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The long journey begins



Sfc. Kevin Coggins, right, of Twin Falls, a soldier with the Mortar Platoon of the 2-116th Brigade Combat Team, listens to a briefing from 1st Sgt. Martin Rodriguez, not pictured, before boarding a plane to Kuwait Friday morning at England Air Park in Alexandria, La.

Local soldiers leave the mainland destined for Kuwait

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer



ALEXANDRIA, La. — The three large planes sat on the runway at England Air Park in Alexandria, La., waiting to carry their precious cargo to a far-away land.

It was still dark outside Friday morning when soldiers of the 116th Brigade Combat Team began their long journey to the middle eastern desert of Kuwait. There, they'll meet up with their equipment and in a few weeks, they'll head over the border to Iraq where they'll be stationed north of Baghdad for at least a year.

Inside one of the airplane hangers, local soldiers with the 2nd Battalion of the 116th prepared for the long trip. It would be 24 hours before they reached their destination, so they filled their last minutes before roll call phoning home and filling paper tote bags with snacks, writing tablets, envelopes, decks of playing cards and small bottles of shampoo and lotion that sat in boxes on one of the tables.

Just outside, Spc. William Bonner of Hansen enjoyed a few last calming drags on a cigarette. The scene around him was familiar. A former Marine, he spent seven months in Iraq.

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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.



Jacob Schenk, right, of Twin Falls, holds the Bravo Company guidon during a final formation before loading onto to buses for the England Air Park in Alexandria, La., where the company departed for Kuwait Friday.

Messages from the tarmac

"I'm real excited and anxious. I'm a little bit of both."
— Pvt. 1st Class Vance Dayley of Rupert.

"I just want to go. I love to fly."
— Pvt. 1st Class Chris Sterner of Twin Falls.

"It's finally here. We get to take off and get on with this."
— Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Coggins of Twin Falls.

"The sooner you go, the sooner you get home."
— Spc. Dave McKim of Jerome.

"We've said goodbye to the family. Now it's time to go."
— Spc. Jared Smith.

"I'm ready to get over there and get the calendar started so we can come home."
— Sgt. Chris Webb of Twin Falls.

"I'm just waiting for a ride. I'm tired of waiting around. It's time to go."
— Sgt. Daniel Kennedy of Jerome.

"Now, I'm going to go earn my college money."
— Spc. William Bonner of Hansen.

"I'm doing good this morning. I want to get on the plane and get some sleep."
— Sgt. 1st Class Kent Nowland of Twin Falls.

"We're just getting up and getting going. Most of them are ready to go."
— Sgt. 1st Class Alan Layton of Twin Falls.

Castelford's Miguel Maya overcame boundaries and his fears to play soccer with the Buhl High School Indians this season. Though his year was cut short by injury, Maya was an important factor for the Indians' late-season push toward the Class 3A boys soccer state tournament.



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Panel seeks regulation of domestic Idaho wells

The Associated Press

BOISE — Some Idaho lawmakers are pushing to take domestic well use out of the hands of private landowners.

Idaho law protects the right of private landowners to sink a well for drinking water and watering a half-acre of garden and lawn. But officials say some landowners are abusing that right, using domestic wells to irrigate five and 10 acres of land. The Idaho Department of Water Resources has only four people to police overuse and investigate complaints.

"The department knows where the offenders are. They just don't have the resources to do anything about it," said Rep. Mike Moyle, R-Star.

Lawmakers in the Boise region want a statewide water reform package to address domestic well regulation, which has long been left out of state water management plans.

The Treasure Valley Working Group, a subcommittee of a legislative interim committee looking at water issues, released a draft of its recommendations this week, including a call to examine an enforcement strategy for domestic wells.

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Turning in frauds against feds yields big rewards

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Crime may not pay, but blowing the whistle on companies that swindle the government sure can.

Jim Alderson got \$20 million in one settlement and split \$100 million with another whistleblower in a related case, both involving Medicare fraud by the nation's largest for-profit hospital chain and a company it acquired.

Once facing a wrecked career and no pension, Alderson, 58, now owns houses in Plano, Texas, and Whitefish, Mont., drives a new Thunderbird and has established a charitable foundation with the money he received. While his pastures became greener after long legal battles, blowing the whistle was no easy ride into the sunset.

"You risk everything when you do it," he said.

Alderson is among the beneficiaries of a law passed nearly two decades ago that encourages whistleblowers to come forward by promising them up to a quarter of the money recovered by the government.

Since its inception, the False Claims Act has generated \$12 billion for the federal treasury and more than \$1 billion for hundreds of whistleblowers.

Whistleblowers have been at
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ODD MAN IN

Castelford soccer player found his place in Buhl

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

CASTLEFORD — From the outside looking in, that's where Miguel Maya started the 2004 high school soccer season. The Castelford senior found himself heading toward his last chance to play high school soccer without a team or a coach to play with. The Castelford Wolves don't field a soccer team.

That's where coach Bill Fields and the Buhl Indians boys soccer team fit in. Thanks to a cooperative agreement between the Buhl and Castelford high schools, any Castelford student wishing to play a sport not offered in their home town can try out for the Indians.

"Every year we usually have one or two kids from Castelford try out," Fields said. "I make a call down there and have them announce it and see if anyone is interested."

Maya answered the call and days later found himself standing on Buhl's soccer pitch with a

A three-part series

Today's story on Castelford's Miguel Maya is part of the second installment of a three-day series about Hispanics in high school sports.



On the sports page, we also examine today the arbitrary barriers Hispanics face when trying to participate in high school sports. There's also a story on former Castelford standout Elvis Medina, who has turned his high school success into a college athletic scholarship.

group of strangers he had never spoken to or played with before. Though he had played the game nearly all his life, it was the first time Maya had tried out for a high school soccer team.

"I was so nervous," Maya said. "I thought they would say, 'Who's this guy?' Is he going to help us
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NATION/WORLD

Audit: Halliburton lost property

WASHINGTON (AP) — A third or more of the government property Halliburton Co. was paid to manage for the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq could not be located by auditors, investigative reports to Congress show. Halliburton's KBR subsidiary "did not effectively manage government property" and auditors could not locate hundreds of CPA items worth millions of dollars in Iraq and Kuwait this summer, an FBI inspector. General Stuart W. Bowen reported to Congress in two reports.

Bowen's findings mark the latest bad news for Vice President Dick Cheney's former company, which is the focus of both a criminal investigation into alleged fuel price gouging and an FBI inquiry into possible favoritism from the Bush administration.

The Associated Press reported Wednesday that FBI agents have extensively interviewed an Army contracting officer who last month went public with allegations that the Bush administration was improperly awarding contracts to Halliburton "without competitive bidding."

Halliburton and the Pentagon deny wrongdoing, and say they are cooperating in all investigations.

Company spokeswoman Cathy Gist said Friday that KBR recently conducted a "wall-to-wall" review of all property it is managing for the Pentagon in war-zones including Iraq and Afghanistan and produced results far better than Bowen's findings.

"We are pleased to report that this total inventory review confirmed 99.4 percent accountability of all property,"

she said. "The facts show that KBR has adequately managed property for this mission by progressively monitoring its property management functions — above and beyond what is required."

The U.S.-backed CPA officially dissolved after a year in power in Baghdad when an interim Iraqi government took control of the country this summer. But Bowen's office continues to review how money was spent and it gave a tough assessment of KBR's performance.

KBR won a key logistics contract to manage everything from trucks and generators to computers.

Bowen reported that an audit earlier this summer found KBR had lost track of more than \$18 million worth of equipment in Iraq. Investigators could not track down 52 of 164 randomly

selected items in an inventory of more than 20,000 items overseen by KBR, including two electric generators worth nearly \$1 million, 18 trucks or SUVs and six laptop computers.

Pentagon and Halliburton officials have been searching since the summer for the missing items and have tracked down many of them.

Some were found in the hands of "unauthorized users" and 111 vehicles had not been returned for required check-in, they said.

Bowen's auditors found the problems extended beyond Iraq's borders.

"More recently, auditors sought to determine how well KBR managed the inventory and supplies of the CPA offices and warehouses in neighboring Kuwait, initially sampling 30 items from an inventory of more than 8,000.



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Marines see bonuses to re-enlist increased to as much as \$30,000

SAN DIEGO — With the prospect of continued fighting in Iraq, the Marine Corps is offering bonuses of as much as \$30,000 — in some cases, tax-free — to persuade enlisted personnel with combat experience and training to re-enlist.

The plan is working, officials said. Fewer than two months into the fiscal year, Marine re-enlistment rates in several key specialties are running 10 percent to 30 percent ahead of last



U.S. Marines of the 1st Battalion, 8th Marines battle insurgents in the streets of Fallujah, Iraq, on Wednesday. Bonuses have helped boost Marine re-enlistment rates.

Officials are confident that by midyear they will have reached their target for encouraging re-enlistment among riflemen, the "grunts" who are key to the Marines' ability to mount offensive operations against insurgent strongholds such as Fallujah, Iraq.

In most cases the young Marines are agreeing to stay in their current jobs for two years.

In others they are allowed to transfer into jobs that the brass considers equally vital: recruiters, embassy guards and boot camp drill instructors.

"No amount of money is too much to retain combat experience in the corps, rather than starting over," said Maj. Mark Menotti, assistant head of the enlisted retention for the Marine Corps.

Giving bonuses to encourage Marines to re-enlist is not a new program. But this year's bonus

schedule marks the first time that "combat arms" specialties have received the largest of the bonuses. A year ago, the top bonus for a grunt was about \$7,000.

Along with riflemen, machine-gunners, and mortar-men, specialties also receiving sizable bonuses are those critical to success in Iraq — including intelligence officers and Arabic linguists.

Lance Cpl. Matthew Jee, 21, of Borrego Springs, Calif., received a bonus of \$19,000 to re-enlist for four years. An assault man with expertise in firing the javelin rocket, he plans to shift to the intelligence field.

"They need a grunt's view of what kind of intelligence you need when you're out there on the street," Jee said at Camp Pendleton, where he recently returned after seven months in Iraq.

Sgt. Joey W. McBroom, 30, of Lafayette, Tenn., a rifleman, said that he had planned to re-enlist even without the bonus, but that the \$28,039 "helped my wife to agree to my re-enlisting."

In an e-mail from Iraq, McBroom said he plans to put 40 percent of the bonus in a mutual fund, 30 percent in an account for his children's college, 15 percent in savings and the remaining 15 percent for a "nice wedding ring for the wife, finally."

U.S. troops uncover more bodies in Mosul

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. forces uncovered more bodies in the northern city of Mosul on Friday, apparent victims of an intimidation campaign by insurgents against Iraq's fledgling security forces. Leading Iraqi politicians called for six-month delay in the Jan. 30 election because of the spiraling violence.

Asked about their demand for the election to be postponed, President Bush, at his vacation home in Texas, said, "The Iraqi Election Commission has scheduled elections in January, and I would hope they'd go forward in January."

But Iraq's deputy prime minister told an audience Friday in Wales that sticking to the election timetable would be difficult because of the security crisis.

As a sign of the worsening situation, authorities also confirmed four Nepalese guards were killed and 12 others wounded in a "rocket" attack Thursday on their camp in Baghdad's Green Zone. Strong explosions were heard Friday night from the outskirts of the embattled capital.

The extremist Ansar al-Sunnah Army claimed responsibility for the Green Zone attack in a Web posting. The same group claimed responsibility for killing 12 Nepalese construction workers last August.

In Fallujah, insurgents ambushed U.S. troops as they entered a home during house-to-house searches in the former militant bastion, killing two Marines and wounding three others, the U.S. military said Friday.

Lt. Gen. John F. Sattler, commanding general of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said only about half the buildings in the city had been cleared despite the collapse of organized insurgent resistance there.

In Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, U.S. officials said six bodies were found Friday, bringing the number discovered there over the past two days to 21. In all, 41 bodies have been discovered in the past week.

Eleven of the 41 have been identified as members of the Iraqi security services, apparent targets of insurgents who rose up across the city this month in support of guerrillas fighting in Fallujah.

The city's entire 5,000-member police force disintegrated during the uprising, and Iraqi authorities had to rush in reinforcements from Baghdad and Kurdish-run areas of the north to fill the gap.

"It's a continued campaign of threats, intimidation and murder by insurgents to spread fear into the public," Lt. Col. Paul Hingson, a military spokesman in Mosul, said of the assassinations.

Governor commutes woman's life sentence

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Gov. Robert Ehrlich on Friday commuted the sentences of three inmates, including that of a woman who was sentenced to life in prison for a murder she committed when she was 15 years old.

Mary Washington Brown, 46, was convicted of stabbing Charlotte Ida Lessem to death in 1974 as Brown and a co-defendant robbed her at a Baltimore bus station.

The governor's office said Brown has been an exemplary inmate who earned her high school equivalency and an associate's degree in prison. She needs just 15 more credits for a bachelor's degree in human resources from Morgan State University.

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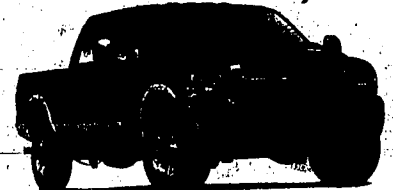
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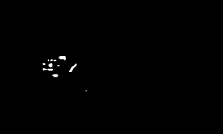
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Bush reignites the immigration fuse

Immigration is back on the agenda. It would have been a dynamic issue for the presidential campaign, but neither President Bush nor his challenger, Sen. John Kerry, had the nerve to light the fuse. Safely re-elected, Bush finally did.

"I think it's important for our country to recognize that people are coming to our country to do jobs that Americans won't do," Bush said after meeting last week with President Vicente Fox of Mexico. "I'm going to find supporters on the Hill and move it."

The object to be moved is a guest-worker proposal that's been stuck on the White House shelf for nearly four years. Part of the plan calls for turning illegal immigrants into legal, temporary workers. I'm not a fan of guest-worker programs, but this looks like the only immigration deal with the hope of a prayer.

You can bet the house that the Democrats in Congress will argue for giving guest-workers a shot at citizenship, which would be the decent, American thing to do. They'll even bring up the history of temporary worker programs producing more illegal immigration five decades ago. They'll argue, loud and clear for about one morning, to themselves, and then slouch in their seats as Republican immigration reformers take over.

"What part of the word 'illegal' don't you understand?" Some of you may recall a reader I mentioned who fired off that question every time I proposed a solution to illegal immigration. It's become the rallying cry for those who would militarize the border and renew deportation campaigns like those of the 1930s and 1950s. In their way of thinking, anything short of a one-way ticket home is a reward for lawbreakers.

Bush couldn't get even a limited, agricultural guest-worker deal past the hard-liners, then shelved it after Sept. 11 and through the war on Iraq. Maybe now he can use some of that political capital he bragged about having earned to push through an immigration deal with Mexico.

The guest-worker concept is flawed. Here's why: The bracero program of the 1950s, the largest of its kind,

JOE RODRIGUEZ

brought in thousands of desperately needed Mexican farmhands, but historians also believe it jump-started the term of illegal immigration we have today. Most braceros returned to Mexico after their work permits expired only to find the same dreary economic conditions they had left. So thousands turned back and jumped the border, many finding better jobs in American cities as dishwashers, construction laborers and nannies.

The bracero program also became notorious for exploitation and corruption. Farmers often didn't pay agreed upon wages, and corrupt Mexican officials stole from the special savings funds set up for the workers on their return home.

Presidents Bush and Fox promise nothing of the sort will happen again. That may look good on paper, but it's hard to believe that Bush, a free-market hawk at heart, will see to it that American employers are fined or jailed for cheating guest workers. As for the Mexican side, Fox has failed so far to deliver on much of his anti-corruption promises.

So if guest-worker programs are so risky, why bother?

Because the best short-term answer, amnesty for millions of illegal immigrants already here, is a more conservative Congress whose leaders are dead-set against rewarding lawbreakers. The best long-term solution, massive U.S. aid for economic development in Mexico, doesn't have a prayer so long as the American government is in lock.

I'm afraid all that's possible is a strict, no-citizenship guest-worker program. Something is better than nothing. There might even be a payoff if we're lucky. The president's guest-worker program might work smoothly and long enough to convince the majority of Americans that we truly have a chronic shortage of workers for low-wage and dead-end jobs. Then and only then can we get to work on the real solutions.

Joe Rodriguez is a columnist for the San Jose Mercury News. Leaders may write to him at jrodriquez@mercurynews.com.

CIA doesn't deserve 'rogue' label

Seldom in my memory has there been such intense controversy about the CIA. Seldom has so much of what is said been so distorted and misinformed. Seldom has there been so little concern about the potential impact on the agency's ability to perform its mission and the consequences that holds for national security.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN

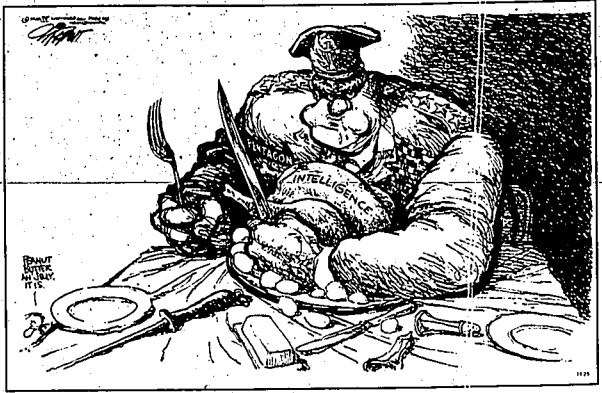
The time has come to turn down the temperature of the debate, take a deep breath and get some balance and thoughtfulness into the discussion.

Let's start by dispelling the myth that the CIA has become a "dysfunctional" and "rogue" agency.

Like any organization of human beings, the CIA is far from perfect and has made mistakes — mistakes we have recognized and are working to remedy. But dismissing the agency as "dysfunctional" is way out of line. This is an organization that, during the six months of secretly deadlocked debate over "intelligence reform," has worked with its intelligence community and foreign partners to take down about a dozen important terrorists who were plotting against our country and its allies. Despite waves of harsh criticism, the agency has never once lost its focus or its drive to protect the U.S. homeland and American interests abroad.

This is the same agency that, through its operators and analysts, was in large part responsible for many of the victories against terrorists and weapons proliferators detected during the recent election campaign — the penetration and destruction of the illicit A.Q. Khan nuclear supply network, the closely related surrender of Libya's weapons of mass destruction, the capture of many of the key perpetrators of Sept. 11 attacks, to mention just a few.

It's the same agency that



worked with its partners in the intelligence community to piece together analysis that drew attention to Iran's nuclear ambitions and North Korea's illicit uranium enrichment program.

"Risk-averse" is another charge now casually hurled at the agency by pundits and commentators. Risk-averse? Tell it to the CIA officers who flew into hostile Afghanistan ahead of U.S. troops just 16 days after Sept. 11 and linked up with Afghan contacts developed years before.

Tell it to the scores of CIA operations officers and analysts located with American troops throughout Iraq.

Tell it to the CIA officers living side by side with foreign partners in remote and dangerous areas elsewhere, determined to deny sanctuary to terrorists. Or tell it to the analysts who daily put their reputations on the line by making difficult judgment calls with incomplete information on some of the most highly charged issues of our time.

Americans need to start thinking of these officers as our troops without uniforms, for that is what they are.

So let there be no doubt: The CIA is a risk taking enterprise

— the risks are both physical and intellectual. But those who claim the CIA is risk-averse should make clear whether they're prepared to give the benefit of the doubt when something goes wrong — always possible in any truly risky endeavor — rather than immediately charging "intelligence failure" or "rogue agency."

Beyond all this, it is sheer real tolerance for things that go awry in carefully planned operations that must be carried out in circumstances not completely under anyone's control? There should be, because there is often as much "fog" in clandestine intelligence work as there is in wars.

It is alleged that the CIA was leaking material before the election to damage the president.

There were leaks to be sure, but the truth is that no one other than those who leaked and those who reported, knows where they were actually coming from.

What I do know beyond a doubt is that the CIA was not institutionally plotting against the president, as some allege. The accusation is absurd.

CIA officers are career professionals who work for the president. They see this as a

solemn duty, regardless of which party holds the White House.

Has everyone ruled out the possibility that the intelligence community during this period was simply doing its job — calling things as it saw them — and that people with a wide array of motives found it advantageous to put out this material when the CIA's views seemed at odds with the administration's?

I think so. I only regret that we're in a period when intelligence is being used as a weapon — but more against ourselves than our enemies. We should all agree that this must stop.

Many people have called for a return to civility in Washington.

Civility means thoughtful, well-informed debate. Nowhere is this more needed than in the debate over intelligence.

Like the U.S. military, our nation's intelligence officers face daunting challenges now and far years to come. Constructive criticism can help. Tirades and hyperbole will not.

John McLaughlin is deputy director of central intelligence.

LETTERS

Red state Idaho needs to open its eyes

I wonder if President George W. Bush (who engineered a tax cut of pennies to the poor and middle classes while losing off millions to the small richest class and who proposes to make that rich class windfall permanent by abolishing the estate tax) is aware that his born-again idol tipped over the tables of money changes, then chased them out and that he (his idol) promoted the principle of "Do unto others what you expect them to do unto you?"

I wonder how many Idaho citizens are aware that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne heads a one-party state government which blatantly does public business secretly behind closed committee doors?

On Nov. 2, 2004, I wonder if the majority of voters were aware that the forefathers of the USA wrote sternly that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance?

Idaho and the USA will not survive if cover-ups and hypocrisy continue to be the "modus operandi!"

BOB STITTEN
Twin Falls

Congress uses the end-around on fee demo

Saturday, Nov. 20, was a black day for those of us who believe that we the people have the right to enjoy hiking

and biking on our public lands without being required to pay to do so.

On Saturday, Congressman Ralph Regula of Ohio (a state with little or no public land) pushed a measure through Congress making the unpopular "Fee Demo Program" permanent. An earlier attempt by Regula to attach his bill as a rider to the gigantic Omnibus Appropriations Bill being hustled through the lame duck session of Congress was rejected by all four pertinent Senate committees (one of which was headed by our own Sen. Larry Craig).

Undaunted, Regula went over-their-heads and struck a last minute deal with the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska. Regula reportedly agreed to support funding for a road in Alaska in exchange for having his bill reattached.

The Omnibus Appropriations Bill is over 3,000 pages long. Many senators openly admitted to the impossibility of reading it before passing it on to the president to sign into law.

It will be some time before we will know how many other riders were attached to the bill (with no debate and no chance to vote on them) in its passage through Congress. What we do know is that coming soon to a trail near you will be a member of the Public Lands Police demanding to

see your \$100 pass permitting you to walk or bike on the lands that belong to all Americans.

Failure to produce your pass will cost you a \$5,000 fine and/or six months in jail. Senior citizens' "Golden Pass" is to be rescinded and replaced by an "America the Beautiful" pass costing, for the time being, \$100. And that, I fear, is just the beginning.

DIANA PASSINO
Ketchum

Electoral College quashes minority voices

A question asked on the citizenship test: "Why do you want to be a USA citizen?" The answer is "to have the right to vote."

This idea is wrong in at least one way. The most important vote we ever cast is for the president of the USA. Yet those votes go to the Electoral College.

The Electoral College then elects the president. Idaho has four electoral votes all going

to the same person.

From my point of view, it would be more fair if the votes we're allocated according to the percentage each candidate received.

In the last election, Bush would have gotten three and Kerry one.

It would not have changed the final outcome. However, the minority would have been heard from, which makes it fairer representation of the true face of Idaho.

The Nov. 19 editorial uses the argument that other states that used the percentage method did not change the final vote outcome and this is the reason Idaho should not change.

That is screwball logic. It is more important to show the true representation of each state. It should not be winner-take-all state.

Go Wendy Jaquet, go. Keep fighting for Idaho's minority to be heard. One day, we will be the majority.

POLLY BICKETT
Jerome

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Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Chinese police hunt for man in knife attack

BEIJING (AP)—A man with a knife broke into a high school dormitory and killed as many as nine boys as they slept — the deadliest of a series of knife attacks at Chinese schools in recent months, the government said Friday.

Police were hunting for the man following the attack late Thursday at the No. 2 High School in the city of Tuzhou, government news agencies reported. They said the motive was under investigation.

The man broke into the dormitory at 11:45 p.m. and "chopped eight people to death," the official Xinhua News Agency said. Another state-run outlet, the China News Service, put the death toll at nine.

Ruzhou police refused to release any other information. The China News Service said the attacker might have been a former student who had been expelled. It cited a survivor as saying that during the attack, the man with the knife said, "Don't blame me."

The reason for the surge in knife attacks isn't clear. They have taken place throughout China and involve attackers from different backgrounds. In the only other fatal case until this week, an attacker at a Beijing kindergarten was reported to be an employee of the school who had a history of mental illness.

But China's cities and towns seethe with grudges and personal feuds amid wrenching economic and social change. Fatal bombings, mass poisonings and other attacks are reported frequently and usually blamed on people trying to hurt business rivals or seeking revenge in often minor disputes.

With every summer here comes a spike in crimes against visitors, who flock to Rio to soak up the Southern Hemisphere sun and join the revelry at New Year's and Carnival, the two biggest events on the social calendar.

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Ukraine's millennium of struggle

Ukraine's centuries-old independent spirit was repeatedly thwarted throughout its history.

In the 10th and 11th centuries, the region was the center of the most powerful state in Europe, the Kievan Rus, which then split into principalities.

The region then endured several centuries of Mongol, Tatar, Polish and Austro-Hungarian rule.

A mid-1600s uprising against the Polish-Lithuanian Ukraine state.

A century later, the independent Ukraine state, the Cossack Hetmanate was absorbed into the Russian Empire.

Between 1917-20 a brief independence followed the collapse of Czarist Russia.

Under Soviet rule, Ukrainians suffered famines staged by the Soviet dictatorship that killed up to 10 million Ukrainians.

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Ukrainian rivals fail to resolve crisis after meeting

KIEV, Ukraine (AP)—Ukraine's two rivals for power failed in nearly three hours of talks Friday to resolve the political stalemate over who will lead the bitterly divided nation, and opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko told a huge rally that he was insisting on a new election.

