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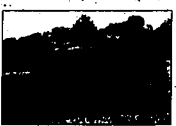
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SOGGY SURPRISE

Broken pipe floods downtown galleries

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Two hours after a fire-suppression sprinkler pipe burst in the ceiling of downtown's Main Street Plaza on Tuesday afternoon, soggy ceiling tiles still dropped heavily onto soaked carpets.

Some ceiling chunks strewn along the hallway had disintegrated into mush. The Main Avenue building took on the musty smell familiar to any homeowner with a flooded basement. Drips still fall in many rooms of the Main Street Plaza, making a mockery of the garbage cans that had been set out to catch the torrent's first trickles.

The culprit was a corroded pipe joint in the building's sprinkler system, which burst shortly after 1 p.m. Tuesday, building manager Ron Hicks said. He had no estimate for the cost of damage.

Of Main Street Plaza's six tenants, he said, hardest hit by the flood were offices of the Living Independence Network Corp. and the historical picture gallery of the historic Old Towne business improvement district. Many people pitched in to carry out of danger artwork from the Magic Valley Arts Council's galleries and from the Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft.

"All the artwork that could be moved we got out of there. Some of it did get wet, but we did what we could," the arts council president said.

The arts council, which was preparing for Friday's planned opening of a new centennial-themed art show, hopes to reschedule its reception elsewhere.

The first sign of trouble Tuesday was water dripping from the ceiling at one end of the Main Street Plaza's long hallway, opposite the front entrance. Hicks said he ran down to the basement to shut off the water and was confronted by a confusing "monstrosity" of plumbing pipes and valves.

"Where do you start when you're working under pressure?" Hicks said.

He figured it out in a few panic-struck moments. But the fire-suppression sprinklers are a pressurized system, and water kept pouring from the ceiling until the pipes emptied themselves. Hicks returned from the basement to see a torrential rain progressing down the hallway. Within minutes, sodden ceiling tiles began dropping. The hallway carpet swelled.

"The whole thing mushroomed up," Hicks said.

There were two reactions — panic and what can be only help — and everybody pitched in.

Fortunately for the Idaho Watercolor Society — which had displayed a traveling show of award-winning artwork in the building's hallway — the watercolor show was packed into boxes Tuesday morning, in preparation for transit to the West display room, the society's Connie Pepper said.



Soaked carpet and fallen ceiling tile line the floor as Brian Moore, owner of Metcalf Electric Inc., removes light bulbs on the main floor of the Main Street Plaza building in Twin Falls. The building was flooded with water after a fire-suppression sprinkler line broke.



Adam Perth loads one of the two paintings he had in the Main Street Plaza building in Twin Falls, which flooded after a fire-suppression sprinkler pipe broke Tuesday afternoon.

Magic Valley Arts Council workers and their fellow Main Street Plaza tenants pulled the boxes of watercolors out of the water's way, along with much of the artwork from the building's galleries.

By midafternoon, police and firefighters had cleared the building. Power and gas company workers had checked the build-

ing systems. A structural engineer, an electrician and restoration crews were dispatched. Several artists arrived to claim their own pieces from the stacks that once occupied dry corners.

"Art doesn't sell. Hope it is destroyed, so get insurance," said artist Adam Perth of Bellevue. His two paintings, tormented by flashlight, seemed fine.

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Top U.S. terror fighter resigns

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tom Ridge, the nation's first homeland security secretary, announced Tuesday that he is resigning after three years of working American security and presiding over color-coded terror alerts. He's the seventh Bush Cabinet officer leaving so far.

Ridge oversaw the most significant government reorganization in 50 years. He'll be remembered for his terror alerts and tutorials about how to prepare for possible attacks, including the controversial "disaster kits" that caused last year's run on duct tape and plastic sheeting.

Amid warnings that the count-

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Police probe man's death

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

BERNIE — Police are investigating the death of a Jerome man who passed away in a Boise hospital two days after he was severely injured in a fight.

Kevin Ray Gaver, 24, died Friday at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center when he was taken off life support.

News from there Wednesday after sustaining injuries during a fight

with another Jerome man at about 11 p.m.

The fight occurred outside along the 200 block of West Main Street.

The Jerome Police Department is investigating the incident but there was no indication Tuesday whether any arrests have been made.

Detective Sgt. Dan Chatterton had no comment.

Kevin Gaver's father, Jami Gaver, said his son was like any other normal kid growing up.

Kevin Gaver was born Oct. 29, 1980, in Salt Lake City. The family lived in Norco, Calif., for 10 years where Jami Gaver managed a dairy, he said. In 1992, they moved to Jerome, where Jami Gaver started a business selling pharmaceuticals for animals.

Kevin Gaver attended Jerome High School. He later got his commercial driver's license and was driving a truck for a living.

Jami Gaver said he took his son hunting for the first time this fall. They went several weekends near Salmon stalking game.

"He enjoyed that," Jami Gaver said.

It was early on Thanksgiving when Jami Gaver heard the news that his son had been hospitalized. He was in Salmon with his wife and three other sons. Kevin Gaver had been in Jerome because he was working. From Salmon, they drove to Boise and gathered their family together.

Jami Gaver said his son's injuries were so severe that doctors said he would never regain consciousness.

"I don't know which end is up,"

Dutch hospital permits some infant euthanasia

The Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — A hospital in the Netherlands — the first nation to permit euthanasia — recently proposed guidelines for mercy killings of terminally ill newborns, and then made a startling revelation: It has already begun carrying out such procedures, which include administering a lethal dose of sedatives.

The announcement by the Groningen Academic Hospital came amid a growing discussion in Holland on whether to legalize euthanasia on people incapable of deciding for themselves whether they want to end

their lives — a prospect viewed with horror by euthanasia opponents and as a natural evolution by advocates.

In August, the main Dutch doctors' association — KNMG urged the Health Ministry to create an independent board to review euthanasia cases for potentially ill people "with no free will," including children, the severely mentally retarded and people left in an irreversible coma after an accident.

The Health Ministry is preparing its response, which could come as soon as December, a spokesman said.

Three years ago, the Dutch

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Environmentalists anticipate trouble for air, wildlife in Bush's second term

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Environmentalists see some of their worst fears playing out as President Bush moves to cement a second-term agenda that includes getting more timber, oil and gas from public lands and relying on the market rather than regulation to curb pollution.

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and practices in domestic production."

Bush's environmental priority is to rewrite the Clean Air Act to set annual nationwide limits on three major air pollutants from power plants and to allow marketplace trading of pollution rights rather than regulation to meet those goals.

He does not plan to change his mind on his rejection of the Kyoto international climate treaty that would impose mandatory caps on carbon dioxide emissions, Kyoto's unworkable.

Because of an environmental group's lawsuit, the EPA is

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IDAHO'S FORECAST

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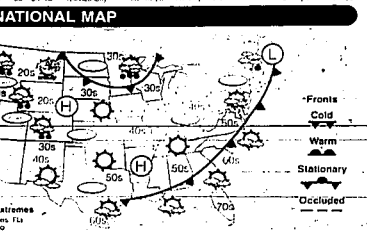
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Boston priest pleads guilty to child rape

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A priest charged with repeatedly raping an 11-year boy pleaded guilty Tuesday as jury selection was set to begin.

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Pentagon denies abuse allegations

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon on Tuesday strongly denied allegations that terrorism suspects were being tortured at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, saying that charges reported by the International Committee of the Red Cross ran counter to a Defense Department review that found "no credible instances of detainee abuse."

Nation In brief While Red Cross officials would not confirm that their July inspection of the facility found instances of torture, an official at the organization's Geneva headquarters said that "there are significant problems" at the prison "that have not yet been addressed."

The Guantanamo Bay base holds about 550 detainees who have been classified as "enemy combatants" and thus do not fall under the Geneva Convention protections for prisoners of war. Many were captured during the 2001 operations against al-Qaida and the Taliban in Afghanistan.

A Pentagon spokesman, Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael J. Sweeney, said Tuesday that the Department of Defense would not officially discuss any confidential reports by the Red Cross. But he did release a lengthy statement countering what the Red Cross reportedly found last summer.

Prosecutors focus on slain wife's family

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. - The penalty phase of Scott Peterson's murder trial opened Tuesday with prosecutors saying the slaying of his pregnant wife left the family with "a hole in their hearts that can never be repaired."

"When the defendant dumped the bodies of his wife and unborn son into the bay, those ripples spread out and they reached... my lives," prosecutor Dave Harris said in opening statements.

The jury that convicted Peterson on Nov. 12 of murdering his pregnant wife later in the trial heard testimony from the former fertilizer salesman about whether the 32-year-old former fertilizer salesman should be executed or get life in prison without parole.

England heads back to court for court-martial

FORT BRAGG, N.C. - Pfc. Lynndie England is due back in a military court Wednesday to prepare for her court-martial on charges of abusing prisoners at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison. The Army Reservist from Fort Ashby, W.Va., is scheduled for trial Jan. 18. She gave birth to a son Oct. 10, and attorneys have said the father is Sgt. Charles Graner Jr., portrayed in testimony as the ringleader in the abuse.

The hearing for England, 21, is on a pretrial motion. Defense and Army attorneys declined to provide details, but Army officials have blocked out three days for the proceeding.

Texas researchers plan test of ricin vaccine

WASHINGTON - Texas researchers will begin clinical trials of an experimental vaccine against the deadly toxin ricin, a biological agent that can be tested only in select labs. The Food and Drug Administration gave approval to the University of Texas Western Medical Center on Tuesday for the safety trial in humans.

Man accused of slaying hunters appears in court

HAYWARD, Wis. - A 41-year-old immigrant accused of shooting to death six fellow deer hunters made his first court appearance under tight security Tuesday in a hearing that was held in a basement classroom at the county jail for his own safety.

His wrists handcuffed, and his ankles shackled, Chai Vang shuffled into the room, sat in a plastic chair and crisply answered a judge's routine questions during the five-minute hearing.

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Bloody month for U.S. troops in Iraq

The U.S. military death toll in Iraq for the month of November rose to 135 Tuesday, equalling April 2004 as the deadliest month for American troops since the beginning of the war.

U.S. military deaths by home state
Shado indicates deaths since the beginning of the war in proportion to the population

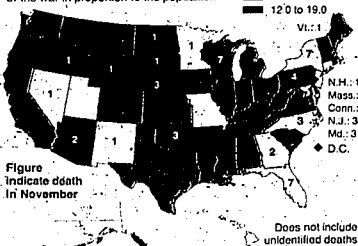
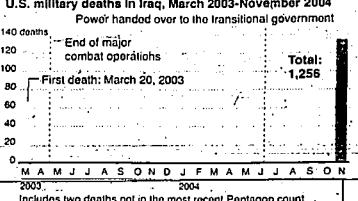


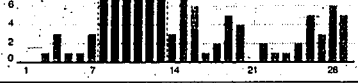
Figure indicate death in November



U.S. military deaths in Iraq, March 2003-November 2004

Power handed over to the transitional government

Includes two deaths not in the most recent Pentagon count



U.S. military deaths in Iraq in November

SOURCES: Department of Defense; Census Bureau; AP research

Awali meets with Iraqi tribal figures

Interim PM won't meet with Saddam loyalists, insurgents

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraq's interim prime minister went to Jordan on Tuesday for meetings with tribal figures and other influential Iraqis in a bid to encourage Sunni Muslims to participate in the Jan. 30 elections, but he ruled out contacts with insurgent leaders and former members of Saddam Hussein's deposed regime. Insurgents targeted U.S. troops Tuesday in Baghdad and in and around Beiji, a city north of the capital, killing four Iraqi civilians and wounding at least 20 other people, including three U.S. soldiers. Three Iraqi children aged 3, 4 and 5 were killed when two mortar rounds struck their neighborhood in Baquba, the U.S. military said.

The attacks came as the U.S. military announced that its November death toll reached at least 135. That figure equaled the highest number of U.S. deaths in a single month since the Iraq war began in March 2003. Prime Minister Ayad Awali sought to play down expectations that his meetings would mark a breakthrough in curbing the violence.

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Bush says he wants better relations with Canada

OTTAWA (AP) - President Bush tried on Tuesday to repair U.S.-Canadian relations strained by years of backing over trade and Iraq, although he stood by policies that have irritated Canadians.

He did promise Prime Minister Paul Martin to work toward easing a U.S. ban on Canadian beef.

Even as thousands of Canadian protesters thronged the streets to protest his visit, Bush brushed aside suggestions that his decisions hurt Canadian U.S.-Canada ties. Asked about polls that show Canadian opposition to his policies runs high, Bush pointed to his own reelection this month as the survey that matters.

"We just had a poll in our country when people decided that the foreign policy of the Bush administration ought to stay in place for four more years," Bush said at a joint news conference with Martin.

Olympians help light Rockefeller Christmas tree

NEW YORK (AP) - A bright symbol of the holiday burst to life in Rockefeller Center Tuesday night as Mayor Michael Bloomberg and three Olympians turned on the 30,000 lights decorating the center's famed Christmas tree.

Three Olympic gold winners - ice skater Sarah Hughes and gymnast Paul Hamm and Carly Patterson - joined the mayor to light the tree at the annual ceremony in midtown Manhattan. This year's tree, a 9-ton, 71-foot-tall Norway spruce found on the property of a Suffern, N.Y. family, boasted a star at its top for the first time in its 72-year history. The star is covered in 25,000 crystals and is 9.5 feet in diameter.

Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey of "Newlyweds" fame sang a duet before the lighting ceremony, and Hughes, who won first place in women's figure skating in Salt Lake City in 2003, performed on the rink adjacent to the tree.

While he acknowledged no mistakes, Bush joked about his reception here.

"I want to thank the Canadian people who came out to wave, with all five fingers, for their hospitality," he said.

Indeed, Canadians for the most part lived up to their reputation for reserve as Bush made his way from the airport to downtown Ottawa. Most stood waving excitedly at Bush's enormous motorcade as it snaked down the road.

Many of Bush's opponents were polite. One of the first signs he saw read "Please

Leave."

Others were more blunt. At lunchtime, a sign close to Bush's motorcade urged him to go home and depicted him riding atop a missile with a swastika orbit.

Twelve protesters were arrested after they clashed with riot police officers said. One police officer was reportedly injured.

The beef ban, which has been in place since May 2003, is a leading irritant in a relationship that has suffered during Bush's presidency, and the issue loomed large in Bush's first official trip to Canada. Bush hinted strongly that he already has decided Canadian beef should be allowed back into the United States. At a Tuesday night dinner with Martin, he said with a smile that he was "pleased to see when I opened up the menu that we're eating Alberta beef."

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55.16	175/65R14	57.10
55.09	185/70R14	62.69

ALL SEASON	SIZE	MUD/SNOW
52.44	185/75R14	63.64
54.99	195/75R14	64.59
53.19	195/75R14	65.54
63.14	185/65R14	69.16
66.49	205/70R14	71.24
56.04	205/75R14	68.29
68.39	205/70R15	73.14

ALL SEASON	SIZE	MUD/SNOW
66.88	195/65R15	78.47
58.89	205/75R15	72.19
68.39	205/65R15	79.79
72.58	215/65R16	82.49
76.60	215/65R15	83.58
89.12	225/60R16	94.89
72.19	215/70R15	75.99

ALL SEASON	SIZE	MUD/SNOW
66.28	195/65R14	71.41
68.14	195/60R15	73.92
72.12	205/60R15	78.74
83.45	215/60R16	89.11
107.32	205/65R16	106.53
89.18	215/65R16	96.95
89.12	225/60R16	94.89

ALL SEASON	SIZE	MUD/SNOW
79.99	P235/75R15	78.84
86.99	P235/70R16	97.84
92.99	P245/70R16	104.84
89.99	P245/75R16	93.09
99.99	P255/70R16	104.49
106.99	P265/70R16	108.59
99.99	P265/75R16	100.49

ALL SEASON	SIZE	MUD/SNOW
79.88	P235/75R15	89.88
89.88	L1835/70R15	99.88
108.29	L1935/65R16	119.88
110.99	L1945/75R16	120.88
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Envoy offers hope in Ukraine

Court, parliament prepare for more talks after dispute

Los Angeles Times

KIEV, Ukraine — Talks between Ukraine's two rival presidential candidates broke down Tuesday, but the arrival of a key European Union envoy offered fresh prospects that a peaceful solution to the crisis over the nation's disputed election could be found.

EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana met outgoing President Leonid D. Kuchma late Tuesday in advance of a larger round of talks Wednesday. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court and Parliament prepared for further deliberations on the crisis pitting Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich against opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko, each of whom claims to be the legitimate winner of the Nov. 21 presidential runoff election.

Solana, together with other European and Russian envoys, was scheduled to hold separate meetings Wednesday with Kuchma, Yushchenko and parliament speaker Volodymyr Lytvyn. Russia's Interfax news agency reported there was no word whether any meeting had been set with Yanukovich, the agency said.



Parliament guards, lawmakers and opposition presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko's supporters clash at the doors of the parliament Tuesday in Kiev. Protesters were angry after Ukrainian lawmakers appeared to backslide from supporting measures that would overturn the results of last week's disputed election.

Parliament was due to consider what stance it would take on the crisis. Opposition members were seeking a symbolic no-confidence vote on Yanukovich's government. But backers of the prime minister were pressing to overturn an earlier resolution that called the official vote count — which gave victory to Yanukovich — invalid.

At the Supreme Court, judges will deliberate for a third day Wednesday over whether to annul the results, which Yushchenko and foreign elec-

tion observers say were tainted by fraud.

The quest for a solution has raised constitutional and legal issues. If the consensus solution, for example, is some form of revote or completely new election, it is likely that parliament would need to pass new legislation to set the rules and provide legitimacy.

Aides to Yushchenko declared Tuesday evening that they were breaking off negotiations and accused Yanukovich's side of dealing in bad faith.

"The authorities ... used the talks to cheat," Jaras Stetskiy, a member of parliament and Yushchenko associate, told a rally in central Kiev. "We are stopping talks with the authorities. We will talk with them only from the position of people power."

Yanukovich said he was trying to negotiate and the opposition was simply delivering ultimatum. That basically came down to a dispute over what to talk about. Yushchenko's camp has pushed discussions over how to hold a new election, while Yanukovich has been offering concessions — such as making Yushchenko prime minister — designed to enable himself to assume the presidency.

"We are blamed for not wanting to continue negotiations. This is not so," Yanukovich said in televised remarks. "Even now I'm addressing Mr. Yushchenko. I am ready to sit down at the discussion table with him, in any format, and discuss those issues both parties have."

