't promise to practice what I preach. Nor do I really expect you to. I write this for myself, to keep my conscience clear.

I'd like to start by revisiting a column I wrote a number of years ago, when I argued that every dollar is really \$5.

I meant that a dollar saved today could grow to \$5 in 20 years, if invested at typical market returns. If you thought that every one-buck can of Coke was really depriving you of \$5 in retirement, I bet you'd pass up a



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few cans. The savings would add up.

That column was written in the high-flying '90s, while recent returns may make a dollar grow to only \$3 in 20 years. Still, it's a "one-dollar" soda or bag of chips really worth three? No.

In other words, try not to spend so much this holiday season.

With that in mind, here are some basic holiday-saving tips. They're pretty obvious — but the soaring rates of credit-card debt show that the average

Please see SPENDING, Page C8

Restaurant employee treats customers right

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Beginning with its distinctive drawl, Margie Britt is the epitome of Southern hospitality. And in terms of delighting customers, she's over the top.

Her accent generates some positive feedback over the speakerphone at Twin Falls' Jack-In-the-Box restaurant.

Some of her drive-through customers even have had to order a side of that friendly drawl, which she brought with her from Durham, N.C.

When she takes your order, Please see SERVICE, Page C7

"I'll take one of those" is what some people say," Britt said.

But the effect Britt has on her customers goes beyond the way she talks.

"She's always courteous," said Jack in the Box regular Larry Lawson of Twin Falls.

Her courteous manner is apparent during a rush-hour situation. Even on such occasions, "she has a bright, pleasant attitude," Lawson told Southern Idaho Business.

Recently, Britt demonstrated her knack for giving exemplary customer service to her fast-food clientele when the line of walk-in business was longer than usual.

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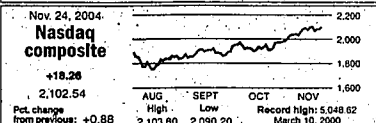
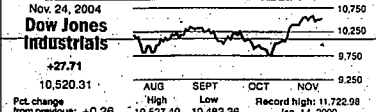


Margie Britt smiles behind the counter of Twin Falls' Jack in the Box restaurant. Britt provides exemplary customer service with her positive attitude and her distinctive Southern accent.

MONEY

Stocks move higher on oil report

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks closed slightly higher in a lackluster pre-holiday trading Wednesday with a better-than-expected government report on oil inventories and good employment figures giving investors reasons to buy stocks.



A drop in weekly unemployment claims, which fell to their lowest level in three months, eased investor concerns about the strength of the economy.

claims were filed last week, down 334,000 last week and less than the 335,000 analysts had expected.

How to deal with an abusive boss

One way to deal with an abusive boss is to quit, but what are other options? Question: I have worked for a family-owned business for two years. The problem is that the owner has a drinking problem.

point out that the business is not going to succeed in the long run with his continued behavior and that "he's going to drive you away."

As for collecting unemployment pay, Leonard said that you can't get unemployment pay until you are laid off. He said that you should try to get a written agreement from the employer that you will be laid off if the owner's drinking problem continues.



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Durable-goods orders dip; home sales, jobless claims encouraging

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's factories saw orders for big-ticket goods drop in October after brisk activity the previous month, highlighting the continued recovery of the nation's manufacturers.

Factory activity was weighed down last month by weakness in new bookings placed for automotive components, electrical equipment and primary metals, which includes steel.

Still, there were some aspects of Wednesday's report that tempered their disappointment. Orders for durable goods fell 0.3 percent from the previous month, according to revised figures.

Service

Continued from C6 "You're not just a name or a number," and when time is of the essence, "she goes the extra mile," said Lawson, who develops educational classes and conducts seminars for business owners.

Have you been well-served?

Did a billing clerk patiently sort out your tangled account? Did a sales person surprise you with his or her efforts? The next time you are the beneficiary of outstanding customer service, note the worker's name along with every day's business.

experience — not merely on general impressions. The winning names for each month will be recognized in a Southern Idaho Business article like the one reprinted here or her efforts.

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Editor's note: Commodity quotes were not available from S&P and Co. on Wednesday.

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Delta exchange offer ends

ATLANTA (Dow Jones/AP) — Delta Air Lines Inc's offer to exchange unsecured notes for secured bonds expires Wednesday.

Wednesday said just over \$607 million of unsecured debt had been tendered for exchange by Tuesday.

The embattled airline continued to face pressure from bondholders.

Delta said it will issue an unspecified amount of new secured bonds.

Mass marketers and department stores are also targeting electronics customers.

Walmart has become a major player in electronics, using TVs and DVD players as doorbusters.

Continued from C6. American hasn't gotten the message.

Lots of us budget for the big-ticket items, only to let the small stuff nickel and dime us to death.

Make a budget and keep a list. Decide how much you want to spend.

Take the Christmas tree. At our house, we used to buy enormous trees for our vaulted family room.

Use debit cards. These are like using cash, since they draw from your checking or savings account.

It's the thought that counts. Carry by text. Last year, I hit a home run making family photo albums for my mother and sister.

Set a payment schedule. If you must borrow by using credit cards, set a strict schedule for paying the debt off.

No one wants to live in a self-imposed poverty. It's the holidays, for goodness sake; it's a time for being generous and loosening up.

Shop early — or late. Early shoppers have time to compare deals; last-minute ones get the best sales.

Don't worry, be happy. No one wants to live in a self-imposed poverty.

Go online. Even if you don't buy from an online seller, the Internet is a great place to study prices.

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Please call Ramona-Jones at 733-0931, Ext. 262, with your suggestions.

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Section D

Magic Valley scrapbooks

In 1911 in downtown Twin Falls are, in back from left, Cloe Bell, William R. Bell, Lewis Bell, Clarence McCoy, Ivie Bell and Mrs. and Mr. Harrison Bell. In front from left are Ronald Bell, Lawrence Bell, two unidentified children, Clifford Bell and another unidentified child. This family gathering is at Cloe's boarding house. 'My dad always hated working there as he was the youngest and felt he got stuck with the girl chores,' says Patricia Cogswell, daughter of Lawrence and granddaughter of Cloe. 'Until one day he got to clean out a drummer's room that got behind in his rent and skipped town. Dad got to keep some jewelry that was left.'



Photo courtesy of PATRICIA A. COGSWELL of Twin Falls



Photo courtesy of EVELYN J. ANDERSON of Twin Falls

Relatives visit Grandma Sophia Erickson, seated in a chair, in Oakley in 1909. On her lap is Regina Jenkins Hart. On the steps, from left, are Vivian Olsen, Louise Anderson, Hazel Jenkins Hardwick, Teresa Anderson Park, Lariel Jenkins and Ned Anderson. On the porch, from left, are Evelyn Erickson Anderson holding baby Jack Anderson, Agnes Erickson Jenkins, Bill Jenkins and Alvin Erickson, at right. The house with its yellow roses and fruit orchards is no longer there.

Today, I expect to tote a green bean casserole to my sister's house and spend the day with the family. Not an unusual Thanksgiving activity at all.

In fact, it's the sort of thing that Magic Valley folks throughout the century have liked at any time of year. Gatherings of extended families for picnics and potlucks are common sights in our readers' old scrapbooks.

Today we present a selection of those get-together photographs. You'll see families sharing sunshine weather, Christmas, Independence Day — or any day at all that it's possible to muster the members.

By the way, don't blame me for unoriginal casserole choice. The green beans are by request.

— Virginia S. Hutchins



Photo courtesy of PATRICIA A. COGSWELL of Twin Falls

The family of Teresa Maude Ainsworth gathers for a Fourth of July picnic in 1941 — just before one family member shipped out for military service — at the Harrington Fork campground in the South Hills. In back from left are Emma Smith, Irma Fellon, Myrtle Ainsworth, Norma Morris, Beth Bell, Leona McCleary, matriarch Maude Ainsworth, Ada Bopp, Annie Morris, Cora Ainsworth and Alva Ainsworth. In the center row, from left, are Marvin Morris, Joseph Ainsworth, Larry Bell, Dee Ainsworth (the man preparing to leave for war), Frank McCleary, Fred Ainsworth, Harold Fellon, Fred Morris, Howard Ainsworth and Bill Ainsworth. In front from left are Leon, Pat and Dona Ainsworth; Pat Bell; Leona Ainsworth; Sandra Bopp; Gloria Ainsworth; Virginia Morris; and Darlene and Kay Ainsworth. 'This was one of our favorite weekend picnics,' says Patricia A. (Bell) Cogswell of Twin Falls, who was the little girl fourth from left in the front row. 'It was a very bittersweet day.'



Photo courtesy of MAZEL ALETTI of Twin Falls

After Christmas dinner with all the family together, E.J. Malone poses with his four sons and two daughters, and their spouses, at his home on Sunrise Boulevard in Twin Falls in about 1930. From left are Arthur and Irene Childers; Loren and Ruth Malone; John and Grace Bates; Leslie and Lula Malone, standing in back; E.J. Malone and his second wife, Bulahe Malone; Harold and Alga Malone, standing in back; and Leatha and Herschel Malone.



Photo courtesy of JOAN WILSON-BARLEY of Eden

This family get-together in about 1938 includes relatives visiting Magic Valley from Oregon and Washington. In back, from left, are Mary Chalinsha Willis, Sadie Willis, Myrtle Willis Wesch, Lillian Willis and Gladys Hensley Willis. The adults in front, from left, are Joe Smith, Charlie Willis, Chester Willis, Ernest Willis and Jesse Willis holding daughter Joan. 'It's good to get together and have fun,' says Joan, an Eden resident whose last name now is Barkley.



Photo courtesy of JEANNINE GAREY of Twin Falls

At a 1910 picnic in Buhl are, in back from left, George A. Childs, O.J. Childs, an unidentified man, Edna Childs, Helen Wilson and LaVina Childs holding baby Dorthea Childs. In front from left are Theodore Childs, Cecil Childs, Glendoris Childs and picnic hosts Mrs. and Mr. Wilson (not otherwise identified). Jeannine Garey of Twin Falls is the daughter of Cecil Childs and granddaughter of George Childs. The latter was a Twin Falls County assessor and county commissioner.

Newspaper solicits old Christmas, New Year's photos

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — We said we were finished accepting privately owned historical photographs for the "Magic Valley scrapbooks" feature.

But we changed our minds. In part. Generous readers submitted hundreds of photographs before our August deadline, and our file of unpublished images is still thick. But

there's not much in that file that shows Magic Valley's early residents celebrating Christmases or the beginnings of new years.

So for a short time, we're reopening our invitation for readers to submit old photographs — but only photos which depict Christmas or New Year's themes. If we get a sufficient response, we'd like to publish a page of Christmas pictures on the Dec. 23 Centennial

page, and New Year's photos on Dec. 30.

That won't be the end of our popular Centennial photo feature. The thick file of historical photographs already submitted will fuel Centennial pages at least several months into 2005.

• **What to submit:** We're looking for privately owned photos taken anywhere in Magic Valley before 1940, depicting Christmas and New Year's activities.

• **Where to bring them:** The newspaper office is at 132 Fairfield St. W. in Twin Falls.

• **When:** We'll accept the photos between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays for the next few weeks. We're closed today for Thanksgiving.

• **Ask for:** Three news clerks are available to scan the photos while you wait and return them to you immediately. They are Ellen Thomason, at

735-3266; Ramona Jones, at 735-3262; and Jami Whitted, at 735-3278. Appointments are not necessary, but please come when you have time to wait for a clerk to finish the scanning.

• **Permission form:** For each photo submitted, you'll be asked to sign a form giving the newspaper permission to reproduce the picture in its printed and online editions. We'll give you credit as the photograph's owner.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Burley resident celebrates 95th birthday with family

BURLEY - Burdell T. Curtis, a longtime Declo and Burley resident, celebrated his 95th birthday with his family on Nov. 20 at Price's Cafe.

Curtis was Simpson's first bookkeeper and a book-keeper for South Side Electric, Declo Light and Power and the Village of Declo. He was the manager of the Burley Irrigation District for 14 years and has been a farmer most of his life.

Curtis also served on several boards and committees in the community and state, including the Idaho Bean Commission and Committee of Nine, and in many positions in his church.

His honors include Burley Chamber of Commerce Farmer of the Year, Burley Farm Bureau Grand Farmer of the Year and Idaho Water Resource Guardian of the Year.

He lives three daughters, five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Snowmobile training class is offered in Rupert

RUPERT - A snowmobile safety class will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 11 at Doc's Pizza.

The cost is \$5 and includes lunch and class. The event is hosted by the Mount Harrison Snowmobile Club.

Reservations must be made by Dec. 5. For more information or to RSVP, call Chuck Larson at 678-2315.

St. Jerome Catholic Church holds bazaar

JEROME - St. Jerome's Catholic Church is holding its annual bazaar in the Parish Hall. Doors open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

There will be a wide variety of vendors, "Basement Bingo" and drawings for door prizes donated by the vendors.

An Idaho potato bar will be held Friday for \$3. A ham dinner will be served Saturday for \$5.

For more information, call Anne Chojnacky at 324-2668.

M.V. Singles Square Dance club meets

JEROME - The Magic Valley Single Square Dance Club will

have a workshop for new dancers at 7 p.m. followed by advanced dancers at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the American Legion Hall.

Dancers with last names beginning with P through Z should bring finger foods. For more information, call 734-4647.

Walk/run benefits former Gooding resident

NAMPA - The Northwest Nazarene University Psychology Club and Honor Society Psi Chi is hosting the Becky Schiermeyer walk/run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to help benefit Schiermeyer's trust fund and the Brain Injury Association of Idaho.

Schiermeyer, a NNU nursing student and former Gooding resident, suffered a severe brain injury two years ago. She had to learn to talk and walk again and has returned to NNU this year to continue her studies, benefit organizers report.

The 1.2-mile courses will begin at the Johnson Sports Center and continue around the campus.

The fee is \$10 and includes a t-shirt. Registration forms are available at www.nnu.edu. For more information or to volunteer, e-mail Kara Johnson at kjohnson@nnu.edu.

Foundation benefits Camp Rainbow Gold

TWIN FALLS - A foundation has been formed with the goal of long-term financial security for Camp Rainbow Gold, a summer camp for Idaho children diagnosed with cancer.

For more information

Check out rainbowdreamsfoundation.org. To participate, or make a tax-deductible donation, contact Sharon Buckle at 734-2425, or through the Web site.



Employees of Dell in Twin Falls supported a recent Rainbow Dreams Foundation fund-raiser. They are, from left, top row: Ginnie Cooper, Lucinda Yost, Mary Ann Detaney, Nadine Adams, Christina Erling, Staci DeLeon, Lacy Meyers and Lonnie Ahlquist; bottom row: Ronda Garner, Cassia Loos, Sharon Bohm, Kelli Edwards and Teanna Lear with Sharon Buckle, Rainbow Dreams Foundation Board member.

First organized by Dr. David McCluskey, a Twin Falls physician, in collaboration with the American Cancer Society and Mountain States Tumor Institute pediatric oncology unit, the camp is free to the children, reported foundation board member Sharon Buckle of Twin Falls, who also is a past camp manager.

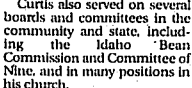
Held at Cathedral Pines Camp north of Ketchum, campers participate in a variety of activities, ranging from crafts to canoeing, horseback riding to costume parties. The staff includes nurses and a physician. The focus is on promoting self-esteem, making friends and, of course, fun. Buckle reported.

To eventually move to its own campsite and be able to expand

the programming to include siblings and family or age-specific camps is a goal of the Camp Rainbow Gold organizers. Buckle reported. With recognition as a nonprofit status and oversight by a Board of Directors with extensive volunteer experience at the camp, the Rainbow Dreams Foundation is poised to help realize this dream, she added.

Because the foundation is supported by all volunteers, contributors can be assured that about 97 percent of their donation will not only go to the children, but will earn interest before it is needed for camp expenses, Buckle reported.

Part of the money raised by the foundation has come from fund-raisers, including the "Great Pumpkin Sale" organized by Buckle.



Burdell Curtis is the manager of the Burley Irrigation District for 14 years and has been a farmer most of his life.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Methodist church serves up thanks to community

We at the Crossroads United Methodist Church in Kimberly would like to thank the community for its support and all the workers for the best ever annual turkey dinner (73rd). We served close to 650 diners. We appreciate you all very much.

PAT BALLARD
Chairman
Kimberly

Sponsors make tournament a success

The Bruin Boosters would like to thank the following businesses and individuals that made the Fifth Annual Bruin Booster Golf Tournament a success:

Blue tee sponsors: BriCo of Idaho and John and Susan Reitsma.

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These businesses and individuals that donated prizes or were sponsors and the individuals playing in the tournament made this fund-raiser for the Bruin Boosters a success. With the funds raised from this tournament, the Bruin Boosters will be able to provide much-needed equipment for Bruin athletes.

Thank you again to all the businesses and individuals supporting the Bruin Boosters.

DENNIS J. BOWYER
Chairman, Golf Tournament
Bruin Boosters
Twin Falls

Businesses help Charity Anywhere Foundation

Charity Anywhere Foundation would like to thank Pacific Iron and Steel for donating steel for a luggage rack for its

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community fan. Also, the foundation would like to thank Precision Vinyl Products for assisting with the rack. This will enable Charity Anywhere Foundation to carry more luggage and donated items when it services local and international projects.

We do appreciate the donations of products and time.

GORDON CARTER
Charity Anywhere Foundation
Twin Falls

Family appreciates daughter's winning of bike

The Guzman family would like to thank Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark for giving our daughter, Bianca, the chance to win the bicycle.

CLAUDIA GUZMAN
Twin Falls

Restaurant serves up dinner to veterans

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the Golden Corral in Twin Falls for hosting veterans, active duty personnel, Guard and Reserve personnel, and their families, for a delicious and plentiful buffet dinner on Nov. 15.

The Golden Corral management and employees were most gracious and cheerfully welcoming to a huge crowd of those who have served and who serve now. Its recognition and appreciation truly warms the heart.

In the Navy, a message is sent by higher command to ships and stations that excel in doing a mission or task. That message is a simple " Bravo Zulu" (BZ), which stands for "well done."

To the Golden Corral, its

management and the staff, I say, BZ and BZ over again.

ED WRIGHT
Master Chief Petty Officer
U.S. Navy (Retired)
Twin Falls

Businesses donate to Head Start fund-raiser

Orchard Valley Head Start and Head Start families would like to thank the following businesses for their donations:

Clear Springs Foods, Black Brothers Farms, Farnham Restaurant, Simerly's, S&G Produce and the Legion Hall of Wendell.

These businesses contributed to a successful fund-raiser. Thank you.

We would also like to thank community members for purchasing tickets to this fish fry and carnival. You made this a successful event.

CINDY SCOTT
Nancy Supervisor
CANCY DURTSCHI
Polley Council Representative
Orchard Valley Head Start
Wendell

Contributions help send witness team to Belize

The Buhl Church of the Nazarene would like to express great appreciation to the following businesses and people who donated to the silent auction and spaghetti feed to help send the work and witness team to Belize:

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ARLINE GERDES
Buhl

FIVE GENERATIONS



Tressica Henstock, 1, is the fifth generation to a local family. They are, left, grandfather Chip Henstock; right, father Kasey Henstock of Twin Falls; back, great-grandmother Mervin Miles of Dubois and holding Tressica is great-great-grandmother Anna Mae Schroeter of Twin Falls.

HITTING THE RIGHT NOTES



The Burley High School Bobcat Band and Stepperettes participated in the Treasure Valley Festival of Bands at Valluave High School in Caldwell Oct. 9. The 100-member group was awarded Outstanding Woodwinds, Outstanding Percussion, Best Visual Effect, Best General Effect and first place in Division 3A for schools with 750 students or less. The group competed again in Ontario, Ore., at the Ontario Marching Machine Festival Oct. 11 and in Pocatello at the Mountain West Marching Competition Oct. 16. Displaying the awards are, from left: Drum majors Breanna Piper, junior; Megann Nelson, senior; and Alyssa Piper, sophomore.

SERVICE NEWS

Gabehart graduates from Army training

Robby J. Gabehart has graduated from the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Leader Development and Assessment Course (ROTC), also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Theona, Wash.

Although continued military training and leadership development is included in the curriculum, the primary focus of the course is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential as a leader. The cadet command assesses each cadet's performance and progress in of-

feer traits, qualities and professionalism while attending the course.

He is the son of Judy D. Gabehart of Falcon, Mo., and Rodney W. Gabehart of Buhl. His wife, Toni, is the daughter of Roland L. Bogar of Thon, Idaho, and Shari M. Mead of Podatch.

Gabehart is a 1986 graduate of Deary High School.

Pvt. McKay graduates from petroleum training

Army National Guard Pvt. M. D. McKay has graduated from the petroleum supply specialist advanced individual training

course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The course is designed to train students in receipt, storage, issue, shipping and distribution of petroleum, oil and lubricant products used by the Army. Training included instruction in petroleum and water accounting, operating equipment associated with fuels and water distribution, and fueling and de-fueling operations and pres. air-craft and stationary equipment.

He is the son of Alex R. McKay of Twin Falls. McKay is a 2003 graduate of Hansen High School.

Johnson is inducted into Phi Theta Kappa chapter

Dawn Michelle Johnson was inducted into the Omicron Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at College of Southern Idaho on Sept. 15 in Twin Falls.

Johnson, from Twin Falls, is majoring in nursing and is the

daughter of Dr. Pam and Jack Holloway and Harold and Vanda Johnson of Twin Falls.

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Women share secret of the perfect tortilla

By Coreen Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Alejandra Paredes and her mother, Francisca Allen, love to make tortillas. The Hermosillo, Mexico-born women have some very firm ideas about how to do the job.

First of all, they make flour tortillas, not corn. Mixing the dough looks effortless. "You know, we never measure," said the 31-year-old Paredes, a deputy clerk at Casolin County's Magistrate Court. "They've made tortillas for so long that it's second nature. The dough is tender and pliable, it rolls out perfectly round. No many shapes here for these two pros."

The ingredients never vary. They swear by Gold Medal flour because they say the tortillas don't shrink after cooking. They use Crisco shortening because they call it predictable as they fold under the bowl keeps it from sliding as Paredes kneads. The only thing that they compromise on is the resting time. Once the dough is made, it's best if it rests for 15 minutes. But sometimes their families just can't wait.

Since she works outside the home and has three children, Paredes bought an electric tortilla machine years ago. It resembles a waffle maker, but the surfaces are flat. She pops an egg-sized ball of dough into the machine and closes it. A ready whistle signifies that the dough is pre-cooking. In a few seconds, she removes the flat tortilla to a pre-heated skillet, where it magically puffs like a balloon. The fragrance is mesmerizing.

One after another, she piles them up, and in half an hour, she has gone from basic ingredients to a stack of tortillas. She continually moves them from one stack to another as they cool and deflate back to flatness.

"This is so they won't stick together," Paredes said. "At home, who weighs cases at Nature's Best, take the tortillas to extremes in the summer when she can cook them over a barbecue. She uses a tractor disc to cook the yard-wide, paper-thin tortillas as they puff in a golden pie. These are for special barbecues when steaks are cooked on the grill, then sliced into fajita strips. Add some guacamole, chopped green onions and salsa cruda, and you have a taste of heaven. The family's favorite filling is machaca, a dried beef not available here."

"My aunt sends us some from Mexico," Paredes said. "Golden pie can also roll them out with the *bolillo* which is a length of broomstick. They turn out perfectly. Her third method, learned from Allen, is to make them by the hand. Just use the right fists and gentle twinks; the dough comes out round; so thin you can read newspaper headlines through it."

"In Hermosillo, they make them by hand," Allen said. Paredes said the tortilla-making is a long-time family tradition that helps her to remember her grandmother, now deceased.

"I remember her making tor-



Alejandra Paredes illustrates the art of putting out a tortilla by hand. She says the tradition of tortilla making reminds her of her grandmother.



Francisca Allen demonstrates one of her yard-wide tortillas. The Mexican-born women usually make these in warm weather out on the barbecue.

Hermosillo-style flour tortillas

- 2 pounds Gold Medal flour
- 1 cup Crisco shortening
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 23 teaspoons salt

Mix the dry ingredients and Crisco together well. Then gradually add about three cups of tepid water until the dough is soft and pliable. Knead for about two or three minutes.

Allow the dough to rest under an overturned bowl for 15 minutes. Put a couple of tablespoons of shortening on your hands and rub it over the surface of the dough. Now pull off about a fourth of the dough, work it briefly, and squeeze at the top until a ball of dough the size of an egg pops out.

Roll out with your preferred method to a round shape. Cook in a non-stick skillet over heat that is slightly hotter than medium. It will puff up and brown.

Flip it over and cook the other side. Move the finished tortillas from one stack to another to help them cool and keep them from sticking to each other. Unused tortillas can be wrapped first in paper towels or a clean kitchen towel, then in foil and tucked into a plastic bag. These will keep for several days in the refrigerator.

Guacamole makes a good topping for any meat placed onto a tortilla. Just mix the following ingredients to your taste: Mashed avocado, Chopped tomato, Chopped onion, Chopped cilantro, Jalapeno (optional), Lime juice to prevent browning, or place the avocado stone in the center of the dish when it is finished. Salt.

tillas twice a day, every day," she said. "Every morning and every evening, or as long as her hands could do it."

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TO THE PATRON SAINT OF MUSICIANS



Mexican mariachi musicians play during a procession as they celebrate St. Cecilia's Day, Nov. 22, in Mexico City. Hundreds of musicians walked in procession to the Basilica of Guadalupe to honor St. Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians.

Colombian rocker Juanes confronts homeland's conflict

By Andrew Selsky
Associated Press writer

BOGOTA, Colombia — For a musician with nine Latin Grammys and a new single topping the charts, Juanes is a laid-back guy, with none of a rock star's brashness.

But underneath that mellow exterior is a man on a mission — just listen to his new album, *Mi Sangre* (Spanish for "My Blood"), confronts the suffering and bloodshed in Colombia's protracted guerrilla war.

Juanes said his nation's dark side must be explored: "Colombia is a country which is suffering, and we must move ahead," the lanky singer said. "To make a flowery record would not be telling the truth."

While conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan grab headlines, Colombia's war kills 3,500 people — mostly civilians — every year. Another 3,000 Colombians are kidnapped each year. And the conflict is seemingly endless: two Marxist rebel groups, funded by drug trafficking, extortion and kidnapping, have been battling a succession of elected governments for 40 years.

Juanes, a 32-year-old Miami resident, has found a huge international audience with his heartfelt lyrics mixed with flowing guitar riffs. On his previous two albums, he sang often of love and betrayal, and a little about the Colombian conflict. Now that ratio has been reversed on his new album, as he hopes for better days for his South American homeland.

"I dream that all the hostages who are held today in the middle of the jungle are free," Juanes sings in "Suenos" ("Dreams"). "I dream that my bleeding people live in peace and this senseless war is over."



Vida Latina

Before the album's release, Juanes performed for wounded Colombian soldiers at a Bogota military hospital. One soldier, who lost an arm in combat, presented Juanes with a clay cup made at the hospital's occupational training program.

"It was a very emotional encounter for me," Juanes said. "I respect and admire them."

Some of his new songs were inspired by tales of soldiers separated from their loved ones while pulling tours of duty from the cold of the Andes Mountains to Colombia's steamy jungles.

"When they're in the field, what keeps them going is their desire to return to their families," Juanes said.

The single "Nada Valgo Sin Tu Amor" ("I'm Worthless Without Your Love"), which was released weeks ahead of the album and is now the most-played Latin song in the United States, poignantly addresses the theme: "I want to

take back all the nights I've lost, to bear back this overpowering fear of death, to be eternal with you."

Juanes, whose given name is Juan Esteban Aristizabal, has come a long way since he fronted a heavy metal band called Ekhyzmosis in his hometown of Medellin in the 1990s.

"I wanted to be the James Hetfield of Medellin," Juanes recalled with a laugh, referring to the lead singer of Metallica, a band he still admires. "But I realized that wasn't me and that I wouldn't get far."

Juanes, who began learning guitar at 5, said he decided when he left Ekhyzmosis and moved to the United States that he didn't want to copy other bands, no matter how cool they were, but instead to find his own voice.