Outgoing President Leonid Kuchma presided at the meeting with Yushchenko, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich and a delegation of key European envoys, and he said a working group had been established to find a solution to the crisis over who will succeed him.

The Yanukovich was declared the winner of Sunday's election but cannot be inaugurated pending hearing of an appeal to the Supreme Court filed by the Yushchenko camp.

President Bush said from his vacation home in Crawford, Texas, that the world "is watching very closely" and he hoped the crisis would be "resolved in a way that brings credit and confidence to the Ukrainian government." The United States and European Union have said they cannot accept the results of the runoff election, warning of "consequences" of Ukraine's relations with the West if the current outcome stands.

Impasse continues:

Talks between Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich and opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko failed to resolve crisis over who won Sunday's disputed presidential election.

Opposition demands: Yushchenko told mass rally his side insisting on return of voting Dec. 12, with observers from Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Outside view: President Bush, whose government along with European Union rejected election commission naming Yanukovich winner, said the world "is watching very closely."

Source: The Associated Press

Hundreds of thousands of Yushchenko's supporters have massed in the streets since Sunday to protest what they and Western nations have called seriously flawed balloting.

Yushchenko did not give details of what was discussed in the talks at the ornate Marinsky presidential palace, but he told tens-of-thousands of his supporters in Independence Square shortly afterward that his side was insisting on a rerun of the voting, which he said he wanted to be held Dec. 12 under the observation of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Yushchenko did not specify in his statement to the crowd, but he appeared to be calling for a new nationwide vote, rather than only in some areas. In recent days, speculation had been high that a new vote in

only some districts could be acceptable — primarily districts in Yanukovich stronghold regions where observers said turnout figures appeared to be widely inflated. Earlier Friday, the UN news agency quoted Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Yakovenko as saying that Moscow regarded potential revoting favorably — an apparent significant retreat from its earlier insistence that the elections were fair and valid.

Russian President Vladimir Putin had all but publicly endorsed Yanukovich and underlined his support by visiting Ukraine on the eve of both the initial vote and Sunday's runoff.

He has twice congratulated Yanukovich on his victory but on Thursday said the election dispute should be settled in the courts, not in the streets.

Jailed leader won't run in Palestinian election

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)—Jailed Palestinian uprising leader Marwan Barghouti dropped out of the race to replace Yasser Arafat on Friday, agreeing to support the candidacy of interim leader Mahmoud Abbas in a move intended to head off a split in the ruling Fatah movement.

Barghouti's decision not to run in the Palestinians' presidential election in June was a big boost for Abbas, a pragmatist who opposes violence and appears to have the tacit support of Israel and the United States.

Fatah's old-time leaders had feared Barghouti's popularity among younger activists could carry him to victory — or help other candidates by dividing the Fatah vote, although no other serious candidates have entered the race so far.

Meanwhile, Israel agreed to remove all roadblocks in the West Bank on the day of the presidential election, security officials said on condition of anonymity. Israel's government has said it will do its utmost to ensure the vote goes smoothly.

Barghouti made his decision after Fatah announced that its long-delayed internal elections would be held next summer, a

move clearly intended to appease — the movement's increasingly restless young guard who feel they have been denied deserved roles in the top leadership.

Barghouti, the 45-year-old former leader of Fatah operations in the West Bank, is serving five life terms in an Israeli prison for a series of attacks that killed four Israeli soldiers and a Greek monk.

Palstinian Cabinet Minister Kadouria Fares, a Barghouti confidante, traveled to Israel's Naftali Prison on Friday to meet with Barghouti and discuss his potential candidacy.

Fares said he carried several messages from Abbas, including the promise of Fatah elections and a pledge that Barghouti would be an important member of the Palestinian leadership. Barghouti was pleased and decided not to run, Fares said at a news conference in Ramallah on Friday night.

Bush prods parties in North Ireland to reach compromise

The Washington Post

LONDON — President Bush on Friday telephoned Ian Paisley, leader of a Protestant-dominated party in Northern Ireland that has resisted power-sharing with its main Roman Catholic counterpart, to urge a breakthrough in the long-stalled process of political reconciliation in the British province.

The White House said Bush would soon convey a similar message in a call to Gerry Adams, who heads Sinn Fein, a predominantly Catholic party linked to the paramilitary Irish Republican Army.

The calls appeared to be part of a complex effort coordinated by the British and Irish governments

to pressure both sides to achieve a compromise by next week that would reinstate a joint administration and assembly that were suspended two years ago.

Paisley, who heads the Democratic Unionist Party, said he had a "long and very useful conversation" with Bush, who has taken a low-profile approach to Northern Ireland, in contrast to the activism practiced by his predecessor, Bill Clinton.

"I told him I'd like to be in a position to make a deal, but that any deal must be fair and must address to my satisfaction and my electorate's satisfaction all the fundamental issues that have blocked progress for so long," Paisley told a news conference in Belfast.

Crime wave builds during Brazil's tourist season

Los Angeles Times

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — A wave of assaults on tourists in this seaside resort city has authorities scrambling to contain the violence as they prepare for the annual high tourist season.

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U.S. frees Army deserter

TOKYO (AP) — For nearly four decades, he was a prisoner of the North Koreans. Then U.S. Army deserter Charles Jenkins came to Japan this year, faced a court-martial and was sentenced to a month in jail.

On Saturday, he will save his first taste of freedom.

U.S. military officials said Jenkins, 64, would be released a week early for good behavior during a 30-day sentence for abandoning his Army unit in 1965 and defecting to North Korea, where he lived for 39 years.

Jenkins was to be flown by helicopter from the brig at the U.S. naval base in Yokosuka to the Army base at Camp Zama outside Tokyo, where he was expected to stay for a short time before moving to his Japanese wife's hometown in northern Japan.

For Jenkins, a native of Ilch Sautz, N.C., it has been a long, hard journey.

Jenkins claims he left his unit as a sergeant on Jan. 5, 1965, primarily because he was afraid of being reassigned to face combat in Vietnam.

At his Nov. 3 court-martial, he said that after crossing the Demilitarized Zone into North Korea, his plan was to defect to the Soviet Embassy and eventually make his way back to the United States.

Instead, the North Koreans kept him for 39 years along with three other American deserters. He was used as a propaganda tool in broadcasts to South Korea and was required to teach English to North Korean military officer cadets, he said.

Two of the three Americans have since died. The third, James Dresnok of Richmond, Va., who was a private when he defected in 1962, still lives in the North.

Jenkins told his court-martial that he and the three other deserters lived a hard-scrabble existence in the isolated Stalinist state.

"We slept on the floor, there was most often no electricity, and we had no running water, he testified. "We were allowed to bathe once a month, though in the summer we bathed more often in the river."

Jenkins said they were made to study — in Korean — the philosophy of then-North Korean leader Kim Il Sung for 10 hours a day. If they didn't memorize enough, they were forced to study 16 hours on Sunday, their only day off.

"I longed to leave that place every day," Jenkins told the court.

A turning point came in 1980, when he met and married Hitomi Soga, a Japanese woman who had been abducted by North Korean agents in 1978 to teach the Japanese language and culture to its spies.

The marriage was what eventually got Jenkins his freedom.

At a summit in 2002 with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il admitted his country had kidnapped Soga and other Japanese. Kim allowed Soga and four other survivors to return home.

Jenkins initially stayed behind, but Soga's effort to get together with her husband and their two daughters generated great sympathy in Japan. This July, Koizumi's government arranged for her to reunite with Jenkins and the children in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Negotiators near nuclear compromise

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Pressured by European powers, Iranian negotiators at a key U.N. atomic agency meeting sought approval from their government Friday for a total freeze of a program that can make nuclear-weapons grade uranium.

France, Germany and Britain, awaiting a response from Tehran, dangled both a carrot and a stick. Meeting a key Iranian demand, a draft resolution makes no mention of earlier

calls that any freeze be monitored by International Atomic Energy Agency head Mohamed ElBaradei. The confidential draft, being prepared for the IAEA board meeting, was made available late Friday to The Associated Press.

At the same time, an EU official told the AP that Tehran's refusal to drop demands to exempt equipment from the enrichment suspension would prompt a much harsher resolution that could include the

threat of Security Council action. Speaking on condition of anonymity, he said work on such an "alternate" text had already begun, although he expressed hope it would not be needed.

Disputes over what constituted a full freeze of uranium enrichment activities dominated the second day of an International Atomic Energy Agency board meeting and led to a decision to extend it into Monday, after a weekend break.

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SPORTS

No. 1 Wake Forest beats No. 18 Arizona

NEW YORK (AP) — Justin Gray scored 21 points for the second straight game and No. 1 Wake Forest beat No. 18 Arizona 63-60 on Friday night for its first Preseason NIT title.

The loss ended Arizona's 15-game winning streak in the Preseason NIT. The Wildcats won the tournament the last three times it participated in 1990, '95 and '99. The Demon Deacons (6-0) also ended an 11-game winning streak at Madison Square Garden for Arizona coach Lute Olson. The Hall of Famer's run started in 1973, when he was coaching at Long Beach State.

Hassan Adams had 19 points and eight rebounds for Arizona (4-1), while Salim Stoudamire had 16 points.

Arizona (4-1) rallied to get within 61-60 with 1:26 left on a 3-pointer by Hassan Adams. Gary missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with 24 seconds left and Arizona had one timeout left but Olson didn't call it. Shukur dribbled the ball at the top of the key and started his move with 7 seconds left. His jumper from about 8 feet was short.

Eric Williams made two free throws for Wake Forest with 1.2 seconds left and Arizona's chance to the ended when Adams' turnaround 3-point attempt at the buzzer bounced off the rim.

No. 3 Georgia Tech 79, Arkansas-Little Rock 54

ATLANTA — B.J. Elder scored 23 points, No. 3 Georgia Tech started the game with a 2-2 run and the Yellow Jackets cruised past Arkansas-Little Rock on Friday night.

Georgia Tech (3-0) had an easy time after struggling to a 60-59 victory at Illinois-Chicago on Monday.

No. 8 Kentucky 77, Georgia State 59

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Chuck Hayes and Kelvin Anderson each had 16 points and nine rebounds, leading Kentucky past Georgia State.

Freshman center Randolph Morris added 14 points and nine rebounds for the winner. Hayes, who recorded his third lopsided win in as many games this season.

'Spider-Man' Johnson is Georgia Tech's big catch

ATLANTA (AP) — Apparently everyone but Calvin Johnson figured the freshman receiver would be a big hit for Georgia Tech this season.

"I've surprised myself a little bit," he said.

Johnson has rapidly become one of the best receivers in the Atlantic Coast Conference and one of the top freshmen in the country. He even had an opponent comparing him to Spider-Man after a particularly remarkable grab.

The star of Georgia Tech's 2004 recruiting class leads the team with 41 catches for 732 yards. He ranks second in the ACC with six touchdown catches and ranks second among the nation's freshmen in receptions.

In just the last two weeks, Johnson has 11 receptions for 239 yards.

"I made the statement previously that if he lives up to his hype we'll all be happy, and I think he's done that," Tech coach Chan Gailey said.

The 6-foot-4 Johnson is a major matchup concern for any team, including No. 8 Georgia in Saturday's final regular-season game for both teams.

"He is a great receiver," said Demario Mintier, who is the taller of Georgia's starting corners at 6-feet. "We don't have a corner who is that tall, so we are going to have to be physical."

Though he has seen extra defensive attention throughout the season, Johnson has made big plays week after week. But one game stands out. On Nov. 6 at North Carolina State, he delivered two highlight-worthy catches on Tech's game-winning drive.

The first probably rates as one of the year's best in college football.

Johnson reached back to pull in a one-handed catch for 42 yards in the middle of the field. Reggie Bell's pass was thrown well behind Johnson.

"He reached back with his big hand and pulled it in like Spider-Man," North Carolina State defensive back Narciss Hudson said.

College basketball

No. 17 N.C. State 99, Campbell 44

RALEIGH, N.C. — Cameron Bennerman scored 20 points to lead North Carolina State past Campbell, marking their fourth straight lopsided victory to start the season.

Julius Hodge added 16 points, seven rebounds and seven assists for the Wolfpack, who shot 70 percent in the second half and committed just six turnovers for the game.

Diago Aguilar scored 16 points for the Fighting Camels (1-2), who have lost 24 of 25 games against Atlantic Coast Conference teams.

The Fighting Camels' only win against an ACC foe came 11 years ago against the Wolfpack, a 72-69 overtime win in Reynolds Coliseum.

Women

No. 3 Georgia 77, Idaho 55

HONOLULU — Cori Chambers and Tasha Humphrey each scored 18 points Friday, leading No. 3 Georgia to a 77-55 victory over Idaho in the opening round of the Rainbow Wahine Classic.

The Lady Bulldogs (3-0) made 10 of their first 16 shots and used their size advantage and man-to-man defense to build a 22-7 lead with 13 minutes left in the opening half. Humphrey scored eight consecutive points in the early run.

Idaho's Emily Faurholt, who averaged an NCAA-best 25.4 points last season, missed her first eight shots and finished with 13 points on a 4-for-21 shooting. Leilan Mitchell scored 18 points for the Vandals (2-1), who don't have a player taller than 6-foot-1.

Georgia charged to a 43-19 lead at the break and led by as many as 35 points early in the second half.

The Vandals went on a 12-2 run midway through the second half, closing within 26 points, and got as close as 20 in the final period.

Georgia faces the winner of the Texas Christian-California game in Saturday's semifinals.



Georgia Tech wide receiver Calvin Johnson (21) is stopped by Connecticut cornerback Justin Perkins (2) in the second half in Atlanta, in this Nov. 13 photo.

Georgia at Georgia Tech

TV: CBS, 1:30 p.m.

Even Ball figured the drive was over when he made the bad pass.

"I didn't even think he caught it," he said. "I was heading to the sideline."

Johnson's diving catch for 27 yards later in the drive was routine in comparison.

Even he says the Spider-Man grab is his favorite.

"It was a great catch," he said. "I saw it on SportsCenter and I was like 'Wow!'"

Yellow Jackets fans have been wowed by Johnson all season.

Calvin Johnson is just a big, raw freshman and he's getting better and better, and creates a matchup problem for a lot of people," Georgia coach Mark Richt said. "He has good strength, agility and size, and can win a lot of jump-ball situations."

Pistons edge Heat on Hamilton lay-in

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Richard Hamilton caught an in-bounds-pass-under-the-basket and banked in a short shot with 1.3 seconds left, giving the Detroit Pistons an 87-77 win over Miami on Friday night as the Heat lost for the first time in nine games against Eastern Conference opponents.

Udonis Haslem, who made a go-head basket with 7.3 seconds to go, missed a long, fadeaway jumper at the buzzer.

The Heat left the court angry at the officials after Rasheed Wallace raised a hand near the basket and appeared to deflect the final shot as it hit the front of the rim, but the referees declined to call goaltending.

Richard Hamilton led the Pistons with 24 points, making all 10 of his free throw attempts. Chauncey Billups added 15. The Pistons are 500 this season and 2-2 since their brawl with the Indiana Pacers a week ago.

Shaquille O'Neal had 24 points and 17 rebounds for the Heat and Dwayne Wade had 17 points on 6-of-17 shooting and six assists before fouling out with 1:51 left. Haslem added 15 points one game after scoring a career-high 21.

Timberwolves 115, Grizzlies 90

MINNEAPOLIS — Lionel Hollins lost his debut as interim coach of the Grizzlies, with Kevin Garnett getting 26 points and 15 rebounds and Latrell Sprewell adding 22 points to lead the Minnesota Timberwolves over Memphis' 115-90 Friday night.

The Timberwolves scored their highest scoring output of the season as well as a season-low nine turnovers in snapping a two-game losing streak.

Mike Miller scored 19 points for Memphis, which was playing its first game following the sudden resignation of Hubie Brown.

Cavaliers 98, Celtics 96

BOSTON — Zdrunas Ilgauskas scored 26 points, leading the game-winning jumper on a cut from LeBron James with 19 seconds left. James, coming off a career-high 43-point effort on Wednesday night, had 20 points, eight assists, and 15 rebounds. Cleveland, which won for the eighth time in 'nine games. Drew Gooden had 27 points for the Cavs.

Paul Pierce, who was fined for spitting at the Cleveland bench during an Oct. 25 exhibition game, kept his mouth closed and scored 25 for Boston. He



Miami Heat center Shaquille O'Neal (32), guarded by Detroit Pistons forward Derrick Coleman, looks to pass during the second quarter at the Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich., Friday.

had a chance to send the game to overtime, but James got a piece of his 10-foot jumper.

Gary Payton had 14 points and 10 assists for Boston, which has lost three in a row.

Magic 117, Hawks 99

ATLANTA — Steve Francis scored 29 points and No. 1 draft pick Dwight Howard added a career-high 24 in his homecoming.

Howard, who grew up in Atlanta and graduated from a nearby small private school, had several hundred fans sitting in club level seats behind the Magic bench as he pulled down nine rebounds in a team-high 42 minutes.

He was 8-for-11 from the floor and 8-for-12 on free throws to top his previous career-high of 15 points Nov. 9 at Dallas.

Orlando has won three of four. The Hawks, led by 20 points apiece from Antoine Walker and Tony Delk, lost their

first straight.

76ers 116, Wizards 114, OT

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson stole an inbound pass, drove down the court and made a layup at the buzzer.

Iverson finished with 28 points and 13 assists. Kyle Korver scored 26 and Marc Jackson added 21 for the Sixers. Antawn Jamison had 27 points and 15 rebounds. Gilbert Arenas scored 23 and Larry Hughes had 20 for the Wizards.

Washington, which had won three in a row, was without coach Eddie Jordan, who was hospitalized with a blood clot in his left leg and is expected to miss one more game. Assistant Mike O'Koren coached the Wizards in Jordan's absence.

Mavericks 92, Trail Blazers 83

DALLAS — Marquis Daniels

had a block, a steal and three straight assists in a just over a two-minute span in the fourth quarter, helping Dallas end a three-game losing streak.

Daniels finished with 15 points and five assists. Dirk Nowitzki had 23 points and 14 rebounds, his second straight double-double since missing a game with a sprained left ankle.

Eric Dampier had 11 points and 11 rebounds, just two days after being held to a point in 31 minutes against San Antonio.

Josh Howard added 20 points and 10 rebounds.

While the Mavericks were still below the 104-point scoring average they had before their losing streak, they scored more than 82 for the first time in four games.

Derek Anderson had 23 points for Portland, which was coming off consecutive wins in Florida against Miami and Orlando.

Troubled, testing times for Cavaliers' Dajuan Wagner

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — Dajuan Wagner often wonders how so many things went wrong at once.

An ankle injury delayed the start of his third season with the Cleveland Cavaliers. That setback, however, seems far less complicated than the problems confronting him in his hometown of Camden, a city of drugs and poverty and where he became a basketball star.

His stepfather is on trial in a big federal drug case. A longtime friend is awaiting trial on murder charges. Wagner looms in the background of both. Then there's his 17-year-old sister, who fell from a school bus and fractured her skull.

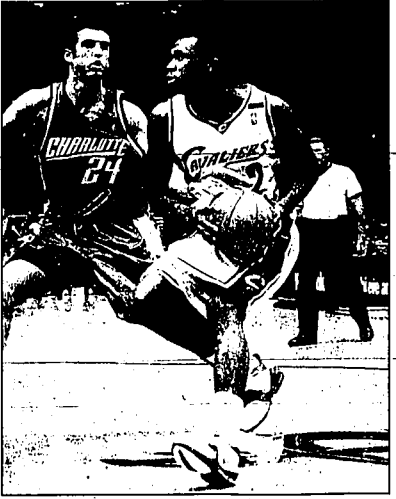
"A lot of this stuff has been hard to get out of my head," Wagner said. "All I can do is hope that it makes me stronger."

Wagner became the pride of this city and one of the nation's biggest names in high school basketball when he led Camden's High Panthers to a state title as a junior. In 2001, he became New Jersey's career scoring leader in high school. He also became the first high school player in more than 20 years to score 100 points in a game, and, according to some, a hopeless showboat.

Wagner spent one season at the University of Memphis, where he led his team to the NIT championship before leaving for the NBA.

But the 21-year-old guard keeps coming back to Camden, which sits just across the Delaware River from Philadelphia and was, recently ranked by the country's most dangerous city.

Wagner, a potential witness in his stepfather's drug trial, spent several days waiting outside a federal courtroom in Camden this fall. Inside the courtroom, witnesses spoke of how Wagner



Cleveland Cavaliers guard Dajuan Wagner (2) works against Charlotte Bobcats' Jason Kapono (24) late in the Cavaliers' 100-88 win Saturday, in Cleveland.

could be a target of violence in his hometown.

Wagner and his mother, witnesses told a jury, were said to be the targets of a kidnaping plot ordered by a jailed drug dealer in early 2002. Federal prosecutors said the plot never existed, but it became a key issue in the drug trial of Leonard "Pooh" Pugh, who married Wagner's mother, Lisa, in October 2003. The government contends

time friend, Lance Bean. Bean, whom federal authorities in Paulk's trial characterized as a drug dealer, is charged with killing a man in Camden in April 2003.

Nine days later, Bean was arrested while climbing into a car that belonged to Wagner, who was not around Camden at the time. No trial has been scheduled for Bean.

Wagner's father, Mill, also from Camden, starred in college at Louisville and played for more than a decade as a professional, mostly overseas. Mill Wagner, now an assistant coach at Memphis, said he and his son still think of Camden as home.

As for basketball, injuries kept him out of almost half his team's games his first two seasons. In early October, he reported to training camp healthy. Then sister Dashaundra Wagner fell out of the emergency door of a school bus. For weeks, she drifted in and out of consciousness.

Wagner missed practice to visit her but returned in time to be the top scorer in the team's first public scrimmage. Then he sprained his ankle, forcing him to miss the start of the season again.

The Cavaliers worried about the Wagner's injuries as well as his ballhandling and shooting. They brought in veteran shooting guard Lucious Harris in the offseason.

The team declined to pick up an option on Wagner's contract that would have paid him \$3.4 million for the 2005-06 season. He'll be free to sign with any team next summer.

His first game this season came Nov. 18. He played in four of Cleveland's first 11 games, averaging 2.8 points and 0.8 assists in 8.3 minutes.

"It just feels good to be playing again," he said after a recent game in Cleveland.

SPORTS

No. 6 Texas hooks No. 22 Texas A&M, bolsters BCS bid

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Cedric Benson ran for 165 yards and a touchdown Friday to lead No. 6 Texas to a 26-13 win over No. 22 Texas A&M, a victory sure to start the Bowl Championship Series arguments into high gear.

Vince Young added a touchdown run and 224 yards total for the Longhorns (10-1, 7-1 Big 12), who earned their fifth straight win over their fiercest in-state rival.

Reggie McNeal passed for 247 yards and a touchdown for A&M (7-4, 5-3), which rebounded from last season's 4-8 finish to become bowl-eligible against the toughest schedule in the nation. Three of the Aggies' four losses have come against teams ranked in the top six.

Now let the BCS bickering begin.

The Texas victory kept alive the Longhorns' slim hopes of earning their first bid to the BCS — if the win gives them a big enough boost in the standings to pass fourth-place California. Texas fans chanted "B.C.S." after the game ended.

Colorado 26, Nebraska 20

LINCOLN, Neb. — Colorado stayed alive in the Big 12 North race for another day and ended Nebraska's season in November for the first time since 1968.

The Buffaloes' 26-20 win Friday at the Longhorns to their first rushing season in 43 years and snapped their NCAA-record streak of consecutive bowl appearances at 35.

"I'm really glad they're home for the holidays," Colorado defensive tackle Matt McChesney said. "They can sit and watch everybody else play. I hope it feels good."

Bobby Purify run for 130 yards and a touchdown and the Buffaloes intercepted Nebraska's Joe Daley four times. They won their third straight after a 1-4 start in the conference and they did it against an opponent that they love to hate — the former Colorado coach Bill McCartney designated as the Buffs' chief rival back in the 1980s.

Now the Buffaloes (7-4, 4-1)



Texas coach Mack Brown receives a beverage dunk from his players following the team's win over Texas A&M in Austin, Texas, Friday, Texas won, 26-13.

need Missouri to win at Iowa State on Saturday to advance to the Big 12 championship game against Oklahoma on Dec. 4 in Kansas City, Mo.

While a bowl is in the Buffs' future, regardless of what happens Saturday, Nebraska (5-6, 3-3) is done.

The Huskers, who fired Frank Solich after a 9-3 regular season last year, ended the season with four losses in five games under new coach Bill Callahan.

No. 14 LSU 43, Arkansas 14

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Marcus Randall ran for two touchdowns and threw two more to Joseph Addai, leading No. 14 LSU to a 43-14 victory over Arkansas on Friday.

Randall was 10-for-14 for 173 yards and had 79 yards rushing. Alley Broussard added 81 yards rushing for the Tigers (9-2, 6-2 Southeastern Conference), who ended the game with 26 unanswered points.

Arizona 34, No. 18 Arizona St. 27

TUCSON, Ariz. — Redshirt freshman Richard Kovachuk threw three touchdowns passes — two to Mike Jefferson — and Arizona turned five takeaways into 24 points to stun 18th-ranked Arizona State 34-27 on Friday.

Andrew Walter, the Sun Devils' record-breaking senior quarterback, left the game with an injury to his right shoulder with 7:30 remaining and his

team trailing 34-20. Mike Bell rushed for 139 yards in 21 carries for the Wildcats (3-8 overall, 2-6 Pac-10), who averaged 13 points per game going into the contest, last among 117 Division I-A teams.

Arizona State (6-3, 5-3) lost four families to help Arizona reach a season-high point total. Arizona fans stormed the field after the first big victory for Wildcats first-year coach Mike Stoops.

The loss probably won't affect Arizona State's chances for the Holiday Bowl, bowl representative Larry Baber said. The Sun Devils are expected to receive the Holiday invitation if No. 1 Southern California plays in the Orange Bowl and No. 4 California in the Rose Bowl.

