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GOOD MORNING

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High of 25.
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Fee demo farce: Congress makes a sneaky move to renew recreational fee demo program, today's editorial says.
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CHRISTMAS IN CITY PARK

The first Christmas in City Park concert of the Advent season will be held today at 5 p.m. at the bandshell in Twin Falls City Park, featuring music by the Lighthouse Christian Children's Choir. The local Soroptimist chapter sponsors free concerts on the four Sundays before Christmas, each featuring a different local musical group. Refreshments will be available.

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Wood River teen does it all

HISPANICS



In High School sports

Today concludes The Times-News sports department's three-day series on the barriers faced by Hispanics in high school sports. For more stories, turn to page C1, where we explore how Jerome standout Silva Miramontes and others struggle with stereotypes. Also in the sports section, we examine how changes in the past few years hint at increased involvement for Hispanics in the near future.

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

HAILEY - Talking to his father Ron Reynoso, you'd get the impression Tyson Reynoso walks on water.

Obviously that's not true. Dad's just proud of his boy. He should be.

Tyson does skate on ice, run and tackle on grass and fire off pitches from the mound. He does it all very well.

Well enough to turn his classroom and athletic accomplishments into a combined football-baseball scholarship to Tufts University.

This past season, he was the Great Basin West defensive player of the year as linebacker with 120 tackles for the Wood River Wolverines. He remains a stand-

out performer for the baseball squad.

More importantly, he will graduate second in a class of 190.

All that while turning 17 on Sept. 11 after his parents moved him up a grade seven years ago.

"He obviously has all the intellectual and physical abilities to do anything he puts his mind to," said Wood River baseball coach Lars Hovey.

For an athlete and student like Tyson—who has Polish, Irish and Hispanic roots—having a Mexican last name becomes an advantage.

"As soon as the recruiters found out he had some Hispanic blood, we from Idaho and saw the CIA, they told him he's going to that school if he wants to," his father Ron said. "There's a lot of



Wood River High School senior Tyson Reynoso will convert his football and baseball skills into an athletic scholarship at Tufts University in Boston.

COUNTDOWN



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Spc. Robert Slade of Burley boards a plane with the rest of the Bravo Company of the 2-116th Brigade Combat Team headed for Kuwait Friday afternoon at the England Air Park in Alexandria, La.

Soldiers start marking time in-country

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

ALEXANDRIA, La. - The planes have landed in Kuwait. The clock is finally ticking.

"The countdown counters began. We have 14 months until we come home," said Spc. Eric Billings of Burley Friday morning before boarding the plane to the Middle East. "There's a lot less anxiety. We're finally going to get things rolling."

Their tanks, humvees, trucks and artillery have already been unloaded from the ships. The next few weeks will be spent preparing them for the long journey to their final destination north of Baghdad. For the safety of the soldiers with the 116th Brigade Combat Team, the U.S.



Soldiers from the 2-116th leave an aircraft hanger on England Air Park for their plane to Kuwait Friday morning.

Army has been mum about the exact date the journey across the desert will begin, but it's more than likely they'll be settled in Iraq by the time Santa comes

Soldiers with the 2-116th Brigade Combat Team are in the midst of an 18-month deployment that includes 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 they go from Fort Bliss, Texas, to Fort Polk, La., and then overseas.

Once in-country, the first order of business will be to touch base with the troops. Please see SOLDIERS, Page A2

Tree festival ushers in holiday feeling

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Festival of Trees turns 20 this year, but the event has more of a Twin Falls centennial flavor.

Ramona Crandall, the assistant manager at Key Bank, spent part of her Saturday putting the finishing touches on the tree her company is sponsoring. She used black paint to add an antique touch to ornaments on the tree, which comes with a 1904 buggy and a wreath.

Crandall said the festival—which officially begins Wednesday night with a black-tie dinner—is a great holiday event for

Twin Falls. "People just like the Christmas season," she said. Denise Young, of Buhl, likes it so much she's sponsored trees for at least six years. With help from her church, she's donated three trees this year. Saturday afternoon she was putting the final touches on a "South of the Border" tree, complete with chili pepper lights, a wreath-shaped pinata and a box of tamales ingredients and cookies.

"I love to do it," Young said. "It's such a rewarding thing."

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Denise Young looks for a spot on her "South of the Border"-themed Christmas tree to spread additional decorations on Saturday in preparation for the opening of the 20th Annual Festival of Trees. The general exhibition of displays begins Thursday. Photo by THE POSTER/The Times-News

Ukraine parliament: The election is invalid

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) - Ukraine's parliament declared the country's disputed presidential election invalid Saturday amid international calls for a new vote, fueling what has become a political tug-of-war between the West and Moscow over the future of this former Soviet republic.

The elections commission chief also said he was not opposed to a revote.

Ukraine fits Putin's need for bulwark against West.
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Parliament's vote, which was symbolic and has no legal standing, came as representatives of the two presidential rivals sought a solution in talks mediated by European envoys. Demonstrators jammed downtown Kiev in freezing weather for a sixth straight day, alleging the Nov. 21 vote was rigged and robbed their candidate, Viktor Yushchenko, of victory.

Thousands of demonstrators joined Yushchenko in demanding a new vote. A European Union envoy - Dutch Foreign Minister Ben Bot - said new elections were the "ideal outcome" for the standoff between Yushchenko and Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, who was declared the winner by the Central Elections Commission.

Asked if new elections were the only solution, Ben Bot answered: "Yes."

The Union news agency, citing Russia's RIA-Novosti, quoted Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Yakovenko as saying Friday that Moscow regarded a potential revote favorably - an apparent significant retreat from its earlier insistence that the elections were fair and valid.

7 days, 7 reasons to read

Jolted! Caffeine may be doing you more harm than you think.
Monday

Best of two worlds Samsung delivers with DuoCam.
Tuesday

Red scare Bad weather has left tomatoes at a premium - and prices soaring.
Wednesday

The buffalo hunt Searching for prime buffalo meat in the hills of Wyoming.
Thursday

Comfort and Joy "The Messiah" is coming to Jerome and Twin Falls.
Friday

Seasonal sounds Pageants and praise abound in Magic Valley churches.
Saturday

Toys! Toys! What's hot, what's not this holiday season.
Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy, windy and cold. A snow shower is possible. Highs in the upper 20s
 Tonight: Decreasing clouds and diminishing winds. Lows in the lower to middle teens
 Tomorrow: Sunshine returns but it will remain cold. Highs in the middle 20s

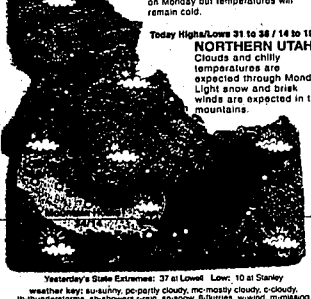
BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Windy at times and cold with a snow shower possible. Highs in the lower 30s
 Tonight: Decreasing clouds and diminishing winds. Lows in the lower to middle teens
 Tomorrow: Abundant sunshine and chilly temperatures. Highs in the middle 20s

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Cold air will surround the mountains over the next couple of days. Temperatures will dip well below zero in the high valleys. The chance for snow will be low.

BOISE Highs 18 to 24. Lows 14 to 19
 Gusty winds will add an extra bite to the cold weather today. Skies will be mostly cloudy. Sunshine returns Monday but temperatures will remain cold.



Yesterday's State Extraneous: 10 at Lowell, 10 at Stanley weather keys: sunny, pe-patty 30dy, mc 20, cloudy, th-thu, overcast, snow, rain, flurries, w, wind, m-mist

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
28	29	26/10	31/15	32/17	35/19

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset	Moonrise and Moonset
Yesterday: High 30, Low 27	0.00"	50%	30.05"	7:48 AM	6:58 AM
Today: High 29, Low 26	0.00"	55%	30.08"	7:46 AM	7:09 AM

MOON PHASES

Dec 9	Dec 12	Dec 19	Dec 28
Waxing Crescent	First Quarter	Full Moon	Waning Gibbous

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday
Boise	16-24	18-24	18-24
Idaho Falls	18-24	20-26	20-26
Lowell	18-24	20-26	20-26
Malheur	18-24	20-26	20-26

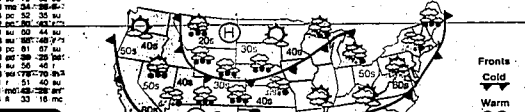
Yesterday's Weather

City	High	Low	Wind	Conditions
Boise	31	23	W 10-20	Partly Cloudy
Idaho Falls	31	23	W 10-20	Partly Cloudy
Lowell	31	23	W 10-20	Partly Cloudy

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
London	41-52	41-52	Los Angeles	64-75	64-75
New York	35-45	35-45	San Francisco	48-58	48-58
Tokyo	51-62	51-62	Hong Kong	64-75	64-75

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	28-38	28-38	Edmonton	28-38	28-38
London	41-52	41-52	Montreal	35-45	35-45

Teen

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 money for Hispanic students that go unused.
 That's because a shocking number of Hispanics don't go on to college for various reasons, as *The Times-News* examined in this series.
 Hisyon's example can give hope to Hispanic student-athletes who hope to use their skills at the college level and more importantly do so on scholarship, athletic or academic.
 A good GPA and some athletic ability opens plenty of doors if Hispanics look hard enough.
 "We need more Hispanics kids to get their GPAs up over 2.5 and find money," Ron said.
 "They don't know how to market themselves."
 Being a multi-sport athlete helps in that marketing. Doing it all well is a rare bonus, making Tyson the exception for all high school kids regardless of skin color.
 "It's easy to spread yourself thin these days," Hovey said. "It's hard to be a premier athlete in three sports. But Tyson, he's got these gangbusters."
 Reynos is now playing hockey and will make the switch to baseball this spring. The seasons overlap, putting Reynolds behind

Festival of Trees

The general exhibition of trees, wreaths, quilts and other holiday crafts will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., beginning Thursday through Dec. 5, unless otherwise noted.
 Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children age 12 and under, and \$3 for seniors age 65 and older, unless otherwise noted.
 All events are at the former Anderson Lumber building at 960 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.
Noteworthy events:
 Wednesday, Dec. 2
 6:30 p.m. - Gala Dinner
 with live and silent auctions and live entertainment. Admission is \$100 per person.
 Thursday, Dec. 2
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Seniors' Day
 where seniors age 60 and older get free admission, hors d'oeuvres and complimentary photos. The event also features health information booths and complimentary transportation to and from Sundridge Care and Rehabilitation.
 7 p.m. - Ladies' Night Out with hors d'oeuvres, champagne and sparkling cider. Fashion show and other live entertainment. Admission is \$40.
 7 to 9 p.m. - Silent auction.
 Friday, Dec. 3
 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. - General exhibition.
 Saturday, Dec. 4
 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Children's Day with Santa, live nativity scene, hayride/high lights, hotline to North Pole, children's touch me tree, story corner with Mrs. Claus and refreshments. Exhibition continues until 9 p.m.
 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Make and Take a Gift Class, free for the first 150 children ages 4 to 12.
 Sunday, Dec. 5
 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Inspirational Day featuring performances from churches around the area.

Soldiers

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 they'll be replacing.
 "We'll talk to our counterparts," said Capt. Corey Dahlquist of Twin Falls. "Whenever there's a change in a unit, you do what you can to get your arwille and then make changes."
 Soldiers spent the last few days before heading overseas at the intermediate staging base just outside of Alexandria, La. There wasn't much left to do after packing the rest of their gear, so they spent the hours playing football on the lawn, writing letters home and talking with friends and family on cell phones. A remote-control car rigged and zapped between soldiers making their way to Thanksgiving dinner Thursday with Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who spent the day dishing up presents and dressing to soldiers in the mess hall.
 Others found even more daring ways to unwind.
 Spc. Kevin Harrington said he attempted jumping a muddy creek for a very good reason.
 "They dared me to," he said.
 Spc. Christopher Rigg went one step further. He performed a flawless - cannonball - into the creek for two smokes.
 "We're just unwinding before deployment," he said, his teeth chattering.
The loved ones left behind
 Most of the soldiers' thoughts last week were not on themselves, but on the loved ones they left behind.
 "Most of the worry of the soldiers is not where we're going or what we'll be doing. It's about family," said Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Cogges of Twin Falls.
 They had savored the almost

The 116th Brigade Combat Team

• The 116th BCT is made up of 4,300 soldiers - 1,600 of them are Idahoans.
 • They are now part of the U.S. Army since being called to active duty in July.
 • They've trained for Operation Iraqi Freedom at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Polk, La.
 • Soldiers with the 116th BCT are now in Kuwait meeting up with their equipment and gear. In several weeks, they'll head by convoy to a destination north of Baghdad where they'll be stationed for at least a year.
 their hearts.
 "People walking up the street would give money to us," said Sgt. 1st Class Alan Layton of Twin Falls.
 When soldiers went to dinner, they couldn't pick up the tab. If they went to the barber for a haircut, the bill had been paid.
 "The people in Louisiana have been great," Edgar said. "It's nice to see that kind of support. We're just a bunch of spuds."
 Soldiers started lining up well before 11 a.m. Wednesday at the All-American Grill, a mobile restaurant on the intermediate staging base owned by Harry Louvier, who is Louisiana born and bred and proud of it. Bushmeat served, everyday hamburgers. What sets these burgers apart is the secret Cajun seasoning.
 "My specialty is the double cheeseburger meal deal," Louvier said.
 The bargain includes a monster cheeseburger with all the trimmings, chips and a drink for five and a quarter. The burger measures 6 inches tall.
 "You name it, we put it on there," Louvier said.
 For Louvier, feeding hungry soldiers is a mission of sorts.
 "I love 'em," he said. "I don't know why I'm here. I guess the good Lord brought me here."
 And though they were there just a short time, Louvier got to know those soldiers well.
 "You get attached. It's heart-breaking," Louvier said. "If everyone was like these guys, we wouldn't have no terrorists."
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NATION/WORLD

Iraq government brushes aside Sunni demands for postponing January election

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The Iraq government Saturday brushed aside Sunni Muslim demands to delay the Jan. 30 election, and a spokesman for the majority Shiite community called the date "nonnegotiable." Insurgents stepped up attacks, blasting U.S. patrols in Baghdad and killing a U.S. soldier north of the capital.

Clashes also occurred north of Baghdad, where U.S. and Iraqi forces fought a three-hour gun battle with insurgents who overran a town hall and two police stations, local officials said.

Talk of delaying the election gained momentum after influential Sunni Muslim politicians urged the government to postpone the voting for six months to give authorities time to secure polling stations and to persuade Sunni clerics to abandon their call for an electoral boycott.

But the spokesman for interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite, said the government was sticking by the Jan. 30 date after receiving assurances from the Iraqi Electoral Commission that an election could take place even in Sunni areas wracked by the

insurgency.

"The Iraq government is determined... to hold elections on time," spokesman Thair al-Naqeb said. "The Iraq government, led by the prime minister, is calling on all spectators of the Iraqi people to participate in the elections and to contribute in the elections to build a strong democratic country."

That position was strongly endorsed Saturday by politicians and clerics from the Shiite community, which comprises about 60 percent of Iraq's nearly 26 million people and which has been long clamoring for an election.

In the Shiite holy city of Najaf, Mohammed Hussein al-Hakim, son of Grand Ayatollah Mohammed Saïd al-Hakim, said the Shiite leadership would not accept a delay and called this position "nonnegotiable."

He said elections were "the most legitimate way on the international level to express the will of the people" and "all parties have agreed on this date and we cannot take back this position for any reason."

IRAQ WEEK IN REVIEW Iraqi government keeps election date

Iraq officials Saturday brushed aside Sunni Muslim demands to delay the Jan. 30 election to give authorities time to secure polling stations, and a spokesman for the majority Shiite community called the date "nonnegotiable."

Sunday — Iraq's authorities set Jan. 30 as the date for the nation's first election since the collapse of Saddam Hussein.

Monday — Iraq forces backed by U.S. troops raided Baghdad's Abu Hanifa mosque, Iraq's most revered Sunni site. Witnesses said three were killed.

Tuesday — Some 5,000 U.S. Marines, British troops and Iraqi forces launched a new offensive Tuesday aimed at clearing insurgent hotbeds across a cluster of small towns south of Baghdad.

Wednesday — An audiotape attributed to Abu Musab al-Zaqawi



lashed out at Sunni Muslim clerics for not speaking out against U.S. attacks in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Thursday — U.S. troops said they uncovered the largest weapons cache to date in Fallujah. They discovered small arms, artillery shells, heavy machine guns and anti-tank mines in a mosque.

Friday — A mortar attack killed four employees of a British security firm and wounded 12 in Baghdad's Green Zone.

Saturday — A U.S. soldier was killed when a roadside bomb exploded near a U.S. patrol about 40 miles north of Baghdad.

Festival

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The displays of large artificial trees, miniature trees, wreaths and quilts will be auctioned off as part of the festival this year, which is dubbed the "Centennial Christmas Celebration." It begins this week at the former Anderson Lumber building.

The proceeds benefit Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Women's Health Fund, which will help fight breast cancer, upgrade laboratories and fund quick response units around the Magic Valley. Last year, the festival raised \$116,000 after expenses, and more than 13,000 people attended when the event was held at an empty store in the Lynnwood shopping center.

Merrily Huether, the annual programs coordinator for Magic Valley Regional's foundation, said she expects about 12,000 to 14,000 people this year for

the events.

New this year are quilts in the auction and Sunday's Inspiration Day, which will feature performances from local churches. The event also features displays of quilts, antiques and classic cars.

"It really took a village this year," Huether said.

Huether said the foundation chose the former Anderson Lumber building because it was available, and because Stock Building Supply donated the use of it. It's also more than twice the size of the last location of the festival.

Lori Ward, a member of the foundation's board, contributed her first large tree to the festival's forest. Ward and her daughters created a "Little House on the Prairie" tree complete with the Laura Ingalls Wilder book and a doll named Charlotte. Ward said the secret to decorating a festival tree is to pick a theme or at least a color scheme.

"We had a lot of fun doing this," she said.

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St. Helens experiences largest earthquake since mid-October

MOUNT ST. HELENS (AP) — A 3.1-magnitude earthquake shook the crater at Mount St. Helens on Saturday, the strongest quake at the volcano since mid-October.

U.S. Geological Survey scientists said they did not believe a major eruption was imminent — just a continuation of the minor ash and steam eruptions that have been occurring since the mountain reawakened this fall.

Saturday's earthquake ap-

peared to be a larger version of the small earthquakes scientists have registered about once a minute for the past several weeks, the USGS said in a news release. Scientists hoped good weather Sunday and Monday would allow them to get a better look at the volcano.

A flurry of small earthquakes began in late September were followed by a burst of steam and ash on Oct. 1.

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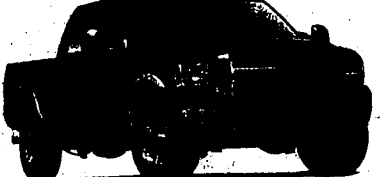
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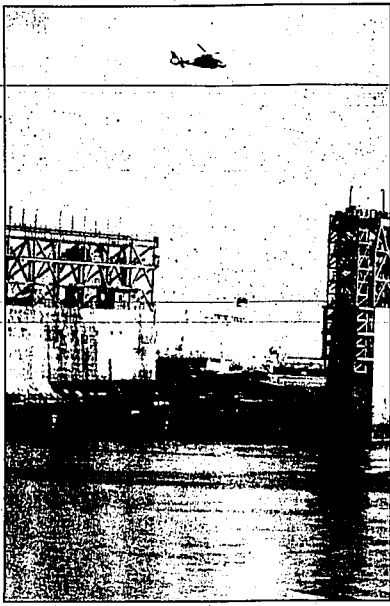
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A Coast Guard helicopter flies over the listing Athos I tanker in the Delaware River near Pautsboro, N.J., Saturday.

Tanker spills crude oil on Delaware River

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A tanker spilled 30,000 gallons of crude oil into the Delaware River between Philadelphia and southern New Jersey, creating a 20-mile-long slick that threatened fish and birds, Coast Guard officials said Saturday.

Private contractors were called in to skim oil from the surface of the water and place thousands of feet of boom to contain the floating slick.

A stretch of the busy river was closed to commercial and recreational traffic while the spill was being cleaned up. The Coast Guard asked residents to call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service if they see animals affected by the spill.

"I would classify any spill in the water as significant," said Coast Guard Petty Officer John Edwards. "We're working very quickly and diligently to expedite the cleanup."

Two tugboats were guiding the ship to a pier Friday night when a tugboat skipper noticed the spill, said Coast Guard Capt. Jonathan Sarubbi, officer in charge of the Port of Philadelphia. The ship listed 8 degrees to the left at about the same time, he said.

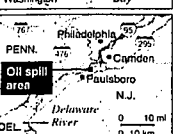
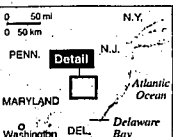
The crew notified the Coast Guard and began transferring oil from the leaking tank to another tank on board. The leak was stopped within an hour.

The cause of the spill was under investigation, Sarubbi said.

The tanker, the Athos I, registered in the Mediterranean island nation of Cyprus, was carrying 325,000 barrels of oil from Venezuela, said Jim

Efforts under way to contain oil spill

Private contractors were called in to skim the 30,000 gallons of heavy crude oil that began leaking from a tanker Friday night into the Delaware River close to Philadelphia.



Lawrence, a spokesman for the vessel's owner-Greek shipping company Tsakos Shipping and Trading SA.

The nearly 750-foot-long ship, built in 1983, was last out of the water for maintenance in April, Lawrence said. He said it had never before spilled oil.