"Unlike fellow Colombian superstar musician Shakira, whose album 'Laundry Service' is mostly in English, Juanes said he will stick to Spanish — even if many fans don't always understand the words. "In London, when I sang 'A Dios Le Pido' ('I Ask God'), some people thought I was saying 'Adios Lepido' ('Goodbye Lepido')." Juanes said with a grin. "But it doesn't matter — even if people don't understand 100 percent of the words, the music still connects."

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Pat Marcantonio

Mexican election panel upholds disputed victories

By Susana Hayward
Knight Rider News Service

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's former ruling party got a big boost Nov. 17 when a federal electoral tribunal upheld the party's victories in three hotly disputed local elections.

With a near-capacity audience looking on, the Federal Electoral Commission's seven-member Supreme Tribunal upheld the wins by the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, in gubernatorial contests in Oaxaca and Veracruz and in the mayoral race in Tijuana, on the U.S. border.

Opponents had accused the PRI of misconduct in each campaign and had demanded that the results be overturned. But the tribunal favored the PRI's position unanimously in each case, giving the party three

more important posts from which to promote its presidential candidate in the 2006 election.

The decisions also bolstered the campaign of Roberto Medraza, the PRI's national leader, to be his party's nominee. The three victors are closely allied with Medraza's faction within the party.

Wednesday's decisions are final and can't be appealed.

The PRI held Mexico's presidency for seven decades before its candidate was defeated in 2000 by Medco's current president, Vicente Fox, a member of the National Action Party, or PAN. But after four years, Fox has lost stature for failing to live up to promises of ending poverty, crime and corruption and imposing fiscal reforms.

The tribunal's deliberations were closely followed in Mexico,

where jockeying for position in the upcoming presidential campaign is well under way. Hours before the tribunal's 1:30 p.m. start, hundreds of people lined up for seats. Observers couldn't remember similar excitement for a previous electoral commission session. It was the first time the tribunal met on three cases at the same time.

The Tijuana case drew the most interest. There, the PRI candidate, Jorge Hank Rhon, the son of a well-connected PAN family, ended 15 years of PAN municipal rule when he defeated Jorge Ramos, a 36-year-old lawyer, by 1 percentage point. Ramos charged that Hank Rhon, an ostentatious businessman and zoo and casino owner who's been linked to organized crime, overspent campaign limits, bought votes and used his dog track as his campaign office.

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Holy roller takes his chances on the sidewalk

Los Angeles Times

LAS VEGAS — The preacher with a robe in the face of his jeans and a pocketful of prayer cards waded through the late-night crowd — young men with hats on sidewalks, women in saucy dresses, hired hands passing out fliers for escort services, Tom Griner turned a raised palm toward Robert Jones, a 21-year-old visiting from Illinois.

"Jesus saves!" Griner shouted. "Maybe," said Jones, not stopping to chat. "But he didn't win the \$500 last night."

The way the American Civil Liberties Union sees it, the First Amendment — was made — for nights like this. The organization in recent months has turned a small band of street preachers into unlikely symbols of free speech — fighting, sometimes in noisy confrontations with police and casinos, for the preachers' right to spread the gospel on the Las Vegas Strip.

The alliance is an awkward one.

The preachers openly despise the ACLU, which they view as an inherently liberal institution, albeit one that had lately seemed like their only friend in town.

The ACLU doesn't think much of the preachers' condemnation of well-to-do couples, including fornicators. Democrats, women who seek abortions and people who have not accepted Christ as their savior.

And the Las Vegas establishment doesn't think much of the whole issue: evangelical preachers bellowing about "homos," "porno freaks" and the devil don't exactly fit with the anything-goes marketing scheme that has served this city well.

But the ACLU forged ahead because, the organization said, a long-percolating dispute between the casinos and the preachers threatened the sanctity of the quintessential American venue for free expression: the sidewalk.

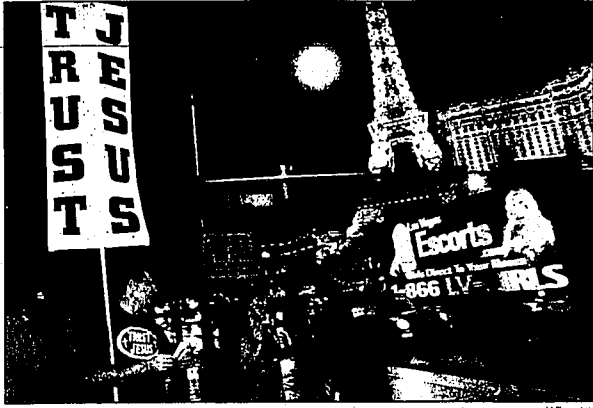
This fall, the groups' campaign resulted in a tenuous agreement among casinos, police and city leaders that allows the preachers to stay. If the agreement holds, it could mark the end of a decade-long fight to give control over the sidewalks back to the public. A fight that had been taken up, at one time or another, by a motley collection of people who want to express their opinion in public, including advocates for the homeless, animal rights activists, war protesters and hawkers of erotic dance clubs.

"We know we don't fit into the mold here," Griner said. "But ... he [the model] toward the casinos behind him" are not the only game in town.

Courts have long held that sidewalks are constitutionally protected forums for public opinion. Generally, as long as people are doing things that are otherwise legal, they can do it on the sidewalk. Vegas being Vegas, it's not that simple here.

In 1993, the city was forced to close portions of the Vegas Boulevard, including the Venetian stretch known as the Strip that runs along the themed casinos, to accommodate soaring traffic, new resorts and growing tourism. As a result, new sidewalks had to be built on private property in front of large and powerful casinos. Increasingly, the casinos attempted to control and restrict the activity on the sidewalks.

The following year, after 500 labor protesters were arrested for trespassing because the MGM Grand complained, civil libertarians launched their fight. It led, eventually, to a lawsuit against the casinos, and in 2001 a federal appellate court sided with a different group of labor union protesters, ruling that the sidewalk in front of the Venetian



Tom Griner, left, and his wife, Kathie, preach to a pedestrian on the Las Vegas Strip. Backed by the ACLU, preachers have reached an agreement with casinos on preaching on the strip.

Casino Resort was a public forum though it was on private property.

"What the court said, basically, is that if it looks like a sidewalk, smells like a sidewalk, and functions like a sidewalk, then by golly it's a public sidewalk," said Gary Peck, executive director of the Nevada ACLU.

Early this year, however, it became clear that casinos, private security companies and some police officers weren't aware of the ruling — or were choosing to ignore it. Casino security repeatedly told the preachers that they were on private property and needed to leave. Police officers insisted that the preachers move even after the preachers produced copies of the court opinion. Griner was even cited with obstruction, a misdemeanor, for blocking the sidewalk.

Griner and fellow preacher

Jim Webber began videotaping their encounters with security personnel and police officers. Peck and Allen Lichtenstein,

Nevada ACLU's general counsel, became a free-speech SWAT team, descending on the Strip on a moment's notice to make

impassioned, impromptu arguments that the preachers could stay — confrontations that drew curious tourists.

Earlier this year, security guards at New York-New York, a large resort that features a miniature facsimile of the Manhattan skyline, evicted an Iraq war protester. Such sidewalk incidents — and the ACLU's argument that Las Vegas was sacrificing constitutional rights to guard its careful image — caught the attention of city leaders.

Alan Feldman, a senior vice president of MGM Mirage, the company that owns the MGM Grand and New York-New York, conceded that the casino had erred.

"We made a mistake," Feldman said. "It was an emotional time. Our staff reacted emotionally instead of remembering the way the law works."

The Metropolitan Police Department also acknowledged that it has had a difficult time balancing public rights and property rights.

The department had been accused repeatedly of protecting the casinos at the expense of the public, and Sgt. Mark Reddon, a supervisor of officers who patrol the Strip, said some officers

had been too aggressive in attempting to evict the preachers and others from sidewalks. But he said the department — also must be careful not to let free expression go overboard.

"We wouldn't want a theater group," he said, "whose free right to go into a supermarket setting up a stage in there and starting a play."

In recent months, all sides began operating under an agreement that for-profit enterprises would stay away from sidewalks that were technically private property.

Advocates, such as preachers or protesters, can stay — with certain restrictions. For example, if preachers or protesters carry placards or signs wider than the width of their body, officers may determine that they are blocking pedestrian traffic and ask them to move.

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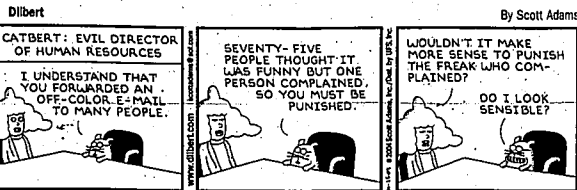


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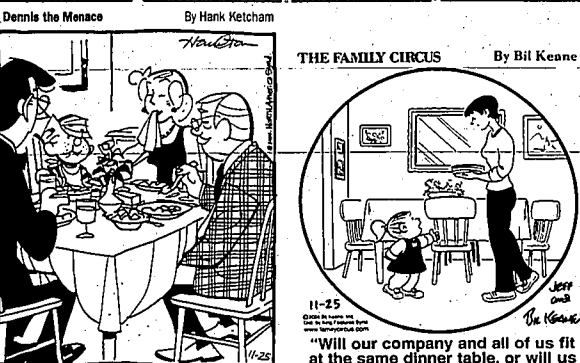
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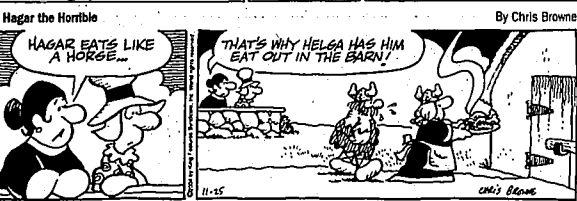
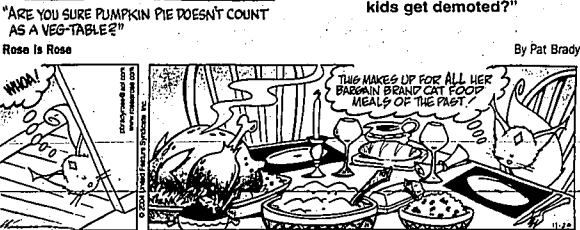


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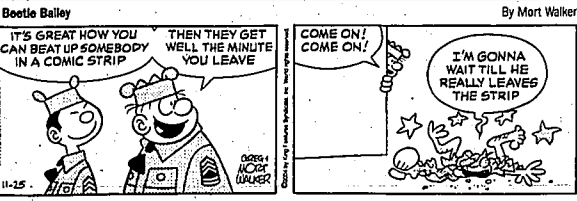
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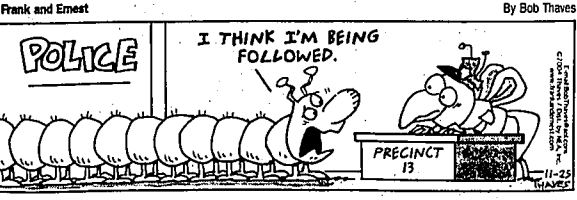
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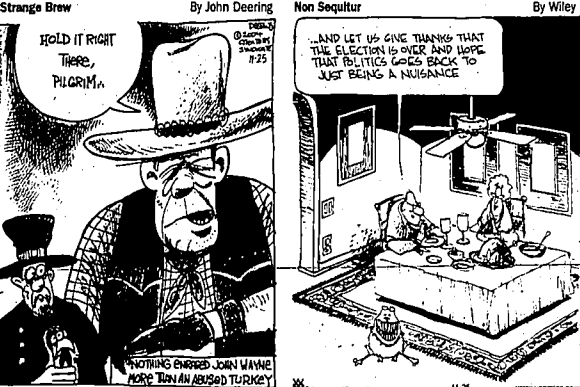
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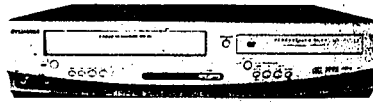
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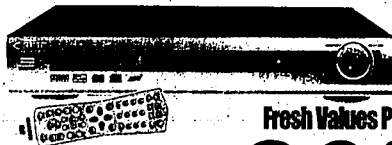
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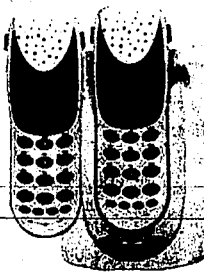
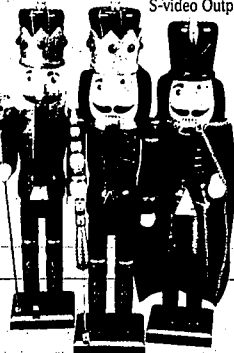


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Classmates end up on the same aircraft carrier

HASTINGS, Neb. (AP) — Not only is it a small world, but it's a small aircraft carrier, too.
Three former Hastings Middle School classmates who once worked at the same Wal-Mart now find themselves assigned to the same U.S. aircraft carrier.
—Assistant Publisher, Casey Delany and James Stack were acquaintances at the school in 1996-97, and in 2002

all three worked at a Wal-Mart in Hastings. More recently, they have been U.S. Navy shipmates aboard the USS John F. Kennedy.
Perches and Delany, both cooks, wound up on the same ship in part because their Naval recruiter helped arrange it without their knowledge.
Perches and Delany also grew up across the street from each other

and both graduated from Hastings Senior High School.
They had expected to be separated once basic training was completed.
"It makes it a lot better knowing that I have someone that I can go talk to," said Delany, who accompanied Perches and others, prepares more than 16,000 meals a day for the crew of 5,000.

For Airman Stack, who caught his first glimpse of former co-worker and friend Perches in August — about six months into his tour of duty — the reunion with his friends was most unexpected.
"It's amazing, actually," said Stack. "It's nice to have someone to talk to from the community. There are not many people here from Nebraska at all."



BUHL HAPPENINGS December Community Calendar

- 1 Kiwanis 12 noon at Grandstands
- 2 Bingo at Moose Hall at 7 p.m.
- 3 Rotary 12 noon at Grandstands
- 4 West End Men's Assoc. 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands
- 5 Buhi Community Open House, 10 Businesses participating - Maps will be available at the Chamber Visitor Center
- 6 & 7 Flea Market 77 Assoc. Fairgrounds M1
- 8 Cards at Senior Center 6-9 p.m.
- 9 Chamber Luncheon 12pm, Grandstands, Speaker: Jackie Frey, Dept. of Emergency Services
- 10 Bingo at Senior Center 7 p.m.
- 11 Hanukkah
- 12 Kiwanis at 12 noon Grandstands
- 13 Bingo at Moose Hall at 7 p.m.
- 14 Rotary at 12 noon at Grandstands
- 15 Regular meeting at Moose Hall at 8 p.m.
- 16 West End Men's Assoc. at 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands
- 17 Night Light Parade starting at 7 p.m.
- 18 Kiwanis Chili Feed at Senior Center 5-8 p.m.
- 19 BHS & Jazz Choir at 8th Street Center after parade
- 20 City Council at City Hall at 7 p.m.
- 21 Cards at Senior Center 6-9 p.m.
- 22 Kiwanis 12 noon at Grandstands
- 23 Bingo at Moose Hall at 7 p.m.
- 24 Rotary at 12 noon at Grandstands
- 25 West End Men's Assoc. at 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands
- 26 Bull Blood Mobile at Moose Hall 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 27 Langruse Trio Doors open 6:30 Dinner prior to performance at 8th St. Center
- 28 Community Breakfast at Senior Center 8-10 a.m. All you can eat \$3
- 29 Christmas Dinner, Clear Lake Country Club, Members only. Call 543-4849 for reservations.
- 30 Cards at Senior Center 6-9 p.m.
- 31 NO CHAMBER LUNCH Chamber Open House, Visitor Center 12-4 p.m.
- 32 Bingo at Senior Center 7 p.m.
- 33 NO SCHOOL
- 34 Kiwanis 12 noon at Grandstands
- 35 Bingo at Moose Hall at 7 p.m.
- 36 Rotary at 12 noon at Grandstands
- 37 Regular meeting at Moose Hall at 8 p.m.
- 38 West End Men's Assoc. at 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands
- 39 Christmas Day
- 40 Cards at Senior Center 6-9 p.m.
- 41 Bingo at Moose Hall at 7 p.m.
- 42 Rotary at 12 noon at Grandstands
- 43 New Years Eve
- 44 West End Men's Assoc. at 6:30 a.m. at Grandstands

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50 LEGALS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR 2004 - CANYON SPRINGS PUMP STATION ELECTRICAL PROJECT

Sealed proposals will be received in the office of the Deputy City Clerk at 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho until 10:00 A.M., previous local time on December 3, 2004, at which time they shall be publicly opened and read in the City Council Chambers located at 305 3rd Avenue East of the Twin Falls City Hall. Bids will be received for the replacement of switchgear.

Contract Documents with specifications and/or plans are available in the office of the City Engineer, 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. A TWENTY DOLLAR (\$20.00) contract fee plus a twenty-five (\$25.00) mailing fee is required.

Sharon M. Bryan
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City of Twin Falls
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AD: December 3, 2004

ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE OF TENANTS PERSONAL PROPERTY

A2J Enterprises, LLC, 1773 Highlands Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID will sell auction service of disposal of, as we deem necessary after December 1, 2004 the contents belonging to:

Penny Anderson, last known address: 225 Jefferson, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Contents of storage shed: children bike, dryer, stove, kitchen utensils, fan, child closet, stroller, misc household items.

Steve Crippen, last known address: P.O. Box 2461, Halley, ID 83333. Contents of storage shed: 3 fishing poles, microwave, tools, tool boxes, chain saw, computer, table, dresser, chair, wood eater, golf clubs, skis.

Corey Needs; last known address: 3179 N 2800 E - Twin Falls, ID 83301. Contents of storage shed: 2 televisions, dresser, bookcase, beds, hutch, CD player, speakers, vacuum, bicycle, ceiling fan, records, VCR tapes, misc household items.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-04-5017

SUMMONS BY SUBSTITUTION
TO: **SHANE RIVER AUTO BODY & PAINT, INC.**, an Idaho Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.
HEATHER BREWER, an individual, defendant.

TO: DEFENDANT HEATHER BREWER You have been sued by Plaintiff, Shane River Auto Body & Paint, an Idaho Corporation, the Plaintiff, and in and for Twin Falls County, Idaho, Case No. CV-04-5017.

Plaintiff seeks judgment for damages related to the repair of your vehicle in full payment of an outstanding balance for repairs made to your vehicle in Twin Falls County, Idaho.

Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this summons, the Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No. and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 425 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, (208) 735-4004, and served a copy of your response to the Plaintiff's attorney at, 161 5th Avenue South, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, (208) 735-5500.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint are being mailed to you with legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED this 26th day of November, 2004.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: November 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2004

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME

MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-2004-012

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-04-4943

ORDER OF HEARING
In the Matter of the Termination of the Parental Rights of: **TAMI FUQUA and FRANK CANTU**

In the Matter of the Adoption of: **CARRIGAN KHYLEE** ("A" minor child).

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of October, 2004, Victor Manuel Cantu and Alicia Marchan Cantu, whose address is 259 Ramo, Twin Falls, Idaho, filed a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights of Carrigan Khylee Cantu, whose address is 259 Ramo, Twin Falls, Idaho.

A copy of the petition is on file with the Clerk of the Court, Twin Falls, Idaho, and may be viewed by the natural parents, and the Plaintiff's attorney at, 161 5th Avenue South, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, (208) 735-5500.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME

MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-1997-000813

SUMMONS BY SUBSTITUTION
TO: **AMY S. NEWLAN**, Plaintiff,

vs.
WYVA M. E. ADDY, Respondent.

You have been sued by Plaintiff, Amy S. Newlan, the Plaintiff, in and for Jerome District Court in and for Jerome County, Idaho. Case No. CV-1997-000813.

The nature of the claim against you is a abandonment of children.

Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this Summons, the Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No. and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 300 N. Lincoln, Room 301, Jerome, ID 83338 or at 208.324.6811 and served a copy of your response to the Plaintiff's attorney at Felton & Felton, P.O. Box 589, Idaho 83114-0589.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint are being mailed to you with legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED this 5th day of November, 2004.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
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SUMMONS BY SUBSTITUTION
TO: **SHANE RIVER AUTO BODY & PAINT, INC.**, an Idaho Corporation, Plaintiff,

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You have been sued by Plaintiff, Shane River Auto Body & Paint, an Idaho Corporation, the Plaintiff, and in and for Twin Falls County, Idaho, Case No. CV-04-5017.

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MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CP SP 03-00052

ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUBSTITUTION FOR HEARING
In the Interest of: **CAROLINE EGUILOR** ("A" minor child)

A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age.

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on Monday, December 20, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. in the Magistrate's Court, Lincoln County Courthouse, Shoshone, Idaho.

The following individual shall personally appear at the hearing:

MILDRED FERIN ARMSTRONG, Mother of Child

The above-named individual is hereby notified that she is entitled to be represented by legal counsel. If she is financially unable to retain an attorney, she may apply to the Court, prior to the

hearing, for appointment of counsel. November 22, 2004
By: Mark Ingram
Magistrate

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ORDINANCE NO. 2811

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, AMENDING TCFC 69-2-2 TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASED PENALTY FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS; AMENDING TCFC 69-4-15 TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASED PENALTY FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS; AMENDING TCFC TITLE 8, CHAPTER 9 BY PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR FIREWORKS VIOLATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASED PENALTY FOR AN INFRACON OF TREASURY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO: Section 1. That TCFC Falls City Code 69-2-2 be amended as follows: "9-2-2. REQUIRED OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CODE. It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to violate any provision of the Idaho Traffic Code (Title 49, Idaho Code) for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required in Title 9 of this code."

Section 2. That Twin Falls City Code 69-4-15 be amended as follows: "6-15. PENALTY. Any person violating the provisions of this Chapter, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars (\$300) or imprisoned for a period of not more than ninety (90) days, or both, for each violation of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The court may also order, upon conviction or plea of guilty of the defendant, for the crime of a large animal dog, the surrender of the dog to the animal control officer or police officer immediately for disposal, or the court may order that the violator post a bond or certificate in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)."

Section 3. That Twin Falls City Code Title 6, Chapter 9 on Fireworks be amended by the addition of a New Section 6-9-15 as follows: "6-9-15. PENALTY. The possession or discharge of fireworks shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). All other violations of this chapter shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a period of time not to exceed six (6) months, or both."

Section 4. That Twin Falls City Code 69-2-10 providing for Trespass is hereby repealed and replaced by the following New Section 6-2-10: "6-2-10. TRESPASS. Every person, except under a validly issued permit, who, being first notified in writing or verbally by the owner or authorized agent of the owner of real property, to immediately depart from the real property, and who refuses to so depart or thereafter returns after being so notified, shall be guilty of an infraction punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)."

Section 5. That this ordinance be effective upon passage and publication.

PASSAGE BY THE CITY COUNCIL: November 15, 2004

AT/Mayor Glenda Thompson, November 16, 2004

AT/Deputy City Clerk, Jody Hall

PUBLISHED: Thursday, November 25, 2004

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Magie Valley Regional Medical Center ("MVRMC") intends to upgrade and expand its existing mailbox and Archive Management Server to 4,700 G.B. with MedcoNet further network technology, Inc. ("Medcon") on the basis that Medcon is the sole source of the asset.

Medcon is the sole source for upgrading & expanding MVRMC's current Jukebox and Archive Management server to the following reasons: (a) This is a critical care product that is a case of device failure, the universal exchange of equipment parts of the equipment; (b) The compatibility of maintenance, service contract and the terms of a paramount consideration; (c) The compatibility of equipment which will be compatible with training, experience and education; (d) Pricing.

Said notice is given pursuant to Idaho Code 31-4-003(2)(g) & 31-4-003(2)(g). A detailed description of the upgrade and reviewed at the law offices of Taylor Law Office, P.A. 200 S. 4th Avenue, Suite 201, Twin Falls, Idaho. Dated November 8, 2004.

AT/John Koo Chief Executive Officer for Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

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SUMMONS TO RUSS GIBSON.

TO: RUSS GIBSON, By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer Phone No. (877) 947-1553

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Experience in plant
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SHOSHONE North, 20 acres, zoned A-5, subdividable, \$45,000...

516 MOBILE HOMES
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HANSEN Exc. condition, 38' Fleetwood, 14' x 6', NW Estate...

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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm., 1 bath, windows, doors & carpeting upgraded...

TWIN FALLS 4 unit, also 14x8' slip on, 2 bdrm., 2 bath, Cameo Court...

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BUHL 3 bedroom, 2 bath, mobile homes, no pets, long term...

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BURLEY 3 bdrm, Idaho Housing approved, 710 Normal Ave...

FILER 3 bdrm., 1 bath with 1 car garage, new carpet, lg. kitchen...

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TWIN FALLS South-eastern location, 3 bdrm trailer, fenced yard...

WENDELL 3 bdrm, 1 bath, large yard and garage, \$375/month...

Classifieds
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Thanksgiving pan-handling

Readers have art of turkey transfer down to a science

The Washington Post

Readers share their Thanksgiving Day tactics for lifting the turkey out of the roasting pan. Here are edited excerpts:

I roast the turkey on a non-stick rack with removable handles. (The handles have a tendency to slide off the rack when you lift the turkey, so you have to be careful to keep them in place.) Once the turkey is ready, do the following:

1. Put all the dogs and cats outside.
2. Place the platter on which the turkey is to be served on the kitchen floor. Place a wooden chopping board beside it.
3. Remove the roasting pan with the turkey from the oven and place the pan on the wooden board.
4. Select the least-inebriated adult from the living room and ask him to kneel by the platter with either oven mitts or two dish towels.
5. Lift the turkey using the handles on the rack. As soon as it clears the pan, slide it onto the platter. Have your helper keep it from sliding off the platter, using the oven mitts or dish towels.
6. There will be a few succulent pieces of turkey on the bottom of the pan, which have fallen through the rack. These are for the cook—it's the only hot thing you're going to get by the time you have served everyone.

We usually have a 24-pound bird, and I cook it. At my 100-pound weight, it's not easy getting it in and out of the oven in the roasting pan, so we have two people put the roaster in and bring it out. We've dropped the bird a time or two. But with the five-second rule and plenty of wine no one has minded; it's family, after all. Dad once picked it up by its tail (with the metal thingy that tied the legs and tail together), and it went splat as the metal-thingy snapped off. Then there was the time he tried to move the turkey by himself—turkey, pan and Dad ended up on the floor.

So now we use three people (it helps having a center island to do this so people can stand on opposite sides or adjacent corners). As an engineer I have it all figured out now.

Person 1 (me) uses big, wide five-pronged forks on neck and tail ends.

Person 2 (usually Dad) stands on the other side with

large spatulas on the sides of the breasts (under the bird, not sticking into it).

Person 3 pulls the roasting pan out from under the bird when we clear the pan so we can put the bird on the platter next to the pan without one of us burning our arms on the hot roaster pan (been there done that too, and have the scar).

Personally, this year I think I'll get two new pairs of heavy-duty garden gloves. Then Dad and I will just lift it out with our gloved hands. But we'll still need person 3 to move the roasting pan.

We've used the following method for several years: Put hands in oven mitts, then put hands with mitts in plastic bags. Lift turkey from roasting pan to platter (or cutting board), then dispose of bags. Ta-daa — turkey safely moved, hands and other various body parts not burned, mitts clean.

I use two oven mitts and simple brute strength. I first use a spatula to make sure that the turkey is free from the rack. Then I just more or less straddle the roasting pan, take firm hold of the bird with the mitts and heave it up onto the platter. Speed and confidence are key — you can't be tentative for this maneuver to succeed. The oven mitts go into the laundry. I've transferred 20-plus pounders using this method.

My step-mom uses a strange little cloth sling with handles — it almost looks like a facial mask from the operating room, only much larger. One must remember to put the bird on it in the roasting pan before it first goes into the oven. Works quite well.

Not having a sling, I use a pair of the large, double-tined metal turkey lifters with excellent results.