At the Supreme Court, Yushchenko's legal team has pressed judges with three requests: to annul the Central Election Commission decision declaring Yanukovich the winner to declare the Nov. 21 runoff invalid; and to name Yushchenko president on the basis of his narrow victory in the first round of balloting held Oct. 31 with a field of 24 candidates.

Second storm slams Philippines, kills 340

MARAGUINDON, Philippines (AP) — A powerful rainstorm triggered landslides and flash floods that killed nearly 340 people in the eastern Philippines, officials said Tuesday, and rescuers raced to save those stranded in three coastal towns before a typhoon strikes the hard-hit region.

At least 150 people were reported missing, and the region was largely cut off by landslides and floodwaters that washed away bridges and roads. Helicopter crews struggled to find places to land and dropped food to residents huddled on rooftops.

Authorities planned to send a coast guard boat to these stricken towns in Quezon province, east of the capital, to deliver supplies or pick up evacuees. Forecasters predicted a new typhoon circling off the Pacific coast could hit the area as early as Wednesday.

Social Welfare Secretary Corason Soliman went to Quezon province Tuesday following the overnight storm and reported that at least 300 people were killed there and 150 others were missing. Thirty-two people died elsewhere, authorities said.

Soliman said bad weather and blocked roads prevented officials from delivering relief supplies and evacuating people from rooftops in parts of the province.

Storm kills 338

The death toll from landslides and flash floods rose to 338 in the eastern Philippines, after a typhoon last week.



Hardest hit region in MALAYSI.

40 miles east of Manila.

"The current is still strong and the water is still high," she said. "The rains caused the flash floods, and the soil could not hold up the water in the mountains."

Talk of political scandal has Poland on guard

Los Angeles Times

WARSAW, Poland — The new scandal mesmerizing Poland seems lifted from a Cold War dossier: spies, oil traders, a polo player and a billionaire are tangled in a rumored plot by Moscow to manipulate the politics and fortunes of its smaller neighbor.

"It's a sad, ridiculous story about corruption and political vendettas," said Jozef Maria Owczarek, a painter who has been avidly following the tale of death threats and rumored bribes that have absorbed the Polish media. "Many ugly things will come out. The dirt is

already being heaped." The focus of intrigue is Jan Kulczyk, this country's richest man and a friend to President Aleksander Kwasniewski. A special committee of Parliament is investigating allegations that Kulczyk — acting with the president's blessing — met with a former Russian spy to negotiate the sale of an important oil refinery to a Moscow-controlled corporation.

The possibility of Russia consolidating more control over Poland's oil industry is an unsettling prospect for a nation that last century lived under the fist of a Russian czar and

Soviet apparatchiks. Russian companies supply much of the oil to former Soviet bloc nations, and Polish intelligence says this domination allows Moscow to meddle in political affairs of Lithuania, the Czech Republic and others.

"We have enemies, and one of them is Russian President (Vladimir V.) Putin," said Piotr Stankowski, deputy editor of Poland's leading newspaper, Gazeta Wyborcza. "Putin wants to use the power of big Russian companies to rebuild imperial politics in different ways — not with tanks, but with oil pipes to make the countries in the sphere of Moscow's influence

dependent upon raw materials."

Kulczyk has denied wrongdoing but has yet to appear before the special committee. Kwasniewski has accused the committee's right-wing politicians of orchestrating a "witch hunt" and a "creeping coup" to disgrace him and his leftist party of former communist sympathies.

The scandal began as a whisper but over the months has erupted into a roar. Some government officials and investigators suggest the case has too many shadows and crossed allegiances to ever be solved.

Panel says U.N. must OK pre-emptive strikes

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — With the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq serving as a backdrop, a high-level international panel called for sweeping changes Tuesday of the United Nations, including a recommendation that the Security Council must in the future authorize any pre-emptive or preventive global military action.

The 16-member panel was appointed by Secretary-General Kofi Annan after last year's diplomatic battle over the U.S.-led war on Iraq to recommend other institutions can best meet 21st-century challenges to peace. On the issue of Security Council, the panel said its members were divided over reform — an issue that has split member states for more than a decade.

For that reason, it recommended two options: One would add six new permanent members; the other would create a new tier of eight semi-permanent members two each from Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas. It would also add one non-permanent seat.

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By Lee Stearns
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which measures overall joint function) beginning at the second week and continuing to the completion of the trial. No serious adverse reactions were noted in any of the groups," Dr. Beck said.

Figure 1 depicts the effect measurements for FLUIDjoint and glucosamine sulfate in one of the studies. In that study FLUIDjoint substantially beat glucosamine in the combined study.

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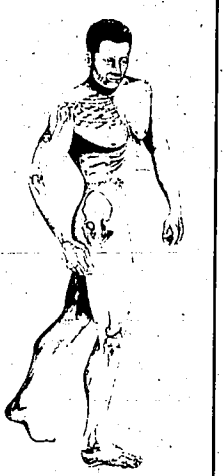
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For Complete References see Current Therapeutic Research, Vol 63, No 7, July 2003. Dr. Lee Randolph Beck a biologist and former professor at the University of Alabama Medical School is currently the Chief Scientific Officer for the production of the main biological ingredients.

John L. Zenk, M.D. is the former Chief of Medicine at St. Francis Hospital, Minnesota. He is currently retained as the Chief Medical Scientific Officer of the licensee of the main biological ingredients.

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WORLD

13 children die in sugar cane fire

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Honduran children hunting rabbits who were running from a burning sugarcane field were caught in the blaze themselves. Thirteen youngsters were killed, and a man and a 14th child were severely burned.

Workers set the fire Monday night as part of the harvest on 40 acres of the Cholotea sugar company in Santa Cruz, 100 miles south of the capital, Tegucigalpa. Security Ministry

spokesman Léonel Saucedo said.

The children, who ranged in ages from 5 to 17, were in a nearby field, waiting to catch the rabbits as they escaped the fire. But the blaze spread out of control and trapped them, Saucedo said.

"The wind spread the fire rapidly," he said.

Firefighter Mario Velasquez said the sudden change confused the children, who began stripping off their clothes as

they mistakenly ran toward the fire rather than away from it.

Eleven of them died immediately; two died in a hospital.

Workers did not know the children were nearby until they heard their screams and family members ran to rescue them, Saucedo said.

Relatives of the victims sobbed as the charred bodies were laid out on a concrete floor Tuesday, then lowered under white sheets into coffins.

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EDITORIAL

Nasal Ranger should be up to snuff for dairy groups

Idaho's long journey toward creating dairy odor standards is far from over. But the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel may be in sight.

To meet that goal, it's critical that key players in the odor standard effort not jump off track. The drafting of fair temporary odor standards is

while offensiveness is a vague notion to enforce.

But the Nasal Ranger, a snout-shaped instrument strapped on to someone's nose, gauges the intensity or strength of an odor.

The Nasal Ranger's patented technology might be new. But since Sheffield used it in his study, it does have a track record.

Industrial groups may worry that these dairy odor standards would be unfairly applied to other industries. But every one knows the issue at hand is dairy odor — not industrial odor.

By using Sheffield's odor standard to draft odor standards, the state is targeting one problem — odors from dairies. To use that data for regulation of other industrial emissions, or possibly even other ag odors, wouldn't hold up in court.

Ag operators deserve some clarification on the definition of acceptable agricultural practices. It goes without saying that any farm has its common smells of animal waste.

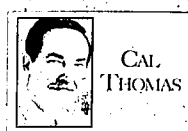
But beyond that, industrial groups have little reason to turn their backs on odor standards. As Twin Falls County official and former dairyman Gary Grindstaff noted, "the standard is protection for all industry." If a dairyman knows he's within the state's odor standard, he and his operation are much less susceptible to an outside lawsuit.

Industry and ag groups could take a significant public relations hit if they turn away from dairy odor standards this late in the game. They could be themselves — and their neighbors — a wealth of good by consenting to the technology that will put standards on the books this spring.

Some of those concerns are understandable, while others smell like old politics. State law says odors must be judged by frequency, intensity, duration and offensiveness. Frequency and duration are easily determined by the ag department,

Dems can fight back on values

If Democrats want to get back in the "values" game, they might change the perception of their party as being full of secularists intent on removing any reference to God from culture and even the history of America. They can start in the government schools. There, where recent or favorable mentions of God are often prohibited, but using His name as a curse word is protected by the same First Amendment that supposedly prohibits the favorable mention of His name.



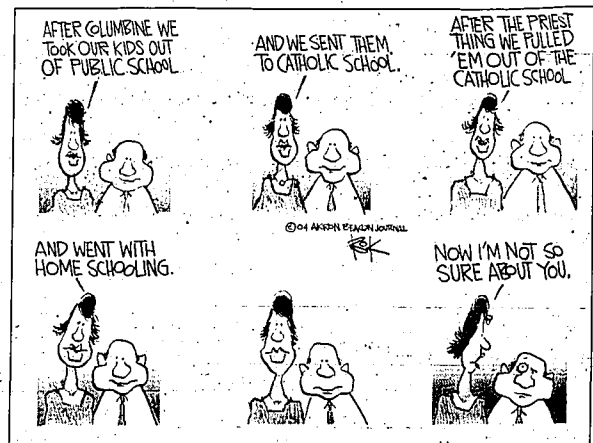
Cal Thomas

Democrats have an ideal case that they could make their own in the San Francisco suburb of Cupertino, where a fifth-grade public school teacher has filed a discrimination lawsuit against his school. The teacher, Steven Williams, says he has been prohibited by the school principal, Patricia Vidmar, from teaching the Declaration of Independence and other founding documents of the United States because they often refer to God.

It's one thing to ban contemporary attempts to use the schools to proselytize. It is quite another to censor history. It is a fact beyond dispute that the founders often referred to God or "Divine Providence" or "the Almighty" in their public lives. Ignoring or censoring such facts presents a false history of our nation and denies students their right to know the truth.

According to Williams' lawsuit, among the other materials rejected by the principal were George Washington's journal, John Adams' diary, Samuel Adams' "The Rights of the Colonists" and William Penn's "The Frame of Government of Pennsylvania."

Democrats could make political hay for their party and do a good deed for themselves — students by opposing the extension of political correctness



to history books and historical documents.

Attempts to expunge references to God, past or present, are not limited to one California school. In Maryland, there is a dispute concerning what may and may not be properly taught in that state's public schools.

The Washington Times carried a Capital News Service (CNS) story Nov. 23 that reported that when teachers instruct about the 17th-century origins of Thanksgiving, they can only say the Pilgrims thanked the Indians and cannot say they also thanked God for their safe journey and for the bounty set before them.

The story quoted Charles Ridgell, the director of curriculum and instruction for St. Mary's County Public Schools (they had better change the county's name to something other than "St. Mary's" to be consistent): "We teach about Thanksgiving from a purely historical perspective, not from a religious perspective. It is impossible to accurately teach about Thanksgiving without including the 'religious perspective.' The Pilgrims be-

lieved they were directed by God to make their journey to America and owed thanks to Him for a safe trip and good crops.

Maryland Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr., a Republican, disputes the CNS report. He says the state does not bar teachers from addressing the religious aspects of Thanksgiving. But school administrators from several Maryland counties said that they don't include religious materials in their curricula. So while the state may not ban religious historical references, local officials apparently are doing so on their own authority.

This is a ready-made issue for Democrats to jump on and save the history of our country. While they're at it, they might also want to look at efforts by certain Islamists to infiltrate public schools with teachings about their religion.

As Daniel Pipes detailed in the Nov. 24 issue of FrontPageMagazine.com, the truth tip-in a list of 18 tips for Imams and Community Leaders from the Islamic Web site www.SoundVision.com is "Es-

tablish a parents' committee to monitor public schools. The committee, Pipes writes, is to "arrange for Muslims to deliver talks about Islam and Muslims" in the schools.

Pipes summarizes other suggestions in history, social science, writing and other classes. "So while the history and faith of our own country is being erased and a spiritual vacuum created, Islamists are rushing to fill that vacuum with the history and faith of another country."

Will Democrats ride to the rescue?

Cal Thomas is a nationally syndicated columnist and Fox News Channel commentator.

Our view: Concerns over dairy odor technology aren't significant enough to delay dairy odor standards. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Members of the Idaho Department of Agriculture's special odor advisory committee met last week in Boise to discuss new changes to 2005's odor laws. That legisla-

tion forced ag producers to do more than just go beyond accepted agricultural practices. This winter, the state will draft temporary odor stan-

dards by using the Nasal Ranger — an olfactory device that measures intensity of odors — as well as data from University of Idaho researcher Ron Sheffield's 18-month dairy odor study.

But now it appears some dairy and industry groups are getting cold feet. Their concerns rest primarily on the Nasal Ranger itself and whether it's scientifically reliable to measure agricultural and industrial odors. Representatives of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry also doubt whether the new technology can fairly be used to exact fines.

Some of those concerns are understandable, while others smell like old politics. State law says odors must be judged by frequency, intensity, duration and offensiveness. Frequency and duration are easily determined by the ag department,

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LETTER

Use precautions to be seen on local roads

Recently, my husband lost his truck-driving job because a young girl was driving without her license on one of a silver car around 7:30 in the morning. He was turning to go onto Interstate 84, was across both lanes with his tractor on the ramp to I-84. She hit on the right side of his truck near the bumper. I am sure that if she had been paying attention and not driving over the speed limit, she would have been able to stop.

If you see a big truck in front of you and you are not driving faster than the limit, you can stop wearing truck drivers with my husband years ago, and people seem to have the idea that we stop on a dime. It is

too late for my husband to save his job, but I hope that when people read this, they will stop and think that big rigs cannot stop on a dime.

Please drive with your lights on until the sun comes up and before the sun goes down. It would also help if they cut down on the cell phone conversations during peak traffic times.

Maybe this will save other truck drivers from losing their jobs if people will take heed when they see a big rig and remember that they cannot stop on a dime and giving them a little more respect and practice a little road courtesy. This country would grow to a halt if deliveries were not made on time.

B.J. MORGAN
Burley

Act now to dash local coal plant proposal

Idaho has no coal-fired plant — yet! Let's keep it that way! Sempra Energy of San Diego, Calif., plans to construct a 750-megawatt coal power plant between Glens Ferry and Bliss. Idahoans must become more knowledgeable and act together against this "out-of-state big business" concerning huge daily rail shipments of coal through Idaho coming from Wyoming, and Idaho water rights benefiting California with profit from power!

Many people enjoy breathing clean air and viewing the beautiful scenery at Glens Ferry while attending the Three Island Crossing yearly event. If Sempra Energy is allowed to construct a coal-fired power plant with its 800-foot-tall smokestack, not only would local residents and visitors have adverse effects but, likewise, so would we in the surrounding areas.

People suffering with breathing difficulties should scream the loudest! Magic Valley, Treasure Valley and beyond — don't be Idaho couch potatoes! That means all of us! Call Glenn Terry, King Hill, Blaine, Hagerman, Gooding, Shoshone, Bellevue, Hailley, Keetchum, Sun Valley, Wendell, Jerome, Butch, Filer, Twin Falls and Burley.

We must act now! Our pioneer spirit is precious and could be gone with the installation of the wind! We must wake

Write to us

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up and form a "coal-ition" to prevent construction of any unwanted coal-fired plant! We and our families and descendants deserve our God-given right to smell the Idaho wild roses today and tomorrow!

PATSY BANNING
VERNITA TALBOT
Hagerman

Cameron is right about higher sporting fees

In a recent article that was in our local paper (The Daily Bee), Sen. Dean Cameron, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, stated that if we're not careful, hunting and fishing will become a rich man's sport that the average person in the state of Idaho can no longer afford to enjoy.

The Idaho Fish and Game Department wants to generate at least \$2.6 million more, or about a 14 percent increase in fees. The department currently raises about \$30 million from sportsmen's licenses and fees. Sportsmen will pay more for

hunting and fishing licenses, which are already overpriced. The majority of this money will go into salary increases. A vigorous aggressive movement will soon be launched to remove existing managers and commissioners and replace them with someone willing to listen to the public, not just special interest groups.

Fish and Game is placing trap nets in the lake again beginning in September 2005. The netting in 2003-2004 did nothing for the Lake Pend Oreille fishery. The \$625,000 mitigation money received from Avista for this project will be spent for nothing. That money could be used more wisely to improve the kokanee fishery.

We can stop this waste of money and excessive fee and salary increases. I am urging you to contact the following senators who are on the Idaho Senate Finance Committee:

Sen. Dean L. Cameron, 1101 Ruby Drive, Rupert, ID 83350, e-mail: dcameron@senate.state.id.us, (208) 436-4424.

Sen. Shawn Kough, P.O. Box 101, Sandpoint, ID 83864, e-mail: skough@senate.state.id.us, (888) 453-0814.
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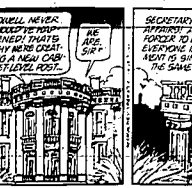
County fair manager proposed community event center at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds

You stated that the voters should do their homework and study the issues so that they fully understand what they are voting for. I would suggest that you would do the same before making your own comments. As far as any tax dollars being spent in promoting the bond issue, the Twin Falls Fairgrounds is self-supporting. It currently does not receive any tax dollars for operation or improvements.

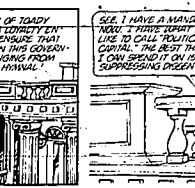
As for your comments about John Pike, John is a valued employee at the fairgrounds. Without his individual efforts, there would have been many projects over the past several years that would have not been completed or would have cost the fairgrounds several thousands of dollars in additional expense. I would be happy to take you through the grounds and show you the many different improvements that have been completed that can be accredited directly to John.

Lastly, John is directed by the fair board as to what his duties are. The board feels that he has always done a professional job in representing the Twin Falls County Fair and has gone above and beyond in maintaining the fairgrounds.
TIM ZEBARTH
Twin Falls
(Editor's Note: Tim Zebarth is the chairman of the Twin Falls County Fair Board.)

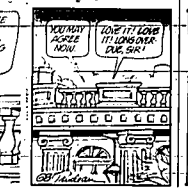
Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



County fair manager has enhanced services



Foreign leaders watch dollar drop

When President Bush met the leaders of 20 Asian and Pacific nations last week, he wanted to talk about North Korea and Iran. But those nations had another security crisis on their minds—the fall of the dollar.