Fighting Irish, Trojans renew rivalry

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Matt Leinart became a Notre Dame fan at age 8, when the movie "Rudy" was released.

Thirteen years later, Leinart is the quarterback for Southern California. He'll be doing everything he can to beat the Fighting Irish when the teams meet Saturday night.

"There's nothing like playing Notre Dame at the Coliseum," Leinart said. "I've never played them at home, so that's going to be fun."

A sellout crowd of more than 90,000 is expected for the 76th game between the teams in a series that began in 1926.

The Trojans' last win by 31 points came at the first two years, thanks mainly to terrific passing performances by Carson Palmer and Leinart, who threw for 425 and 351 yards, respectively.

Notre Dame at USC

TV: ABC, 6 p.m.

Those games aren't typical of one of the most intense rivalries in sports. Notre Dame leads 42-28-5 and has a 15-5-1 record in the last 21.

"Things have taken a dramatic turn the past two years, and the Trojans (10-0, 7-0 Pac-10) are favored by 23 points — one of the biggest spreads in series history.

"You can't have a good season without beating Notre Dame, at least that's what my father told me," USC linebacker Lefa Itatupu said.

Itatupu's father, Mosi, was a fullback at USC from 1974-77. The Trojans made one of college football's most memorable

comebacks against Notre Dame in 1974, scoring 55 unanswered points against the country's top-ranked team after falling behind 24-0.

The Trojans made another big comeback 10 years earlier, rallying from a 17-0 halftime deficit to beat the top-ranked Irish 20-17.

Now it's the Trojans who are No. 1. Notre Dame (6-4) has had its moments this year, winning 28-20 over No. 15 Michigan and 17-13 at No. 15 Tennessee.

But the Irish were pounded 41-16 by Purdue, and are coming off a 41-38 loss to Pittsburgh.

Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham said it's imperative his team brings a winning attitude into the game.

"We've got to carry in there a

don't worry, have fun, loose attitude, nothing to lose in this contest, and to play some very physical football," he said. "I've take that, the right mindset, then I think our bodies will be able to perform at a level that we'll be very comfortable with."

It will help if Leinart can be contained to some degree. Notre Dame's track record indicates that won't be easy, since USC has had such incredible success passing against the Irish the past two years and the opposition has averaged 261.2 yards in the air this season.

A victory would give the Trojans their best start since 1972, when they won the national championship with a 12-0 record. More important, it would keep their current national title hopes alive.

WILD RIDE

Former Idaho coach's career resembles roller-coaster

By Dale Grummett
The Lewiston Tribune

LEWISTON — In October of last year, Chris Tormey was the head coach of a University of Nevada football team with a 5-2 record and seemingly bright prospects, still aglow from a resounding upset on the road against his former employer, Washington.

At least one dot.com analyst was hailing Tormey as a candidate for more high-profile jobs — including the one at Washington if it ever came open.

Well, it's open. And Tormey is already on the UW campus, but he's apparently not a candidate.

In yet another example of the volatility of his profession, Tormey's head-coaching stock, after reaching that peak midway through the 2003 season, nose-dived in the ensuing weeks as the Wolf Pack lost four of their last five games and the coach was summarily fired.

A year later, his prospects haven't exactly ebbed, since he's part of the Keith Gilbertson staff at Washington that got the heave-ho effective at the end of the season.

In returning to the Palouse, Tormey, 49, may be reminded of the less tempestuous time he spent as head coach at Idaho, where he posted a 33-23 record in five seasons at his alma mater and led the Vandals to a Humanitarian Bowl victory in 1991.

"I loved it at Idaho," he said. "That was a special, special place to me and my family. We had some good teams there, we had great chemistry and we loved living in Moscow. Those

are going to be some of the best years of my life as I look back."

He left UW in 2000 to take the Nevada job, and he now views the decision in the light of what Cable views his decision to take the Idaho position the same year — as a miscalculation.

He doesn't specify a reason. But others have noted how difficult it can be to coach at a school whose athletic director is also the former coach in the sport in question. That was the case at Nevada, where Ad Chris Ault has had three tenures as football coach.

Taking over a program that had gone 3-8 the previous year, Tormey seemed at various times to be moving the Wolf Pack forward.

But he wound up with a 16-31 record for years, and Ault sacked him after a 56-13 loss to Boise State last year, naming himself as Tormey's replacement.

In the wake of the Nevada ordeal, Tormey found the Washington assistant job attractive, despite Gilbertson's tenuous hold on the head-coaching spot. Tormey had assisted at the school for 11 years through 1994, Seattle where he met his wife-to-be and where his two daughters were born.

But this return to U-Dub will evidently be short-lived. Midway through the season, according to Gilbertson, it was obvious he would be fired, and he asked administrators not to prolong the suspense.

The fact that UW once saw Tormey as head-coaching prospect of course means nothing this time around.

'Ill-conceived' prank nets benching for FAU seniors

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — Twenty-eight Florida Atlantic players, including 14 starters, won't start against Edward Waters on Saturday after skipping a day of practice in what was described as an "ill-conceived practical joke."

Coach Howard Schnellenberger handed down the punishment. Thanksgiving morning during a meeting with the offending players, all senior players skipped practice Wednesday. The mass boycott was meant as a prank, the players said, and was not meant to

express a grievance with the coaches.

"Obviously they are players and I am a coach and they have a long way to go before they know how coaches think and feel," Schnellenberger said.

Schnellenberger accepted the players' explanation. "We didn't want to upset anybody; we probably didn't think it all the way through," said Jared Allen, the Owls starting placekicker. "The actions of the players who will sit at the beginning of Saturday's game."

BSU

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points per game. Running back Lee Marks, averaging 5.1 yards per carry, needs 191 yards to become the ninth Bronco to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season.

Once known primarily for their blue "Smurf Turf," the Broncos placed the national attention his team has earned as it tries to finish off its third season in a row without a WAC loss — a 25-game streak dating to 2001.

"I'll be here none of the talk about his team's chances of moving up from seventh to sixth in the BCS standings, which would guarantee a berth in the Orange, Rose, Sugar or Fiesta bowls."

That doesn't mean a whole lot to Coach Ault. It doesn't mean a whole lot to the Wolf Pack. It won't mean a whole lot on Saturday, Hawkins said.

"That (the BCS poll) has never been our focus. It never is. It's not how we operate and it's not what we talk about," he said.

More than one winning streak will be on the line Saturday. Nevada is 5-0 at home this year with wins over Rice, Tulsa and San Jose State, while Boise State has an all-time record of 14-0 on ESPN and ESPN2.

Favored by 25 points at Reno sports books, Hawkins points to the Wolf Pack's home record in trying to persuade his troops not to look back.

"Coach Ault knows what it is all about. He's in the (college football) Hall of Fame, and he's certainly been in his share of rodeos. He'll have the Wolf Pack ready to go," he said.

Nevada is led by sophomore quarterback Jeff Rowe, who has completed 58 percent of his passes for 2,588 yards, and wide out Nicholas Flowers, averaging 95 yards receiving per game. Senior Chase Kretschmer, who has rushed for 775 yards this year after leading the NCAA in rushing as a freshman, is slated to play after sitting out last week.

Twenty years later, the Pass lives on.

BOSTON (AP) — The Pass still is shown over and over on television — Doug Flutie's 48-yard touchdown heave through a misty night sky in Miami that landed in Gerard Phelan's hands and football lore.

On the day after Thanksgiving, 20 years ago, Boston College's colorful quarterback connected on the last play to win that game 47-45, then kept winning — the Heisman Trophy, and the Cotton Bowl.

The fact we're still talking about it 20 years later makes it seem the more impressive, Flutie said. "Not the play itself, but the whole hype around it. It makes it seem more significant."

And not just to the players involved.

"The thing I marvel at is the impact it has had on the sports fan," Phelan said. "Over time, you discover greatness, it stands the test of time. It must be great."

Phelan is an executive with a Boston-area printing firm and said he's asked about the play every day. Flutie is still a quarterback, filling a backup role with the San Diego Chargers at age 42.

In 1984, the Hurricanes were defending national champions

and had Bernie Kosar at quarterback. The Eagles had grown from a weak program to a powerhouse in Flutie's four years.

They met in Miami on Nov. 23, 1984. Flutie threw for 472 yards and three touchdowns, Kosar threw for 447 yards and two touchdowns and the teams combined for more than 1,200 yards.

The Eagles got the ball back at their 20.

In the huddle, Flutie told teammates that if they could get the ball to the 50 they had a chance. They got to the Miami 48 but there were only 6 seconds left.

The next play was called "Horn Tip." Three receivers run down the right side into the end zone and one is supposed to tip the ball to another.

But first Flutie had to throw it 63 yards, having ended up on his own 37 when he rolled out to the right.

"He threw this beautiful spiral," said Reid Oslin, who was BC's sports information director and was on the field. "It never changed the expression on his face and that was it."



Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie rejoices in his brother Darren's arms after defeating the Miami Hurricanes with a last second touchdown pass to defeat Miami, 47-45 in this Nov. 23, 1984 photo in Miami.

walked-off-the-field. The guy never changed the expression on his face and that was it."

There was no time left. The dramatic battle of two powerful offenses was over.

"Although I'd love for every-

body to remember a lot of the other things I've achieved in my career, at least I have that signature moment to be remembered by," Flutie said.

"Very few days go by without it being brought up."

TRUE REFLECTION

Minico's melting pot is representative of schools

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Going on a Sunday walk in the park can be very frustrating for Minico High School athletic director Tim Perriott.

On any given Sunday, Rupe's public soccer fields are filled with young Hispanic men playing highly competitive soccer. There is tight ball control and spot-on passing, with booming goals being scored left and right. There is an abundance of skill on the field at all times — skill a 3-17 Spartans boys soccer team could have sorely used this season.

"You see those kids and you think, 'Man, they would be great players for Minico,'" Perriott said. "But we can't get them to buy into our team. I don't know why, I really don't know."

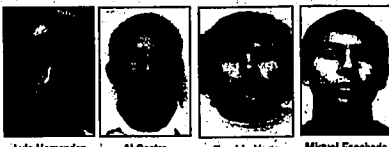
Improving his soccer team would be nice, but the problem Perriott sees is that these high school-aged athletes aren't playing as large a role as they could in Minico's community. While the Hispanic soccer league in the Magic Valley is a family-centered affair where teenagers play with and against their uncles and older brothers, there seems to be a rift when attempting to integrate these players into school-sponsored athletics.

"I'm a firm believer that if you have kids involved in some type of activity or sport, they're less likely to be in trouble and more likely to have good grades," Perriott said. "We're missing the boat on a couple kids though. There are some very athletic young men and women that go through school and graduate from Minico that should have been playing varsity sports."

Erasing the divisions that exist in Minico's students feel exist in Mindoka County be-



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Luis Hernandez, Al Castro, Frankie Vega, Miguel Escobedo

between the majority Caucasian population and themselves is a big concern for Perriott and his students alike. With the Sunday soccer players, Perriott sees troubles in finding time in work schedules and a lack of peer pressure to play sports as the main reasons the players don't dress in the Red and Gold during the weekdays.

"I think a lot has to do with timing and being able to take away from work schedules," Perriott said. "The other part is kids are very influenced by their friends. One or two kids can make the difference."

A number of Spartans athletes are making the difference, including senior football and baseball player Miguel Escobedo. While sitting down with nine other Hispanic Spartans athletes, Escobedo summed up what he feels his role in the community is.

"We feel like we're role models," Escobedo said. "We get some recognition in the newspaper and people go to the games and see that. That's really good for young Hispanic kids to see."

Escobedo points out that having an influence like Perriott is that is willing to go into Minico's halls and recruit for Spartans sports is important.

"Perriott is the best example," Escobedo said. "He tries to get everybody out for every sport, no matter who you are."

One of those players Perriott encouraged to come out for football is junior offensive and defensive lineman "Big" Al Cas-

tro. The outspoken junior just needed a little push when he first tried out for the Spartans football team.

"When Perriott saw me as a guy who pretty much had raw potential, he really encouraged me to stay with it," Castro said. "But some kids who haven't been living here forever don't think they have a chance on other sports."

"Football, you show up and you can play. But in basketball where you only have 12 spots and seven kids have been with that coach and know his system, then there's only really five open spots for someone else to come in."

Players like Escobedo, Castro, and senior football players Frankie Vega and Jesse Nunez are doing what they can to encourage other Hispanic players to participate.

"Of course you hang out with your friends and think if you're not together with them while you're playing sports, you'll feel lonely," Castro said. "But the players become your friends. It's fun. You play with all the guys and you're all like family. I probably spent more time with my teammates than I did with my real family this year."

"There's so much they're missing out on without athletics. If you don't play, you miss out on a lot of the fun."

While one player can make a difference in helping a program,

one can also hurt turnout.

"I've had situations where we've had one or two Hispanic kids quit and it turns up being five or six when it's all said and one," Perriott said. "Kids figure, 'Hey, if he's not going to come, I'm not either. Friends can be really powerful that way.'"

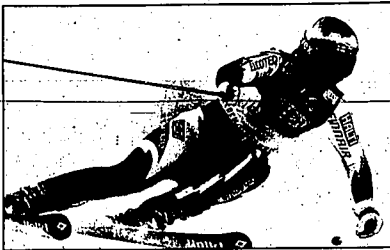
The trick for area sports officials is to find a way to sell the players that are making a difference to their whole student body. Players like 2003 Gooding graduate Angel Aguilera.

"Angel had been a pretty good athlete in football, basketball, and track," Gooding athletic director Joleen Toome said. "He'd get a couple of other Hispanic kids to go out and he was also on student council."

"You have to get those leaders. That helps to get more people involved in student council and all your school activities."

It isn't every day that someone like Castiford graduate Elvis Medina comes along and unites people with his presence. But as coaches and athletic directors continue to see the power their players hold in the overall high school community, they can work together to continue to improve the sporting experience for not just the area's Hispanic athletes, but all athletes.

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Finland's Tarja Poutiainen races down the second run on her way to winning the women's World Cup Giant Slalom race in Aspen, Colo., on Friday.

Finland's Poutiainen edges Paerson in giant slalom

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Finland's Tarja Poutiainen captured her second World Cup victory, charging down the hill on the second run to edge Sweden's Anja Paerson by .09 seconds in a World Cup giant slalom on Friday.

Second to Croatia's Janica Kostelic by .6 seconds after the first run, Poutiainen made up the time on the last half of her second run to finish with a two-run total of 2 minutes, 12.49 seconds at the World Cup's only U.S. stop for women.

Poutiainen had finished second to Paerson in the World Cup season opener in Austria on Oct. 23.

Kostelic, a two-time World Cup overall champion who won three gold medals at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics, appeared to be headed toward her first victory in nearly two years with a stellar first run.

Fighting through driving snow and choppy conditions, Kostelic finished the first run in 1:05.92 in just her second race in 19 months after having her

thyroid gland removed and several knee surgeries.

But with visibility much better and the course running smoother, Kostelic couldn't keep up on the second run with Poutiainen and Paerson, last year's champion in the slalom and giant slalom.

Kostelic, skiing last on the second run, went wide on one of the final turns to finish third overall.

Kristina Koznick was the top American, finishing 24th — 3.69 seconds off the lead. Kirsten Clark finished 28th in her first race since tearing a knee ligament and breaking her wrist in a race last January.

Liechtensteiner's Jessica Walter had to be taken off the course on a sled on the first run after getting too far inside on one of the gates and hitting her forehead. She tumbled backward after the impact, spun her arround, and was on the course for several minutes while medical personnel strapped her to the sled.

Skills

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education before they began working, he said.

"I do think our past keeps us behind," he said. "A lot of kids have this thought that education isn't a big deal. But that's not right."

For many it's short-sighted economics.

"A lot of kids are more concerned about money (than education)," he said. "A lot drop out to work at the dairy for \$9 per hour. As a teenager you're satisfied with that. That seems like big money. But 10 years later, you're still making the same money."

When younger, Elvis hung out with a similar crowd, but he soon saw athletics as a way to avoid that trap.

It's hard to find a college athletic scholarship because there is a misconception that Hispanics are not good recruits.

"I think that Hispanics face more challenges in college versus other minorities," said Boles, an African-American originally from Michigan. "The overall idea

that Latino/Hispanics are potential college athletes is not seen very often, especially in sports such as basketball, volleyball and baseball. It's very difficult to speak for Elvis, but the perception of Hispanics in athletics and becoming successful is minimal."

Being successful at the IA level doesn't turn many heads outside Idaho, either. His size made college football unrealistic, so he pursued basketball.

But first, Arizona Western, where Medina started last season, and now TVCC, is giving Medina a chance to fight that misconception.

Now a sophomore, Medina hopes he has a successful enough season to transfer to a four-year school.

"Hopefully I'll move on and continue my education," Medina said. "I want to set a good example for Castleford, the Magic Valley and my culture as a first-generation Mexican American. And I get to have fun doing it, helping this team win."

Insuring

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the bill for the average cost of water, sewer, electricity, and garbage utilities, along with heat and basic telephone service.

To help with insurance costs, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare offers Access Card assistance as part of its Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Through the program, a qualified low-income child can receive up to \$100 per child per month, up to \$300 per month per family to purchase health care insurance. The program also offers other insurance assistance for low-income families.

Even with such programs, purchasing insurance can be of secondary importance to low-income families. For students, not having insurance can become a huge roadblock to sports participation.

"Some school districts require proof of insurance," Idaho High School Athletics Association Executive Director Bob Young said. "Consistently, for someone whose parents would not be working with a company that pays benefits, that would be a factor."

While Idaho's school districts can't pay to insure individual athletes, many schools offer inexpensive insurance through a

third party. Eligibility requirements also differ from district to district. Some require proof of insurance to play football, while some require a signed injury release waiver by a parent.

The increasing cost of participation and pay-to-play athletic fees can also create financial strains. Idaho's athletic participation fees are largely in line with compared to states like Oregon, where fees have risen to over \$140 per sport in some school districts. Still, Idaho's high school athletic departments have had to work to keep athletes in uniform.

"We say here that we don't deny any student the opportunity to participate because of finances," Arrossa said. "That's our philosophy and we do a pretty good job with that. There's just such high cost anymore on equipment that frankly kids just won't come to you. And that's not a Hispanic issue, that's an everybody issue anymore."

Income High School students and athletes purchase a \$35 activity card that pays admission to all Tigers sporting events. To keep fees from being a deterrent, athletic director Jy Jones department holds a number of fund raisers and programs to build department funding.

"We're never going to tell a kid no, that they can't partici-

pate," Jones said. "We'll find money somewhere. We've had work programs where kids can help clean the school and our teams raise funds for officials and such."

"We've also had physicals where local doctors donated their time and we charged \$10 per physical and put that money toward helping kids who can't afford some of the expenses."

Still, with what Jerome does, some athletes of low-income families may not want to come forward and ask for help.

"A kid may not want to come to tell me, 'I need \$50 to play,'" Jones said. "It falls on the shoulders of our coaches to tell me they can't afford shoes. As of now, I don't think the cost is running a lot of kids away. I hope it never will."

While the cost of participation may have stayed low in Idaho, the cost of excellence is high. As many teams focus on year-round involvement and traveling to tournaments and camps to hone their skills, families have struggled to pay for the cost of the trips.

"We're kind of our own worst enemy," Arrossa said. "We encourage kids to go to camps and do all that stuff. That's very ex-

pensive. When I played in high school, I wasn't faced with having summer camps or any team camps, so it wasn't a cost to my parents. I don't know how they would have reacted."

The willingness of Idaho's high school athletic programs to work with families that struggle with the cost of participation is a major factor for the diversity of area athletics. While schools have worked to keep costs down and keep doors open to all athletes, they will face increasing challenges as equipment, insurance, and travel costs continue to increase. Though hard work has helped Idaho's schools weather the storm this far, there is no easy answer as to what will happen to the cost of participation in the coming years and how schools will deal with new issues that arise.

Note: For more information on the Access Card and CHIP call the Idaho Carline toll-free at 1-800-326-2588 or see the Web site at www.idahohealth.org. Parents may also call the CHIP department toll-free at 1-866-326-2495.

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Gender

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ter," he said. "It didn't."

Jackson began pushing for changes, writing letters and meeting with school officials all the way up to a deputy superintendent. He said he was met with indifference, and colleagues warned him about pushing the issue.

"They said, 'You better hush your mouth. You're making problems for yourself,'" Jackson said. "They were afraid."

Jackson said his job evaluations got worse, and he was removed as coach in May 2001, costing him nearly \$7,000 annually in coaching pay. Because he had tenure, he kept teaching health and physical education.

Jackson sued under Title IX, claiming he lost the coaching position in retaliation for his complaints that the girls were victims of gender discrimination. A lower court threw out the case, agreeing with the board that the law doesn't cover retaliation claims.

The 11th Circuit Court of Appeals backed the lower court,

but the Supreme Court accepted the case in June.

School board attorney Kenneth L. Thomas said he cannot discuss why Jackson was removed as coach, a position he held until he was fired. "That would just be inviting another lawsuit," he said.

The Bush administration has sided with Jackson, arguing that people who lacked legal protection would be less likely to complain about gender bias. A coalition of 180 groups including the NAACP, the American Jewish Congress, the American Bar Anti-Discrimination Committee and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force also filed a brief backing Jackson.

"As our Constitution recognizes in the First Amendment, protection of the rights of free expression and petition, the ability to exercise these rights unchilled by punishment is essential to the effective enforcement of all other rights," the brief filed by the Leadership Conference on Civil

Rights.

Opponents, including the American Association of School Administrators, Alabama and eight other states, suggest Jackson could have sued under the First Amendment or other civil rights laws, but not Title IX.

"Teachers and coaches have plenty of protections if they feel like they are being retaliated against. They don't really need Title IX," said Naomi Gitlens, senior staff attorney for the National School Boards Association.

No matter the legal outcome, Jackson said things have gotten better since he sued.

He was rehired as Ennsley's girls coach on an interim basis last year, and the old gym has two "new, regulation-sized hoops. The girls team now gets concession money, too."

But Jackson said his girls still usually have to practice in the chilly old gymnasium, and the boys are still in the nicer one.

"I don't want anything better than anyone else," Jackson said. "We just want the same."

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SPORTS



AP photo

Sweden's Annika Sorenstam, right, and teammate Tiger Woods read their putt during the "Battle at Bighorn," a one-round, alternate-shot match featuring Sorenstam and Woods against Australia's Karrie Webb and British Open champion David Duval at the Bighorn Golf Club in Palm Desert, Calif., in this July 30, 2003 photo. Woods, who's never won the Skins Game, and Annika Sorenstam, who made a sensation debut in it last year, play against each other for the first time when the made-for-TV tournament tees off Saturday. Defending champion Fred Couples and Aussie Adam Scott complete the field.

Annika-Tiger highlights Skins Game

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Annika Sorenstam is mixing it up with the men again, and this time the competition includes Tiger Woods.

Sorenstam and Woods will play against each other for the first time when they tee off Saturday in the Skins Game at the Trilogy Golf Club in the middle of the desert.

Woods, who has a miserable Skins Game record, won't be in the foursome last year when Sorenstam made a sensational debut by winning five skins and \$225,000. She finished second to Fred Couples, who rounds out the field with Aussie Adam Scott.

"I've been fortunate to practice with Tiger a few times," Sorenstam said Friday. "He's taught me a few shots, and hopefully I can give it back to him this week."

Woods gave Sorenstam that club in the spring of 2003.

Golf

"I've got a driver out in the trunk," Woods joked.

Even though the men had more power off the tee, Sorenstam, the first woman to compete in the Skins Game, held her own last year at the same course.

The PGA star made one of the most spectacular shots in Skins Game history, a 39-yard bunker shot for eagle on the par-5, 524-yard ninth hole to win four skins and \$175,000 to take the first-day lead.

"I have to play my best to have a chance to win some skins," said Sorenstam, who already is in the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Sorenstam won as much money last year as Woods has in his four previous appearances in the Merrill Lynch Skins Game. He's won only nine skins total.

"This format is all about tim-

ing, and hopefully I can do a little better in this one," Woods said.

Woods won his first stroke-play tournament in more than a year Sunday, capturing the Dunlop Phoenix in Japan by eight strokes after closing with a 3-under 67.

Sorenstam played in only 18 tournaments on the LPGA Tour this year, but won eight of them. She'd "love to win the Skins Game."

Holes one through six are worth \$25,000 each; Nos. 7-12, \$50,000 apiece; 13 through 17, \$70,000 each; and the 18th is a "Super Skin" worth \$200,000. If no one wins a skin on a hole, the money is added to the following hole. Each player will give 20 percent of his or her earnings to charity.

The first nine holes will be played Saturday and the final nine Sunday at the par-72, 7,038-yard Trilogy.

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What's Behind The Black Wall
On The Corner Of Pole Line and Blue Lakes?

BY MILES CARSON

Twin Falls, ID - Everyone's asking but no one has had the answer until now... Just what is going on behind the black wall on Blue Lakes Blvd in Twin Falls? I went in search of the story and was floored by what I discovered.

"People are saving a ton of money," revealed Barry Langdon, General Manager of Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls, "I can promise you, you've never seen anything like this before in your life."

In the last several months, the Lithia new car and truck stores in Idaho have set a blistering pace in new vehicle sales. "We've become known as the place to go for the right selection and an upfront great deal with our Promo Prices," said Barry Langdon, "Add that to the historic rebate and finance offers coming from the manufacturers and it's just set our new vehicle sales on fire."

And that's what's caused the problem. "Too many used vehicles," stated Barry. "We've been taking in trades like crazy and we've been focused on new vehicles sales. The truth is we've got a glut of used vehicles on our lots that we simply have to get rid of them one way or another."

"We are just going to keep cutting prices until the vehicles sell."

Often times, when a car dealer is overloaded with used cars they take them to the nearest used car auction and dump them, in many cases accepting offers that are far less than the car is actually worth. "All of our managers got together to come up with a solution. Frankly we're tired of the auctions getting bargains and then turning around and marking up the same vehicle to be sold to the public," Barry explained. "We decided that if we were going to have to just blow these cars out we might as well give the people in Twin Falls the first chance at the deal. It makes a lot more sense for us to sell a deeply discounted car to one of our neighbors and get a happy customer." Makes sense but why the mystery? Why black out the lot?