I grew up in an adventurous kitchen where a number of different cooking (and hence lifting) methods were tried. I came to favor a very simple method: I like to cook my turkey in a large brown paper grocery sack.

Then I drain the sack of oil and juices through a small hole and gently lift the entire thing, sack and all, from the pan and onto a cutting board.

I carefully slice the soggy bag lengthwise and slip it sideways out from under the bird. It's similar to the way cake decorators put waxed paper beneath a cake they are working on, and then remove it after they are done, revealing a clean cake stand underneath.



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Seinfeld looks back (Not that there's anything wrong with that)

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On the all-purpose shorthand that lives on with his show...

How about a wacky family from North Dakota?

NEW YORK (AP) — As far as it is concerned, much of the country outside of Los Angeles and New York City is flyover territory.

Those two cities account for just under half of the fictional settings for prime-time television shows going back to 1948...

"Alex Keaton of 'Family Ties' lived in Columbus, Ohio, and Mary Richards of 'The Mary Tyler Moore Show' worked out of a TV characters are much more likely to join the 'Friends' crew for coffee at Central Perk.

"I knew a lot of shows seem to be in New York and Los Angeles, but I didn't expect it to be so concentrated," said Rob Frydlewicz...

One theory for the coastal concentration is simple: that's where most TV writers, producers and executives live...

The landmarks and large populations of the big cities are also important...

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THANKSGIVING SURVIVAL GUIDE

Thanksgiving Day is going to the dogs

NEW YORK (AP) — Thanksgiving is all about family, turkey and football on TV. Don't let Fido get his paw on the remote, however.

After two years of surprising success, NBC will present its coverage of the National Dog Show today at noon, directly after the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. John O'Huerty Jr., Peterman in "Seinfeld" is back behind the microphone.

"The first time, it was a novelty," said Jon Miller, NBC senior vice president. "The third time makes it a tradition."

The two-hour special is made up of highlights from the dog show sponsored by the Philadelphia Kennel Club two weeks ago, mixed with information about dog breeds and tips for dog owners presented by the chief sponsor, Nestle Purina Pet Care.

"Miller is a big fan of the movie, 'Best in Show,' a spoof of dog shows directed by Christopher Guest. He saw it soon after it was released in 2000, and started making calls the next day."

"It was like one of those little light bulbs that went off: 'We should do a dog show. And Thanksgiving would be the perfect time to do it,'" he recalled.

He immediately found out that Westminster, the year's premiere dog show based in New York, was locked into a long-term TV contract with USA Network. So he turned to the Philadelphia Kennel Club.

The club held its first show in 1879, which is second only to the Kentucky Derby as the country's oldest sporting event. But it was somewhat down on its luck.

"It's a bench-^{ed} show, meaning, dog shows are displayed on risers for the public to see, and this format has been in a long, slow decline in popularity. Only six



John O'Huerty and his canine friends will appear in the National Dog Show on NBC today.

still remain, and many dog enthusiasts avoid them, said Wayne Ferguson, head of the Philadelphia Kennel Club.

Ferguson's club had considered television a way to get attention, and its show was seen on ESPN for two years. Still, it jumped at the chance for a wider platform with NBC and Purina.

When the ratings came in after the first Thanksgiving broadcast in 2002, executives had to rub their eyes to be sure they were seeing straight. The show had done much better than anyone had anticipated. And it grew the next year. An

average of 9.7 million viewers watched last year, or 16 percent more than in 2002, according to Nielsen Media Research. That's more than double the audience NBC usually gets for soap operas at that time.

"If you're sitting in grandma's house waiting for the turkey and you don't like football, you're likely to tune into the dog show," Ferguson said.

The entire family can enjoy it, particularly those with dogs, he said. Since the National Dog Show is open to anyone with an American-bred dog who wants to come to Philadelphia, people can easily imagine their own ani-

Something to bark about

NBC will broadcast the National Dog Show 7, 30 and 42.

mal in competition, he said. The attention has rapidly revived Ferguson's club. The show was down to 750 entrants in 2000, and this year had 2,100 dogs in the competition, he said.

"When you watch some other shows it's like an insider's thing," said Michael Crawford, Purina's vice president of marketing. "With this show we wanted to make it for more people, to keep the pace up. It's really not meant to be a dog show but entertainment."

Purina will help produce a segment on caring for pets as they age, and has helped NJMC, with vignettes on particular breeds and on how a dog show works.

And O'Huerty will try to keep the proceedings light.

"With 'Best in Show' as motivation, there's a fine line to be walked between making fun of dog show participants and having fun with them."

"The 'Best in Show' movie is implanted in every show participant's head," Ferguson said. "I know at least five real people for all the characters in that movie — and I say that affectionately."

Purina has also been surprised and pleased with how well the show has done, and last year locked into a multiyear extension of its sponsorship deal with NBC.

"I think we've got a good thing by the tail now," Crawford said.

Even championship dogs are getting downsized

The Baltimore Sun

Call it the Paris Hilton Effect. The hotel heiress and her Chihuahua, Tinkerbell, have made teeny tiny dogs, the latest celebrity fashion accessory. If it barks and you can stick it in your purse or carry it in your arms, consider yourself on the cutting edge of a trend.

When Tinkerbell disappeared recently and Paris offered a \$5,000 reward for her return, it made the national news. So did her reappearance. But "The Simple Life" starlet isn't the only one whose miniature dog has become a media hit. You can hardly open an issue of People magazine without seeing celebrities including Britney Spears with their toy dogs. Britney was shopping at Whole Foods in San Francisco, Calif., with Lucy her Maltese, on one arm. Ice skater Kristi Yamaguchi owns a Toy Fox Terrier named Piston. Jessica Simpson, Justin Timberlake, Mariah Carey, Mira Sorvino, Kelly Osbourne and tennis star Venus Williams all have much-photographed pet pooches.

"The style of the times is small dogs," says Bash Dibra, a New York dog trainer whose celebrity clients include Jennifer Lopez, Madonna, Neve Campbell and Ron Howard's daughter, Bryce Dallas Howard. Dibra is the author of "Your Dream Dog" (New American Library, 2003) and several other books. "These days, if you have a brave heart, and they're a loyal friend."

It's not exactly a scientific poll, but Screenavers.com reports

that toy dogs are now more popular than Labrador retrievers, golden and Bernador favorites. The free site, known as something of a pop-culture barometer, bases this surprising statement on 20,558 surveys of 65 different dog breeds. Its two top dogs are the Shih Tzu (which weighs 10 to 16 pounds) and the Chihuahua... (2 to 6 pounds).

I love the toy dogs," says Lori Chambers, 42, of Parkton, Md., who owns a 7-pound Yorkshire terrier named Maggie May. "They're small physically but they have attitude."

The American Kennel Club says that the popularity of small breeds has been rising slowly but steadily, but the golden retriever is still at the top of the list for purebred registrations. The question is, though, whether most people are going to register a dog they plan to carry around in their purse. And teacup dogs — the really tiny ones you have to raise your voice several octaves to talk to — aren't a separate breed at all. Any toy breed has its teacups. And the AKC isn't very happy about them.

"They're being bred smaller and smaller because there's more money in it," says Gill Miller, AKC's director of media relations. "A teacup is thought to be rare so they can charge a lot."

The cost seems inversely proportional to the poundage. The smallest, the tiniest, cost thousands of dollars for teacups and, some toy breeds, while you can get a lovely golden retriever — 55 to 80 pounds — for \$300.

There are two ways to produce a teacup dog. (No, you don't actually hit a teacup, unless you have a very large teacup. These are dogs that usually weigh 2 pounds or less.)

Reputable breeders let nature take its course, and with healthy little puppies, and even teacups are the result of inbreeding. With them you must calculate the cost not only in terms of purchase price but also vet bills. They are not healthy little puppies, and even the genetically OK ones are as fragile as premature babies. Until they're fully grown they can suffer from hypoglycemia, or low blood sugar, unless fed every two to three hours.

"They are very, very cute, but just be aware that medically you can be getting into something expensive," says Dr. David Bayman, owner of the Columbia Animal Hospital, a disease (who also had dental disease (tiny dogs often have poor bites as a result of inbreeding) and heart and respiratory problems).

Even physically healthy teacup dogs demand special attention.

"Some of these little dogs are really needy," explains Arizona-based breeder Wanda Jones, who calls her business Tucson Teacup. "They panic easily."

They also must be monitored closely. They can break a leg jumping off a sofa, and have questionable immune systems. Jones screens her customers before she lets her puppies, and each she can afford to do because there is so much demand. "I quiz everybody buying my dogs, and try to figure out if the dog is going to be a companion or a conversation piece," she explains. "People say, 'I want to be able to take my dog everywhere I go and put it in my purse.' Is that a good thing for a puppy? No."

She prefers that customers pick up their dogs in person, although she has shipped a teacup to as far away as Vancouver, British Columbia, when she was sure the miniature pup was old enough to withstand the stress.

Consumer research that breeds before they buy, and check references. Veterinarians are a good source for information on reputable breeders.

The current craze in tiny dogs may have started with the popularity of the Taco Bell commercials featuring a Chihuahua, one of the smallest of the purebreds and a perennial favorite of people who want a cuddly companion. Local breeder Barbara Chamberlain says that properly bred Chihuahuas have "zero health issues," although they are frag-

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NFL TODAY

The Lions in winter: A dubious Thanksgiving tradition

Combined wire services

MINNEAPOLIS — Humbled after another testimonial to their ineptitude on Sunday, the Detroit Lions walked back to their locker room as though in a catatonic state. It was an emotionless, expressionless funeral march until Damien Woody broke the silence, slamming his helmet against the door and yelling how he's never felt this old before in his life.

It's obviously difficult for the man, he's not accustomed to his season basically ending before Thanksgiving.

"It's like we're bipolar and we forgot to take our medicine," Woody said.

The Lions are beyond a doctor's care. It's time to call the priest to administer the last rites for 2004. They're strictly in evaluation mode now for 2005.

Football Thursday

The Detroit Lions (4-6) will host the Indianapolis Colts (7-3) in their 60th consecutive Thanksgiving Day game. Broadcast time is 10:30 a.m. on CBS, Channels 11 and 12 locally. In Thursday's other NFL game, the Dallas Cowboys (3-7) will play the Chicago Bears (4-6) at 2:30 p.m. on Fox, Channel 6 in the Magic and Wood River valleys.

The relationship between Detroit and Thanksgiving dates back to 1934 when owner G.A. Richards scheduled a holiday contest between his first-year Lions and the Chicago Bears. Some 65 years later, fans throughout Michigan have transformed an annual holiday event into one of the longest-standing traditions in American professional team sports. Indeed, if football is America's Passion, Thanksgiving football is Detroit's.

When you think of Thanksgiving, you think of football and the Lions. And not always fondly. The Thanksgiving tradition is older than 24 current NFL franchises. Richards had purchased the team in 1934 and moved the club from Portsmouth, Ohio, to the Motor City. The Lions were the new kids in town and had taken a backseat to the baseball Tigers. Despite the fact the Lions had lost only one game before Thanksgiving in '34, the season's largest crowd had been just 15,000.

The opponent that day was the undefeated Bears of George Halas. The game would determine the champion of the Western Division. Richards had convinced the NBC to carry the game coast-to-coast on radio, and, additionally, an estimated 26,000 fans jammed into the University of Detroit Stadium while thousands more disappointed fans were turned away.



Detroit wide receiver Roy Williams bobbles the ball as Minnesota's Corey Chavous, left, breaks up a second-quarter pass in the endzone from Joey Harrington on Sunday in Minneapolis.

Other Thanksgiving TV sports

- Women's NCAA basketball, Tennessee (14-0) at Texas (14-2), ESPN2 (Channels 30 and 32) in the Magic Valley, Channel 33 in the Wood River Valley, 6 p.m.
- NBA basketball, Minnesota (5-3) at Indiana (17-3), TNT (Channels 49 and 51) in the Magic Valley, Channel 27 in the Wood River Valley, 6 p.m.
- Men's college basketball, Utah (11-0) at Washington (11-0), ESPN2 (Channels 30 and 32) in the Magic Valley, Channel 33 in the Wood River Valley, 8 p.m.
- NBA basketball, New Jersey Nets (2-7) at Los Angeles Clippers (5-6), TNT (Channels 49 and 51) in the Magic Valley, Channel 27 in the Wood River Valley, 8:30 p.m.

Despite two Ace Gutowsky touchdowns, the Bears won the inaugural game, 19-16.

But surprisingly, since 1934 the Lions have won more on Thanksgiving than they've lost, 30-27-2 (for a .507 winning percentage).

Last Sunday's game was lost when the Lions still held a fourth quarter lead over Minnesota. They sensed approaching trouble. There was a deflated look on their sideline. There was confusion on the field. They even had to burn a final time-out because Joey Harrington couldn't communicate the snap count to his center in the raucous din that is the Metrodome.

But everyone can hear this. The Lions haven't shaken their loss' mentality. They're younger. They're faster. But they can't trust anybody to make-up-play-when-absolutely-necessary on either side of the ball.

The Vikings didn't even need their quick-strike offensive capabilities for their 22-19 victory. They beat the Lions by marching methodically down the field on their final two scoring drives.

The only time they stopped them on third down, the Vikings were flagged for offensive pass interference. Instead of a fourth down at their own 5, the Lions opted to put the Vikings in a third-and-12 situation at the 15. Any grace period that Steve Mariucci merited for becoming the first coach in Lions' history that other NFL teams actually

coveted is over. There were moments Sunday that this team didn't look much different from the comedy of errors of his predecessor, Marty Mornhinweg.

With the Redskins' Gibbs, amazing grace

By Thomas Boswell
The Washington Post

PHILADELPHIA — Today — Thanksgiving Day — Joe Gibbs will turn 64. That day, he'll join his old pals and assistant coaches Joe Bugel and Don Breaux in sharing the age made famous by the Beatles' song "When I'm Sixty-Four."

You know the lyric: "Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm sixty-four?" The Redskins are no birthday present these days. They're not much to give thanks for, either. And they definitely are not what the Redskins' AAEP contingent expected, not with a stunningly bad 3-7 record.

Yet somehow the Redskins' elders keep their tempers and their poise, maintain their storied work ethic, take more than their share of the blame and bring a kind of adult dignity to sports.

All in all, the Redskins aren't a laughing matter. Luckily, that doesn't stop Bugel, who all by himself probably keeps Gibbs sane in the team's endless late-night skull sessions. "Do I look older?" asked Bugel mischievously after the Redskins had collapsed in the fourth quarter, turning a close game into a 28-6 blowout defeat.

"I told Gibbs, this is one of the toughest things we've ever been through in our lives," Bugel said. "This is what we came back for. But we expected more. The 'big hurt' is because of how bad Joe wants it. He wants to win more than anybody, though he doesn't show it to anybody. He'll right the ship..."

"We'll forgive a lot of people, but we won't forget," said Bugel, winking. "I've got my black book for taking names. We owe some debts."

In all of sports, there are few men more competitive than Gibbs. Yet after every game he acts more civil than most



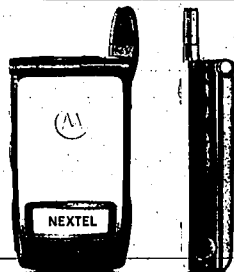
Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs walks the sideline during his 28-6 loss to Philadelphia on Sunday in Philadelphia.

coaches who have won. Whether he is correct or not, his close friends say he is convinced that the Redskins are a team on the way to being fixed. But big jobs take time. Meantime, week after week, the Redskins show flickers of improvement that quickly are doused.

"We've had a lot of tough things happen to our team this year. We've had to bounce back from a lot. The thing I'm proudest of is that our guys are fighting hard each and every week," Gibbs said.

That sounds like coaching cliché and pabulum. Here's the translation, one that Gibbs refuses to utter. Against the Eagles, the Redskins started a defense without six of its projected starters before the season, including LaVar Arrington. The team's kicker and kick return man are out, too. Star tackle Jon Jansen has been out since the early minutes of the first exhibition game. Guard Randy Thomas was added to the list of injuries in this game.

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Kindest cut goes to he who carves

By David Shaw
Los Angeles Times

I used to have an editor who insisted that turkey was "dry and boring." The original reason Thanksgiving dinner was even worth eating, he said, "to get all those accompaniments and accoutrements — by which he meant stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, yams, pies and the like.

Wrong. A properly cooked turkey — preferably one brined beforehand — is moist and delicious, one of America's great gifts to global gastronomy. I especially like the dark meat — the thigh in particular. But my absolute favorite part of the turkey — my favorite part of the entire Thanksgiving dinner — is the turkey skin. Crisp, chewy, warm up there with white truffles, foie gras, barbecue ribs and a good, nice crusty bread on my list of all-time favorite foods.

In fact, selfish and greedy although it might seem, I try every Thanksgiving — and every other time we have a turkey dinner, anywhere — to ensure a few before we get to the turkey. I've even gone so far as to eat a slice of turkey before we sit down at table.

How do I do that? Easy. I volunteer to carve the turkey. I do so every time, whether we're eating at our house or someone else's. And then, nibbling as I go, I make sure to rip off (so to speak) several good, big pieces of skin as a sort of carver's fee.

If we're guests, I don't insist on carving. I can recall graciously (I hope) yielding carving duties one evening a number of years ago to Michel Richard when he was the chef at Citrus, a premier Los Angeles restaurant, and we were having dinner at the home of a mutual friend. Michel carved the turkey with such speed, dexterity and precision —



Carl Kosko carves a turducken at Harvest Moon Bad & Breakfast in New Holland, Pa.

every slice was exactly the same thickness as every other slice — that I considered hanging up my knife permanently.

But my desire for what I've come to think of as my EATS (Exclusive Access To Skin) prevailed, and I continue to volunteer, often quite vigorously for carving duty.

I even travel with my own carving set, from Lagulole, which I keep in its wooden box permanently in my suitcase, next to my Lagulole corkscrew, in its leather case, available for use every Thanksgiving. I take the carving set to Europe too — in my checked bag, not my carry-on — so we can use it in the houses we tend to rent in Europe for a week or two every summer.

Fortunately, my wife knows how much I love skin, so she always reminds our hosts that I used to be a butcher and am therefore well-qualified to carve.

Yes, I was a butcher — part-

time, for three or four years, during high school and college, to help support my ailing father and myself after my parents were divorced. I learned a lot about a lot of things at the butcher shop, thanks largely to my wise and hard-driving boss, Danny, who took it upon himself to teach me about life, liquor, women and casual conversation, as well as meat and poultry.

I became adept at grinding meat for hamburgers, slicing steaks off a loin and differentiating among short ribs, spare ribs, prime rib and rib eyes. I didn't care any roast turkeys at the butcher shop, but I did cut up a lot of raw chickens and, hey, a bird's a bird, right? To be perfectly honest, my butcher years notwithstanding, I claim no real expertise in turkey-carving. I can harvest turkey the same way I speak French in France — aggressively and with an air of self-confidence that's not necessarily warranted by the skill I bring to the task at hand.

I have learned, however, a few things over the years. The first is to wear an apron. You'll need something to wipe your hands on periodically, and no matter how neat and careful you think you are, if you're carving, you'll splatter; whatever nice holiday outfit you've put on will suddenly look like a Jackson Pollack painting.

Also, it helps if your carving board has either spikes or a rough, knobby surface to hold the turkey in place. With an even, completely flat surface, the turkey can easily squirt onto the floor. (I once saw a roasted chicken leap from carving board to floor in the kitchen of a three-star restaurant in France when the chef pressed too hard, at the wrong angle, and ever since I've been terrified my turkey would do that.)

Finding a cooking pan that works

The Perfect Pan Post

In a perfect world, we would all have the particular size pan or pie plate or baking dish that all recipes require.

It's not a perfect world. The following advice for pan swapping is from "In the Sweet Kitchen," by Regan Dewey: An acceptable alternative to any pan has an identical volume and falls within half an inch of the original depth. The baking time may have to be decreased for shallower pans or extended for deeper ones. To find the volume of a given pan, fill it with water; then pour the water into a measuring cup.

- Pan dimensions are in inches.
- 8 x 1 1/2 pie plate 4 cups
 - 8 x 1 1/2 round cake pan 4 cups
 - 8 x 4 x 2 1/2 loaf pan 4 cups
 - 9 x 1 1/4 pie plate 4 cups
 - 9 1/2 x 1 1/2 round fluted ceramic tart pan 4 cups
 - 11 3/4 x 7 1/2 x 3/4 jelly roll 4 cups
 - 9 x 1 1/2 pie plate 5 cups
 - 11 x 7 x 2 baking pan 6 cups
 - 8 x 1 1/2 round cake pan 6 cups
 - 8 x 2 round cake pan 6 cups
 - 9 x 1 1/2 round cake pan 6 cups
 - 8 x 8 x 1 1/2 square cake pan 6 cups
 - 8 1/2 x 1 1/2 x 2 1/2 loaf pan 6 cups
 - 1/2 x 2 deep dish pie plate 7 cups
 - 11 x 2 oval ceramic dish 7 cups
 - 9 x 2 round cake pan 8 cups
 - 9 1/4 x 2 3/4 wide tube pan 8 cups
 - 9 1/2 x 3 narrow tube pan 8 cups
 - 8 x 8 x 2 square cake pan 8 cups
 - 9 x 9 x 1 1/2 square cake pan 8 cups
 - 9 x 5 x 3 loaf pan 8 cups
 - 9 x 9 x 2 square cake pan, 10 cups
 - 9 x 3 springform pan 10 cups
 - 9 1/2 x 2 1/2 springform pan 10 cups
 - 11 3/4 x 7 1/2 x 1 3/4 baking dish 10 cups
 - 15 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 1 1/2 jelly roll 10 cups
 - 9 x 3 springform pan 11 cups
 - 10 x 2 round cake pan 11 cups
 - 10 x 3 1/2 Bundt pan 12 cups
 - 10 x 2 1/2 springform pan 12 cups
 - 9 x 13 x 2 rectangular pan 12 cups
 - 17 1/4 x 11 1/2 x 1 1/2 jelly roll 13 cups

- Sources: "In the Sweet Kitchen" by Regan Dewey (Artisan, 2001); "The Food Lover's Companion" by Sharon Tyler Herbst (Barron's, 1995).

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The Times-News

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Albertson's in Twin Falls — 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Oasis Stop N Go, 890 Washington St. — 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Smith's in Twin Falls — 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Svenmart in Twin Falls — 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wal-Mart in Twin Falls — 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fred Meyer in Twin Falls — 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Winco in Twin Falls — Midnight to 3 p.m.
Wal-Mart in Jerome — Open 24 hours
Mini-Cassia
Albertson's, 1310 Pomerelle, Burley — 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
La Morellana Market, 524 First St., Rupert — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Ridley's Food and Drug, 310 Oneida, Rupert — 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Smith's Food and Drug Center, 227 Main St., Burley — 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Svensen's Market, 723 F St., Rupert — 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wal-Mart, 415 Riverside Drive, Burley — 6 a.m. to midnight

- Alaska's Best, 702 F St., Rupert, noon-6 p.m. (free Thanksgiving dinner)
Wild Flower Cafe, 1834 Overland Ave., Burley, 4-6 p.m. (free Thanksgiving dinner)
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Mr. Gas, 117 S. Oneida, Rupert — 24 hours
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Burley Inn Chevron/Subway, 702 N. Overland Ave., Burley — 24 hours
Hubb 66, Heyburn — 24 hours
Kerbs Oil, 1715 E. Main St., Burley — 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Kerbs Oil, 544 N. 2 Overland Ave., Burley — 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sinker Station, 316 S. Highway 24, Heyburn — 24 hours
Sinker Station, 381 E. Main St., Burley — 6 a.m. to midnight
Unit 54, 174 E. 27th St., Burley — 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Heyburn Chevron, 326 S. Highway 24, Heyburn — 24 hours

- Mall — Noon to 10:30 p.m.
Jerome Cinema — Noon to 10:30 p.m.
Cinema 12 in Twin Falls — Noon to 10:30 p.m.
Mini-Cassia
Century Cinemas, 464 E. 5th N., Burley, call 678-5631 for show times
Burley Theatre, 136 W. Main St., Burley, call 678-5631 for show times

- If you decide to leave the cooking and cleanup to someone else, some restaurants will be open.
Magic Valley
and northern Nevada
Baron's Club 93 in Jackpot — Noon until 9 or 10 p.m.
Cactus Pies in Jackpot — Canyon Cove Cafe Thanksgiving Buffet open 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Picnic Room open 9:30 a.m. (reservations required), Desert Room open 24 hours, Gala Room Buffet open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Golden Corral in Twin Falls — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Montana's Steak House in Twin Falls — Breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon, then open until 6 p.m.
International House of Pancakes in Twin Falls — 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. (no turkey will be served)
Shar's in Twin Falls — 24 hours
Twin Falls and Jerome McDonald's (except in the Magic Valley Mall and Walmart) — 7 a.m. to breakfast only
Mini-Cassia
M & W Restaurant, 326 S. Highway 24, Heyburn — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
JB's Restaurant, 136 E. Fifth N., Burley — 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
McDonald's, 394 N. Overland Ave., Burley — 7 a.m. to noon
Perkins, 800 N. Overland Ave., Burley — 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- After the big meal, why not go to a bowling alley for some exercise and fun?
Magic Valley
Bowling: in Twin Falls — 6 to 11 p.m.
Magic Bowl in Twin Falls — Noon to 9 p.m.
Cedar Lanes in Filer — 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
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THANKSGIVING-SURVIVAL GUIDE

When is that big bird done?

Concept of 'its temperature' is ambiguous

By Robert L. Wolke
The Washington Post

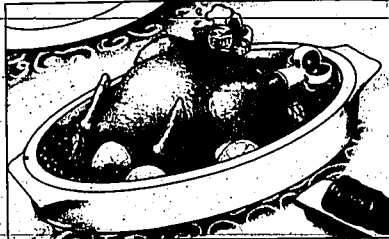
How do you take a turkey's temperature? No, it's not by chasing after it with a fever thermometer. I mean a cooked turkey. To tell when it's "done."

Unfortunately, the temperature of a just-roasted turkey is not the same everywhere in its body, so the concept of "its temperature" is ambiguous. During cooking, the thighs' temperature generally lags behind the breast's temperature, which lags behind the drumsticks' temperature, which lags behind the wings' temperature. And the stuffing, if any, lags behind all.

Why is this? Turkeys have legs and wings sticking out, a big chunk of breast meat, and perhaps the cook has stuffed and basted it deeply within. For any given part of this bizarrely shaped hulk, its cooking time will be a matter of interplay between two characteristics: surface area and bulk, or volume. The more surface area a turkey part has, the more calories of oven heat it can absorb per minute. Hence, over the roasting period, the acres of breast surface in today's turkeys will absorb more heat than the legs, for example, and may cook faster.

At the same time, a second effect is taking place. Because the breast is so large, its absorbed heat is spread throughout its large volume, thus raising its temperature only slowly. On the other hand, a small turkey part such as a wing has less volume to spread its absorbed heat through; the heat is more concentrated, so therefore builds up quickly and hastens cooking.

So surface area and volume work in opposite directions; the more surface and less volume a part has, the faster it will cook. Combining the two effects, we can say that the speed of cooking is proportional to the ratio of surface to volume. Although some parts are shielded from the oven's heat more than others (the thigh, for example, is protected by the leg and the breast), the surface-to-volume ratio, and hence the speed of cooking, increase roughly from thigh to breast to drumstick to wing.



How long?
Use this roasting schedule as a guideline; start checking for doneness 1/2 hour before recommended end times:

Net weight (in pounds)	Stuffed (in hours)	Unstuffed (in hours)
10 to 15	3 1/2 to 4	3 3/4 to 4 1/2
16 to 22	3 1/2 to 4	4 1/2 to 5
22 to 24	4 to 4 1/2	5 to 5 1/2
24 to 30	4 1/2 to 5	5 1/2 to 6 1/4

Before removing stuffing and carving, let turkey stand 15 minutes to allow juices to set and stuffing temperature to rise to 165.

But don't count on it. This is a purely theoretical analysis.

Even if you could measure the temperatures in all parts of the body and take the average, you would not be well served, in more ways than one. Some parts of the bird would inevitably be overcooked and others undercooked.