The dollar is now down to nine-year lows and there are fears about a financial crisis. If foreign lenders lose confidence, they could trigger a freefall collapse of the dollar. As the cost of imports rises, inflation could jump. And interest rates for banks and home buyers would soar as investors demand a higher return for their greater risk.

That nightmarish scenario is probably overdrawn. But the dollar's drop reflects the belief that the American economy is

DANIEL SNEIDER



dollar, British pound and lately the Japanese yen — have gone up rapidly in value against the dollar in the last few weeks.

The one major trading partner that has escaped so far is China, whose currency is fixed to the value of the dollar. The Chinese want to keep their exports cheap but American pressure may force a small revaluation of its currency.

Our trading partners are unhappy about the dollar's slide. But this is needed correction. The danger is that those dollars are now financing our huge budget deficit, which will hit \$450 billion this year. The administration has been unwilling to ask Americans to pay for the war on terror and the war in Iraq.

The twin deficits are driven in part by the growing difference between what Americans spend and what they earn.

American savings — both household, corporate and, of course, government savings — have deteriorated greatly in the last five years.

Instead we borrow money abroad. The dollar holdings of China, Japan, India and other Asian countries have left up from about \$1.1 trillion in 2001 to about \$1.8 trillion in 2003. And much of that is invested in American Treasury bonds and stocks.

The Chinese, emboldened by the reality that we depend on their dollars, now happily lecture us on our profligate ways.

“The savings rate in China is more than 40 percent,” the deputy head of the Chinese central bank recently told the financial Times. “In the US it is less than 2 percent. So the problem is that they spend too much and save too little.”

It is true that Americans consume more than they produce. But we can keep doing it, up to a point, because the folks we import from — mostly but not entirely in Asia — are happy to produce more than they consume and to lend us

money to buy their stuff.

“We are stuck with each other — they are the lenders of last resort and we are the consumers of last resort,” says Robert Madsen, senior fellow at MIT's Center for International Studies and an expert on Asian economies. “If they stopped lending we would have a lot of trouble. If we stopped consuming, they would go into recession.”

A devaluation of the dollar should encourage Chinese, Japanese and others to spend more on American goods — as well as creating an incentive for Americans to buy fewer imports. Hopefully the administration will succeed in managing an orderly devaluation and avoid a freefall.

Ultimately America needs to reduce a dangerous dependency on foreign lenders. The only way to do that is to save more and to pay for what we spend on our ourselves and our government.

Daniel Snieder is foreign affairs columnist for the San Jose Mercury News.

not healthy.

The signs of illness are two huge: a growing imbalance — the federal budget deficit and the current account deficit, the shortfall between what America takes in from the world through trade and investment and what it spends. In 1990 the global balance was in the red. Now the U.S. is \$665 billion in the hole.

President Bush made soothing noises at the Asian Pacific economic summit about the commitment to “strong dollar.” But investors correctly read the signals that the actual policy is to let markets drive the value of the dollar down in an orderly way.

The administration sees dollar devaluation as a way to correct a global imbalance. It will make American exports cheaper and more competitive and imports more expensive for American consumers. They are confident the U.S. remains an attractive place for the world to park its money.

Those currencies that trade freely — the Euro, Canadian

Values TV: What would it look like?

With one out of five voters longing for a return to “values” television is busy reexamining its prime-time lineup. After all, the moral state of the nation is at stake and, besides, who can afford the Federal Communications Commission fines?

- 7:00 “CROSSCHAT” (CNN) Former firebrands Paul Begala and Robert Novak compare fabric swatches for Begala's new window treatments. Tucker Carlson lends his keen sense of color to the discussion.
- 8:00 “THE SOPRANOS” (HBO) When the Gambini family moves in on the Sopranos' loan-shark operations, Tony (James Gandolfini) takes matters into his own hands, firing off an angry letter to the Better Business Bureau. Tony Danza guest stars as “The Mailman.”
- 8:00 “TEAR FACTOR” (NBC) In a tense faceoff, contestants compete in edge-of-your-seat challenges, including: returning an overdue library book unnoticed, testing the “Do Not Remove” label from a mattress and eating week-old crudités.
- 9:00 “WILL & GRACE” (NBC) After a surprise monthlong stay at a convalescent camp, Will (Eric McCormack) comes back a “new man.” Unfortunately for Grace (Debra Messing), this means he dresses badly, refuses to ask for directions and never gives up on romance.
- 9:00 “DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES” (ABC) Panicked that Martha Stewart no longer appears on television, Susan (Teri Hatcher) and Lynette (Felicity Huffman) attempt to prepare braised lamb shank completely on their own. Calamity ensues.
- 9:30 “ACCORDING TO JESUS” (ABC) In this playful but pious comedy, Jim (Jim Belushi) casts off his boorish ways and joins a Bible study group at the local church. Old habits die hard, however, when Jim impulsively whistles a customer in the news. Special guest star Mel Gibson appears as the

— BRUCE KLUGER AND DAVID SLAVIN

hot temper franchise, a crack team of investigators heads to the Midwest to infiltrate illegal weddings in Ohio. Harvey Burstein stars as wily Detective Leslie McGreevey, who can spot a man-boy clear across the room.

11:00 “THE O'REILLY FACTOR” (FNC) Programming note: “The Factor” will be pre-empted until Mr. O'Reilly can locate a guest with a contrary point of view.

Bruce Kluger and David Slavin write satire for National Public Radio's “All Things Considered.”

Public Notice of Intent To Propose Or Promulgate New Or Changed Agency Rules

The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the new issue of the state Administrative Bulletin.

IDAPO 38 - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0003
38-0601-0401, Rules Governing the Idaho Emergency Communication System. New chapter directs the commission to mediate disputes between local government agencies over the governance of operations of consolidated emergency communications systems. Comment by: 12/22/04.

IDAPO 39 - IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
PO Box 7129, Boise ID 83707-1129
39-0241-0401, Rules Governing Provisions Applicable to Fees for Services. Removes the provision for bulk sale of driver records due to privacy considerations. Comment by: 12/22/04.

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, December 1, 2004, Volume 04-12 for notices and text of all rulemakings, public hearing schedules, Governor's executive orders, and agency contact names.

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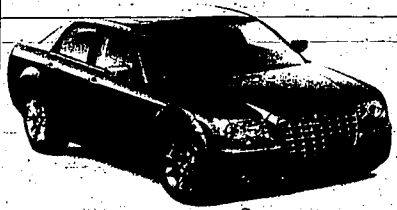


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AROUND THE VALLEY

Officials wait for autopsy results

HERMIE — A Boise forensic pathologist is continuing the autopsy on a human remains found in the ashes of a suspicious fire that destroyed an Elmer home Nov. 17, according to the Jerome County Sheriff's Department.

Clarence human remains were discovered in the rubble of Joseph and Rawnie Henry's home the next day.

Joseph Henry was reported missing a day before the fire broke out.

Preliminary results from the autopsy have revealed that the deceased was a large person.

Joseph Henry, 27, is described as 6-foot-4, weighing 230 pounds.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the Jerome County Sheriff's Investigative Section at 324-8845.

Department halts mail program for troops

TWIN FALLS — The Department of Defense has suspended the "Army Service member" mail program, according to a DOD news release.

The general public is urged not to send unsolicited mail, care packages or donations to service members during the holiday season.

During this time of the year, the number of donation programs increases and causes mail from families and friends to be mixed with mail from unknown sources resulting in delivery delays, the news release said. Service members should receive mail only from those friends and family members to whom they personally give their address.

Americans who don't have loved ones deployed overseas, can still show support during the holidays by other means. Lists of these programs is available at www.defend-america.mil.

To guarantee mail arrives in time for end of year holidays, family members are encouraged to view the mailing guidelines at www.usps.com.

Military support group holds Christmas party

HERMIE — The Magic Valley Military Support Group will hold a Christmas party at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Stan Holch residence at 610 N. Davis.

Bring a dessert or salad. A main dish, drink, roll and table service will be provided. Donations will be accepted. Friends and families are invited.

For more information, call Sharon at 536-6111 or Sharla at 536-6159.

Jerome holds facility roundtable tonight

HERMIE — The Jerome Schools Facility Improvement Committee is holding a community roundtable at 7 tonight to gather input on needed changes.

The school district is looking at a possible bond issue to address growth and safety concerns.

Proposed changes include demolishing and replacing the aging Central Elementary School, repairing and expanding the middle school, providing new offices for central administration and adding a second gym at the high school.

The meeting will include presentations, questionnaires and discussion time. It will be in the cafeteria at Jerome Middle School at 117 E. 1st St. W.

The meeting is open to the public.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Season
Salem	64%	12%
Big Wood	44%	9%
Lilla Wood	44%	9%
Little Lost	75%	14%
Henry/Teton	82%	18%
Upper Snake Basin	77%	16%
Lower Snake Basin	75%	15%
Salmon Falls	85%	18%

* Valid measure not available because of missing or invalid data from basin file.

A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average. ** An indicator of basin snowpack for the winter season which begins in early November and ends in late May.

Pole Line project sees delay

Stall in acquiring rights-of-way slows T.F. road improvements

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The long line of cars stacking up at the four-way stop at Pole Line Road and Washington Street North during rush hours will continue stacking awhile longer.

Road construction slated to begin on Pole Line Road in December has been postponed. Delays in acquiring rights-of-way has slowed down the process, said Jackie Fields of the Idaho Transportation Department.

Nonetheless, "Our right-of-way guys have been doing an excellent job getting it buttoned up so we can bid it," Hicks said.

"We're very close."

"That process is so close to being completed that the agency will soon send the project out for bid," projects manager Steve Tonks said.

The transportation department had hoped earlier to have done that by October.

The first part of the project will take in Pole Line Road that is slightly west of Castro and will continue west for two miles. Plans will expand all of Pole Line to six lanes, with a middle turning lane, from Blue Lakes to Grandview Drive. From Grandview to the west, the road is slated to have two wide lanes with 10-foot shoulders and turn bays, in what's known as a

"Super Two."

The first part of the project is scheduled for 200 working days. That means the company doing the construction will be expected to work Monday through Friday but can work more. The schedule discounts the months of December, January and February because the weather is often too cold for road construction, though the company can work during those months if it wants, Tonks said.

According to agency statistics, Pole Line Road, including both the east and west sides, has almost 23,000 cars traveling on it each day. And other than the area between Target and Castro, the road doesn't see any more accidents than other major roads in Twin Falls, Sgt. John Wilson of the Twin Falls Police Department said.

Far and away the most acci-

idents are seen on Blue Lakes, which has almost 55,000 cars on it every day, he said.

The Pole Line project is being paid for almost entirely with federal money, Fields said. The department has budgeted about \$11 million for the project, with about \$6 million being used for acquiring rights-of-way, design and environmental impact studies.

The design calls for extensive landscaping in medians along the first two miles. The city is responsible for landscaping maintenance. City engineer Gary Young has said.

Idaho Transportation Department has tentatively set the completion date for the entire project for 2009.

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Chicken fights

Elmore police issue citations for cock fighting

By Lorraine Caverer
Times-News correspondent

MOUNTAIN HOME — The Elmore County Sheriff's Department gave 51 citations of cock fighting citations on Sunday.

About 33 cockfighting roosters were euthanized and about \$1,400 in cash was confiscated.

About 12 officers, including six special deputies, arrested a group of people involved in a cock fight. The well-organized event was located in a barn about six miles south of Mountain Home in a farming area. The barn was located on Beet Dump Road between Aguirre Road and State Highway 51, said Detective Cliff Andrus of the Elmore County Sheriff's Department.

The Sheriff's Department received an anonymous tip and several detectives went out and began watching the barn where the caller said the fight was going on.

Deputies saw 15 to 20 cars parked in three rows behind the barn and a number of vehicles driving in and out of the road leading to the barn. The parked cars were situated in a way that they could not be easily seen.

"Driving by you wouldn't notice," Andrus said.

After observing the barn for about two hours, and getting backup help from reserve officers, the sheriff's department entered the barn.

"There were probably more than 60 people in the barn," he said.

Elmore County Sheriff Rick Layher said the large number of people surprised him.

"I didn't expect that many people," he said. "It was very well organized."

Officers found an arena with a concession stand, roosters in cages, scales, and a number of blades which are attached to the roosters' legs during the fight.

"We made everybody lay down and told them to keep their hands where we could see them," Andrus said.

At first there was so much noise that the police were not complying, "but when our Hispanic officer told them in Spanish, they complied," he said.

One of the men in the cockfighting group started shouting at the other men.

"We cuffed him and took him to jail," Layher said.

A riot situation could have arisen if the situation had not been handled well, Layher said. It was controlled properly early and the citation process went smoothly.

"It could have turned ugly on us," he said.

It took about three hours to issue all the citations, Andrus said.

A local veterinarian was called to euthanize the roosters because nobody would step forward and claim the birds, he said.

Please see FIGHTS, Page B3.

ALL LIT UP



College of Southern Idaho sophomore Halley Bonawitz, left, and freshman Heather Jones test lights before placing them on a 32-foot-tall Christmas tree in the Student Union Building Tuesday. Some 2,000 lights will be placed on the tree, which was cut near Filer and is visible in the background behind the two young women.

Thieves come out for the holidays

Thefts pick up during Christmas season, police say

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — 'Tis the season of giving, but some people are more interested in getting.

Or stealing, that is. "We don't want to scare people, but there are some people who take advantage of this time of year to prey on people," Staff Sgt. Matt Hicks of the Twin Falls Police Department said Tuesday.

Thiefs pick up during the Christmas season, Hicks said. Police are now looking for a woman who stole the purse of a customer Monday afternoon at Winco Foods. The woman was described as a white female between 30 and 40 years of age, 5'5" to 5'7", tall, weighing about 170 pounds with sandy blonde hair. A security videotape showed the woman approach another customer's cart, take her purse and then calmly walk out of the store and get into a blue sedan, possibly a Chevrolet Cavalier or Dodge Neon, with a license plate ending in 444, according to a police news release.

Hicks said such thefts pick up during the holiday season, especially at some of the larger shopping centers and malls.

The bigger the crowd, the better for the criminal," Hicks said. "They can blend in better

Videotape catches incident

Twin Falls police say this woman was caught on videotape stealing the purse of another customer Monday afternoon at Winco Foods, then leaving the store and getting into a blue sedan with a license plate ending in 444. Here is a description of the woman. Police ask those with information to call the department at 735-4357 or the dispatch center at 311.

Last name: Unknown
Age: Between 30 and 40
Gender: Female
Height: 5'5" to 5'7"
Weight: 170 pounds
Hair: Sandy blonde
Complexion: Fair
Race: White



Source: Twin Falls Police Department

and there are more potential victims."

Hicks said most stores employ their own security. "We've established a good relationship with retail stores and most of them have advanced security personnel," he said.

Hicks said there are a number of things shoppers can do to protect themselves from

theft, including:

- Shopping with a spouse or friend.
- "Two people are less vulnerable than one," Hicks said, adding that thieves will often follow people around and single out those shopping alone.
- Locking your car. Keep packages in the trunk, and not inside the car where thieves can spot them. "Parking lots are an easy place for them to steal things," Hicks said.
- Being aware of your surroundings.
- "If you become suspicious of someone, make eye contact with them," Hicks said. "Bad guys don't want to be identified."

Hicks also recommended leaving checks and credit cards that you won't be using at home. He also recommended writing down check and credit card numbers so that if you are a victim of theft, you can contact the bank and credit card companies and stop them from being used.

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Cassia law officers find suspect hiding in vent

The Times-News

BURLEY — A Hazelton man fleeing police found himself between a rock and a hard place when officers finally caught up with him.

Tyrell Walton, 38, ran down an alley in Burley after being spotted by a patrol officer around 11 p.m. Saturday, according to a police report. Walton, wanted on two outstanding Cassia County warrants, was reported to be

wearing a blue denim jacket when he ran into a Normal Avenue residence.

The home's resident, Virginia Bell, told officers that someone had come into the house but had fled through the back door.

Officers noticed the back door was secured with a padlock. Wet footprints were found on steps leading to the basement at the rear of the house and officers found a blue denim jacket laying next to a small vent in a concrete wall.

After several minutes Walton dislodged himself from the vent and was placed in handcuffs but he denied the jacket was his. Officers found a wallet in the jacket with a bond agreement for Walton inside, the report said.

Also found in the jacket were two syringes and a silver spoon containing a white powder residue, the report said. Liquid in one of the syringes field tested positive for methamphetamine but the white powder did not.

Walton admitted the jacket was his but said the liquid in the syringe was just water he was using to clean the insulin needle.

He later told officers that he had injected methamphetamine that morning but wanted to get off the drug.

Walton, a self-employed knife maker, was booked for the two outstanding warrants and charged with possession of methamphetamines with intent to use.

What is it?

Organized cockfighting is a fight between male chickens (roosters), in which people gamble on the outcome of the fight, and which usually ends in the death of one of the roosters. Razor-sharp knives called gaffs, up to 3 1/2 inches long, are strapped to the legs and cause deadly injuries to the opponents. Often doped up on stimulants, the birds are tormented into anger by being held face-to-face and are then dropped into a small pit to fight each other. The metal weapons worn by the birds sink deep into the birds' flesh, so that the handlers sometimes have to pull them apart several times in a single fight whenever one rooster is unable to get enough to pull free. New Mexico and Louisiana are the only two states in which there is no statewide law against cockfighting.

Source: Animal Protection of New Mexico Inc.

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OBITUARIES

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David William Becker Sr.

Feb. 12, 1919 - Nov. 27, 2004

David William Becker Sr. was born Feb. 12, 1919, to Alvin Evelyn and William August Becker at home in Jerome, Idaho. He grew up in Jerome and attended Jerome schools through high school. In 1947, he married the love of his life, Thora Douglas Becker, on Dec. 22, 1940.



After the war he attended Utah State University in Logan, Utah, graduating in 1947 with a degree in animal husbandry. After his graduation, David and Thora returned to the Jerome farm where they raised their children. David wished to live his entire life on the farm, but his and Thora's health required they have help and they moved to Boise in May 2002. His wife preceded him in death in April of 2004.

David was a member of the Jerome Presbyterian Church since March 1933. Prior to his death, David had been a member longer than any other living member here. He loved hymns and band music. He was a big fan of Lawrence Welk. He loved his children and his wife above all. Living on the farm was "the good life" to David and he raised many animals and pigs along with the wheat, beans and alfalfa.