"We are just going to keep cutting prices until the vehicles sell."

"All of our vehicles are posted with an incredibly low price on each and every one, but that's just the beginning of the savings," said Barry. "Our mission is to sell every one of these cars by the close of business on Sunday, so we're going to be slashing prices on the spot throughout the sale. We needed to blackout the prices from drive-by traffic because there's a good chance that the posted price is going to be reduced."

In reviewing the inventory included in the sale it's tough to see how the prices could possibly get any better. "Basically we're dead-in!" Said Barry. "We're just going to keep cutting the price until the vehicle sells."

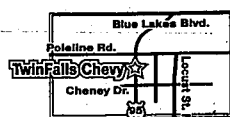
I also learned that Lithia's Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls will be on-line with Lithia's vast network of lenders to get buyers through the financing process quickly and with a plan that is the most affordable. "We've got a lot of options and can help people get financed for a car even if they've been turned down some where else," Said Barry, "of course financing is always approval from the lender. Our advantage is we have so many more resources to go to for our customers."

Mystery solved. If you're looking for a bargain on a used vehicle, look behind the black wall, you'll be glad you did.

Lithia Price Blackout Event on Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls is Friday November 26th from 9:00 A.M to 8:00 P.M., Saturday November 27th from 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., and Sunday November 28th 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. For more information call 208-733-3033 or toll free at 1-800-967-2917.



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YOUR WEEKEND



Domestic tranquility

• **What:** The West End Theater Company will present the female version of Neil Simon's classic comedy, "The Odd Couple."

• **When:** 7:30 p.m. today (dessert will be served at 6:30 p.m., and a no-host bar will be available).

• **Where:** Clear Lake Country Club, Buhl.

• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$10.50, can be reserved by phoning 543-4849.

Yule love it

• **What:** The Soroptimist's 21st annual Christmas of City Park, four Sunday-evening concerts during the Advent season, returns this weekend. The Lighthouse Christian Children's Choir will be featured in the opening event.

• **When:** 5 p.m. Sunday.

• **Where:** Twin Falls City Park.

• **How much:** It's free.

Deck the halls

• **What:** The Minidoka Health Care Foundation's sixth annual Caring and Sharing Christmas Trees Festival will be held this weekend, featuring decorated trees, wreaths, a gift and sweet shop, quilt raffle, entertainment and a food court.

• **When:** Noon to 8 p.m. today and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday (the festival concludes Monday).

• **Where:** Rupert Civic Center, 505 Seventh St., Rupert.

• **How much:** Free.

A star is born

• **What:** "The Christmas Star," a multi-dimensional film, will be shown at the Faulkner Planetarium, followed by "Steamrolling Through the Holidays."

• **When:** "The Christmas Star" will be screened at 2 and 7 p.m. today; "Steamrolling Through the Holidays" at 8:15 p.m.

• **Where:** Horrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children under 4 are not admitted.

Christmas traditions

• **What:** Hanging of the Greens, a traditional Advent season celebration, will be held at the Burley First Christian Church.

• **When:** 4 to 5 p.m. today.

• **Where:** 1401 Oakley Ave., Burley. A chili supper will be served.

• **How much:** It's free.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season
Salmon	71%	12%
Big Wood	61%	10%
Little Wood	55%	11%
Big Lost	56%	14%
Little Lost	54%	18%
Henrys Fork/Teton	53%	17%
Upper Snake Basin	52%	16%
Oakley	55%	8%
Salmon Falls	72%	11%

As of Nov. 26, 2004
A comparison of basin snowpack. Data courtesy of a Boise average. The difference between the basin snowpack and the Boise average is shown in parentheses.

CRECHES GALORE



Kent Johnson looks over the selection of creches at the eighth annual Celebration of the Nativity at the Twin Falls Boys and Girls Club Friday. The event, which displays about 500 nativity scenes, is put on by the Charity Anywhere group.

Families pile into a nativity celebration

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — If you're looking for inspiring entertainment for the family this weekend, check out the more than 500 nativity scenes on display at the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Sponsored by the now 10-year-old Charity Anywhere Foundation, you can get the kids in for free and see Baby Jesus in just about any ethnicity imaginable.

"This is one of the things I love about this," says Gordon Carter, one of the founders of the nondenominational charity. African-American Christians, Chinese Christians, East Indian Christians, Eskimo Christians, and

Want to go?

The Charity Anywhere Foundation is celebrating its eighth annual Celebration of Nativity from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, 999 Frontier Road on the College of Southern Idaho campus. About 500 nativity scenes from all over the world are on display.

on and on.

"It shows that Christ is everywhere," he said.

The creches — which is the French word for nativity, Carter said — belong to families and collectors from all around Magic Valley.

And in between about every third one, you'll see a little sign that says "Please do not touch."

No one does. Carter said during the eight years the event has been held, the only time something was broken was when a woman tripped as she was placing a large glass angel back into her car.

No one has ever stolen anything, either, he said.

"There've been a few times when something was put in a wrong box, but we always found it," he said.

The purpose of the event, Carter said, is to simply let people know more about Christ.

Pointing to a large family entering into the display room, Carter said, "This is what I love

to see. There's a spirit here that can't help but give you a feeling of Christ."

Attendee Ann Crandall said she brings the kids and the husband out. "Just to enjoy. Just to see the nativity scenes."

The Charity Anywhere Foundation, which began in Twin Falls, now has chapters with more than 1,000 members in Texas, Utah and Washington, D.C., Carter said.

The group's first project 10 years ago consisted of building two houses in Kimberly.

The latest project, just one of many going on almost simultaneously, was a dental clinic held by Dr. Chad Dobbs this past week for 20 needy people from around Magic Valley, Carter said.

Liquor store opponents voice their concerns

Many residents sign petitions to stop the store

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

ALBION — While no one attended a recent public hearing to voice opposition, there apparently are plenty of folks in Albion opposed to a contract liquor store in their town.

Ken Winkler, chief financial officer for the Idaho State Liquor Dispensary, said Friday that 18 pages of petitions had been received with a total of 177 signatures opposing the store as proposed.

Opponents had until Friday to submit petitions signed by registered voters in the Albion precinct who oppose the store. Fifty percent of registered vot-

NewsTracker

■ **Last we knew:** Those who attended a public hearing Nov. 18 regarding the placement of a state liquor store in Albion unanimously supported the idea of the store but some disagreed with its proposed location.

■ **The latest:** Petitions signed by 177 opponents of the store arrived at the Idaho State Liquor Dispensary by Friday.

ers were needed in order to prevent the store from being established.

An official at Cassia County's recorder's office said there were 355 registered voters in the Albion precinct as of Election Day and that a few more registrations had been received since.

This means that opponents were able to collect about nine signatures more than the 168

needed for 50 percent opposition, but the fate of the store is still too close to call.

Registrations received since election day will lower the percentage of opposition and Winkler said it's likely several signatures will be thrown out during the verification process.

He noted that he'd already spotted one duplicate signature.

Winkler said at least some of the opposition centers around the dispensary's decision to locate the store in the Albion Village Gas and Grocery.

He said some who signed the petitions would favor the liquor store if it were placed in a different facility.

"Some wrote comments that they wanted a liquor store but not where we wanted to put it," Winkler said. If the signatures hold up and the store is blocked it will be up to dispensary officials whether they will consider locating the store in a different outlot, Winkler said.

"They could still get one someday," he said.

"We have to solicit applications if we decide to do that," Winkler said if the store is defeated another public hearing would have to be held and the process would likely not begin until next spring, if at all.

"Or if they don't have half the signatures then it goes where we proposed it," Winkler said.

But he quickly added that the dispensary could still decide not to place the store based on the large amount of opposition.

During the hearing Winkler defended the choice of the convenience store over a second applicant, The Sage Mountain Grill, a restaurant and bar across the street.

He said that officials felt an existing retail outlot would be better suited for liquor sales.

Establishment of the store would mean significant tax revenue for the small city and many have said they favor the proposal for that reason alone.

Others have argued that the store would increase alcoholism and lead to crime and drunken driving.

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Suspects waive hearings in child injury cases

Magic Valley in brief

was stabbed Thursday was treated and released that night.

Justin Davis, 22, of Buhl, was transported to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after being stabbed at the 300 block of 11th Ave. N. in Buhl at about 6 p.m. Davis was stabbed in the arm and the stomach.

Police are still investigating the incident.

Fund-raiser benefits former Fairfield resident

NAMPAs — Proceeds from a walk/run fund-raiser today will benefit the Becky Schiermeier Trust Fund and the Brain Injury Association of Idaho.

Schiermeier, a former Fairfield resident whose family now lives in Bruneau, suffered a traumatic brain injury last June

Registration begins at 10 a.m. at Northwest Nazarene University's Johnson Sports Center parking lot. The 1.2-mile walk/run around the campus will begin at noon.

A \$10 race fee also provides a T-shirt. Sponsor money should be collected no later than Dec. 10.

For more information, call Dr. Glenda Andrews at 467-8459, Alicia Porter at 860-7120 or Kara Johnson at 467-8918.

Survey ranks Idaho Power's rates as low

BOISE — A nationwide survey places Idaho Power's rates among America's lowest.

The Edison Electric Institute, an electric industry organization, conducted a survey in July comparing customers of investor-owned utilities. Idaho Power's residential rates ranked

the 15th lowest in the nation.

Idaho Power charges its residential customers \$62.25 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours. For the same amount of electricity, residents of Salt Lake City, Utah, pay \$75.55 while people in Portland, Ore., pay \$82.08.

The survey also looked at areas outside the Northwest. Electricity consumers in New York City are charged \$201.11 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours, and those in San Diego, Calif., are charged \$162.25 for the same amount of power.

The survey also found ranked commercial power sales. Idaho Power's rates for medium-sized commercial customers ranked second lowest in the nation while small commercial customers' rates ranked 24th lowest out of 183 companies surveyed.

— compiled from staff reports

Hagerman water users get notices

The Times-News

HAGERMAN — Several water right holders on the Hoagland Tunnel Ditch were recently sent notices of violation for failing to submit a plan to the Idaho Department of Water Resources showing the type and location of a measuring device and a headgate proposed for the ditch, the agency said in a press release.

As a result, water resources has ordered 11 water users to cease and desist any further diversions of water to the Hoagland Tunnel Ditch from springs tributary to Billingsley Creek.

The violation notices were sent to Hagerman water users Judith or Philip Dece, Tim Musser, Nevada Omohundro, Gertrude Owsley Bybee, Larry or Tara Littlefair, Rodney or Mary Moreland, Andrew Brooks, Doris Griley, and Howard or Rhonda Morris. Alvin Musser of Upland, Calif., and Maurice or Leslie Hornorck of Bellevue also were sent notices.

The water users face a \$10,000 collective fine that must be paid on or before Dec. 1, 2004.

However, if they immediately submit the required plan, they can petition water resources to reduce both penalties.

Friday, the department had not received plans from any of the water users, a department spokesman said.

The action stems from an order issued on Aug. 19, 2004, requiring the plan and setting a deadline of March 1, 2005, for the installation of the equipment, the Department of Water Resources said.

The ditch users have been required to measure and report water use to the department since 1995 pursuant to an order issued by the department in 1994.

The Hoagland Tunnel Ditch users have never complied with the 1994 order, the department maintains.

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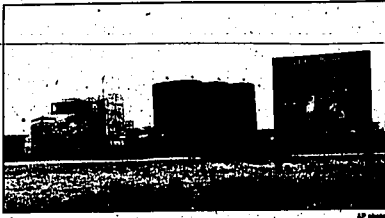
Wanted for: Failure to appear.

Original charge: Grand theft. The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Whitton's whereabouts to call 735-1314 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Critics say waste deal helped state

BOISE (AP) — Tons of radioactive waste remain stacked over eastern Idaho's Snake River Plain Aquifer, where southern Idaho gets its water. But his staunchest critics now concede some good came of former Gov. Phil Batt's 1995 nuclear waste cleanup deal.



The last of 31,000 cubic meters of radioactive waste from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory is taken from the Radioactive Waste Management Complex on Oct. 22, 2002.

"I got everything I could get," Batt said in a recent interview. What Batt got was a commitment by the federal government to completely remove all radioactive waste from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory by 2036, while also restricting new deliveries of nuclear waste to INEEL for temporary storage.

Even Twin Falls podiatrist Peter Rickards, who was outraged by the agreement that he tried unsuccessfully to recall Batt in 1996, is no longer completely negative.

There has been a slight amount of progress," Rickards admits, while quickly adding, "it is the least important problems that are looming over our water supply that are being addressed."

That concern about the aquifer and the overall environment continues to linger, fueled by the federal government's efforts in court and Congress to change what state and environmental groups believe are key provisions of the agreement.

And there have been problems. The U.S. Department of Energy, which is overseeing the cleanup, was fined in 2003 for allegedly allowing radioactive material to leach into a nearby aquifer.

Still, officials insist contaminated groundwater has not migrated beyond the laboratory's boundaries.

"The state is better off today than it was 10 years ago," says Jeremy Maxand, director of the Snake River Alliance that was among the leaders of the failed 1996 attempt to overturn the Batt agreement at the polls.

Today, the state has oversight authority and authority to

actually go on the site and investigate and review documents," Maxand says. "But I don't trust government bureaucrats who live thousands and thousands of miles away from our state and don't drink our water to make decisions about the cleanup."

Actor Bruce Willis spent \$145,000 in 1996 on the failed campaign to convince Idaho voters to reject the agreement and said at one point if the people supported the deal he would start looking for another place to live. Willis, however, still has his home and other interests in Halley.

Even former Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus, who laid the foundation for Batt when he unilaterally halted further shipments of waste from Colorado in October 1988, agrees with Maxand that Idaho citizens have to watch the federal government like a hawk to make sure they are not shortchanged.

Batt was only in office four days in 1985 when he was confronted with the issue.

A month earlier Andrus had refused to let the Navy exceed a 1953 federal court limit and dump another eight tons of spent reactor fuel at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. Batt was convinced to backtrack. He said

he did it to bring the issue of permanent dumps outside Idaho to a head.

But the new governor quickly learned to play tough with the Clinton administration. He drew the national spotlight as he took advantage of the buildup of federally owned waste across the nation to force the government to accept the limits and deadlines in the unprecedented cleanup deal.

Batt and his allies, including Andrus, said it ensured INEEL would not become a permanent dump. Critics said it guaranteed the opposite, and they put the agreement to a voter referendum in 1996. Voters sided with Batt by a very 2-to-1 margin.

But Beatrice Brallsford, who was in the middle of that debate as a member of the Snake River Alliance, thinks the campaign elevated the debate over waste storage at INEEL to a new level.

"No matter how you voted on the initiative, you were expressing concern about nuclear waste in Idaho and how to manage it," Brallsford says.

The public involvement demonstrated to our political leaders that nuclear waste was a source of concern."

In the years since, over 3,500 cubic meters of plutonium-contaminated waste have been

shipped from INEEL to the federal dump in New Mexico.

Over 200 cubic tons of highly radioactive spent nuclear fuel has been moved to safer dry storage from deteriorating water tanks and the rest has been put in state-of-the-art pools.

Scores of deteriorating and contaminated buildings have been dismantled.

Hundreds of thousands of gallons of highly radioactive liquid waste have been solidified and a nearly equal amount removed from the 14 in-ground tanks.

At least seven tanks have been cleaned, and three emptied of only residual amounts of liquid left in the others.

And the Energy Department has intensified cleanup efforts in recent years.

"More on-the-ground cleanup work was accomplished this year than any year in INEEL history," says Beth Seiler, who runs the department's Idaho office.

For all the deadlines and benchmarks the government and its contractors have met so far, the woman charged with making sure they continue to stick to the agreement says major challenges remain.

The government is currently behind in shipping plutonium-contaminated waste to New Mexico and could miss the deadline for moving 30,000 barrels between last year and the end of next year, Kathleen Trever says, and the state is still in court fighting federal attempts to leave waste at INEEL under what the state claims are twisted interpretations of the agreement.

"It will require continued diligence and political attention and technical attention and financial attention to get the job done," she says. "There is always the nameless faceless bureaucrat back in Washington, D.C., who is pushing his own interest without understanding what is going on in Idaho."

Regulators refuse to reconsider power rates

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Avista Corp. is continuing to dispute the conclusion of Idaho regulators that the utility's customers are not liable for some fuel costs to run its power plants during the Western energy crisis.

But the utility, which serves 110,000 electric and 62,000 natural gas customers in northern Idaho, did not say this week whether it would take its case to the Idaho Supreme Court.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission reaffirmed its earlier decision refusing to let the utility include nearly \$15 million in expenses in the rates it charges consumers.

A rate increase approved earlier this year will average about \$4 a month for residential electric customers and \$13 a month for natural gas users.

The utility had petitioned for rates about 50 percent higher.

The commission said the ad-

ditional expenses Avista was trying to recover from ratepayers included cost overruns on the construction of a Spokane Valley power plant and some gas contracts the regulators said "highly irregular" and "speculative."

"Some technical adjustments in rate calculations were allowed, but the commission said none would have any immediate impact on customers. One of the fuel deals, the commission said, was so speculative that it should be the responsibility of shareholders — not customers of a regulated utility."

Utility officials had argued that the expense was prudent based on what they knew at the time.

But the commission countered that "ratepayers, we found, should not be asked to pay for what we continue to find to be a company learning experience."

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SERVICES

Ana Maria Hernandez of Halley, service at 5 p.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Halley (Wood River Chapel).

Lovell Taylor of Rexburg, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Archer-Sunnyside LDS Chapel; family will receive friends from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church (Flamm Funeral Chapel).

Virgine 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.

Charles E. Chuck Meyer of Burley funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., where friends and family may call one hour before the service (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

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

Dorothy Marie (Brage) Howden of Wendell, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at the Wendell United Methodist Church; viewing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Demaray'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).

Elizabeth Avey Scottie Luft of Twin Falls, prayer vigil with rosary at 7 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; funeral Mass celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

George D. Canoy of Yuma, service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Foothills Assembly of God Church in Yuma, Ariz.

Rueben Daniel Dan Steinmetz of Everett, Wash., service at 11 a.m. Dec. 4 at Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Louise Ada Grout
BURLEY — Louise Ada Grout, an 87 year Burley former Mosses Lake, Wash., resident, died Nov. 25, 2004, at the Burley Care Center.
A funeral will be held at 10

a.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel with Lonny Steele officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service on Monday. Graveside service will held at 3:30 p.m. at the Weiser Cemetery in Weiser, Idaho.

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Lawrence (Larry) V. Martin

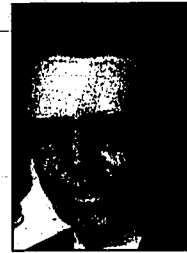
Lawrence (Larry) V. Martin, age 95, died Nov. 25, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

He was born Nov. 20, 1909, in DeHilstat, Mo., to J.C. and Annie (Buckley) Martin. The family settled in Eden, Idaho, where he attended school and met Lucille Mitchell. They were married in Jerome on March 8, 1929. Larry and Lucille were blessed with two sons, Kenneth and Lonnie. Larry farmed in the Eden area until 1969, when they moved to Jerome, where he continued farming until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lucille (June 11, 1977); and his son, Kenneth (March 31, 1998).

For many years he was an avid hunter and fisherman and truly enjoyed the outdoors.

He was active in his community, serving many years on the Eden school board and participated in the formation



of the Valley School District. He was a member of the Jerome County Selective Service Board and received a certificate of appreciation from President Harry S. Truman.
Larry also served on the Jerome County Fair Board for several years. Larry and Lucille were active members of the

"Good Sam Club" and enjoyed many camp-outs and functions with their friends.

Following his retirement he enjoyed league bowling where he spent many happy days and made many new friends, including Audrey Lipe. On Sept. 11, 1958, Larry married Audrey Lipe in Elko, Nev., and moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, where they have resided since.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey of Twin Falls; son, Lonnie (Judy Toriel) of Jerome; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; stepdaughter, Lois Peterson of Shoshone; and stepson, Jack Lipe of Denver, Colo.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at Sunset Memorial Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday at Parke's Funeral Home.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the caregivers who have helped him through these final days.

Appeals court hears arguments over search

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Utah court has dismissed the claims of a man who said police violated his rights when they searched his briefcase and found child pornography.

The case stems from an incident in September 2003 when truck driver Romie Miller worked as a contract truck driver for C.R. England. Miller's lease on his truck had expired, and he was in the process of moving his personal belongings to a new truck.

Later that day, a company employee found the briefcase in the truck's sleeper compartment. The employee looked inside and found child porn. The company then contacted West Valley police. An officer opened the briefcase and saw dozens of indecent photos of minors.

The photos were used as evidence against Miller, who was convicted on 10 counts of felony sexual exploitation of a minor and was sentenced to prison.

Miller's attorney argued that police had no right to search Miller's briefcase without a warrant because there was a reasonable expectation of privacy.

But prosecutors said the U.S. Supreme Court had clearly established that police may open containers where there is clearly no expectation of privacy, and the appeals court agreed.

Defendant's expectation of privacy in the briefcase and its contents was lost after various C.R. England employees opened the briefcase, searched the materials inside and invited law enforcement officers to examine it," according to the ruling.

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Joe Bigley holds up one of his knife creations at his home on Haynes Creek near Salmon, Oct. 12. The blade was made with a trip hammer that folded the steel 24 times during the heating process to create the pattern and blade strength. It's unique handle is made from the jaw bone of a bear. Standing with Bigley are, from left, his son Mark, 10; wife, Denyce; and daughters Marla, 16; and Julianne, 15.

A CUT ABOVE

Salmon knife maker doesn't need 'modern inconveniences'

By Laura Zuckerman
Post Register

SALMON — Joseph Bigley fashioned his first set of hand-made knives when he was just a teen, using mostly his own ingenuity.

Some four decades later, the 53-year-old Salmon man can claim a hand in the shaping of hundreds of knives and almost as many lives.

For Bigley, who retired from the military in 1996, crafting knives is a personal experience, one in which the maker and the knife forge a bond as strong as steel.

"Knives tell you what they want to be," Bigley said. "You may start out forging a certain shape and it will come out different. What it becomes is really what this thing is meant to be."

His philosophy about knife making ties closely to his beliefs about a society he thinks has become too reliant on what he calls "modern inconveniences." So it is not surprising the strategic Bigley employs to produce blades and make handles fromanders are simple and accessible.

"I've had people come out here and say, 'You can't make knives in that,'" Bigley said of the shed he works in, the open flame he uses as a forge and the kitchen oven that doubles as a kiln. "I say, 'Oh, I didn't realize that; I've only made about 500 of them.'"

Bigley's instinct to make his own tools took root during a hunting trip with his father when he was 7.

"My dad had shot a deer and I went to get the knife to gut it," he said. "The knife was missing, so I thought I'd have to back-track to the vehicle to get it. Instead, my dad grabs a football-sized rock, smacks it two times against a boulder and comes up with a disc-shaped flake. He said, 'Here's your knife, son.'"

Today, Bigley's income is dependent on such techniques.

Burger King franchisee files for bankruptcy

POST FALLS (AP) — One of the region's largest Burger King franchisees has filed for bankruptcy.

Garliz Investments LLC of Post Falls made the filing last week, citing weak sales caused by the chain's slumping national market share.

But the firm's co-owner Manuel Garcia said in court documents that he hoped to keep operating the company's 25 Burger King restaurants in Idaho, Washington and Oregon in business despite the bankruptcy. About 500 people work at the restaurants.

The company filed for Chapter 11 reorganization. Burger King's share of the hamburger market has fallen from 19 percent to 15 percent in recent years.

In court documents, Garliz Investments said its sales have dropped by 30 percent. Garcia listed debts of \$19.3 million and assets of \$5.8 million.



Joe Bigley tempers an old steel file in a pipe on his antique hand-cranked forge in Salmon on Oct. 12 after pounding it into the basic shape of a replica 1790's style knife blade. The Bigleys say they find a great feeling of accomplishment by taking old discarded materials and things from nature and making them useful.

known as primitive skills. He and his wife, Denyce, spend part of the year teaching things such as hide tanning, basket weaving and "food procurement" to people with a penchant for self-reliance.

Bigley charges \$35 for his workshops on knife making. He charges \$20 per hour for custom work with most knives taking about five hours to fashion.

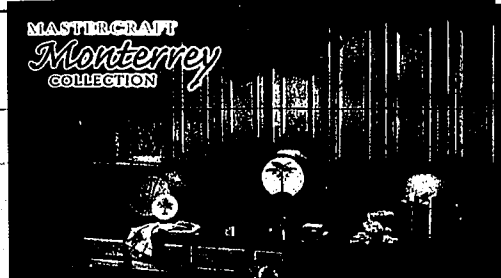
Bigley backs up his work with a lifetime guarantee, telling customers, "It will last for life, yours or mine, whichever comes first. And if you use the knife for knife work - not trying to saw a cinderblock, for example - then it will last forever," he said.

Although he has worked with several metals, he prefers to work with a material with a high carbon content. The higher the carbon content, said Bigley, the more likely a knife is to hold its edge. He says there's no such thing as a perfect blade, but Bigley says it should nevertheless meet certain standards.

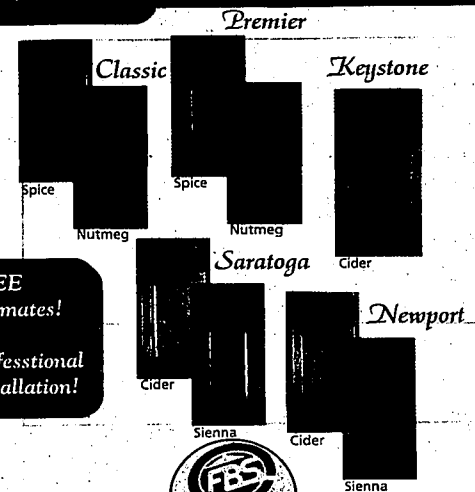
"You have to be able to sharpen the thing, and it's got to hold its edge for more than a couple

slices," he said. "It's got to be strong but flexible enough so that when you put pressure on it, it doesn't snap." Whether working with a power hammer or a blacksmith's mallet, Bigley likes to think he is reproducing the spirit that infused knife-makers since time immemorial.