Add to this dilemma the U.S. Department of Agriculture's dictum that the stuffing inside the bird must reach at least 165 degrees. Since few kitchens boast a foot-long thermometer to measure the inner reaches of the stuffing, the USDA graciously consents to a temperature of 180 degrees at the innermost portion of the thigh as indicating a good probability that the stuffing will have reached 165 degrees. Even in the absence of stuffing, the USDA still advises a temperature of 180 degrees in the thigh.

That recommendation was adopted in 1998 after some gastronomically challenged scientists at the University of Georgia cooked 126 turkeys until their breasts and thighs had both reached that high and dry — literally, moisture loss ranged from 20 to 38 percent of the bird's weight — temperature. They found that all other parts exceeded the Salmonella inactivation temperature of 160 or 165 degrees. Presumably, a breast and thigh temperature of 500 degrees

would have done the same thing. Why stop at 180? The Georgia scientists were careful to point out, however, that "sensory testing of the cooked product" was not part of this study.

These temperature recommendations are designed to ensure that every last microbe in the bird will have been slain, while simultaneously guaranteeing that our turkey's legs will have turned to leather and its breast meat will have all the succulence and texture of matzoh filling.

There is no doubt that pathogens such as *Campylobacter* and *Salmonella* — two genera of bacteria that can cause food-borne illness, are widespread, although in recent years their incidence in turkeys has been declining. So "better safe than scrumptious" must regularly be our motto, especially at Thanksgiving, because we wouldn't want to be incapacitated just as the seasonal shopping mania begins, would we?

Pretty in pink?

Pink turkey isn't necessarily unsafe or undercooked, so there's no need to slip it under your napkin uncleaner.

According to Sandy McCurdy, University of Idaho Extension food safety specialist, there are several reasons why turkey meat can look pink even after it's been safely cooked. A component of turkey, called cytochrome c, stays pink at temperatures up to 212 degrees — about 30 degrees beyond the point when turkey is tender and done. In other words, turkey is safe to eat long before it's baked white. And by the time it's utterly white, it's also likely to be dry and tough.

Another reason underlying pink turkey: Gases inside a heated gas or electric oven actually prompt pinkness when they react chemically with an oxygen-carrying protein in turkey meat, McCurdy says. Younger birds, with thinner skin, show the most pink. Most of today's holiday gobblers were dispatched to the dinner table at four to five months.

The best way to make sure your Thanksgiving bird is done is to use a food thermometer. Poultry is safe to eat once it reaches 160 degrees, but it will look too raw near the bone and its juices will be too cloudy to please Thanksgiving guests. Consumers prefer turkey that's been cooked to 170 degrees in the breast and 180 degrees in the thigh, McCurdy says. To avoid overcooking breast meat, she recommends cutting it from the bird at 170 degrees, then continuing to cook the rest of the turkey until the thigh reaches 180 degrees.

Source: University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service

How to handle those Thanksgiving disasters

Knight Rider News Service

The table looks gorgeous, the hostess is spic-and-span and the turkey is browning nicely. After taking a final look around, the hostess deems everything under control and settles into an easy chair with a glass of wine to await her guests.

If only all Thanksgiving dinners went this smoothly! The hostess is ready to eat the best-planned get-together can be marred by minor calamity. Here's how to deal with some common scenarios:

• **Guests are early:** Put them to work. Although you shouldn't ask guests to scrub the toilet, they can assemble a relish tray or set up a folding table and chairs for the children's corner.

• **Guests are late:** Orchestrate a Thanksgiving meal so everything is ready once the guests arrive. The hostess is not obligated to wait on latecomers. Etiquette expert Peggy Post advises waiting no more than 20 minutes past the time the first course is planned.

When the tardy guests show up, politely say something like, "Sorry you got lost, but I know you wouldn't have wanted us to wait for dinner." Seat the guests and serve them the course that is under way.

• **A guest brings wine that doesn't complement the menu:** It's perfectly fine to drink the guest's gift at a later date. Thank the guest warmly and tell him you'll save his wine for a really special occasion.

• **The turkey isn't done:** Perhaps you forgot to turn on the oven or completely defrosted the bird. Pink juice seeps from the turkey when it's cooked. Hungry guests stare in dismay.

Your best bet is to take the turkey off the bone, lay in a piece in a single layer in a cooking pan, cover the pan with foil and continue roasting. The sliced turkey will cook faster, says Lori Wuellner of K-State Research and Extension in Wyandotte County, Kan.

Although microwaving might seem like an easy solution, re-

st-the-urge, Wuellner says. Nuking tends to result in meat that is tough and dry.

• **The gravy is lumpy:** Don't despair. Press the gravy through a fine sieve.

• **A guest breaks an heirloom dish:** "Hostesses are supposed to value the feelings of their guests over the welfare of their possessions," writes syndicated columnist Judith Martin, aka Miss Manners. Thus the hostess must reassure the guest that the broken dish is not a big deal, "even if her heart is sinking."

The well-mannered guest, meanwhile, will apologize profusely and volunteer to replace the damaged dish. The hostess may accept, but only because it will make the guest feel better, Martin says.

• **The garbage disposer backs up:** If potato peels and bits of cranberry are floating in the sink, you have a real problem, says Howard Reeves of Dorflum Plumbing Supply in Kansas City. There's not much you can do at this point but call a drain-cleaning company.

The key is to keep the drain clear before the big dinner, Reeves says. Always run water before and after grinding up waste, and never put grease down the disposer. If the drain runs slow, pour a cup of bleach down the disposer.

• **The gravy boat capsizes:** Accidents happen, so don't yell at the person who spilled. Instead, grab the saltshaker and sprinkle a heavy layer of salt on the spill. The salt absorbs the liquid, advises author Linda Cobb, who bills herself as the "Queen of Clean." The salt will keep the cloth from staining until you can launder it later. For red wine or coffee spills, blot up as much as possible, then pour on club soda and blot repeatedly.

• **The neighbor's dogs break down the door, tackle the table and devour the turkey:** Call it a wrap and go out for Chinese food.

Sources: *lullpage.com*, *queenofclean.com*, *Washington Post*, *Martha Stewart Living*

Turkey hotlines

With Thanksgiving here, it's time to consider those perennial turkey questions. We've got a variety of numbers to call for assistance:

• **The Butterball folks** are available at www.butterball.com, which includes information in Spanish, or (800) BUTTERBALL.

• **Get expert advice** from Cooks' Illustrates at turkeyhelp.com. At this site, you get lots of great advice, including the top 10 cooking disasters encountered at Thanksgiving.

• **Look to the people** at Perdue Farms by visiting www.perdue.com or (800) 4PERDUE.

• **For information** about food safety — don't forget the leftovers — visit www.foodsafety.gov, which includes a list, by category, of 500 frequently asked food safety questions.

• **For information** on how to cook your holiday rice, visit www.usarice.com.

Source: The State (Columbia, S.C.)



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Videos offer holiday entertainment

Combined wire services

New movies in local video stores this week:

"Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"

The boy wizard's third adventure is the best of the movie series so far, though audiences were not as entranced, the film proving less of a box-office draw than its predecessors. This time out, Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) and his school chums (Emma Watson and Rupert Grint) encounter an escaped wizard (Gary Oldman) who may or may not spell doom for young Mr. Potter. Like the DVDs for the first two movies, the two-disc screeners are thoughtfully designed for its own good, the menus and features occasionally cumbersome to slog through.

The set has five short deleted scenes, some barely more than snippets of footage. Extensive interviews are the backbone of the DVD extras, with cast and crew neatly organized into group conversations among Radcliffe, Watson and Grint; director Alfonso Cuarón and his behind-the-scenes collaborators; Oldman and his on-screen comrade David Thewlis; and Robbie Coltrane (groundkeeper Hagrid) and Michael Gambon (who replaced the late Richard Harris as headmaster Dumbledore). PG

"The Terminal"

Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg reunite for this tale of a man without a country, an Eastern European visitor stuck in immigration limbo at JFK airport when a coup back home invalidates his passport. The DVD has half a dozen background featurettes with Spielberg and company discussing everything from the conception of the movie to their own good or bad experi-



Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Alan Rickman and Daniel Radcliffe in "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban." Photo courtesy: Warner Bros.

Who's renting today

Magic Valley Blockbuster in Twin Falls and Jerome — 10 a.m. to noon
Hollywood Video in Twin Falls — 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Hastings Books, Music and Video — Closed
Mini-Casita
Great American Video, 2273 Overland Ave., Burley — 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Smith's Video Rental, 937 E. Main St., Burley — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ences in airports. (Spielberg insists he's never had problems with airport officials. "The only time I get hassled at airports is by paparazzi and reporters," he says.) PG-13.

"Seinfeld"

One of the biggest sitcoms in TV history begins its DVD boxed-set treatment in grand style. And none of this single-season-at-a-time nonsense: Years one and two of "Seinfeld" debut on four discs with the first 18 episodes. Year three, the series' first full season, comes in a second four-disc set with 22 episodes. Each set is jammed with extras, with stars Jerry Seinfeld, Jason Alexander, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Michael Richards, along with co-creator Larry David ("Curb Your Enthusiasm") joining for commentary and new inter-

views. The sets also have deleted scenes, standup footage of Seinfeld, outtakes and bloopers. Seasons one and two are accompanied by an hourlong documentary about the show's origins and rocky early history. The first three seasons also are available in a gift set that comes with a script, playing cards and Monk's Diner salt-and-pepper shakers. Not rated.

"The Chronicles of Riddick"

In this convoluted follow-up to "Pitch Black," Vin Diesel reprises his role as the space adventurer Richard Riddick. Five years after the events of the first film, Riddick — a big, strapping dude with ice-blue eyes for night vision and a vocal cadence that suggests Elmer Fudd on steroids — finds himself captured by Lord Marshal (Colm Feore) and his nasty army of Necromongers. Stuck in a hard-core under-ground prison on the volcanic planet of Crematoria, he reencounters Kyrn (Alexa Davalos), a woman he has some history with, and gets a little help from Aereon (Dame Judi Dench), an ambassador of the Elemental race, who's able to transform herself, float in the air and move through objects. The muddy story essentially revolves around the star's cool-guy poses and one-liners. For Diesel fans only, at best. Contains sci-fi violence.

"E!"

As a human mistakenly raised by Santa's elves, Will Ferrell is about the only reason to see this movie. When Buddy (Ferrell) learns of his human origins, he makes the journey to Manhattan in search of his birth father (James Caan), an insensitive children's book publisher who's out of touch with wife Emily (Mary Steenburgen) and son Michael (Daniel Tay). Ferrell's wild-eyed goofiness, his seemingly impenetrable naivete and the fact that he's a 6-foot-plus man in a green costume give the movie a moderate shot of funny moments. But it's way, way short of hilarious. Contains mild rude humor and language. PG.

"I'll Sleep When I'm Dead"

The title of this deliciously dark, psychological thriller from director Mike Hodges ("Croupier") suggests both denial and acceptance. On the one hand, the words might be taken as the motto of its brooding antihero, Will Graham (Clive Owen), a former gangster who comes out of retirement to doggedly get to the bottom of, and punish those responsible for, the death of his younger brother (Jonathan Rhys-Meyers) — even though Will discovers, in the course of his investigation, that the kid died by suicide. On the other hand, "I'll Sleep When I'm Dead" could be read as a sigh of resignation, if not outright yearning, for the slumber afforded by the grave, which, in a way, offers more relief from torment than the cold satisfactions of revenge do. Contains obscenity, violence and drug use. R.

Sources: Washington Post, Associated Press

What's playing in local theaters today

"Alexander" — Perhaps director Oliver Stone was doomed from the start. In telling the story of the Macedonian warrior-king, who had conquered the vast majority of the known pre-Christian world by the time he was 25, he has created a film that feels both too long and too cursory. We hear Alexander (Colin Farrell) talk a lot about wanting to bring various lands and people together, but we never truly understand what drives him. R.

"After the Sunset" — Pierce Brosnan and Stimu Hayek gre a pair of retired thieves whiling away the days on a Bahama beach in this charmed stab at "To Catch a Thief"-type insurance. The glossy Hollywood-forged waste of time also stars Woody Harrelson and Don Cheadle. I hr. 37 PG-13 (rudely, sex, violence, profanity, adult themes).

"Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" — Exactly what you'd expect sequel to the hit adaptation of the Brit chick-lit book about a wee-bit chubby, eccentric-challenged single gal, her calamitous love life and wardrobe choices. Bucky Faux Renes Zellweger once again stars as the plucky heroine. With Colin Firth and Hugh Grant. I hr. 46 R (profanity, sex, adult themes).

"Christmas with the Kranks" — Tim Allen plays a latter-day Scrooge who decides to pass up Christmas this year. With Jane Lee Curtis, Dan Aykroyd and Cheech Marin. PG.

"Finding Neverland" — Johnny Depp stars as J.M. Barrie, author of "Peter Pan" in a biopic about his creative life. With Kate Winslet, Julie Christie and Dustin Hoffman. PG.

"Friday Night Lights" — Billy Bob Thornton stars as the high school coach of a winning Texas football team in this smart, sharp, stirring adaptation of the nonfiction best-seller. A great football movie that examines the ferocious subculture of high school athletics and how a community measures itself on the performance of its beloved team. PG-13 (profanity, violence, sex, adult themes).

"The Grudge" — Sarah Michelle Gellar stars as an exchange student in Tokyo, where people start dying, thanks to a creepy ghost in a curse-plagued house. Not scary at all. R (scars, profanity, violence).

"The Incredibles" — A movie with the sweet soul of "Toy Story" and the hoistrous spirit of "Spy Kids." Brad Bird's eye-popping cartoon boasts a pro-family,

pro-tort-reform agenda and a witty, atomic-modern style. It resembles the way the future looked circa 1950, but mystery involving an invisible map on the back of the Declaration of Independence. With Harry Keitel, Jon Voight and Diane Kruger. PG.

"Ladder 49" — This heartfelt tribute to firefighters falls as a direct hit succeeds as a "When bad things happen, good things procedural. With loquax Phoenix and John Travolta. PG-13 (intense fire and rescue scenes, profanity). — Carrie Rickey.

"National Treasure" — An adventurer (Nicholas Cage) unravels a 2,000-year-old mystery involving an invisible map on the back of the Declaration of Independence. With Harry Keitel, Jon Voight and Diane Kruger. PG.

"The Polar Express" — Tom Hanks provides the voice and movements for five characters, including the boy hero, in this visually lavish computer toy-light adaptation of the Chris Van Allsburg picture book. It's about a boy in the throes of a Santa credibility crisis, who takes a magical train ride on Christmas Eve. And it feels just a wee bit padded. G (verging-on horror theme).

"Shark Tale" — In this harrowing and hemeletic horror film, two men are chained in a room, the helpless victims of a sadistic fiend. Even the best of hearts may have trouble sitting through this nightmare. R (extreme violence, profanity). — David Hillbrand.

"Shark Tale" — "Shark Tale," the computer-animated comedy from the team that brought you "Shrek," hits theaters. "Finding Nemo" suggested that under-the-waves adventure was limitless, "Shark Tale" suggests that this sea is awfully big. The kill is gone. PG (crude humor, double entendres).

"The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" — The poriferous lad with the four-curve torso and his pals from Bikini Bottom venture onto the big screen. With the voices of Alec Baldwin, Clancy Brown and Hodge Bumpass. PG.

Sources: Knight Ridder News Service, Associated Press

What America is watching

Knight Ridder News Service

- TV**
1. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
 2. "CSI: Miami," CBS.
 3. "Without a Trace," CBS.
 4. "Survivor: Vanuatu," CBS.
 5. "E!," NBC. (From Nielsen Media Research.)

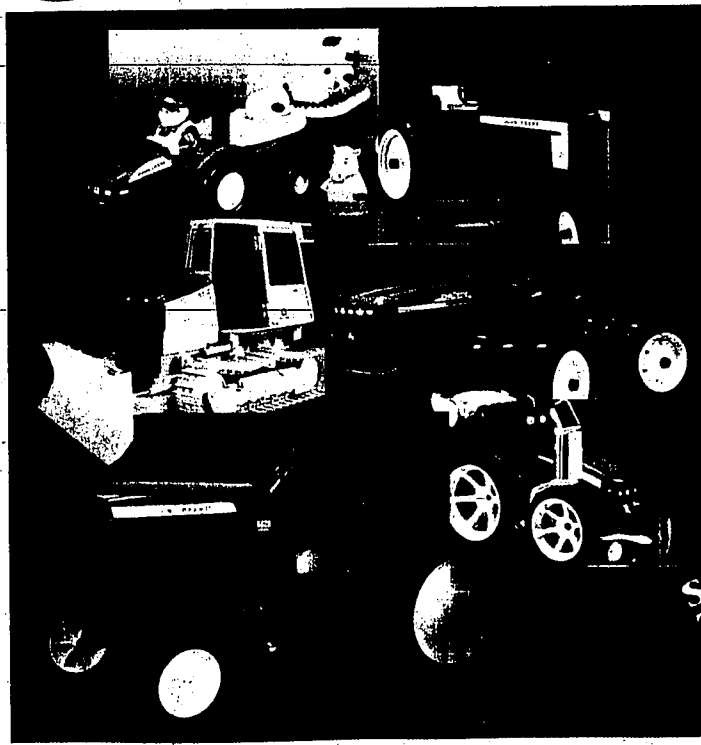
- Film**
1. "National Treasure," Disney.
 2. "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie," Paramount.
 3. "The Incredibles," Disney.
 4. "The Polar Express," Warner Bros.
 5. "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason," Universal. (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

- VHS rentals**
1. "Shrek 2," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 2. "White Chicks," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
 3. "The Day After Tomorrow," FoxVideo.
 4. "Van Helsing," Universal Studios Home Video.
 5. "Dawn of the Dead," Universal Studios Home Video. (From Billboard magazine)

- VHS sales**
1. "Shrek 2," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 2. "Garfield the Movie," FoxVideo.
 3. "Mulan" (special edition), Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
 4. "The Day After Tomorrow," FoxVideo.
 5. "Van Helsing," Universal Studios Home Video. (From Billboard magazine)

- DVD sales**
1. "Shrek 2" (widescreen), DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 2. "Shrek 2" (pan & scan), DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 3. "Shrek" (widescreen two-disc set), DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
 4. "Mulan" (special edition two-disc set), Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
 5. "White Chicks" (unrated), Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment. — Source: Billboard magazine

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Reaching NEW HEIGHTS



Top: Sun Valley thanks to open on Thanksgiving Day despite unseasonably warm temperatures the past few weeks.

Left: The new Dollar Mountain Lodge has been a beehive of construction activity all summer long.

Photo by MAREK BOSSICH/Wood River Journal

Beginner mountain gets a facelift for Sun Valley's 69th season

By Karen Bossick
The Wood River Journal

SUN VALLEY — Sun Valley's Dollar Mountain, which sits in the shadow of the world-renowned Baldy, has been touted as a children's playground for decades.

But Sun Valley's General Manager Wally Huffmann expects to see a lot more adults skiing the bald knob this winter, thanks to the new Dollar Mountain Lodge which is scheduled to open Dec. 15.

"It's going to energize those people who love to ski but don't want a full day on Baldy," he said. "They can take two or three runs, have a nice lunch

in a very nice place, and that will be their ski day."

Already, Sun Valley has sold more adult season passes for Dollar Mountain than in years past.

Among the buyers is Sun Valley resident Ruth Jones. "I bought the dangerous pass—the one that lets you change everything on it," she said.

"I'm of an age where I like me in one piece so I prefer not to ski with the hot shots on Baldy," she added. "I thoroughly enjoy Dollar Mountain, particularly when they open the Elkhorn lift. Elkhorn offers the same terrain as Baldy—just in shorter increments. And the lodge will just make the experience that much bet-

ter." Indeed, the new 26,000-square-foot lodge will match the experience of any of the three lodges on Bald Mountain which have received accolades time and again in major ski magazines.

It and a new sledging and tubing hill next to Quarter Dollar ski lift will provide the accent notes to Sun Valley's 69th season as one of North America's top destination ski resorts.

Dollar Mountain Lodge, fast nearing completion on the site of Sun Valley's old Dollar Cabin, is scheduled to open on Dec. 15 just in time for the onslaught of Christmas visitors.

"I don't expect it to be completely

done—you might not see a piece of trim here and there. But it will be usable," said Sales and Marketing Director Jack Sibbach. "I imagine we'll be moving furniture in on the 14th."

That said, the construction of the lodge has practically broken the speed barrier in construction time, with more than 200 workers working seven days a week, many of them more than eight hours a day.

The old Dollar Cabin was dismantled in mid-May and the new building emerged from a giant hole in the ground in just five months. By contrast, it took two seasons to build River Run and Seattle Ridge lodges.

"It'll change the scene here—for the better," said Nicholas Latham, who is heading up the project for Itasca/Latham/Blanton. "My kids used to teach-skiing-here-and-they said they couldn't believe how bad it was during the Christmas holidays, with 300 kids in that little cabin."

The two-story lodge, which could fit the old Dollar Cabin in its dining room, boasts the same big Montana spruce beams, arch ways and cathedral ceilings that its sister lodges sport on Baldy.

The exterior features large logs and stone quarried from the rock quarry owned by Pieabo Street's family high

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A first-class experience:

THE ONLY THING MISSING FROM POMERELLE IS SNOW

The Times-News

A fantastic skiing experience awaits skiers at Pomerelle Ski Resort. The Albion mountain resort is one of the Idaho's most popular ski locations and offers skiers and snowboarders a first class experience.

Tucked high in the Sawtooth National Forest at 8,000 feet, Pomerelle sits majestically awaiting skiers from all over the country. The only thing missing this Thanksgiving — as with many other Idaho resorts — is of course the snow. Pomerelle was not scheduled to

open this Thanksgiving as of Tuesday. Pomerelle is located just 25 miles off of Interstate 84 (Exit 216) via Idaho Highway 77, Declo/Albion. Here skiers and boarders can appreciate fantastic powder skiing on 24 groomed slopes that are serviced by double and triple chair lifts.

Open seven days a week, day operations begin at 9 a.m. and run until 4 p.m. Night skiing is available from 4 to 10 p.m. starting Dec. 26 and going through mid-March.

Snowboarders have great praise for Pomerelle, many say this is "board

heaven." The 1/2 pipe and great terrain make the mountain an awesome place to bring your board.

This winter will also mark the beginning of its new "Magic Carpet" boardwalk lift ride. Much like a walkway used in an airport, the Magic Carpet will stretch 450 feet and take boarders and skiers to a higher elevation with instant ease.

"Most of these that have been done over the past few years have been 75 to 100 feet, and used for nursery and

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Pomerelle Ski Resort

Phone: 673-5599
Opening date: TBA; awaiting more snow.
Snow report: 673-5555
Web site: www.pomerelle-mtn.com
Lifts: 1 triple, 1 double, 1 rope tow
Summit elevation: 9,000 feet
Vertical drop: 1,000 feet
Total runs: 24
Ticket Prices: \$27 for adults, children under 7 are free. Half-day, \$22. Youth

Discount (age 7-12) \$18. Night pass \$15. Day/night pass \$30. Cotton tail rope tow is free. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; night skiing from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., Tues. through Sat., starting Dec. 26.
Location: 25 miles south of Interstate 84. Take the Declo exit (No. 216) and then Idaho 77 south through Albion. Turn right on marked road to resort.

SKIING 2004-05

Sun Valley opens Thanksgiving Day

SUN VALLEY Sun Valley Resort will open for its 69th winter season Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 25.

Baldy's Lower River Run lift and run will be in operation beginning at 9 a.m. River Run Day Lodge also will be open.

Depending upon weather conditions and temperatures, the Resort hopes to open Baldy on both sides from top to bottom, Saturday, Nov. 27.

Terrain opening on the River Run side will include Upper College, Houndhouse Lane, Blue and Lower River Run, and on the Warm Springs side of Baldy runs open will be Upper College, Flying Squirrel, Lower Picabo and Lower Warm Springs. The Warm Springs Day Lodge also will be open. Look-out Express and the Challenger lifts will operate 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Again, open terrain is subject to change due to weather conditions. For a current Mountain Report please call 800-635-4150, or visit our website www.sunvalley.com.

Ski briefs

To complete the Thanksgiving holiday, Sun Valley Resort also will have additional recreational, shopping and dining opportunities available.

The Sun Valley Ski Club will open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bowling Alley and Game Room, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Ice Skating 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Nov. 25-27. A new "Home Accents Show" will be presented in the Continental Room of the Sun Valley Inn, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All exclusive Sun Valley merchandise will be featured. Sun Valley Village shops also will be open daily.

Special Thanksgiving feasts will be served in the Lighthouse Ballroom, the Lodge Dining Room and in Gretchen's Restaurant. For details, please call 800-622-2135.

Soldier Ski Patrol recruits new members

If you enjoy skiing or snow-

boarding, enjoy the fellowship and comradery of belonging to a organization, want to learn new and challenging skills, and have a desire to serve and assist others, then the Soldier Mountain Ski Patrol needs you.

The Soldier Mountain Ski Patrol is currently looking for interested skiers and snowboarders to become members of their patrol. New candidate training will start in early December. For more information please contact Steve Myatt at 934-9152, Phil Dixon at 481-2287 or Gary Chaimplin at 736-0359. The Soldier Mountain Ski Patrol is a registered Patrol with the National Ski Patrol System.

Idaho photographer will present work at CSI

TWIN FALLS — Renowned Idaho photographer, helicopter ski guide and river runner Matt Leidecker of Keichum will show his latest presentation, "16 Days and 41 Peaks: Exploring the

Mountains of Central Idaho" at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Herret Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Leidecker is considered an expert on Idaho's backcountry. "I'm inspired by ridge lines," he says. "They offer great climbing challenges and the best perspective for photographing the mountain landscape."

This latest presentation takes the viewer on a photographic adventure through Idaho's Sawtooth, Boulder, White Clouds, Smokey, Pioneer and Lost River mountain ranges.

Leidecker has done several other presentations at the Herret Center, including one on his book, "Impossible Canyon: Journey Down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River," and "After the Fires," a sobering look at the devastation to hundreds of thousands of acres of Idaho's wilderness during the fires of 2000.

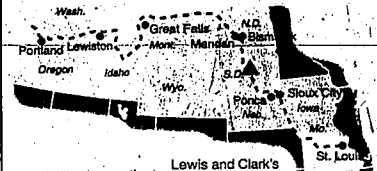
Admission is free. Donations to the Herret Center will be accepted.

— compiled from staff reports

'we will raise the Warriors'

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark as ambassadors of the United States government, were preaching peace between tribes on the Plains. They told the tribes the government would protect them. That strategy was tested when a large party of Sioux and Arkanan attacked a party of five Mandans, killing one, wounding several and sealing nine horses.

The expedition prepared to live up to its promises and chase down the Sioux however the Mandans told Clark that the snow was too deep and the Sioux had too much of a head start. Still, the Mandans were impressed with the expedition's willingness to keep its promise.



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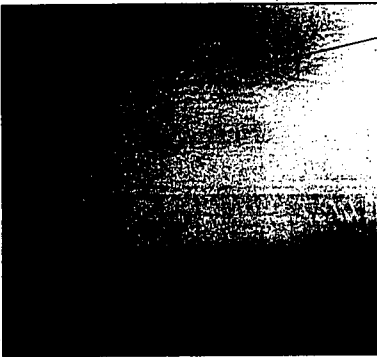
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— William Clark

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START OF THE SEASON



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Snow boarders ride the Pine Martin chairlift and hit the slopes under blustery conditions at Mount Bachelor ski area near Bend, Ore., Tuesday during the 2004-2005 season. Snowmaking has added a basic base and the forecast is for more accumulation to happen over the Thanksgiving holiday.

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Facelift

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On a ridge overlooking the Olympic ski megalist's hometown of Triumph.

"It almost dwarfs the mountain, doesn't it?" marveled Sibbach, as he scanned the building.

Inside, an expansive dining room with plush handmade carpeting, oak-paneled walls and large picture windows looks out on an impressive view of Baldy.

A wood-fired pizza oven sits in one corner, amidst stainless steel dishwashers and industrial ovens that have yet to be installed. There also will be a large-screen plasma TV for adults wanting to keep tabs on football play-offs.