David had a quick wit and ready smile. In his last year at Hillcrest Nursing Home in Boise, he was the favorite of many of the workers because of his gentle, positive nature and his gentlemanly behavior. Even though many feel that a nursing home is no place to live, David did not complain and always smiled and thanked people for what they did for him. Since September, his health deteriorated and he asked the nurses if it was okay if he died and went with his wife. He died because he lost the will to live any longer.

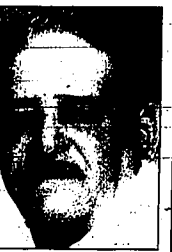
He was a good son, father, brother, husband and grandfather. He provided well for his family and taught them many good habits and traits. He will be greatly missed. David is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Elwood and Nina Becker; sisters-in-law, Marley Douglas (Orval), Dorothy Byson (Earl), Bernice Douglas Johnson and Dora Douglas Sorenson; and brother-in-law, Forrest Soganan. In addition, he is survived by his six children and their spouses, David (Dustina) Becker, Douglas (Gloria

Becker, Deborah-Jim) Hubbard, Diane (Reece) Thibault, Daniel (Tammy) Becker and Donald (Cathy) Becker. He is survived by his 21 grandchildren, Laura Little, Jeremy Hudson, Regan Becker, Erin Hellman, Regan Becker, David William Becker III (Trae), Dawson Becker, Lisa Simac, Evelyn Hagden, Sherilyn Orr (Shorie), Lara Little, Jeremy Hudson, Kimberly Hansen, Amie Sharp, Debbie Vaito, Reece Thibault, Rhett Thibault, "Danielle" Hutchinson, Troy Becker, Trent Becker, Twana Fischer, Teleda Becker and Michael Franks. He has 20 great-grandchildren (soon to be 21) and four great-great-grandchildren.

The viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, and from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at a love interment service in Jerome, Idaho. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the Jerome Presbyterian Church. Interment will be at the Jerome Cemetery immediately following the service.

Jose Fredrick 'Fred' Chavez - Hansen

Jose Fredrick "Fred" Chavez, 70, of Hansen, Idaho, died Saturday morning, Nov. 27, 2004, at his home in Hansen. Fred was born on July 22, 1934, in Gardiner, Colo., a son of Felix and Cleotilde Chavez. He grew up in Hansen and attended schools in Colorado. He married Elicia Chacon on June 4, 1955. Fred entered the U.S. Army in 1956 where he served his country proudly until he was honorably discharged in 1958. Following his military service he moved back to Olathe, Colo., until 1968 when he moved his family to Idaho. Fred attended the College of Southern Idaho where he obtained a wedding degree. He worked in the farming industry until he retired in 1990. Following his retirement Fred and Elicia moved to Hansen where he resided until his death.



Fred was a member of St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls. A loving member of the Hansen community, where he was very helpful to the Hispanic community.

Chavez, Mary Ann (Joel) Thompson and Victor Chavez all from Idaho, Debbie (Kenny) North of Fort Lupton, Colo., and Connie (Jeff) Smith of Layton, also surviving are his brothers and sisters, Erlinda, Grace, Nancy, Julia, Abel, Henry, Johnny, Felix and Jerry; as well as 26 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons, Fernin and Paul, Chavez; and one grandson, Matthew Paul-Friel. A prayer vigil with rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Deacon

John McKinley reciting. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church with Father John Kogsch as celebrant. Military rites by Ana Letrans and Auxiliary. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until the time of rosary on Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. The family suggests memorials be given in his name to the St. Edwards Catholic Church. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83403.

Kathleen Durham Wyatt - Twin Falls

Kathleen Durham Wyatt, age 76, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at Bridgeview Estates. She was born Kathleen Durham Beigh on Nov. 20, 1928, to Lena Marie Durham and Wesley Fawd Beigh in Boise, Idaho. She was raised on the homestead of her grandfather, Dr. Davis Russel Durham, inventor of the Durham black seed watermelon, and known as "The Watermelon King of the Northwest."



She was the only daughter of her grandfather. She lived in Washington state at the last live-in logging camp in the continental U.S., Camp Grisdale. Kathleen returned to Boise, Idaho, at this time and returned to school to become a Home Health Care Aid. She was very proud of this accomplishment. After the death of her mother in 1996 Kathleen moved to Jackpot, Nev., and then to Twin Falls, where she resided until her death.

She was preceded in death by her father, her mother, her grandfather, her grandmother, her father-in-law, her mother-in-law, her brother, her sister, her nephew, her niece, her grandnephew, her grandniece, her great-nephew, her great-niece, her great-grandnephew, her great-grandniece, her great-great-nephew, her great-great-niece, her great-great-great-nephew, her great-great-great-niece, her great-great-great-great-nephew, her great-great-great-great-niece, her great-great-great-great-great-nephew, her great-great-great-great-great-niece.

In addition to her eight children, she is survived by 25 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, father, all aunts and uncles, two husbands, three grandsons and one great-grandchild. Kathleen's effervescent personality endeared her to all she met, and she will be missed by all who knew her. At mom's request there will be a private family gathering. The family would like to thank the staff at Bridgeview Estates for all the love and care you have given to our mother and grandmother. You are all very special people. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park.

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GOODING COUNTY COURTS

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GOODING — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Stephen Kyle Barkes; placing debris on public/private property; court trial Dec. 6; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson. Christine M. Bingham; possession of controlled substance; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; sentencing Dec. 6; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson. Victor Canchola; battery; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; court trial Dec. 27; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.



Michael Castillo; driving without privileges; status hearing, Dec. 6; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson. Abelardo Chavez-Gonzalez; driver's license; court trial Dec. 27; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Christopher William Cope; driving under the influence; possession of a controlled substance; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pretrial conference Jan. 10; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson. Chase Goelker; battery; pretrial conference Jan. 10; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Jylene Rae Harbaugh; possession of a controlled substance; court trial Dec. 6; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson. Daniel Lopez; inattentive/careless driving; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; court trial Dec. 27; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Elizabeth A. Moruzzi; driving under the influence; under age 21; inattentive/careless driving; sentencing Dec. 13; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson. Samuel G. Pace; disturbing the peace; court trial Dec. 6; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Anthony Eugene Dias; inattentive/careless driving; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; six months unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson. Kathy A. Bryant; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson. Roy Lee Carter; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$600 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Irene David Hunt; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$400 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$100 probation fee; two years supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 170 suspended, credit for one day served; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson. David J. Young; driving under the influence; dismissed by prosecutor; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$200 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Misdemeanor withheld judgments

Todd L. Rasmussen; driving under the influence; judgment withheld for one year; \$1,000 fine, \$600 suspended, \$71.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson. Janette G. Wisman; inattentive/careless driving; judgment withheld for six months; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; six months unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Kathy A. Bryant; failure to appear for a misdemeanor citation; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson. Robert Sean Orr; possession of a controlled substance; preliminary hearing Dec. 2; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Felony arraignments

Action Collection Service vs. Shirley Presley and Wayne Presley; Seeking \$1,016.79, plus interest; \$500 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Child support cases

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Evan Fletcher and Charlene L. Fletcher; Seeking \$4,116.16; \$437 monthly support for Alisha K. Fletcher and Cheyenne M. Fletcher, plus 63 percent of children's medical expenses; attorney fees

SERVICES

Edna Caroline Russell of Payette and formerly of Rupert, graveside service at 10 a.m. today at the Paul Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary).

Margaret A. Stroud of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

David W. Becker Sr. of Boise and formerly of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church (Hove-Roberson Funeral Chapel, Jerome).

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

Frederick "Fred" Gorrings of Oakley, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Oakley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center Ave.; friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 8 until 1:45 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Nadla Gonzales of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Rupert; with a rosary recited at 6 p.m. today; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today

at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Kevin Ray Gaver of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday in the Jerome LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S., Jerome; visitation for family and friends from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. before the service at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Lillias Pugmire Martin, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Hagerman LDS Chapel; family will receive friends at 10 a.m. in the Relief Society Room (Demary's Funeral Service).

DEATH NOTICES

Bethlyn Gertrude Barney of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Palm Valley View Cemetery in Las Vegas, Nev. (White Mortuary).

Ruthilda Miller of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Park Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Carmen Gonzales, Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. today at St. Edwards Catholic Church (Parke's Funeral Home).

Arnold Hubbard, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Holy Rock LDS Church; viewing from 10 a.m. to noon at the church for family and friends (Reynolds Funeral Home).

Bernice Meiers of Twin Falls, Bernice Meiers, 89, of Twin Falls; died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at Sun-Bridge Care Center. Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Len F. Marrs of Albion — Len Francis Marrs, a 65-year-old resident of Albion, died Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at his home. A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004, at the Albion Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with the Rev. Father Kenneth Hein of the Monastery of the Ascension Priory presiding. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Albion.

A viewing will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and one

hour before the service on Saturday at the church. A complete obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

Verletta Mendemhall Anderson — Verletta Mendemhall Anderson, 88-year-old and a resident of the Kaysia area, died peacefully Sunday evening, Nov. 28, 2004, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, at the Emerson Ward. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Emerson Ward 127 S. 950 W. Paul and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. before the service. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Syracuse Cemetery in Syracuse, Utah. Services are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Judge blocks initiative cutting benefits to illegal immigrants

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday temporarily barred the state from implementing a ballot initiative aimed at cutting illegal immigrants off from public benefits.

U.S. District Judge David C. Bury's order said a lawsuit by initiative opponents raised questions about the constitutionality of Proposition 200, which was approved by voters on Nov. 2. His temporary restraining order bars the measure from becoming law until at least Dec. 22, when he has scheduled a hearing on the lawsuit.

"We believe that this is a promise to start to ensure that the proposition doesn't become law," said Ann Marie Tallman, president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which filed the lawsuit on behalf of the plaintiffs, including several undocumented immigrants.

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Feds propose cut in designated fish habitat Parents can now pay child support online

President seeks to protect rivers where salmon now thrive



Michael Andy nets a salmon below the John Day Dam on the Columbia River, near Rufus, Wash., as shown in this July 16, 2003, file photo. The Bush administration announced Tuesday a new proposal for protecting habitat critical to the recovery of salmon runs.

CHABIN'S PASS, Ore. (AP) — The Bush administration on Tuesday proposed cutting the federally designated habitat critical to the recovery of threatened and endangered salmon by more than 80 percent in the Northwest and 50 percent in California, focusing protection on rivers where the fish now thrive.

Based on public comments received over the next six months, the area could be reduced even more, said Hob Lohn, northwest regional administrator for NOAA Fisheries, the federal agency responsible for saving salmon from extinction.

Large areas could be taken out where state and federal habitat protections are already in place, such as national forests covered by the Northwest Forest Plan, and places where the economic benefits of development outweigh the biological benefits of habitat.

As a result of a lawsuit brought by the National Association of Home Builders, NOAA Fisheries agreed to reconsider critical habitat designations for 13 groups of salmon in the Northwest and seven in California that were listed as threatened or endangered.

The critical habitat proposal pleased the home builders' association, which has been fighting under the costs of getting federal permits for development in wetlands.

"Recognizing the importance of economic costs and trying to minimize the impact on industry in areas where

there are low values to species and high economic costs are well in line with NABH's policies," said Michael Mittelholzer, director of environmental policy for the association.

Based on the standard that critical habitat should provide for recovery, not just survival of a species, the critical habitat designation originally included rivers accessible to salmon, even if no fish occupied them, and covered most of Washington, Oregon and California and parts of Idaho.

In another action Tuesday, NOAA Fisheries released the final version of its latest court-ordered plan for operating hydroelectric dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

The plan, known as a biological opinion, is estimated to cost about \$600 million a year over the next 10 years, and relies heavily on construction of removable fish weirs on eight

dams to increase the survival of young salmon migrating to the ocean.

The biological opinion must gain approval of a federal judge before going into effect.

Both proposals were strongly opposed by environmentalists. Indian tribes and a commercial fishing group, which said the Bush administration was abandoning any hopes of restoring salmon beyond bare survival.

Environmentalists and Indian tribes continue to believe removing four dams on the lower Snake River is the best way to restore Columbia Basin salmon.

"The tribes made treaties 150 years ago to carry on a way of life," said Olney Patt Jr., executive director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. "Now we see the federal government turning its back on that commitment and sacrificing salmon for the operation of the dams."

Commercial river users were displeased.

"The new baseline which includes the dams in place should help focus the region on fish solutions rather than shifting attention to a diversion fight to breach dams or don't-where millions of dollars has been spent over the last 10 years," said Glenn Vaneslow of the Northwest Waterways Association, which represents grain growers, towboat companies, and utilities.

Critical habitat designations for salmon, including metropolitan areas of Portland, Seattle, and Sacramento, Calif., were dissolved in 2002 after the National Association of Home Builders filed a lawsuit arguing that an analysis finding no significant economic impact was inadequate.

The economic analysis found salmon protections cost the Northwest economy about \$223 million a year, with no significant economic benefits. The figure for California was not immediately available.

Parents can now pay child support online

AROUND THE VALLEY

TWIN FALLS — Parents can now make child support payments online with a credit or debit card, according to a news release from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

The department implemented the web-based service to provide a convenient payment option for Idaho Child Support Services customers, the news release said.

"This can be particularly helpful for parents who work long hours or travel a lot," said Vickie Vandervort, who heads the project for Health and Welfare's Child Support Services. "Children depend on these payments for the necessities of life, and by providing parents with options, we can more successfully collect child support money for them."

"The new service accepts Visa, Mastercard and Discover cards. A 57-cent charge transaction is charged to cover the associated with online payments. To access the site, go to www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov and click on My Child Support.

— compiled from staff reports

Interagency meeting takes place in Boise

AROUND THE VALLEY

BOISE — The Idaho Infant Toddler Interagency Coordinating Council will hold its regular meeting on Thursday and Friday in Boise.

The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to noon Friday at the AmeriSuites Hotel at 925 N. Milwaukee in Boise.

The Interagency Coordinating Council provides leadership for implementation of the Idaho Infant Toddler Program, according to a news release from the Department of Health and Welfare. The program offers early intervention services for children from birth to three with developmental disabilities and their families.

HEROME COUNTY COURTS

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HEROME — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:
Misdemeanor arraignments
Tony Shawn Adams, 36; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; failure to pay traffic fine; exceeding the speed limit; failure to use safety restraint; pretrial conference Dec. 27; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenson.
Randi M. Ariza, 27; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Dec. 27; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenson.
Sandra Corderias-Omelas, 32; disturbing the peace; pretrial conference Dec. 27; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenson.
Kyle E. Cutler, 21; possession of a controlled substance; two counts use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pretrial conference Dec. 27; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenson.
Tamara K. Ochsner, 29; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Dec. 27; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenson.
Matthew Quinlan Rundle, 22; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Dec. 27; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenson.
Michael Evert Sant, 23; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Dec. 27; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenson.
Michael R. Watts, 32; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Dec. 27; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenson.
Eric J. Wood, 47; petit theft; pretrial conference Dec. 27; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenson.
Oralain Zavala, 33; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Dec. 27; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenson.

Juvenile misdemeanor sentencing

Logan Jay LaMoth, 16; incentive/without driving, amended; exceeding the speed limit; \$20.50 fine; 90 days suspended; 90 days in jail; 80 suspended; two days eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenson.

Misdemeanor withheld judgments

Michael J. Norman, 43; driving under the influence; amended to reckless driving; judgment withheld for 90 days; 90 days suspended; two eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenson.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Gregory L. Small, 48; vicarious dog violation; dismissed by prosecutor. Separate case vicarious dog violation; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenson.

Felony arraignments

Stacie Garcia-Rojas, 28; three counts fraud - insufficient funds check; failed to appear; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenson.

Juvenile felony arraignments

Jenna Lynn Hills, 17; forgery; failed to appear; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenson.

Felony sentencing

Irene Lee Heck, 20; forgery, \$1,000 fine; \$88.50 court costs; three years determinate probationary time (suspend for 180 days); indeterminate, credit for one day served; 100 days in jail with Twin Falls; case: District Judge John K. Butler.

Civil

Credit Bureau of Twin Falls vs. Nery Ramirez, Seeking 1,073.90 plus interest of \$90.05; attorney fees of \$350. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Shirley Ann Siroon Campuzuelo vs. Siroon Campuzuelo and Felix Ruelas, Seeking \$7,000 for medical expenses; \$16,000 for lost wages; \$25,000 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for injuries caused to the plaintiff in an automobile accident.

Divorces

Victoria G. Walden vs. David M. Walden
Scott Wesley Dixon vs. Rebecca Dixon

Boise police catch robbery, kidnap suspects after shootout, car chase

BOISE (AP) — A married couple suspected of robbing a Boise bank and kidnaping two people has been caught after a shootout and brief car chase that ended on icy roads in northeastern Oregon.

Charles Bagwells, 32, and Erin Marie Bagwells, 32, both of Redlands, Calif., ran off a road Tuesday night near Baker City with officers from the Oregon State Police and other agencies in pursuit.

The chase began at a Baker City convenience store, where officers reportedly saw the Bagwells in a car. They allegedly bought the vehicle earlier in the day with cash stolen in Monday afternoon's heist at a US Bank branch near Boise State University.

After being spotted, the pair opened fire, said Lynn Hightower, a Boise police spokeswoman. No Oregon officers were hit, she said.

"When officers saw them (the Bagwells) drive, they got back in their car," Hightower said, relaying reports from Oregon authorities. "But the roads were there are slick. After a short pursuit, they crashed the car and were taken into custody."

Monday evening and all day Tuesday, Boise police searched the city for the husband and wife — who were considered armed and desperate.

Charles Bagwells has a record of armed robbery, burglary, grand theft and weapons charges in Oregon, Hightower said.

In Monday's robbery, he allegedly fled the bank with an undisclosed amount of money. He's suspected of shooting out the front driver-side tire of a Boise police cruiser as he left the bank's rear parking lot in a teal green Ford Escort allegedly driven by his wife.

The officer in the cruiser, who wasn't injured, didn't return fire. Less than an hour later, the Bagwells allegedly broke into a home near downtown and took a 74-year-old woman and 79-year-old man hostage.

The kidnaped couple alerted police after the Bagwells allegedly left their home at 9 p.m. The woman said she had been struck by Charles Bagwells during the kidnapping.

She was treated at a local hospital and released. As officers were searching Boise for the couple, the pair allegedly fled for Oregon to the northwest. In Ontario, Hightower said, they bought a car from a private owner, paying cash allegedly taken in Monday's robbery.