"Fatter than going toward something, I'm going back to something," he said.



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Why no holiday display?

MONTE SERENO, Calif. (AP) — For six years, Alan and Bonnie Aerts transformed their Silicon Valley home into a Christmas wonderland, complete with surfing Santa, jumbo candy canes and a carol-singing chorus of mannequins. Visitors loved it. Last year, after NBC's "Weekend Update" featured the \$150,000 display of custom-designed props, more than 1,500 cars prowled the Aertses' cul-de-sac in this upscale San Jose suburb each night.

This year, though, the merry managerie stayed indoors. Instead, on the manicured lawn outside the couple's Tudor mansion stands a single riding, 10-foot-tall Grinch with green fuzz, rotting teeth, and beet-red eyeballs.

The Aertses erected the smirking giant to protest the couple across the street — 16-year residents Leo and Susan Nguyen, who initiated complaints to city officials that the display was turning the quiet neighborhood into a Disneyesque nightmare.

Alan Aerts, who makes sure the Grinch's spindly finger points directly to the Nguyens' house, says the complaints killed the exhibit. They also violated the Christmas spirit, he said.

"When I grew up, people decorated everything — it was wonderful to be a kid," said the 48-year-old soft-drink distributor and philanthropist. "If you can't even put up a display these days, what kind of people have we become?"

The Nguyens say that even after the Aertses hired a security guard to help direct traffic, the commotion kept them from having friends over for their own lower-key celebrations.

"We wake up to Christmas for about 45 days of the year," said Leo Nguyen, 55. "You ever seen the movie 'Groundhog Day'? It's just like that."

The exhibition's death knell came last year, when the Nguyens collected 90 signatures of protest from residents, and the city council voted to require a permit for any exhibit lasting longer than three days.

Mayor Erin Garner voted against it, saying he thought the Aertses provided a community service.

"It will be a crying shame if (Alan) doesn't put his holiday lights up this year," he told the San Jose Mercury News. After studying the application process, the Aertses decided the usual display wasn't worth the hassle. So Alan Aerts, a 6-foot-5 amateur body builder, commissioned the \$2,500 motorized Grinch statue, which waves its arms and emits steam as a raspy torso belts out, "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch."

Susan Nguyen, 52, is unimpressed. "It was oppressive," she said. "Maybe not if you just spent 10 minutes admiring it from your car, but if you lived next door, it was definitely oppressive."

Court throws out sex-abuse suit against diocese

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Utah appeals court on Friday upheld a district judge's dismissal of a sex-abuse lawsuit brought by two brothers against the Catholic Diocese here.

Ralph and Charles Colosimo had filed an \$80 million lawsuit claiming they were abused by Rev. James F. Rapp, a Roman Catholic priest, in the 1970s. Rapp now is serving a 40-year prison term for molesting an Oklahoma boy.

The Utah Court of Appeals agreed with Third District Judge Paul G. Maughan's previous ruling that the statute of limitations had expired.

Typically, the statute of limitations in such abuse cases would expire four years after the alleged victim turned 18. In the lawsuit, Ralph Colosimo, 49, claimed Rapp had repeatedly abused him sexually when he was a student at Judge Memorial Catholic High School in the early 1970s. Charles Colosimo, who became years younger, said Rapp had become a family friend when Charles was a student at St. Ann's Catholic Grade School and abused him from 1972 through 1975.



Alan Aerts gestures as he talks about his 10-foot-tall singing Grinch in front of his stately French tudor home in Monte Sereno, Calif., on Wednesday. Aerts put up his Grinch to protest the city's passing of an ordinance that restricts his wildly popular Christmas extravaganza.

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Museum split over art auction

Los Angeles Times

CHICAGO — The Field Museum will auction off a series of 19th century portraits of American Indians done by artist George Catlin — a decision expected to raise millions for the museum but which has divided its board of directors.

Those opposed to the sale argue that it would forever break up a collection that offers a rare window into the daily lives of the tribes of the Midwest and Great Plains. Those who favor the sale insist that the paintings are worth more as artworks than they are as records of tribal life, which would be more in keeping with the museum's mission.

The paintings were purchased for \$1,250 by the museum in 1893, shortly after it was founded as the Columbian Museum of Chicago. Today, the Field Museum is known nationally for the size and depth of its natural history and anthropological collection.

On Dec. 2, Sotheby's Inc. will put 31 of the museum's 35 Catlin paintings up for auction in New York. Their value is estimated at \$9 million to \$15 million.

They are known as rare and unusual works. Catlin was the first Western artist to take his brush and canvas on a series of trips into Indian lands in the 1830s in an effort to capture the lives of tribes he believed would become extinct.

"He is the greatest of all our artists of the American Indians and certainly the most adventurous," said David Redden, vice chairman of Sotheby's.

But anthropologists at the Field Museum say the portraits lack enough detail to be valuable from an ethnographic perspective. According to Jonathan Haas, the museum's MacArthur Curator of the Americas, the paintings are, in the end, a white outsider's take on an indigenous community and people.

"These paintings tell us nothing that a photograph of the painting can't tell us," Haas said.

"That's an attitude that infuriates Chicago business consultant and former museum trustee Edward Hirschland. He had pleaded with the board of directors to keep the Catlin collection intact, insisting that it is not only artistically and ethnographically important — but also a piece of Chicago's cultural history.

"Selling these is an intellectual crime," said Hirschland, who was out of the country at the time of the vote. He later quit the board of directors over the Catlin sale.

"These belong to the city of Chicago and its people, not hanging in some other museum or on a private collector's wall."

The museum's anthropologists first suggested selling the Catlins, as well as some other pieces, about six years ago. The goal, staffers say, is to thin out the museum's archives and raise funds for expanding in new areas.

"If you look at our strengths and weaknesses, you will see that most of our collection dates from the 1880s through the 1920s," Haas said.

"We haven't had the funds or focus to expand beyond that, which means we're missing entire generations of material."

Catlin was an attorney who gave up his law practice to devote himself to art. After seeing a delegation of American Indian leaders traveling to Washington, D.C., to cement treaties with the Office of Indian Affairs, Catlin decided that he wanted to document their culture.

The largest collection of Catlin paintings is held by the Smithsonian's American Art Museum in Washington, D.C., which has nearly 500 of his paintings.

But many of those works are among Catlin's later efforts, in which he was recreating his work from memory and notes.

The Field Museum's collection is believed to be the largest of Catlin's works painted while he was with his subjects. Because of that, many of the paintings have compelling stories behind the portraits, said Redden of Sotheby's.

"We have been contacted by numerous parties about the Catlin sale, so we expect this to be big," Redden said. "Part of their appeal is the stories behind the paintings."

Colorado road crews work to clear Interstate 70 of giant boulders, debris

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Snowfall delayed repairs Friday to a section of Interstate 70 where a rock slide sent boulders as big as vans crashing onto the road.

Road crews, under the glare of portable spotlights, toiled through the night in hopes of reopening one lane of traffic in each direction. But the highway through scenic Glenwood

Canyon in western Colorado remained closed Friday morning.

More than three dozen boulders landed on Interstate 70 early Thursday, some embedded 6 feet deep. State officials ended up closing a 24-mile section of the main east-west artery through Colorado. They rerouted Thanksgiving Day traffic that ordinarily flows be-

tween Glenwood Springs and Gypsum along an almost 220-mile detour to the north.

Geologists and engineers were working alongside the crews, trying to figure out what caused the slide.

"This is the worst I've seen in my eight years," said Stacey Stegman, spokeswoman for the state transportation department.

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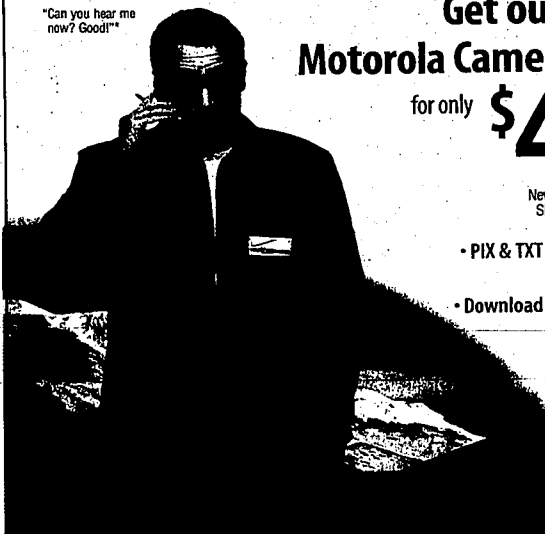
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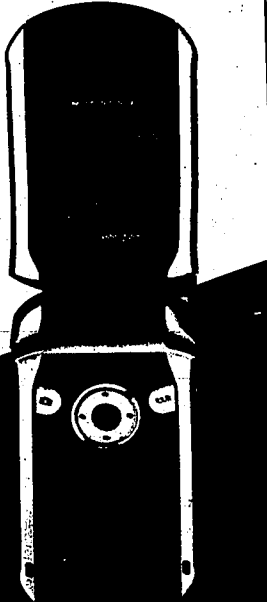
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Artist turns talent to island park piece

LEWISTON (AP) — Renowned artist Maya Lin is working on design for a new piece at Chief Timothy Park, and Nez Perce tribal members say they are looking forward to seeing her vision take shape.

Lin visited the island park eight miles west of Clarkston, Wash. last month to discuss her ideas with several tribal members, including Tribal Executive Committee member Wilfred Scott and traditional spiritual

leader Horace Axtell. "She's very inquisitive," Scott said. "She wanted to know what we saw, how we felt, whether we could hear things or had visions. I think she's got some very deep visions and emotions. She takes a lot of time. She doesn't arrive at any decisions lustily."

If the artwork here is anything like what Lin designed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., it will be extraordinary, said Axtell.

"From what I've seen and heard of her plans, and the site she chose, it seems like a good project," he said. "It's out there where you can see the beautiful hillsides in all directions and it's by the river, and the river is important for many things. The land is important to what the (Nez Perces) want to describe about the history of this country, especially the place where the Nimiipuu people had roamed and lived before any other peo-

ple came to Nez Perce land." Nimiipuu is the Nez Perce word for their tribe.

Lin was commissioned by the Confluence Project to create seven public art projects along the route taken by explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark stretching from Clarkston to the Pacific Ocean. The nearly \$19 million project commemorates the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and the projects are slated for installation in 2005.

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Off-roaders crowd Imperial Dunes

GLAMIS, Calif. (AP) — Off-road enthusiasts crowded into California's largest sand dunes area on Friday, but officials reported there had been no repeat of the mayhem of past Thanksgiving weekends.

The throng at Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area was expected to peak at up to 200,000. The annual Thanksgiving ritual more than doubles the population of Imperial County, but in the recent past the mix of fast driving and wild parties has been a recipe for "Mad Max" style chaos.

"Things were much quieter this year and officials credited a continuing crackdown with restoring a family environment in the dunes, 160 miles east of San Diego and just a few miles west of the Arizona state line."

"It's busy. There are a lot of people, but by 11 P.M. (Thursday) it was dead quiet," said Greg Gorman of the LaVerne-based American Sand Association, which represents off-roaders.

"That's all you see: kids, quads and minibikes," he said. "It's been wonderful."

By Friday, eight people had been arrested — including three at sobriety checkpoints — and authorities had issued 261 citations, mostly for safety-related issues. About 31 minor injuries were reported, said Stephen Razo of the Bureau of Land Management, which oversees the dunes.

Anti-smoking lawmaker still isn't done

BOISE (AP) — The Legislature's leading opponent of smoking isn't finished yet.

Republican Sen. Brent Hill of Rexburg, who convinced lawmakers last winter to ban smoking in nearly all public places except bars and bowling alleys, now wants to close a loophole some restaurants have used to cater to their tobacco-using customers.

"To get around the ban, a number of restaurants have turned their establishments into private clubs — offering membership at a token fee — so the ban no longer applies."

"They're doing it as a sham," Hill said. "It's not fair to the rest of the restaurants who are complying with the law. The whole point is to keep everyone on a level playing field."

The ban exempts "buildings owned and operated by social, fraternal, or religious organizations."

Claudy McCool, who turned his Saw-On Cafe in downtown Boise into a private club last summer, expects to be run out of business if Hill succeeds.

"As a group of restaurants, do we have a chance to combat this? I don't think we do," McCool said. "They're going to set it up so it doesn't matter what even a minority of the people want."

The senator does intend to exempt veterans' homes so aging former members of the military can continue smoking. The inclusion of those facilities in the ban, said Republican Sen. Dick Compton of Coeur d'Alene, was "one of the lunacies of the smoking bill."

But possibly offsetting that effort, Hill said, could be the attempt of others to bring bowling alleys under the smoking ban.

Also at issue is whether the 29-cent-a-pack cigarette tax increase imposed in 2003 should be allowed to expire as scheduled next July. While there seems little doubt that the penny sales tax increase will be dropped then as planned, there is mounting support to keep the cigarette tax at 57 cents a pack and keep the extra \$22 million a year it provides.

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Rural Utah bank felled by bad loans, embezzlement

EPHRAIM, Utah (AP) — The math was simple: Bad loans plus embezzlement brought down a small-town bank.

The loans were made for hasty business ventures in a 9,000-strong polygamist enclave that believed the world was about to end.



Ron Greene, owner of Ron Greene Chevrolet, poses outside his company on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, in Ephraim, Utah. The Bank of Ephraim's failure was "the last thing in my mind" said Greene, who sometimes kept millions at the institution. "I thought it was the Rock of Gibraltar."

The insider's fraud was 24 years in the making and involved cash-filled suitcases and Las Vegas gambling apes.

But in this farming community in one of Utah's poorest counties, where many are struggling to hold their own, resentment runs deep against regulators who shut down the 95-year-old Bank of Ephraim.

They complain government examiners, fooled by phony bank statements, never detected the fraud. They accuse state regulators of tolerating bad loans to the Mormon fundamentalist sect halfway down the state — until the buildup to the Salt Lake 2002 Winter Olympics ushered a renewed war on the polygamists.

One of the loans was made for a watermelon farm that never planted a single watermelon. The bank foreclosed on the farm. Another made to an outfit that salvaged military barracks for motel conversions; that venture went bankrupt when the barracks turned out to have lead paint, asbestos and other hazards.

The loans reached \$18 million, 90 percent of the Bank of Ephraim's portfolio, said former bank president Keith Church.

Regulators "allowed it to happen and then closed it when we were trying to fix it," said Church, who took over in 2000. "They were like sink on poop on us."

Afterward, Church learned from business owners that he had been instructed by Rulon Jeffs, former leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to "go out and borrow as much money as they could" because civilization was about to collapse.

State Banking Supervisor Jim Thomas said the Bank of Ephraim was cleaning its balance sheet of the bad loans when embezzlement delivered the knockout punch. He said the bank was irredeemable.

Federal officials say it underscores a shift to outright fraud for bank failures, which used to fall more often because of economic downturns.

A handful of banks still fail each year. "A lot of them, which tend to be small, don't make a big splash until they happen in your backyard. That's the hard way to find out about it," said David Barr, a spokesman for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. in Washington, D.C.

Last June's closing of the Bank of Ephraim made instant losers of 50 people, and groups ranging from turkey farmers to the Ron Greene Chevrolet dealer and state college. Together they had \$3.6 million in uninsured deposits.

Stockholders who lost millions more claims they had investors lined up to rescue the bank, but were rebuffed by regulators, who sold the deposits to a bank unwittingly instrumental in its looting, the Far West Bank of America said.

Attorneys are fighting the federal agency charged with salvaging failed banks over restitution for losers. Many of

the losers are small-business owners who learned too late that deposits in any single bank over \$100,000 were uninsured, an amount unchanged since 1952.

A bank failure was "the last thing in my mind," said Chevy dealer Ron Greene, who sometimes kept millions at the bank of Ephraim but through the luck of timing lost only about \$100,000 in uninsured deposits. "I thought of it as the rock of Gibraltar."

The FDIC is taking the position that it alone is the victim of the failed bank and responsible for distributing the banks' remaining assets, infuriating townsfolk. In court papers the FDIC says it has sole authority over depleted bank assets, including any restitution recovered from former head cashier Randy K. McArthur and Dean Johnson, an outsider who drew up counterfeit bank statements. Both pleaded guilty in September to looting the bank for two dozen years.

By the time they were done, authorities say, they drained the bank's earnings of nearly \$5 million.

"I've never seen an embezzlement gone on like this for so long. This is an aberration. Most embezzlers are caught quickly," said FBI agent Todd Argyle.

"It's gone," McArthur told a Salt Lake television station outside the federal courthouse last summer.

McArthur, 50, whose sentencing has been put off until Jan. 14 pending the fight over restitution, refused to be interviewed for this story. Church said McArthur told him he drafted Bank of Ephraim cashier's checks and drove them to a nearby Far West Bank branch in Mount Pleasant, claiming he needed cash "for the vault."

Church said the bank's cash flow was strong, and he was stunned Far West Bank never was suspicious. It never called to inquire about McArthur's withdrawals. Far West Bank officials insist rural banks borrow cash from each other routinely to avoid the expense of armored-car deliveries.

Nearly every month for 24 years McArthur took out sums exceeding \$20,000, keeping bills from \$5 to \$100 stuffed in suitcases and buying a house and expensive cars and leading a double life in St. George, Utah, his gateway to Las Vegas casinos. "This is directly from him to me," Church said. In his plea deal, McArthur said he divided the loot with Johnson.

For a small town, the bank's failure dealt a staggering toll. Bank of Ephraim employees lost jobs and pensions and some are selling their houses.

Church was hired by Zion's Bank but took a \$60,000 pay cut. He lost \$200,000 he rolled from a 401k retirement account into bank stock, "which would have been a good investment if Randy hadn't been stealing it." Church, 52, also lost an annuity that promised \$4,000 a month after age 62.

At Moroni Feed Co., which sells the Nestlé brand of turkey, a \$250,000 loss "comes right out of the pocket" of 65 family farms already struggling under depressed prices, cooperative President David P. Bailey said.

Small-business owners mourn the passing of a friendly bank that gave them easy terms. Ernest "Gus" Augustus, who opened a new restaurant on Main Street here, said "you can't get a dime" out of Utah banks. He said his income can fluctuate like a farmer's, but he no longer has a \$15,000 line of credit to tide him over.

Training ranges could help base avoid closure

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Officials at the Department of Defense say Hill Air Force Base's proximity to Utah's vast military training ranges could help spare it in an upcoming round of base closures.

The Utah Test and Training Range west of Salt Lake City is a blank, withered world bigger than Delaware. Combined with the county's neighboring Dugway Proving Ground, itself bigger than Rhode Island, Utah can claim the largest overland range in the lower 48 states.

Dissected only by Interstate 80 across the Great Salt Lake Desert, the range also offers the largest swath of authorized Mach-speed military airspace. In the continental United States.

Ray DuBois, deputy undersecretary of Defense for installations and environment, said everything in the military's real-estate portfolio is being considered for in the latest Base Realignment and Closure —

with one exception.

Wide-open bombing ranges are sacrosanct.

"The most precious categories we cannot close are those we cannot reconstruct nationally," DuBois said. "We are very sensitive to the training asset. We cannot go out and buy new properties."

DuBois oversees a team evaluating the 600,000 structures and properties owned by the Department of Defense. This spring, after weighing 25 million factors in the inventory, he will forward to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld findings on what may exceed the military's future needs. By May 16, Rumsfeld will give Congress his list of recommended U.S. base closings and changes in military installation missions.

Hill's role administering UTRR operations helped the state's largest employer — with 23,000 civilian workers and approximately the same number of contract employees — es-

cape closure during the 1993 and 1995 BRAC rounds.

But it's no guarantee of survival in 2005. For example, DuBois points to Naval Air Station Cecil Field, the South's largest master jet base and the largest military installation in the Jacksonville, Fla. area.

The 30,000-acre base was closed in September 1999 after it was placed on the 1995 BRAC list. But the Pentagon kept open the restricted airspace above the padlocked installation.

"The base was the most valuable part of Cecil Field," said DuBois, "not the concrete on the ground."

Utah lawmakers have worked to maintain UTRR's billing as the largest special-use airspace in the country. In the latest Defense authorization bill, Sens. Orrin Hatch and Bob Bennett ordered the Air Force to report to Congress next year if any "current and anticipated encroachments" could threaten the range's airspace.

Settlement grants boost shelters

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Five social service organizations around the region have received grants from the state attorney general's office.

About \$90,000 in grants were distributed among 45 organizations around the state.

"Many of Idaho's men, women and children will need assistance during the winter months," Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said in a press release.

"Our shelters see a large increase in individuals who need a warm place to sleep and a hot, nutritious meal. This

- money allows our shelters to assist in feeding thousands of Idahoans this holiday season."
 - Agencies that benefited included:
 - The Advocates, a domestic violence shelter in Hailey — \$2,000.
 - Community Oasis Outreach in Arcevia — \$3,000.
 - Crisis Center of the Magic Valley in Twin Falls — \$2,000.
 - Mini Cassia Shelter for Women and Children in Rupert — \$1,000.
 - Valley Homeless Shelter in Twin Falls — \$3,000.
- The grants are meant to be used to purchase food, appli-

ances and kitchen equipment.

Grant money comes from settlements in two antitrust lawsuits alleging price-fixing conspiracies against several food-related companies.

In October 2003, E Hoffman-La Roche, BASF, Aventis, Takeda Chemicals, Imported Ltd., Eisai Co. Ltd. and Dalchi Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. reached a settlement to resolve allegations that they conspired to fix prices for vitamin products.

The other settlement involved Salton Inc., a distributor of small appliances that was also accused of price fixing.

Nampa police find cache of goods

NAMPA — Nampa police say they found a cache of stolen goods worth \$200,000 in two local residences.

Officers claim they found electronics, jewelry, construction equipment and power tools, computers, fishing gear, weapons and sports cards at the homes.

"We're looking at people who know each other," Vincent said. "It's the same types of stolen property, the same people involved who are showing up at these places."

Detectives suspect the items came from at least six vehicle thefts, several vehicle burglaries and at least three business burglaries.

Three people were arrested after the search — two on unrelated warrants — and the investigations is continuing, Vincent said.

Marcos Chavez, 27, was arrested and charged with felony attempted escape, obstructing and delaying a police officer, malicious injury to a police vehicle, possession of methamphetamine and marijuana and other existing warrants.

Idaho in brief

Gerald Graham, 27, was arrested on a warrant accusing him of domestic violence, and Casey Olsen, 19, was arrested on a warrant accusing him of driving without privileges.

travel safely. We'd rather people drive appropriately so there's not a concern."

Last year there were three fatal accidents in Idaho over Thanksgiving weekend; 246 accidents in 2003, one throughout the state, according to the Idaho Transportation Department.

State police will patrol roads in full force

IDAHO FALLS — The Idaho State Police will be patrolling roads full force during the holiday season.

With the recent completion of annual training the agency is at full-staff on the highways. Lt. C.R. Kallenberger said.

"We're going to focus on high traffic areas to assist the traveling public as they get through the major routes of Idaho," he said.

With officers on the lookout for spiders, chances for getting a ticket may be high. But Kallenberger said that's not the point.

"We don't focus on the tickets as much as you do," he said. "We focus on helping people

Prison inmate commits suicide Wednesday

BOISE — An Idaho State Correctional Institution inmate committed suicide Wednesday, officials said.

Martin Alan Flagg, 38, of Missoula, Mont., began serving a seven- to 15-year sentence in July for the most heinous and lascivious conduct with a minor under the age of 16.

Officials said he hanged himself in the prison bathroom, and another inmate discovered his body.

Ada County Deputies and the Ada County Coroner responded to the death as part of standard procedure.

— compiled from wire reports

Brothers treated after falling in water

Men cling to capsized boat for at least an hour

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Two brothers duck hunting on Utah Lake were hospitalized Friday after their boat capsized, leaving them clinging to the side until help arrived.

The brothers, John and Thomas Dehaan of Herriman, had been in the water near Lin-

coln Beach at least an hour and both were suffering from hypothermia, said Utah County Sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Spencer Cannon.

Rescuers performed CPR and used a defibrillator to shock Thomas Dehaan 34 several times at the scene before he was flown to the University of Utah Hospital in Salt Lake City, Cannon said.

A supervisor at the hospital, Dr. Shuman, on Friday night refused to release his condition even though she said neither he

nor his family asked it be kept confidential.

John Dehaan, 30, was transported by an ambulance to Mountain View Hospital in Payson.

A nursing supervisor said he had been treated and released Friday.

Earlier information from the Sheriff's office on Friday had reversed the brothers' names and wanted for a more security.

Both brothers were wearing life jackets; and the water temperature was in the 40s.

Most immigrants apprehended in Arizona

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — More illegal immigrants were apprehended in Arizona during the fiscal year than were caught in California, New Mexico and Texas combined, according to the latest statistics released by the U.S. Border Patrol.

While that distinction is a first for the state, the Border Patrol's Tucson sector has led the nation in apprehensions for the past seven years.

Since 1994, the share of apprehensions along the Mexican border reported in the Tucson sector has grown from 14 percent to more than 43 percent, garnering national attention

for rising death tolls, volunteer civilian border patrols and a recent ballot initiative aimed at illegal immigrants.

Along the entire Arizona border, the share has grown from 16 percent to 52 percent.

While the Border Patrol says it has taken the same approach in Arizona as in California and Texas, the results have been more dramatic.

In the years since the agency launched operations around San Diego and El Paso and in southern Texas, apprehensions in those sectors have fallen a combined 64 percent.

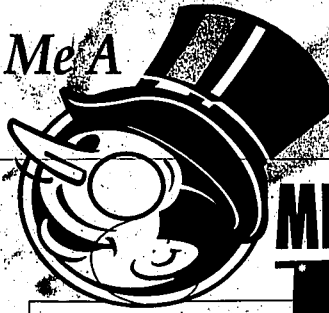
The agency believes proof of

success lies in fewer apprehensions, which indicates fewer people are trying to cross the border.