Sun Valley's French Chef Claude Guigon has yet to unveil the menu for the new lodge, but it's expected to be similar to that of Warm Springs Lodge, which serves pasta dishes, salads and pot pies.

It remains to be seen whether the beanie weenie and mac 'n' cheese fare of the old Dollar Cabin will survive. But, Sibbach said, "as long as we have French fries for the kids, they'll love it."

The lodge has several amenities the other lodges don't have. Chief among them: a children's ski school area and a day care.

Guests will enter the children's ski school area, opposite the dining area, via automatic opening doors.

The child care area sits next to it on the southwest corner of the building.

Children may stay here all day while their parents ski. Or, they can spend a half-day skiing and then come here to take naps and watch DVDs.

Both the ski school and day care will feature kitchens for snacks, as well as wash machines and dryers.

The children's ski school will include an indoor entryway for kids to hang their coats and skis while waiting for lunch or a snack. They also can keep their skis there overnight.

Carol Holding, the wife of Sun Valley Owner Earl Holding, has been very hands-on in this thing, visiting it many times in her hard hat.

"This is really Mrs. Holding's project," said Sibbach. "She's done this for the kids. She's been here during the holidays with her own grandkids, she knew how crowded it could get."

The lodge will also feature a Pete Lane's store where guests can rent skis and purchase items like gloves and goggles.

"Skitechnicians will tune skis in a floor repair shop and send them up to customers via elevator. The bottom floor also features locker rooms for employees and day lockers."

And of course, there'll be multiple bathrooms with automatic flushing toilets and hickory doors with molding.

Sun Valley Ski Resort

Opening date: Today
Location: Baldy can be accessed via Soda Lake Lane at the south side of Ketchum or via Warm Springs Road at Ketchum's other end. Dollar Mountain, the beginner's hill, is located across town near Elkhorn and Dollar roads.
Vertical drop: 3,400 feet
Characteristics: 2,054 acres
Runs: 75
Lifts: 7 quads, 4 triples, 5 doubles, 3 surface tows
Top elevation: 9,150 feet
Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Tickets: Full-day lift tickets on Baldy cost \$67 for adults and \$38 for children. Half-day tickets are \$50 and \$32.

Full-day tickets for Dollar Mountain cost \$28 for adults and \$22 for children and \$22 and \$16 for half-day tickets.
Sweet deals: You can buy a season discount card for \$150 through Dec. 17, or a weekend discount card for \$40. The cards knock down the price on lift tickets from \$67 to \$47 or from \$50 to \$37. Seniors 65 and over automatically receive the discount card rate.
Sun Valley will offer its relatively new Lift Ticket Exchange Program again this year. The program gives vacationers who buy three-day or more lift tickets the opportunity to exchange lift tickets for other activities if they decide they want to skip a day on the mountain. For instance, the ticket can be exchanged for a Nordic trail pass and Nordic rental at Sun Valley's Nordic and Snowshoe center, snowshoe rental and lunch at Sun Valley's historic Trail Creek Cabin or at a group ski or snowboard clinic.
Kids Stay and Ski Free Programs are offered Nov. 24 through Dec. 19, Jan. 3 through Jan. 31 and March 5 through the end of the season.
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Information: 1-800-786-8259 or www.sunvalley.com

with kid-friendly bathroom facilities in the children's area.

Outside heated patios look out onto the new sledding hill, which will feature a 500-foot long Magic Carpet moving sidewalk to ferry sledders uphill. It should cut down on the sledding traffic at Penny Hill on Sun Valley Road, Sibbach said. Sibbach said sledding hill rates have yet to be set.

Sun Valley officials are also working to reopen the Elkhorn Lift on the far side of Dollar Mountain but don't know if they can get it ready in time for this winter.

"The problem is that that side of the mountain gets a lot of snow and it's hard to know how much a lot of it depends on how much snow we get," Sibbach said.

With the lodge nearing completion, Sun Valley would like to put in better snowmaking on Dollar Mountain, along with newer chairlifts and a small terrain park. Eventually it would also like to install lights for night skiing and tubing. Lights would also give ski racers a chance to run gates at night.

"It's coming," Sibbach said. "When you put that much money into a lodge, you've got to do a little more to get your use out of it."

The Dollar Mountain Lodge will get a lot of use when the snow melts, unlike the old Dollar Cabin which sat empty from April through December.

"It's the most practical building Mr. Holding's built," said Sibbach. "We can use it for conventions and meetings year-round. River Run Lodge, as nice as it is, is pretty far away from the Inn and Lodge and we have to transport people over there. People could walk over here from their condos."

In addition, Sun Valley plans to landscape the lower part of Dollar Mountain to make it usable for musical concerts, weddings, family barbecues and other outdoor events.

"I think we'll find a myriad of uses for it from May through November. I don't think I even know all the things in store for



Construction workers are dwarfed by the new Dollar Mountain Lodge.

it," said Huffman.

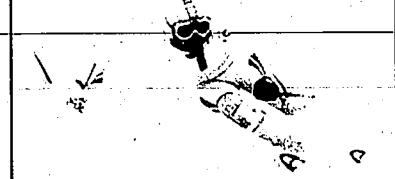
And what will the resident foxes that call Dollar Mountain their home think of the increased year-round activity?

"They'll probably enjoy it," Sibbach said. "With more people here, it just means more table scraps for them."

Karen Boscick is an outdoors

writer for the Wood River Journal, a Hatley newspaper affiliated with The Times-News that is distributed each Wednesday in the Wood River Valley.

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Skiers who frequent Soldier Mountain are treated to Camas Prairie views from the Sawtooth National Forest.

Growing in popularity

Soldier Mountain becomes a favorite spot for skiers in southern Idaho

The Times-News

Larry Davenport, the manager of Soldier Mountain Ski/Snowboard Area, watches and smiles as skiers from around the Magic Valley and Idaho find their way to the Fairfield mountain in pursuit of fresh powder and steep thrills.

But he can't help but notice another phenomenon — the number of vehicles with Blaine County license plates.

"We cover a lot of our local people down in the Magic Valley area, Wendell, Gooding, and now we're getting a lot more from the Wood River Valley area," Davenport said. "I think it's because we're reasonable in our price for skiing, and a lot of the working-class people can get more

skiing in a season."

Davenport can understand why. After all he worked at Sun Valley Company for 20 years, but developed a fondness for the Fairfield mountain. And now, one year after expanding operations to one more day in the week, he's looking for an even bigger winter in 2005.

Soldier Mountain expanded its weekly operations to Thursdays last year, and with great success, said Davenport.

This year, the resort is hoping to capture its customer base and have them return — with a back-to-back lift ticket policy.

"On Thursday you buy a lift ticket, if you bring it back Friday, Saturday or Sunday of that same

Soldier Mountain

Opening Date: Dec. 17
 Location: 12 miles north of Fairfield
 Vertical drop: 1,410 feet (2,500 by cable)
 Characteristics: 1,147 acres, not counting cat-served skiing
 Runs: 38
 Lifts: 2 doubles, 2 surface tows
 Top elevation: 7,200 feet (10,000 feet for cat skiing)
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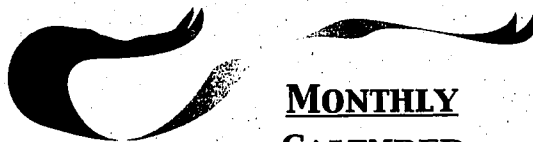
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Magic Mountain offers low prices, proximity

The Times-News

Just call it the "old school" of downhill skiing.

Magic Mountain Ski Resort remains the closest destination for most Magic Valley skiers and snowboarders, and also one of the closest to the heart.

Magic Mountain

Phone: 423-6221
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 Total runs: 11
 Ticket Prices: \$24 for all day for adults; Half-day prices are \$18. Skiers 7 and under are free.
 Hours: 9:30 to 4 p.m.
 Location: 28 miles south of Hansen on Rock Creek Road or 3800 East Road

The tight-knit South Hills resort, owned and operated by Marty and Sharric Jacobs, has a loyal following in the winter. Adults return to the mountain knowing the familiar faces in the lodge and on the lifts. Parents are comfortable dropping the kids off, so they can spend all their rambunctious energy trying to tame the mountain.

Proximity isn't the only selling point for Magic Mountain. The resort's ticket prices are the lowest of any ski area in southern Idaho or the Boise area. All-day lift tickets are \$24 for adults. And season passes run at \$159 for adults and \$59 for kids ages 12 to 6.

Having a mountain of friendly terrain for beginning skiers, including a rope tow lift, adds to the family skiing atmosphere at Magic. But more rugged skiers also have their pick of challenging runs as well. And when it's time for a break, the warm and welcome atmosphere of Magic's family lodge, with a wood stove and cafeteria grill, is almost just as satisfying as the skiing.

And the resort's new ME-Plus Bombardier Snow Cat should improve the grooming on Magic Mountain's 11 runs. Conditions at Magic Mountain Ski resort did not report a sufficient amount of snow to enable a Thanksgiving opening. But skiers should call and check the resort hotline for opening day.

Resorts gear up for ski season

BOISE (AP) — Ski resorts around the state are getting ready for a new season and some fresh competition this year.

Tamarack Resort is tentatively set to open Dec. 15 with five lifts, including two high-speed quads.

Tamarack will be the first new all-season resort to open in more than 20 years, said Carl Willis, administrator of the Idaho Tourism Division.

Lift prices around the state are generally the same or only slightly higher than previous years.

Sun Valley, the state's premier ski resort in central Idaho, set its all-day lift ticket price at \$67 for the 2004-2005 season.

Sun Valley adult season passes will be sold this year for \$1,850 each, a \$25 increase from the 2003-2004 season-pass price. However, if purchased before Oct. 17, the passes will be sold at a \$100 discount, for \$1,750 each.

The Tamarack Resort, about 100 miles north of Boise, set its daily lift price at \$55. Tamarack spokeswoman Jessica Flynn said the new resort will have three restaurants, ski rentals and lockers in large tent-like shelters.

She said skiers and snowboarders will be able to find lots of room to maneuver through 700 skiable acres that includes 25 ski runs, a super pipe and a terrain park. They are expecting about 1,500 skiers per day.

"We're hoping to maintain the experience of not being on a Please see RESORTS, Page F5

Soldier

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weekend, you'll get to use the ticket for another full day. Tamarack said: "It's only good for one lift run any one of those days." The resort is also building on promotions it made last year. The Soldier snowcats will ferry skiers up to the 10,095-foot

Smoky Dome where they can wear their through the untouched terrain. The cost is \$250 and includes lunch.

Like most ski resorts today, Soldier Mountain is also catering to the acrobatic skier and snowboarder with a 15-acre terrain park, complete with rails and a quarter pipe.

Ski and hug a tree

The top "eco-friendly ski resorts," from the new magazine *Plenty*:

1. Aspen, Colo.
2. Sundance, Utah
3. Smuggler's Notch, Vt.
4. Jackson Hole, Wyo.
5. Whistler Blackcomb, British Columbia

6. Bretton Woods, N.H.
7. Alpine Meadows, Calif.
8. Mt. Bachelor, Ore.
9. Mad River Glen, Vt.
10. Moonlight Basin, Mont.

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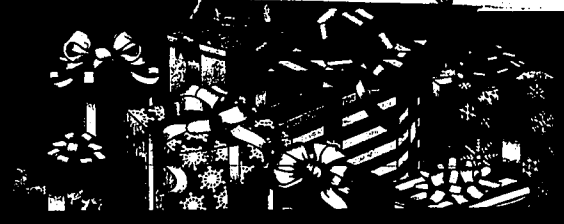
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Pomerelle

Continued from F1 day-care skiers," explained resort owner Woody Anderson. "This will make learning to ski or board a less daunting task."

Resort managers were still waiting for some of the final equipment to arrive. Anderson expects the walk to be fully operational before Christmas.

The staff at Pomerelle is proud of the fact that they cater to families, especially those with children that are learning to ski and snowboard. Children 6 and under may ride on all lifts for free with a paying parent. Ski Rentals are available in the lower level of the lodge. Rentals include skis, boots, poles, snowshoes, snowblades, snowboards and snowboard boots. Lift tickets can be purchased at the ticket window. Full day, half day, day/night and night passes can be purchased. Prices differ depending on age. The Contortall rope tow is free to all ages (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). A pass is necessary and can be obtained at ticket window. Season passes are also available.

A full catering menu is served in the "Snow Bar" satisfy hungry skiers at Pomerelle. The lodge offers a warm, wonderful place to relax in between runs. Group and private lessons are also offered at the resort seven days a week. Specialized clinics at Pomerelle give skiers an opportunity to work on improving their carving and racing techniques. A "conditions of the day class" is also available. Here instructors help you have fun while learning to ski on new and different snow conditions. If you would like a tour of the mountain, our instructors are available through the ticket office; this 1 1/2 hour class will offer skiers an opportunity to experience some of the hidden spots at Pomerelle. Ladies may want to check out the "Le Belle" program offered mid-week. This class gives you a chance to meet new friends and improve your skiing skills.

The Pomerelle resort has recently cleared 219 acres of dead and dying trees in and around the resort to comply with President Bush's National Fire Program. This clearing will give skiers an opportunity for more "new tree" or glade skiing. Pomerelle is a Mom and Pop operation. Woody and Sandy Anderson along with John and Jody Burrows own and operate the resort. The management at Pomerelle is excited to have the public check out their Web site. www.pomerelle-mtn.com.

"Here you can get all kinds of great information, everything from lift rates to bus schedules. You can even register to have your name put on the snow-mail list, by doing so, Pomerelle will e-mail you every time we receive new snow," Sandy Anderson said. The Web site also gives price lists and other vital information.

The snow phone is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, call 673-5555 for information or e-mail may be sent to info@pomerelle-mtn.com.

Resorts

Continued from F4 super crowded mountain," Flynn said.

Bogus Basin does not expect to be hurt by Tamarack, which is 100 miles north of Boise.

"We will see some of our customers go up and try it out. But we don't see them having an adverse effect," said Eric Steigemeier, vice president of skier services for Bogus Basin. "Most of our users are day-in-the-snow season pass holders."

Steigemeier said long-term weather forecasts indicate an average year of snowfall is expected. During a normal season, most resorts open between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Bogus Basin is planning a hiring fair early next month, Steigemeier said. The resort usually rehires between 600 and 700 employees for the season.

By The Associated Press

- Here are some of the daily lift ticket prices at Idaho's larger ski resorts. The prices are for adults at peak times. Some lift tickets may be less expensive, depending on the day or time of day purchased.
- Bogus Basin, Boise: \$40, full day/night
 - Brundage, McCall: \$37, full day
 - Lookout Pass, Wallace: \$25, full day
 - Pebble Creek, Inkom: \$30, full day
 - Pomerelle, Albion: \$30, full day/night
 - Schweitzer, Sandpoint: \$48, full day peak/holiday
 - Silver Mountain, Kellogg: \$39, full day
 - Sun Valley Resort, Ketchum: \$67, full day
 - Tamarack, Donnelly: \$55, full day

SKIING 2004-05

Fish and Game will host regulations open house on hunting

Fish and Game notes

JEROME—Statewide 2005 regulations for turkey recommendations for turkey, moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goats are the topics of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's open

house, at 860 East Main in Jerome, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Locally, the Idaho Fish and Game Department is proposing to increase hunting opportunity for the four species of wildlife in the Magic Valley Region.

Turkeys: The Magic Valley Region is proposing to increase permits from 24 to 36 while maintaining the season dates from 2004. Last spring, 22 of 24 hunters or 92 percent of the

hunters were successful at harvesting turkeys within the region.

Dates and permit levels: For hunting in Unit 54 would be: Youth Hunt, April 15 - May 25 — 12 permits
Controlled Hunt, April 15 - May 4 — 12 permits
Controlled Hunt, May 5 - May 25 — 12 permits

Bighorn Sheep: In hunt area 46, the Magic Valley Region is proposing a one

permit increase from two to three.

The Jarblidge/Bruneau bighorn population has increased over the past three years after reaching low levels in 1999-2001. The hunt was closed in 2001 and 2002 and reopened in 2003 when survey data indicated that legal-sized ram numbers had improved.

Results from the June 2003 aerial survey suggest a population of at least 150 sheep with 15

legal and 29 sublegal rams.

Mountain goats: The biggest change proposed is for mountain goats. Idaho Fish and Game is seeking comments on changes in hunt area boundaries and increasing permit levels in hunting Units 43, 48, 36A-1, 36A-2, and 50.

Moose: Idaho Fish and Game Magic Valley Region is proposing to split hunt area 44 into two sepa-

rate hunts to help distribute hunters and also increase permit numbers to allow a total of six andered and four antlerless moose to be harvested.

Sportsmen interested in commenting can stop by the office between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Nov. 30, by calling the Magic Valley Regional Office at 324-4359, or comment on the Fish and Game website at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/>

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Learning to ski can be affordable and easy with a little creativity from an instructor on the mountain.

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Learning the ABCs of skiing with your kids

Decision on when to hit the slopes depends on individual child

By David Cooper
Times-News writer

Whether your child is a daredevil or a wallflower, it's never easy for a parent to know for sure when a child is ready for the mountain.

Ski instructors, however, say parents have nothing to worry about when teaching a child to ski. Children as young as 3 or 4 years old possess natural instincts necessary for schussing down the slopes. And even if they aren't ready at that age, within a year or two they can easily overcome their fears and enjoy a day on the hill.

The decision of when to take a child skiing should depend on the child, says Woody Anderson, co-owner of Pomerelle Mountain Ski Resort in Albion. Every kid has a fear or flair for excitement. But when you teach a child to enjoy outdoor recreation, they will learn to appreciate the experience.

With obesity in our society, it's just not good to have people sit down in front of the TV and

forget about activity, especially in winter when they're relegated to the couch.

Parents should also dismiss some of the canards of skiing, such as the belief that children need to wait until they have more strength in their bodies. Many ski schools consider younger kids (age 3 or 4) prime candidates for skiing with their flexibility and pursuit for adventure.

Price is another misconception. Most ski resorts do not charge for children's admission under 7 years of age. Rental equipment ranges from \$15 to \$20 for kids' sizes and sometimes less, which makes a day on the slope rather affordable for a beginner.

Sheryl Whiting, a Pomerelle Ski School instructor, has taught children to glide the slopes for 26 years. She says there's an easy way to see if your kid is ready. "The best way is to let them try. With littler children, if they talk about it and want to try on skis and boots, they get into it. If you have really aggressive and brave children, that's a good

sign. Clinging children are usually a little tougher."

"You'll know in first 30 minutes or so if they're serious. But 95 percent of the little ones are ready and they want to do it."

When Whiting says "little ones" she means 3- or 4-year olds. Of her 12 grandchildren, she says half of them waited an extra year — to the age of 7.

How long do you stay on the slope?

Cold and wet weather can dismay any skier. So be aware of weather conditions before you go. If it's an especially bad day, you may want to wait.

Anderson says that on bad days, the ski school students flock to the lodge for hot chocolate, where they can talk about how to improve. But most ski instructors don't make a learning child go back when he or she doesn't want to.

"The most important thing is your child's welfare," Whiting says. "I'm here to make him comfortable. I want him to be a

friend, and for him to trust me. It's important to establish a good trust with this child."

Edgy-wedgy or ropes?

Many parents invest in a small device called an edgy-wedgy, which is a rubber hose with two clamps on either end. When hooked on to a child's skis, it keeps the child's ski tips in the snowplow, or "pizza" position. That way they can brake their progress while sliding forward.

Shoulder ropes, which serve as a harness, so the child can ski ahead of the instructor but still be in tow, do work for some parents. But Anderson says Pomerelle ski school instructors don't use them. But if it works for parents, "that's a good way to go."

Most ski instructors, though, prefer the hands on method, and ski backwards while the young student goes forward. "I always ski backwards. That way they always know I'm in their control," Whiting says.

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Want to learn to ski?

The Times-News

Pomerelle offers lessons for both young and old, individuals and groups, for the coming winter.

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Snow Sports sign (by the big brown Bell) in the Pomerelle bus area. Guests can purchase lesson/rental packages at the rental shop only. Group lessons (not including rentals) are sold at the Pomerelle ticket office for ages 7 and older.

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SKIING 2004-05

Taking the fall



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Snowboarding is the closest you can get to surfing 600 miles away from an ocean, says Sun Valley Ski Instructor Rod Tatsuno.

Accepting falls will help with learning snowboarding

By Athina Chansanchal
The Baltimore Sun

Know this when you start snowboarding: You're going to fall. Accept this, and you'll be on your way to conquering the biggest obstacle to a successful run down the slopes: fear. It doesn't matter if you're a former skateboarder or surfer, you're going to wipe out on the way down the mountain. How much you get knocked around depends on not just how well you physically prepare for the moment you face gravity and a couple thousand feet of powder, but how mentally fit you are for the challenge ahead.

Forget about the boards and boots for now. First-timers need only worry about their clothes on their way to the slopes. Go to any ski lodge, and you'll see that snowboarders and skiers are as different as hockey players and figure skaters. Skiers layer jackets that range from puffy coats to waterproof shells over form-fitting overalls, while snowboarders wear the fashion plates of the mountain.

Everything's wider and bigger on snowboarders — jackets, pants and boots. Many of them can be seen shooting down the mountain with hydration packs, iPods and helmets.

If you're not exercising or working out, think about spending a couple of weeks on a stationary bike, doing squats, and tightening your abs, because your lower torso is going to do the most work.

Skiers rarely convert to snowboarding, but once they do, they're hooked. When you arrive at the lodge, hunt for the sales and buy a first-timer package, which usually includes a lift ticket for the day, rental equipment and a lesson.

Next, get geared up at the ski

Snowboarding Tips

- The worst thing you can do is to get wet. Once snow gets into your boots or gloves, the rest is misery. So make sure to tuck your jacket sleeves into your gloves and make sure your boots are on tight.
- If it's hard to stand back up when the board is in front of you, flip around and push up on your knees. You'll be going down backward for a little while, but using your hips and legs, you'll

- be right side in no time.
- Powder is better to land in but not necessarily the easiest to board on for first-timers. Ice isn't any fun, either. If you can find a happy medium, go for that.
- Bring some snacks in your pack. Energy bars are compact sources of fuel, although the hot dogs and burgers at the lodge usually hit the spot after a hard run.

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shop. There, you have two choices in boots: a pair that clicks into built-in slots on the board or a pair that slides into bindings that you manually tighten. It depends on your preference, but most people find the click-ins easier to get on and off.

Then you have to figure out if you're goofy-foot or right-foot. It doesn't mean you've got a silly streak; it's about the direction you ride on the board. Most right-handers go onto the board left foot first, but if you're "goofy," you go down the slope right foot forward.

OK, you've got your boots and your board, now start moving toward the ski lifts. Once you're near the lines, put one foot (the foot you're going to lead with) in the slot on the board, and use the other foot to push yourself forward. There is no time to revel in the moment. Move fast. The lift is unlikely to stop for you, and the people behind you want on, too.

So take a deep breath and move. Once you're at the platform, all you have to do is lean back and in your go. While you're riding on the ski lift, the weight of your foot dangling with a snowboard attached may be unsettling, but hang tight. Enjoy the view.

As you approach the lift sta-

tion, remember the hardest part for any beginner is getting off the lift. Lean slightly forward with one hand holding onto the back of the lift. The goal is to push off when you get to the landing and glide. It's a lot harder than it sounds. But if you do fall — which isn't unusual — just remember to duck and move out of the way.

By taking lessons you'll learn techniques that are at the core of successful boarding. Balancing maneuvers like "falling leaf" are the perfect way to begin a pain-free introduction to the sport.

Getting up is the hardest part, so once both your boots are secured to the board, get upright as soon as you can. Posture is important — keep yourself balanced over the board, with your knees slightly bent, and feel how the slightest lean one way or the other takes you in that direction. Practice doing this, and you'll start to enjoy it.

Let-it-go-and-fly fearlessly, leaning back — not too far — on your heels to stop. And if you fall, it's not the end of the world. You'll get up again, even if you really don't believe it while you're lying in the snow. Enjoy the sky and the trees.

Sometimes you forget how beautiful they can be.

Finding family atmosphere

Small, mid-sized resorts grow in popularity

DENVER (AP) — Jack Boettcher loves to cruise the blues.

For 50 years, Boettcher has skied the slopes from Snowmass to Vail to Steamboat Springs. These days, he counts among his favorite haunts some smaller resorts that offer plenty of well-groomed intermediate runs — the "blues."

"I kind of like the family atmosphere and the price is right," said Boettcher, 76, who lives in the Denver area. "My leisure time has always been in the mountains. I don't think I will ever give it up."

Smaller ski areas from Vermont to California are seeing brisk business by catering to area residents, families, and first-time skiers and snowboarders. Many don't offer the challenging, varied terrain and amenities found at destination resorts, but they are typically cheaper and not as crowded. That means shorter lift lines and more runs in a day.

"I think the biggest change that I've seen in the last decade is the revival of the small and the revival of the family around the country," said Michael Berry, president of the National Ski Areas Association in suburban Lakewood, Colo. "I think actually they are doing very well now, better than probably any time in the last 20 or 25 years."

As the season gets under way, ski industry officials are optimistic, noting strong reservations to date and a new



AP photo

Jack Boettcher, 76, and Gail Tracy, 53, reflected in a mirror, try on some hats at REI in Denver. Boettcher has skied the slopes for 50 years. These days, he favors the smaller resorts. Tracy is the president of the Sialom Gate Ski Club based in Denver.

crop of youngsters interested in the sport.

The industry has forecast between 57 million and 58 million skier visits this season — a measure equal to one person buying a full day's lift ticket. The record stands at 57.3 million skier visits in the 2002-2003 season.

In the past five years, the number of ski resorts nationwide has hovered around 500, down from a high of 727 in 1994, the NSAA said. Most are owned by families or private corporations. It is a \$4 billion to \$4.5 billion industry, including everything from lift tickets to

hamburgers and real estate. "Most of the industry is doing real well but the one thing we remind ourselves all the time is that we depend on the weather, pure and simple," Berry said.

For smaller resorts, the biggest challenges are watching the bottom line while finding ways to improve and prosper, such as adding faster chairlifts, snowmaking technology and summer activities to build a year-round business.

"Our business has definitely changed since the '90s," said general manager Tom

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AP photo

A sign warns riders as they load onto the single chairlift at the Mad River Glen ski resort Feb. 20, 2004, in Waitsfield, Vt. At Mad River, skiers will step back in time to find the second oldest (1949) and longest and only diesel-run single-chair lift in the country, little snowmaking or grooming, no condos and a base lodge with a section that dates to the opening in 1948. And no snowboarding.

Glimpse of the past

Skiing in Vermont on a trip back in time

By Mike Recht
Associated Press Writer

WATTSFIELD, Vt. — Skiers driving from I-89 to Route 100, between Burlington and Montpelier, Vt., are faced with two key forks in the road.

One route leads to Sugarbush, a modern ski area with high-speed quad lifts, major snowmaking, groomed trails and condos.

The other goes to Mad River Glen — and a step back in time. Little snowmaking. No snowboarding. No condos. In fact, one of the attractions is the single-chair lift, the longest in the country at 1 1/4 miles and the second-oldest, built in 1949.

"There are few things in life that offer the experience of a time machine," said Brad Simmons of Rowayton, Conn. "It's not for everybody, and that's part of what it is."

Simmons is one of just under 1,700 owners of Mad River Glen,

which Glen officials say is the only large ski area in the country owned by its skiers.

The place has taken on a sort of cult status for many, and it shows in the bumper sticker, "Mad River Glen — Ski It if You Can." The sticker was started as a marketing tool in 1984.

Skiers take the sticker on trips around the world so they could photograph it in unusual places.

Pictures along the wall in the Gen. Stark Pub show them holding up their stickers in the Arctic Circle in Finland, the Galapagos Islands, the Guinness brewery in Ireland, and Mount Kilimanjaro.

Astronaut Catherine Coleman, a Glen shareholder, even took her bumper sticker into space.