It was the worst spill on the Delaware River since 1995, when strong wind pushed a tanker away from a refinery dock in West Deptford, N.J., snapping a fuel line that spilled 40,000 gallons.

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NATION

Wisconsin community grieves for slain hunters

RICE LAKE, Wis. (AP) — Orange ribbons are tied around the lamp posts on Main Street. Tiny ones flutter from car antennas. A few are stuck on business signs.

The slaying of six hunters has saddened virtually this entire community of 8,500. Already one has been laid to rest. Three more were buried Saturday, the other two Monday.

"There's nobody that's not touched in town," said Bob Stanonik, who stood on Main Street as 100 to 200 people gathered Friday to remember Mark Roidt, 28.

Chal Vang, of St. Paul, is accused of fatally shooting the hunters when they confronted him about trespassing on land owned by two of the victims. He also faces charges for wounding two others.

Vang, a Hmong immigrant, told authorities the hunters surrounded him and used racial slurs before one fired a shot at him. One of the survivors said Vang started shooting first.

Many of the mourners Friday wore orange ribbons on their coats. Jodi Anderson knew Roidt because he often ate at the restaurant where she is a cook. She, like others in the community, still can't believe the hunters are gone.

"I'm very angry," Anderson said. "This is so wrong."

Roidt's mother, Karen Roidt, told mourners that her son



Mourners support each other in the falling snow at the gravesite of Mark Roidt after the funeral service at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Doble, Wis., Friday.

died doing something he loved, according to family friend Pat Malesa. The funeral was closed to reporters.

The funerals scheduled Saturday are for Al Laski, 43; Robert Crotteau, 42, the owner of the land where the shooting happened; and his son, Joey Crotteau, 20. Jessica Willers, 27, and Denny Drew, 55, will be remembered Monday. Willers' father, Terry Willers, and Lauren Hesebeck were wounded. Both have been released from the hospital.

The deer hunting season, which ends Sunday night, is considered a holiday by many

in the area. "The hunting week up here is called holy week," Stanonik said. "Families get together, father, son, grandson."

Burnell Hanson, who employed Roidt for a few months doing some carpentry work, said the town needs time to heal.

Some hunters didn't return to the woods after the shootings, he said.

Orien Eldahl of Rice Lake doesn't think the shootings will keep people from the hobby they love.

"We all are saddened, but things will go on," he said.

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NATION

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ALLENSTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A gun-wielding robber swiped a red Salvation Army kettle from a collector in front of a supermarket, police said.

Volunteer Jerlene Howard said she was ringing her bell to solicit donations from shoppers Friday night when a man wearing a scarf over his face got out of a car and demanded the kettle. He "had a gun and he told

me not to say anything," she said.

The man then got back into the car, which was driven by an accomplice, police said. Howard was not injured.

Howard said her kettle was "kind of heavy," but she didn't know how much money was inside. She has collected up to \$135 a day in the past.

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NATION

Region divided over accidental strafing of New Jersey school

LETTICE BURG THURMONC, N.J. (AP) — The night curfew was going about her rounds when she heard the patter of what sounded like footsteps on the roof of the Little Egg Harbor Intermediate School. She thought someone might be running atop the building, but police found nothing.

The next morning, authorities realized what had made the sound: 20mm rounds fired by a National Guard F-16 fighter on a nighttime training flight over a target range four miles away.

The incident has divided residents of the fast-growing region around the Warren Grove Gun- nery Range — some fear for their safety, while others consider it profoundly unparliamentary to question the military during a time of war.

"I had it missed the school and half of our houses, we'd be talking about dead bodies now," said Township Committeeman Arthur Midgley. "We can't have this. This must never happen again."

But Terry Hlickman, a 10-year Army special forces veteran, defended the range and the pilots who train there.

"Let 'em alone; they're over there putting their lives on the line for us," Hlickman said as he prepared to hunt deer in Bass River, near the edge of the range. "That guy (the pilot) probably feels so bad about this. He's probably going to get sent overseas and he might not even come back. As long as no one got hurt, this whole thing should just be forgotten."

The National Guard is still investigating what it describes as an accidental release of gunfire. Results are expected in about two weeks.

According to the military, at 9:02 p.m. on Nov. 3, a veteran pilot from the 13th Wing of the District of Columbia National Guard, based at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, was streaking across the sky 7,000 feet above the 3,416-acre range, which abuts parts of Little Egg Harbor, Stafford, Tuckerton and Bass River.

The pilot, a major whose name has not been released and who has been grounded pend-



A stop sign and a warning sign are shown posted at the Warren Grove Gun Range, a training site for the Air National Guard in Little Egg Harbor Township on Nov. 18.

ing the outcome of the inquiry, looked back over his shoulder for a split second, just as the wing-mounted gun fired a burst of 27 rounds. The 20mm cannon fires at a rate of about 6,000 rounds per minute.

The lead rounds followed an arcing trajectory that brought them to the ground four miles away.

Eight bullets punched through the roof of the school and at least one lodged in a child's desk.

The pilot immediately radioed the tower that something had gone wrong and headed back to Andrews.

The range is shut down until the investigation is completed. The pilot's commander, Maj. Gen. David E. Wherley Jr. Wherley, told reporters in Washington there were three possible explanations: plane malfunction, computer error or pilot error.

When the range was opened in 1942 during World War II, there were 2,000 people living nearby; now there are more than 50,000.

Lisamarie Saccomagno's daughter attends the school.

"Because we're at war now, I'm very sensitive to all the military's burdens," she said.

"We all want to be safe and secure. But we're also concerned about our children. I'm afraid something's going to go wrong. We really need to know where those bullets are going."

National Guard officials pointedly invoked the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in trying to reassure residents and head off calls for the range to be permanently shut down.

"I think back in your memory to Sept. 11, when all the air traffic was grounded and the only sound you heard was our F-16s flying over New Jersey," Maria Falca-Dodson, the state National Guard's deputy adjutant general, said at a packed public meeting.

"Much of the country all felt great comfort in the sounds and sights of those aircraft. What if on Sept. 11, we were all a volunteer group that only flew occasionally or twice a year?"

The Guard already has made several changes in pilot training, including requiring them to keep a safety on their weapons until they are over the range near their targets, and altering approach routes so any accidental gunfire is likely to land in sparsely populated woods west of the Garden State Parkway.

Many of the range's closest neighbors don't fear its operations.

In May, Bill Neil and his family moved into a spacious new home just past the range's western boundary in Stafford. He said he's not concerned for his family's safety.

"It's kind of cool for the kids," he said, "to hear the hearing the planes."

Man takes fatal leap from Empire State Building

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — A suicidal man dressed in black scaled a 10-foot fence and leaped to his death from the Empire State Building's 86th-floor observation deck, horrifying holiday tourists Friday morning.

"I saw a man near me push his kids out of the way and say, 'Look out!'" said Keith Whatley, one of many tourists who watched the man plunge 1,000 feet.

"I looked up and I saw the guy falling," said Whatley, 35, a real estate agent from Atlanta who was standing in line outside the Art Deco landmark.

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NATION



Kiki, a western lowland gorilla, cradles her 3-day old baby at the Franklin Park Zoo in Boston, Saturday. The baby, fathered by zoo resident Kitomba, hasn't been named yet because it can take a couple of months before the gender of a baby gorilla can be determined.

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Boston zoo puts baby gorilla on view

BOSTON (AP) — With shutters clicking and cameras rolling, dozens of people crowded into the Franklin Park Zoo's indoor "tropical forest" on Saturday for the debut of its newest celebrity resident: a tiny 3-day-old western lowland gorilla.

Children with faces and hands pressed to the glass of the steamy enclosure gasped and oohed as Kiki the gorilla arched from her nighttime quarters with her 4-pound baby tucked under her arm. Photographers leaned over the railings like paparazzi.

Kiki sauntered between areas

of the enclosure, the baby held in her arms or hanging from her chest, as the crowds rushed from window to window to follow her movements. She eventually settled into a bed of straw, nibbling carrots, before laying down for a nap with the baby cradled in her arm.

The baby doesn't have a name yet because its gender won't be known for several months, until zoo officials can physically examine it without upsetting Kiki, said John Linehan, the zoo's president and CEO.

"Kiki has just hugged onto this baby since it was born. Since the moment we saw it, we haven't seen her put it down. She's protective of it, she holds it close, sometimes she stays away from us. She just seems to be reveling in motherhood," Linehan said.

Zoos have become adept at successfully breeding captive gorillas. Linehan said the zoo's newest gorilla will be an important learning experience for the six other gorillas at the facility, and for visiting children who can follow the primate's progress.

Experts: More gains uncertain for Senate Republicans

New York Daily News

WASHINGTON — Republican dreams of forging a filibuster-proof Senate majority in 2006 are unlikely to succeed despite the party's solid gains this year, according to political analysts.

The GOP picked up four seats in the Nov. 2 elections but its 55-45 majority is still five short of the 60 needed to trump Democratic vows to block Supreme Court nominations and controversial Bush legislation.

Still, unexpected retirements, possible party switches by one or more liberal Republicans, the state of President Bush's popularity and what happens in Iraq make the 2006 Senate outcome difficult to handicap two years before the balloting.

"The odds of (Republicans) reaching 60 are not very good, but neither do I think the Democrats can get (back) the majority," said Jennifer Duffy of the nonpartisan Cook Political Report.

Democratic headcounters, meanwhile, said the party is hoping to whittle the GOP margin by two seats.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who will run the Democratic senatorial campaign, promised a "vigorous effort to roll back Bush's gains."

"We're going to do everything we can to try to win some more seats," Schumer said.

But complicating matters for the Dems is the apparent decision by Sen. Jon Corzine, D-N.J., to run for governor of the Garden State in 2005. If Corzine wins, it would mean an all-out battle for his seat in Jersey in 2006.

If Corzine loses, he will be one of 18 Democrats to stand for reelection, compared with 15 Republicans. Moreover, the Democrats — including five in "red states" won by Bush — appear to face drier prospects.

Political pros say the most vulnerable incumbent senators are Rick Santorum, R-Penn.; Mark Dayton, D-Minn.; Maria Cantwell, D-Wash.; and Ben Nelson, D-Nebr.

Nelson, for instance, is a rookie senator who eked out a 12,000-vote victory in 2000 in a state that Bush just carried by a 2-to-1 margin.

Senators expected to win reelection handily include Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y.; Ted Kennedy, D-Mass.; Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.; former majority leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.; and Richard Lugar, R-Ind.

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U.N. says its workers abuse women in Congo

The Washington Post

UNITED NATIONS — Sexual exploitation of women and girls by U.N. peacekeepers and bureaucrats in the U.N. mission in Congo "appears to be significant, wide-spread and ongoing," according to a confidential U.N. report that documents cases of pedophilia, prostitution and rape.

The report by a U.N. peacekeeping official who recently visited Congo says that some U.N. personnel paid \$1 to \$3, or bartered food or the promise of a job, for sex. In some cases, U.N. officials allegedly raped women and girls and then offered them food or money to make it look as if they had engaged in prostitution.

Senior U.N. officials in New York said they have received 15 allegations of sexual abuse by U.N. personnel in Congo. The officials declined to provide names or nationalities of those charged with misconduct, saying they are under investigation. But U.N. ambassadors in Cambodia and Bosnia, where U.N. police from the United States, Romania and many other countries were implicated in sexual crimes and misconduct. In contrast to those episodes, the United Nations has sought to confront the charges publicly and admitted that policies devised to combat those activities have failed.

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thing for the United Nations to have to say, and I am absolutely outraged by it."

In July, Annan appointed Zeid, who served as a political affairs officer in a U.N. peacekeeping mission in Bosnia from 1994 to 1996, to lead an internal U.N. effort to combat sexual exploitation. Zeid is trying to persuade countries that supply troops; for peacekeeping missions to discourage soldiers from engaging in sexual misconduct and to discipline those who do. He is expected to produce a more substantive report of findings and recommendations.

The top U.N. peacekeeping official, Jean-Marie Guehenno of France, said that the United Nations is prepared to lift the immunity of U.N. civilians who engage in sex crimes so they can face prosecution. But senior U.N. officials say they have no authority over the prosecution of foreign troops and fear that if they publicly expose them, their embarrassed governments will withdraw badly needed peacekeepers from U.N. missions around the world.

So far, the United Nations has sent at least two Tunisian peacekeepers home, and a French civilian accused of sexually molesting children was surrendered to French authorities. If convicted in a French court, he could face a prison term of up to seven years. The report on Zeid's mission to Congo said the case came to the attention of U.N. officials after "an initial attempt by locals to blackmail the alleged perpetrator."

Palestinian official: Security movement will be dismantled

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — A top Palestinian official said Saturday he would dismantle an anti-terror unit accused of abuse and corruption in a first step toward overhauling the tangled network of Palestinian security forces.

Palestinian Preventive Security chief Brig. Gen. Rashid Abu Shbak also announced plans to merge the ruling Fatah party's myriad militant groups to make them more accountable for their actions and to end the gun-chaos on Palestinian streets.

The United States has long demanded a major overhaul of the Palestinian security services, including dismantling many of the rival — and in some cases warring — forces, but faced stiff resistance from Yasser Arafat, who used the forces to maintain his hold on power.

Since Arafat's death Nov. 11, his successors have taken steps to restore confidence in the Palestinian leadership — tainted by accusations of corruption under Arafat — and for elections to choose a new leader and promising to be more open and accountable.

As part of that effort, Shbak said Saturday he would abolish the Gaza Security and Protections unit — nicknamed the "death squad" by Palestinians — in the wake of accusations that some of its members abused their powers and used intimidation to rule the streets of Gaza.

"We are facing a new phase and we must say farewell to chaos and to all those who cause it in the Palestinian street," Shbak told reporters in Gaza City.

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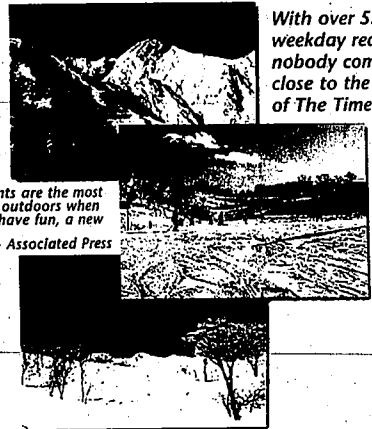
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WORLD

Pakistan downplays report on leaks of nuclear technology

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan on Saturday defended its efforts to halt leaks of nuclear technology amid suggestions that a new CIA report says a renegade scientist provided more help to Iran's nuclear weapons program than previously disclosed.

The CIA — which provides the U.S. Congress with six-monthly updates on reported efforts by Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea and Syria to obtain chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons technology — posted an unclassified version on its Web site this week.

Analyzing the report, The New York Times said it indicates that bomb-making designs provided by Abdul Qadeer Khan to Iran in the 1990s were more significant than Washington has said.

was "based on flimsy evidence, hearsay and snippets of conversations."

"The CIA report does not mention any designs for weapons or bomb-making components." Weapons and bomb-making are the writer's own creative insertions, Masood Khan said Saturday.

"In the past year, Pakistan has conducted an inquiry to unearth an illicit network of international black-marketers, dismantled it and shared the results of the inquiry transparently with the people of Pakistan."

"Pakistan has been cooperating with the IAEA and the international community to thwart international black-marketers from proliferating sensitive nuclear technology."

The International Atomic Energy Agency — the Vienna, Austria-based nuclear watchdog agency of the United

Nations — has been investigating Iran's nuclear activities for about 18 months, but the agency remains unable to determine if nearly two decades of Iranian nuclear activities were purely peaceful or if the government had a secret weapons agenda.

Tehran says its activities were for generating electricity, while the United States says they were for making weapons.

Iran and European negotiators have reached a tentative compromise on a deal committing Tehran to freeze all uranium enrichment activities, diplomats say, but the Iranian government still must approve the agreement.

A.Q. Khan, considered a national hero for leading the development of Pakistan's nuclear deterrent against rival India, admitted in February to passing nuclear technology to other countries.

Mother turns in son accused of killing nine

BEIJING (AP) — The mother of a 21-year-old man accused of slaying as many as nine boys to death as they slept in their high school dormitory turned her son in after he attempted to commit suicide, a news report said.

Yan Yanning, 21, was reported to police after he attempted to take his life late Tuesday in the city of Ruzhou, the Xinhua News Agency said on Saturday. The agency said Yan confessed and said he slashed the students out of hatred. Xinhua put the death toll in the attack at eight, but another state-run news agency, the China News Service, said nine students were killed.

Yan broke into the central China dormitory at 11:45 p.m. on Thursday and "chopped eight people to death," Xinhua said. The China News Service cited a survivor as saying that during the attack, the man with the knife said, "Don't blame me."

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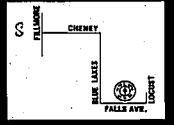
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Ukraine fits Putin's need for bulwark against West

By Alex Rodriguez
Chicago Tribune

KIEV, Ukraine — In a speech to campaign workers before his re-election last March, Russian President Vladimir Putin chillingly hinted at what is clearly now a foreign policy crusade.

"The collapse of the Soviet Union is a national tragedy on an enormous scale," the former KGB agent told the gathering at Moscow State University. "We cannot only look back and curse about this issue."

Putin's remarks were more than just lamentations. In nearly five years as president, Putin has seen the Baltic states join NATO and the European Union and the U.S. establish military bases in Central Asia. And he watched helplessly as last year's bloodless "Rose Revolution" nudged Georgia into the sphere of the West.

The Kremlin needed a Maginot line, and its behavior before and after the widely disputed presidential election in Ukraine suggests the former Soviet republic has become that.

Opposition leaders in Ukraine say the Kremlin sank millions of dollars into the campaign of Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, a pro-Russia candidate who last week was formally declared president before a court appeal put the election result in limbo. It also dispatched an army of political advisers who helped Yanukovich in his campaign against "Western-leaning reformer" Viktor Yushchenko.

And as demonstrators massed in the streets of Kiev and international leaders condemned the election as rigged, Putin twice went out of his way to congratulate Yanukovich on his victory — before and after official results were announced.

Analysts say Putin is bent on stanching the creep of Western influence into former Soviet republics that the Kremlin has regarded as under Moscow's wing. Ukraine, they say, makes for a perfect line in the sand.

Russian Foreign Minister



President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin smiles at the start of the EU-Russia summit, at the Binnehof in The Hague, Thursday.

Sergei Lavrov said the Kremlin was concerned by the West's attempts to influence events in Ukraine, "especially when some European capitals say that they don't accept the elections, and their next thesis is that Ukraine must be with the West."

"The Ukrainian people must decide who Ukraine wants to be with, and such statements make you think that somebody really wants to draw new dividing lines in Europe," Lavrov said Friday in Moscow.

That was one of the themes of the presidential campaign: Yushchenko ran on an agenda of securing Ukraine's entry into the EU and NATO.

The EU's and NATO's recent acceptance of the former Soviet republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania had already brought Western economic and military might to Russia's doorstep, but

Ukrainian membership would pave the way for NATO ships in Black Sea ports and troops on the streets of Kiev.

"A pro-European Ukrainian policy would be perceived by Russia as a loss of its territory, loss of its satellite," said Olga Kryshitanovskaya, a Moscow-based sociologist who studies Russia's ruling elite. "So to Russia, that would mean a dramatic weakening of its strength."

Economically, Ukraine is more tethered to Russia than to Europe, and a Yanukovich presidency would preserve that relationship. As much as 90 percent of Russian natural gas exported to Europe travels through pipelines in Ukraine.

Putin also has worked hard to create an economic community among Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan that fosters free trade.

Southeast Asia officials finalize free trade accord

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — Southeast Asian ministers on Saturday finalized a free trade pact with China and a host of other accords to be adopted at a leaders' summit, but touchy topics like the lack of democracy in Myanmar and Islamic unrest in Thailand were swept under the rug.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations' meeting was a prelude to a two-day summit starting Monday of the group's 10 leaders.

The summit is the first such international event for isolated, communist Laos, whose prime minister joined thousands of compatriots early Saturday at a golden-spired temple in the capital to pray for a successful meeting.

"I and all the Lao people are making merit today for the prosperity of the nation and wish that Lord Buddha will bless us for the peaceful success of the summit," Prime Minister Bounnhang Vorachith told The Associated Press.

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EDITORIAL

Deceptive politics allow fee demo sham to go on

"Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive."

— C.S. Lewis

For years members of Congress have tried to convince citizens that the recreational fee demo program entices good stewardship and pride in our recreational public lands. Their case failed miserably. The fee demo program, which requires an access fee from hikers, mountain bikers and backpackers on federal agency land, is immensely more unpopular today than when it started in 1996.

In spite of this opposition, a few congressional leaders made a stunning decision a week ago to attach fee demo legislation to the must-pass \$388 billion Senate Appropriations omnibus bill.

With one swift stroke, the pay-to-play philosophy for public lands — including areas of the Sawtooth National Forest — has been squeezed into permanent law.

Making it worse was that this legislation didn't receive a full vote in either chamber. It also overturned legislation passed in the Senate this year to abolish fee demo in 2005.

Thanks to the Senate by-laws that allow attachments, or riders, to be placed into larger bills, Rep. Ralph Regula, R-Ohio, squeezed his bill, HR 3283, into the spending package. This act of hubris should infuriate the growing bloc of Congress that opposes public land access fees.

Among those opponents is Idaho Republican Sen. Larry Craig. The Western Slope No-Fee Coalition of Norwood, Colo., reported that Craig, chairman of the Public Lands Subcommittee, introduced three other key Senate committee chairmen in refusing Regula's attempt to get a rider earlier in the week.

But eventually Regula neepled on promises to drop his bill. He brokered with another chairman, Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, to place it in the omnibus.