The newly released figures have prompted some who work for a more secure border to ask why strategies that are successful elsewhere have not worked along Arizona's border.

"It's time they got that job done," said Johnny Williams, a longtime Border Patrol agent who worked for the Western region of the former Immigration and Naturalization Service from 1998 to 2002.

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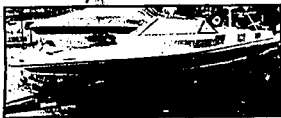
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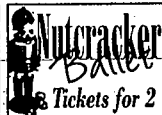
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CHRISTMAS CROWDS

Early-bird shoppers fight crowds, grab deals

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When you're waiting in a line outside a shopping mall in near-freezing temperatures before dawn, 30 minutes can feel like an eternity.

But to die-hard shoppers like Teresa Tverdy of Castletford and friend Debbie VanCasteren of Bull, the savings are worth the wait.

The women joined thousands of other Magic Valley shoppers who clamored into stores Friday, anxious to cash in on the after-Thanksgiving Day sales on items ranging from toys to tools.

Historically, the day after Thanksgiving has marked the beginning of the holiday shopping season. And while the shoppers who memorize sales and wait in long lines and fight over shopping carts call themselves crazy for doing it, they inevitably come back to the stores year after year.

For Tverdy and VanCasteren, shopping on the day after Thanksgiving is a time-honored tradition. For years, the women have gathered friends and family for the annual event. But the group's numbers have dwindled recently, VanCasteren said, as the attraction of rising hours before dawn to shop has faded for some.

"Now it's 'If you're not gonna stay with us, don't start with us,'" she said.

After spending part of Thanksgiving Day organizing wish lists and drawing up a plan of attack, Tverdy and VanCasteren started their excursion at 5:30 a.m. Friday outside Sears. Only about 20 people were in line when they arrived, but the line had grown to more than 100 and had wrapped around the side of the building by the



With 30 minutes remaining until the doors open, Teresa Tverdy, left, says, 'Just think 10 minutes,' to her friend Debbie VanCasteren, right, as they wait in line to start their Christmas shopping at Sears early Friday morning. The day after Thanksgiving has regained its status as the biggest shopping day of the year.

time employees opened the doors, promptly at 6 a.m.

Sears offered \$10 gift cards to the first 200 customers, which came in handy as the women shopped for watches, tools and DVDs. With only one employee on staff at the jewelry counter, the wait for service felt excruciatingly long.

"If they start taking our watches, I'll take 'em down," Tverdy said, eyeing other shoppers.

By 6:30 a.m., the women left

for Bon-Macy's to buy after-shave, then to Kurt's Hallmark to browse for Christmas ornaments. The total mall receipts added up to \$169.74 for Tverdy and \$261.73 for VanCasteren.

At 7 a.m., the women arrived at Fred Meyer to meet Tverdy's mother, Joy Hall.

Hall's mother — Tverdy's grandmother — usually makes the trip, but at 89, she wasn't feeling up to it. The family's great-grandmother usually sleeps in her clothes so she can

leave the house at 5:30 a.m., Hall said, but that morning she was wearing a nightgown and stayed out of the game.

"She's made it every other year," Hall said.

After partaking of the complimentary apple juice and donut holes, Tverdy and VanCasteren each stocked up on pillows and half-price socks for herself, her husband and her four children. A \$29.99 portable DVD player and giant-sized candy bars for \$1 caught the women's eyes and

made it into the carts.

VanCasteren priced steam-cleaning vacuums, flat-screen televisions and compact discs, but kept on moving, hoping for lower prices elsewhere. The tally at Fred Meyer came to \$161.57 for VanCasteren and \$222.26 for Tverdy.

"I'm trying to keep it under \$500 today," Tverdy said.

"We need coffee," VanCasteren said.

Taking a short detour up Blue Lakes to Java for double-shot

Mexican mochas, the group then continued to a busy Target for pajamas, CDs and a clothes steamer, among a host of other items.

VanCasteren scanned her wish lists and headed to the electronics department in search of the video game "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas." She found it but passed it up — it was too expensive and she wasn't sure whether she wanted her son to own the violent and sexually suggestive game.

"Maybe I need to keep a closer eye on the games he's asking for," she said.

Tverdy had paid with cash all morning so far, but she pulled out her credit card for \$171.64. VanCasteren wrote a \$63.34 check.

Next stop: ShopKo. The trio headed back to Magic Valley Mall to the discount retailer, where carts were lined up five deep at the checkouts. VanCasteren finally got her steam-vac as well as a leather jacket, while Tverdy stocked up on fleece blankets and laundry detergent for her son in college.

The women looked for razor blades for their sons' stockings, but opted to wait to buy in bulk later at Costco Wholesale.

"I can't believe they're shaving," Hall said of her grandsons. The women continued their trip until just after 4 p.m. The day's final spending tally: \$618.08 for VanCasteren and \$733.96 for Tverdy. They'll spend more on stocking stuffers before Christmas arrives.

"This is the one time of year that I don't worry about (a budget)," VanCasteren said. "I always go overboard, but I love it."

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Season's greetings, shopper warnings

Avoid common money mistakes over the holidays

By Andrea Coombes
CBS MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO — When it comes to worrying about pocketbook issues this holiday shopping season, pickpockets should be the least of your concerns.

Instead, consumers should be on guard against the friendly offers pitched by their favorite stores, charities, banks and credit card companies. Otherwise, you'll pay more than you need to, possibly for a very long time.

Consider, for example, that favorite holiday treat: "No payment of interest until the end of the year!" You think you'll pay off the bill before the interest clock starts ticking, but many consumers get hit with the full interest charges at the end of the year by a little-known due date hitch.

Then there are those appealing gift cards that let you shop anywhere Visa and MasterCard are accepted. The convenience is nice; the steep fees are not.

Shoppers need to ask questions, read the fine print and not let a misguided sense of pleasing loved ones push them into spending beyond their means.

"Stores, banks and others know how much people want to be generous over the holidays. It's very easy to take advantage of people's desire to give to their loved ones," said Karen Gross, professor at New York Law School and president of the Coalition for Consumer Bankruptcy Debtor Education.

Remember, "it's your money and you control it," Gross added. "Only you can make decisions about where it goes and why it should go there. Keep that in mind in all of the ways you get money from your pocket and put it into theirs."

Consumers will spend an average of \$702 this year, up 4.5 percent over last year, with total holiday spending estimated to reach almost \$220 billion, according to a National Retail Federation survey, conducted by highest search of 7,800 consumers.

That said, consumers doing your utmost to avoid the following yuletide shopping errors:

• Don't jump into 'pay later' deals.

• Sure, paying later without being charged interest can be a

Analysis

good deal, but be wary before signing up for a "don't pay until 2006 deal," according to Gross.

First, find out what the product would cost if you paid cash now. Some retailers jack up a product's price to offset lost interest payments.

Second, make sure you know when to pay the bill in full. Often, consumers change the product to a credit card and expect that the final payment due date, usually a year or 18 months into the future, will match their credit card's billing cycle.

Not so, Gross said. "What frequently happens is that the money is carried on a credit card that has a billing cycle that doesn't coincide with the program payment period," she added.

That means your final payment for the product could be a month too late — and a full year's interest will then kick in. Monitor the specific date the final payment is due.

• Don't click on links in e-receipts. Maybe you know a phishing e-mail when you see a near-perfect imitation of your bank's corporate identity, but where will e-mail scammers venture next in their efforts to get personal financial information?

As retail activity heats up closer to the holidays, expect to see fake shopping-confirmation notices from your favorite retailers. "Scammers are always one step ahead of you. I would imagine that's only going to get more sophisticated before the holidays," said Susan Larson, vice president of global content at SurfControl, which sells e-mail and Web filtering products to companies.

At this time of year, consumers on a tight budget may be particularly vulnerable to the lure of winning extra spending money through new phishing scams, including fake work-at-home opportunities or cash in exchange for completing an online survey.

"There are various ways they are going to offer the consumer a quick fix to a Christmas financial problem," Larson added.

Already, messages are appearing that promise a Wal-Mart or Macy's gift certificate for those who fill out an online survey, she said.

How to fight back? Never click on a link in an unsolicited e-mail message. One simple click could trigger a malicious program that logs any keystrokes you then

make on your computer.

Far more common, however, is that the link sends consumers to a fake Web site, where they're asked to fill in personal information, which scammers then use to steal their financial assets or identity.

If you've got any questions about your accounts, exit the e-mail message and navigate to the company's Web site yourself, or call the store.

• Don't ignore return policies.

Don't shop till you drop thinking you can return anything you don't like. Some retailers are reining in their return policies, and customers who claim too many returns could get denied at the cash register. Ask retailers about their policies and be sure to include receipts with gifts so your family and friends aren't stuck with what would otherwise be a lovely gift.

• Donate directly, not from a phone pitch.

The holidays may be for giving, but watch out for telemarketers asking for donations. Charities are exempt from the do-not-call law, so there's no legal problem with the call. But they often lure for-profit firms to do their phone work for them. The problem: From 25 cents to 90 cents of your donated dollar will go to the for-profit company, said Trent Stamp, executive director of Charity Navigator, a Web site that researches and rates charities.

"A much smaller percentage of your money actually reaches its intended cause, and you fill up the coffers of a for-profit telemarketing company, which I'm not sure was your intention when you decided to give to charity," Stamp added.

"If you get one of these phone calls and the charity sounds good to you, the best thing to do is hang up the phone, research the charity and go contact them directly."

• Don't overlook gift-card fees.

This year, 74 percent of consumers plan to buy gift cards, up from about 70 percent last year, and they'll spend more than \$17 billion on the cards, up from \$100 million last year, according to a National Retail Federation survey of 7,500 consumers.

But some consumers will spend more for the privilege than others. Buying a bank-issued gift card is convenient — you can make purchases anywhere with MasterCard, Visa or American Express. Please see WARNING, Page D2



Customers swarm around the toy department as they take advantage of the early bird specials at Kohl's department store early Friday morning. In Taylor, Mich., Bargain shoppers woke up before dawn to head for the nation's malls and stores Friday, the official beginning of the holiday shopping season, hoping to take advantage of early bird specials on a range of items from toys to TV sets.

IT'S A DEAL

Eager shoppers brave long waits for big discounts

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The nation's retailers threw open their doors before the sun rose Friday, tempting early risers on the first shopping day of the holiday season with super specials and free coffee.

The deep discounts and refreshments were a bid by merchants to ring up their holiday sales fast on the day they dub Black Friday. And they're keeping their fingers crossed that, in an improving though still challenging economy, the crowds will keep coming throughout the next month.

At the Orange Park Mall in suburban Jacksonville, Fla., several hundred people cheered outside J.C. Penney as the doors opened at 5:30 a.m. They scurried to get out of the unseasonably cold 40-degree weather.

Phyllis Renninger, 52, waited with her 22-year-old daughter, Katie, for struggling KB Toys to open up at 6 a.m. The women had a piece of notebook paper with a detailed game plan of the stores where they planned to shop.

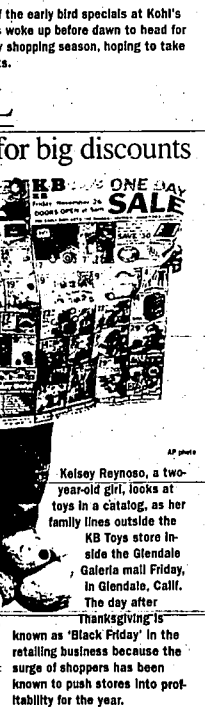
"Hopefully we'll get some good deals," Renninger said, adding she wanted to spend less this year "but get more." Eight women in Colleen

Baker's family fanned out across the mall with walkie-talkies and cell phones, snapping up a microwave oven, digital camera and CD players.

"I've already saved \$70," Baker said around 6:30 a.m.

By the time Wal-Mart's store in Hamburg, N.Y., opened at 6 a.m., 1,000 people had formed a line that spanned the entire store — front, despite temperatures of 31 degrees.

"It's our tradition," said Ruth Pompeo, of Lackawanna, N.Y., who was in line with her 11-year-old niece. "I don't know what I'm here to Please see DEAL, Page D3



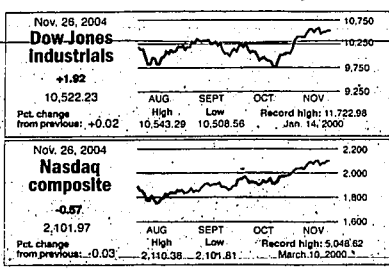
Kelsey Reynoso, a two-year-old girl, looks at toys in a catalog, as her family lines outside the KB Toys store inside the Glendale Galleria mall Friday, in Glendale, Calif. The day after Thanksgiving is known as 'Black Friday' in the retailing business because the surge of shoppers has been known to push stores into profitability for the year.

MONEY

Stocks mixed in short trading day

BUY NOTHING

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks finished mixed in post-holiday trading Friday as Wall Street mended...



Taser International Inc. skidded \$3.51, or 6.95 percent, to \$47 after The New York Times reported that an Air Force laboratory...

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by nearly 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange...

Wall Street struggled to continue its bullish streak after a very light trading, as continued weakness in the dollar weighed on stocks...

The trading day ended at 1 p.m. EST as part of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 1.92, or 0.02 percent, to 10,522.23.

help revive the overall economy. The Labor Department is expected to release job creation figures next Friday that Wall Street hopes will show signs of stronger job growth.

"Traditionally, this is a pretty light trading day but the people who are in the market really want to be here, and they're coming in with a positive bias," said Jack Caffrey, equities strategist at J.P. Morgan Private Bank.

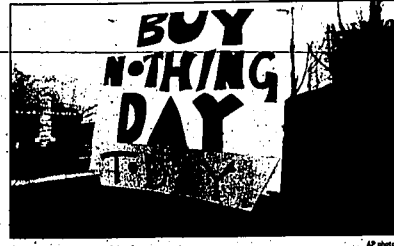
rose 55 cents to \$30.19. Chip stocks failed to get a substantial boost from the Semiconductor Industry Association's latest sales report...

Oracle Corp. said it will nominate four people to the board of PeopleSoft Inc. part of its bid to acquire the rival software company...

Overseas, Japan's Nikkei stock average fell 0.51 percent. In Europe, Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.25 percent.

The Dow Jones industrials ended the week up 65.32, or 0.62 percent, finishing at 10,522.23.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies was up 1.66, or 0.26 percent, at 631.16.



Taylor Stevenson, 23, of Portland, holds a sign as she protests on the biggest shopping day of the year outside a local mall Friday, in Portland, Ore.

Warning

Continued from D1. American Express is accepted — but you'll pay \$5 to \$10 for the card itself, while store gift cards have no such up-front fee, according to Consumer Reports Money Adviser.

card exactly on time. If you fall in love with any other payment — say you don't pay your phone bill, you pay your landlord late, you pay your mortgage late — that nonpayment becomes an event of default under your credit-card agreement...

Know your "cross-default" provisions. No matter how tight your budget gets this season, avoid delaying payment on any bills. While it makes sense to get credit-card bills paid quickly to dodge late fees as high as \$35...

In addition, this is a good time to recheck your credit cards' grace periods, as well as the date and time your credit-card bills are due.

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Table with columns: Name, Div, Chg, High, Low, Close. Lists various stocks like AIG, AFAC, AMT, etc.

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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.

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U.S. officials promise to press for level field on trade despite sanctions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration said Friday it would comply with a World Trade Organization panel that says the U.S. must open its markets to Congress to change the law that prompted the sanctions.

Speaking to reporters in Texas where he was vacationing, President Bush said that "we worked hard to comply with the WTO. I think it's important that all nations comply with WTO rulings. I'll work with Congress to get into compliance."

But Bush also said, "We expect the WTO, as well, to trade our trading partners as they treat us."

Earlier, a spokesman for U.S. Trade Representative Bob Zoel-

lick indicated the administration believes the sanctions ultimately may not be necessary. "We are continuing to work with Congress to bring the U.S. into compliance and we are consulting with our trading partners on these efforts," said Richard Mills.

He said that officials already had notified the WTO that "we intend to comply with our international obligations in this matter."

"It's important to remember that these issues do not affect the ability of the United States to continue enforcing our trade laws to make sure Americans are being treated fairly," Mills said, after the WTO in Geneva — Switzerland — ap-

proved new sanctions aimed at retaliating against American exports.

The WTO acted because the U.S. Congress has not yet repealed a law that American trading rivals consider anti-competitive and protectionist.

U.S. exports of food, textiles, glassware, mobile homes, appliances and other goods face new tariffs as a result of the decision by the WTO, an international trade body.

The decision was expected. The trading disputes started in a 2000 law named for Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., which lets the U.S. government fine foreign companies that it judges to be selling goods here at below-market prices; with the proceeds going to U.S. companies. The law was written with the steel industry in mind.

The WTO backed claims that the amendment breaks trade laws by punishing exporters to the United States twice because they are first fined, and then

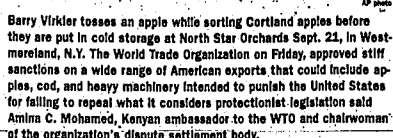
World trade dispute

The World Trade Organization approved sanctions on a wide range of American exports, a measure intended to retaliate against a U.S. trade law ruled illegal by the WTO. Plaintiffs in the case include the European Union and several other top trade partners of the United States.

2003 U.S. exports to plaintiffs in WTO complaint

Country	Share of total
Canada	23.5%
European Union	20.8
Mexico	15.0
Japan	9.7
South Korea	7.2
Brazil	6.1
India	5.0
China	2.7
Totals	156.8 Billion

SOURCE: Department of Commerce AP those fines are passed on to their competitors.



Barry Vikler tosses an apple while sorting Cortland apples before they are put in cold storage at North Star Orchards Sept. 21, in Westmoreland, N.Y. The World Trade Organization on Friday approved strict sanctions on a wide range of American exports that could include apples, coal, and heavy machinery intended to punish the United States for failing to repeal what it considers protectionist legislation said Amira C. Mohamed, Kenyan ambassador to the WTO and chairwoman of the organization's dispute settlement body.

CLOSING FUTURES

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BEANS

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Nov	21.17	21.30	20.83	-.47
Dec	21.17	21.30	20.83	-.47
Jan	21.17	21.30	20.83	-.47
Feb	21.17	21.30	20.83	-.47
Mar	21.17	21.30	20.83	-.47
Apr	21.17	21.30	20.83	-.47
May	21.17	21.30	20.83	-.47
Jun	21.17	21.30	20.83	-.47
Jul	21.17	21.30	20.83	-.47
Aug	21.17	21.30	20.83	-.47
Sep	21.17	21.30	20.83	-.47
Oct	21.17	21.30	20.83	-.47

GRAINS

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Nov	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01
Dec	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01
Jan	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01
Feb	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01
Mar	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01
Apr	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01
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Oct	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01

MARKETS

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SOYBEAN MEALS

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Nov	162.00	163.00	161.00	-.10
Dec	162.00	163.00	161.00	-.10
Jan	162.00	163.00	161.00	-.10
Feb	162.00	163.00	161.00	-.10
Mar	162.00	163.00	161.00	-.10
Apr	162.00	163.00	161.00	-.10
May	162.00	163.00	161.00	-.10
Jun	162.00	163.00	161.00	-.10
Jul	162.00	163.00	161.00	-.10
Aug	162.00	163.00	161.00	-.10
Sep	162.00	163.00	161.00	-.10
Oct	162.00	163.00	161.00	-.10

CHEESE

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Nov	1.15	1.16	1.15	-.01
Dec	1.15	1.16	1.15	-.01
Jan	1.15	1.16	1.15	-.01
Feb	1.15	1.16	1.15	-.01
Mar	1.15	1.16	1.15	-.01
Apr	1.15	1.16	1.15	-.01
May	1.15	1.16	1.15	-.01
Jun	1.15	1.16	1.15	-.01
Jul	1.15	1.16	1.15	-.01
Aug	1.15	1.16	1.15	-.01
Sep	1.15	1.16	1.15	-.01
Oct	1.15	1.16	1.15	-.01

POTATOES

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Nov	1.20	1.21	1.20	-.01
Dec	1.20	1.21	1.20	-.01
Jan	1.20	1.21	1.20	-.01
Feb	1.20	1.21	1.20	-.01
Mar	1.20	1.21	1.20	-.01
Apr	1.20	1.21	1.20	-.01
May	1.20	1.21	1.20	-.01
Jun	1.20	1.21	1.20	-.01
Jul	1.20	1.21	1.20	-.01
Aug	1.20	1.21	1.20	-.01
Sep	1.20	1.21	1.20	-.01
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CHEESE

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Sep	1.15	1.16	1.15	-.01
Oct	1.15	1.16	1.15	-.01

SUGAR

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Nov	12.00	12.05	12.00	-.05
Dec	12.00	12.05	12.00	-.05
Jan	12.00	12.05	12.00	-.05
Feb	12.00	12.05	12.00	-.05
Mar	12.00	12.05	12.00	-.05
Apr	12.00	12.05	12.00	-.05
May	12.00	12.05	12.00	-.05
Jun	12.00	12.05	12.00	-.05
Jul	12.00	12.05	12.00	-.05
Aug	12.00	12.05	12.00	-.05
Sep	12.00	12.05	12.00	-.05
Oct	12.00	12.05	12.00	-.05

SOYBEAN OIL

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Nov	30.00	30.50	30.00	-.50
Dec	30.00	30.50	30.00	-.50
Jan	30.00	30.50	30.00	-.50
Feb	30.00	30.50	30.00	-.50
Mar	30.00	30.50	30.00	-.50
Apr	30.00	30.50	30.00	-.50
May	30.00	30.50	30.00	-.50
Jun	30.00	30.50	30.00	-.50
Jul	30.00	30.50	30.00	-.50
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Oct	30.00	30.50	30.00	-.50

LIVESTOCK

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CATTLE

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Nov	1.00	1.01	1.00	-.01
Dec	1.00	1.01	1.00	-.01
Jan	1.00	1.01	1.00	-.01
Feb	1.00	1.01	1.00	-.01
Mar	1.00	1.01	1.00	-.01
Apr	1.00	1.01	1.00	-.01
May	1.00	1.01	1.00	-.01
Jun	1.00	1.01	1.00	-.01
Jul	1.00	1.01	1.00	-.01
Aug	1.00	1.01	1.00	-.01
Sep	1.00	1.01	1.00	-.01
Oct	1.00	1.01	1.00	-.01

HOGS

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Nov	1.00	1.01	1.00	-.01
Dec	1.00	1.01	1.00	-.01
Jan	1.00	1.01	1.00	-.01
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Jan	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01
Feb	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01
Mar	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01
Apr	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01
May	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01
Jun	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01
Jul	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01
Aug	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01
Sep	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01
Oct	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01

WHEAT

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Nov	1.92	1.93	1.92	-.01
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METALS/MONEY

Editor's note: Commodity quotes were not available from some sources on Oct. 27.

GOLD

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Nov	440.00	440.00	440.00	0.00
Dec	440.00	440.00	440.00	0.00
Jan	440.00	440.00	440.00	0.00
Feb	44			

COMMUNITY

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MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

HARVEST BAZAAR



Left, two College of Southern Idaho students have received scholarships from the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Auxiliary. Louisa Perry, left, and Jean Roginski, both of Jerome, are full-time students in CSI's Medical Assistant Program and received \$750 and \$500, respectively. Both will graduate in May and take the Certified Medical Assistant exam at that time.

Right, several students in the College of Southern Idaho Medical Assistant Program received Theodore Sandmeyer Memorial Nursing Scholarships of between \$100 and \$300 each. From left to right, are Amy Staker, Rupert; Christina Garner, Twin Falls; Christine Holderness, Boise; Lindsay Holmstead, Twin Falls; Julie Matson, Mountain Home; Lenora Staker, Rupert; and Antonia Martinez, Hazelton. For more information about CSI's Medical Assistant program, call Penny Glenn at 732-8728.



Photo courtesy of CSI



TRINA TEAM/The Times-News

Kristine Nab, Melanie Simmons and Roseann Dillmoore choose their favorites from a wide assortment of foods available at the Rupert United Methodist Women's annual harvest bazaar and luncheon. Church members donate food for the luncheon and items to sell at the bazaar. The proceeds will fund mission projects locally and worldwide. This annual event is the largest single fund-raiser the group sponsors and is open to the public.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Visiting — First Choice Hospice is seeking volunteers for Christmas shopping online, visiting patients, playing music, helping pay bills or other activities for hospice patients and their families. Call Donna Lutz at 736-0900.

Helping patients — Idaho Home Health and Hospice is in need of volunteers to visit with patients or relieve caregivers. Training will be provided with hospice orientation. Office help also is needed. Call Susan at 734-4061 or visit the office at 826 Eastland Drive.

Clothing — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center resettles families from European countries. Winter clothing for men, women and children is needed. Drop items by the center, 1525 Addison Ave. E., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (closed from noon to 1 p.m.)

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 320. RSVP is a United Way sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Please submit your request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Call weekly to retain request.

Monday through Friday. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

Run errands — Hospice Visions needs volunteers to run errands, buy groceries, go shopping, do light housework, write letters, read stories and other activities for hospice patients in patients' homes and in the Hospice House. Call Flo Slater at 736-2122.

735-0121.

Lift chair — An elderly woman needs a lift chair delivered to her home. Call Edith at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging at 736-2122, ext. 320.

Mentor — The Building Excellence in Academics, Character and Health Club is an after-school mentor program that meets at Central Elementary and Jerome Middle School in Jerome. Mentors who can volunteer at least one hour a week are needed. Pre-service training is provided. Call Joy Karavadas at 324-3396, ext. 2831, or Millie Cavhura at 324-4286.

Respite — The College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging is in need of volunteers to give respite to elderly homebound clients so their main caregivers

can take a break. Volunteers are needed in the Gooding, Wendell, Jerome, Rupert and Burley areas. Call Edith at 736-2122, ext. 320, or Kitty at 878-0727.