The Ontario man who sold them the car told authorities that the Bagwells told him that they were driving up to Pendleton.

New Idaho ski report opens soon

DONNELLY (AP) — Idaho's newest ski resort is set to open in about two weeks.

The Tamarack Resort will be the country's newest, all-season resort destination when it opens on Dec. 15.

The towers were down in on Oct. 15. Since then, the towers have been aligned, engines installed, and cables hung and joined by master splicer Justin Knight, one of three specialists in this trade in North America.

Most sky resorts are opening soon. In northern Idaho, Silver Mountain and Lookout Pass will both be partially opened this weekend.

Idaho Power pays employee to settle suit

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Power has paid \$1 million to settle an age- and race-discrimination lawsuit filed against it by a federal commission and one of the utility's employees.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which enforces federal anti-discrimination legislation, had filed the lawsuit in August 2002, alleging the Boise-based utility discriminated against Marlon Herrera when it didn't give him a job as a meter specialist.

Herrera was 56 years old when he applied for the post in 2000.

At the time, Herrera had more than two decades of experience in meter-reading and customer service, according to a release from the EEOC.

Court keeps Utah newspaper battle alive

DENVER (AP) — A federal appeals court kept alive a legal fight by the former owners of The Salt Lake Tribune to buy back the newspaper, tossing out a ruling on the value of the paper and sending the case back to a lower court.

A three-judge panel of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday that a federal judge in Utah had wrongly concluded that an appraisal of the newspaper was binding on the McCarthy group, which sold the Tribune in 1987 but wanted to buy it back.

The judges sent the case back to U.S. District Judge Ted Stewart to examine the validity of the \$355.5 million price offered to the family.

Phillip G. McCarthy, chairman of the group that once managed the newspaper, said

Cock fighting is a misdemeanor

birds were among the paraphernalia found.

Cock fighting is a misdemeanor. Those who "received nations will have to go before a judge and will most likely be fined, with some jail time possible."

"It's up to the court," Andrus said.

In Mexico cock fighting is legal.

"We understand it's a sport, but we have to enforce what the laws say here," he said. "If they are going to do it they are going to pay the consequences."

Cock fighting goes on in secret in many areas, Andrus said. Sometimes the exhibitions are in Caldwell or in Oregon or Nevada.

"It moves around," he said. "From November to June or July is when they have the most exhibitions."

Those cited were not just from the Mountain Home area, Luyher said. Participants were from Nysaa, Shoshone, Caldwell, Boise and other places throughout southern Idaho, he said.

News about the events spreads by word of mouth.

"I'm sure they (exhibitions) are prevalent all over the state," Luyher said.

With the many other crimes such as murders and drugs that the department is working on, cock fighting is something the sheriff's office has missed.

"We'll be working on it a bit more aggressively now," he said.

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Death of bird leaves species' future uncertain 'Jeopardy' whiz meets his match

HONOLULU (AP) — One of the rarest birds on Earth came closer to being wiped out if not already extinct with the death of one of the last three believed to exist, officials said. The male po'ouli bird died in captivity late Friday the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said Tuesday.



AP photo

In this undated photo released by the State Division of Forestry and Wildlife, a po'ouli, one of three, is shown inside the Hanawi Natural Area Reserve on the island of Maui in Hawaii. Wildlife officials announced Tuesday one of the last three living po'ouli birds has died and the other two have not been seen in months, leaving survival of the rare Hawaiian species uncertain.

The state, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Zoological Society of San Diego, which operates the Maui conservation center, launched a search Tuesday to find the remaining two po'ouli in the remote rainforest of Maui. "There's so many things going against this effort that the death makes it all very much more desperate, but no one is giving up on it," said Alan Lieberman, the Zoological Society's avian conservation coordinator. "As long as there's a chance that there are two, a male and female, no one is willing to throw in the towel." The po'ouli is part of the Hawaiian honeycreeper family, and is so unique, it has its own genus. It was not discovered until 1973, when a group of University of Hawaii students conducting research on the east slope of Haleakala volcano sighted a bird they had never seen before. "It is the only Hawaiian forest bird to rely heavily on native tree snails as its food. The small, sticky, brown bird has a partial black face described as a ballerina's mask. It is possible the po'ouli that died Friday was the last one, making it one of the rare opportunities where scientists were able to document the moment a species became extinct. "This unfortunately is an opportunity for people to say, 'I know the hour, the day, the hour, the minute, the second, it went extinct,'" Lieberman said. "That is a sobering moment." Tissue samples from the bird were saved for cryogenic preservation for possible cloning in the future.

"Someday when technology catches up with our fantasies, we may be able to resurrect these po'ouli because we saved these cells," Lieberman said.

The po'ouli's numbers have dwindled from a rough estimate of 150 because of habitat loss and introduced predators like rats, cats and mongoose. Nonnative diseases carried by mosquitoes, such as avian malaria, have also taken a toll on the Hawaiian birds.

The po'ouli that recently died contracted avian malaria, but the exact cause of death won't be known until tests from the necropsy are completed. "It's on the verge of extinction for a reason," Lieberman said. "Let's recognize those reasons and do something about it, because that's where the difference will be made. Not what's killed this bird, but what killed this species."

Despite the bird's death, capturing it was the right decision, scientists said. It was old and missing one eye, compromising its ability to survive in the wild.

"I don't think it was a mistake," VanderWerf said. "If we had left the birds where they were, the species would certainly go extinct. It may anyway, but I think that was really the only option we had at the time."

There's no question: Nancy Zerg is America's new quiz whiz. In a finale that went down to the final question and was decided by a one-dollar margin, Ken Jennings, 30, lost the "Jeopardy!" episode aired Tuesday to the 47-year-old real estate agent from Ventura, Calif.

TV's winningest quiz show contestant by virtue of a 75-episode run that saw him defeat 149 opponents, Jennings entered Final Jeopardy with \$14,000, Zerg with \$10,000.

"The final jeopardy clue was: 'Most of this firm's 70,000 seasonal employees work only four months a year.'"

Zerg smiled as host Alex Trebek revealed her correct answer, then her wager — \$4,101, bringing her to \$14,101. Trebek turned to Jennings and revealed his answer: "What is FedEx?" Incorrect.

Trebek studied the math and announced, "He winds up in second place."

"And Nancy Zerg, you are a giant killer!" Jennings hugged her. The audience gave a standing ovation.

Justice Department plans to fight Hanford initiative in court

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — The federal government plans to ask a judge to overturn a Washington state initiative that bars the U.S. Department of Energy from sending more nuclear waste to the Hanford nuclear reservation.

Last fall, Washington state voters overwhelmingly approved Initiative 297, which blocks the Energy Department from sending more waste to south-central Washington's Hanford site until all the existing waste there is cleaned up. The measure is scheduled to take effect Dec. 2.

The U.S. Justice Department planned to seek a temporary restraining order on Wednesday in federal court in Yakima to keep the initiative from becoming law. The Associated Press learned from a government official familiar with the case.

The government also planned to challenge the constitutionality of the initiative on grounds that it violates federal laws governing nuclear waste and interstate commerce, said the official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The 586-square-mile Hanford reservation was created in World War II as part of the top-secret Manhattan Project to build the atomic bomb. It remains the most contaminated site in the nation, with cleanup costs expected to total \$50 billion to \$80 billion.

At issue are the federal government's plans for disposing of waste from World War II and Cold War-era nuclear weapons production nationwide. The Energy Department chose Hanford to dispose of some mildly radioactive waste and mixed low-level waste, which is hazardous with chemicals. The site also would serve as a packaging center for some transuranic waste — plutonium-contaminated rags, tools and other discarded items — before it is shipped elsewhere for long-term disposal. Transuranic waste is highly radioactive and can take thousands of years or more to decay to safe levels.

In 2003, Washington state filed suit to block waste shipments from entering the state, fearing Hanford would become a radioactive waste dump. The Energy Department voluntarily suspended the shipments after the lawsuit was filed, but the case remains in federal court. Energy Department officials have said the site's most dangerous waste will be shipped out of state. Of the 405 million curies of radioactivity at Hanford, about 374 million curies will be sent to other states for long-term disposal.

Hanford already is home to 53 million gallons of highly radioactive liquid, sludge and saltcake stored in 177 underground tanks. The Energy Department aims to bury much of that waste in a nuclear waste repository in Nevada. Another 75,000 55-gallon drums of transuranic, radioactive and hazardous waste also are buried at Hanford.

The roughly \$1 billion cost of the initiative was largely funded by its sponsor, Heart of America Northwest — a Hanford watchdog group that contends the initiative will withstand any court challenges. "Flurry of legal experts have looked at it and said we have the authority to do this," said Gerald Pollet, executive director of Heart of America Northwest. "We had hoped that the Department of Energy would try to work with the state instead of wasting money and effort fighting in court."

A citizens' petition sent the initiative to the Legislature early this year. Lawmakers declined to act on it, sending the measure to the November ballot. Washington state voters approved it Nov. 2 by a more than 2-to-1 margin.

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Court upholds guilty plea in Idaho death penalty case

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld the guilty plea of condemned double murderer Timothy Alan Dunlap but agreed with the district court that procedural mistakes after the plea was entered justified a new sentencing hearing.

The unanimous court found no justification in Dunlap's claim that his attorneys failed to effectively represent him, especially in the negotiations on the plea agreement that left the death penalty as a possible sentence even if Dunlap admitted he killed bank teller Tonya Crane in 1991.

Justice Roger Burdick, writing for the five-member court, said the evidence against Dunlap was so overwhelming that the best strategy to avoid the death penalty was to carry favor with the sentencing judge and limit the information he

was given about Dunlap's earlier murder of his girlfriend in Ohio.

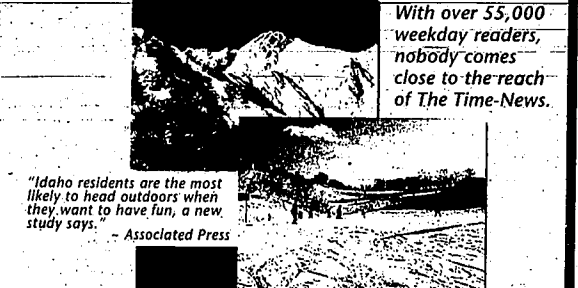
"In their view, the best way to avoid the death penalty was to accept responsibility and attempt to reduce the details the court would be presented with," Burdick wrote.

The new sentencing hearing would be the first under a 2003 law that shifted the responsibility for sentencing in capital murder cases from the judge to a jury. A provision of that law covers previously condemned murderers whose sentences are to be imposed, to have evidence of mitigating and aggravating factors on the death penalty before deciding whether Dunlap should again be condemned. The alternative is life in prison without parole.

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Absorbent, yellow and stolen, is he

By Arthur Santana
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - SpongeBob SquarePants wasn't doing anyone any harm.

A six-foot blow-up version of the Nickelodeon cartoon character had been perched on the roof of a Burger King in St. Mary's County, Md., for three days, his skinny legs dangling over the edge, his fists triumphantly in the air, smiling that goofy grin of his.

He was only trying to promote his animated feature film, "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie," and maybe sell a few waffles and kids' meals.

Then along came Steven Simon and his buddy Conrad "C." Mercure Jr., both 18, with no clue what to do with themselves in the early hours of Nov. 19.

Mercure said he wondered aloud, "Hey, what if we were to steal that SpongeBob on top of the Burger King? Seeking to do what others said couldn't be done, he and Simon set out to kidnap the giant cartoon sponge."

"We were like, 'That's gotta be a first - stealing a giant SpongeBob off of the top of Burger King,'" Simon said.

Actually, it's not. Burger-King officials say stealing the inflatable from atop restaurants in the middle of the night has become something of a nationwide trend. Similar thefts have been reported in 10 states, they say. "And the number is going up every day," said a Burger King spokesman in New York.

Some of them are returned, but some have turned up on eBay, selling for up to \$1,000. In one case, after a SpongeBob was stolen from atop a Burger King in Little Falls, Minn., workers found a ransom note: "We have SpongeBob. Give us 10 crabby patties, fries, and milkshakes."

The SpongeBob inflatables started appearing up and down the country, according to Burger King, which said just over 4,700 inflatables were ordered by franchise owners.

Simon said he went with Mercure to the Burger King in



Lexington Park, Md., Burger King crew member Mike Stewart (right) and Bill Cocimano, the restaurant's general manager, examine the deflated SpongeBob SquarePants stolen from the restaurant.

Lexington Park about 2 a.m. Nov. 19. He said they went to the restaurant's trash bin area and used a trash can and several pallets to get to the roof.

"Then it was just a matter of unplugging SpongeBob's air valve."

"We flipped him down on his back so no one could see him deflating," Simon said, adding that he and Mercure cut the ropes that held down the inflatable. He said the whole process took about an hour: "I was sitting there smoking a cigarette most of the time," he said. "When we got down, we were like, 'Yeah!'"

For their getaway, Mercure and Simon did what any other person who had just stolen an inflatable cartoon character from atop a Burger King would do: They called a cab.

Even police laughed about it. "They had to pay for three fares,

not just two," said Cpl. John Shoumaker of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office.

Soon, Mercure and Simon - along with a bundled-up SpongeBob - were on their way to Mercure's apartment in Lexington Park. "After we got it, we gave it to her boyfriend ... for his birthday," Simon said.

Bill Cocimano, general manager of the Burger King, said he was initially incensed when he found out that his SpongeBob was stolen.

He said that the next day, an employee said "somebody is running his mouth at Great Mills High School that he has SpongeBob in his bedroom. I told them, 'You get me a name. I'll give you 20 bucks.'" He said he soon turned over Mercure's name to police.

Within three hours, police had SpongeBob, Cocimano said. "They said, 'We have one of your employees down here. Come and get him.'" Cocimano said that when he tried to restore SpongeBob to his perch Friday, the inflatable was too badly damaged to hold the air.

Simon and Mercure were arrested Friday and charged with misdemeanor theft of goods, worth less than \$500 and released, pending a court appearance Dec. 15, authorities said.

Although the offense is punishable by up to 18 months in jail and a \$500 fine, Simon and Mercure said they're proud of their achievement.

"Once we got caught by the police, we were like, now we can tell everybody," Simon said.

Said Mercure: "It was a fun experience. I'm loving the attention."

Credit report program begins for Western states

WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans who want to make sure their credit reports are accurate or check their financial histories can get the information for free under a program starting Wednesday.

The Federal Trade Commission is rolling out the service in phases. Residents in 13 Western states will get first crack at requesting a free credit report from any of the three major credit bureaus that maintain them.

Banks and other lenders use the data in the reports to evaluate loan applicants. Access to free reports was mandated in consumer privacy legislation President Bush signed into law last year.

"The program was designed to help consumers get a better understanding of their credit and to promote accuracy in terms of consumer information," FTC spokeswoman Jen Schwartzman said.

Before the new law, consumers had access to free credit

reports only if they were denied credit, unemployed, on welfare or believed that they were victims of identity theft. A handful of states also allow residents access to free reports.

People in Midwest states will become eligible for free reports on March 1, followed by Southern states on June 1 and Eastern states on Sept. 1.

The FTC is staggering the requesting period to help the nation's three major credit bureaus - Equifax, Experian Information Solutions and Trans Union - deal with an expected crush of people asking for free credit histories.

To get a free credit report, consumers can log on to www.AnnualCreditReport.com, a new Web site created jointly by the credit reporting companies. They also can call 1-877-FREE-FCIA or mail a standardized form to Box 105281, Atlanta, Ga. 30344-5281. Consumers are allowed one free report per year from each of the agencies.

State Department officials will study Columbia River

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - The State Department held a closed-door meeting in Spokane this week to discuss the international spat between Washington state and a Canadian metals company that has been polluting the Columbia River for decades.

A giant smelter in Trail, British Columbia, owned by Teck Cominco Ltd., is the focus of intense discussions between the U.S. and Canadian governments.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has ordered the Canadian company to start paying for studies and an eventual cleanup of millions of tons of slag and heavy metals that have been dumped from the smelter into the Columbia.

The company has protested that it is not subject to U.S. laws since the smelter operates entirely in Canada.

Reporters were barred from Monday's meeting.

The State Department officials this week include Terry Breece, director of the Office of Canadian Affairs; Nancy Nelson, environment officer; and Jeff Fisher, a department biologist.

They planned to tour Lake Roosevelt, the reservoir created by Grand Coulee Dam, on Tuesday and meet with the Kootenai Confederated Tribes and the Spokane Indian Tribe on Wednesday.

The diplomats have been meeting behind closed doors in Washington, D.C., and Ottawa for a year over the transboundary pollution dispute.

Trial opens for defendants in immigrant smuggling deaths

HOUSTON (AP) - Three people involved in the nation's first smuggling attempt were part of a scheme that treated immigrants "worse than cattle on the way to the slaughterhouse," a prosecutor said Tuesday in opening statements.

The trial of Victor Jesus Rodriguez, Claudia Carrizales de Villa and Fredy Giovanni Garcia-Tobar is the first related to the May 2003 deaths of 19 illegal immigrants inside a tractor-trailer.

Prosecutor Daniel Rodriguez said the three were part of a smuggling ring that tried to transport a group of more than 70 immigrants from south Texas

to Houston. But defense attorneys said the three had minimal involvement.

Packed inside the nearly airless trailer, the immigrants began succumbing to stifling temperatures that authorities estimate reached 173 degrees. The trailer was abandoned at a truck stop, and authorities found 17 immigrants dead inside. Two died later.

The victims, including a 5-year-old Mexican boy, were from Mexico, Central America and the Dominican Republic.

The defendants each face 58 counts of harboring and transporting illegal immigrants. If convicted, each could get up to

life in prison.

Daniel Rodriguez said the defendants were part of a "criminal enterprise that treated people worse than cattle on the way to the slaughterhouse."

Victor Rodriguez, 38, is accused of picking up several immigrants who had arranged with his parents to be smuggled. Authorities say his parents ran one of the operation's smuggling cells.

But Alberto Pallen, Victor Rodriguez's attorney, said his client had little involvement. Victor Rodriguez admitted to dropping off three illegal immigrants to be smuggled at the request of his father.

Study pans tram plan for park

CORTEZ, Colo. (AP) - Not enough people would use a tramway at Mesa Verde National Park to justify the multimillion-dollar cost of building it, according to a recent study.

It would cost \$8.2 million to build a 12,000-foot-long tramway with six-person gondolas from a site five miles east of Cortez to the Far View Visitor Center in the park, according to the study by the Cortez Tram Commission.