Passage of the legislation means fee demo will continue on the federal books for another 10 years. That's another decade of citations for treading on public land without a trailhead access pass. And it means more false

Our view: Public support for the recreational fee demo program will decline further after the latest ploy to renew it.

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campaigns about the programs success because of the high "participation." That's the same as saying prison inmates love commissary food, because, well, they simply eat it every day.

But Regula's "participation" argument, as well. Since participation in fee demo has steadily eroded, the bill now gives agencies authority to prosecute noncompliance with misdemeanor penalties that reach up to \$5,000 or six months in jail.

If the fee demo program were so beloved by the public, Congress wouldn't jack up the penalties for not complying with it. It wouldn't dangle the threat of jail time in front of those who don't pay. And most importantly, it wouldn't have to go behind closed doors in order to preclude the program.

When you go to those lengths to keep an access fee, you don't have democratic land policy. You have elements of tyranny, which is nothing more than the oppressive power of government forced upon citizens.

"It's going to change the face of public lands in Idaho, Colorado, Nevada, where the majority of lands are public lands," said Robert Flunkhouser of the Western Slope No Fee Committee. "A lot of people in Congress are upset with Regula's egregious move."

They should be. Because these fee demo policies lack any legitimacy to be called rule of law.

The hubris watch begins on GOP

Democrats seeking therapy for PEST (Post-Election Selection Trauma) can relax and follow these simple instructions: Shut up and wait. Republicans, apparently afflicted with TDS (Toxic Hubristic Syndrome), will do themselves in nicely without any help from bin Laden, terrorists or Hollywood.

Emboldened by power and blinded by its own myth, the party in charge has wasted no time answering the question on everyone's mind: Will Republicans be hubristic? That would be a "yes."



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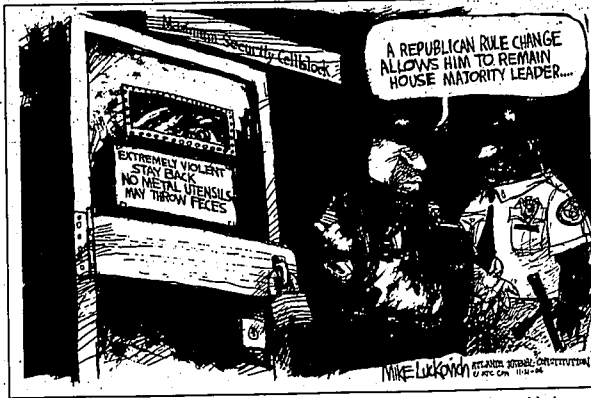
In less than three weeks, Republicans have demonstrated that they have no interest in building a bridge to the other half of America that didn't vote for President George W. Bush, or in disabusing critics of their belief that Republicans are not to be trusted.

Not that Democrats in power are, or would be, any better. The lesson here isn't that Republicans are bad and Democrats good, or vice versa, but that Lord Acton was right (absolutely) when he said: "Every class is unfit to govern."

This season Republicans hold all the cards with their man in the White House and a majority in both houses of Congress, and they're wasting no time spending political capital. You couldn't charge them with betrayal, exactly. We expect politicians to act like politicians. But during wartime, when the country is split wide open, transcending partisanship for the greater good would be a noble gesture as well as a deft political move.

As one Democrat friend said: "Those of us who go behind the president because of the war are quickly reminded of why we're Democrats."

First, House Republicans changed their own rules to prevent their leader, Tom DeLay, from having to step down if he were indicted following an investigation in Texas. The party of rectitude found it easy to relax stan-



dards when one of its own players was at risk.

The rule was passed in the 1990s when Republicans were in the minority and happy to call attention to the foibles of Democrats. But perspectives — and apparently principles — shift as does the light. Straight-faced Republicans say the rule change is justified because the investigation into DeLay's possible involvement in the misuse of corporate campaign donations is politically motivated. The investigation indeed may be political — DeLay's real offense may have been gerrymandering Democrats out of power — but "da rules is da rules," said the go to the gaoler. And politics, of course, are never involved when Democrats are under investigation. DeLay, echoing Bill Clinton, charged Democrats with engaging in the "politics of personal destruction." Perhaps the definition of "principle" depends on whose personal politics are being destroyed. As of Mon-

day, it appeared that DeLay wouldn't be indicted. Even so, Republicans can't claim moral supremacy when their own principled rules flex with political expediency.

To heap insult onto hubris, two odd provisions were tacked onto an omnibus budget bill that passed over the weekend.

One — a single line in a single-line in a 14-page, 14-page document — would have made people's income tax returns available to two committee chairmen and their assistants. The line is denoted as "Denoted already nullified it and the House was expected to vote against it Wednesday — and no one came to know where it came from."

Perhaps it was a little prank, like slipping porn into a Disney movie. Apologies have been issued and "accountability will be carried out," says Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist.

Whatever turns up, the soft impression that Republicans are becoming increasingly cavalier about Americans

privacy inclusions with the careless inclusion of such an outrageous provision. The other stealth budget provision would expand the right of health-care providers to refuse to perform abortions or offer abortion information.

While some of the provisions particulars might be defensible — how would we know without debate? — inserting such a polarizing "extra" into a budget that had to be rushed to passage is indisputable and feeds the impression that Republicans are sneaky.

Politics as usual, perhaps, but haven't we all had enough of that gruel?

Frist has promised to schedule a vote to repeal the abortion provision so that one is left wondering: Why not skip the subterfuge in the first place and try to engender a little trust? Instead, two provisions that were slipped into the budget will be yanked out, leaving Democrats distrustful, moderate Republicans alienated and hardliners headed for the hubris heap.

Intoxicated Republicans might have capitulated to spend, but even the weakling can make one. If they're not careful, they're likely to wake up in four years, hung over and broke.

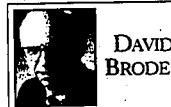
Kathleen Parker, a syndicated columnist for the Orlando Sentinel, welcomes comments via e-mail at kparker@sentinel.com, although she cannot respond to all mail individually.

Saving the blue-state city spending

The division between red and blue America has become a familiar topic for political talk shows. But it is a lot more than that. It has real-world consequences, effects that can be measured in hundreds of millions of dollars in the federal spending.

The county-by-county blue-dot city constituencies. Listen, for example, to Sen. Barbara Mikulski of Baltimore, the former social worker who now sits on the Appropriations Committee where the bill was assembled. Her subcommittee increased funding for veterans' medical care and found money to enable NASA to send a servicing robot to save the Hubble Space Telescope.

"However," she said on the Senate floor, "those increases came at a price. To provide those needed increases for veterans and NASA, we had to cut essential programs ... We were forced to cut housing for the elderly by \$26 million. Housing for the disabled is cut by \$10 million. The Community Development Block Grant program, one of the most important programs in this bill and one of the most important programs for state and local government, is cut by \$200 million compared to last year ... Thanks to the Republican budget cuts, we are shifting the burden of environmental protection to state and local governments. Overall, EPA is



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cut by over \$300 million compared to last year ... That means every state will get less money for sewer construction."

Hella Crowley, a longtime housing advocate, wrote to the members of her organization, "People who need or rely on public housing, Indian housing, elderly housing, housing for people with AIDS or who are disabled, block grants for affordable housing and community development, and even homeless assistance will have to do with less in the coming year ... Tougher times are ahead for low-income people in the United States."

But presidents and members of Congress respond to those who put them in office. As Ronald Brownstein and David Rainey write in the Los Angeles Times, Bush's biggest gains came in 100 fast-growing ex-urban counties, on the far fringes of metropolitan areas, where the countryside is giving way to new housing developments. Many of the families fleeing those homes are transplants from the cities.

It is no coincidence that the part of the federal government most closely attuned to urban problems is the Cabinet agency most remote from this White House. In times past, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has been run — even in Republican administrations

— by prominent and dynamic figures, from George Romney to Jack Kemp. Today, few in Washington can name the man in charge of the city agenda.

Recognizing this change, the U.S. Conference of Mayors — the most potent of the city lobbies — is adopting new tactics. After lamenting the losses in programs that subsidized police hiring and encouraged urban development projects, Tom Cochran, the veteran head of the mayors' group, said it was shifting its focus from the cities themselves to entire metropolitan areas — highlighting their economic power and hoping to harness their political clout with Republicans.

On Dec. 8, 30 mayors and major business leaders will meet for a "summit" in Washington, Cochran said, in hopes of putting some muscle behind urban programs from a corporate constituency that the White House will have reason to heed.

Because business has a huge investment in America's downtowns, the alliance makes sense. By themselves, those who live in — and lead — the blue-dot cities are clearly the big losers in this election year. Unless they get help, their programs are on the chopping block.

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LETTER

Make a stand against Wal-Mart's arrival

I certainly hope the citizens of Twin Falls stand up to those folks hoping to have a Wal-Mart in this town. There is certainly no need to have another one in the valley. Jerome has a Wal-Mart. That is enough. And if you don't like Jerome, you can always travel to Burley. Wal-Mart is a large retail business with an agenda of greed.

I hope Jane George, the Realtor involved, does not sell out the Magic Valley community just to make a sale of a piece of property that she owns part of. I think it is interesting that they can't disclose the location of the property they hope to build on. I'm sure they don't want the surrounding neighborhood folks to get wind of it. Talk about your sneaky business deals.

What about the Wal-Mart in Jerome? It is in a different town and across the river, but they are still part of the Magic Valley. Folks travel back and forth

to Jerome and other towns surrounding Twin Falls on a daily basis. Usually it has to do with the location of their employment. And sometimes it is to visit friends or relatives. If they are willing to do that, they are certainly willing to travel to Jerome or Burley to go to a Wal-Mart if they wish to.

It is interesting that years ago, Ma Bell was broken up because it was considered a monopoly and the general idea was it did not want to have competition with other companies. When you take that into mind with all the huge retail chains, I think we have been sliding backward. The big retail stores don't operate on the "support your local business" aspect. They operate of the financial reward to their company aspect without regard to the effect on the communities they are inundating.

Folks of Twin Falls, we can do like that California town did. Say no to Wal-Mart. ANN KEANE
TWIN FALLS

OPINION

LETTERS

Bruins' season finale deserved more air time
 Congratulations to the Twin Falls Bruins. What a great season.
 Thumbs down to KMVT for not airing the game!
 Enough said!
DANNICKERS
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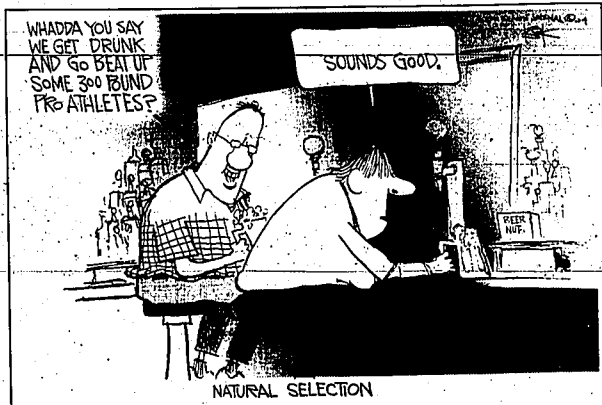
Story gave wrong impression on tanks
 I am concerned that *The Times-News* article on underground storage tanks ("Leaking storage tanks threaten groundwater" — Nearly two out of three underground tanks in Idaho have problems," Nov. 17) may leave your readers with the mistaken impression that leaking tanks are rampant throughout Idaho and that nothing has or is being done to address this problem. Let me assure you that this is not the case at all.

While recent Environmental Protection Agency inspections showed that leak detection equipment on some of the tanks inspected is not being operated properly, the inspections did not reveal that the tanks were leaking. In fact, of 231 inspections conducted by EPA to date, no leaking tanks were found.

As a result of the cooperative efforts of tank owners, operators, petroleum marketers, Idaho's Petroleum Clean Water Trust Fund and the Department of Environmental Quality's compliance and technical assistance program, 86 percent of Idaho's leaking tanks have been cleaned up. This is among the highest cleanup rates in the nation.

DEQ's goal is to prevent leaks and to quickly find and correct leaks that do occur. Our experience is that the vast majority of facilities with underground storage tanks share this goal. They want to comply with the law and will when equipped with the knowledge of what they need to do.

As a result of the recent EPA inspection, the department recognizes the need that more tailored and comprehensive assistance to owners and operators is an agency priority. We will work with the EPA and our industry partners to find



better ways to achieve compliance.
 Groundwater is the source of 95 percent of Idaho's drinking water. Your readers can rest assured that the state is doing everything possible to assure that underground storage tanks do not threaten this precious resource.

TONI HARDESTY
 Boise
(Editor's note: Toni Hardesty is the director of the Department of Environmental Quality in Boise. The Times-News ran a Nov. 21 correction for the inaccurate headline on the tank story. The Times-News regrets the error.)

Idaho's power will thin with electoral reform

Electoral College reform proposals appear every four years, with two basic approaches: direct popular election of the president and/or reapportioning electoral votes.
 The founding fathers felt the president should have a majority, i.e., a mandate. Therefore, they created the Electoral College. A candidate must have a majority of electoral votes to become president.
 When considering an electoral reform proposal, these are

the criteria for judging the possible impact:

(1) Does the reform encourage or discourage minority parties or independent candidates?

The more third parties and individual candidates are encouraged, the less chance any candidate will receive a majority. Remember, Ross Perot's 9 million votes in 1996 in parliamentary systems, a coalition government is formed when no party holds a majority. These governments collapse when there is a split in the usually fragile coalitions.

(2) What happens when no candidate receives majority?
 The more the vote is split, the less likely it is for a candidate to get a clear majority. The U.S. Constitution provides for this situation. Article I, Section 1, the part which is repeated in the 12th Amendment states, "when no candidate has a majority of electoral votes, then the House of Representatives shall immediately choose by ballot, the votes shall be taken by states, the representation from each state having one vote. (Oops! Idaho would have the same amount of power as California!)"
 If there is no change to the

sections of the Constitution stating that when no candidate has a majority, the decision on who will be president will go the House of Representatives. The party in power in the House of Representatives will also control the presidency and this would happen frequently with either the direct election or the splitting of electoral votes.

(3) Who gains power and who loses power?
 If you have electoral votes on either population or registered voters, California should get more and Idaho should get fewer. Politically speaking, Idaho is over-represented and California is under-represented in the Electoral College.
 Proposals normally come from either the party in power or from larger states. In any event, Idaho voters would lose power, not gain it.

Personally, I would love to see a process where if no candidate received a simple majority, we would start over again with new candidates. Maybe then we could get a better selection.
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Destination: Iraq



Spec. Matt Haney of Twin Falls, a medic with Mortar Platoon, HHC 2-116th, talks with his wife in an aircraft hanger Friday morning before boarding a plane for Kuwait.



A line of soldiers stands in a puddle waiting to place their orders at the 'All American Grill,' a mobile hamburger stand at an Intermediate Staging Base in Alexandria, La., at lunch time Wednesday.

Heading in-country

"I'm anxious to get on with it. We want to get there and start the tour, get familiar with the area, the city and our responsibilities. When we get back, we can finally say, 'mission accomplished.'" — **Cory Dahlquist** of Twin Falls. Family includes brother Tenis of Twin Falls, also a soldier with the 2-116th, and parents David and Rhonda Dahlquist of Blackfoot.

"Tell the wives we're all right here." — **Sgt. Brian Humphreys** of Hatley. Family includes wife Melissa and 2-year-old son Drake.

"There are a lot of sacrifices people have made. I hope people understand it." — **Sgt. Brent Devall** of Caldwell. Family includes wife Jaime and son Tyler of Caldwell, his uncle Ed Devall of Twin Falls and his grandmother Carrie Bartlett of Buhl.

"Nervous? We all are. If you're not scared or nervous, you're probably lying." — **Staff Sgt. Rex Burnett** of Twin Falls. Family includes 3-year-old son Chris.

"I love her and I'll be thinking about her. I can't wait to see her next time we come home." — **Spec. Timothy Cook** of Twin Falls to his fiancée Jeri Kinney.

"Time doesn't slow down or speed up." — **Pvt. 1st Class Steven Henson** of Richfield. Family includes parents Mitch and Rufina and fiancée Hayley Twitchell.

"It's time to earn our paychecks." — **Sgt. 1st Class Chris Wadsworth** of Boise.

"Don't worry. We'll be back soon." — **Pvt. 1st Class Chris Stemer** of Twin Falls. Family includes wife Kristle and son Zaine.

"I went from maintenance to mortars. I went from turning wrenches to clearing buildings. Just keep supporting the troops. We appreciate all the support we've been getting." — **Spec. Tracy Morton** of Kimberly. Family includes wife Mayra, son David and parents Larry and Teddie Morton.

"Hopefully, all the training has prepared us for what we're going to see. We don't know what to expect. Thanks for the support. We saw all the yellow ribbons when we were home. It's nice to know someone cares." — **Sgt. Jacob Schwabedissen** of Kimberly. Family includes parents Doug and Teddi

Schwabedissen of Kimberly.

"This is our last day on American soil." — **Spec. Jason Dimer** of Twin Falls on Friday.

"We were ready before we came here. I feel good about it. I think we'll all do OK. It's safe where we're going." — **Sgt. Darrell Holton** of Bliss. Family includes wife Jill and nine children.

"We're ready to get over there and get started." — **Maj. Todd Edgar** of Twin Falls. Family includes children Abby and Maxwell, both 13, and mom Joan.

"Wish me luck. Pray for me that I'm safe." — **Pvt. 1st Class Stevick Poznykov** of Twin Falls. Family includes parents Margaret and Victor Poznykov and fiancée Amanda Mingo of Twin Falls. Poznykov came to Twin Falls with his parents from the Ukraine when he was eight years old.

"It's just another jump in a long journey." — **Spec. Jacob Schenk** of Twin Falls. Family includes parents Lee and Colleen Schenk.

"I'm excited to go. I'm the first person in my family to go overseas. It's a chance for me to give back and tell people about some of the good going on over there. Pray for us. Don't let the negative get you down. There are some good things going on over there." — **Pvt. 1st Class Bradley Christy** of Burley.

"I'm mentally preparing myself for something I hope I don't have to do. The waiting is worse than the going." — **Staff Sgt. David Feust** of Boise.

"My commitment to them is that we will take care of their families while they do the nation's business." — **Gov. Dirk Kempthorne**.

"I feel real good — confident. Our guys are ready to go." — **Sgt. 1st Class Roy Barrera** who grew up in Paul.

"I talked to them yesterday. We said our goodbyes and said we'd talk to each other in-country." — **Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Coggins** of Twin Falls, talking about his family.

"We'll put on a homescoming that will just be awesome." — **Gov. Dirk Kempthorne**.

— Quotes compiled by Sandy Miller



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Spec. Lane Huddleston, of Payette, catches some sleep before his plane bound for Kuwait left the England Air Park in Alexandria, La., Friday morning.



Staff Sgt. Harold Carper of Burley, with computer, shows fellow members of Bravo Company a video he shot of a soldier jumping into a muddy stream for a two-cigarette bet Wednesday.



Spec. Donald Malnard of Boise passes a tent support chain used as a clothes line for soldiers' wet boots to dry Thursday.

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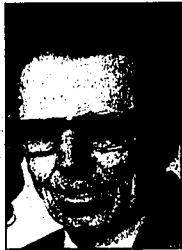
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Lawrence (Larry) V. Martin - Twin Falls

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

He was born Nov. 20, 1909, in Delhstat, 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, 1997); and his son, Kenneth (March 21, 1997).

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 func-

tions 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, 1998, 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 Tortel) of Jerome; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; step-daughter, Lois Peterson of Shoshone; and stepson, Jack Lipe of Denver, Colo.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at Sunset Memorial Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

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

Ethlyn G. Barneby - Twin Falls

Ethlyn Gertrude Barneby, 86, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by two sons, David (Jeanine) of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Stephen (Anne) of Montevideo, Uruguay. She also leaves her younger brother, Alan Gorsline of Oxnard, Calif., and two granddaughters, Jennifer Barneby of Ventura, Calif., and Lisa Barneby of Oxnard, Calif. She was preceded in death by her husband, Garland; her parents; and her older brother, Gary Gorsline.



came Super Mom to their two boys. She was active in Boulder City PTA as well as school and community projects too numerous to mention.

Ethlyn and Garland shared a lifelong interest in learning about the world around them. They kept a number of normally wild animals around the house as pets, including deers, skunks, jackrabbits, gophers, owls, ravens, tortoises and many small birds. They were known as the "go to" people when an orphan or injured animal needed care in Boulder City.

In 1958, they first visited Jarbidge. Now, Lovig the remote canyon ghost town, they designed a unique log house and began building their future retirement home. In 1943, they retired there year-round to enjoy the people and natural attractions of the wilderness around them. They became the first emergency medical

technicians in Jarbidge, having trained in Twin Falls. Their many visitors from across the country and the world were asked to sign the back of their bathroom floor, contributing to the history of what is now the "Barneby Family Cabin."

After Garland's death in 1986, Ethlyn came to live near family in Las Vegas. She would always help and volunteer where she could. Her writing skills and love of computers led her to serve as board member, officer, and editor for a number of her clubs and associations. Her adventurous spirit took her to various places around the world, always with a focus on learning.

She moved to Twin Falls to live in Bridgeview's Independent Living Residences during 2003, again to be near family. She immediately became active in Bridgeview affairs, writing a column for the newsletter and eventually chairing the food committee. She also became a member of the Salmon Social Club and enjoyed the interesting people she met from the Magic Valley area.