The area is particularly attractive to expert skiers, young and old. About half of its 45 trails on 3,537-foot Gen. Stark Mountain are black-diamond, the designation for the most difficult

trails. But it also is family-friendly, with a ski school for toddlers, and trails that all funnel to the base lodge, making it difficult to get separated or lost.

It is all pretty much the way Roland Palmedo probably envisioned it when he bought the land and began building his concept for a ski area in the late 1940s as "a mountain community" where skiers could enjoy nature and skiing, not a winter theme park designed just to make money according to Glen marketing director Eric Friedman.

At national ski association meetings they talk about competition from cruises and Disney, and how ski areas must compete for those dollars, Friedman said. "Roland would be rolling in his grave hearing that kind of stuff," he said.

Palmedo was a New York banker and former World War I and II fighter pilot who invested

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Mark Sperling, assistant director of the Snow Sports School at Whiteface Mountain Ski Area in Wilmington, N.Y., shows Monica Shelberger, of Lake Placid, N.Y., the proper technique during her first lesson in Whiteface's 'Parallel from the Start' learn to ski program, in this Dec. 9, 2003, file photo.

Skiing so simple anyone can learn

By John Kekis
The Associated Press

WILMINGTON, N.Y. — Stephanie Ryan never gave downhill skiing a thought, even though she lives in the Olympic village of Lake Placid in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains.

Then she heard about the ski school at Whiteface Mountain.

In the past seven years, the school has taught thousands of people to do what once was unthinkable — parallel ski in a single day. And at Whiteface, no less, the mountain, which hosted the 1980 Winter Olympics, looms majestically over a vast icy valley of forests and lakes and boasts the biggest vertical drop in the East at more than 3,400 feet.

"We can teach a monkey," said Ed Krell, the ski school director who devised the Parallel From the Start program. "It really is that easy. I have seen people who can barely walk or see become avid skiers. People over 70 learn how to ski."

The secret lies in using short skis — only 3 feet long — and no ties.

Fifteen years ago, half the lesson-takers usually quit before the first lesson was half-done, said Krell. "The problem with most people is that ski shops put them on too long of a ski. People have to learn to cater down to shorter skis."

More people would have fun if they experienced a shorter ski.

One day last winter, Ryan and two friends join instructor Mark Sperling at the base of the mountain for their first lesson.

Sperling, who helped develop the program, is adept at making his pupils feel comfortable right from the start. After helping fit them with the proper boots, it's off to the snow.

"Everything we do will be safe. If it's not safe, we won't do it," Sperling reassures them, squinting under a bright winter sun and standing atop—more than three feet of new fallen snow.

"I'm going to ask you to do things you've been doing your entire life, and I'm not going to ask you to put your body in any position that you don't do," Sperling promises. "Just stand in your natural position, and if you feel you can jump, jump and land on your feet."

So far, so good.

The class makes its way up a small hill and sits on four wooden benches. Sperling asks them to imagine holding a couple of glasses of wine, all the while flumping in their boots.

"I'm just going to let gravity and the snow take me," he says as he slides down a slight incline and makes a parallel turn.

Less than an hour later and after only a few harmless falls, they have learned how to stop, master the S turn, realize that the body will follow the eyes on the slopes, and the safest part of a trail.

And became hooked.

"I didn't buy their claim that I could ski that well that quickly," Ryan said. "I'm a believer now."

Kids

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"The more you use positive enforcement, it works. They just love to be told they're doing a great job."

Fun and creativity

Whiting says the easiest way to teach kids to ski, is to maintain the idea that it's all for recreation. "You just want to keep it at a child's level."

Ski schools use silhouette boards on a slalom course, red-light/green-light chase games, characters and plots from movies and stories, or whatever captures kids' imagination so they can translate their focus into the skiing.

Creativity goes a long way on the mountain. Sometimes the competitive elements of learning in a group do start to emerge. And even that can be a good thing, Whiting says.

"If Johnny can do it, then little Sally can do it, too. If they're aggressive, that competition thing goes a long way. But you don't want to make it into a rivalry."

One area an instructor parent may want to reconsider while on the slopes, is the rope tow. Whiting says that while the contraption may work for teenagers or even adults learning to ski, it becomes an arduous chore for small kids.

"I got a little child on the rope tow. I'm exhausted and the child's exhausted," she said. "Why waste that money?"



Photo courtesy of Pomeroy Mountain Ski Resort

Anderson also noted that today's ski technology, even for youngsters, makes learning to ski much, much easier. The hourglass shape of skis enables easier turns and helps the skier control their direction.

"All you have to shift your bubble gum from one side to the other and away you go," he said.

The snowboard dilemma

Many young skiers waste little time going from skis to snowboards. So it's reasonable for any parent to ask why not just start out by teaching snowboard skills?

Sheryl Whiting with one of her students, at Pomeroy Mountain Ski Resort. Kids as young as 3 years old are considered ripe for ski instruction.

Anderson says it's due to peer pressure that many kids jump quickly into the sport of snowboarding. And the popularity of the sport is certainly making it much more visible.

"I'm sure snowboarders don't agree," Whiting said. "But snowboard instructors are told not to teach it until later. You have two separate things to balance on and I think skiing is easier to learn. As they get better at 7 or 8, let them do both."

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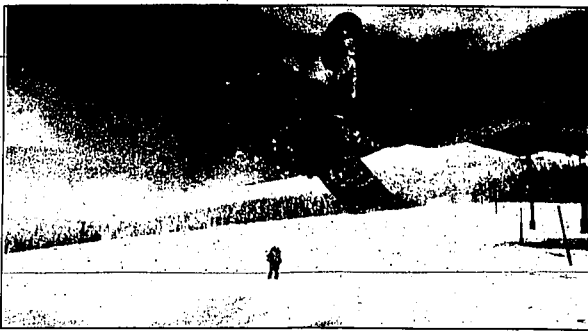
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CATCHING BIG AIR



Chuck Spack catches some air on a home made jump at the edge of the Hart Prairie ski run at the Arizona Snowbowl Tuesday near Flagstaff, Ariz. Staff at the ski resort were busy working to prepare the slopes for the opening day on Friday.

Family

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 Jankovsky of Sunlight Mountain Resort, about 160 miles west of Denver, just down the road from Aspen.
 "All the smaller resorts have had to grow up more. We're not as mom and pop as we used to be," he said.
 Sunlight offers 500 skiable acres — with runs from beginning to double-black diamonds — for a full-price lift ticket of \$36. That compares with \$74 at Aspen/Snowmass, which has about 5,000 skiable acres on four mountains.
 "The people that are flying into Aspen, that's not our clientele," Jankovsky said. "We're just a different brand of resort."
 About 60 miles west of Boston is Wachusett Mountain, serving a varied clientele, including about 11,000 school children, night skiers and members of a recreational racing league.
 The children range in age from fifth grade to high school, with after-school programs offered in about 350 area schools.
 "They're the 12-year-old kids that are going eventually to become our ski instructors and the parents that take their kids skiing here," said general manager David Crowley, whose family owns the resort. "We've seen the cycle."
 The resort has 100 skiable acres and sells a full-day lift ticket for \$36. Crowley said they continue to reinvest in infrastructure.
 "It's just like any good business survives. You don't overspend. The key is we don't rely too much on any one group for an inordinate amount of revenue."
 As gamblers test their luck, a tiny, 39-year-old resort attracts senior citizens, college students and tourists in the mountains about 50 miles northwest of the Las Vegas Strip.
 The Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard Resort, purchased last year by Park City, Utah-based

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- David Crowley, resort owner

Powdr Corp., has 60 skiable acres with three double chair lifts and an old-style lodge. A full-price lift ticket is \$33.
 "It's kind of like old-style skiing," base operations manager Craig Baldwin said. "It's like the ski area that time forgot."

"The new owners have bolstered the snowmaking system to four times the previous winter capacity and made other improvements in the off-season, he said.
 Like Boettcher, Gail Tracey, 53, of Lakewood has spent decades skiing Colorado's slopes. She recognizes smaller areas lack some of the more challenging terrain and have limited choices in restaurants and other amenities.
 "It's a family experience without spending an arm and a leg," said Tracey, president of the Shalom Gates Ski Club in Denver. Boettcher skied about 13 days last year and is looking forward to his first trip this season.
 "I enjoy being with younger people. I really do," he said. "I'm always the old geezer, but so what?"

Past

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 in the Stowe, Vt., area, but built the Glen because he thought Stowe had become too commercial. He ran the Glen until 1968 when he sold it to a group of investors, which in turn sold it to Betsy Pratt in the early 1970s. She was ready to sell in the mid-1990s and suggested a cooperative structure to maintain its old-fashioned character.
 They needed 1,667 skiers to pay \$1,500 each for a share to pay the \$2.5 million asking price. They got 900. But Pratt gave them an interest-free note for five years, and they took over the area in 1995.
 Since then, the price of a share has risen to \$1,750, but the debt has been paid, and about 65 percent of the shareholders are from out of state, many from Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut.
 No one can own more than four shares to make sure there is no dominant owner, and each

shareholder must pay \$200 a year for every share. For that, all they get is a \$117 discount on a season ticket, or a \$7.50 discount on the \$50 daily pass. There is no profit sharing — the average \$150,000-a-year profits all go back into the area.
 Owning a share is more a sign of allegiance than a way to save money. Why else would a group of Glen employees get together to buy a share, although they can ski for free?
 "The general idea is to keep preserved the skiing experience offered here," said Brad Simmons, who bought his wife, Susan, a share for a Christmas present.
 A nine-member board of shareholders meets every month to talk policy, and the annual shareholders meeting is held in April. At their first meeting in 1995, shareholders decided they didn't want the area to change.
 So the single-chair lift still runs on diesel fuel, one of the last left in the country. When it

broke down for four days in 2003, steel had to be ordered from Ohio and a local machine shop made the replacement part because parts are no longer available.
 When the time comes to replace the lift, a majority of shareholders would opt for another single chair, though it would cost more than a double chair, said Jamey Wimble, general manager and president.
 "They're willing to pay a premium for it," he said. "The skiers will decide. There's not a lot of places where they do decide."
 People accept up to a 30-minute wait in line on a busy weekend, to make the 12-minute run to the summit, though they can choose among three double-chair lifts that don't go as high.
 "It's not a very economical way to get people up the hill," Wimble said, but added that "the single is very much the identity of Mad River."

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Section G

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

In ways little and large, here's how to help your neighbors

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Businesses and community organizations throughout southern Idaho are playing Santa Claus and need elves to help out. Here's a list of some things to help with:

- Community Oases Outreach needs shavers and shaving cream, colognes, facial tissue and food at the mission, 102 Second St. in Rupert. Specific requests:
 - Girl, age 9, size 11, shoe size 7 1/2
 - Girl, age 9, size 12 husky, shoe size 6, Bratz toys
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 - Girl, age 5, size 5, shoe size 9, Dora toys
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 - Girl, age 5, size 7, shoe size 11, any toys
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 - Boy, age 6, size 8, shoe size 1, action toys
 - Boy, age 4, size 5, shoe size 10, action toys
 - Boy, age 10, size 12 husky, shoe size 6, action toys
- Zion Lutheran Early Education in Burley requested a donation of three multi-media computers for the school computer center. Call 878-1096 or 645-2561 during the day for more information.
- The Minidoka County Senior Center delivers Meals on Wheels to seniors in the community who are homebound, disabled, and/or unable to prepare their own meals. Every year, the center prepares a stocking for each person receiving Meals on Wheels. Items needed for the stockings include candles, candy canes, oranges, apples, dry or fresh fruits, nuts, packaged food such as macaroni and cheese, popcorn, small adult stocking stuffers, toothpaste and brushes, Christmas cards, packaged cupcake liners, individual small bags of chips, deodorant and other hygiene items.
- Valley Vista Care Service submitted a list of needs for its residents. Gifts can be taken to 243 N. 300 E. in Rupert. For more information call 436-3332.
 - Female, age 89 - baby powder, baby wipes, bath robe size medium, medium pants, spray
 - Female, age 74 - VCR Movies, shampoo, body wash, perfume, necktie, candy
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Volunteers and staffers at the South Central Community Action Partnership pack the makings of complete Thanksgiving dinners that the agency donated in 2002.

- Female, age 69 - medium jogging suit, size 6 silky under pants, decorative pin
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- Male, age 78 - after-shave, underwear size 36, socks, lip balm, baby powder
- Male, age 43 - underwear size 40, socks, puzzle 500 pieces, word search books, candy
- Female, age 62 - bras size 36 B, decorative pin, necklace, sugar-free candy
- Female, age 62 - tea, instant coffee, necklace, lipstick, nail polish, decorative pin, candy
- Female, age 72 - word search books, perfume, decorative pin, candy, XX-large sweater
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• The Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children needs monetary donations to complete the project to help victims of domestic violence. Donations can be made in memory of a loved one. Mail to the Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women and Children, P.O. Box 334, Rupert, ID 83350.

• Rockhaven Retirement Home needs toiletries, bath powder, fingernail polish and remover, books with large print, books on tape, old music on cassettes or compact discs, old movies and adult bills (for eating, hand towels, wash clothes and fruit baskets for its residents. Items can be dropped off at 100 S. Day Ave. in Oakley, Call 862-3486 for more information.

• The Mini-Cassia Christmas Council needs good winter clothing, toys, all sizes of quilts and blankets, toiletries, canned or boxed food or anything that would make a gift for any age. Donations will be accepted from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and 9



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a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays (except the Saturday after Thanksgiving at the former Valley Wholesale building, Almo Avenue and 10th Street in Burley. Donations will be accepted until Dec. 4. The council needs peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, and gifts for adults and teens, particularly teen boys. Monetary contributions are welcome. Mail to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, P.O. Box 332, Hoyburn, ID 83336. For more information about the Christmas Council, call Delly Freuburger at 436-4057 or Verlee Frost at 878-4057.

• KMYT's Christmas for Kids brings Christmas to needy southern Idaho children. New, unwrapped toys donated during the season are distributed by service providers in the communities. Volunteers often combine the toys with food baskets which are given to

qualifying families. Donations come in various ways and will help from other businesses and organizations. For more information, call KMYT-TV at 733-1100, ext. 3060.

• Toy collection barrels are placed at stores in southern Idaho in late November and early December. Watch KMYT for announcements where businesses and service organizations will provide toy drives or sponsor fund-raising events.

• Christmas in the Nighttime Sky will be held Friday night on the grounds of Kimberly Nurseries. Admission is now unwrapped toy per person attending. Guests will be treated to a chili and potato feed beginning at 5 p.m., bon fires and, at 7:30 p.m., a fireworks display choreographed to holiday music and broadcast over a large sound system and several

local radio stations. Shuttle buses will run between KMYT and Kimberly nurseries throughout the dinner time. Donated toys will be given to KMYT's Christmas for Kids program.

• The Twin Falls Gun Club will host a turkey fun shoot from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 5 with proceeds benefiting the Christmas for Kids program. Turkeys, hams and gift certificates will be awarded. Shoot cards and guarantee cards will be available. All age groups and abilities are welcome. The gun club is located at the north end of Washington street in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-0639.

• Cafe Mocha, 591 Addison Ave. W., will conduct a fundraising effort Dec. 11. Proceeds from the day's sales will be donated to the Christmas for Kids program. Area merchants have

Charity in Idaho

- Percent of state tax returns with charitable donations, 2003: 30.6 percent
- Rank for % of state tax returns with charitable donations 2003: 23rd
- Percentage of income donated, 2003: 1.81 percent
- Rank for % of income donated 2003: 10th
- Average charitable donation, 2003: \$3,390
- Rank for average charitable donation, 2003: 21st
- Rank of state in Generosity Index (among 50 states, District of Columbia and 10 Canadian provinces), 2003: 18th

- Source: Fraser Forum

teamed with Cafe Mocha by donating merchandise that will be raffled off during the day. Proceeds will be used to purchase toys for KMYT's Christmas for Kids program. For more information, call Butch Neil at 736-2003.

• The Helping Hands Christian Outreach, a nonprofit organization licensed with the state of Idaho, distributes food and other household items. Participants to cover monthly expenses are always needed. Workers receive no salaries and no government funding and depend solely upon donations and support from the community. Donations can be taken to 1250 Miller Ave., Burley. For more information, call 878-9140.

The center is in need of diapers, baby items, formula, warm clothing, wood, kerosene and coal; donations to operate; donations on power bill; toilet paper, paper cups, napkins, towels, cups and plastic forks; 38-gallon and 13-gallon size garbage bags; anti-bacterial dish, hand and liquid laundry soap; gloves for handling food; after-shave, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, tooth paste and tooth brushes; plastic shopping bags for commodities; sugar, pancake mix and syrup; all food items; peanut butter, jelly, honey, beans, rice, etc.; blankets, sleeping bags, coats, hats, gloves and boots.

• The Caring and Sharing Christmas Tree Festival, sponsored by the Minidoka Health Care Foundation will be held Friday through Monday at the Civic Center, 505 E. St. in Rupert. Hours are 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday. Admission is free. The event features decorated trees and wreaths, a gift shop, food court, live entertainment and Santa visits. A Teddy Bear Breakfast will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday where children can bring a toy to be donated to the Christmas Council and eat breakfast with Santa. Following breakfast will be activities and photos with Santa. A church choir festival will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday and a Senior Social will be from noon to 2 p.m. Monday; refreshments will be served.

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Jobs are up in Idaho, but so is the need for assistance

The Associated Press

The economic recovery that some analysts see across Idaho isn't creating the kind of jobs families can live on, intensifying pressure on food banks and charities that struggled through a demanding 2003 holiday season. The number of people looking for help, especially those needing food, is up again. The Idaho Food Bank, which will distribute more than 4.5 million pounds of food this year, has posted a 12 percent increase statewide, and there are pockets of even greater increases in most areas, though donations are keeping up. The numbers contrast with the state's newest economic outlook, released last week, showing stronger than previously anticipated employment growth through next year. Income tax collections, which reflect economic strength, also have been run-

ning above projections. Capt. Donald Warriner at the Salvation Army in Lewiston said his agency is serving up to 30 percent more people than a year ago, and Belva Kerstetter at St. Vincent DePaul in Pocatello saw her clientele nearly double just during the summer. "We have people who are working for such low wages," Kerstetter said. "But they don't qualify for any assistance, and if they get food stamps it's so little that by the end of the month we have a rush."

Food stamp participation has continued to rise. More than 89,500 residents collected food stamps this fall, 4,200 more than a year ago and 16,000 higher than two years ago. A recent analysis by the National Center for Children in Poverty showed that 60,000 of Idaho's 176,000 families with children were considered low-income last year, but only 4,100 of those families had parents



Warehouse worker Chris Cunningham stacks turkeys, donated by area Commercial Tire stores, into a bin inside the walk-in freezer at the Idaho Food Bank warehouse in Boise on Nov. 12. The Idaho Food Bank is working to meet a growing demand this upcoming holiday season for food throughout the state. Some of the extra need has arisen from families who have had members called to active duty in the Idaho National Guard.

without jobs. At 6 percent, that was the lowest percentage in the nation. "The majority of folks that are

getting food assistance are people who are playing by the rules," Food Bank Director Roger Simon said. "They're holding down one or two jobs, maybe more, but they can't make ends meet. It's not the stereotype of lazy people. There's a big gap between what it costs to live and what people are bringing home." State analysts estimate that since 2000 Idaho lost up to 10,000 relatively high-paying goods-producing jobs and replaced them with 33,000 typically lower-paying service-sector jobs. More than 300 food drives have been scheduled for this month and next across the state to augment the donations from food retailers and others. Warriner said donations in Lewiston have essentially dried up last year, but because more people are seeking help, "we're having to give less out. The biggest change we've seen here is probably people who

have jobs. But they're in the service sector, and they're not making a lot of money. With gas at \$2 a gallon, it's straining their budgets." The pressure for food assistance has essentially eliminated the ability of St. Vincent DePaul in Pocatello to provide any kind of emergency cash assistance for things like utility bills. Kerstetter said she needs the cash donated to help families to keep the food pantry stocked. "You don't want to say 'no' to anyone," she said. "But when they come in and need food, you do it." Economist John Church said the recovery has been uneven. "There is a gap between the living wage and what people are being paid," Church said. "And there are other things that have gone up in the last year - just the gasoline prices. It's just tougher today because we all have this hidden tax on us of higher gasoline prices."

GIVING

Looking for life

SOME WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO SECURE AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

Los Angeles Times

At age 42, Los Angeles artist Jasmine Abdullah's life seems to hang suspended, between the generosity of the dead and the greed of the living.

In 1997 — nine years after a diagnosis of kidney failure — Abdullah's transplanted kidney came to her as a gift. A teenage boy lay brain dead after a car crash. His stricken family agreed to donate his organs. After waiting three years on the national organ-transplant list, Abdullah's ebbing life was renewed.

Almost eight years later, Abdullah's body is now rejecting that transplanted kidney. So, once again, along with more than 87,000 other sick Americans, she finds herself on the waiting list for an organ transplant. This time, she's been warned it may take six years.

And that kidney may be more of an acquisition than a gift. If Abdullah gets her organ from a living donor — as 1 in 3 kidney transplant patients currently do — the donor could be reimbursed for lost pay, transportation and lodging or, in a few states, receive a special tax break. If the kidney comes from someone who has slipped to the edge of death, the family could receive a financial offering. Or a stranger might step forward to offer Abdullah a kidney in exchange for which the donor's loved one would be moved more quickly up the waiting list.

Outright sale of transplantable organs remains illegal in the United States. And any payment to the families of deceased donors, while still hotly debated, is illegal. But with the need for organs racing ever further ahead of the supply, surgeons, ethicists and lawyers are not only debating the rules of donation, but they are also beginning to rewrite them. Gifts of transplantable organs may someday become a thing of the past, a greater rarity.

In recent months, several widely publicized cases have highlighted the ethical complexities of using money to secure an organ. In Houston, the liver of a 32-year-old man with liver cancer recently took out newspaper ads, set up a toll-free number and bought space on two billboards alongside Texas highways to appeal for a liver donor. In August, Todd Krampitz received a liver from a deceased donor.

On Oct. 20, surgeons at Denver's Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center performed the final quailms and transplanted a kidney that had been secured through a for-profit Web site that helps connect those who need an organ with potential donors. Colrado resident Betty Hickey, who was on the waiting list for five years, paid \$295 to have his profile posted on the Web site matchingdonors.com and got 500 offers for donation. Hickey, a retired health-care executive, is expected to pick up about \$5,000 in transportation costs and other expenses incurred by the truck driver, Rob Smitty of Chattanooga, Tenn., who donated a kidney.

Although neither patient appears to have broken the law, ethicists believe both cases probe the limits of fairness. Both patients — or their families — used money to cut the waiting time and circumvent a national waiting list that seeks to allocate scarce organs fairly.

Betty Hite recently paid \$9,000 for billboard space in the Los Angeles area and posted an appeal for a liver for her brother, 56-year-old Ronnie Phillips. The billboard shows Phillips with two of his four grandchildren and in bold letters pleads: "Our grandpa needs a liver. Can you help?" Like Krampitz's billboards, it offers a toll-free number and a Web site.

Many ethicists contend that such a public appeal is intended to end-run a system designed to apportion donated organs equitably. But Hite, who has watched her brother's fearful three-year decline from cirrhosis and heart disease, could no longer stand by passively. Her brother has been on the transplant list for almost two years, and she fears he will not survive the wait. Phillips' family has, so far, had



Los Angeles Times photo

Artist Jasmine Abdullah with her artwork inside her Northridge apartment. Abdullah is a 42-year-old kidney transplant patient who needs another new kidney. Fearing she may not survive the six years she's been told she may have to wait for a donated organ, she's turned to the Internet to appeal for a living donor.

no response, except for one prospective donor who proved to be too old to give a portion of her liver.

Hite, who once dismissed as "horrible" the idea of designating herself an organ donor, now sees the heartbreak such decisions create. "There's so many people who need organs, it's unbelievable," she says. And if money could soften the objections of some potential organ donors or their families, "I don't see anything wrong with that."

In April, President Bush signed a bill into law that, for the first time, allows an organ recipient to reimburse directly some of the costs, including lost pay, that a living organ donor incurs as a result of his or her gift. In Wisconsin, a law took effect this year that allows living organ donors (those who give one of

their kidneys, a lung or part of their pancreas or liver) a tax break of up to \$10,000 to defray expenses incurred in connection with the donation. A similar law has been passed in Alabama, and is on the legislative docket of at least 10 other states. Abdullah got a sobering dose of reality when she posted an appeal for a kidney on a Web site, organliving.org, that advocates limited payments to donors. More than a dozen e-mailed offers quickly came in, almost all providing details of payments expected in return for the donation of the organ she needed. Although many would have been outright illegal, a few might have passed legal muster — if Abdullah could have paid the donor expenses, which, she said, she could not.

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Our Grandpa Needs a Liver

Our Grandpa needs an urgent liver transplant. Can you help?
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Los Angeles Times photo
One family went to great lengths, including renting a billboard on Santa Monica Boulevard, to find a donor.

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Help

Continued from G1.

• The Golden Heritage Senior Center needs kite then towels (teffy cloth and tea towels), heavy hot pads, bib-type aprons and money to buy meat. Donations can be brought to the center, at 2421 Overland Ave. or mailed to P.O. Box 395, Burley, ID 83318. For more information, call 878-8646.

• Coats for Kids is collecting donations to purchase new outerwear for needy children this winter. Donations can be mailed to Kids Chest, P.O. Box 477, Heyburn, ID 83336. For more information, call Rae Smith at 678-8692.

• Shop with a Cop and Shop with Youth Action Council will be held at 7 a.m. Dec. 11 at Wal-Mart in Burley. Needy children will have an opportunity to shop for gifts for each member of their family and choose a gift for themselves. Donations for the program can be made at Wal-Mart.

• Quarters 4 Shoes 4 Children collects money for shoes for needy children. About 200 jars are placed in community business in the Mini-Cassia area for people to drop in their change to help those in need. All money collected in the jars goes toward shoes for children in need. The program as no overhead or operating expenses. The group of volunteers, with community help, collects enough money each year to give 50 to 75 children a new pair of shoes. Those who want to make donations also can send checks may payable to "Quarters 4 Shoes 4 Children" and send them to Dr. Joe Petersen, 1344 Hilland Ave., Burley, ID 83318. For more information, call 678-1138. The program was started 10 years ago by physicians' spouses.

• The annual Canned Film Festival will be held at 10 a.m. Dec. 4 at the Century Cinemas in Burley. Admission to one of the two films showing will be one or two cans of food. Food collected will be donated to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council. Proceeds from concession sales will go to Coats for Kids.

• La Posada Ministry is looking for food, clothing and toys especially for children. New or like-new items would be appreciated for use in the Christmas

baskets. Items can be brought to 134 Hansen St., Twin Falls, by Dec. 16.

• The Wendell Christmas Baskets Committee and Wendell High School Student Council needs donations of money, food and toys for needy families. Food items and unwrapped toys can be delivered between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays before Dec. 17 at the high school. Monetary donations can be mailed to Wendell Christmas Baskets, 750 E. Main, Wendell, ID 83355 or deposited in the fund at U.S. Bank. The group is working with KMVT's Christmas for Kids program. For more information or to volunteer, call Ethel German or Rebecca Ashmead at 536-2100.

• SunBridge of Twin Falls submitted its list of items needed for residents. For more information call Dawn McCoy or Craig Nebeker at 734-8645.