The cost soars to \$30 million if the tram is actually built in Cortez.

It's very expensive to build the first phase, and that doesn't include the second phase to go to Cortez," City Manager Hal Shepherd said as the study was released Nov. 18.

The idea has existed for more than 30 years. It was hoped the tram would lure tourists and reduce travel time up the long and winding park road, traffic congestion and air pollution.

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

BY MILES CARSON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

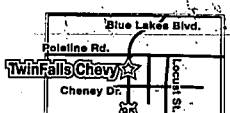
I also learned that Lithia's Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls will be on-line with Lithia's vast network of lenders to get buyers through the financing process quickly and with a plan that is the most affordable. "We've got a lot of options and can help people get financed for a car even if they've been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

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Security chief walked a fine line

By David L. Greene and Laura Sullivan
The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — By one important measure, Tom Ridge had a successful run as the United States' homeland security chief. There has not been a major terrorist attack on American soil since Sept. 11, 2001. And yet, Ridge may be better known to Americans as the man who launched a color-coded terrorism alert system that became the butt of jokes on late-night television.

Ridge learned the hard way that keeping the country terrorism-free brought little glory and was no guarantee of a smooth ride. From the start, he faced bureaucratic turf fights and confusion over which congressional committees had oversight over the many agencies affected under his department's umbrella.

He seemed, at times, uncertain when he tried to play dual roles, announcing vague new threats against the country while trying to calm citizens. And his terror warning system drew criticism, ranging from charges that it left Americans uncertain about how they should respond to "orange alerts" to accusations that the administration was using the system to manipulate public opinion.

Given the challenge he faced in combining 22 disparate agencies, Ridge will leave the department with an accomplished record, analysts say. In his nearly two years on the job, he put a huge bureaucracy on its feet.

His successor, they say, could face a tougher task. The new chief must take on the less dramatic — but more formidable — challenge of getting the department to operate smoothly as one command post with a sin-

Analysis

Ridge sends his resignation letter to Bush.

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gular mission, to prevent acts of terrorism on American soil.

James J. Carafano, a senior defense and homeland security analyst at the conservative Heritage Foundation, credited Ridge with implementing a tall order from Congress to create the vast agency. "No critics have said it is not a well-run agency or questioned Ridge's leadership," he said.

But Ridge had his hands tied, Carafano added, by dozens of congressional committees with authority over one or several of his department's component agencies. Ridge's successor, he said, will be in the same harsh climate, while being forced to make perhaps even harder decisions about how to improve the department's organizing.

"Thanks to Ridge, the successor is not going to have to find his or her office or his or her inbox," Carafano said. "But in any merger, one of the first things to do is signing the contracts — is to figure out what you screwed up. Now will be the time to ask, is the department organized to do the mission it was given? If you don't do that now, things get stuck in concrete."

In announcing his departure Tuesday, Ridge spoke to the enormity of his job and its challenges. He acknowledged that in a department where security had to move so quickly and change so rapidly, the notion that there might be some people out there that are still a little uncomfortable with it is not surprising to me."

Pressure comes with the post, he said, repeating a theme he and President Bush have regularly invoked. "We have to be right a billion-plus times a year," he said, while "the terrorists only have to be right once."

Ridge's replacement will take most certainly have to appeal to Congress to simplify its oversight of the department. More than 80 committees and subcommittees, each with a different chairman and different interests, have stakes in various offices of homeland security.

The new secretary must also try to fuse the technologies of the various agencies, one of the biggest challenges will be to get the "USAVISIT" program running nationwide, putting a system in place to help immigration officials track visitors to the country.

Fred Light, a professor at New York University's Wagner School of Public Service who has been studying the department since it was created by Congress, said Ridge had little time to begin these tasks.

"They don't even have a good head count of how many people work there yet," Light said. Light noted that it took 40 years to get the Pentagon to operate as one entity, though even today the Defense Department is beset by competing interests and authorities. The Department of Energy, which was established in 1977 by merging other agencies, is still struggling to work as one, he said.

Homeland Security "was and still is the most complicated organizational merger in modern history, be it private or public," said Light. "There are a lot of battles to be fought on Capitol Hill over appropriations, a lot of battles to be fought about the one-face-at-the-border idea. A merger is just never a finished thing, especially when it is this complicated."

Disastrous, costly hurricane season draws to an official close in Florida

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — One of the most traumatic hurricane seasons in Florida history officially ended Tuesday with Gov. Jeb Bush calling the occasion a time for "reflection and celebration."

Florida was hit by four hurricanes in a single season, a two-month barrage of storms that triggered the nation's biggest natural-disaster response. The hurricanes took 117 lives in Florida, destroyed more than 25,000 homes and heavily damaged 4,600 more. Damage was estimated at \$42 billion, surpassing the \$34.9 billion caused

in 1992, by Hurricane Andrew, the nation's single most costly storm.

Bush toured some of the most severely affected areas, beginning at Escambia County's new emergency operations center. "This was a historic time," Bush said. "As a state we learned a lot about ourselves and it's important to reflect on that. I think Florida is a better place and a stronger place because of this."

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through Nov. 30. Hurricane Charley plowed into southwestern Florida in mid-August, and Frances, Ivan

and Jeanne slammed the state in September. The only other time on record when four hurricanes hit one state in a year was Texas in 1996.

Escambia County Public Safety Director James Kilgore's announcement that the hurricane season was officially over drew a cheer as she introduced the governor, but nature does not always adhere to that schedule. Capping off the freakish year, Tropical Storm Otto lashed on the last day of the season far in the central Atlantic, about 800 miles east of Bermuda. It posed no threat to land.

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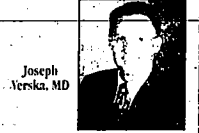
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Students shuffle through the lunch line as fourth-grader Kane Cameron, right, takes his lunch at Waterfront School in Buffalo, N.Y., Nov. 18. Starting in January a Buffalo schools program will start offering small rewards to children who choose fruits and vegetables.

Schools plan rewards for healthier eaters

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — If a healthy heart and smaller waistline aren't incentive enough for kids to eat healthy foods, maybe a bribe or key chain will do the trick.

That's the idea behind a Buffalo schools program that in January will start offering small rewards to children who choose fruits and vegetables in the lunch line.

"Planners don't want to scare students with what are legitimately scary facts — that overweight children can develop diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and other life-shortening problems. But they want them to make better food choices and have a more positive attitude about good nutrition."

As part of the district-wide effort, students will be taught the benefits of eating better, that it improves academic performance and energy levels. There will also be an immediate reward in the form of a prize at

the end of the week for students who have put things like carrot pens and kiwi on their trays.

The incentive is a way to educate them and make it fun and engaging," said Gretchen Fierle of the I2 Collaborative of Western New York, a coalition of managed care organizations and community leaders coordinating the program for Buffalo's 31,000 elementary school kids.

The six-week, \$450,000 program, "Be a Power Eater: The Good Food for Great Kids Program," also has a research component. Different twists on the basic program will be tried out at various schools to see what works best. At some, students will be asked to sign a personal promise-to-eat-healthier, while some schools will compete with each other for a \$2,000 prize to stage a health-related event.

"At the end, we'll report back to schools" on what works best, Fierle said.

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HURRICANES, FROST AND BUGS SEND TOMATO PRICES THROUGH THE ROOF

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East Coast hurricanes, West Coast rains, and pestilence in Mexico have created a nationwide tomato shortage and a bonanza for southern California tomato farmers.

The harvest will end shortly depending on the weather, but what fruit the growers have left is going for about \$45 per 25-pound box — compared with a money-losing \$5 to \$6 back in midsummer.

"We are going to pick every last tomato that we can," said Doug Lowthrop, sales manager with Deardorf-Jackson Co. in Oxnard.

Those will be relatively slim pickings.

Workers at Deardorf-Jackson are harvesting about 10,000 boxes a week, Lowthrop said, compared with about 100,000 a week in July and August.

But even small volumes will help growers salvage what could have been a disastrous season for vine-ripened tomatoes, said Brian Bernauer, sales manager for Fresh Pac International in Ocean-side.

"July was one of the worst months on record for prices," Bernauer said, "and August was only a little better."

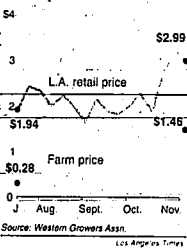
California is the second-largest producer of fresh tomatoes in the United States, after Florida.

"About 75 farming companies grow fresh tomatoes on

Produce payoff

Weather problems sent tomato prices soaring this fall.

Average farm price and average retail price for tomatoes, per pound



puddles of water.

Indeed, several storms in October destroyed much of the Central Valley's crop.

Valley farmers typically pick their fruit when it is still green.

Then packinghouses induce ripening before shipment by exposing the green tomatoes to ethylene gas, the same chemical that occurs naturally in the fruit and promotes the development of its bright red color.

In contrast, southern California farmers grow vine-ripened tomatoes, which require a more expensive system of 5-foot-tall stakes and strings.

Although Ventura and San Diego counties also endured heavy rains, the crop was undamaged because it was suspended safely above the ground.

Florida normally would be supplying the bulk of the fresh tomatoes at this time of year, but the hurricanes this fall delayed planting there, creating the shortage.

Adding to the woes, a pest known as the tomato psyllid has damaged the Mexican crop in Baja California, which typically exports about 12 million boxes to the United States.

All told, about 120,000 boxes of tomatoes are available domestically each day, about a quarter of the normal supply, said Ed Beckman, president of the California Tomato Commission.

The death of fruit has pushed up the retail price at grocery stores by a third to about \$3 or \$4 a pound since early summer.



DIANE THOMAS REALE/The Times News

The snowman cookie jars on the counter promise sweet treats fresh from the oven in Jill Howell's kitchen.

Home tour will raise money for scholarships

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

If you go ...

The self-guided Jerome Chamber of Commerce Holiday Home Tour will be held Saturday from 1:15 p.m. Tickets, which are \$5 each, can be purchased at the chamber office, at D.L. Evans Banks in Twin Falls and Jerome offices, at U.S. Bank, at First Federal Bank, at First American Title, at Gem State Realty, at Mountain West Insurance, or from Katrina Duke, Kimberlee Ward or Betty Wu at Jerome High School.

JEROME — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce Holiday Home Tour will feature four elaborately decorated homes on Saturday, all located north of Jerome.

Proceeds from the tour will go toward funding two \$500 scholarships to be awarded to members of the Junior Chamber Ambassadors, a club at Jerome High School open to juniors and seniors.

The chamber will have signs posted on the main road showing directions to the holiday homes, around the tour route, as well as signs in front of the featured homes. Refreshments will be served in homes along the tour.

For information, call chamber director Elizabeth Thomas 324-2711.

Here's the tour:

- Charles and Jill Howell, 110 West 100 North, Santa welcomes the visitor to the Howells' home. The open-floor plan is perfect for entertaining when the large family comes home for the holidays. There's something for everyone.

- The individual stockings decorate the banister, awaiting Santa's arrival. Snowmen watch over the kitchen — ladybugs and angels guard the children's rooms — a royal treat waits in the master bedroom.

- The decorations themes change from year to year, but the Howells have one tradition that has given the family fond memories: In mid-December a real tree is purchased, brought home and decorated. One family member picks the tree and directs the decorating — all in the dark. It's a lot of fun accomplishing the task, and next-morning when the tree is viewed in the daylight the family enjoys a good laugh.

- The Howells spend Christmas Eve at candlelight church services, then tour the streets of Jerome enjoying the Christmas lights. When they arrive home they discover that Santa has made his first stop at their home. Gifts are opened, treats are eaten and photos taken. Christmas morning brings celebrations with the extended family and friends.

- Bob and Linda Humphrey, 315 West 100 North. The two-story Humphrey home is built in a Western motif and the Christmas decorations reflect that style — from the Navajo blankets and rope festooned longhorns in the entryway to the replica chicken coop-turned-storage cubby at the back door, there is a Western farm feel throughout.

- There are a total of five decorated Christmas trees of varying sizes in the Humphrey home. The largest, in the living room, sports old-fashioned bubble lights, and Western-style ornaments. The kitchen tree is smaller and is done in Western ornaments. The master bedroom also has a smaller tree decorated in garlands of rusted stars and nails. Upstairs is a larger tree in the den, also decorated in hand chosen Western ornaments. Lastly, is the smallest tree in the guest room, done in various cow ornaments.

In addition to Christmas trees, there are a beautiful porcelain Nativity and a

delightful farm scene. Several greenery and berry garlands, candles and winter foliage round out the scene.

Like most families, the Humphreys spend Christmas together, savoring the beauty of the season. One special tradition on Christmas Eve is going to the barn to enjoy the quiet majesty of the night with the family's four horses. The horses get a treat of apples, carrots, oats, and molasses. Their soft knickers and wavy manes tell the chairman members of the family everything they need to know.



DIANE THOMAS REALE/The Times News

Poinsettias, cherubs, candles and tropical foliage adorn one of the bedroom trees in the Howell home.

- Del and Kaylene Holyoak, 170 East 500 North. The Holyoaks' two-story home is filled with a warm and cozy feeling. The home is decorated so that all who come to visit both friends and family will enjoy and feel the Christmas spirit.

- The Holyoak home is decorated with many different collections and themes. In one room you will find nativity scenes, in another snow globes, Santa's angels and a special musical carousel from Germany. Music is important in the Holyoaks' Christmas tradition. They begin listening to it on the day after Thanksgiving.

- On Christmas eve the Holyoak family travels to Grandma's home for food and fun, and each member opens one present which is their Christmas pajamas.

- Kent and Kathy Bartholomew, 43 East 400 North. Kent likes that he had to build the house bigger to house all of Kathy's Christmas collections.

- In the dining room is a tree celebrating Kent and Kathy's 50th birthdays and Bill and Norma Bartholomew's 50th wedding anniversary. Gold, rich reds and blues highlight the tree.

- Daughter Anis' bedroom has a crinkle whimsical style decor suitable for a teenage girl. The master bedroom is decorated with an outdoor theme.

The kitchen is typical of Mrs. Santa's kitchen. Baked goods are prepared and given away throughout the holiday season with the help of daughter, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

The family room has a large eclectic tree with collections of ornaments from years of collecting. All through the tree are memories of the Bartholomew children and grandchildren from when they were small. All stockings are handmade by Kathy. As the children grow up, many start families of their own, new socks are custom made for each new family member.

Throughout the house the visitor will see more than 150 nativity scenes. As the Bartholomew children and friends have traveled the world, they remember to bring back and share a nativity with Kent and Kathy. All nativity scenes are labeled with their countries of origin.

FOOD & HOME

Keeping your tree fresh requires timing

Remember last year, how the Christmas tree shed more than one pine cone...



GREEN THE MIRENIN'S Cathy Walworth

- Wandered through the garage, basement, and attic in search of the right tree.
I used the broken lights.
Located the tree stand after another find and seek.
Settled the tree into the tree stand after a half hour of nutting and at, trying to get it to stand up straight.
Time for lunch.
Moved the tree inside, decorated it after whipping up hot chocolate for the whole gang.
Dressed water into the tree stand reservoir. Stood back to admire your work.

You blew it, pal. The first thing you'd want to realize is that you've got a deadline to get water to the tree after you cut off the bottom. You don't cut the bottom off a tree to get it level...

ets clean up great, especially if you saw off the bottom branch so more trunk will fit inside. Set the tree outside if the temperature is above freezing so it can stay cool.

While the tree is staking its thirst, run to the store for one of those gigantic tree stands, OK.

They're really green pyramids, but they can be covered with the tree skirt.

Tip of the Week: Got hay fever? Pinch the flowers out of your poinsettias for a sneeze-free holiday season.

Remember to take off the foil pot liner and set the plant on a saucer so it can drain.

first day. Go for the Big Gulp-sized tree stand. You'll sleep better.

Tip of the Week: Got hay fever? Pinch the flowers out of your poinsettias for a sneeze-free holiday season.

The big red "petals" are really just leaves, and if you pinch out the flowers, you won't hurt the plant at all.

Remember to take off the foil pot liner and set the plant on a saucer so it can drain.

When company comes, you can slip the foil back on for a more festive look if you like.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: cwalworth@naot.com.

Chef, wife cook up a new kitchen

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — After five years of living with a kitchen she didn't like, Laurence Richard decided it was time for a new one.

Never mind that her husband, Michel Richard, is owner and chef of Michel Richard Cannelle, considered one of the Washington area's best restaurants.

Laurence (pronounced la-BAUNCE) cooks, too, and so do the couple's three children (ages 16, 14 and 11).

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But first, the vitals. Laurence Richard wanted a lighter, more efficient cooking space. She chose maple cabinets with a honey finish, countertops in a pink, black and gold granite, a splash of red glass tiles, and 16-inch limestone tiles on the floor in the kitchen and nearby breakfast room.

All appliances are from KitchenAid, from the garbage disposal to the electric cooktop and double wall oven.

The kitchen also has two granite-topped islands. One is parallel to the sink and two floor-to-ceiling pantry

closets, and includes the electric cooktop and down-draft fan. The other island, off to one side of the room, has six stools around it for informal meals and hanging out.

In an effort to make the kitchen both organized and accommodating for as many as five cooks, Richard designed the layout so the pantry closets and all appliances were within two steps of each other.

I wanted to centralize my kitchen," she said. "Everything needed to be closer. I wanted useless steps around the kitchen all the time and I wanted everything here."

So far, the family's favorite feature is a pullout cabinet underneath the cooktop filled with oils, vinegars, salts and the few dried spices that all the Richards use to cook.

Only a chef's kitchen would contain five complete sets of china, Richard put her eating dishes in the cabinet closest to the breakfast room and the eating island.

The other four sets are in the cooktop island, on the side facing away from the kitchen.

Next to the dish sets is a cabinet solely dedicated to baking supplies, from parchment paper to cake-decorating tubes.

Thermostat frustration can last all winter

The Hartford Courant

The remote control might be the scepter of authority in some households. But with the dark, frigid winter bearing down, some people would argue that the balance of domestic power tips to the person in command of that little box on the wall next to the house.

Who has their hands on your thermostat?

Like cleanliness and competence in the kitchen, temperature preference is one of those barometers of control. Sure, there are spouses or roommates who live in harmony at a steady 69 degrees, say, no matter how deep the freeze outside.

Nicole Conant is settling in for another season of quiet trench warfare with her husband over the thermostat in their century-old Wethersfield, Conn., home.