A celebration of Ethlyn's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at the Palm Valley View Cemetery in Las Vegas, Nev. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Helfer International or to the Peregrine Fund in her name. Local arrangements in Twin Falls are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Elizabeth Avey Longmore Scott Luft

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

Elizabeth was born April 8, 1914, in Talgoorlie, Australia, the daughter of John Fitzgerald Longmore and Mary Elizabeth Scott. She grew up attending a Catholic school in Talgoorlie until her graduation from high school. She furthered her education by attending a nursing school in Perth, Australia, where she obtained her registered nursing degree. On April 8, 1945, Elizabeth married Floyd Albert Luft in Talgoorlie, Australia. In 1946, Floyd, Elizabeth and their daughter, Anne, moved to the United States, settling in the Bull area, while in Bull, Floyd worked as a teacher and then as principal of the high school for many years. In 1954, Floyd, along with his brother,



purchased a farm in Kimberly, Floyd, along with Elizabeth by his side, farmed there until their retirement in 1981 when they moved into Lazy J Park in Twin Falls.

Elizabeth enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family through daily correspondence.

Elizabeth is survived by her daughter, Anne Stevens of Twin Falls; two granddaughters, Lindsey Benedict of Boise, Idaho, and Brooke Benedict Davis of Albuquerque, N.M.; and one great-grandson, Skyler Davis, also of Albuquerque. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Luft, in 2000; her parents; three sisters; and three brothers.

A prayer vigil with rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Deacon John McKinley reciting. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father John Koelsch as celebrant. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Edna Carloline Russell - Payette

Edna Carloline Russell, age 87, of Payette and a longtime resident of Rupert, Idaho, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, at her daughter's home.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at the Payette Church of the Nazarene in Payette, Idaho. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel in Rupert, Idaho. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at the Paul Cemetery in Paul, Idaho. Arrangements and services are under the direction of Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel in Payette and Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Edna was born on Jan. 12, 1917, in Kamima, Idaho, a daughter of Henry and Kathrin Schnabel. She was raised and educated in Paul, Idaho.

She married George O. Russell on May 31, 1954, in Elko, Nev. George preceded her in death on Oct. 1, 2000. Following the death of her husband, she moved to Payette to be near her daughter.

Edna was a longtime member of the Paul Ebenezer

Congregational Church in Paul. After her move to Payette, she had attended the Payette Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Dallas Goff of Payette; a daughter-in-law, Dallas Mitchell of Jerome; two sisters, Viola McCarty and Freda Birch, both of Paul; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

A son, Bill Mitchell, preceded her in death.

SERVICES

Dorothy Marie (Braga) 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.; friends and family may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

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

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

Police arrest Castleford man in hunting death

ANTLERS, Okla. (AP) — An Idaho man has been arrested on a manslaughter complaint in the shooting death of a friend while deer hunting in southeastern Oklahoma, authorities said.

Willis Dale Jordan, 71, of Castleford, is accused of shooting Tyson Lee Thain, 53, of Wright City as they were hunting together Wednesday near Antlers.

Jordan told authorities he was shooting at movement in the brush, said Jessica Brown, spokeswoman for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

The shot "hit his friend in the head, killing him instantly," Brown said.

Jordan was released from the Puskamata County jail on his own recognizance and is to return to the district attorney's office Monday to discuss the incident, according to a sheriff's deputy.

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OBITUARY

Duane J. Skinner - Rupert

Duane J. Skinner, age 79, died Nov. 26, 2004, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley, Idaho.

Duane was born May 27, 1925, in Greenwood, Millard County, Utah, to James Edward and Lenola Dutton Skinner. He was the eldest of five children and grew up in Fielding, Utah, where he attended school at Bear River and later joined the United States Navy as a seaman during World War II. In 1950, he married Dona Fae Edwards Peterson, and was an instant father to Dona's five children. Subsequently, one more child was born and their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple. Duane and Dona raised their six children in Rupert, Idaho. As an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Duane served as scout master in the Rupert 3rd Ward and second counselor in the bishopric. Duane's idea of a day well spent was catching fish and spending time with



his grandchildren.

He loved the outdoors and looked forward to hunting with his wife. Duane worked on the construction crew laying the groundwork for Interstate 84.

He was a retired employee of the Amalgamated Sugar Company working as beet end foreman and was known for supplying men with tools when they could not afford

their own.

Duane is survived by his wife, Dona Fae; and children, Denise (C. Will) Rayburn, Theresa (David) Dalling, Dawn (Michael) Pebley, Barry (Alexanne) Peterson, Crystal (Dave) Ross and Carl (Jeff) Carson; 24 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He also is survived by his sisters, Elaine Swope, Betty (Ray) Winn and Barbara (Jim) Morris. Duane was preceded in death by his parents, James Edward and Lenola Dutton Skinner; one brother, William Dale Skinner; and one grandchild, Michael Dean Ross.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at the Rupert 3rd Ward LDS Chapel, located at 526 South F St. Friends may call on the family from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel or one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery in Almo, Idaho.

For more obituaries, see pages B2, 6

The family of Gerald Brackenbury wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our friends, neighbors and relatives for the cards, sympathy and acts of kindness extended during our recent loss. A special thanks to Dr. Spackman, Dr. Jeffers and the nursing staff at Cassia Regional Medical Center for their kind and loving care of our husband and father.

Sincerely, Susan Glenetta Brackenbury, Marcia & Darvy Otterhout, Valerie & Eddy Kelly, Randy & Janet Brackenbury, Tammy & Jim Owen.

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DEATH NOTICES

Louise Ada Grout

BURLEY — Louise Ada Grout, 87, of Burley, died Thursday, 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 before the service Monday at the chapel. A graveside service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at the Weiser Cemetery in Weiser.

Kevin R. Gaver

JEROME — Kevin R. Gaver, 24, of Jerome, died Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, in Boise. Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome.

Kathleen 'Kathy'

Gilbert Wyatt

TWIN FALLS — Kathleen 'Kathy' Gilbert Wyatt, 76, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Nov.

27, 2004, at Bridgeview Estates. Cremation will take place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls. A complete obituary will follow at a later date.

Verne Zitzke

TWIN FALLS — Verne Zitzke, 88, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Ruthilda Miller

BURLEY — Ruthilda Miller, 90, of Burley, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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

Margaret A. Stroud

FILER — Margaret A. Stroud, 100, of Filer, died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2004, at the Cedar Draw Living Center near Filer.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. A complete obituary will follow at a later date.

Jose 'Fred' Chavez

HANSEN — Jose 'Fred' Chavez, 70, of Hansen, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

David W. Becker Sr.

JEROME — David W. Becker Sr., 85, of Boise and formerly of Jerome, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at his home in Boise.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. A complete obituary will follow at a later date.

Many thanks for the gifts of time, food, cards and prayers from our many friends and family during the past many weeks.

Also special thanks to the staffs of the Magic Valley Regional Hospice and Tumor Center, Jamie Stroud of the Associates and Family Practice in Hagerman, Pastor Isaac and the church families of the Hagerman Christian Center, St. Catherine and the Demarey Funeral Chapel.

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Breakfast Menu
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Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Scrambled eggs
Friday: Breakfast pizza
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Chili
Tuesday: Chicken drumsticks
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza
Thursday: Turkey and noodles
Friday: Taco salad

CASTLEFORD SCHOOL
Breakfast menu
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Muffins
Tuesday: Muffins
Wednesday: Waftle sticks
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Biscuits
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served daily.
Monday: Fish and fries
Tuesday: Hamburger steak
Wednesday: Chili
Thursday: Turkey and noodles
Friday: Toasted cheese sandwich

CLOVER TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Milk served daily.
Monday: Mini corn dogs
Tuesday: Scalloped potatoes
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Scrambled eggs
Friday: Chili buns

FILER SCHOOL
Monday: Corn dogs
Tuesday: Tacos
Wednesday: Pizza
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Soup and sandwich

HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lunch Menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Soft tacos
Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket
Wednesday: Hamburgers
Thursday: Sweet and sour chicken
Friday: Rib-b-que

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Choice of milk every day.
Monday: Hamburger on a bun
Tuesday: Creamy potato soup
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Hamburger gravy
Friday: Canadian bacon and pineapple pizza

KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Milk served daily.
Monday: Pizza pocket
Tuesday: Hamburgers
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Potato bar

KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL
Milk served daily.
Monday: Pizza pocket
Tuesday: Hamburgers
Wednesday: Spaghetti
Thursday: Chicken nuggets
Friday: Potato bar

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Monday: Taquitos
Tuesday: Stew

MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Manwich
Tuesday: Deli sandwich
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Chicken fried steak
Friday: Nachos supreme

MURTAUGH SCHOOL
Milk served daily.
Monday: Lasagna

Tuesday: Chicken burgers
Wednesday: Baked potato bar
Thursday: Enchiladas
Friday: Chicken fried steak

ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH
Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Yogurt
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Beef tacos
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Grilled chicken and bacon wrap
Thursday: Chicken sandwich
Friday: Pizza

ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Monday: No School
Tuesday: Baked potato bar

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY
Milk served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Yogurt
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Tuna or turkey sandwich
Tuesday: French bread pizza
Wednesday: Italian spaghetti
Thursday: Double crust pizza
Friday: Chicken fried steak

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Breakfast is served daily.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line hamburger bar and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies every day.
Monday: French dip sandwich
Tuesday: Pig in a blanket
Wednesday: Cheeseburger
Thursday: Pepperoni hot pocket
Friday: Papa John's pizza

VALLEY SCHOOLS
Breakfast is served daily.
Monday: Chicken nuggets
Tuesday: Strawberry pancakes
Wednesday: Chicken alfredo
Thursday: Hot dog
Friday: Chicken noodle soup

BLISS SCHOOL
Milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken burgers
Tuesday: Potato soup
Wednesday: Quesadilla pockets
Thursday: Potato bar
Friday: Ham and bean soup

DIETRICH SCHOOLS
Salad bar, fruit and milk served daily.
Monday: Chicken patties
Tuesday: Baked potato bar
Wednesday: French dip
Thursday: Nachos
Friday: Shepherd's pie

GLENN'S FERRY
Monday: Hot dogs
Tuesday: Chili
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Sloppy joes
Friday: Potato soup

GOODING SCHOOLS
Choice of milk served daily. The third choice is for junior high and high school students only.
Monday: Quesadilla
Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket

HAGERMAN SCHOOLS
Choice of milk offered daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Ham and cheese
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Breakfast pizza
Friday: Cereal
Lunch menu
Monday: Chicken alfredo
Tuesday: Pizza
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets
Thursday: Burrito
Friday: Submarine sandwich

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
Milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Please see LUNCHES, Page B5

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Interim Boise Police Chief will retire

BOISE (AP) — After 34 years on the force, one of Boise's top cops is retiring. Interim Police Chief Jim Tibbs took the reins in February after former Chief Don Pierce resigned at the request of Mayor Dave Bieter. Tibbs applied for the permanent job, but was not selected. Still, Guy Bourgeois, vice president of the police union, cited Tibbs' work overseeing the department during the tumultuous period following Pierce's departure. "He brought peace to a de-

partment that had been in turmoil for quite a long time. He brought—morale—back—up," Bourgeois said. "He's been one of the best chiefs we've had." Tibbs announced on a local radio show Friday that Dec. 31 would be his last day. "City leaders were not surprised by the move," Tibbs told city council members he would be announcing his retirement a few days before it happened, councilwoman Maryanne Jordan said. "He always intended to re-

tire at the end of December," she said. "That was his plan." Tibbs said he would still stay active in the community. "I leave my heart here with the department," Tibbs said. "But I do not leave my commitment to this community, to public service, or to assisting this police department in whatever way I can." Tibbs had applied for the permanent chief job this summer at the request of the city's citizen search committee. He was one of five finalists, but wasn't among the final

two. When those names were announced, community members sent letters to the editor and held a rally to show their support for Tibbs, but he was not reconsidered as a final candidate. Instead, Bieter selected Mike Masterson, a Madison, Wis. police captain, in October. He starts work in January. Guy Bourgeois, vice president of the police union, said people in the department will miss Tibbs because he motivated them to work harder.

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Lunches

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Monday: Cinnamon toast.
Tuesday: Ham and toast
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Sausage patty and English muffin
Friday: Biscuits and gravy or jelly
Lunch menu
Salad bar and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Turkey bagel sandwich
Tuesday: Italian spaghetti
Wednesday: Cheese or sausage pizza
Thursday: Beef and cheese wrap or sea burger
Friday: Hamburger

JEROME SCHOOLS
Milk served daily.
Monday: Peanut butter uncrustable
Tuesday: Beef pot roast
Wednesday: Chicken strips
Thursday: Fiesta
Friday: Chicken drummies

RICHFIELD SCHOOLS
Breakfast
Milk and juice served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Ham
Friday: Cereal
Lunch
Monday: Chicken patty
Tuesday: Hot dog
Wednesday: Texas straw hats
Thursday: Corn chips and chili
Friday: Hoagie sandwich

SHOSHONE SCHOOLS
Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Spaghetti
Tuesday: Beef stew

WENDELL SCHOOLS
Breakfast and choice of milk served daily.
Monday: Ham and potato soup
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Nachos
Thursday: Chicken patty
Friday: Lasagna

BURLEY JR. HIGH SCHOOL
Breakfast Menu
Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: French toast sticks
Wednesday: Scrambled eggs with ham and cheese
Thursday: Doughnuts
Friday: Breakfast pocket
Lunch Menu
Salad bar and milk served every day.
Monday: Pizza or cheese squares
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
Wednesday: Hoagie or hot combo
Thursday: Macho nachos
Friday: Hamburger, cheeseburger or bacon cheeseburger

MINIDOKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Choice of milk served daily.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: French toast sticks
Wednesday: Granola bars
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Biscuits and gravy
Lunch menu
Monday: Baked cheese sandwich
Tuesday: Enchilada
Wednesday: Fish sandwich
Thursday: Turkey gravy w/ whipped potatoes
Friday: Chili and crackers

MINIDOKA MIDDLE SCHOOL
Breakfast menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Muffin
Tuesday: Cheese toast
Wednesday: French toast sticks or granola crackers
Thursday: Ham and cheese pocket or breakfast cookie
Friday: Breakfast burrito or yogurt
Lunch menu
Milk served daily.
Monday: Hamburger gravy w/ whipped potatoes or baked potato
Tuesday: Chicken wrap or chef salad
Wednesday: Spaghetti or Ital-

ian dunkers
Thursday: Popcorn chicken or chicken nuggets
Friday: Turkey noodle soup & ham sandwich

CASSIA SCHOOLS
Milk served daily. A variety of fruits and vegetables are served with each meal.
Breakfast menu
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Muffin
Wednesday: Bacon, egg and cheese pockets
Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Yogurt

Lunch menu
Monday: Cheese squares
Tuesday: Taco salad
Wednesday: Hamburger
Thursday: Taco soup
Friday: School choice

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menus in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication.

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For more information call MVRMC Foundation at 737-2480.

Holiday Entertainment • Main Stage

Thursday • December 2

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10:30 AM Filer High School Madrigal Choir & Jazz Band
Under the Direction of Larry Larsen
11:30 AM Robert Stuart Junior High School Choir
Under the Direction of Karen Goodrich
12:00 PM Robert Stuart Bel Canto Choir
Under the Direction of Karen Goodrich
12:30 PM Jerome High School Choir
Under the Direction of Brady Campbell
1:00 PM Clover Trinity Lutheran School
Under the Direction of Yvonne Reinke
2:00 PM Magic Valley Christian School Choir
Under the Direction of Mary Kelly-Fish
3:00 PM Morningside Honor Choir
Under the Direction of David Gibson

Friday • December 3

10:00 AM First Baptist School Preschool Choir
Under the Direction of Vera Redman
10:30 AM Immanuel Lutheran Pre-Kindergarten
Under the Direction of Verna Sherrets
11:00 AM Kimberly Elementary Concert Choir Including Hand Bells & 5th Grade Honor Choir
Under the Direction of Roberta Beck
12:30 PM Hagerman Joint School District #233
Under the Direction of Susan Bear
1:00 PM Immanuel Lutheran Pre-Kindergarten
Under the Direction of Verna Sherrets
1:30 PM Poppewell Elementary Honor Choir
Under the Direction of Kathy LaGrone
2:30 PM Central Songsters
Under the Direction of Marilyn Rountree
3:00 PM Burt Huish
4:00 PM Elite Dance Company
Sierra Johnson, Director
4:30 PM Jobs Daughters Bethel #56
Robin Mason, Honored Guest
5:00 PM Rocky Top Cloggers
Under the Direction of Shannon Edwards
6:00 PM Sisters of the Desert Moon
Wilde Garsen, Director
7:00 PM Hot Country Fiddlers
Joyce & Dale Snakenbulte, Instructors
8:00 PM Grace Baptist Church Choir
Bob Jones, Director
8:30 PM Klass Act Kids
Under the Direction of Emily Edridge

Saturday • December 4

10:00 AM The Dance Center
Under the Direction of Melissa Bellman
10:30 AM Top Hat Tappers
The Dance Center
11:00 AM Magic Valley Eagle All-Star Cheerleaders
Under the Direction of Andrea Pierce
11:30 AM Twin Falls High School Jazz Band
Under the Direction of Ted Halliday
12:30 PM Twin Falls AllStars Cheerleading
Under the Direction of Stacy Jensen
1:00 PM Sanjuria Martial Arts
Shepaul Ristic, Director
1:30 PM Springs Alive
Under the Direction of Angie Fillmore
2:00 PM Jump Company
Under the Direction of Amy Wilkinson
2:30 PM Immanuel Lutheran School
Under the Direction of Cherry Berry
3:00 PM Nielson's Stargazers Dance Company
Willa Deen Nielsen, Director
4:00 PM Julie's Jazzworks
Julie Wright, Director
5:00 PM Magichords
5:30 PM Maudin Dance Academy
Kelli Turner, Director
6:30 PM Ta Vaci School of Performing Arts
Melanie Cook, Director
7:30 PM O'Leary Middle School Jazz Band
Under the Direction of Dennis Bortz

Sunday • December 5

12:30 PM The Reformed Church Instrumental Ensemble
Under the Direction of Stacy Jensen
1:00 PM Calvary Chapel "Good Friday" Band & Adult Choir
Under the Direction of Billy Barnaby
2:00 PM Grace Baptist Church 20-Voice Adult Choir
Under the Direction of Bob Jones
2:30 PM Marla Garrett Trio
3:00 PM Ron Cole & Heaven Bound
4:00 PM Lighthouse Assembly of Jerome
Under the Direction of Billy Barnaby
4:30 PM Magic Valley Gospel Quartet
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OBITUARY

Albert Earl Coonrod Sr. - Twin Falls

Albert Earl Coonrod Sr., husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. Dad was born on Jan. 28, 1919, in Jessup, Iowa, and died on Nov. 10, 2004, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Dad was a journeyman sign painter and self-taught artist. Dad was unable to be in the armed services during World War II, so he moved his young family to Grand, Calif., where he painted the inside and outside of submarines and victory ships. After the war, he moved his growing family back to Iowa, where he worked for various sign companies and ran several of his own.

Mom and Dad moved to Tucson, Ariz., in 1973, where he plied his trade at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base until his retirement in 1986. Dad joined SACI in 1972 and has



credits in Tombstone, Vanishing Point, other movies and in television. He also worked on sets in Old Tucson, Ariz. His sign painters kit and biography are in the American Sign Museum in Cincinnati, Ohio. He and Mom moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1998.

Dad's art work was loved by his family and friends. No one ever walked away from Dad friendless. His cheer, friendship and ribald sense of humor always opened doors.

Dad is survived by Nada, his wife of 63 years; children, Albert Jr., Craig, Rick, Nikki and Mark; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, James of Ft. Pierce, Fla.

Dad's positive outlook, love and support of family, fellowship to all, patriotism and love of God, will be missed.

With all our love, we honor you, Father.

A memorial service will be announced in the near future. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to art supplies at the Methodist Church, Visit Dad's memorial at www.albert.howlingmoon.info.

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Yellowstone's historic hall in line for remodeling

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — A grant included in the recently passed \$300 billion federal spending bill will help West Yellowstone's historic Union Pacific Railroad Dining Hall get back on its feet.

The hall, designed by famed architect Gilbert Stanley Underwood, was built in 1926 for tourists disembarking into Yellowstone National Park.

Revered for its grand, lodge-like atmosphere, the hall has fallen into disrepair over the years.

Its roof sags from the weight of many heavy snows, while several upper beams are so rotted they're crumbling.

A \$400,000 federal grant was allotted to West Yellowstone in a spending bill to help with an estimated \$2 million in repairs.

"That's going to be a big help for that building," Yellowstone Historic Center Curator Paul Shea said. "It's been sliding downhill for a number of years."

West Yellowstone must match the grant money, which brings the total dedicated to the project to \$800,000.

Local leaders say they're eager to diversify the economy of the gateway community. One way to do that is through bolstering its historic district and promoting "heritage tourism," councilman Glen Lorenz said.

"If the Union Pacific hadn't decided to come here, the town probably never would have existed," he said.

Replacing the rotted beams is a top renovation priority. The other pressing need is a new electrical system, since the original is deemed a fire hazard.

"We don't want to burn the building down," Shea said. "You'd never be able to afford to put it back up again."

None of the repairs will alter the building's historic character, he said.

The grant will not solve all the building's woes, said councilor Gibson Bailey, whose late mother waited tables and tended bar at the hall in the 1930s, but he's hopeful it will help attract more funding.

For more obituaries, see pages B2, 3

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Senior citizen leads police on slow pursuit

BONNERS FERRY (AP) — A two-county chase at low speeds on Highway 95 ended with the arrest of an elderly driver and misdemeanor charges.

Police said 66-year-old Nita Friedman kept driving — for 15 miles — even after a police pickup tried to pull her over with lights and siren blaring. She finally stopped her Toyota Camry after three of her tires were blown out by a spike strip.