1. Male - sugar-free chocolate, baseball cap, handkerchief
2. Male - Milky Way bars, large socks, cologne
3. Female - hair combs, necklace beads, pink lipstick
4. Female - stuffed bear, orange slice candy, slippers size 8 1/2
5. Male - cards, puzzle books, Cheese-It snack crackers
6. Male - ball cap, Hershey kisses, large socks
7. Male - Hershey bars, cologne, large Etch-a-Sketch
8. Female - bead necklace, pink lipstick, nail polish, Lifesavers
9. Female - lap blanket, pillow dog, large slippers
10. Female - queen-size knee-high stockings, lotion, long necklace
11. Female - box of chocolates, handkerchiefs, lotion
12. Female, black or brown handbag, lotion, light color lipstick
13. Female - glasses case, large ankle socks, Snickers bars
14. Female - stuffed cat, animal calendar, lotion
15. Female - lotion, lap robe, fuzzy slippers size 9
16. Female - light color lipstick, lotion, stuffed dog
17. Male - cologne, large T-shirt, handkerchiefs
18. Male - large T-shirt, large white socks, Milky Way bars
19. Male - mint gum, large white socks
20. Male - ball cap, soft chevy chocolate, car magazine
21. Male - large socks, large T-

- shirt, twin blanket
22. Female - word search puzzles, purse with handle, lipstick
23. Female - lotion, winter scarf, purse
24. Female - large angle socks, slippers size 8
25. Female - stuffed animal, lap blanket
26. Female - lipstick, nail polish
27. Female - lotion, nail polish, perfume
28. Female - box of chocolates, lotion, pillow for couch
29. Female - Milky Way bars, lotion, lipstick, nail polish
30. Male - picture of horses, Milky Way bars
31. Male - cologne, hand candy, horse calendar
32. Male - X-large sweats, large socks
33. Female - books on Magic Valley history, chocolates
34. Female - stuffed animal, chocolates
35. Female - house duster, candy
36. Male - large socks, large sweats
37. Female - crocheting thread, cardigan sweater
38. Female - hat, hair ties, necklaces
39. Female - doll, medium slippers
40. Female - large slippers, cardigan sweater
41. Male - large T-shirts, flannel shirts
42. Male - large T-shirts, button-down shirts
43. Male - X-large T-shirts, hand candy
44. Female - medium slippers, stuffed animal
45. Female - country Christian music tapes, hair ties
46. Female - X-large sweats, stuffed animal
47. Female - large slippers, large sports bra
48. Female - X-large house candy
49. Male - Sugar-free candy, boxers size 38-40
50. Male - large sweat pants, magazines
51. Male - XXX large sweats, hand candy
52. Female - stuffed animals, lotion
53. Female - sugar-free candy, hair ties, Christian music tapes
54. Female - Christian music tapes, stuffed animal
55. Female - X-large sports bra, hair ties
56. Male - western novels, dum-dum suckers
57. Female - hand-held

- ganes, sugar-free candy
58. Female - X-large dress/house coat, hand candy
59. Female - sugar-free chocolate, X-large sweats
60. Female - large socks, stuffed animal
61. Female - chocolates, large slippers
62. Female - X-large sweat-pants, jewelry
63. Female - stuffed animal, cardigan sweater
64. Female - medium flannel pajamas, snack crackers
65. Female - Spanish music, large slippers
66. Female - stuffed animal, large sweats
67. Female - X-large cardigan sweater, chocolates
68. Female - large socks, lotion, silk floor arrangement
69. Male - fishing mobile, lotion, after shave
70. Male - X-large cardigan sweater, chocolates
71. Male - large mesh shorts, large button-down shirt
72. Male - X-large T-shirts, baseball caps
73. Female - large slippers, stuffed animal, sugar-free candy, large slippers
74. Female - cookies, X-large cardigan sweater
75. Female - soft chevy candy, stuffed animal
76. Female - sugar-free candy, large slippers
77. Female - X-large sweats, sports bra
78. Female - XX-large house coats/dusters, jewelry
79. Female - stuffed animal, flower magazine
80. Male - X-large sweats, shirts
81. Male - X-large wool socks, baseball caps
82. Female - X-large cardigan sweater, crossword puzzle books
83. Male - XX-large sweats with drawstring, hand-held game
84. Male - X-large sweats, calendar
85. Male - calendar, sugar-free candy
86. Female - large slippers, flower calendar

- Compiled by Ellen Thomson

Speaking of generosity

"White" fingers and nimble toes at the string and paper. And then an ecstatic scream of joy; and then, alas! a quick feminine charge to hysterical tears and wails, necessitating the immediate employment of all the comforting powers of the lord of the flat.



Della and Jim from a 2002 University of Idaho theater production of O. Henry's 'Gift of the Magi'.

"For there lay The Combs - the set of combs, side and back, that Della had worshipped long in a Broadway window. Beautiful combs, pure tortoise shell, with jeweled rims - just the shade to wear in the beautiful vanished hair. They were expensive combs, she knew, and her heart had simply craved and yearned over them without the least hope of possession. And now, they were hers, but the tresses that should have adorned the coveted adornments were gone.

"But she hugged them to her bosom, and at length she was able to look up with dim eyes and a smile and say: 'My hair grows so fast, Jim!'

"And then Della leaped up like a little singed cat and cried, 'Oh, oh!'

"Jim had not yet seen his beautiful watch fob. She held it out to him eagerly upon her open palm. The dull precious metal seemed to flash with a reflection of her bright and ardent spirit.

"Isn't it a dandy, Jim? I hunted all over town to find it. You'll have to look at the time a hundred times a day now. Give me your watch. I want to see how it looks on it."

"Instead of obeying, Jim tumbled down on the couch and put his hands under the back of his head and smiled.

"Dell," said he, "let's put our Christmas presents away and keep 'em a while. They're too nice to use just at present. I sold the watch to get the money to buy your combs. And now suppose you put the chops on."

"The magi, as you know, were wise men - wonderfully wise

men - who brought gifts to The Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents. Being wise, their gifts were no doubt wise ones, possibly bearing the privilege of exchange in case of duplication. And here I have lamely related to you the uneventful chronicle of two foolish children in a flat who most unwisely sacrificed for each other the greatest treasures of their house. But in a last word to the wise of these days: let it be said that of all who give gifts these two were the wisest. O of all who give and receive gifts, such as they are wisest. Everywhere they are wisest. They are the magi."

- From "Gift of the Magi," by O. Henry

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GIVING

Charity discovers diversity: America's minorities start to dig deeper, give back to community

The Washington Post

Maryland Korean-American Jeong H. Kim has donated millions of dollars to educational institutions in the United States...

an Asian. It will open early next year.

In the past three years, Baltimore African-American money manager Eddie E. Brown and his family have donated \$6 million to the Maryland Institute College of Art...

All four are part of the "new face of philanthropy" — African-Americans, Latinos, Asian-Americans, Native Americans and others who are thrusting themselves into the mainstream of philanthropy...

Increasing wealth among ethnic groups, and predictions that minorities will make up close to 50 percent of the U.S. population by the middle of the century, have forced the philanthropic world to sit up and take notice.

Especially when you consider that the nation's nonprofits — hospitals, schools, social service organizations and so on — are searching desperately for ways to replace declining government funding.

As minority communities grow in size and in influence in the United States, their philanthropy is also swelling. Consider some recent examples:

African-American publishing magnate John H. Johnson donated \$4 million to Howard University's School of Communications in 2003.

Native American tribes have given a total of \$35 million for the construction of the recently opened Museum of the American Indian.

Hispanic technology investor Albert Villar has given tens of millions of dollars to arts organizations (although business setbacks forced him to scale back some of his promised donations).

Kim contributed \$5 million to the University of Maryland's A. James C. School of Engineering in 1999, which is constructing the Jeong H. Kim Engineering Building, the university's first facility named after an Asian.

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Asian-Americans and, in particular, Hispanics send billions of dollars in "remittances" back to their home countries to help family members and to help build housing, schools, churches and hospitals.

African-Americans have always given generously to their churches and to civil rights organizations. Black fraternities and sororities raise money for scholarships and other community services.

There are also deep traditions of informal philanthropy to help out needy family and friends.

But, say researchers, many are still relative newcomers to the custom of giving money to nonprofits in exchange for tax deductions and recognition beyond the immediate community.

You have strong traditions of giving in diverse communities that have never really been brought into the mainstream of organized philanthropy, said Henry A. J. Ramos, a principal in Maurer Kinist Consulting, a New York company that advises nonprofit groups on giving.

Until recently, say the experts, many "mainstream" charitable organizations haven't made much of an effort to raise funds from ethnically and racially diverse populations.

One reason, said Diana Newman, author of "Opening Doors," a book for nonprofits on how to attract money from more-diverse donors, is the misperception that such people — except for some Asians — are more likely to be recipients of charity than participants in philanthropy.

Not true, she says. "That old theory — if it were ever true — is not true today," Newman said. "There are a good many people in those communities who are perfectly capable and, in fact, are philanthropic already."

Alexine Clement Jackson, 68, takes inspiration for her philanthropy from her great-grandfather, an illiterate ex-slave who managed to buy land in North Carolina for a farm — but first donated part of the land for a school and a church.

The whole notion of giving back has been a part of my family," said Jackson, who, together with her husband, well-known urologist Aaron Jackson, donates about \$30,000 a year to various charitable causes.

She chairs the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region and has chaired the boards of the Washington Performing Arts Society, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts and the national AYWCA. She is currently on the board of the National Museum of Women in the Arts and the Washington Ballet.

Philanthropy, contends Jackson, is empowering for African-Americans and other minorities because it gives them entry into establishment power structures where they can effect real change.

In Baltimore, Associated Black Charities recently launched the African-American Philanthropic Initiative. It has been holding workshops in Baltimore and soon will have seminars in Prince George's County, coaching would-be philanthropists on, among other things, the basics of strategic giving, and promoting the concept of making charitable bequests in wills.

The whole idea was to have African-Americans of means in the Baltimore community step up to the plate and share some of their largess with others in the community who have less, said Eddie Brown, who donated several hundred thousand dollars to help launch the program.

The Washington Area Women's Foundation has started a giving circle of about 20 African-American women who have collectively raised about \$100,000 that they will award to area charities.

"I hope that we will be an example of a new mode of philanthropy for African-

American, but also to lots of folks around the region," said Ruth L. Goins, 45, one of the group's organizers. D.C. condo developer Fitzgerald, 57, who moved to the United States with his family from Cuba when he was 13, has pledged \$30,000 to the Gala Hispanic Theatre renovation. "I'm a big believer" that, if you're going to have discretionary income to donate to a cause, the cause should be close to your heart, Fitzgerald said.

But nonprofits chasing after dollars from communities of color face some obstacles. Some potential donors may be suspicious of white-controlled institutions — even do-gooder organizations, according to a Council on Foundations report.

And recent immigrants may lack experience with a nonprofit sector or with voluntary charitable giving in their home country, researchers say.

Rebecca Medina, managing director of the GALA Hispanic Theatre, which is trying to raise \$3.8 million for its new space in the renovated Tivoli movie palace in Northwest Washington, said she has had only limited luck among local Hispanics. Many are already committed to sending generous remittances back to their home countries, she said.

And some simply assume that she gets plenty of government assistance because arts groups in Latin America receive more public funding than here.

Additionally, many affluent minorities may be focused on helping out more-needy family members.

Eddie C. Brown said he first made sure his extended family was taken care of before he expanded his philanthropy to the broader community. But, he says, he feels a responsibility to aid the black community as a whole.

"When you are part of the giving, you are part of the decision-making," she says. But, she

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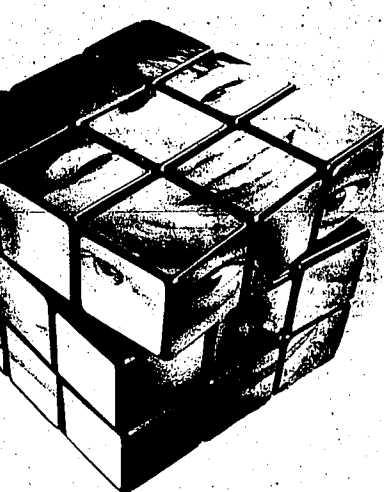
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schools, volunteer associations and alumni groups in various racial and ethnic communities in the city.

The workshops instruct would-be donors on the ins and outs of such philanthropic staples as donor-advised funds, "giving circles," planned giving and how to evaluate nonprofits.

The goal is to really inform people on how to give back (to their communities) and the vehicles for giving back," Hunt said.

In the Washington area, such groups as Hispanics in Philanthropy, Asian-Americans in Philanthropy and the Black Philanthropic Alliance have been formed in the past year to encourage philanthropy in those communities, as well as to push charitable foundations to award more grants to nonprofit groups that work with the needy in those communities.

Planning to give your car away? You've got a month

The Washington Post

Thinking of donating your car or truck to charity? Hurry.

At the end of the year, your tax-deductible coach turns into a pumpkin.

After more than a year of listening to tales of abuse by taxpayers and charities alike, Congress last month changed the law on vehicle donations to make it much more difficult to get a big deduction for handing off your car or truck (or boat or airplane, if you have one of those) to a charity.

Car donations have grown into a cottage industry. The Government Accountability Office found in a study last year that something like 4,300 charities accept vehicle donations and that in 2000 about 733,000 taxpayers took deductions for donating vehicles worth more than \$500, which is the cutoff for reporting non-cash donations.

Together these donations lopped \$654 million off the taxes owed by these donors, the GAO estimated. The GAO said it had no way to gauge whether the deductions truly reflected the fair market value of the donated vehicles, as the law requires, or whether, as many suspect, taxpayers were using values applicable to cars in much better shape than the ones they were donating.

In any case, when the GAO took a careful look at 54 specific vehicle donations and followed them through the entire process, it found that most of the charities actually needed 5 percent or less of the amounts that donors claimed as deductions.

Many of the charities served as little more than pass-throughs, turning the vehicles over to auction houses and collecting whatever is left after towing, auction and other fees were subtracted. The GAO found that charities actually lost money on some cars.

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Make charity a budget item

"The habit of giving only enhances the desire to give." —Walt Whitman

By Michelle Singletary The Washington Post

Why is the subject of giving such a difficult one to discuss? Some folks would rather ask someone for a kidney than for a donation to a charitable cause.

Then there are people who give as little as their consciences will let them get away with.

In 2002, Protestants gave an average of 2.6 percent of their personal income after taxes to their churches, according to a recent study by Empty Tomb Inc., a nonprofit group based in Champlain, Ill., that studies religious giving.

Oh, and let me not forget the folks who don't believe in charity, who say knucklehead things like: "People need to pull themselves up by their own bootstraps."

Think about that expression. Have you ever met anyone who could reach down and use his bootstraps to heave himself up? Not possible.

There's another type of giving that's hard to discuss — tithing, which means to give one-tenth of your annual income, typically for the support of a religious organization.

When my minister preaches about prosperity, the "amens" are plentiful. But let him talk about tithing and heads go down and people start to feel uncomfortable.

"Tithing is, of course, a personal choice you have to make based on what your religion requires or what you aspire to do.

But I know some people struggle with their faith's call to tithing.

If that's you, what's holding you back? Is it your debts? On Sundays my grandmother, Big Mama, would put just a few dollars in the collection plate.

When our minister would preach about the congregation's obligation to give their tithes and offerings, Big Mama would purse her lips and under her breath say: "You ain't getting another penny from me."

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I understand why my grandmother didn't think she could tithing.

After raising her own children, she raised me and my four brothers and sisters. She had a husband who would often spend his paydays drinking up his check in the local bars.

Perhaps, like my grandmother, you don't tithing because you're afraid that if you give 10 percent of your earnings, you won't have enough for your financial needs.

I, too, had fear where I should have had faith. I worried that I might become a bag lady.

Often when you grow up poor or low-income, you worry so much about having enough money that you may not give as much as you could. I was afraid to give more.

However, after much prayer and with the help of my husband, I realized that my fears were grounded in my lack of faith.

So my husband and I decided to begin tithing — on our gross income, not net.

We decided to trust that what we gave in the way of our tithes was not going to deplete what we needed for our family. And it hasn't.

Maybe you aren't tithing because you're concerned the money isn't going to be used wisely.

Then do some due diligence. Check to make sure your religious organization is using your tithes for good works.

So practically, how do you do it? You begin tithing by building it into your budget. It has to come first.

"Every month when I sit down to pay bills, I write my tithing check first, and everything else just falls into place," said John McCreight, president and chief executive of Christian Financial Advisors based in Rome, Ohio.

If you tithing after everyone and their mama is paid, there usually isn't enough left over to give.

Now I'm not suggesting you let your mortgage or monthly car payment go unpaid. You shouldn't shirk your other financial obligations because you're tithing.

Those debts should be honored and paid as agreed. However, to do it all you have to become dogmatic about watching your expenses.

That may mean making some different life choices. If your mortgage is too heavy, you may need to get a roommate. You may need to buy a used car instead of a new one. You may need to learn to put away your credit cards.

To get started on your budget, try Crown Financial Ministries' online budget guide at www.crown.org. Click on the link for "tools."

According to Crown, there are three primary categories in every person's budget: housing, food and auto.

If these three combined categories exceed 70 percent of your income (after tithes and taxes), then it will be difficult for you to have a balanced budget.

For example, Crown's online budget guide says you shouldn't be spending more than 38 percent of your net income on housing or 13 percent for your car payment.

Tithing forces you (or it should) to look at your entire financial picture.

It helps you become a better steward of your money. There's no question that tithing can be tough.

But with careful budgeting you can develop a habit of giving that will enrich your life.

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GIVING

Share something of yourself this holiday season

Today
RUPERT - The third annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be served from 12-6 p.m. at Alaska's Best, 702 F St. This will be a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and is offered free of charge. Anyone who would like to attend but needs transportation can call 431-5899, 431-5897 or 436-2447. Delivery is also available.

BURLEY - The Wild Flower Cafe, owned and operated by Yvonne Desland, will host its second annual free Thanksgiving dinner from 4-6 p.m. at 1834 Overland Ave., Burley. All are welcome. For more information or food donations call Donna or Yvonne at 878-4894.

Friday
TWIN FALLS - The Charity Anywhere Foundation Club will celebrate its Eighth Annual Holiday from 6-9 p.m. today, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 28 at the Boys and Girls Club, 999 Frontier Road on the College Square northern Idaho campus. Over 400 nativity scenes from all over the world will be on display.

TWIN FALLS - The 14th Annual Christmas in the Nighttime Sky will be held at Kimberly Nurseries, 2802 Addison Ave. E. Admission is an unwrapped new toy per family suitable for children ages newborn to 16. A free chili and Idaho potato dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m., along with visiting with Santa Claus and a live nativity scene and entertainment by The Lighthouse Praise Band. The fireworks will be choreographed with Christmas music on KEZI FM 95.7 at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit needy children of the Magic Valley. For more reservation, call Sherry Wright at 733-2717.

RUPERT - The Christmas City USA annual chili feed will be held from 5-8 p.m. on the Rupert Square. The chili feed begins at 5 p.m. Chili and cinnamon rolls are \$1.50 each, and coffee and hot chocolate are 50 cents each. Tom Simpson will be singing in the gazebo from 6-7 p.m. Santa lights up the Square at 7 p.m., followed by fireworks at Renaissance Park. Santa will be in his house in the park throughout the remainder of the evening and horse-drawn sleigh rides will be available. Children wishing to send letters to Santa can leave them in Santa's mailbox outside his house on the Square. No postage needed. Letters received by Dec. 21 will receive a personal reply from Santa.

RUPERT - Caring and Sharing Christmas Tree Festival will be held Thursday at the Civic Center, 505 E St., Rupert. Hours are 9-10 p.m. Friday, 12-6 p.m. Saturday, 10-5 p.m. Sunday and noon to 8 p.m. on Monday. The event is sponsored by the Minidoka Health Care Foundation and features decorated trees and wreaths, a gift shop, food court, live entertainment and Santa visits. A Teddy-Bear-Breakfast will be held from 9-10 a.m. Sunday where children can bring a toy to be donated to the Christmas Center and eat breakfast with Santa. Following breakfast will be photos and photos with Santa. A church choir festival will be from 12-4 p.m. Sunday and Senior Social will be from 12-2 p.m. Monday and refreshments will be served.

ELBA - Christmas in the Country Craft Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Dec. 3-4 at the Elba Community Building (the old Relief Society Building). The event will include door prizes, refreshments and many giftable items to choose from.

BURLEY - Hanging of the Greens will be from 4-5 p.m. at the Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave. A chili supper will be served.

Sunday
TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Soreoptist Club will sponsor Christmas in City Park at 5 p.m. on Sunday and on Dec. 5, 12-6 p.m. at the City Park Bandshell. There is no cost, refreshments will be sold to help cover the cost of the Christmas tree lights. Various musical entertainers will be provided at each event. Santa Claus will pass out candy on Dec. 19. Call Kim Cohen at 736-3900.

BURLEY - An Advent celebration will be held at 10:55 a.m. each Sunday through Dec. 19 at Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave.

Wednesday
TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation will sponsor its annual Festival of Trees Wednesday and Dec. 2-5, beginning with a premier viewing and gala black tie gourmet dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. There will be a silent auction on all decorated trees, wreaths and holiday decorative items - open until 10 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person. For reservations call 737-2480.
 A seniors' day general exhibition will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday admission is \$4 for adults, seniors age 50 and over are free and children age 12 and younger are \$1. A senior's health fair will be held in conjunction with the exhibition. Complimentary



Admission to Friday's Christmas in the Nighttime Sky at Kimberly Nurseries in Twin Falls is one unwrapped toy, which goes to KMV's Toys for Kids.

transportation is provided for any senior, courtesy of SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation, Call 734-8645.
 Ladies Night Out will be held following the senior's exhibition at 7 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. A fashion show and silent auction

will be featured. Call 737-2490. Seating is limited.
 Local musicians will perform from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 3. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors age 60 and older and \$1 for children age 12 and younger.

A children's day will be featured from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with activities ending at 5 p.m. Adults are \$4, seniors age 60 and older are \$3 and children age 12 and under are free.
 An Inspirational Day will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 5 featuring a variety of performers. To have a group perform, call Pam Yore at 733-4207.

BURLEY - Cassia Regional Medical Center is having its annual Festival of Trees beginning with a festive gala from 6-10 p.m. on Wednesday. Dinner, entertainment and a Santa auction will be featured. Tickets are \$25 a person and may be purchased from the Cassia Health Care Foundation Board.
 Trees will be viewable from noon to 9 p.m. Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 3 and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 4. Admission is 50 cents for children and \$1 for adults.

Dec. 2
GOODING - Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation will hold its Festival of Trees Dec. 2-5. The opening gala and auction will be held from 7-9 p.m. Dec. 2, a luncheon and style show will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 3, entertainment and children's workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 4 and entertainment will be featured from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind Round Building, 202 14th Ave. E.

Dec. 3
GOODING - The Wendell Optimist Club is holding its Ninth Annual Gooding Holiday Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 3 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Gooding Accelerated Learning Center, 906 Main St. Lunch will be provided by the optimists. Crafters and bakers will have a variety of gifts, food and decorations for sale.

TWIN FALLS - The Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Crafts will sponsor a Holiday Artisan Show from 7-10 a.m. Dec. 3 and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Magic Valley Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S. Artists will offer fine art and hand-crafted items to shoppers during the Historic Downtown Festival of Lights celebration. For more information or to reserve a booth space, call 734-ARTS.

WENDELL - A Wendell Christmas Bazaar with lunch will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Wendell Methodist Church, 175 E. Main. Quilts, tea towels, pillowcases, kitchen towels, baked goods and other homemade items will be for sale. Vegetable beef soup or chili will be served with french bread, salads and homemade desserts from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

HAGERMAN - The Annual Christmas Craft Show is set for 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 3 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Hagerman American Legion Hall on State Street. The event is sponsored by Len Owsley Post #31 American Legion Auxiliary. Cooked items, Christmas decorations, gift items, decorative dolls, woodworks and home decor will be sold. Haties will be held. Prizes will be sponsored by the Idaho Girl's State. Food and drinks will be available.

JEHROME - St. Jerome's Catholic Church will hold its annual bazaar from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 3 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 4 in the parish hall. Bring kids and quarters for Bismonten flings. Sign up to win door prizes. A potato bar will be served on Dec. 3 for \$3. A ham dinner will be served on Dec. 4 for \$5.

BURIL - The Juniper Street Farmhouse Open House will feature Christmas Norms, furniture, candles, ornaments and gift ideas.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. From the stoplight at Broadway and Clear Lake Road, go north 1/4 mile on Clear Lake Road, turn east on Street 1/4 mile to the white farmhouse at the end of the road.

OAKLEY - The Oakley Valley Arts Council will perform its annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. on Dec. 3-4 in Howells Opera House. It's free.

RUPERT - The Rupert Christian Church craft fair will be held from noon to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at the church, 1110 8th St. Rupert. Lunch will be served both days and traffic will be held.
 For more information, call 436-6091.

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Dec. 4
KETCHUM - The Popose Club will sponsor its 14th annual holiday bazaar from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 4 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Hemingway Elementary School, 111 Eighth St. More than 50 vendors will sell holiday arts and crafts, home decor, clothing, jewelry, ceramics, woodcrafts, wreaths, baked goods and more. There will be a raffle with prizes, homemade soups and baked goods in the Soupe Cafe, call 726-6642.
GOODING - St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church will sponsor its second annual Christmas Home Tour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets Please see CALENDAR, Page G8

MVRMC Foundation and First Federal present

Festival of Trees

"Centennial Christmas Celebration"

Dec. 1 - Gala • Dec. 2-5 - General Exhibition
960 Eastland Drive (formerly Anderson Lumber), Twin Falls
Thursday 10:00am-4:00pm, Friday and Saturday 10:00am-9:00pm
Sunday 11:00am-5:00pm

This year's Festival of Trees will benefit area Quick Response Units and MVRMC Foundation's Women's Health Fund.

OPENING NIGHT, PREMIERE TREE VIEWING AND GALA BLACK TIE DINNER
Wednesday, December 1 - Festival of Trees Gala • Festival Site
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 Vintage attire welcomed! Silent Auction on decorated trees, wreaths, and designated holiday decorative items
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SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY • THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2
 Festival Site 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Senior Activities 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Free for all senior citizens.
New this year - Senior's Health Fair - Come and explore various health information booths. Complimentary photos from Inkleby's make a special memory with you loved ones. Seniors donated lunch served by Fred Meyer of Twin Falls. Complimentary transportation to the Festival for any senior provided by SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation; call 734-8645. Senior Citizens Day Sponsors: Alterra Wynwood, BridgeView Estates, Heritage Woodstone Retirement Center, Idaho Home & Hospice, Mountain View Care Center & Geriatric Hospital, SunBridge Care & Rehabilitation; Twin Falls Care Center, Fred Meyer Health Fair Sponsors: Kurly's Pharmacy, Magic Valley Denture Center, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Senior Health Services, Joel Newton, DDS, Snake River Eye, Nose & Throat, Drs. Welch, Allan & Hatch

LADIES NIGHT OUT - PUTTING ON THE HOLIDAY RITZ
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 • 7:00 P.M.
Tickets: \$40 per person. Seating is limited. For reservations, call 737-2480
 This special night is just for ladies. Bring your friends. You will not want to miss this event!
 Come enjoy all the entertainment: live music and laughter. Hors d'oeuvres by Wild Rice's Catering and sponsored by Magic Valley Women's Health. Complimentary champagne and sparkling cider. Fashion show featuring vintage attire. A walk through the years' plus today's holiday fashions by Dillard's and Sheepskin Coat Factory and Fur Salon.
Silent Auction 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Ladies Night Out Sponsors: Dr. Bruce & Mrs. Staci McComas - Southern Idaho Comprehensive Vein Care Clinic, Premier Federal Credit Union, Seagraves Family Foundation, Stevens Pierce & Associates, CPAs

CHILDREN'S DAY • SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. • Children's Activities, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Special Activities: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
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In growing numbers, kids hunger for help

The Orlando Sentinel

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — In the two decades Gabrielle Miller has been teaching at Boggy Creek Elementary School, she has watched her students getting steadily poorer.

Today, three out of four students at Boggy Creek are poor enough to qualify for free or reduced-price meals in the federal school-lunch program — a widely accepted measurement of poverty.

That's way up from 1997, when only 13 percent qualified.

In Florida, 45 percent of public school children — about 1.2 million — qualify for free or reduced-priced lunches, a number that rose by 281,500 during the past decade, a state study has found.

School districts nationwide have long struggled with poverty. In Florida, the challenge is growing at the same time the federal government is asking more of the schools that serve the poorest and hardest-to-teach kids.

More children are qualifying for free or reduced-price lunches because of a struggling state economy that has kept wages stagnant and forced some families to take lower-paying jobs, said economist Mark Soskin of the University of Central Florida.