The problem is the gens home late from work and turns it up, and I wake up with a pounding headache and here I get out of bed and turn it down," Conant said.

It's that the high price of heating oil averaging more than \$24 a gallon in Connecticut that has her reaching for the thermostat at home—it's just her body's preference for 68 degrees.

It's just the opposite for Conant's mother, Valerie Marchesan.

"I like it hot," he likes it cold," Marchesan said of her husband. "He'll never understand why I get dressed to go to bed."

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Shorter days call for more lighting

The Hartford Courant

Falling leaves and cooler temperatures aren't the only signs of the changing season. As the days get shorter, the amount of natural light decreases, leaving even the sunniest homes darker and in shadows. And the amount and quality of available light can make a significant difference in how well millions of older Americans with vision problems see and manage daily activities.

Studies show that changes in vision accelerate after age 50. More serious problems, such as age-related macular degeneration, cataracts, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy (a complication of diabetes), optic nerve disease, eye injuries and other conditions affect close to 20 percent of adults between the ages of 65 and 74 and more than a quarter of those over 75.

Older eyes are less able to change focus quickly and more likely to experience blurred vision. The elderly also have more difficulty seeing clearly in shadowy spaces and adapting to different brightness levels when moving from room to room. Steps or furniture may be harder to spot, creating hazards inside

and outside the house.

Making the most of natural and artificial light is especially important in autumn and winter, says Jean Festa, coordinator for the Low Vision Rehabilitation Center at Masonic Care in Wallingford, Conn.

"People often rely on sunlight to help them see," says Festa. "They position their chairs by windows to get the maximum amount of light for reading or stand by a kitchen window to prepare food. When the seasons change, it's important to assess your space, add additional lighting sources and make other changes in your environment."

For example, be sure you have adequate lighting, especially near stairs, hallways, kitchen and bathroom. Remove tripping hazards. Don't run phone or extension cords across rooms. Clean up clutter on the floor and repair any broken floorboards, tiles and steps and tears in

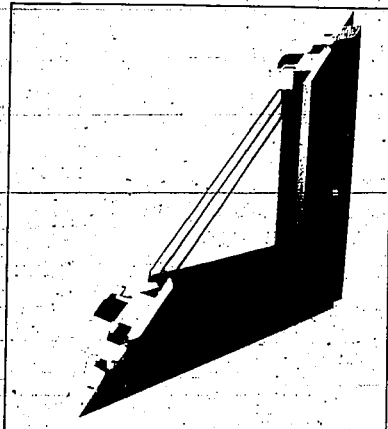
linoleum or carpet.

"Something as simple as opening drapes or shades and increasing the bulb wattage in some fixtures can help," says Festa. "And don't be afraid to leave the lights on. A generator that has been taught to conserve can find that difficult to do."

But while simple changes and techniques can greatly enhance a person's ability to complete tasks, more or brighter light is not always the solution, according to the experts at Lighthouse International, a New York research and advocacy group for individuals with vision problems. For people with cataracts, for example, brighter light can cause glare, which makes seeing more difficult. Fixtures using compact fluorescent bulbs, such as those marketed by Opti-Lite, can be good for people with vision problems, says Festa.

"Halogen, incandescent, compact fluorescents and fluo-

rescent lights all illuminate very differently," says Festa. "It's important to try a variety of light sources to see what works best for your own particular situation."



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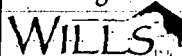
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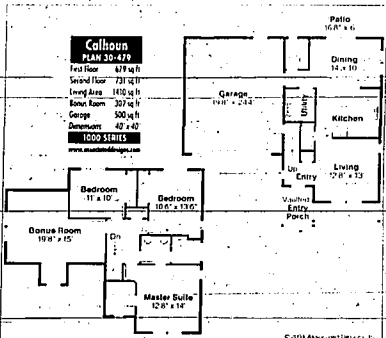
Calhoun has nostalgic warmth

The Calhoun would be so nice to come home to. Stone veneer bases provide natural-looking support for wooden posts on the vaulted porch, and wooden handrails add to the nostalgic and welcoming ambience. It's easy to imagine whiling away a lazy afternoon on an old-fashioned porch swing suspended here, with a good book and a cool drink in hand.

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A short hallway links the kitchen to the garage. On one side is a bathroom; on the other is a fully outfitted utility room, complete with cabinets.



Upstairs, the Calhoun's largest bedroom faces the street. It has direct bathroom access and boasts a walk-in closet as well. Two more bedrooms line the back wall. The unfinished bonus room over the garage is brightened by two windows, one nestled under the peak of a charming gabled dormer. Children (and young-at-heart adults as well) will love the cubbyhole feel of this space, which could easily be outfitted with a window seat.

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Some families opt not to display alcohol

The Washington Post

Imagine James Bond, shaking — never stirring — a perfect martini within arm's reach of a lascivious lovely. Think of Mick and Nora Charles doing the waltz, 1930s crime-solving socialites, quaffing champagne or brandy at all hours. And recall those "Sex and the City" vixens imbuing cosmopolitans in countless Manhattan hot spots.

Alcohol chic has been a recurring theme in our culture, glamorized and demonized by turns. These days it is finding expression again in new lines of furniture and accessories situated at our inner bartender or barfly. From inventive, condé-scale folding bars and serving carts to grand armchairs styled for storing wine, spirits and glassware, the furniture industry is clearly trying to save us from uncorking bottles — and mixing libations over the kitchen sink.

"Is this the cocktail generation or what?" asks Caroline Hipple, president of the Storehouse furniture chain, which offers several models of home bars. "This whole glam sort of persona is really manifesting itself in wine, in entertaining, a yearning for the '50s Rat Pack lifestyle."

Yet many consumers, have genuine ambivalence about setting up a highly visible shrine to alcohol in the home. Because drinking is freighted with issues of substance abuse, health, morality and parenting — to name a few — finding a place to store liquor is different from finding a spot on the shelf for soap.

"A lot of it is lifestyle related," says Kim Daigs of Alexandria, Va., the mother of two teenagers and head of the Parents Council of Washington, which represents 20,000 families of children in private schools. "When I was first married, my husband and I had a bar cart and hard liquor for mixed drinks. Then we went through a stage with beer and wine. These days, their home is virtually dry.

"I got rid of it all as a safety precaution for us as parents and for the children who come in and out of our home," says Davis. "I wanted to set an example that you can live a healthy, happy and interesting life without spirits. If you have a stilling up on a counter, it's just a temptation. Until they are older, I will just opt on the side of being responsible."

There is also the issue of keeping alcohol in view if a family member has a drinking problem.

"I think what the parents do themselves in relation to alcohol consumption is more important than how it is displayed," says clinical psychologist Patricia Dalton of Washington, who counsels families, couples and individuals.

Dalton keeps her spirits "in a high cupboard that's not locked," just as she did when her grown children were very young. "I think you have to be careful about any substance they could get into that they don't understand. But certainly families with histories of alcoholism need to think it through more."

And there are purely aesthetic considerations. Some people like the urbane look of bottles and gleaming glassware lined up on a cart or console. Others consider it dust-catching — or downright tacky — clutter. "My husband is a real neatnik and likes a very sparse environment," says Storehouse's Hipple. "So it was a nod to his aesthetic to keep liquor in my husband's pantry in a cabinet under the sink of the wet bar area. The wine storage is also a bit obscured. I did think about that consciously."

Silver Spring, Md., designer Deborah Wiener has found that the decision to expose or conceal "depends on how the couples entertain and how they feel about serving drinks to guests."

One of her clients, who enjoys cocktails and has three children under the age of 8, bought a Port-

tery, Barn-liquor-cabinet-bar combination, with interior shelves fitted for storage and doors that close to hide everything. "The bottles, which aren't so attractive, are inside. But on the top she has a beautiful tray and decanters filled with liquor. It's in her living room and it looks very pretty."

Wiener places herself "at the other end of the spectrum. I have a little bit of liquor and it's on the top shelf of my closet. It's not because my 13 year old shouldn't see it or know about it, but it's food in my house — not booze — that gets top billing."

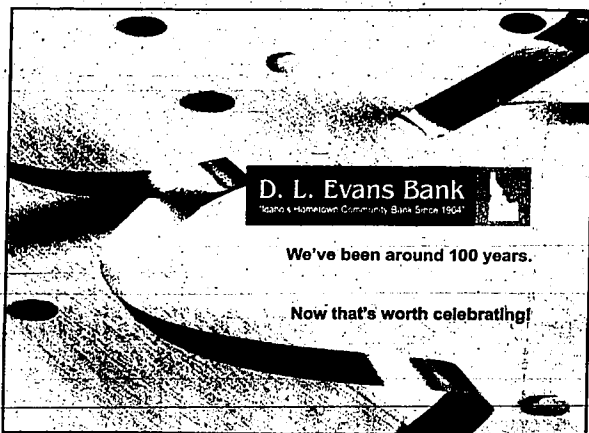
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Keep good food from going bad

The Hartford Courant

In home kitchens where cooking and baking is a daily occurrence, the turnover of ingredients is quick enough that a cook doesn't usually worry about shelf life.

Yet even the most avid cook often stumbles a space in tuckering in the corner of the cabinet. (How long has that been there?) For those whose baking forays are limited to the holidays, dragging out cooking or baking ingredients can induce panic. If the cinnamon has its aroma, will it have flavor? What will rescue a block of brown sugar hard enough to cause bodily harm?

Here are some tips on storing ingredients, determining shelf life and salvaging tired foods. Perhaps they will prevent at least one panic attack during the hectic holiday season:

- **Eggs.** Cartons bearing a USDA shield also will display two dates. The "sell-by" or "pack date" is the day the eggs were washed, graded and packed. This number is based on the calendar, with 1 for Jan. 1 through 365 for Dec. 31. There also is a "sell-by" or expiration date. When refrigerated, eggs will be fine for use three to five weeks after the expiration date.

- **Butter.** It's hard to beat the flavor of this dairy product in baked goods, although margarine is easier on the wallet. When butter is in solid stick up tucked in its original container into a freezer-safe, sealable plastic bag, butter will keep for four months. For best flavor, use butter within two weeks of the date on the package. Contrary to refrigerator design, butter should be stored in the coldest part of the fridge, not on the door.

- **Flour.** White flour has a longer shelf life than whole-wheat flour. Packed in an airtight container, white flour will keep for a year, or indefinitely in the refrigerator or freezer. (To discourage those pesky bugs that sometimes turn up in flour, add a couple of bay leaves.) Whole-wheat flour will last about three months at room temperature, six months in the refrigerator or 12 months in the freezer. Allow flour stored in the refrigerator or freezer to come to room temperature before using.

- **Leavenings.** Packets of unopened granular yeast prefer a cool, dry storage place but still should be used within three to four months. After opening, store yeast in an airtight container in the back of the refrigerator. Check the package for an expiration date, or use this simple test to determine if the yeast is still active: Mix an envelope of yeast, 1 teaspoon sugar and 1/4 cup warm water in a measuring cup. Set aside for 10 minutes. If the yeast foams to the 1/2-cup mark, it hasn't lost its punch. Baking powder and baking soda, when kept dry and in covered containers, will keep for about 24 months; cream of tartar will last indefinitely. There is a way to check the potency of baking powder. Stir 1/2 teaspoon baking powder into 1 cup of warm water, and if it bubbles, it's robust.

- **Sugar.** Brown sugar turns hard when its moisture evaporates. A slice of fresh apple stored with the sugar helps to keep it soft and moist. Domino Foods suggests this microwave method to soften hardened brown sugar: Put about 1/2 pound of hardened sugar in a microwave-safe bowl. Cover with two wet paper towels. Cover bowl with plastic wrap. Heat in microwave at high for 1-1/2 to 2 minutes. Fluff with a

- **Liquid sugar.** Honey and corn syrups will keep indefinitely in a cool, dry place, although honey may crystallize. If honey has crystallized, put the opened jar in a pan of hot water, and heat until dissolved. Or microwave on high for 15 to 60 seconds, depending on the size of the jar and amount of honey.
- **Chocolate.** Store it in a cool, dark place. Chocolate can absorb odors from other foods—

- also may "bloom" — white streaks appear on the surface (they disappear when it melts).
- **Spices.** Light and heat rob spices of their color and aroma. Spices and dried herbs should be stored in a cool, dark place. Whole spices such as cloves, nutmeg and cardamom pods will last up to four years; ground spices are good for three years. Use your nose as the ultimate freshness check. Vanilla extract

- has an indefinite shelf life.
- **Nuts.** Unshelled nuts in airtight containers have a shelf life of six months in the refrigerator and 12 months in the freezer. Cut that time in half for shelled nuts.

Sources: U.S. Department of Agriculture; American Egg Board; Lundt Oakes, oakes@ohiokingarthurflour.com; Fleischmann's Yeast, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Cook; inglight.com; McCormick.com; International Tree Nut Council.

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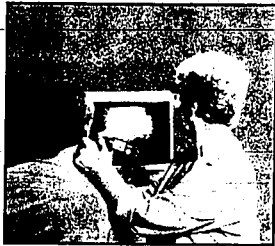
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Students learn about environment through gardening

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON When the students at Daniels Run Elementary School step outside their classrooms, they are standing in a landscape of their own creation — make that their own restoration.

A couple of years ago, the grounds of the Fairfax, Va., school were typical blighted somewhat neglected, and recently disturbed by a major construction project.

A landslide was covered with grass, a wooded area was overgrown and full of invasive plants. A stream behind the woods, from which the school takes its name, was damaged by storm water and pollution.

Today, the school is a model for protecting the Chesapeake Bay watershed. There is still work to be done, but a dedicated coalition of public and private organizations, volunteers, parents and students have made a huge difference.

It started in 2002, after Jeanette Stewart, a local graphic designer turned environmental activist, met Lori Huberman Hayes, a science technology resource teacher at Daniels Run, over a bin of worms. Huberman Hayes invited Stewart to demonstrate worm composting for first-grade students.

Everybody was very impressed with the presentation," said Huberman Hayes, and soon every classroom in the school had a bin of worms happily munching fruit and vegetable scraps from the cafeteria.

This success led to what has become an extensive program of Bayscaping, or landscaping that benefits the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed, a concept that has been championed by environmental groups.

"I devised the watershed curriculum before I even had a school in mind," said Stewart, who switched from art to ecosystems after she saw the devastating impact on plants and wildlife when a wooded area near her home was bulldozed for a housing development. Her "Happenings in Our Habitat" program focused on watershed protection and was designed to correspond to the Virginia Standards of Learning, the guidelines that are the road maps for all classroom education in the state.

Stewart had been director of education and Bayscaping for the EcoStewards Alliance, a nonprofit organization that helps people reduce consumption and successfully "give more lightly upon the earth." The organization's treasurer knew the principal at Daniels Run and suggested that the school, which has about 400 students, would be an ideal place to introduce a Bayscaping program. With "Happenings in Our Habitat" as a guide, Stewart and Huberman Hayes tackled the former suburban construction site.

In 2003, the first-grade students planted a rain garden, a place where storm water runoff is slowed and held in the soil to leach out chemicals and help prevent erosion. The fourth-graders planted a second rain garden in 2004. Second-graders built a log-and-twig habitat for small creatures. Third-graders helped build a pollinator garden, where they could study butterflies.

Huberman Hayes said, "The students are very enthusiastic. They love being outside."

Students and volunteers also stripped turf grass from the hillside and planted native grasses.

To keep the newly planted plants from washing away before they could become established, first-graders sowed the site with annual rye grass. Students helped clear invasive English ivy from the understorey of the wooded area and helped install

a dry stream bed, lined with fabric that catches sediment and is covered with river rocks. A dry stream bed helps channel and slow storm water runoff and reduce erosion.

Two small bridges across the dry bed are made of flex, a recycled plastic planking product.

The sixth grade "Bayscaping Stars" give tours of the site. "It's amazing how much they know," Huberman Hayes said. "They answer questions I didn't know they knew. It's really made an impact on them."

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Holy mole! Try something special from Puebla

By Barbara Hansen
Los Angeles Times

The first time I visited Mexico City, many years ago, I dined in the Zona Rosa at Fonda El Refugio, a traditional restaurant that served my eyes a number of dishes I hadn't seen at home in Los Angeles. One of those dishes was "mole poblano," a dish I had heard of, but never tasted.

Intrigued, I ordered it. Astonished by its richness and spiciness — chocolate and spicy at the same time — I wiped every trace from the plate and even brought home the plate (in those days, El Refugio sold its dinnerware). It was like nothing I had ever eaten.

I returned to Mexico many times after that mole-awakening, often exploring regions without mole present, particularly Puebla, Oaxaca, and Veracruz. I marveled at the sheer variety and deliciousness of local variations of this rich, spicy sauce made of dried chiles, almonds, sugar and spices, and how many more ingredients ground into a paste, thinned with broth and served with meat. It was fascinating to see how one dish could be so intricately changed and embellished from region to region and cook to cook.

Originally, the dish was made with turkey; moles using the indigenous fowl became fashionable throughout the state of Puebla. Because it was labor-intensive and expensive, it eventually became the fiesta dish, spreading to other regions. It still enjoys that honor.

"Mole is present at every special event of our lives," says Jalisco-born chef Ramiro Arvizu of the Cenaduría La Casita Mexicana in Bell, Calif. Mole as we know it was created in the late 17th century when a banquet was arranged in Puebla for a newly arrived viceroi. The task of preparing the main dish fell to a Dominican chef, Sor Andrea de la Asuncion of the convent of Santa Rosa, whose cooking was much-sought-after by the city's elite. In those days, convents were renowned for exquisite cooking. The nuns concocted intricate soups, pastries, liqueurs and other dishes, applying Spanish and Moorish cookery techniques to indigenous ingredients.

The mole name came from "mulli" or "mulli" (sauce) in Nahuatl, the language of the Aztecs. Its ancestor was an aristocratic, chocolate-flavored concoction served to the emperor Moctezuma. More than a century later, in Sor Andrea's inspired hands, it became a sumptuous dish, delighting the viceroi and earning its standing as Puebla's national dish. The beautiful tiled kitchen of the convent where mole was created is now a museum, and shops in Puebla sell mole paste as a souvenir.

I also sampled wonderful mole plates in Veracruz, the Gulf state that borders Puebla. Particularly good were those at Dona Josefina, a restaurant in the mountain town of Naolinco, an hour's drive from Mexico City. In the colonial town of Xico. On one of the main streets of Xico are shops that sell rich brown Xico-style mole paste; cooks use this as a shortcut to cooking the labor-intensive dish. Of course, I couldn't resist picking some up to bring home.