Police chief Mike Hutter said Friedman reported being confused because he was driving a four-wheel-drive Chevy Silverado pickup with lights in the grill.

When she was finally pulled over, Friedman told Hutter she was from New York, and that in New York police drive cars, Hutter said.

The woman allegedly told officers that she pulled over to let Hutter pass and when he did not she just kept on driving.

"She just doesn't understand that she was doing anything wrong," Hutter said.

The chase started in Bonner County after Hutter got reports of a reckless driver heading northbound on U.S. Highway 95.

He caught up with the driver moments later just a few miles

north of Ponderay.

Hutter said Friedman's vehicle matched the description he'd been given, so she started following her.

When he flipped on his lights and siren, it looked as if Friedman was pulling over, he said. But she allegedly got back on the roadway and sped up to legal speeds between 50 and 60 miles per hour.

Though she never sped during the chase and even stopped

behind a left-turning vehicle in Elmira, Hutter said, he asked Idaho State Police to put a spike strip in the roadway.

When Friedman reached the spike strip, about three miles into Boundary County, she drove over it, stopped for a moment and then started driving again.

But three of her tires were flattened, preventing her from getting far.

After officers ordered her

from the car, she told them she had thought she was obeying the law.

She said when Hutter hadn't passed her after she pulled over, she didn't know what to do, so she kept on driving.

"She didn't think she was going to jail," Hutter said.

Friedman was taken to the Boundary County Jail on misdemeanor charges of eluding and reckless driving and her bail was set at \$600.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

LeBron scores 2,000th point

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James scored 26 points to become the youngest player in NBA history to reach 2,000 in a career, leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 105-74 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Saturday night. At 19 years, 272 days old, James is 277 days younger than Kobe Bryant when he set the mark on Feb. 23, 1999, with the Los Angeles Lakers. James also collected seven assists and seven rebounds in 32 minutes.

Jeff McInnis scored 16 points for Cleveland, which won for the ninth time in 10 games and the Bulls their 10th loss in 11 games.

Eddy Curry scored 20 points to lead Chicago, which went 1-6 on its home trip. James led a 16-foot fadeaway jumper with 1:03 remaining in the third quarter to reach 2,000. That was his final shot in the game because he went to the bench after three quarters with the Cavaliers, comfortably ahead 76-52.

Spurs 109, Jazz 76
SAN ANTONIO — Malik Rose scored a season-high 16 points, San Antonio made nine of its first 10 shots and the Spurs beat the Utah Jazz 109-76 on Saturday night.

Manu Ginobili added 15 points. Tony Parker and Devin Brown each had 14 and Tim Duncan had 12 points and 13 rebounds for the Spurs, who shot 12-for-16 in the opening quarter. Matt Harpring scored 15 points and Jordan Girlock 14 to lead the Jazz, who played a tough battle of the night with Andre Kirilenko, their No. 2 scorer and rebounder. Kirilenko, averaging about 16 points and eight rebounds, went down with a sprained right knee in a collision with San Antonio's Beno Udrih early in the second quarter. But by that point, the Spurs already had a 23-point lead and were well on their way to their 19th straight victory at home.

Bobcats 107, Hawks 92
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Reserve Eddie House scored points and Erika Okafor had 14 points and 10 rebounds for his fourth straight double-double for Charlotte. Reserve Keith Gougeon added 15 points for the expansion Bobcats, who won their third game—all at home.

Arrington scored 27 points and Antonio Walker 24 in Atlanta's sixth straight loss. The struggling Hawks failed to score 100 points for the 13th straight game.

Magic 105, 76ers 99
ORLANDO, Fla. — Grant Hill scored 29 points and Steve Francis added 26, leading the Magic to their fourth win in five games. Marc Jackson had 17 points and a season-best 11 rebounds for the Sbers, who have lost four straight on the road.

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SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Chargers at Chiefs, CBS, 8 p.m.
- Bills at Seahawks, CBS, 2 p.m.
- Raiders at Broncos, ESPN, 6:30 p.m.
- China Open, final round, TGG, 7 a.m.
- Korea Golf Championship, final round, NBC, 10:30 a.m.
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BASKETBALL

Table with columns for NBA, Atlantic, Midwest, Pacific, and Western Conferences, listing teams and scores.

Bowling

PBA, Pepsi Open, ESPN, 11 a.m. Redskins at Steelers, Fox, 11 a.m.

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Chargers 98, Bills 74. Colts 17, 20-26. Browns 27, 20-46. Saints 20, 20-26. Patriots 27, 20-46.

NBA Leaders

Table showing NBA leaders for Points, Rebounds, Assists, and Steals.

NBA Games

Table listing NBA game results and schedules for various teams.

College Basketball

Table listing college basketball game results.

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No. 5 Illinois bounces No. 24 Gonzaga

INDIANAPOLIS — Fifth-ranked Illinois appears to be ready for No. 1 Wake Forest. The Illini (4-0) set the tone from the opening tip, using superior 3-point shooting and suffocating defense to dominate the Bulldogs (2-1) and set up an early season showcase with the Demon Deacons in Champaign, Ill. next week. Illinois made 14 of 28 3-pointers and scored 29 points in 19 Gonzaga turnovers to turn the game into a rout in the first five minutes. Adam Morrison led Gonzaga with 26 points and 11 rebounds and Ronny Dunbar collected 12 points and nine rebounds. Williams got the Illini started with an 11-0 run early in the first half, and they never looked back. Illinois forced seven turnovers in the first five minutes, which led to 14 points and an 18-4 lead.

Callahan says Huskers build for championships

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska coach Bill Callahan insists the days of glory will return. Just downed by Texas Tech 42-6 in Callahan's first year as coach. It was the football team's worst season since the 1961 season. Callahan has led 42 straight winning regular seasons and 35 consecutive years in a bowl era history. "We're building for a championship season," Callahan said. "I just want to get away from that. That's our goal, to win the national championship. It's going to take time. How much time I don't know."

Chelsea wins in Premier League

LONDON — Chelsea routed Charlton 4-0 on Saturday behind two goals by defender John Terry to open a five-point lead at the top of the Premier League. Damien Duff and Eidur Gudjohnsen also scored for Chelsea; which extended its lead with Arsenal and Everton not playing until Sunday. Chelsea had ties in its previous two games. "We started incredibly well in the second half and really took control," Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho said. Manchester United is still nine points behind the Blues despite a 3-0 win over a West Bromwich Albion team coached by former Man United scout Bryan Robson. Paul Scholes struck in the 53rd and 80th minutes and Ruud van Nistelrooy headed in a goal between the scores by Scholes. Chelsea has 36 points, Arsenal 31, Everton 29 and Manchester United 27. West Brom dropped to the bottom of the standings after Blackburn beat Fulham 2-0.

Pedro meets with Mets GM Minaya

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Free agent Pedro Martinez met with Boston Red Sox officials the next day in Fort Myers, Fla. Martinez has gone 117-37 for Boston from 1998-2004, winning 11 AL Cy Young awards in 1999 and 2000. After being traded to Los Angeles in Game 3 of the World Series, he acknowledged it could have been his final appearance for Boston. Martinez is 182-76 with a 2.76 ERA in 13 seasons with Los Angeles, Montreal and Boston.

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Eagles go for NFC East clincher

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — After losing their third straight NFC title game earlier last January, many wondered whether Andy Reid could keep the Philadelphia Eagles on track for another year.

New York Giants linebacker Carlos Emmons was never in that group, especially after his old team picked up the volatile but very productive Terrell Owens in the offseason.

"What they have done this season doesn't surprise me," said Emmons.

NFL Game — who signed with the Giants in the spring, about three months after his best season in Philadelphia was ended by a broken leg. "The whole time I was there I knew we needed a guy like T.O. But they never got him."

Owens and his NFL-leading 13 touchdown catches have put the Eagles' offense on par with its dynamic defense in what has turned into a brilliant regular season.

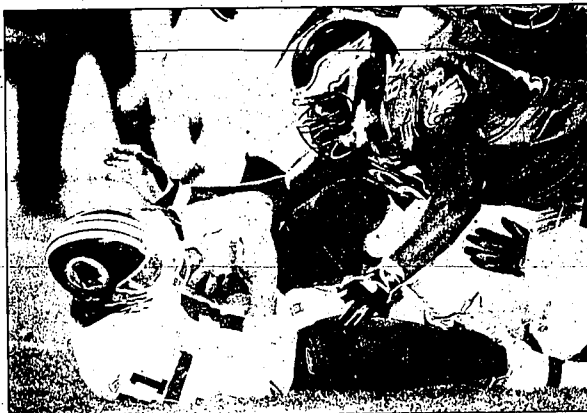
The Eagles (9-1) will win the NFC East title for the fourth consecutive year if they beat slumping New York (5-5) at Giants Stadium on Sunday.

With a win, Philadelphia would become only the third team to clinch a division title in 11 games since the NFL went to a 16-game schedule in 1978. The Bears in 1985 and 49ers in 1997 were the other two. Chicago won the Super Bowl. San Francisco lost the conference title game.

While admitting the burden of not getting to the Super Bowl has been heavy for the Eagles, Emmons said it had a very talented-and-focused group of players.

Eagles safety Brian Dawkins said Reid can take much credit for the team's success.

"After a big win he is the same, and after a loss he is the same," Dawkins said. "He portrays that to us in preparation. Another thing is his attention to detail. It is always talking about the little things. If you take care of the little things, all the big things will be taken care of."



Washington Redskins quarterback Patrick Ramsey (11) is stopped by Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Jamal Green (65) on a 4th-and-1 play in the fourth quarter last Sunday in Philadelphia.

That approach might explain why the Eagles are developing their bid for another division title. It's just another step.

The Eagles had no trouble handling the Giants in the opener, posting a 31-17 win in a game in which Donovan McNabb threw three of his four touchdown passes to Owens.

The Giants, who have lost three straight games and four of their last five, have lost several key players since that game. All Pro Michael Strahan and fellow starting defensive end Keith Washington are out for the season with injuries and linebacker Barret Green has missed the last three games with knee and ankle problems.

The other major change is Eli Manning at quarterback. The No. 1 overall draft pick made his first start last weekend in a 14-10 loss to Atlanta.

He played well in the second half in giving New York a chance.

Manning knows the Eagles' defense is going to blitz. Philadelphia leads the NFC with 29 sacks and it will be going against an offense that has given up a league-high 11 sacks.

At this point in the season, the Giants can't afford many more mistakes. While they have stumbled after a surprising 1-1 start, they are still tied with St. Louis for the last wild-card playoff berth.

Owens comes into the game with one of setting a team record and winning a person of the week. One more touchdown catch will set a single-season Eagles mark currently shared by Mike Quick (1963) and Tommy McDonald (1960 and '61).

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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 to 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 vehicle 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."

Oftentimes, 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 buyer 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 dealing," 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 somewhere else." Said Barry. "Of course financing is always an approval from the lender. Our advantage is we have so many 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.

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SPORTS

Bledsoe tries to end Bills' road skid Not so fun being a Raider Hater this year

SEATTLE (AP) — Drew Bledsoe doesn't get back to his hometown of Walla Walla, Wash., too often these days. A road game at Seattle is as close as it gets to a homecoming for the Buffalo Bills quarterback.

"It will be great to be back out there in the Northwest, to have some friends and family," said Bledsoe, a former Washington State standout. "That'll all be pregame and postgame. We've got to focus on beating a good Seattle team."

Exactly how good? That's a subject for debate.

The Seahawks (6-4) are leading the NFC West. But they've been erratic since a 3-0 start. They've been slowed by a stop-and-go offense, injuries to key defensive players and unreliable special teams play.

Still, coach Mike Holmgren sees the bright side. The Bills (4-6) did Seattle a huge favor last week by beating NFC West rival St. Louis, and now it's up to the Seahawks to seize control down the stretch.

"If we slog our way through wins, I'll take that," Holmgren said. "Ideally, you'd like to not make any errors. If we keep winning ballgames and just keep battling, I still think we're capable of playing better football."

For the second straight week, the Seahawks have an issue at quarterback. Matt Hasselbeck was questionable after missing last weekend's 24-17 win over Miami with a deep bruise above his right knee.

Trent Dilfer stepped in, completing 14-of-28 for 196 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. He started strong, throwing a first-quarter TD to Jerry Rice, but Seattle's offense stalled in the second half.

The biggest difference between these squads is on special teams. Bills punter Brian Moorman has been solid, especially in bad weather, and Buffalo set a franchise record with four TD returns. Terrence McGee has returned two kick-offs for scores, while Jonathan Smith and Nate Clements have scored on punt returns.

The Seahawks, meanwhile, signed punter Ken Walter this



Buffalo Bills quarterback Drew Bledsoe passes during a game against the St. Louis Rams at Ralph Wilson Stadium in Orchard Park, N.Y., last Sunday. The Bills won 37-17.

DENVER (AP) — Around Denver, merchants have printed up their stock of "Raider Hater" T-shirts, an annual rite of football season for a city whose fans have long loathed the Silver and Black.

Really, though, there's not much to hate about this year's version of the Oakland Raiders.

"Indifferent defense, bad play at quarterback and questionable effort have been among the bugaboos bothering the Raiders (3-7), who limp into Sunday's game against Denver (7-3) more in search of a late-season run at respectability than a playoff spot."

"Every week is trying. Every season is trying," said first-year Raiders coach Norv Turner. "It gets tougher when you struggle and you're not winning."

Denver put together its most thorough performance of the season on Oct. 17, in a 31-3 victory at Oakland. Reuben Droughns ran for 176 yards. Jake Plummer threw for three touchdowns. It was a highly satisfying win, not only because it improved them to 5-1 at the time, but because it came against their archrival.

"It's just kind of a different at-

Raiders at Broncos

• TV: ESPN, 8:30 p.m.

becoming head coach of the Broncos, Shanahan is 15-4 against Oakland.

The Broncos enter the week-end tied for the lead in the AFC West with the surprising San Diego Chargers, not the team they expected to be fending off this time of year. The Chiefs and the Raiders have always been the more likely candidates, but both are struggling.

Droughns himself added to the bad blood when he got into a shouting match with Warren Sapp at halftime. He tried to apologize after the game, but Sapp rebuffed him.

Broncos coach Mike Shanahan has bad feelings, too. He was fired by Al Davis in 1995 and is still minus the \$250,000 that an arbitrator ruled Davis owed him after the firing. Since

Oakland's offense ranks last in rushing and second in interceptions thrown with 14, most courtesy of Kerry Collins, the defense is 27th overall. The season has already been tainted by the departure of Jerry Rice and Tim Brown and the disappointment of Sapp, who has only a half sack.

Bills at Seahawks

• TV: CBS, 2 p.m.

week because rookie Donnie Jones struggled after replacing injured veteran Tom Iloven.

The linebacker injuries have made defensive regulars out of Isaiah Kropivetski and Niko Koutouvidis, thinning the pool on special teams. Seattle's punt and kickoff coverage has suffered, aiding opponents with field position.

"You take those guys off special teams and you put defensive backs, fullbacks, tight ends, whoever can fill those spots," Holmgren said. "It has an effect that people don't think about much."

Buffalo is trying to get rolling away from home after losing all four road games this season. Going back to last year, Buffalo has lost 10 of 11 on the road, including six straight.

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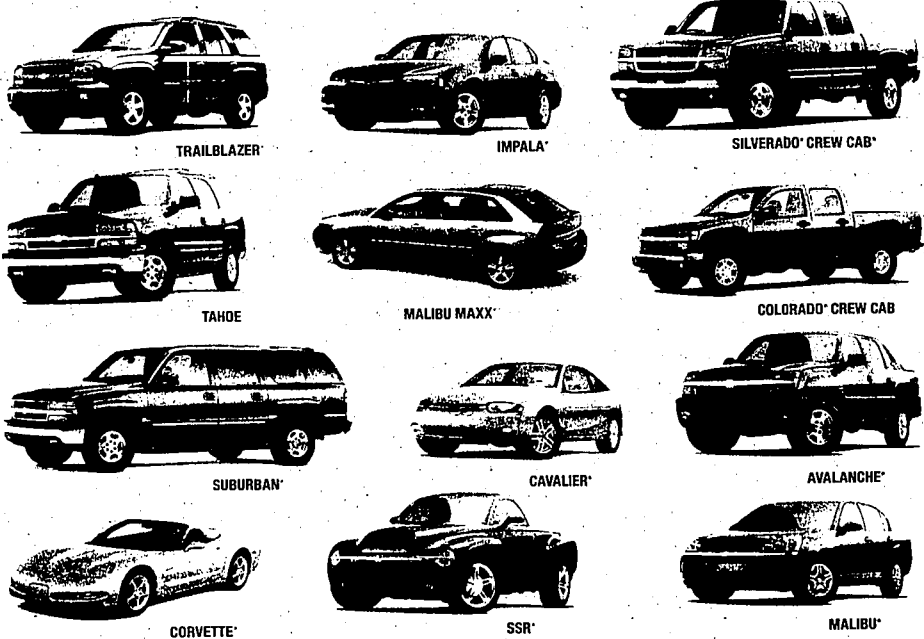
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Office party can lead to career filled with joy or sorrow

By Carol Kleiman
Chicago-Tribune

Office parties are fun and games and all you have to do is to show up and have a good time. If you believe that, your job may be in jeopardy.

"How you behave at an office party can absolutely make or break your career," said Kathryn Young, associate professor of communication at Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pa.

"If you make a mistake, if you drink too much, if you're not prepared with good conversa-

tion topics or if you ask the boss about a work-related issue when you're supposed to be relaxing — in most cases in Corporate America, you will pay the price because an office party is not the place to do those things."

Young is aware that many workers don't pay enough attention to the possible ramifications of behaving improperly at an office party. So in 1989, she introduced a session on how to navigate office parties as part of her 15-week course on organizational communication. She leads the

students through the ins and outs of office parties and holds a tutorial party for the class.

The professor, who has a doctorate and a master's degree in speech communication, first introduced the topic of office parties at Mansfield in 2000. It's given every other year; the next one will be in 2005. The office party segment only counts for 5 percent of the total course grade.

But in the world of work, it really counts.

"Office parties are professional communication in a social business' setting," said Young.

co-author of "Oral Communication: Skills, Choices and Consequences" (Waveland, \$17.95).

And "social business" setting is not an oxymoron, she emphasizes.

"Anytime you're being observed by a boss or a colleague, you have to be professional," she said.

There are basic rules of good office party behavior, the professor said. In addition to the ones everyone knows — that you should not drink too much or hit on colleagues,

"Be prepared for conversation," said Young. "Know what you want to talk about with the boss, such as a hobby, sports or children — but not about business."

But the boss isn't the only person you should converse with, she adds. "Talk to everyone in the room, the boss' significant other, your colleagues. Pay compliments. Say something that doesn't sound like schmoozing."

Being friendly with everyone pays off: "A former student of mine went to an office party where he talked to everyone and ended up spending a lot of

time talking to the janitor," said Young. "He didn't know it, but the janitor was the brother of a higher-up, who was very impressed. Because of that office party, he became very visible."

Though you can't shake hands if both are filled with food and drink, Young suggests that you "make sure you have a plate of food or glass in one hand, leaving the other free. But be sure to eat something, even if you're on a low-carb diet. You don't want to offend the host."

One late payment can hurt finances

By Marshall Loeb
CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — One late payment on your credit card can pack a pretty hard punch. Not only with fees and rate hikes on the card in question, but also with penalties on your other credit cards.

Almost half of all credit cards have so-called universal default penalties, which allow the credit-card company to increase your interest rates if it discovers a late payment on your credit report for any credit-card account or loan or other debt-involving any other company. It doesn't matter if you've never made a late payment to that particular company.

This year, 44 percent of credit cards have universal default penalties, reports Consumer Action, a San Francisco-based research group. And the number is increasing — only 39 percent of cards had them in 2003.

Penalty rates can easily top 29.99 percent compared with the average annual rate of 14 to 16 percent. These penalties go into effect when you are perceived as a delinquent borrower, usually after you make a late payment or go over your credit limit.

You might also incur penalties if your credit score drops, warns Experian Consumer Direct, one of three credit bureaus that calculate your credit score. Your credit score is an analysis of your past credit history that is used by lenders to figure out how much of a risk you are.

Scores range from 300 to 850. The higher your score, the better. A lower credit score may make you ineligible for lenders' best interest rates, affecting any major purchases you make until your score improves.

People with no late or missed payments in the last year had an average credit score of 759, reports Experian. Those consumers who had one or more delinquent payments in the past year had an average score of 598.

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This will give you an idea of the rates in that city. Next, head to the individual company site to see what they're offering on price. Calling the company's toll-free number also may yield a better deal, especially if you have a discount such as an AAA or AARP membership to apply.

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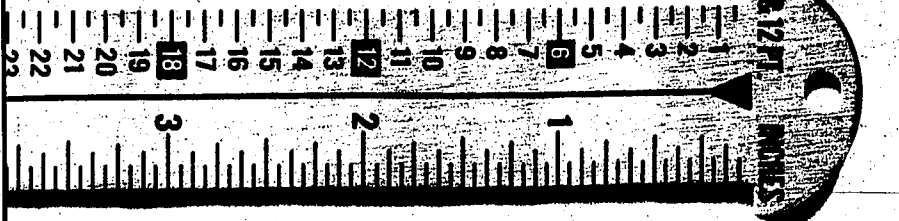
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When a house is not a home

Denise Turner is off this week. Here's her column from March 17, 1996:

We've been thinking about remodeling. Just the word sounds scary. But we've narrowed down the options to two (probably no-win) situations: Buy a new house with some of the extra features we want or add those features to our present home.