Many new immigrants to the area are Hispanic families that typically are poorer than many residents already here. And as poor families enroll their children in the public schools, some wealthier families have turned to private or home schools, Soskin said.

Ellen Menendez moved to Florida from California with her husband, son and daughter several months ago. While both parents looked for work, their children ate free breakfasts and lunches at Boggy Creek.

Menendez said it was big help. She had had to pay for the meals. "That would be \$3 a day," she said. "Over a week, imagine."

Osceola County, home to Boggy Creek Elementary, has seen the percentage of children qualifying for free and reduced-price lunches grow from 41 percent in 1994-95 to 52 percent this past school year, state records show. In Polk County, the percentage grew from 50 percent to 55 percent in the same period.

In Seminole, one of Florida's wealthier counties, the percentage rose from 25 percent to 29 percent.

In those three counties alone, that amounts to 87,681 poor children — an increase of 28,537 in that time period.

Having more poor children in schools means teachers have to

work harder to boost academic skills because poor children often arrive less-prepared to learn than their better-off peers, said Richard Allington, a University of Florida education professor.

Schools serving a lot of poor families also have to help with a variety of other needs — health care, nutrition and mental-health counseling, for example. It's tough to focus on math and reading, Allington said, when kids are sick or more focused on problems at home.

"Each child has a different set of needs, but the children who come from economically disadvantaged families bring some special issues with them to school," he said. "I think our schools tend to try to address all of those issue as well as they can."

At Boggy Creek, the increasing numbers of poor children means that it takes Miller's first-graders longer to get through activities as simple as reading fairy tales, she said.

Because poor children typically don't know as many words as children from wealthier families — they aren't read to as often and don't get to visit as many places — Miller has to teach children new words and ideas before she can even crack a book.

And lot of families of children in her class cannot afford field trips, so it's up to Miller to introduce hands-on learning experiences in class.

It used to be frustrating but not anymore, Miller said. "You get kids walking in and they're not all walking in with the same plate full of needs. The best you can do from the time they walk in until the time they walk out," Miller said.

Schools that serve a lot of poor children qualify for extra money under a federal program known as Title I. It can be used to pay for extra services such as after-school tutoring, more teachers to cut class sizes and additional reading materials.

These days, however, the money comes with strings. Under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, which aims to boost the performance of poor, disabled and minority children, Title I schools that fail to show adequate improvement can lose control over how that money is spent.

They can be compelled to use some of it to send their students to better public schools — several hundred under-performing schools in Central Florida were required this year to offer transfers to their students. In future years, struggling Title I schools could be required to spend some of it on private tutoring or even fire their principals.

The Washington Post

"Try it. You'll like it," says Kate Dakin, president of Washington Grantmakers.

She is talking about first-timers pondering giving time and money to Washington area nonprofit organizations and charities. But newcomers first have to choose the nonprofits and charities in which to invest time and money. And that can be a bigger, more complicated decision than many people expect.

"There's a whole wide world of needs out there. Think about the things you value the most," Dakin advises. "What values would you like to see promoted?" Perhaps your family has been affected by cancer or you have a passion for women's issues or literacy, she suggests. Reflect on your own interests and personal experiences and then seek out those nonprofits and charities.

Whether you have a little or a lot of money, there are many ways to give financially. One of the most common ways, of course, is a direct gift to a charity or nonprofit, but direct gifts are just the beginning. Those who can afford to make a large donation can set up a donor-advised fund, the "hot thing in philanthropy," according to Kathy Whelpley, vice president of program and donor engagement at the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region.

A donor-advised fund works like a bank account, except you only make donations, withdrawals go to the charities. Any contributions to the fund are tax-deductible, and once you have set up the fund, where and when you give is up to you. "You can take a long time to decide how to give the money away, or give it away quickly," Whelpley said. Much of the appeal of donor-advised funds is

this flexibility.

In the case of donor-advised funds administered by the Community Foundation, the minimum opening balance is \$10,000 and there is a yearly administrative fee equal to 1 percent of the account balance or \$500, whichever is greater. The foundation serves as a private staff for its donors, advising them on which nonprofits are the best fit for their giving objectives, filing the necessary paperwork with the Internal Revenue Service and acting as an intermediary between donors who wish to remain anonymous and the nonprofits they wish to help. Other organizations also offer administration of donor-advised funds.

Another option is to form a "giving circle," a group of people who pool their funds and decide together where to make grants. Giving circles enable people with less money to donate to have a bigger impact on a particular issue, neighborhood or nonprofit.

They can be informal affairs, organized by a group of friends, or they can be administered through a community foundation.

Would-be donors should talk to their employers to see whether they offer programs for charitable donations. Many companies will match an employee's donations or the funds an employee raises for a nonprofit or charity. Some employers also make cash grants to organizations for which employees volunteer through a program called "Dollars For Doers." You might also be able to give through an annual work-sponsored campaign such as United Way.

If you prefer to do your research and donate over the Internet, www.guidestar.org is a good resource for information about a nonprofit's financials

and mission. Washington Grantmakers also runs a Web site, www.touchdc.org, that allows you to make donations electronically with your credit card to thousands of nonprofits and charities in the area. Keep in mind that real estate, stock, insurance policies and other non-cash assets are also valuable donations for nonprofits.

With 23,000 nonprofit organizations in the Washington area that support a variety of causes, how can a would-be volunteer whittle down the choices? Stobhan Canty, president and chief executive of Greater DC Cares, echoed Dakin's advice about defining your parameters by deciding which issues you care about, where you want to volunteer geographically, which skills you want to use and how much time you can spend. "The best volunteer is one who has thought a lot about what is important to them in a volunteer experience," Canty said. "We want people to come back to the volunteer world, and the way to do that is to make sure it's a positive experience."

First-time volunteers have a lot of shared concerns and motivations. "People think about proximity, safety and the impact they're going to have. And they think a lot about being social with other volunteers and getting to know their communities in a deeper way," Canty said. Don't feel guilty if you tend to bounce from one nonprofit to another, she said. "We've had people find an organization... and immediately stick with them, and we've also had people who have worked with us for eight years who have continued to experience different organizations and volunteer different levels of time."

"People try out a lot of different things," Dakin agreed. "At certain times of your life, certain things are more interesting and compatible. . . . When you've

just graduated from college, you want to get to know people, so you'd volunteer with a group."

The Internet is one of the best resources for finding volunteer opportunities. The TouchDC Web site lists volunteer opportunities in 11 categories — animals, education, environment, housing, hunger, youth development, arts and culture, employment, health, human services and law and justice. TouchDC highlights five lesser-known nonprofits in each category, not the blue-chip nonprofits with the big public relations departments, but the ones that usually operate below the radar.

Canty suggested that would-be volunteers ask their neighbors which organizations are doing good work. "After-school programs, services for the elderly, and tutoring and mentoring programs exist in virtually every community," she said. High school and college students can ask their schools about volunteer programs. Canty said, and professionals can talk with co-workers and go along with them when they volunteer.

Companies are becoming more involved in their communities through volunteer days, programs that encourage employees to set aside work for a day and go out to do good as a group. Entity Rothberg, director of community involvement for the Central Atlantic region at Deloitte Consulting, helped marshal an army of volunteers for the company's first volunteer day last month.

Seven hundred local Deloitte workers spent the day helping Goodwill set up a prospecting database and installing wireless Internet service at a Ronald McDonald House. "The idea is to try to go beyond one day of service," Rothberg said. "How can you spend one day and make a lasting impact?"

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Dec. 5. Participants age 10 and older are welcome. Tickets are available at Phil's Flowers, Coyote Joe's, Wilson-Rates or the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center. The tour of local homes dressed in holiday decor will end at the Gooding Hotel Bed and Breakfast. Refreshments and door prizes. Proceeds benefit the Gooding Senior Center. Call Carmen Stevens at 280-0520.

Dec. 5. Jerome - College of Southern Idaho and Jerome High School will present Handel's "Messiah" at 8 p.m. Dec. 4 in the Jerome High School Auditorium and at 3 p.m. Dec. 5 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium in Twin Falls. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5 per adult. The Magic Valley Chamber Orchestra will accompany the choir. CSI professor of music Carson Wong will direct the performance.

Dec. 5. Jerome - The Jerome Chamber of Commerce, Junior Ambassadors and the Ambassadors Club will sponsor a Holiday Home Tour from 1-5 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person. The tour will feature five holiday decorated homes in the Jerome area. Tickets are available at Rosebud's Florist, Simply Serendipity, Canyonside Realty Inc. or any Chamber Ambassador. Proceeds benefit Junior Ambassador Scholarships and programs. Call the Jerome Chamber of Commerce at 324-2711.

Dec. 5. Sun Valley - Caritas Chorale will host its Family Christmas Sing-a-Long at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 4 and at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, St. Thomas is located at 201 Sun Valley Road. Call 622-3650 for details.

Dec. 5. ELBA - Christmas in the Country Craft Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Elba Community Building (the old Relco Society Building). The event will include door prizes, refreshments and many giftable items to choose from.

Dec. 5. OAKLEY - 'Twas the Night before Christmas Annual OVC Christmas Choir Concert will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4-5 at Howells Opera House in Oakley. The program is directed by Kent Severe and Janis Exon and is free to the public.

Dec. 5. The Junior Club of Magic Valley will host its 15th annual Holiday Home Tour from 1-6 p.m. Tickets cost \$7.00 and can be purchased

from any Junior Club member or from Kelley Garden Center, Kin-berry Nurseries, Everybody's Business, Elements Skin Care, Le Duke and Sun, Kurk's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Snipe Hair Salon, Simpler Times Village, or Country Gift Garden. Children over 8 years of age are welcome on the tour.

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Dec. 5. BURLEY - An Advent celebration will be held at 10:55 a.m. each Sunday through Dec. 19 at Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave., Burley.

Dec. 7. WENDELL - The Wendell Elementary Honor Choir will perform for Christmas at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium, 750 E. Main. The ballet group and Drum Club will also be featured. Admission is \$1 for children, \$2 for adults and \$5 for a family. Call Lana Lamm at 536-6511, Ext. 128.

Dec. 7. ACQUIA - Acquia Elementary School will present its Christmas program at 7 p.m. at the school, 20564 Fourth St., Acquia. The first and second grade students will be performing.

Dec. 8. RUPERT - Memorial Elementary School will present a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. at the school, 10th and D streets in Rupert. The kindergarten will be performing.

Dec. 8. RUPERT - St. Nicholas Catholic School will present its annual Christmas program at 7 p.m. in the Minico High School auditorium, 292 W. 100 S., Rupert. Performing will be all the students in preschool through sixth grade.

Dec. 8. OAKLEY - A combined Oakley Elementary and High Schools and choir Christmas concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Howells Opera House in Oakley.

Dec. 9. KETCHUM - The Blaine County Festival of Trees will be held at the Festive Theater. The gala, at which trees and decorations will be auctioned, is scheduled for Dec. 9. On Dec. 11, the Blaine County Senior Center in Huley will host the children's gingerbread decorating party. The festivities begin with a

Winter Wonderland of kids, activities, craft stations for children to decorate Christmas cookies, make a Christmas ornament, write letters to Santa and make a Christmas card. A "Red, White and Blue" will be a part of the festival. Call 738-3034 for more information.

Dec. 10. RUPERT - Memorial Elementary School will present a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. at the school, 10th and D streets in Rupert. The first-graders will be performing. PAUL The West Minico Middle School orchestra will perform a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at the school, 159 S. 600 W., Paul.

Dec. 10. RUPERT - The Minico High School choir will present the fourth annual Madrigal Dinner from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10-11 at the school, 292 E. 100 S., Rupert. The cost is \$15 per person and will include dinner and entertainment. Tickets must be bought in advance and can be purchased from any choir student or by calling Jeff Collier at 436-5355 ext. 153. Patrons who attend the Madrigal Dinner will be transported back in time to the Renaissance. They will be fed, sung to, and entertained nearly constantly as they dine at the Lord and Lady's castle. The holiday feast will include some surprise appearances and plenty of light-hearted enjoyment.

Dec. 10. BURLEY - The traditional holiday ballet, "The Nutcracker" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 and at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley. The ballet is being produced by students of Central Stage Studio of Dance and Performing Arts and is directed by Jennifer Sager. Also appearing will be professional ballet dancers in the roles of Sugar Plum Fairy and the Mouse. Tickets are \$10 and \$12. Patrons will have the best seating in the house and also their name in the program as a Patron of "The Nutcracker." Tickets are also available at the door. All proceeds go towards scholarships for the arts and back into the production for scenery and costumes.

Dec. 10. RUPERT - The fourth annual community Nativity Celebration is 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Rupert West Side Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 26 S. 100 W., Rupert. A special showing for senior citizens and

handicapped will be from 1-3:30 p.m. Friday. The event is free and open to the public and will include a wide variety of nativity collections, musical performances, works of art, Bibles, Angels, Wise Men, a live Nativity and special children's activities. The public is invited to bring their nativity collections or other like items to display from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9. There will be strict security.

Dec. 11. TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Chorale will present "The Many Moods of Christmas" at 7:30 on Dec. 11 and at 4 p.m. on Dec. 12, College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors, are available at the CSI Bookstore, Everybody's Business and Welch Music in Twin Falls, from Adams Flowers in Jerome and at the door.

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Dec. 12. TWIN FALLS - "The Gift," a

Christmas pageant, will be held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 12-14 at the First Assembly of God Church, 189 Locust St. N., its free.

Dec. 13. BURLEY - An Advent celebration will be held at 10:55 a.m. each Sunday through Dec. 19 at Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave.

Dec. 13. WENDELL - The Wendell Elementary second- and third-grade annual Christmas program "Meltin' the Warm-hearted Snowman" will be held at 7 p.m. at the Wendell High School Auditorium, 750 E. Main. Admission is \$1 for children, \$2 for adults and \$5 for a family. Call Lana Lamm at 536-6511, ext. 128.

Dec. 14. TWIN FALLS - Ballet Idaho will perform Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. The performance will also feature 50 local children disguised as baby mice, angels and flowers. Tickets are \$10 for students and children and \$18 for adults and can be purchased by calling 732-6288.

Dec. 15. RUPERT - Big Valley Elementary School will present a Christmas program at 2 and 7 p.m. at the school, 202 18th St., Rupert. The fifth-grade will be performing.

Dec. 16. HIBYURN - Hibyurn Elementary School will present a Christmas program at 7 p.m. at the school, 1451 7th St. The third-graders will be performing.

Dec. 16. RUPERT - The East Minico Middle School bands and orchestras will hold a combined holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Minico High School auditorium, 292 W-100 S., Rupert. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

Dec. 17. PAUL - The West Minico Middle School Concert Bands will perform in concert at 7 p.m. in the West Minico gymnasium, 150 S. 600 W., Paul. The Beginning Band will open the concert, then the combined seventh and eighth-grade concert band will conclude. There will be no admission charge.

Dec. 17. BURLEY - The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra will present its Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. at

the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley. The program will be under the direction of Alan Hale of Rupert.

Dec. 18. FILLER - Soroptimist of Twin Falls will sponsor Procrastinators Christmas Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Hall next the Filer Public Library. Call Kim Cohen at 733-3900 or Hillan Walker at 734-0721.

Dec. 19. BURLEY - An Advent celebration will be held at 10:55 a.m. each Sunday through Dec. 19 at Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave.

Dec. 19. BURLEY - King's Kids of the First Baptist Church will present "Angels Abound," a children's musical by Kathie Hilland Janet McMahon, at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 at the First Baptist Church, 2262 11th Ave. Admission is free.

Dec. 19. RUPERT - The Apostolic House of Prayer is having its Christmas program at 7 p.m. at the church, 93 E. Baseline Road.

Dec. 20. OAKLEY - Oakley Elementary School will present a Christmas program on way wagons to people in the Oakley community at 1:30 p.m.

Dec. 22. OAKLEY - Oakley Elementary will present a Christmas play and program at noon in the school gymnasium, 455 W. Poplar St., Oakley.

Dec. 24. SUN VALLEY - The traditional Torchlight Parade on Dollar Mountain is part of Christmas Eve at the Sun Valley Resort. Christmas Eve begins with a Sun Valley Ice skating exhibition, followed by the parade, in which Sun Valley Ski School instructors make their usual torch-light trek down the face of Dollar Mountain, and continues with Dickens, Carolers, an appearance by Santa, and ends with a fireworks display.

Dec. 24. BURLEY - Communion Service will be held at 4 p.m. at Syringa Plaza, 626 Elba Ave., Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave. will be presenting the service.

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Is 'regifting' ever OK?

Quotation of the Week: "If I am not for myself, who will be? But if I am only for myself, what am I?"

—Rabbi Hillel

Q: Last year I got a sweater from a friend — lets call her Joy — for Christmas. The sweater was very unappealing to me, and I could never imagine wearing it. I value my friendship with Joy, however, and I don't want to hurt her feelings. So I thanked her for the gift. I then gave it to another friend of mine — "Sally" (not her real name) — who had seen the sweater in my closet and admitted she would love it. — Joy called me last night and said she saw someone else wearing the sweater around town and was deeply hurt that I had given it away. Did I do the wrong thing? How should I patch things up with Joy?



ASK THE ETHICS GUY
Bruce Weinstein

A: My mom always says, "It is never wrong to do something nice for someone." On the other hand, as Kevin Cronin of REO Speedwagon sang in the song of the same name, "Being nice can hurt someone sometimes." Are there limits to how nice we should be?

It is not unethical to "regift," provided that:

- You make sure you don't regift to the original giver.
- You don't use the gift first.

- The new recipient doesn't know the original giver or is likely to run into him or her (if the gift is an article of clothing).

If someone else might enjoy or be able to use a gift you don't want or need, we not only have a right to give it away; we have an obligation to do so. After all, it is wasteful not to put something to good use if we can.

Perhaps it would have been prudent to bring the subject of the regift up with the Joy before you gave Sally the sweater. You could have said, "You know, Joy, I really appreciate your gift, but one of my friends was wanting it the other day, and she doesn't have any new sweaters for the season. Would it be OK with you if I gave it to her?" Presented in the right way, it is hard to imagine how Joy could have been upset. Thus, you could fulfill your duty to be a loyal friend to Joy and ensure that a gift you don't want doesn't go to waste.

All is not lost, however. If you explain to Joy why you gave Sally the sweater and let Joy know that you really do value her friendship, you may very well be able to maintain the friendship. In the event that Joy is so livid that her anger continues to burn brightly and she won't accept your apology, it might be prudent to reconsider the value of the friendship.

Q: What makes something an ethical issue?

A: Whenever we ask "What should I do?" and our decision is likely to affect the rights or welfare of another person, we are asking an ethical question.

If we learn that someone at work is using their expense account for personal reasons, or an ATM gives us too much money or a blind date tells us she wants to see us again but we don't feel the same way, the question "What should I do?" is a matter of ethics.

As stakes of such responsibilities as maintaining good relationships with colleagues, protecting others from harm, being fair to businesses, avoiding theft, and being true to ourselves.

An ethical dilemma arises when we feel a conflict between two or more moral values, and it seems as though we cannot honor all of the values at stake.

It turns out, however, that there are very few genuine ethical dilemmas in the world. It is often possible to find a creative way to fulfill all of the obligations in any sticky situation and to avoid the need for deciding which responsibility and thus which moral value, is the most important one for us to honor.

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Foundation works to transform lives, one wheelchair at a time

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — During a trip to Romania in 1999, Kenneth Behring, a soft-spoken jet-setter, helped an elderly Romanian into his first wheelchair. In that instant, two lives were transformed.

Behring had been asked by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to transport relief supplies to Bosnia and six wheelchairs to Romania aboard his private plane. The Romanian man had lost his wife and suffered a stroke, and without a wheelchair was left alone and unable to leave his home.

Behring broke down crying, telling me: "I can go out in my yard now and talk to my neighbors, and I can smoke. I just put him in this wheelchair, and it was like giving him back his dignity." Behring, 75, is a humanitarian missions, to hospitals in Africa and Eastern Europe, to the battlefields of Afghanistan and to countries emerging from conflict, such as Vietnam. In 2000, Behring set up the Wheelchair Foundation, which has distributed more than 300,000 wheelchairs in 130 developing countries, according to the organization's Web site.

The foundation transports about 10,000 wheelchairs each month, he said, with the goal of making sure that every person who needs one receives one.

His self-discovery came late in life. His path, from a Depression-era childhood to the Forbes 400 list of richest Americans — to humanitarianism — is chronicled in his biography, "Road to Purpose," which was published this year.

Born in the late 1920s in rural Wisconsin to farmers, a mother took in laundry and cleaned homes to make ends meet. She left me to my own devices to make all the big decisions in my life because they were too busy trying to make a living. I was impatient and I did not like being poor," he said. "But that experience gave me that desire to go out and not be afraid to do things for the first time."

His first job, when he barely 7 years old, was selling newspapers. He earned a penny for each one he sold. He later loaded milk on trucks, cut lawns, worked in lumberyards, in a cheese factory and at a grocery store. "Anybody who could make a dollar," after high school, he became a used car salesman, eventually launching his own car dealership. He later moved to California. He was only 27 when he made his first million.

He owned swank mansions, fancy cars, a jet or two and acquired the Seattle Seahawks football team from 1988 to 1997, but something was still missing, something he found in delivering wheelchairs.

He said he cherished the feeling he gets when people tell him the impact of becoming mobile, rather than bedridden or confined to a chair or sofa. "So many of them have told me: 'For us it has made the difference be-



Kenneth Behring, founder of the Wheelchair Foundation, with a recipient in Vietnam in 2000. The foundation ships out 10,000 wheelchairs a month.

tween wanting to live and wanting to die."

His trips to developing countries "makes me appreciate my country even more, but freedom is not free, we paid a price, but so understated, yet so amazing," said Esther Cooper Smith, a childhood friend from Wisconsin.

"He is giving it away while he is living — and enjoying it. He is so understated, yet so amazing," said Esther Cooper Smith, a childhood friend from Wisconsin.

Coopersmith threw a dinner party for Behring last week when he was in Washington for the inauguration of a Smithsonian exhibit, "Price of Freedom: Americans at War," and for various Veterans Day ceremonies last Thursday. Behring, who visited Washington with his wife, four children and 10 grandchildren, also had breakfast with President Bush.

Behring donated \$100 million to make the Smithsonian exhibit, if possible, said Peter Barnes, executive director for his foundation's Washington office, because "he strongly feels that young people need to experience not only freedom because there is a price to pay and a price that has been paid."

"I remember World War II. It was not only the soldiers who gave, but the mothers and the wives who knitted sweaters and socks and saved to buy bonds. Everybody pitched in," Behring said at the exhibit. After his speech, veterans lined up to shake his hand.

"People were talking and crying with each other. They need a place to celebrate what they have done and where they can thank the buddies they lost. They will bring their grandchildren here. This will be a permanent exhibit that tells the stories of all those who earned the Medal of Honor, nurses and generals," Behring added.

Organs

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"I'm surprised by how blatant they are," says Abdullah, whose initial kidney failure appears to have stemmed from an unusual autoimmune reaction.

Abdullah says she has mixed feelings about inducements. "If it increases donation," she says, "I think it's a consideration." But the e-mailed "offers" she's received have shown her a crueler side of transplantation — a greedier side of potential donors — than she sometimes wants to face. "It made me a little more pessimistic about human nature — and about people's intentions." However, he says, the debate, the need is stark. Every day in the United States, 68 people receive a new organ through transplantation. But an additional 16 die waiting for an organ to become available, and almost five waiting patients become too ill to undergo surgery.

Despite years of public education and donor awareness campaigns, fewer than 20 percent of American adults are registered organ donors. Only 50 percent of families, when asked to donate the organs of a loved one who has succumbed to brain death, agree to do so. Meanwhile, better medical care is keeping people with grave diseases of the kidneys, liver, lungs, heart, pancreas, eyes and intestines alive longer. Advances in transplant surgery and post-operative care are offering more patients the prospect of renewed health with a new organ.

And Abdullah and other transplant patients are staying alive to seek a third or even fourth chance at life.

In 1993, the United Network for Organ Sharing, which oversees the procurement of organs and their distribution, maintained a list of 31,694 people awaiting transplants. Today, that figure has risen to more than 87,000, while the number of organs donated each year by the deceased — just over 18,000 organs from roughly 6,000 donors — has remained virtually static.

Music, readings can set the Thanksgiving tone

Knight Ridder News Service

While the feast is often the focus of Thanksgiving, the notion of family and friends congregating around hearth is more important.

The holidays are more than just an excuse to eat three plates of turkey and dressing, over-imbibe in homemade eggnog or make a sneak attack under the mistletoe. They are about tradition and memory and food's place in our lives. We paged through our cache of this year's cookbooks and found a handful that fit that theme.

Let us forget most of us were unwelcome immigrants,

"Foods of the Americas: Native Recipes and Traditions" by Fernando and Marlene Divina and the Smithsonian National Museum of American Indian (10 Speed Press, \$39.95) should remind us.

"Americas" is part cookbook, part sociology textbook. Essays by American Indian writers, historic photographs and photos of Indian art and artifacts put the recipes into perspective. Fry bread, Yucatan-style pork, Dungeness crab hash and hot chocolate reinforce the geographical and cultural diversity of American Indians and remind us of all they contributed to our "American" cuisine.

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- 5:00 Austin Runyon
- 5:15 Cheri Phillips
- 5:30 Turner Family
- 6:00 Students of Dawn Crane
- 6:30 Janessa and Zach Hauman
- 6:45
- 7:00 Lighting on the square
- 7:30 Thom Simpson
- 8:00 DeLo Elementary Singer Singers
- 8:15 Rip Chords and Jake Wheeler
- 8:30 Dan Hendricks
- 9:00 Miss Mini-Cassia Felicia Horsely
- 9:15 Landon Whitesides
- 9:30 Dallen Woodland
- 9:45 Jennifer Doyle
- 10:00 Closing

Saturday, November 27

- 12:00 Tiffany Browning and Nikki Darrington
- 12:15 Joe Quattlebaum
- 12:30 Brendon Young
- 12:45 Students of Louane Young
- 2:00 Cheri and Justin Bourne
- 2:15 Tammy and Mona Merrill
- 2:30 Kiya File
- 2:45 Katelynn and Kaleb File
- 3:00 Sally File
- 3:15 Kami and Chanay Wilson
- 3:30 Rachel Wyson
- 3:45 Rachel Robinson
- 4:00 Megan Crane
- 4:15 Jecan Coais
- 4:30 Brianna Hansen
- 4:45 Elissa Call
- 5:00 Rachel Hepworth
- 5:15 Lanae Linard
- 5:30 Gabrielle Stoker
- 5:45 Andrea Jolley
- 6:00 Jesse Equivel
- 6:30 Susan Parcel
- 7:00 Jordan Torres
- 7:30 Snake River Flats
- 8:00 Closing

Sunday, December 1st

- 1:00 Christian Church
- 1:30 Praise Chapel
- 2:00 The Clarinet Trio

2:30 United Rupert Methodist Church
3:00 St. Nicholas Catholic Church
3:30 Robert Barrara & Rachel Wyson
4:00 Pandilo de Cristo
4:30 Marci Ridley

Monday, November 29

- 12:00 East Middle School 8th Grade Choir
- 12:15 DeLo Elementary
- 1:00 Aecua Elementary 3rd Grade
- 1:15 Nancy Ady Fiddlers
- 1:30 East Middle School 6th Grade Choir
- 1:45 East Middle School ASL Grade Choir
- 2:00 St. Nicholas School
- 2:30 BreAnna Parkins
- 2:45 East Middle School 6th Grade Choir
- 3:00 Students of JanaRae Christensen
- 3:15 Melanie McBride
- 3:30 Ainslie Gillette
- 3:45 Kelsey Kleopfer
- 4:00 The Dance Factory
- 4:30 Santa Squad
- 4:45 Mistletoes
- 5:00 Reflections Minico High School
- 5:30 Idaho Rocky Mountain Express
- 6:00 Julie's Danceworks
- 6:15 Harmony Kids
- 6:30 Students of Lucille Mitton
- 7:00 SoftTouch
- 7:30 Variations
- 8:00 Closing

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