Reading — The American Reads Program is looking for seniors age 55 and older to help children in kindergarten through third grade with their reading skills at Black and Oregon Trail Elementary schools. Call Shirley Basham at 736-2122, ext. 325.

Drivers — The College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging is in need of volunteer drivers age 55 and older to take clients to medical appointments and grocery shopping in the Buhl, Jerome, Rupert and Burley areas. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and covered by excess insurance. Call Edith at 736-7464 or Kitty at 878-0727.

crew member, is the son of Rex L. and Vonnelle White of Filer. His wife, Leshia, is the daughter of Doug and Tina Drake of Jerome. He is a 1994 graduate of Bliss High School.

Hall graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman Wesley A. Hall has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

Hall is the son of Crystal Rowe of Murtaugh and a 2004 graduate of Jerome High School.

Byington graduates from basic USAF training

Airman Jordan Byington, son of Dennis and Vestla Byington of Burley, graduated from Air Force Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

His training flight received the Honor Award.

Byington is stationed in Pensacola, Fla., for 14 weeks of training in air structural maintenance training. While there, he experienced the effects of Hurricane Ivan and was located temporarily in Mississippi.

After his schooling, he will be assistant recruiter for two weeks

before being stationed in South Dakota, where he will repair and paint various aircraft.

Burley Marine completes training in San Diego

Marine Corps Pfc. Theodore A. Imman, a 1997 graduate of Burley High School, has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., and was promoted to his current rank.

Imman successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, Imman spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments that included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water-survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They

performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Army Private White gets deployed to Iraq

Army Pvt. Emanuel J. White has been deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to engage in military operations involving U.S. and coalition forces.

The soldier is regularly assigned to one of the various units and units (infantry, aviation, armor, artillery, engineer and command support, for example) of the 2nd Infantry Division, Eighth U.S. Army based in South Korea. Soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Division deployed to Iraq either augment soldiers serving there or replace soldiers who had completed their tour of duty.

White, a Bradley linebacker

SERVICE NEWS

Filer High School announces first-quarter honor students

FILER — Filer High School has announced its first-quarter honor roll students.

Students with a 4.0 grade point average are:

Seniors
Cole Bitzenberg, Robin Critchfield, Carey Farnsworth, Tad Gill, Diana Halliger, Emily Hamman, Dani Hanning, Lindsay Holmes, Amy Huddleston, Rachel Jaynes, Cameron Knigge, Kylie Madson, Jessica McLean, Larry Moore, Sarah Mousel, Lara Schmidt, Alex Serrano, Brad Silverster and Sara Wright.

Juniors
Angela Brown, Rey Deleon, Jared Denton, Nicole Huddleston, Chelsea Kack, Allison Ko, Ashley McClain, Miguel Rosas, Collette Rosenkrance, and Colby Vance.

Sophomores
Leigh Anderson, Jennifer D'Antonio, Katherine Dehan, Nathan McGregor, Hannah Mock, Cody Morris, Amanda Russell and Cassie Vierstra.

Freshmen
Hannah Baker, Rebecca Johnson, Jessica Ashley Moulton, Haley Ramsey, Kayla Richards, Kelsey Richards, Jessica Starley and Tearsa Williams.

Students with a 3.5 and higher grade point average are:
Seniors
Brad Griff, Scott Ortel, Lacy

Miller, Rebecca Corwin, Andrea Tapia, Corey Farnsworth, Chandler Chapin, Dan Ramseyer, Teresa Jones, Kim Toothman, Sarah Woolley, Michelle Delich, Andy Britley, Mary Adams, Kyla Oltrogge, Brad Rendell, Jesse Malogou, Seth Chadwick, Kellise Monroe, Chris Gomez, Barbara Arsenault, Rosanna Jones, Amanda Wilson, Ashley Root, April Miller, Rachel Christensen, Rebecca Boone, Elizabeth Benge and Kyle Vanbuzen.

Juniors
Trent Garner, Nicole Miller, Will Nussbaum, David Batey, Kristin Peters, Sarah Hany, Jillane Rainsford, Misty Tucker, Andy Pospichal, Kayla Sifer, Cole Barham, Sarah Lussen, Astrid Inkman, Bobbi Stevens, Kayla Schmidt, Samantha Slocum, Aron Mock, Kristina Ray, Nicholes Wilson, Kayla Miller, and Braun Byles.

Sophomores
Andrew Skinner, Shanae Astle, Erica Serrano, Britney Sultz, Jose Rosas, Kelsey Newton, Christie Locker, Aaron Lassen, Sara Hamman, Chris Malberg, Megan Alexander, Brittney Beard, Camille Aguilier, Tyler Barlogi, Kelsi Vincent, Taylor McKeage, Victoria Cortes, Jason Bergsma, Chandler Peterson, Serafina Harner and Courtney Kissel.

Freshmen
Erica Kober, Matthew Lassen, Jordan Matlock, Adam Russell, Heidi Anderson, Katie Bizbenberg, Stephen Parrott, Emily Nussbaum, Rachel Lanier, Emma Wiersma, Tyson Johnson, Kenny Kestle, Trendy Lewis, Barbara Tapia, Joshua Masters, Robert Miller, Jill Hancy, Holly Hanning, Andrew Alverson, Gill Mauser, Andrea Juarez, Amy Pierce, Brodie Parrott and Taylor Kirkdorfer.

Students with a 3.0 to 3.5 grade point average are:
Seniors
Remington Daniels, Willie Day, Jenicka Mechem, Ben Hallberg, Christina Monroe, Velinda Kissel, Irene Egner, Isaac Lanier, Matthew Delaney, Casey Scheer, Roxanne York, Dustin Demello, Sam Cortes, Spencer Marsh, Nephil Harmon, Justin Walker, Danielle Lemmons, Josie Harney, Russ Bridges, Candice Thibot and Kristina Stevens.

Juniors
Jake Dyson, Jaime Nebeker, Carrie Williams, Callie Blossard, Rachel Bartlett, Clinton Ward, Josh Storror, Kindra Puetz, Amber Sheen, Karamee Hamar, Travis Wiersma, Jim Barry, Morgan Veeder, Maureen Hoy, Candice Hutchinson, Davis Tyrell, Al Arsenault, Jaime Fort, Dustin Hyman, Rachel Auth,

Courtney Wilson, Jason Weir, Justin Stewart, Anastasia Mellon, James Ocar, Jared Johnson, David Haney, Nick Summers and Sara Ehrmantraut.

Sophomores
Casey Coates, McKenzie Hinkle, Emily Hughes, Sydney Miller, Anthony Gumbel, Ashley Aston, Tyler Hutchinson, Isaac Wright, Michael Smith.

Zach Ault, Heather Dwyer, Jasmine Sackett, Jared Bean, Shealyen Emery, Lauren Peterson, Francisco Sanchez, Sarah Walling, Erica Nunes, Amber Fleener, Steycha Nelson and Hannah Sackett.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

RUPERT — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced the results of American Contract League-sanctioned open pairs play for Nov. 23.

First, Norma and Bill Goodman; second, Eunice Merrigan and Barbara Carney; and third, Nanette Woodland and Vera Mal. The club plays bridge at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. Refreshments are served during play. All area bridge players are invited.

For more information, call 878-3597.

CSI clubs raise money for troops

TWIN FALLS — Several clubs at the College of Southern Idaho raised \$1,203 from a corn maze to bring home National Guard soldiers, said David Klesig, a horticulture instructor.

The groups donated all the money raised Oct. 25 on a special "support the troops," evening to help families of local soldiers defray the travel costs of airfare before soldiers are deployed to Iraq this winter. The college's corn maze included a drive-through donation station and gifts of magnetic car ribbons for donors.

Family welcomes home Marine on leave

BURLEY — Marine Lance Cpl. Derrick Gomez will be honored at an open house from 6 p.m. to midnight today at Wheels, 2510 Overland Ave.

Gomez is home on leave, will return to service Tuesday in California and be deployed overseas Dec. 1.

For more information, call 436-0555.

Twin Falls Senior Center plays bingo

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Center will play bingo from 1-3 p.m. today. One card costs \$1, or four for \$3.

The public is invited.

Boy Scout info meeting takes place Thursday

TWIN FALLS — The Falls District of the Snake River Council, Boy Scouts of America have an information and sign up night at 7 p.m. Thursday in the KMYT Lakes Blvd. N., 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

This will be an opportunity to

learn about the Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs in Twin Falls County and locate the units that provide Cub and Boy Scouting in the area. Any boys ages 8 to 18 and their parents are invited to attend and sign up for Scouting.

Jim O'Donnell, meeting coordinator, said that information about the different units available and purpose of Scouting will be discussed.

For more information, call O'Donnell at 734-7149 or the Snake River Council Service Center at 733-2067.

Kimberly Library adds more books, videos

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Library, 120 Madison W., has added several new books and videos to its collection.

Videos/DVDs: "Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet," "Idaho: A Portrait," "Moments in Time: From The Journal of Lewis & Clark," "Baseball: Funny Side Up," "Thrilling Moments in Baseball," "The All New NFL Football Follies," "One Small Step For Man," "The Dawn Rider," "The Christmas Box," "Christmas: The Toy That Saved Christmas," "Finding Nemo," "Punchinello and The Most Marvellous Gift," "Summit of The Alps," "A Snoodle's Tale" and "Talent For The Game."

Juvenile fiction: "Hick St. Phuro" by Martine Levine; "The Grim Grotto" by Lemony Snicket; "The Ballet School Kids Book Book," "The Balley City Monsters" and "Werewolves Don't Eat People" by Debby Dadey; "Rakety Jam" by Brian Jacques; "Garfield Holiday Celebrations" and "The Fourth Grader Fat Cat 3 Pack" by Jim Davis; "Lucky Knight," "Squids," "Tugs" and "First Test" by Ramona Pierce; "Laddy Bear, Halloween Party" by Dan Stain; "The Goblin's Birthday Party" by Mercer Mayer and Erica Farber; "Happy Halloween, Little Critter" by Mercer Mayer; and "Junie B., First Grader: Boo!" and "I Mean It!" by Barbara Park.

Juvenile nonfiction: "Living Things" by Wendy Madgwick; "Backyard Animals" by Kerry Acker; "Spiders" and "Centipedes" by Sally Morgan; "Hurricanes and Tornadoes" by Terry J. Jennings and "Guinness World Records 2005." For more information, call 423-4556.

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WEST

Family seeks compensation for land contaminated by Army

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Siblings Louise, Douglas and Allan Cannon thought they had inherited a gold mine. But what they say they got instead was a bunch of land they cannot lease, sell or use because it's been contaminated by World War II Army munitions tests. Now, they want compensation. In a copyrighted story in the Deseret Morning News Friday,

the Cannons accuse the Army of ruining their land — near Dugway Proving Ground — and refusing to clean it up. They discovered that Dugway attacked the old family mines with 3,000 rounds of chemical arms at the end of World War II. The purpose was to simulate what the Army would face against Japanese bunkers and caves. The Army also bombed the surface of 1,425 acres of Can-

non family-owned land above the mines with more than 23 tons of chemical arms, including a deadly mustard agent, hydrogen cyanide and the choking agent Phosgene, plus high explosives and incendiary arms that included napalm, butane and gasoline. "They bombed the heck out of it and contaminated our lands — and the surrounding lands. And they won't clean it up," Louise says.

The newspaper's story did not include any direct Army responses to the claims, and Dugway officials were not reachable for comment Friday. The siblings' grandfather, Jesse Cannon, signed a \$1 contract allowing the Army to use his land for six months, so long as they promised to "leave the property of the owner in as good condition as it was on the date of the government's entry." Court documents from later

proceedings showed Jesse Cannon wasn't happy after the Army's "Project Sphinx" testing ended. He walked the area with an Army claims officer who found the "entire area is liberally covered with shell, rocket and bomb fragments." Jesse filed a first claim for damages, and was paid \$755.48. Later, he filed another claim for damages to mine shaft timbers from the testing

and was paid \$2,064. He filed a third claim five years later in 1950. He said although he accepted the earlier payment in full for all claims for damages at his Yellow Jacket mine, "I did not believe at that time that the chemical agents used by the Army would remain in the workings and make it impossible for me to ever operate the mine again without some sort of decontamination."

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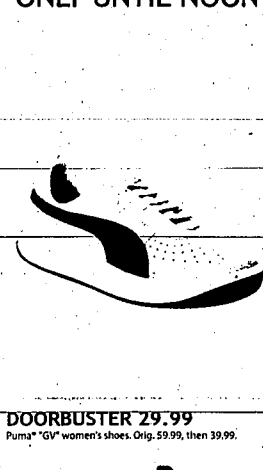
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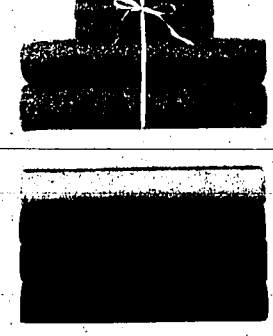
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Section E

Check your health hysteria at church door

First came the panic over a shortage of influenza vaccine. Then the forecast that, one of these days, another flu epidemic will sweep the country.

With health officials harping on the importance of hygiene, it's no wonder such worries have spilled over into churches.

Those of us who frequent houses of worship are being told to clean up our act, in more ways than one.

To keep sinners germ-free, some clerics are advising parishioners to refrain from shaking hands with one another. Others are telling them to stop sipping the communion wine from a single chalice.



TOM... SCHAEFER

While these cautions are understandable, there does seem to be a health hysteria loose in the land.

And if any place should be less hysterical over such matters, it is houses of worship. Have we forgotten what it means to trust in the One who created life? Why fear overcome faith?

Let's start with a simpler question: How did this worry about flu get out of hand?

If you turned on the TV last month, you probably saw lines of people across the country anxiously waiting to get inoculated. It was like a game of flu-shot roulette: Who would be among the lucky ones to be vaccinated?

Then health officials started limiting the vaccine to high-risk individuals, and a lot of "non-risk" folks got very angry because they were excluded.

Not that many years ago getting a flu shot was the exception, not the rule, for most people — until health professionals began a campaign urging everyone to get vaccinated.

They reminded people about the seriousness of influenza. The media dredged up disquieting stories about the deadly flu epidemic of 1918. News reports from Asia were also unsettling: A potential avian flu was being passed from birds to a few humans.

Not surprisingly, those with minor concerns about influenza decided that a flu shot might not be such a bad idea.

All it took was a shortage of vaccine one year and you would have thought that the country was about to be attacked by deadly microbes of science fiction dimensions.

How did church folks respond? Turns out that we can be as fearful as the guy sneezing next to us. Not that we haven't been squeamish for a while.

Some Christians who traditions include the use of a common cup for Communion decided years ago that the dangers of drinking from the same chalice outweighed any symbolic and historical meaning of sharing a single cup.

While I'm not advocating one Communion practice over another — some congregations use individual glasses for each person or have worshippers dip their wafers in the wine — I do think we are in danger of letting our fears override our faith practices.

In fact, some folks are so afraid of germs that their leaders are urging them to avoid even the human touch of a handshake during flu season. How sad.

Handle the issue with more of us needs to keep a perspective on the fears we have — real and imagined.

With threats by terrorists and worries about global warming and pollution (in its Hydralike forms) and natural disasters and random shootings and ... and ... it's time to be less fear-filled and more faith-driven.

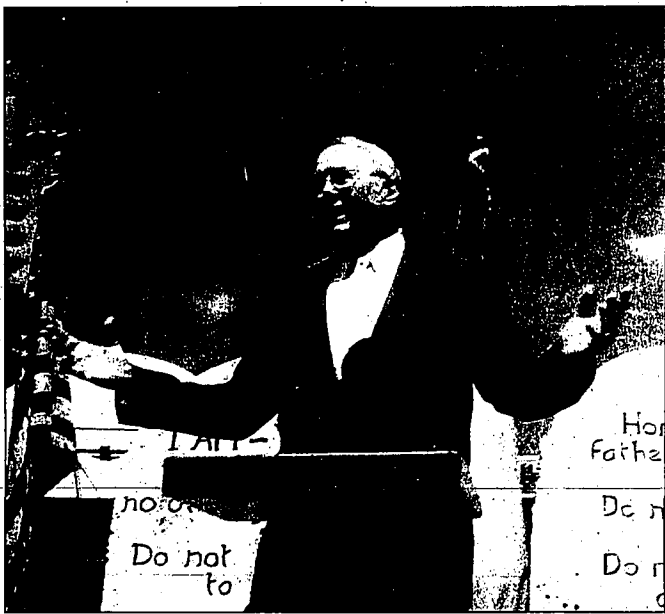
More hygienic practices are important — wash your hands and cover your mouth when you sneeze — but viruses should not be our biggest worry.

Living sensibly, practicing the tenets of our faith and enjoying the company of friends should always supersede the fear of the unknown.

Tom Schaefer writes about religion and ethics for the Wichita (Kan.) Eagle.

About Focus on Family

- **Founder:** Dr. James C. Dobson
- **President:** Don Hodel
- **Established:** 1977
- **Staff:** approximately 3,300 employees
- **Publications:** 2.3 million subscribers to their 10 monthly magazines. Magazine titles include: Focus on the Family, Citizen, Parental Guidance, Clubhouse and Clubhouse Jr. Focus on the Family also publishes a wide variety of books, films and videos.
- **Media:** Dobson is heard daily on more than 3,000 radio facilities in North America. In 15 languages, on approximately 6,300 facilities in 116 countries. Dobson's estimated listening audience is over 200 million people every day, including a program translation carried on all state-owned radio stations in the Republic of China (Taiwan), in the United States. Dobson appears on 80 television stations daily.
- **Affiliate groups:** Focus on the Family Institute, FOF's college program, FOF has 74 different international ministries and has established conservative Christian ministries for attorneys, doctors, teachers, and other groups.



James Dobson speaks on the steps of the Alabama State Capitol in Montgomery last year in support for former Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore, who lost his job after he refused to order the removal of a marble monument bearing the Ten Commandments from a state building.

TAKING NO PRISONERS

Christian warrior renews assault on abortion, gays

The Baltimore Sun

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Earlier this fall, conservative Christian leader James Dobson barnstormed the heartland, urging audiences to oppose "activist" judges, fight gay marriage and vote their faith.

The institution of the family is on the ropes," Dobson told a crowd of 7,000 in Rapid City, S.D., last month. Marriage "was the first institution that God created. Are we now going to throw it on the ash heap of history?"

On Election Day, Dobson, who heads Focus on the Family, the Colorado-based evangelical behemoth, got the answer he had hoped for. In a major setback to the gay rights movement, 11 states passed constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage.

Many of those victories owed something to Dobson, who although little known to most Americans is probably the nation's most influential evangelical leader. A psychologist who first bonded with millions of parents through his books on child rearing, he has expanded Focus into a nearly \$150 million-a-year ministry.

Now, building on what he sees as momentum, Dobson is training his sights on the

“
We should worry about people who have genuinely messianic instincts, and I think he has.”

— Barry Lynn, president of Americans United for Separation of Church and State

Supreme Court, riling supporters across the country to push for the appointment and approval of judges who oppose Roe v. Wade and gay marriage. In recent weeks, he helped spearhead the attack against GOP Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania. Dobson said Specter's bid to lead the Senate Judiciary Committee should be "derailed" because of his comments suggesting that judges who oppose abortion rights would face confirmation problems.

Arguing that the re-election of fellow evangelical George W. Bush amounts to a moral man-

date, Dobson has cautioned Republicans not to disappoint the Christian conservatives who helped elect them.

"This president and this Congress are going to be held accountable, I believe, for how they carry out the mandate they've been given," Dobson said in an interview here this week.

In flexing his political muscles, though, Dobson faces risks, scholars say. For instance, can Dobson keep supporters from becoming disillusioned in a long-shot bid to overturn Roe v. Wade? Frustration over defeats in similar issue-driven campaigns helped exhaust supporters of the now-defunct Moral Majority.

Could Dobson's growing political profile alienate longtime supporters who admire him primarily for his advice on families and marriage? To appreciate the scope of Dobson's influence, it helps to visit Focus on the Family, which sits on a hillside in the shadow of Pikes Peak, about an hour's drive south of Denver.

Focus is a nonprofit Christian ministry devoted to evangelism and preserving the traditional American family. It grew out of Dobson's work as a

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The world according to Dobson

On gays:
"Homosexuals are not megamans. They want to destroy the institution of marriage... It will destroy the earth."

On abortion:
"What Roe v. Wade actually did was cheapen life at every stage of development."

On sex education:
"One of the problems with sex education... is that it also strips kids — especially girls — of their modesty to have every detail of anatomy, physiology and condom usage made explicit."

On public higher education:
"State universities are breeding grounds, quite literally, for sexually transmitted diseases (including HIV), homosexual behavior, unwanted pregnancies, abortions, alcoholism, and drug abuse."

On feminism:
"My observation is that women are merely waiting for their husbands to assume leadership."

On teenagers:
"Today's children... They're damned. They're gone."

On gun control:
"We've seen virtually no change in society's glorification of death and violence. As long as the cultural elite (media moguls) can keep our nation focused on a red herring like gun control, they relieve parents from the responsibility of healing empty hearts, wounded spirits, and the numbed consciences that lie behind these senseless acts of violence. If anything, we've witnessed a rise in the baroque of dark, hopeless and annihilative images and words churned out by TV, movies, music, Internet Web sites and video games."

On Republicans:
"If the Republicans do what they've done in the past, which is to say, 'Thanks so much for putting us in power, now we don't want to talk to you anymore,' we will not content to protest the latest outrage anymore, but will seek legislation and will punish sponsors of low-level entertainment," he said.

Knight acknowledged, however, that some opponents of the Kinsey film may be reluctant to try to punish its distributor, Fox Searchlight, owned by conservative media mogul Rupert Murdoch.

"Fox has a schizophrenic personality. Conservatives appreciate Fox news channel for

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Conservative Christians protest movie about sex researcher

The Washington Post

Conservative Christian groups are protesting a film about sex researcher Alfred Kinsey, calling it a Hollywood whitewash of the man they hold largely responsible for the sexual revolution and a panoply of related ills, from high divorce rates to AIDS and child abuse.

Wary that too visible a controversy could help the film at the box office, most of the groups are not calling for a boycott or picketing outside theaters in a dozen cities where "Kinsey," starring Liam Neeson, opened Friday.

Instead, such groups as Focus on the Family and Concerned Women for America are using more subtle, highbrow tactics against the third Hollywood release in a year that has instantly become a cultural dividing line, after Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" and Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11."

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"For those who think of people of faith as poor, I'm sure it would be amusing to see people praying outside of theaters," Focus on the Family spokeswoman Kristi Hamrick said. "But we want to have a serious intellectual conversation about who Kinsey was and what he did."

Robert Knight, director of the conservative Culture and Family Institute in Washington, said evangelical Christian and Roman Catholic groups also want to bring to bear the political clout they demonstrated in the presidential election.

"Just as Reagan was not content to contain communism but announced a rollback, pro-family organizations are not content to protest the latest outrage anymore, but will seek legislation and will punish sponsors of low-level entertainment," he said.

Knight acknowledged, however, that some opponents of the Kinsey film may be reluctant to try to punish its distributor, Fox Searchlight, owned by conservative media mogul Rupert Murdoch.



Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, author of "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male and Sexual Behavior in the Human Female," in a 1953 file photo.

AP Photo

RELIGION

First Christian Church plans Advent celebration

BURLEY — An Advent celebration will be held at 10:55 a.m. Sundays, through Dec. 19 at the First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave.

Rupert Christian Church hosts craft fair Friday

RUPEIT — A craft fair will be held from noon to 8 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Rupert Christian Church, 1110 Eighth St. Lunch will be served both

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days, and a raffle will be held. For more information, call 436-6891.

Handel's 'Messiah' performances scheduled

TWIN FALLS — Handel's "Messiah," Parts 1 and 2 will be performed in Jerome and Twin Falls this year by musicians

from the College of Southern Idaho and Jerome churches. CSI Music professor Cameron Wong will direct the CSI Chamber Choir, the Jerome All-Faiths Choir, the Magic Valley Chamber Orchestra and soloists in two productions of the classic work that has become a Christmas favorite. Performances are set for 8 p.m. Dec. 4 in the Jerome High School auditorium and 3 p.m. Dec. 5 in the CSI Fine Arts auditorium.

Admission is a suggested \$5 donation to the CSI Music Activity and Scholarship Fund.

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MISSIONARIES

DECLO — Elder Chase Trever Wilson will serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Guatemala Quetzaltenango Mission.



Chase Wilson

Wilson graduated in 2001 from Declo High School and attended Boise State University, majoring in graphic design. He is in the Springdale 1st Ward. His parents are Blair and Kerl Wilson of Burley and Melanie and Robert Tomninga of Rupert.



Tyler McCurdy

2004 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He worked at Slims and Shorock Hydro.

BURLEY — Elder Derek Burton Moss served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the El Salvador San Salvador Mission.



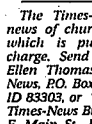
Derek Moss

Moss graduated in 2001 from Declo High School, where he participated in soccer and tennis, and attended the college of Steven and Darlyn Moss of Twin Falls and Lois Moss of New Plymouth. He is in the Unity 1st Ward.



Drew Buck

Buck served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Arizona Phoenix Mission.



Drew Buck

Buck of Raft River and is in the Raft River Ward. He will attend Utah State University.

HAZELTON — Elder Jeffrey Paul Anderson will serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the California San Jose Mission.



Jeffrey Anderson

Anderson graduated in 2002 from Minco High School, where he participated in football, wrestling and student government, and attended Jamestown College in Jamestown, N.D., for one year. He is an Eagle Scout and is in the Emerson 1st Ward. His parents are Kevin and Johanna Anderson of Hazelton.

HANSEN — Elder Morgan Joseph Stanger will serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Minnesota Minneapolis Mission.



Morgan Stanger

Hansen is the son of Morgan and Marilyn Stanger of Hansen, is in the Hansen Ward and is an Eagle Scout with a gold palm. He graduated in 2004 from Hansen High School and attended Brigham Young University-Idaho.