Buying a new house would be nice, and we have been to a few open houses that are reasonable possibilities. At our favorite, my 10-year-old walked in and said, "Let's take this one, Mom."



LIFE AND 'TIMES
Denise Turner

I had to explain that you don't just buy a house like you buy a baseball glove. I told him we would have to sell our own house first, at the right price, and work out the financing and coordinate the move so that we don't have to rent a house in between.

By the time I finished explaining everything, I had practically talked myself out of it. After all, I remember our last move, from Ohio to Idaho.

The people coming to look at our house in Ohio would always cancel right after I had closed.

When we finally made it to the moving van, everyone was yelling because the laundry wasn't clean, and we didn't even have access to a washing machine.

We moved in April, to the tune of "Silent Night," because the movers had already sealed the box where the musical Christmas card was packed.

Do I really want to make another move?

We've also considered building, but what did that once. You will be lucky if your marriage survives building a house, people told us.

I hate to tempt fate twice. We had that house built in the early '80s, right around the time we went to a Cincinnati Homearama.

Even 10 years ago, the prices of those Homearama homes ranged from \$20,000 to \$400,000. They had marble floors, mahogany doors, etched glass and mother-in-law suites. To afford any of them, we would have had to work 24-hour days at some high-level job and wouldn't have had time to live in them.

We went ahead with our own home construction, on a much smaller scale.

My memories of those days revolve around the plumber and the contractor arguing while the toilets sat in the middle of the living room.

And I remember the first time the phone rang. It was an obscene call.

The telephone installer had said he would call the next day to test the phone. We wouldn't have phone service until then, he said. He never called us.

We got the obscene call three hours after he left. The voice sounded an awful lot like the installer.

Looking back — and looking forward — I'm a little nervous. Where you live is important. You can tell a lot about a family from looking at their home.

I found that out about two months ago when the clothes-dryer repairman was at my house. He told me he could describe a family from taking apart their dryer.

"What do you mean?" I asked. "Well, I found a lot of pebbles. In yours, so I figure you have a son — probably about 10 or 11."

I was impressed.

"There was no money," he said, "but I've found up to \$65 in some people's dryers."

I don't know if that means we are frugal, good at cleaning out pockets or just plain poor.

I guess I'll be pretty happy whichever way we go with the remodeling idea — as long as I have a little more storage space. I've never had much, so I've always thrown out things that I needed later.

I have a friend in Ohio who would go through all my stuff. Then, when I would go to her to borrow blankets for my kids' slumber parties, she would lend me back my own comforters.

ToAnn is 2,000 miles away now. I need a new house.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor of The Times-News.

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When your teenager's crib hits puberty

Los Angeles Times

Glenna Henke's preteen bedroom was a study in boring — a matching, if uninspired, mix of tan walls, tan carpet and leopard-print bedding. Then came high school, and with it Henke's burning desire to shed her room's parent-approved color palette for something more reflective of the teen she had become.

Out went the carpet, and in came the hot pink throw rug. Gone were the yawning beige walls, repainted with eye-popping yellow and orange. The animal-print comforter was swapped for a Hawaiian theme: the glare of mosaic overhead lighting replaced by the ambient glow of star-shaped lights dangling in the corners.

The days when a new beanbag chair, bedspread and pop poster sufficed as a remodel are long gone. Today's teen rooms reflect a decorative savvy that rivals their parents'. If pictures of Ashley Simpson or Orlando Bloom are present, they're often on the back of the door, overshadowed by purple walls and black lights, tie-dye bedding, tattered curtains and marked walls — designs that could prompt well-meaning parents to double-dose on their Xanax but appeal to adolescents' evolving sense of self.

Earlier generations weren't subjected to the nonstop eye-candy of quick-cut commercials and effects-laden video games that today's teens experience. They weren't bombarded with TV decorating shows, youth-oriented home furnishings stores or magazine articles on how to customize their own space. Celebrities weren't same-age peers buying and decorating their own homes.

Today's teens can't escape the cultural tilt toward design and decor, and their bedrooms show it.

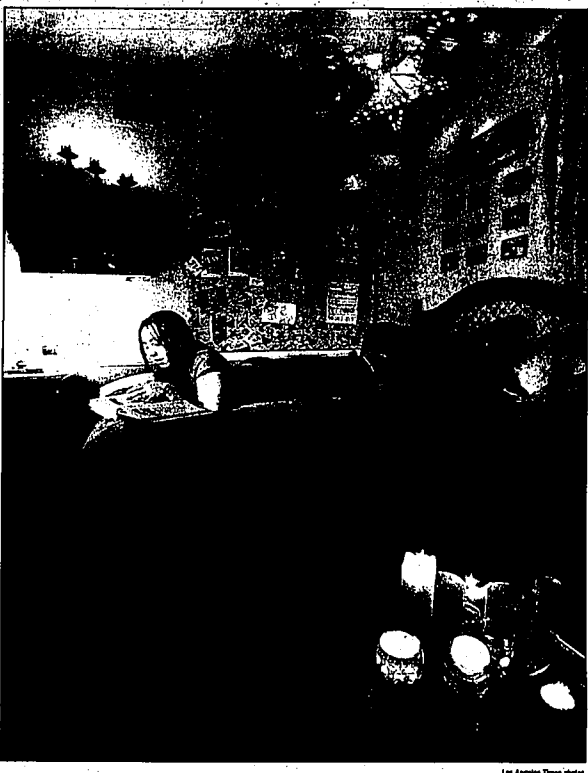
"What we're noticing now is that teens are very, very advanced. They're more adult than teens of previous generations," said Rob Callender, senior trends manager for Teen Research Unlimited in Illinois. "Instead of putting up concert posters or cutting things out of magazines, some are very interested in the very adult idea of getting furniture that reflects their own personality. Part of it is their own savviness. Part of it is there seems to be enough money that the parents can afford to and are willing to do this."

And part of it is that home furnishings companies are finally opening their eyes to the \$170-billion annual spending power of the country's 35 million 12- to 19-year-olds.

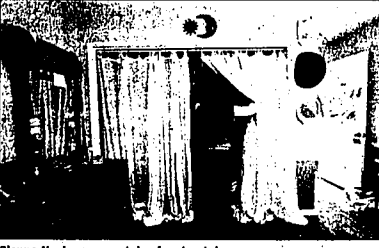
The same stores that for decades have targeted grown-ups, college kids and parents-to-be are now pursuing teens. In the last couple of years, Urban Outfitters has expanded from being near college campuses to suburban malls. Pottery Barn and Crate & Barrel have each launched youth brands, offering items that not only speak to teens visually, but do so in lingo that cries to be hip. A worktable with folding legs is a "flip-out desk"; a throw for girls is "furlicious."

"As kids grew up, there was this group spending more on home furnishings who had their own opinions of how they wanted things to look, and our Pottery Barn and Pottery Barn Kids brands weren't it. They were a little bit funkier," said Abigail Jacobson, public relations manager for PBTeen, the teen-oriented catalog and Website that launched last year.

Other industry sectors are catering to them big time —



When Glenna Henke started high school she jettisoned her preteen pastel bedroom decor in favor of a more mature scheme, complete with vivid colors, star-shaped pendant lights and plenty of candles.



Glenna Henke uses curtains for closet doors.

food, movies, electronics, clothes," she added. "They expect it from furnishings retailers as well."

PBTeen and Target are at the forefront of this growing market trend, offering free-spirited and offbeat designs at prices that acknowledge the fleeting nature of adolescent taste and the limits of parents' willingness to pay for it. Think cargo-pocket pillow shams for \$16, hot-pink telephones for \$60, disco ball lamps for \$33 and "diva" and "little miss drama" fun rugs for \$70.

In the case of 17-year-old Alexandra Manzano of San Gabriel, Calif., it's green drapes, purple walls and glow-in-the-dark stars on the ceiling — a design scheme that appealed to her interest in the stars, moon and sky.

"I kind of thought my room

was boring because it was all white," Manzano said of her old decor — the pencil-themed bed, shelves-and Mickey Mouse rug she banished three years ago. Now she says, "I love coming into my room. It's kind of cool because it's darker."

Others don't have it so easy. Alena Henke, Glenna's 12-year-old sister, has had no luck convincing her mom to let her switch to the room she envisions: something "retro-y, like pop-artish," she said. "You know, Andy Warhol paintings."

Alena's sensibility has been informed and shaped by TV, specifically VH1 retro shows such as "I Love the 70s" and decorating makeover programs on HGTV. Right now, Alena's room is "garden-y" with lemon yellow walls and floral picket fence wallpaper. Painted on the

wall above her bed is a Tinker Bell-size fairy.

"It's kind of really girly, and it's just not me," the Arcadia, Calif., eighth-grader said with a sigh. For now, Mom won't go to the expense of changing Alena's room because she suspects her daughter will only want to change it again.

Let her, says teen psychologist Michael Bradley. "A teenager's job is to figure out who they are and to break apart from the parents in an appropriate way, so the bedroom becomes the initial outpost of this new adult that's emerging through the adolescent years," said Bradley, author of the books "Yes, Your Teen is Crazy" and "Yes, Your Parents Are Crazy!"

"The point of adolescence is identity exploration. They try on 10,000 different hats to see what fits and what doesn't," he said. "You want to encourage them to do crazy, zany stuff. That's healthy."

For the most part, it's the girls who want to apply their curtains, customize their armoires and put their personal stamp on their space. It's the rare adolescent boy who cares about the color of his lampshade or the shape of his pillows.

Most are content to hang a poster, prop a trophy on the shelf and call it a done deal. They don't seem to care. Their rooms are nondescript crash pads. Overhauling the decor has always been much more of a girl thing.

"This whole generation has lots of stuff, including their own cellphones, and definitely their own voice in how they want their rooms to look," said Nan Sloan, contributing designer to HGTV's "Decorating Cents." "Particularly the girls who grew up with these purple and pink frilly little rooms, now they're early adolescents. They want to make a statement."

And they're making a statement in their bedrooms, with designs that are closely related to their clothing. Trends in today's teen rooms tend to mirror the racks at Forever 21, Planet Funk and other shops frequented by girls without a driver's license. Junior high is the time when girls begin to pay more attention to how they look and dress, and the more self-conscious they are about their own appearance, the more self-conscious they seem to be about remaking their rooms to reflect their taste.

These days that taste is running toward splashy colors, mix-and-match patterns and items that are handmade.

"A lot of the personalization and color you see in their fashion, they want reflected in their room as well," said Sloan. "That's why a lot of time a parent will call me in, because they know it's a passing trend. In some cases, these are obnoxious colors for parents doing tasteful homes. She wants lime green walls and a watermelon bedspread and orange draperies. Help!"

As a parent, if you don't like the fuchsia walls, decoupage window sill or stencils on the antique bed frame, remember this: All too soon, the kids will be going off to college, taking their purple butterfly chairs and electrifying taste with them.



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FAMILY LIFE

Every child has a mind of his own

Q: My fifth-grade daughter tests well and does well in class, but will not do her homework unless I stand over her and make her. That, however, has resulted in horrible scenes nearly every evening. So, I recently stopped micromanaging her and, with her teachers' help, have put her on a daily report card system similar to what you describe in your book "Ending the Homework Hassle." I no longer even ask her if she has her homework, but she's back to not doing it and losing privileges as a consequence. I now have a much better relationship, and she's back to her happy, funny self despite the fact that she has not enjoyed any privileges for several weeks. I may be doing something wrong? What?



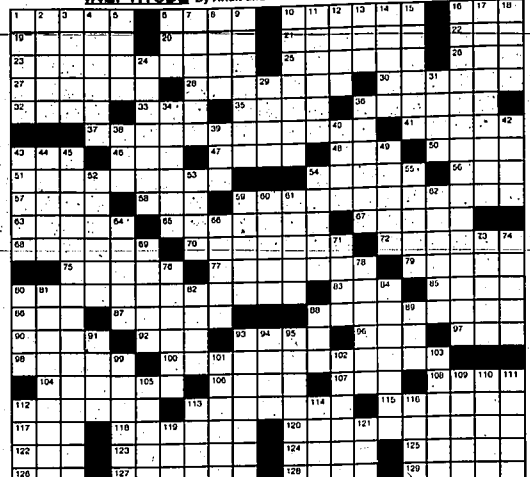
PARENTING John Rosemond

just about anything the experimenter wanted it to learn. What most parents don't understand is that the principles and methods of behavioral psychology do not work nearly as neatly and reliably on human beings as they do on laboratory rats. Apply the principles and methods of behavioral psychology to a lab rat, and the rat will do what you want him to do. Apply the same principles and methods to a human, and the human may well refuse to do what you want him to do. The difference is one of free will, which humans have and animals do not. As "Grandma" said, "Every child has a mind of his own." So, whereas consequences, properly applied, will change the behavior of a rat, consequences alone will not change the behavior of humans. With humans, choice changes behavior. Proper consequences put pressure on children to make right choices, but do not guarantee them. The fact is that some people in some situations will keep right on misbehaving no matter how punitive the consequences. That is simply the nature of human beings. Let's assume you're doing all the right things in response to your daughter's irresponsibility. You're using proper consequences and your daughter stubbornly refuses to do what both you and her teacher want her to do. My rule of thumb in such situations: If parents do the right thing in response to a child who is doing the wrong thing, and the child keeps on doing the wrong thing, then the parents should keep right on doing the right thing. Depriving your daughter of privileges may not "work" to solve the problem; nonetheless, it is the right thing to do because in the Real World, privilege is obtained through responsible behavior, and privilege is lost when one behaves irresponsibly. In other words, despite the fact that your daughter is not doing the right thing, she is learning how the Real World works. In this same Real World, a choice made by an 8-year-old may be much more powerful than any discipline you can bring to bear upon her.

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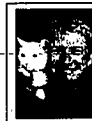
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Keep your pet slim over the holidays

People aren't the only ones who tend to stray from their regular diets during this festive time of year. Now, as you begin the annual battle of the holiday bulge.



THE BOND Marty Becker

It doesn't take much, just an extra treat here, plus a few table scraps secretly given by Uncle Charley there... and by the time January rolls around, your one-trim pet can have a belly that might look cute on Santa Claus but is mighty unhealthy for them.

tal chew for 10 minutes of dental cleaning daily. Harper's Dental Care are some of the highest rated and available in a variety of shapes and sizes. Here's a tip if your dog is not experienced with rawhide: when the rawhide chew gets small enough to be swallowed, "trade up" meaning trade for a more tasty treat. Rawhide should be chewed on, not eaten.

What can you do to keep your pet from gaining so much weight this holiday season? Author Barbara Denzer says you should start by setting aside time every day to play with your four-footed friend.

An alternative is to give your pet something like the PurPet's Gourmet Rawhide Bone. Made of ground and baked rawhide, it comes in flavors like "beef," "bacon" and "chicken," so it's just about as enjoyable for a dog as chewing on the real thing.

People will often give their dogs and cats more treats during the holidays, because they feel guilty about overlooking their pets in the middle of all the shopping and other activities. Instead, it would be better if we took some time out to play with our pets instead of giving them an extra biscuit or two. They'd enjoy this more, plus they wouldn't be putting on weight.

Some "high value" chews like rawhide can also encourage good behaviors, such as guarding (read growls and fangs showing) between dogs within a household—not something you want at any time but certainly not during the bustling, high stress holidays. If you see this occurring, replace the rawhide with lower value items such as a piece of their regular dog food or interactive toys or only give "high value" treats in their crates.

Of course, enjoying special treats is as much a part of the holiday fun for pets as it is for people. So when we do give our pets some extra tasty morsels to celebrate this season, it's better to give them a few extra than it is to give them a lot of extra. Denzer recommends avoiding fatty table scraps in favor of products made specifically for pets, or better yet whipping up your own delicacies.

Although dogs love to chew on bones, turkey drumsticks from the holiday table should be avoided since they can splinter and get caught in the throat or intestines. Try stuffing some of your pet's favorite treats into an interactive Kong Toy, Molecuball or Buster Cube when dinner is ready. Chances are your pet will be so busy trying to work the treats out of these toys that he'll forget to come begging. Just in case these distractions don't work, it's a good idea to remind every guest not to sneak your pet table scraps.

You say you don't know how to begin making a holiday treat for a pet? Not to worry, Denzer recently published a cookbook, "The Crazy Kids Guide To Cooking For Your Pet" (available through www.amazon.com or www.crazyvetpress.com), which serves up a variety of healthy treats like "Lollipops" and "Mice-A-Roni" that kids of all ages can whip up for dogs and cats during the holidays.

The added benefit of interactive toys is that they make your pet work to extract his treats, so he's at least burning up some calories before he enjoys his holiday goodies. As an added weight control step, you can put some of your pet's regular food ration in a Kong toy during the holidays. Aside from helping your best friend burn up calories, this will also provide a healthy outlet for the extra energy that many pets seem to catch on us during this hectic time of year.

If you have trays of chocolate goodies out during a holiday party, make sure they're kept out of the reach of curious pets and avoid leaving wrapped

presents containing food products where your pet can get them. Dogs and cats have a sense of smell that's much more developed than ours, so even though they can't see the chocolate, cookies or gourmet cheese, that's gilt-wrapped for you, they can sniff it, and may help themselves.

If your pet decides to help herself to that gift, she not only runs the risk of upsetting her gastrointestinal system from the food itself, but the ribbons and other packaging material can become lodged in her throat or intestine.

If you give a gift of candy or food, make sure you tell the recipient that the present contains food so that they can take appropriate steps to keep it out of reach.

"Feeding snacks and treats are an important component of the bond that we all have with our pets," says Andrea Fascetti, veterinary nutritionist at the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California, Davis. "However, every pet is an individual and an appropriate treat for one animal may be contraindicated in another. It is recommended that you consult with your veterinarian, the person who knows your pet the best, for specific treat suggestions."

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Keep the kids happy on the way to grandma's

Dreading four hours of back-seat squabbling on the way to Grandma's house for your holiday visit? Parenting magazine offers these tips for keeping everyone happy.

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restless. Toys and games are nice, but sometimes the simplest things can provide hours of entertainment.

Pack healthy snacks to decrease the chances of hunger temper tantrums, and make frequent stops to avoid restlessness. If sibling harmony is more important than taking in the scenery, get a portable VCR or DVD player.

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West End

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222 Main St. Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors.

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212 First Ave. E. All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3. Monday: Sloppy Joe on a bun...

Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Milk, coffee and tea served. Monday: Macaroni and cheese, franks, spinach, fruit salad...

Gooding County Senior Citizens

308 Senior Ave. All dinners are at noon. Suggested donation \$3 for seniors. Monday: Pizza. Tuesday: Hamburger pie...

Hagerman Senior Center

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Eden. Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit milk and coffee...

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Richfield Senior Center

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Blaine County Senior Center

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492 E. Cleveland Ave., Glenns Ferry. Meals served-at-noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, beverages with meals. Rides are available by phoning the center at 366-2051. Suggested dona-

tion is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Monday: Pepper steak, yfcs, broccoli Normanly, sliced carrots, pudding, roll. Tuesday: Corned beef and cabbage, 'mashe' potatoes, country mixed veggies, pears in Jell-O, bread. Activities: Friday: TOPS, 9 a.m.

Camas County Senior Center

127 E. Willow, Fairfield. Noon meals are served Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is open from 9-2 on meal days. The cost of the meal for non-seniors is \$3.50; children under 10 are \$2.00. The suggested donation for those 60 years of age and older is \$2.50.

Tuesday: Turkey and dumplings, Jell-O dessert. Wednesday: Pool. Thursday: Quilting. Friday: Pool. Saturday: Quilting. Sunday: Jigsaw puzzles.

Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center

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Aquarius should visualize future carefully

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Early morning chitchat gives way to peace and tranquility by the evening. Plan on unique amorous activities for the evening hours with the partner of your dreams...

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Surround yourself with congenial companions or treat yourself to something special. It is a perfect day to do your Christmas shopping and let generosity flow. Feel secure in one-on-one relationships. You may finalize a commitment that has been dangling free.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Everything could fall into place where a significant other is concerned. Litigate vows of love and make definite plans for the future. Cold analysis will be melted by demonstrations of trustworthiness. Buy something lasting today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Romance can move ahead without impediments, so curl up closer with the current target of your affections. However, it is best not to pursue a brand new romance under these stars, as the object of your desires could eventually prove unworthy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Bonds of love can draw tighter under these stars because that special person has his or her thoughts on you. Adoring mates may show their regard with tender moments this evening. Feel free to tend money on things of quality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Lady Luck is on your side, so follow your whims. Pick and choose from several opportunities to make dreams a reality. The cosmic protection that surrounds you today ensures that you will make the right choice at the right time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): New that the pressure is off you are free to indulge your innermost desires and escape from drudgery. Tonight is made for lovers. Make today special by planting seeds for the future—or spend your pennies on something of lasting value.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Visualize the future carefully because wishing upon a star will make dreams come true. Financial matters need just a small prod in the right direction to become fruitful. This night is perfect for romantic twosomes, so plan on candlelit dinners.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Bliss is on the agenda; put your best foot forward and spend quality time with a loved one. Unseen cross currents may erode new relationships formed now but existing ties should bring joy. Your ability to sell anyone anything is peaking.

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Social Security Q&A

Q: I am receiving Social Security disability benefit payments and will soon turn 65. Will reaching retirement age affect my disability check?

A: You should not notice any change in your benefit payments when you reach your "full retirement age" which, in your case is probably several months older than 65. Social Security will switch you from

program. There is a special one-time payment of \$255, payable under the Social Security program. But we can only pay that benefit to a spouse who is living with you when you die, or to any minor or disabled children you might have.

Q: I get both Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. When I die, will SSI pay my burial expenses? A: There is no death or burial benefit associated with the SSI



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Magic Valley scrapbooks

Much of the Twin Falls County Historical Museum's display space is devoted to the stuff of everyday lives. Trunks and quilts and candlesticks. Valentines and a Victrola. Pretty dishes and paper dolls. Bloomer patterns and perfume bottles. Embroidery floss and lengths of lace.

Visiting the museum for a newspaper story earlier this year, I found myself inclined to linger among the embroidered hankies, the tiny-waisted wedding gowns and the plaster heads sporting vintage millinery. The accumulation of

many pioneer women's finest things — all in one place — is enough to fuel pleasant day-dreams.

So in honor of the historical museum at Curry Crossing (which, incidentally, is trying to raise money for special projects), I've selected these old photographs of some of Magic Valley's early residents in fancy dress.

The photos on this page are from our readers; not from the museum's collections. But I hope they might inspire a few visits to the museum's room of old lace and fancy hats. — Virginia S. Hutchins



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Etha Pearl Fellon poses with her neatly dressed children, Arloulne and Harold, at their Twin Falls home in 1920. The curly-haired Harold turned away from the camera.



Deacon Maher Morrison of Twin Falls poses for a 1928 graduation picture. At 93 years old, Morrison was the oldest Twin Falls High School graduate attending a 2004 alumni gathering.

Photo courtesy of PATRICIA HAFER of Tule Falls



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Dressed-up toddler Tom E. Koto poses at his parents' Twin Falls home in about 1918 or 1919.



Photo courtesy of ANABEL H. LUSTY of Ketchum

Stella Perrine, daughter of Twin Falls pioneers I.B. and Hortense Perrine, poses for a 1913 graduation photograph.



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In about 1888, Hortense McKay poses for a portrait in a pretty dress. She is pictured in Halley at age 13. At age 17, she married I.B. Perrine and became mistress of Blue Lakes Ranch.



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Hortense McKay Perrine of Twin Falls shows off a new outfit in 1904. 'She had her finer clothes made in Salt Lake City,' says granddaughter Anabel Lusty of Ketchum.



Three siblings — from left, Howard, Lila and James 'Halilo' Conklin, nicknamed in honor of Halley's comet — pose in their nice clothes in about 1910 in Hagerman. 'Note the oval brooch on (Aunt) Lila's dress,' says Lila Stauffer of Twin Falls, daughter of Howard Conklin. 'I inherited this (brooch) and have it still. It was given to my great-grandmother Frances Acton Schooler by her parents, and she wore it on her wedding dress. My grandmother Minnie Schooler Conklin wore it on her wedding dress, also.'

Photo courtesy of descendants of HOWARD and MYRTLE ELIASON CONKLIN

Water woes

Great Lakes states ponder how to protect their water

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — When a Canadian company floated the idea of hauling Lake Superior water aboard huge tankers to parched sections of Asia, the reaction hereabouts resembled the fury of the region's infamous November gales.

"Back Off Suckers," warned billboards along Michigan highways that depicted outsiders slipping from the Great Lakes with gigantic straws. Politicians on both sides of the border voiced outrage. Before long the Canadian agency that had issued a permit for the Superior shipments withdrew it.

In the six years since then, no other proposal has surfaced to ship, pipe or otherwise divert Great Lakes water to arid places. Yet many believe such grabs are inevitable as the global water crisis worsens. Of particular concern is the Western United States, with its surging population, demand for water — and political clout.

"There are threats, and they promise to increase over time," said David Nafziger, executive director of the Council of Great Lakes Governors.

Now, the region's governments are debating how to protect the inland seas, tributaries and connecting channels that make up 20 percent of the world's fresh surface water. Although vast enough to spread a 9.5-foot-deep sheet across the continental United States, the lake system is heavily burdened. Nearly 40 million thirsty people live in the region, and its \$2 trillion economy features water-dependent industries such as auto manufacturing, shipping, tourism and agriculture.

Lake levels haven't fully recovered from a dropoff several years ago caused by drought and a warming trend. Climate change could push them even lower over the next 30 years, scientists say.

"Despite their size, they're extremely fragile," said Cheryl Mendoza, watershed conservation manager for the Chicago-based Lake Michigan Federation.

Three years after agreeing to regulate large-scale water withdrawals, the Council of Great

Lakes Governors released a detailed plan in July. A public comment period ended last month, and the region's eight U.S. states and two Canadian provinces plan to vote on a revised version next spring.

Some environmentalists praise the plan for requiring that any new diversion of water outside the Great Lakes drainage basin meet tough conservation standards. But critics say there's a fatal flaw: The plan concedes such diversions could happen instead of simply prohibiting them.

Regional business groups are worried, too, because the plan would regulate major new uses of Great Lakes water within the region itself. That could inhibit economic growth by creating more-bureaucracy and leaving companies uncertain about future water availability, they say.

"If we want to grow and prosper, we can't lock up our water," said George Kuper, president of the Council of Great Lakes Industries, whose members include the likes of General Motors Corp. and Eastman Kodak Co. "We should remember that it's a recyclable resource and focus on how to use it wisely and efficiently."

Defenders of the plan say it's unrealistic — and probably unconstitutional — for people in the region to treat the lakes as a bottomless well while demanding frugality of others.

"We should do better at living within our own means," said Emily Green, the Great Lakes program director for the Sierra Club's Midwestern office in Madison, Wis.

The plan is a legacy of the ill-fated Lake Superior water shipment scheme. The Nova Group, a consulting firm in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, received a provincial permit in 1998 to ship around 156 million gallons a year to Asia.

The company said the amount was such a tiny fraction of the lake's volume, it wouldn't be missed. One official likened the effect to "putting your finger in a bucket of water and taking it out."

But critics said letting one business treat the Great Lakes as an economic commodity



Lake Huron, Mich., is seen in this September 2004 photo.

would open the floodgates to others, eventually lowering water levels and doing serious ecological damage.

After the Nova permit was revoked, a team of water law experts warned the governors' council the lakes were vulnerable to more attempted raids.

A 1986 federal law allows the governor of any Great Lakes state to veto an out-of-basin diversion. But the lawyers said that measure could be struck down in court as an illegal restraint on commerce and trade.

Other attorneys disagreed, arguing that nothing in the U.S. Constitution or International trade pacts prevents states from protecting their water supplies. But the governors concluded that just saying no to diversions was no longer enough, and developed the Great Lakes Charter Annex Agreement.

Under the plan, any proposal for a new or increased out-of-basin diversion averaging at least 1 million gallons a day over 120 days would need approval of all eight Great Lakes states.

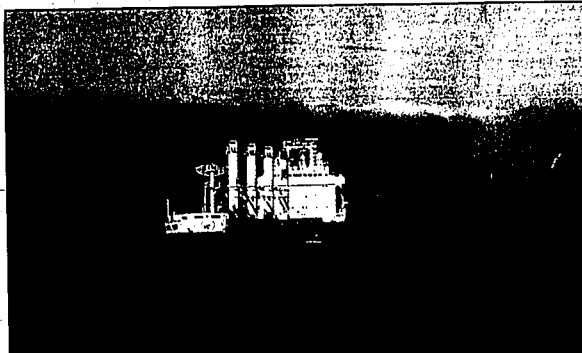
A higher threshold would be set for regulating new or increased withdrawals for consumption within the basin: Those averaging at least 5 million gallons daily over the same period would require approval of at least six states.

All such projects would have to meet standards such as doing no "significant" environmental harm and having a conservation plan.

"The governors and premiers want to be sure we have the strongest legal foundation we can to deal with these proposals, regardless of where they come from," Nafziger said.

Jim Olson, an environmental attorney in Traverse City, contends that by opening the door to even heavily regulated diversions, the plan "will leave the Great Lakes and its citizens, businesses and tourists with less protection than exists now."

For all the worries that water from the lakes will one day spout from Las Vegas casino



The Olympic Merit is guided to port by a tug in Lake Superior near Whitefish Port, Mich., in this July 17, 1999 photo.

fountains, the biggest threat may be closer to home.

Water diversions already take place within the Great Lakes region itself — and pressure is mounting for more.

By far the biggest occurs at Chicago, which for more than a century has diverted Lake Michigan water to its own municipal system and the Mississippi River. The U.S. Supreme Court limited the volume to 3,200 cubic feet per second, but some worry the city will try to boost the flow.

"If Chicago were to fully utilize their canal system now, they could lower all the Great Lakes by up to 6 inches," David Ramsay, the Ontario natural resources minister, said recently.

He said Ontario wouldn't endorse the plan unless changes are made to give the lakes stronger protection.

Several communities that straddle or lie just outside the basin pull water from the lakes, including Akron, Ohio, and Pleasant Prairie, Wis. Now under consideration: allowing the rapidly growing Wisconsin city of Waukesha to pump near-

by 20 million gallons a day from Lake Michigan.

Some believe the trickle of requests for close-in diversions will become a flood if the governors' plan goes forward. Even small projects could add up to big losses and set a bad precedent, critics say.

"Pinholes become larger holes as time goes on," Olson said.

Others say the plan's standards are strict enough to keep diversions to a minimum.

"I don't think we'll see this mad rush for Great Lakes water," said Dick Bartz, water division chief with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

But uneasiness persists — especially about those water-guzzling Westerners. After all, trial balloons have been raised over the years about tapping the Great Lakes to boost levels on the Mississippi River or replenish the Ogallala Aquifer beneath the Great Plains.

Then there was the idea hatched in the 1950s — and briefly resurrected three decades later — to pipe water from James Bay in Canada to the

Great Lakes, which in turn would sell water to Western states. Estimated price tag: \$100 billion.

Skeptics say it's no accident that such grandiose schemes have never gotten beyond the drawing board.

"The whole idea is overblown," said Kuper, of the Council of Great Lakes Industries. "It would cost a huge amount of money to move that much water, and you'd have all kinds of logistical issues to deal with."

The International Joint Commission, an agency that advises the United States and Canada on Great Lakes issues, said in a 2000 report there was "little reason to believe that such projects will become economically, environmentally, and socially feasible in the foreseeable future."

Don't be too sure, said Noah Hall, attorney with the National Wildlife Federation in Ann Arbor: "You see pictures out West of golf courses and booming cities and rivers that have dried up, and you know it's just a matter of time."

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HURRICANE HOMELESS



Sarah Mason sits on the front steps of her temporary housing supplied by FEMA in Fort Pierce, Fla. on Nov. 11. The violent spate of four hurricanes that slammed Florida this year forced more than 200,000 Floridians to ask for federal help because their homes were damaged or destroyed.

Thousands lack permanent shelter

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP) — The pounding wind and rain during Hurricane Frances started the leaks in Sarah Mason's home. When Hurricane Jeanne struck over harder three weeks later, the leaks became torrents. "We were in the house and it was falling down around us," said Mason, who waited out the storm with her three grandchildren. By the time the gusts slowed, she had lost almost everything.

The house where she lived for 35 years, the one she bought with tips from cleaning other houses, was in shambles. Its roof was caved in and its walls were waterlogged. She had no insurance to get it all back. And for the first time in her life, she was homeless.

"I was born in a home, and I bought me a home and now I have nothing," the 67-year-old Mason said recently as tears welled in her eyes.

The four hurricanes that slammed Florida this year forced 252,000 residents to ask for federal help because their

homes were damaged or destroyed. The Federal Emergency Management Agency plans to provide temporary homes for at least 10,000 families — the equivalent of rebuilding a city the size of Fort Pierce.

The agency has already placed nearly 8,500 families in travel trailers or mobile homes. But mold and other problems are surfacing now, and about 100 new victims call for help daily, some adding their names to waiting lists for housing.

FEMA officials had pushed to find temporary homes for all who needed them by Thanksgiving, but the task was formidable. In previous disasters, FEMA provided temporary housing for only a few hundred families. Now, it houses hundreds of families a day, including a record 721 families on Wednesday, the day before the Thanksgiving goal.

"We'd like to move much faster, too, but this is an unprecedented disaster," said FEMA deputy coordinating officer Brad Gair. "This is a huge

scale, and we're learning as we go, changing the process. We're just trying to do whatever it takes to get the job done right now."

The hurricanes left few areas of the state untouched. Hurricane Charley tore into southwest Florida and across the state. Then Frances crept ashore along the southeastern coast before lumbering to the Gulf Coast. Ivan lashed the Panhandle. And finally Jeanne, which battered many of the same areas as Frances did.

The storm streak destroyed more than 25,000 homes in Florida and caused major damage in more than 40,000. Some homes were obliterated; others lost huge chunks of their roofs and were flooded by incessant rain. Some whole neighborhoods were destroyed.

Most communities will remain intact through the rebuilding. FEMA has parked thousands of 32-by-8-foot trailers next to tarp-covered homes

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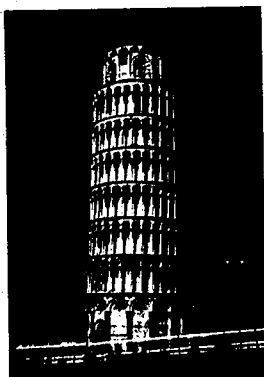
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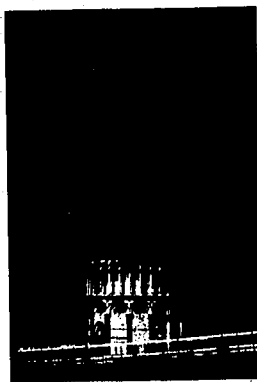
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Foreign student numbers drop

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — High school foreign exchange students became so part of American culture in the 1980s and 90s that, for a while, no Hollywood teen movie was complete without one. But the number of international students at U.S. high schools has dropped significantly in the last decade, partly because schools and families are less willing to play host.

"We don't really have a lot of research into why it is happening, but it is happening. There are fewer students," said John Hishmeh, executive director of an umbrella group for most of the country's big exchange programs.

Some of the decline may be due to visa rules that took effect in the late 1990s that made it more difficult for international students to attend U.S. public schools, he said. Security and political concerns may have played a role too, although the downturn appears to have begun before the Sept. 11 attacks.

Hishmeh said it might be more likely that with the end of the Cold War, busy American families and school districts simply became less interested in hosting foreigners.

"We see a lot of schools not wanting to take foreign students because of budget concerns. We see a harder time for programs trying to find host parents," Hishmeh said. "Funding for public diplomacy and interest in public diplomacy really started to drop off in the late 1990s. We need to get back in the game of telling America's story."

Last year, 27,742 foreign exchange students visited the United States through programs accredited by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel, the organization Hishmeh leads. The numbers were 44,291 in the 1991-2000 school year and 62,005 in 1993-94.

The State Department has



Chhatina and Howard Pillot, left, help out their son, Carl, and Charitrahram Chareonwong, right, with their homework Wednesday in their State College, Pa., home. Charitrahram is a foreign exchange student from Thailand living with the Pillots.

noticed a recent downturn in enrollments too, although for a shorter time.

About 39,000 foreign secondary students were admitted to the United States on exchange program visas in the 1999-2000 school year, compared with 28,200 the year of the terrorist attacks and 24,600 in 2002, according to the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Unlike the figures from the Council on Standards, those numbers don't include students who come for less than a full semester.

Born in the wake of World War II, high school exchange programs have long helped showcase the American people to nations where the United States was trying to build a better relationship.

Christina Pillot, of State College, is hosting Charitrahram Chareonwong, a 16-year-old from Thailand. She sees her participation in a Rotary International program as a way to help bolster America's

image abroad.

"I'm doing my own small part in worldwide détente," she said. Seven of the 10 places that sent the most students to study in American high schools last year were countries that either fought the United States in a war or were a battleground for U.S. troops: Germany, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, France, Italy and China. An eighth was Cold War opponent Russia.

The State Department looked to expand on that tradition in 2003 by founding a \$10 million program aimed at encouraging student exchanges with Muslim countries.

About 160 students from the Middle-East, North-Africa and South Asia attended U.S. high schools in the program's first year. This year, enrollment increased to more than 400. Eventually the State Department hopes to expand to 1,000 students.

The challenge may be finding enough American schools and families willing to play host.

Utah passed a law last year slashing money for exchange programs and requiring visiting students to pay tuition to attend public high schools unless they came in a one-for-one swap for an American.

In recent years, some Pennsylvania high schools have hesitated to take exchange students, partly because they feared — incorrectly — that federal education regulations required them to place students with less-than-perfect English in costly special education programs, according to Jim Buckheit, executive director of the state Office of Education.

School officials in New Brighton, Pa., about 25 miles northwest of Pittsburgh, are considering a plan to accept only one or two exchange students instead of their usual four or five. The reason is cost, Superintendent John Osheka said.

"They are wonderful, delightful people to have here," he said, "but we want to make sure our services are not stretched."

Nebraska town enjoys a big economic boom

The Washington Post

SIDNEY, Neb. — Here in Sidney — like many western towns, named for an executive of the Union Pacific — the municipal government and the Chamber of Commerce have focused on lifestyle, particularly for young families, in their effort to fill the town's many job openings.

"It's a town where you know all the neighbors, you know the mayor, you know everybody at the school," notes City Council member Larry Hillers, a transplant from South Carolina. "You combine that with a good career opportunity and Sidney looks darned attractive."

Like many rural county seats, Sidney shrank dramatically in the decades after World War II. The population dropped by 50 percent between 1950 and 1980.

Things started to turn up in the 1970s with the growth of a local mail-order business called Cabela's, a Midwestern version of L.L. Bean that sells a huge selection of hunting, fishing and camping gear. When the Cabela brothers built one of their huge retail emporiums here — all Cabela stores feature giant aquariums, massive gun displays, dozens of stuffed animals and a 40-foot-tall "Conservation Mountain" at the center of the sales floor — Sidney became one of Nebraska's top tourist attractions.

"We're creating lots of new jobs. But now we need workers to fill them. Anybody out there need a good job?"

— Gary Persen, city manager

Shoppers flocking to the glittering store drew new motels and restaurants to town, while the catalogue business sparked new jobs at the post office and local shipping companies. The town's growing prominence helped it attract new businesses producing trailer hitches, birdseed and electrical equipment.

"We're creating lots of new jobs," says City Manager Gary Persen. "But now we need workers to fill them. Anybody out there need a good job?"

Prosecutors ask court to uphold conviction of Martha Stewart

NEW YORK (AP) — The government urged a federal appeals court to uphold the conviction of Martha Stewart, arguing that "overwhelming evidence" supported the guilty verdict against the celebrity homemaker.

Stewart, serving a five-month sentence at a West Virginia prison, had argued to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that prosecutors had improperly suggested at her trial that she was charged with insider trading.

She was charged with lying about why she sold her American Systems Inc. stock in 2001. Federal prosecutors, in a 220-page brief filed Wednesday evening with the appeals court, said they did not mislead the jury on the issue.

The only party relentlessly seeking to introduce the subject of insider trading was Stewart, not to rebut anything the government (prosecution) was doing but as part of a defense strategy, the prosecutors wrote.

The papers came one day after publicists for Stewart posted a Thanksgiving message from her on her Web site, saying she is "safe, fit and healthy" and being treated fairly at the federal women's prison in Alderson, W.Va.

The appeals court is unlikely to hear oral arguments in the case until early next year and probably will not rule on Stewart's appeal before Stewart leaves prison. She has said she is going through with the appeal to clear her name.

Legal experts have said it is unlikely the appeals court will overturn the conviction.

Lawyers for Stewart argued to the appeals court that they were unfairly barred from asking some questions to government witnesses, and by calling a law professor as an expert witness.

But prosecutors said the trial judge, Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum, was best equipped to determine what was relevant to what had the potential to confuse the jury.

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Scientists warn of undetected, unmeasured toxins in fish

SETE, Franco (AP) — Each day at 4 p.m., the trawlers come back, alive with giant bass, mackerel and squirming eels, at the end of a food chain that links family dinner tables to poisons in the sea.

Besides mercury which can damage the brains of fetuses and young children and can affect healthy adults, there are PCBs, dioxins and flame retardants with unknown long-term effects.

It is the same from ancient Mediterranean towns like Sète to big city docks in Asia, America's Gulf ports, or harbors in seemingly pristine Nordic waters. Industrial waste permeates every ocean.

Although rich in omega-3 fatty acids vital to the heart and brain, many fish contain toxins that build up over time in the human body.

And as this paradox worsens, scientists express alarm at what they call inadequate government warnings, lax attitudes toward fishing industries, and insufficient data to assess the risks.

The problem is that authorities are caught between wanting to inform the public while not damaging consumer confidence in a healthy food source, says Sandrine Blanchemante, a sociologist with France's prestigious National Institute for Agronomic Studies.

"People overreact to these things, so you have to be careful," she said. "You don't want large numbers giving up the benefits of fish while you damage the whole fishing sector for no reason."

But marine biologists, toxicologists and physicians interviewed by The Associated Press on three continents share an all but unanimous view: better public knowledge is essential.

Jane Hightower, a San Francisco internist whose 2002 study of mercury in her patients brought the issue to wide public attention, said she is still uncovering what she calls shocking new evidence.

"We are just starting to realize as physicians the effects of this



Buyers check fish on the port of Sète, southern France, Sept. 23. Scientists warn of widespread undetected, unmeasured toxins in world's fish.

chemical soup we live in," she told The AP. "We really have to ask, why are we poisoning ourselves?"

She called some areas especially troubling because of contamination trapped by ocean currents. "The Mediterranean is a toilet that no one has bothered to flush," Hightower said.

The crisis transcends borders. Three-quarters of fish eaten in America and Europe are imported, often from countries with no controls. Authorities on both sides of the Atlantic make only minimal spot checks.

"Pollution is a worldwide problem, and our fish comes from around the world," said Kate Mahaffey, toxins expert at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. "No one is minimizing the threat and using their political clout to oppose broader studies or warning labels."