TWIN FALLS — Elder Tyler Glenn McCurdy will serve a mission for The Church of Jesus

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Scandal puts focus on L.A. cardinal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Speaking with a compassion born from years of working with the migrant poor, Cardinal Roger Mahony addressed a crowd in English and Spanish last spring as he paid tribute to the late labor activist Cesar Chavez.



Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony presides over Mass recently. Mahony is under fire for not taking swifter action against complaints that some priests whom he supervised molested parishioners.

The speech contrasted with one delivered two years before, when a humbled and embattled Mahony appeared at his boyhood parish in Hollywood and asked forgiveness for "not taking swifter action" to remove molester priests from the ministry.

The two addresses underscore a contradiction some see in Mahony, leader of the 4.2 million Roman Catholics who comprise the nation's largest archdiocese.

Mahony, 68, has been considered a voice for the dispossessed ever since he supported farmworkers' rights in the 1960s. But he draws sharp criticism from those who feel he protects the church at the expense of sexual abuse victims and others who disapprove of his fight to keep internal church documents secret.

The Catholic church faces nearly 1,000 clergy sex abuse lawsuits in California, including almost 500 in Los Angeles alone.

Mahony, who declined an interview for this story but answered 16 of 22 written questions, will likely receive increased scrutiny as a result of the suits in Los Angeles and dioceses where he served previously.

He was deposed Tuesday about his supervision of alleged molester priests in the Stockton, Fresno and Monterey dioceses where he worked before coming to Los Angeles. "He has had a long, long history of knowing about sexual abuse in his diocese," said Richard Sipe, a former monk and author of books on celibacy.

But others believe the cardinal is more a victim of softhearted impulses and massive miscalculation. He has treated priests "with

the same kind of generosity and spirit of forgiveness that he wants to see society show to ward the marginalized," said David Gibson, author of "The Coming Catholic Church."

"I'll be angry with thinning hair and glasses. Mahony moves easily among Hispanic parishioners, holds Mass in fluent Spanish and speaks for those on the edge of society, from migrant workers to recent Vietnamese immigrants."

In Los Angeles, he has supported legislation to let illegal immigrants get driver's licenses and opposed a state initiative barring undocumented immigrants from public services.

Among Latinos, there's a real high regard for Cardinal Mahony," said Arturo Rodriguez, president of the United Farmworkers of America. "He's ... taken a pretty controversial position that a lot of mainstream folks don't agree with."

The cardinal also drew fire for championing the lavish \$189 million Our Lady of the Angels cathedral in downtown Los Angeles. "It has drawn 2 million visitors since it opened in 2002, but also has drawn harsh reviews from some for its price tag and modern design."

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LDS comic book shows some character

'The Golden Plates' sells by the thousands

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — When comic book fans hear "caped crusader," they usually think of Batman — except for the growing number who are thinking of Nephi.

The Book of Mormon hero is now a comic-book hero, too, as "The Golden Plates" comic by Mike Allred sells by the thousands.

"It's been crazy, and that's putting it mildly," said Mimi Cruz, manager of Night Flight comics, which has two Salt Lake Valley stores. Night Flight has sold "hundreds and hundreds; I've lost count."

The book introduces comic-book fans to the Book of Mormon — and vice-versa.

"There are people who have been buying them who don't normally shop in our stores, who don't normally read comics, who just love it," Cruz said. Allred created comic-book characters for 15 years — working for comics giants Marvel and

DC Comics on everything from Spider-Man to the X-Men series — before taking time off to self-publish what he considers his most important life's work.

"I had no idea it would take off like this," he said from his home near the Oregon coast after the initial publication, he has sold 12,000 copies of "The Golden Plates." The book is mostly available through comic-book outlets, though church-owned Desert Book has picked it up — a sign of church approval.

A devout member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Allred was a little apprehensive about church reaction — and sent them some samples of his work early on.

"I received a reply simply saying they didn't endorse any project, but that it's important to remember it's a sacred book," he said.

Allred had long wanted to do an illustrated book about the life of founder Joseph Smith. He decided no one would understand the significance of Smith's translation of the Book of Mormon

until they knew the importance of the book itself.

"With the success of this volume, he plans to cover the rest of the Book of Mormon, a project he estimates will take about two years and 12 editions. After that, he wants to draw the Joseph Smith story and possibly even the Bible.

Allred said he has heard from many people who didn't know anything about the Book of Mormon but were drawn in by the story.

"I think they were caught by the beauty of it, the largeness of it, the all-encompassing aspect of it. That's so much bigger than anything they'd imagined it could be," said Allred, who believes the book to be "the key to the universe."

Making a living from "The Golden Plates" series, he is refusing all offers of commercial work, except for pre-existing contracts — including one with filmmaker Robert Rodriguez, who plans to shoot a movie version of Allred's "Madman" character next summer.

Allred tried to stay faithful to

the tone and meaning of the Book of Mormon, though of necessity he has had to condense.

"There's a lot of doctrine I'll be summarizing," he said, "but the events, I know what I want everyone to look like."

Outlet's outside Utah have also sold a few copies of "The Golden Plates," mostly to Mormons or Allred's fans.

"I think there are quite a few people who bought it because it was different and they're familiar with his work," said Nancy McCann, owner of Comics Unlimited in Southern California. Her store has sold about 20 of the books.

Cruz agrees that the quality of Allred's illustrations has no doubt helped sales.

"It's a style the public has always liked, and he has a big following."

As for church members, "I would hope that people could put aside any bias they have against the comic book medium," he said. "It's not just 'Pow! Bam! Sock!' For me, it's the best medium of communication there is."

Biographer James Jones, whose "Alfred C. Kinsey: A Public Life" was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 1998, said that "in his eagerness to learn everything he could about human sexuality, Kinsey was a vacuum cleaner, and he had absolutely no standards about censorship or passing moral judgment."

Kinsey's samples were imperfect, Jones said. But the Harvard-trained entomologist was "a rigorous scientist to his fingertips," and there is no evidence that he was a pedophile or that he knowingly cooked his books.

"I do see him as a principal architect of the sexual revolution," Jones said. "But as a historian, I also know that it is silly to put all of this at his door. The times were changing, but Kinsey also helped to change the times."

Virginia convention will seek membership in Baptist alliance

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Responding to the Southern Baptist Convention's June decision to quit the Baptist World Alliance, the Baptist General Association of Virginia decided with minimal dissent to seek its own membership in the international body.

It's unclear whether the Virginia group will apply for full membership or a new category of associate membership in the alliance, Baptist Press reported. A Virginia association meeting also increased annual support for the alliance from about \$90,000 to \$150,000, largely by cutting donations to the Southern Baptists' international Mission Board.

On a related matter, a report said only two congregations quit the Virginia association this year to join the rival Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia, an organization that supports the national denomination's policies and represents about 430 congregations.

At the Kentucky Baptist Convention meeting a proposal to study establishing a tie with the world alliance was rejected in a 510-444 vote.

The national Southern Baptist Convention left the world alliance because of a perceived liberal shift in the group, including support of women pastors and "gay-friendly congregations."

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Kinsey

Continued from E1 bringing balance, but the Fox entertainment network, on the other hand, has clearly been the leader in driving TV into the sewer with its nonstop sexual emphasis," he said.

Focus on the Family, the Colorado-based broadcasting empire of psychologist James Dobson, has been working for nearly two years — ever since it learned that director Bill Condon was planning to make the film — to enlist scholars outside the evangelical Christian community to help "debunk" Kinsey's research, Flanck said.

Prominent among them is Judith Reisman, author of the 1991 book "Kinsey, Sex and Fraud." Citing her work, Concerned Women for America, the nation's largest women's group, has encouraged its members to hand out leaflets at theaters that accuse Kinsey, who died in

1956, of committing child sexual abuse as well as scientific fraud.

Kinsey was a "massive criminal" who cooked his statistical data and based many of his purported findings on interviews with convicted sex offenders, Reisman said in an interview. "He found pedophiles all over the country, sought them out and encouraged them to engage in sex with children and report on it to him."

Reisman noted that she had seen only the first 15 minutes of the film because the producers cut off a private screening in Los Angeles as soon as they learned she was in the audience. But she said she closely followed the movie's filming and was certain it was "a cover-up."

The film effectively treats Kinsey as a tragic hero, a scientist — a wacko scientist, perhaps, but a scientist, Kinsey

Group appeals plan to lease Martin's Cove

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — A decision to lease the Martin's Cove historic site to the Mormon church has been appealed by a group that says the church's proposed annual lease payment is not enough because the appraised value of the land is too low.

The appraisal was based on valuation of the Bureau of Land Management property as undeveloped grazing land. The appeal, submitted Tuesday by the Alliance for Historic Wyoming, describes that valuation as "arbitrary, capricious, as well as an abuse of discretion."

The alliance's appeal states "the real value of a national historic site has not been demonstrated."

Because of the low valuation, the \$17,000 annual lease for the church will pay it too low, according to Barbara Dobbs, a representative of the group.

"We're asking to have it reappraised on a different basis and to come up with a more realistic figure," she said.

The actual amount the church would pay the BLM to lease the site is \$16,000, because a \$1,000 value was given to the church's privately held land that is used for public access to the cove.

The Alliance for Historic Wyoming filed the appeal with BLM State Director Bob Bennett, among others, at the tail end of the 30-day appeal period. The lease decision was signed Oct. 26.

But Loyd Larsen, state presi-

dent with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Riverton, said he believed the church's position is "easily defensible," and the appraisal was part of the process in working out the lease.

"We've been through this whole process and stayed within the guidelines of the regulations," he said. "We've followed the (National Environmental Policy Act) and the process, and we know that there was a 30-day appeal. They certainly have the right to do that, and they certainly have the right to see that process through. We feel very comfortable that we've followed the process and we've seen established very closely. It will just have to follow the appeal process and see what happens."

The appeal says the area has been managed as an important historic site. "The appraised value should reflect that."

The appeal also says in 1997 the BLM invested \$250,000 in trails, signs and visitor facilities at the site. "The appraised value should reflect that."

Located 55 miles southwest of Casper, Martin's Cove was listed on the National Register of Historic Sites in 1977. It is important to Mormon church history as Mormon pioneers in 1856 were the first to winter there in an October blizzard. Many of them died.

Churches look to combine religious energy

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — With each signature on a parchment document, a group of Dutch clergymen watched their churches pass into history.

What emerged — a new church combining three Protestant denominations — is now being watched from India to Indiana as the latest bid to consolidate religious energy at a time of serious challenges for mainline Protestants: shrinking congregations, faith-snubbing youth and deepening rifts about reconciling homosexuality and Scripture.

At least six initiatives are under way around the world to bring together various Protestant churches, including a looser, nine-member association in the United States with such influential backers as the Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian leadership.

If successful, such movements could reshape the ecclesiastical landscape for one of the estimated 340 million followers of Protestant churches — a worldwide array of hundreds of churches and splinter groups.

There are other, deeper religious estrangements, including the nearly 1,000-year schism between Roman Catholics and

BECOMING ONE



Rev. Jan-Gerd Heetderks, right, answers questions Nov. 19 at a meeting in Lunteren, the Netherlands. Heetderks is president of the synod of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands, which officially formed in May from the former Dutch Reform Church, the Calvinist Reformed Church and the nation's small Lutheran Church.

Orthodox Christians. But theologians see a confluence of modern forces encouraging mainline Protestants to trim their dense family tree.

"Historical rivalries appear to be waning five centuries after the Reformation blazed through Christianity. Worries, meanwhile, are rising. Non-denominational, evangelical 'megachurches' lure away followers, especially in the United States. Mainline leaders wonder whether their fragmented fellowship hinders attempts to remain relevant and active in a hyper-drive world.

It was a moment four decades in the making. Talks on a possible union began in the 1960s and moved ahead cautiously. At the same time, the Netherlands was undergoing transitions that mirror other places across northern Europe.

The role of religion in everyday life took a nosedive in postwar generations. Surveys suggest nearly 40 percent of Dutch now consider themselves agnostic or atheist. Low — or even negative — birthrates indicate trends that could leave even fewer worshippers in the European pews in decades to come. The flip side: Immigrant Muslim populations continue to grow.

"The churches need new ways to reach out to people," said Heetderks, whose church claims to represent about 2.5 million churchgoers, or 16 percent of the population. "It's not going to be easy and, unfortunately, time is not on our side."

Dutch Protestant church leaders have tried to draw liberal views in recent decades in an attempt to keep pace with society. The new Protestant Church will grant "blessings" to gay couples and permit female pastors, but will not force local congregations to accept them. This, however, did not sit well with conservative factions in the three churches. At least 15,000 members refused to join the new church and have formed a breakaway group.

Dobson

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psychologist and author in California.

In 1970, Dobson published "Dare to Discipline," a child-rearing guide that earned him a loyal following and sold more than 3 million copies. Concerned about societal pressures on families, he founded Focus in a two-room office in 1977.

Today, Focus has a staff of more than 1,300 occupying an 81-acre campus dotted with red brick buildings. Most of its budget comes from donations and revenue from the hundreds of products Focus distributes.

The key to Focus' reach is its sophisticated communications network. The headquarters includes a radio studio, where Dobson tapes shows and short commentaries, which Focus says are aired in scores of countries. There is also a TV studio with a satellite uplink, which means Dobson can appear on CNN's "Larry King Live" and Fox's "Hannity & Colmes."

Focus employs more than 200 people to handle the roughly 250,000 letters, phone calls and e-mails it receives each month. The organization also maintains a staff of 16 professional therapists to respond to people in personal crisis.

Most striking, though, is a mail operation. Focus has its own Focus has its own ZIP code. Millions of pieces of mail each year pass through its 50,000-square-foot underground warehouse.

"It's huge," said Michael Cromartie, an emeritus professor of Ethics and Public Policy Center, referring to the Focus campus. "It's like visiting the Department of Justice."

Focus' rise has not been unfettered. Last year, for the first time, the organization laid off 30 employees because of stagnant revenues.

Most of Focus' work is apolitical. Under IRS law, nonprofit organizations like Focus can neither endorse nor oppose candidates, but they can spend limited money on legislative issues such as gay marriage.

In the swing states of Michigan and Ohio, Focus sent out tens of thousands of petitions to get the gay marriage amendment on the ballot while promoting the cause on Dobson's national radio broadcasts, which reach millions. Members of Focus' local policy councils also ran the amendment campaigns or helped shape them in all but one jurisdiction.

"He (Dobson) and his networks were very significant actors," said John Green, a political scientist at the University of Akron.

Dobson's fight against gay marriage went further. Confronted by its emergence this year, he created Focus Action, a separate organization with a different IRS designation and no spending limits on political activity.

"The issues were so great, I could not sit this one out," Dobson said this week.

Focus Action sponsored six rallies around the country this fall, including the one in Rapid

City. Dobson refused to say how much it spent. The organization is expected to file its first financial statement next month.

Barry Lynn, head of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, says that by increasing his political profile Dobson is revealing his real agenda: imposing his personal vision of a Christian America.

"He clearly wants to build a church-based political movement that will enforce his extreme views," said Lynn, one of Dobson's toughest critics. "We should worry about people who have genuinely messianic instincts, and I think he has."

Dobson calls Lynn's comments "off-the-wall."

"There is no evidence whatsoever that Christians want a theocracy," Dobson said. "There has never been an effort to create one."

A 68, Dobson is making arrangements to transfer power so that the organization with which he is synonymous continues. Last year, Don Hodel, who led the Interior and Energy agencies in the Reagan administration, took over as president and CEO of Focus. Dobson remains the chairman.

In person, Dobson is a genial presence.

When challenged, Dobson can be tough. Earlier this month, ABC's "This Week" host George Stephanopoulos suggested Dobson's political meddling was "a disgrace." Sen. Patrick Leahy, a "God's-people hater" wasn't Christian.

"George, do you think you ought to lecture me on what a Christian is all about?" Dobson snapped.

Times Dobson plays down his influence. He insisted that most of the credit for passing the gay marriage bans belonged to churches that organized around the issue.

In other ways, though, he emphasizes his political connections. For instance, Focus' Welcome Center has a 160-seat theater, which plays a short documentary on the organization's history. The program includes personal, videotaped testimonials on Dobson from the last three Republican presidents.

"James, you have my respect," says George H.W. Bush. Last Thursday, Dobson received what appeared to be his first postelection defeat when Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee, as they would support Specter's bid to become chairman. That backing, though, came only after Specter pledged to give the president's judicial nominees quick hearings and early votes.

Cromartie says it could be a mistake to see this as a setback for Dobson. By hammering away at Specter, Dobson and other conservative Christian leaders helped force him to make a public commitment not to block the process.

"Dobson has been effective," Cromartie said, "even though Specter stays."

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Books

"Thinking Outside the Church: 110 Ways to Connect With Your Spiritual Nature," by Jennifer Leigh Selig (Andrews McMeel, 306 pages, \$12.95)

This is another of the tiresome genre of books (please stop buying them) that string together quotes from famous people centered on a spiritual theme. Selig's theme is that spirituality is just found at church, but in walking, working, teaching, traveling, laughing, parenting, sleeping,

flying, gardening — you get the picture. (Maybe she doesn't know that churches teach that, too.)

Her list is 110 topics long. With each topic, she writes a short introduction about just how spiritual that topic is, and lists a bunch of quotes from famous people and texts. Not all of these people are spiritual, but it seems that if they happened to have mentioned God, angels or heaven in a sentence at one time in their lives, it qualified them for inclusion into this superficial book.

On the topic of beauty, Selig quotes Dostoyevsky as saying,

"Beauty will save the world." For her chapter on simplicity, she quotes from John Ruskin: "O holy simplicity!" She draws on Emily Dickinson for her chapter on home: "Home is the definition of God."

The book jacket says Selig holds a doctorate in "depth psychology." Trust me. There's no depth here.

—Susan Hogan/Albachi

"Rescued From the Reich: How One of Hitler's Soldiers Saved the Lubavitcher Rebbe," by Bryan Mark Rigg (Yale University Press, 288 pages, \$26)

Jumping off from his historical study of Hitler's "Jewish Soldiers," Bryan Rigg tells in his second book about to meet the unlikely rescue of Lubavitcher Rebbe Joseph Isaac Schneersohn, his family and followers, from Poland in late 1939 and their unlikely relocation to the United States.

This true story of escape from the Nazis has all the elements of modern fiction: seemingly impossible circumstances, political intrigue, strange coincidences, public relations plays and alternative might-have-beens.

—Harriet P. Gross

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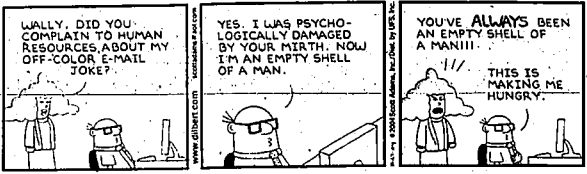
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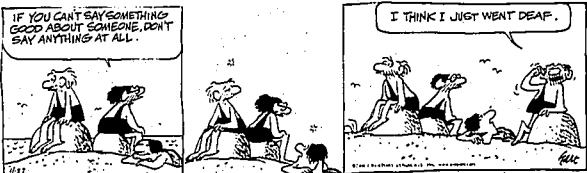
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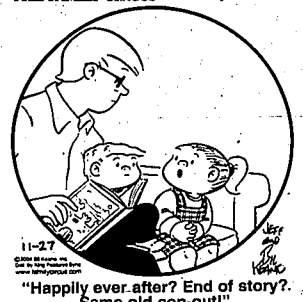
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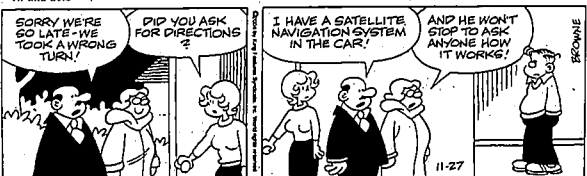
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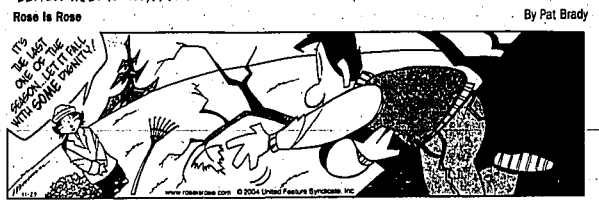
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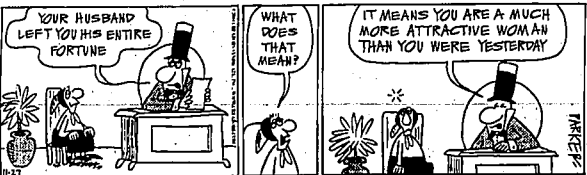
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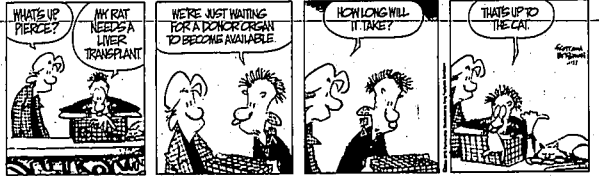
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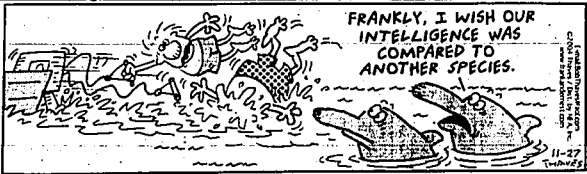
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Cell phones increasingly attract hackers

The Washington Post

Early this month, several Web sites began offering software promising ring tones and screen savers for certain cell phones. But those who downloaded the software found that it turned every icon on their cell phones' screens into a skull-and-crossbones and disabled their phones, so they could no longer send or receive text messages or access contact lists or calendars.

Security experts named the malicious software "Skulls" and consider it an early warning of the damage hackers could do as they turn their malevolent talents to cell phones from computers.

"Hackers are simply trying to put it out there that can be done," said Vincent Weafer, senior director of security response for Sanjivani Corp., a security software firm. "The motivation is to say (cell phones) aren't as secure as you think."

"Mobile phones are a tempting target because they've become a part of everyday life. In addition, consumers are buying more sophisticated 'smart phones' with Internet connections that provide an easier pathway for cell phone infections. Few phones come equipped with protection against malicious software, though some companies are starting to install it. Most cell phone users aren't on guard for attacks like these that periodically bring down computers worldwide, and at this point there is little they can do to protect themselves.

"The impact is potentially larger on the phone because we're not savvy about that," said Victor Kouznetsov, senior vice president of mobile solutions at McAfee Inc., a security software firm. "Also, the profile of a mobile society is a cross-section of society who are potentially less (technically) savvy than computer users."

Skulls is one of five malicious



Photo courtesy of Fibare Corp.

The cell phone virus known as "Skulls" affects text messages and contact lists. It is one of five malicious software programs attacking cell phones this year.

software programs attacking cell phones this year, security experts and analysts said. The scale of such attacks is hard to quantify because the federally funded CERT Coordination Center at Carnegie Mellon University, which monitors viruses and other malicious software on the Internet, doesn't separately tally reports of such problems with cell phones.

But there are anecdotal reports. For instance, in Japan, cell phones have frequently been "spammed" with junk messages, some of which redirect phones to Web sites that cause the phones to crash. Most basic phones can send and receive text messages, which makes them vulnerable to some attacks. And new ways of using cell phones encourage the spread of viruses. For instance, cell phones can transfer infections when users participate in a dating service that allows them to contact strangers in the same room via text messages or play online games.

The potential for trouble in-

creases with smart phones. Like a computer, the newer phones can run e-mail programs and download PowerPoint slides, games and other applications that can come with malicious software attached. Such advanced phones make up 2 percent of cell phones domestically, according to the Yankee Group research firm, which predicts that share will increase to 17 percent by 2008.

Software that protects computers from viruses and other bad software has not been programmed for cell phones.

John Pescatore, an analyst with technology research firm, Gartner, said "malicious" programs will be as much a problem for cell phones in 2006 as they are for computers today. "First it will be a nuisance," he said. "The next phase will be crime, like theft or theft of service, and then after that we'll start seeing different types of attacks" that bring down networks.

Now, computers are a bigger

target. Cell phones use a number of operating systems, meaning that separate programs must be designed to disable each one. That makes it harder to design a mass attack. "It's never going to be as uniform a landscape for hackers," so it's unclear how broad an attack might be, Yankee Group analyst John Jackson said.

Still, concerns are growing with cell phone use. There are 170 million cell phones in use, compared with less than 116 million personal computers, according to the trade group CTIA-The Wireless Association and research firm IDC.

Experts have tried to anticipate how big a problem malicious software might be by simulating attacks on cell phones in software labs. They found that e-mail viruses can multiply by sending messages through a cell phone's address book. Viruses can allow unauthorized users into a phone to access passwords or corporate data stored on the device.

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A search boat and helicopter scoured 340 square miles off Florida and in the St. Johns River for Glen Sheridan of Richmond, Va. His wife, Gloria, reported him missing Thursday when she could not find him after the Carnival Cruise Lines ship Celebration docked.

The ship's crew conducted a full search to make sure Sheridan wasn't still on board. The vessel's electronic tracking program showed the man did not leave the ship after it docked in Jacksonville, Carnival said.

Sheridan's wife last saw her husband at 1:30 a.m. Thursday. She said he was an early riser and might have fallen overboard as early as 4 a.m., said Coast Guard Petty Officer Bobby Nash.

Nash said the ship then would have been about 13 miles off the northeast Florida coast, heading for the St. Johns River and Jacksonville.

Police: Bad table manners spark pair of stabbings

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — A man was charged with stabbing two relatives after they allegedly criticized his table manners during Thanksgiving dinner.

Police said the fight broke out Thursday when Gonzalo Ocasio, 49, and his 18-year-old son, Gonzalo Jr., reprimanded Frank Palacios for picking at the turkey with his fingers, instead of slicing off pieces with a knife.

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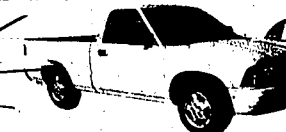


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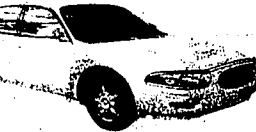
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