Mono Lake tufa towers are seen Nov. 15, near Lee Vining, Calif. Twenty years ago, Congress created the first federal scenic area, protecting a desert lake nearly three times as salty as the ocean. Now, residents and the U.S. Forest Service say the Mono Lake protections are imperiled by a plan to subdivide 120 acres for luxury homes on the lake's western shore.

IMPENDING DANGER

Development a possible threat to California lake, nation's first federal scenic area

LEE VINING, Calif. (AP) — Mono Lake, the high desert fascination of humorist Mark Twain that's nearly three times as salty as the ocean, remains the home to trillions of brine shrimp where thousands of California Gulls nest each spring — all preserved because of ecological activism.

Twenty years ago, after tireless efforts by the public, Congress designated Mono (pronounced MOH'-NOH') Lake as the nation's first federal scenic area.

Now, some of those same concerned citizens, along with the U.S. Forest Service, fear those protections are imperiled by a plan to subdivide 120 acres for luxury homes on the lake's western shore.

"Everyone's lived with the scenic area regulations for 20 years, and I'm sure they've at times been frustrated by them, but they've worked," said Geoff McQuilkin, who helms the nonprofit Mono Lake Committee, which opposes the proposal. "This is kind of the cutting edge of bringing (development) to Mono Lake... one of the last wild corners of California."

A meeting between Monterey-based New Cities Land Co. and Mono County planning officials is set for Thursday, as the company prepares a revised development proposal. County officials did not return several telephone calls from The Associated Press.

For more than four years, the Forest Service has been trying to add the acres to Inyo National Forest, which includes Mono Lake. The land has aspen groves, springs and a stream that attract wildlife to the boundary where the Sierra Nevada range drops into the Great Basin that stretches through Nevada into Utah.

The agency, according to forest supervisor Jeff Bailey, wants to swap the property for some of the nearby resort community of Mammoth Lakes. The deal, though, has been derailed by a squabble over price. A Forest Service appraisal last year put the land's worth at about half the price sought by the prop-



Geoff McQuilkin, co-executive director of the nonprofit Mono Lake Committee, is shown sitting on tufa towers on the south shore of Mono Lake Nov. 15, near Lee Vining, Calif.

erty owners. "We are so far apart in value that I don't think we can even come close," Bailey said.

The original plan called for 24 to 30 homes scattered across a highway from the lake, and the county expects the revised proposal to also fit the homes into the hilly landscape to minimize the visual and environmental impact. But the Forest Service ruled last year that developing the property is "incompatible and detrimental to the integrity of the Scenic Area."

County planners for years had assumed the Forest Service's land restrictions precluded development, until a recent legal opinion held that the county should proceed under its less restrictive zoning regulations.

If the Forest Service doesn't like the result, it has its own options, including condemning the land under the 1994 law creating the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area. Bailey said he would recommend that step, but McQuilkin fears the Bush administration won't enforce the scenic area ban on development if it comes to condemning private property.

"It quickly moves out of local hands and moves to Washington, where it becomes a political issue," McQuilkin said. The lake sits on the sparsely

inhabited border between California and Nevada, just east of Yosemite National Park. Besides its wildlife, it draws tourists to view tufa towers, oddly shaped limestone deposits created by underwater springs. Just to the south are the upheavals of the youngest volcanic chain in North America.

Among the first to widely report on the remote region was a young Samuel Clemens, who had come West in the 1860s to seek his fortune in the gold fields and later as a journalist and author. In his 1872 book "Roughing It," Twain wonders at an isolated lake in which water flows in but never flows out, evaporating instead at a rate of about 45 inches a year.

The lake was on a path to destruction after Los Angeles diverted four tributary streams into the Los Angeles Aqueduct in 1911. The move followed the much more publicized diversion to the south that turned Owens Lake into a dusty plain; Mono Lake eventually lost half its volume and doubled its salinity.

The federal scenic designation and subsequent California water rights rulings in 1986 and 1994 helped reverse the decline, and the lake is expected to reach what state and federal authorities set as an "environmentally sustainable" level by 2014, still well shy of its pre-diversion level.

Although it was small, Hiebert noted. "It is said that every piece (it had) was a masterpiece." Because it straddles the Silk Road that camel caravans used to transport textiles from China to Europe and pottery, artworks and other materials in the opposite direction, Kabul was a prosperous city throughout much of civilization's early history.

As a result, the museum held objects from a string of civilizations that conquered or traveled through the region, including the Bactrians, Kushans, Greeks and Buddhists. The final indignity came with the Taliban regime, which smashed many of the remaining statues in the museum and destroyed the monumental Buddhas in Bamian. They apparently tried to find the hidden.

"It was a very emotional experience watching these men (Afghan archeologists) as they saw their own heritage coming back to life," Hiebert said.

Rediscovered artifacts keep Afghan history alive and well

Los Angeles Times

More than 22,000 treasures from the Kabul Museum in Afghanistan, long thought to have been lost in the war against the Soviet Union and the subsequent cultural purge by the Taliban, have been located in bank vaults and other safe places where they were hidden by museum officials.

The priceless Bactrian gold collection, precious ivories, bronze statues and other artifacts of 5,000 years of history on the Orient's Silk Road — virtually all of the museum's most precious items — were preserved despite the devastation engulfing the country, archeologists said Wednesday.

In the midst of the resistance against the Soviets, a team of curators in the early 1980s boxed up the most valuable pieces in the museum's collection, stashing them in various vaults around Kabul, the Afghan capital. The curators — most of

whose names are unknown — used small safes, tin boxes, steel containers and anything else they could find at hand. They then went "dead quiet," said British archeologist Carla Grissman, keeping their knowledge to themselves even as rumors floated widely about the destruction and looting of the museum's contents.

They kept their secrets for a quarter of a century. "These are the real heroes of history," said Oxford University archeologist Fredrik T. Hiebert, leader of the team that has been inventing the newly rediscovered artifacts.

Because the once-missing artifacts come from so many different places along the Silk Road, he added, the find "has a significance well beyond Afghanistan and Central Asia. It's of world importance."

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Nannette Collier and her husband, William Dean Collier, right, share a moment as they move into their FEMA supplied trailer in Port Charlotte, Fla., on Nov. 11.

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so families can stay sheltered while overseeing their homes' repairs. But in other areas, entire neighborhoods must be condemned and new ones created to house the homeless. Near the Punta Gorda airport, a community of 350 three-bedroom mobile homes has been erected on a dusty gravel lot. Families are still moving in more than three months after Charley hit.

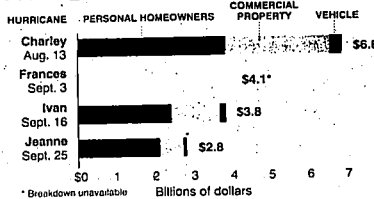
Liz Rogers, who is seven months pregnant, stayed at her apartment until three weeks ago, when the mold began crawling up the walls. She said the property owner refused to make any repairs. "That's why so many people don't have places to live, why everybody's out of a home now. The landlords don't want to spend any money to fix anything," said Rogers, who moved into a FEMA trailer with her husband and a family friend whose home was demolished.

Sarah Mason's family received a more temporary solution. Mason and her grandchildren, ages 11, 14, and 15, are living in one travel trailer around about 20 on a parking lot. The improvised neighborhood has a small grassy area with a picnic bench, 24-hour security and matching front stoops. "When you have nothing, anything is better than nothing," Mason said.

Hurricane wind damage estimate lowered

Property Claims Services calculated wind damage in Florida from this year's hurricanes at \$17.5 billion — lower than earlier estimates of \$22 billion to \$23 billion.

Estimated insured losses due to wind



SOURCE: Property Claims Services, ISO

The trailers are meant to provide a short-term solution — for as long as 18 months — until a better option is found or a family's home is repaired. But for some areas, the future could bring new problems.

Rural and poor communities like Pahokee, Arcadia, and Wauchula lack the booming housing market that should speed recovery in harder-hit coastal areas like Punta Gorda. Finding affordable homes and

rentals was a challenge there before the storms, and with so many homes damaged and destroyed, the search will become that much harder.

Many families don't have the resources to start over.

FEMA's Gair said no one would be turned out of their trailers after 18 months if they have nowhere to go.

"Not everyone will be a success story," he said. "But for anyone we can help, it's that much better."

Group starts 'Not in L.A.' campaign

LOS ANGELES — This just in: Los Angeles finally has something people in San Francisco want — money.

"We love people from Los Angeles; we love where they spend their money in our town. We love that!" says Diane DeLoe, the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau executive behind "Not in L.A.," a new campaign to lure winter tourists to the City by the Bay. As the campaign's name implies, whatever you can't find in L.A. you will be able to locate in San Francisco.

Links to the Not in L.A. Web site have been showing up in magazine ads, on coasters left in bars and on "mobile billboards" being moved around town. People who go to the site can find out more about places and landmarks such as Union Square, the Golden Gate Bridge,

Odds and ends

Alcatraz Island and the Mission district. So just what does San Francisco have that Los Angeles doesn't? That question can be answered in just two words, says S.A. Griffin, an actor who moved south to pursue a career in Hollywood.

"Is there anything they have up there that we don't have here? Yeah — San Francisco," laughs Griffin. "Few places in the world are as beautiful as San Francisco. But you couldn't pay me enough money to move back up there. I couldn't imagine living any place other than Los Angeles."

Military wants to re-enlist eggs in its MRE

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— compiled from wire reports

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WORLD

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The Washington Post

TORONTO - The weather won't be the only thing that's cool when President Bush visits neighboring Canada this week. Longtime observers here say the societies in Canada and the United States are drifting further apart in values and outlook even as their economies become more closely intertwined. Politically, they say, the two countries' populations are more estranged than at any time in recent memory...

I hate those bastards," she evoked cheers from many supporters. When she carried her anti-American tirade further this month, stomping on a Bush doll in a nationally televised satire show, she was ousted from the Liberals' parliamentary caucus as an embarrassment to the ruling party and Prime Minister Paul Martin. But radio talk shows and Web sites suggest that as many applauded her actions as condemned them.

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IN SEARCH OF FREEDOM



After she was forced into a marriage, Zahara Mohamedi suffered from abuse until she decided to douse herself with oil and set herself on fire. Three years after the fall of the Taliban, Afghan women remain subject to many legal, religious, and cultural restrictions and domestic violence is endemic.

Afghan wives make a grisly choice

By Keith B. Richburg
The Washington Post

HERAT, Afghanistan—Zahara Mohamedi decided she couldn't take it anymore.

Last year, when she was 18, her family sold her for the equivalent of about \$1,200 into a forced marriage with a man she had never met. She moved from the city to a village, where her new husband never allowed her to leave the house. She was treated as little more than a servant, taking orders from her in-laws—even from an 11-year-old girl.

Eight months ago, Mohamedi poured cooking oil over her head and chest and announced that she was going to set herself on fire.

Her in-laws dared her. They beat her and held her. She broke free and lit a match, immediately engulfing her face and upper body in flames.

"It was a kind of protest against the pressure," said Mohamedi, who survived the ordeal but carries its scars—her left arm is badly burned and her chin is bound to her chest by her own skin.

"I didn't care about my life," she said, speaking quickly and softly, tugging at the beige shawl that covers her disfigured features. "If I was killed, I would be free of him. If I survived, I would be free of him, too."

Mohamed's story is hardly

unique here in westernmost Afghanistan, where, three years after the fall of the Taliban, women remain subject to many legal, religious and cultural restrictions and domestic violence is endemic. So far this year, at least 180 women and girls have been taken to the rudimentary burn ward in Herat's hospital. More than 100 have died.

All are believed to be victims of self-immolation, though many, in the presence of their husbands or relatives, later deny they were attempting suicide and blame their injuries on cooking accidents. The marriages, in their teens or mid-twenties, sold into forced marriages and victims of constant abuse.

"Why does it happen? Because of poverty in society," said Qazy Ghulam Nabi Hakak, the Herat regional program manager for the human rights commission. "The families that can't survive engage their young daughters to older men."

Another problem is the tradition of the people. Conservative families don't allow their women to sit with men, to work with men in an office or to walk open-faced from their houses. "Women feel like they are in prison, and under that pressure, they commit suicide."

Herat province, which borders Iran, is more religiously

conservative than many parts of Afghanistan. In rural areas, men expect women to stay indoors or to cover themselves with burqas when they venture outside.

Conditions for women improved after the Taliban was toppled in 2001, but "advances were tempered by growing government repression of social and political life," according to a report issued by Human Rights Watch late the following year.

Ismael Khan, a powerful faction leader who governed Herat before and after Taliban rule, imposed many of his own restrictions on women. "Ismael Khan has created an atmosphere in which government officials and private individuals believe they have the right to police every aspect of women's and girls' lives: how they dress, how they get around town, what they say," said Human Rights Watch's Zama Coursen-Neff in the report she co-wrote. "Women and girls in Herat expected and deserved more when the Taliban were overthrown."

"Most of the women who want to commit suicide use this method," Aftoon explained. "Actually, the women aren't aware of any other method to commit suicide. If they wanted to take pills, they don't know how many pills to take. So this is the only method they know."

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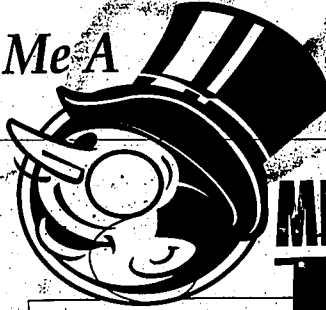
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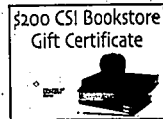
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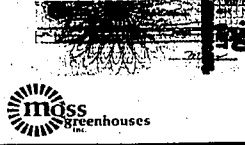
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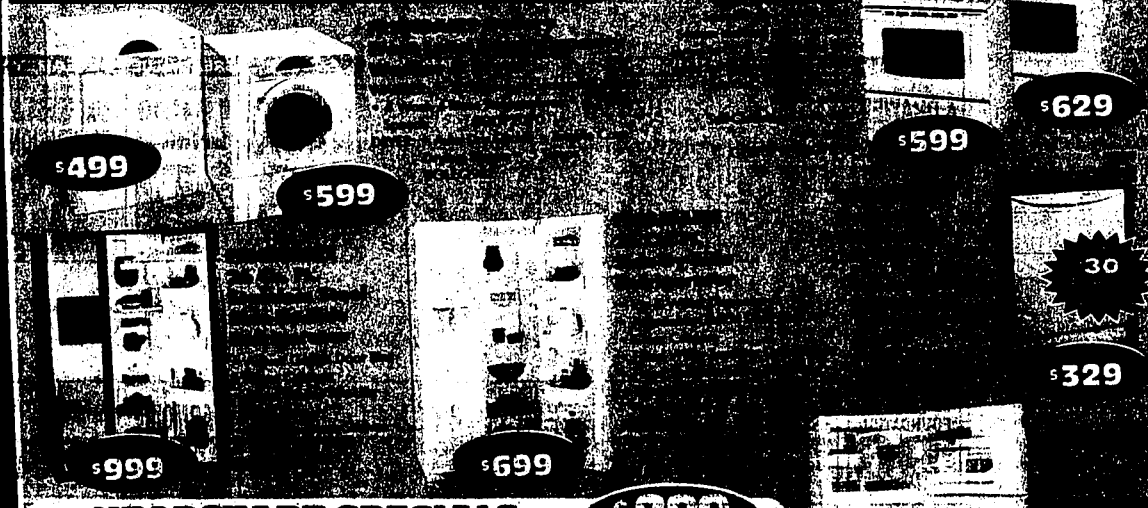


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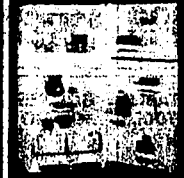
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Teacher helps children turn laundry time into learning time

NEW YORK (AP) — It used to be Georgina Smith every time she drove by the Clean Rite Center laundromat in one of Brooklyn's toughest neighborhoods. She'd look inside and see children sitting at tables, sitting around, playing video games or watching TV.

Not once did Smith ever see one of them with a book.

"I thought there's got to be something better for these kids to do," Smith said, recalling those drives.

So the science teacher decided she would get them to read. What she came up with is an innovative program at the laundry fittingly called "Wash and Learn."

It started out as Smith's master's thesis at Brooklyn College's School of Education, and picked up speed last spring when she managed to get Clean Rite officials to donate \$12,000 for books, supplies and general expenses.

In the early going, it was

Smith reading to the children. Then, they began reading to each other. Before long, they were asking for help with their homework. Their parents noticed — and cared.

"No matter where you teach, whether it's New York or Des Moines, Iowa, if you can engage the kids they will respond," Smith said.

And the kids keep coming. Smith has expanded the program to a second Clean Rite, also in Brooklyn, and persuad-

ed the college to let other students help out for credit.

"I like to read with all these people," 7-year-old Brandon Bacchus said during a brief time-out from "Mummies in the Morning." "It's not like school, it's more fun and you're not doing stuff because the teacher tells you to."

Brandon's mother, Martin Bacchus, said she doesn't mind driving nearly 10 miles so her son and 9-year-old daughter, Myleah, can read with other

children while she does laundry.

"It really lets these kids do something productive and it allows parents to get their kids the tutoring they might need even if they can't afford it," Bacchus said.

For many of the Brooklyn College students, the program allows them their first hands-on experience dealing with children.

Amy Dempsey, a senior, had thought she wanted to work

with younger children.

But an encounter with a fourth-grade girl at "Wash and Learn" made her rethink her plans.

"She told me she didn't like to read, didn't want to read, but then she told me she liked to write poetry and with that connection I talked her into reading more," Dempsey said.

"Now I want to work with kids around that age. It's things like that that really make you want to do this job," she said.

Army uses NASCAR to bolster recruiting

FORT RILEY, Kan. (AP) — Joe Nemechek is "G.I. Joe" to many NASCAR fans, a nickname stemming from the GoArmy.com logo on the hood and bumper of his Chevy Monte Carlo.

Every lap he leads and every pole he wins puts the Army in millions of living rooms nationwide.

Sponsoring Nemechek is part of a military recruiting strategy, which includes advertising at football games and rodeos, aimed at maintaining an all-volunteer force during the war in Iraq and the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

"We have to get the best young men and women in the Army to continue," said Tam Tiernan, a 22-year Army veteran who is now a civilian marketing employee leading the marketing program.

The program's success is open to debate. A federal General Accounting Office report concluded last year that the military — even though its advertising spending rose from \$299 million in 1999 to \$536 million in 2003 — couldn't truly evaluate such campaigns because "joining the military is a profound life decision."

That was true for Pvt. Shannon Cooke, 19, of Newport News, Va., who joined the Army to follow a family tradition.

"My mother was in the Army, I always knew I wanted to come," said Cooke, with Fort Belvoir in Infantry, Dixie, Tenn.

But the logos on Nemechek's car helped coax Pvt. Terrence Bartholomew, also with the 24th Infantry, to enlist in February.

The 22-year-old from New Orleans acknowledged he's not really a NASCAR fan but, "I saw the car two times on TV."

Nemechek said he tells the recruits he meets they are doing a great honor for their country.

"I'm trying to do the best job I can on the track to give them something to pull for," said Nemechek, who put the Army car in the winner's circle in October at the Banquet 400 at Kansas Speedway.

After missing recruiting goals, the Army launched a program in 2000 to transform its image. The branch wants to be seen as an attractive career. Tiernan said, and "not just for those who have no other viable option in life."

The program began with the National Hot Rod Association, sponsoring Tony "The Sarge" Schumacher.

The Army sponsors a national high school football all-star game each January in Texas, a contest broadcast on NBC-TV.

This year, the Army started pouring dollars into professional rodeo and bull riding events, as well as a bull-riding team.

Sports marketing now consumes \$40 million of the Army's \$212 million annual advertising budget in an era when finding new soldiers can be tough.

"As the economy gets better, there will be more competition for the kids," Tiernan said.

Missouri Rep. Ike Skelton, the ranking Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee, said the sponsorships are "absolutely" appropriate for the military.

"It's a matter of striking a responsive chord," Skelton said. "You will not find them at golf tournaments."

The Army met its 2004 goal of recruiting 77,000 new soldiers in the 12 months ending Sept. 30.

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Richard Stark, a military analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said the military has to be flexible in recruiting and offering benefits to reflect the times.

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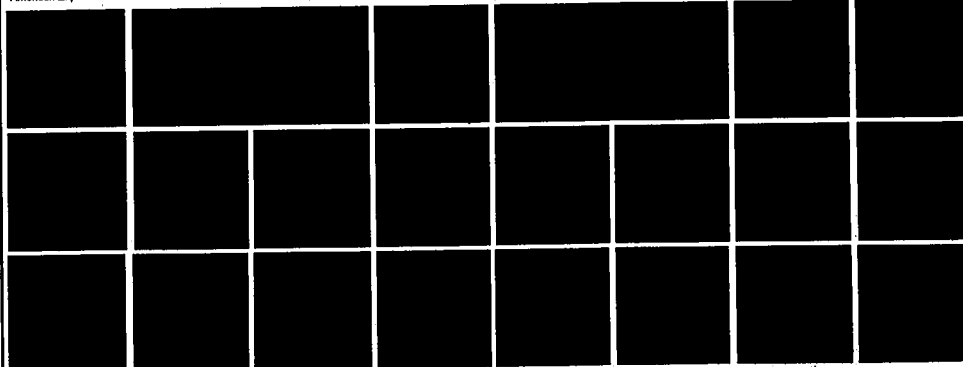
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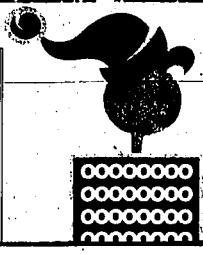
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