The moles are basically the same style in Puebla, Veracruz and Guanajuato, where I bought a homemade paste that was so good I never cooked with it but ate it just the way it was, spread on a warm tortilla. Sweet, fragrant with spices, chile-infused yet elegantly balanced, it was a peak taste, a landmark in my search for great mole.

The one state where moles are different is Oaxaca, the "land of the seven moles." There you find "mole negro" (black mole), as well as red, green and yellow moles and moles "estofado," "coloradito" and "chichilo." The variations among them result from the particular chiles used, whether the chiles are dried or fresh (for green mole they are fresh), whether the tortillas used to thicken the mole are roasted (as they are for mole negro), any vegetables or herbs included (for instance, "herba santa" is used in green mole), any fruits used (raisins are an ingredient in estofado; plantain is used in mole poblano) and whether chocolate is included (for green and yellow it is not).

Although Southern California always has been rich in Mexican food, wonderful moles were hard-to-come-by-until-fairly-recently. "used to be that when you did find them, they were pedestrian, often hastily made with commercial pastes.

Even the type of chocolate used can vary. I know it's common to hand-select—the

components of the chocolate, which include cacao beans, almonds, sugar and spices, and have them ground to taste.

In the original mole, turkey that had been fattened with chestnuts and hazelnuts was simmered in the sauce, according to "La Tipica Cocina Poblana," a 1945 cookbook by Salazar Monroy.

Today's chefs tend to use chicken, for convenience's sake, often if it's roasted or boiled separately, then sauced with the mole. But traditionally meats were cooked in the sauce that suffused it with flavor.

Not everyone has the time or skill to blend their own sauce, so even in Mexico, cooks use the pastes, which include the basic components: chiles, chocolate, nuts and spices. There's no shame in this, because the pastes can be very good, and skilled cooks enrich them until they meet their own high standards by adding tomatoes; additional chocolate, sugar and other seasonings and fresh herbs. And mole requires dried chiles not available here, such as the "chilhuacle," so for authentic flavor, it is necessary to use a paste from Oaxaca.

Mayordomo, the famous chocolate producer of Oaxaca, recently began to export the red and black mole pastes that formerly were sold only at its outlets in downtown Oaxaca. (It's available at <http://www.mexicochoco.com>.) Mole sauces usually get their body from a thickener, such as tortillas or bread, or both. A woman from Puebla told me that she uses animal crackers.

Today you can find moles made not only with chicken, but also with pork. But it's not just for sausage meats; mole is also used in many other ways. "Emoladas" are enchiladas sauced with mole. In Oaxaca, mole negro is a popular filling for tamales. In Puebla, a cozy little restaurant La Gardenia garnishes rice with mole sauce.

Our mole poblano recipe comes from La Casita, a restaurant in Los Angeles. The chef-owners Jaime Martin del Campo and Ramiro Arvizu went to Puebla to research the dish, then added their own refinements, boosting the chocolate flavor by adding ground-toasted cacao beans as well as Mexican chocolate tablets. It's a dense, rich mole with intense chile flavors.

To make it, five kinds of chiles are dried—and then soaked overnight. The next day, they're pureed, then added to a sauce made of roasted and ground tomatoes, several kinds of seeds, nuts, plantain, raisins, chocolate and raisins. Partially cooked chicken is finished by simmering in the sauce; we adapted the recipe for turkey, as well.

Like Oaxacan mole verde (green mole), ours is made with

fresh chiles rather than dried, but it comes from a Mexico City-born chef, Verika Munoz, chief of Frida Mexican Cuisine in Beverly Hills, also uses "pepitas" (pumpkin seeds), tomatillos, lettuce and cilantro along with poblanos, serrano and jalapeno chiles. The result is a very fresh, light tasting sauce that makes a perfect pairing with pork. This adaptation is made with pork shoulder roast and is less labor-intensive than many moles.

One of the specialties of Maria Lopez of the Guelagueta restaurants in the Koreatown section of Los Angeles is coloradito, a sweet, lightly colored Oaxacan mole. Her recipe offers an efficient sequence for roasting tomatoes, chiles, seeds, spices and other ingredients in a skillet, then pureeing, simmering and adding chocolate and thickener.

In a cooking class dedicated to mole at the Academia Falcon in Guanajuato, my classmates and I ground up dried "bolillo" roll, plantain, tomato, peanuts and cloves and sifted this into mole paste from the local market, along with freshly made chicken broth, sesame seeds, additional chocolate and sugar. Even though we were beginners, the result, which we used to sauce the boiled chicken, was sensational.

Sor Andrea had to prepare her mole for a viceroi, but my class the mole for a viceroi, but my class expected guests to feed, so we ate it all ourselves.

MOLE COLORADITO

- 1 large chicken, cut into pieces
- 1/2 small onion, peeled
- 2 cloves garlic
- Salt
- 1 small onion, peel on
- 2 1/4 pounds (about 7) plum tomatoes
- 1 small clove garlic
- 2/3 cup almonds
- 2/3 cup raisins
- 3/4 cup sesame seeds
- 5 black peppercorns
- 5 whole cloves
- 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 6 ancho chiles
- 12 "guajillo" chiles
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 2 tablets Mexican chocolate, chopped
- Fine dry bread crumbs, if needed
- 1 cup sugar, or more to taste

Wash the chicken pieces and place in a large pot. Add enough water to cover and add the peeled half onion, garlic and 1 tablespoon salt. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer until the chicken is tender, about 45 minutes. Remove the chicken from the broth and set aside. Strain the broth and reserve.

In the meantime, wrap the unpeeled onion in foil and roast



The classic mole poblano is made with turkey, shown here garnished with sesame seed Mexican crema.

Los Angeles Times photo

it in a 400-degree oven until soft, about 50 minutes. Unwrap and peel the onion and set it aside. Roast the whole tomatoes in a large dry skillet until softened, about 10 minutes. Place the tomatoes in a bowl. Roast the garlic quickly in the same skillet for about 1 to 2 minutes and add to the tomatoes.

Wipe out the skillet and roast, separately, the almonds, raisins and sesame seeds; add to the tomatoes. Next, roast together the peppercorns, cloves, oregano and cinnamon until fragrant and add to the tomatoes. Remove the stems, veins and

seeds from the chiles. Roast the chiles in the same dry skillet until fragrant and softened but not dark, about 2 to 3 minutes. Working in batches, spoon the tomato mixture from the bowl into the jar of a blender with the roasted onion and the chiles. Blend together with some of the reserved chicken stock until smooth and fluid. Strain.

Heat the oil in a heavy saucepan over medium-low heat. Add the blended mixture and the chopped chocolate and stir until dissolved, about 10 minutes. The texture should be fluid. Add bread crumbs to

thicken if the sauce is too thin. If it's too thick, add more broth. Stir in the sugar and salt to taste and cook another 10 minutes. The flavor should be distinctly sweet.

To serve, place a portion of chicken on a plate and pour the mole sauce over. Each serving with one-half cup sauce—699 calories; 46 grams protein; 52 grams carbohydrates; 9 grams fiber; 37 grams fat; 8 grams saturated fat; 147 milligrams cholesterol; 128 milligrams sodium. Total time: 1 hour, 40 minutes. Servings: 6

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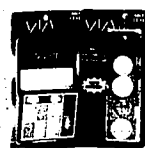
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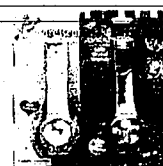
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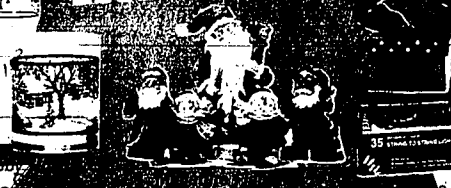
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Bad news for fans of the Chicago Bulls. Not one of their players was suspended for the year. They gotta keep playing.

Jay Leno, on 'The Tonight Show'

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Hall of Fame quarterback Terry Bradshaw had roles in these three movies starring Burt Reynolds. What are they?
ANSWER below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

HS Boys Basketball
The Community School at Hansen, 6:30 p.m.
Oakley at Carey, 6 p.m.
Rockland at Hatt River, 7:30 p.m.
HS Girls Basketball
Community at Ivin Falls, 6 p.m.
Mountain Home at Jerome, 6 p.m.
Pocatello at Hinton, 6 p.m.
Blackfoot at Wood River, 6 p.m.
Blaine at Dietrich, 6 p.m.
ISR at Bliss, 6 p.m.
Glenns Ferry at Blinrock, 6 p.m.

IN-BRIEF

CSI women move up poll to No. 2
TWIN FALLS — Gulf Coast Community College (TCC) remains in the top spot of the women's NCAA Division I basketball poll while the College of Southern Idaho, up one from third, takes the second spot.
Seward County Community College is up two from fifth. Southeastern Illinois College remains in fourth and South Plains College breaks into the top five after an eighth-place ranking last week. Trinity Valley (Texas) Community College drops four to sixth this week.
Gulf Coast (0-0), the 2003-2004 runner-up, is led by Helen Johnson with 20.5 ppg and 5.4 rpg.
Said Lake CC (0-2) dropped from No. 10 to No. 13. Dixie State (0-2) dropped to No. 24 from 20th.

CSI men's basketball remains at No. 9

TWIN FALLS — Mohler Area Community College (MAC) remains atop the NCAA Division I men's basketball poll this week while the College of Southern Idaho remains in fourth.

Cavalliers accept bowl invitation in Boise

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. — No. 10 Virginia on Tuesday accepted an invitation to the MFC Computers Bowl on Dec. 27 in Boise.
Virginia's opponent has not been determined, but Gary Beck, executive director of the MFC Computers Bowl, said an offer has been made to Fresno State.
'We are tying up the loose ends right now. That is the team we want,' Beck told the Daily Progress of Charlottesville on Tuesday afternoon. 'We have extended a proposal to them and we are hoping that they would accept it.'
Beck said his bowl is excited about the potential contact.
'The game will be televised.

2A boys basketball

Wendell, Glens Ferry, senior; Matt Myers, Wendell, junior; Matt Myers, Wendell, junior.
Offense
Wide receiver — Chris Laib, Glens Ferry, junior; Joe Miller, Valley, senior.
Tight end — TJ King, Wendell, junior.
Offensive line — Justin Partlett, Glens Ferry, senior; Matt Pressnell, Glens Ferry, junior; Kevin Oden, Wendell, senior; Zach Rietzke, Wendell, senior; Adrian Southfield, Wendell, junior.
Quarterback — Scott Gridley, Glens Ferry, senior.
Running backs — Zac Davis, Wendell, junior; Ted Walker, Glens Ferry, senior.
Defense
Defensive line — Justin Partlett, Glens Ferry, senior; Jesus Ortiz, Glens Ferry, senior.
Wide receiver — Adam Kroeger, Wendell, senior.

Jockey shines light on racing's dark side

INSTITUTE, W.Va. — Gary Birzer had two rituals before climbing into the saddle, each night. First, he'd watch tapes of his idol, Pat Day, thoroughbred racing's top purse winner. Then he'd say a prayer.
'For father,' he would say. 'Keep your angels watching over us. If anybody falls, help them back up on their feet.'
The 29-year-old jockey fell during a race at West Virginia's Mountaineer Park this summer. But unlike so many times before in his seven-year career, he didn't get back up.
Birzer awoke in a hospital, to find himself paralyzed from the chest down. It was only then that he learned the catastrophic injury insurance he thought he

had through the jockeys' Guild had lapsed two years earlier, leaving only a \$100,000 track policy to cover bills already totalling \$300,000.
Birzer's case has shined a light on a dark side of the 'sport of kings' — that the majority of the riders who wear the silks and drive this \$10 billion-a-year industry have no safety net if they suffer a career-ending injury.
The controversy has sparked a jockey revolt over health care that has led to the ejection of riders from the hallowed twin-spired grounds of Churchill Downs where the Kentucky Derby is run. Some of the sport's biggest names have refused to ride in states that don't cover jockeys under worker's compensation.
'I was shooting crap. I was playing Russian Roulette with

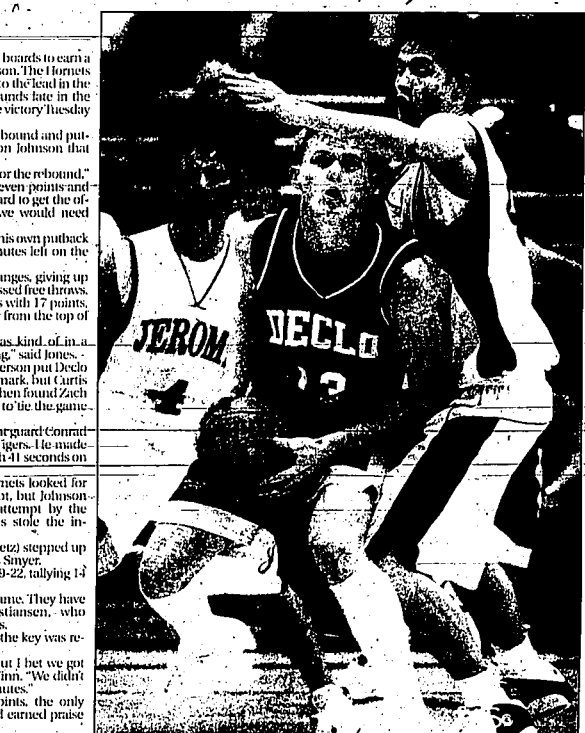


my future,' says Shane Sellers, who, by the way, is the favorite to win the Kentucky Derby but abruptly retired shortly after Birzer's mishap. 'Gary Birzer opened my eyes. The Cliff Edge in this year's Kentucky Derby but abruptly retired shortly after Birzer's first job was

Injured jockey Gary Birzer lifts weights at the West Virginia Rehabilitation Center in Institute, W.Va., Nov. 17. The 29-year-old jockey fell during a race at West Virginia's Mountaineer Park on July 20. He awoke in a hospital to find that he was a quadriplegic, paralyzed from the chest down, with insufficient insurance to cover his medical expenses.

Declo holds off Jerome, 46-45

By John Derr
Times-News writer
JEROME — Declo controlled the boards to earn a victory in opening game of the season. The Hornets trailed after one, but pushed back to the lead in the second quarter then got key rebounds late in the game for the 46-45 non-conference victory Tuesday night.
In the end, it was an offensive rebound and putback with six seconds left by Tyson Johnson that made the difference.
'I just saw the shot and went up for the rebound,' said Johnson, who finished with seven points and eight rebounds. 'We battled real hard to get the offensive rebounds. We knew the we would need them.'
Jerome's Troy Tolman converted his own putback to tie the game at 39 with five minutes left on the clock.
The Tigers kept giving Declo changes, giving up three offensive rebounds on the missed free throws. Drew Jones, who led the Hornets with 17 points, made them pay, hitting a 3-pointer from the top of the arc for the lead.
'We played tough defense. I was kind of in a rhythm at the end so I kept shooting,' said Jones.
Two free throws from Jordan Anderson put Declo up by four with at the two-minute mark, but Curtis Bell cut it in half with a lay-up. Bell then found Zach Dietz, wide open under the basket to tie the game with 45 seconds left.
An offensive foul put Jerome point guard Conrad Lee on the free-throw line for the Tigers. He made one of two to put Jerome on top with 41 seconds on the clock.
With time ticking down the Hornets looked for one shot. Declo missed the attempt, but Johnson converted the rebound. A final attempt by Johnson was denied as the Hornets stole the inbounds pass.
'It was a scrappy game. No. 5 (Dietz) stepped up for them,' said Declo coach Dennis Sinyer.
Declo won the rebounding war 29-22, tallying 13 offensive boards.
'We knew it would be a tough game. They have great guards,' said Bjorn Christiansen, who chipped in 13 points for the Hornets.
Jerome coach Houston Finn the key was rebounding.
'We had a decent second half, but I bet we got doubled up on rebounding,' said Finn. 'We didn't quit, we just need to do it for 32 minutes.'
Dietz led the Tigers with 17 points, the only Jerome player in double figures and earned praise from his coach.
Declo 46, Jerome 45
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Declo's Bjorn Christiansen dives to the basket past Jerome defender Drew Vance in the second quarter of their game in Jerome Tuesday night.

Broncos accept Liberty Bowl bid

The Associated Press
BOISE — Falling just short of spots in the Bowl Championship Series, both Boise State and Louisville on Tuesday accepted invitations to play in the Liberty Bowl.
Bowl officials called it a dream matchup for the New Year's five bowl in Memphis, Tenn.
'This could be the most exciting matchup in the country,' said Steve Ehrhart, executive director of the Liberty Bowl.
No. 11 Boise State Broncos and Boise State finished the regular season at 11-0 with the nation's longest winning streak at 22 games and its third straight Western Athletic Conference title.
The Broncos averaged just over 49.7 points a game, second only to Louisville. The Cardinals averaged 49.8 points a game in running up a 9-1 record and the Conference USA title with one final league game on Saturday at Tulane.
'I think fans will really enjoy this matchup,' Cardinal head coach Bobby Petrino said. 'Boise State is an excellent football team with an explosive offense and a good defense.'
Bronco head coach Dan Hawkins called the game another step in the progression of Bronco football. The school finished the season with its highest national ranking ever and is facing a top 10-ranked school in a postseason bowl for the first time.

'New look' Trojans look to repeat

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — The upcoming prospects for the defending 2A state champion Wendell boys basketball team, could best be summed up by the shortest sentence on head coach Allen Kelsey's returned question: 'No longer here.'
'Things are certainly going to look different when this year's Trojans, 25-0 last year, take the floor.
Senior point guard Zac Davis returns after posting eight points and four assists and stole a game last season as a sophomore. Now, he'll have to lead the Trojans, who return decent height with 6-foot senior post Kelly Roseborough along with junior (6-2 post) King and Declo transfer Jeff Lowe, a 6-2 guard/forward.
'We will need to focus and work hard as a team to rebound the ball,' Kelsey said.
Senior guard Matt Myers is an excellent defender and could draw tough one-on-one matchups all season. Senior guards Michael Chandler and Kevin Oden will have to pick up the slack. It is unlikely Wendell will win by some of the blowouts it enjoyed last season.
But don't expect this group to



Graduated Wendell High School guard Tye Davis, 24, bowls over graduated Glens Ferry High School defender Jeff Hernandez, 3, on a lay-up attempt during a 93-63 Trojans win last season.

Conference champ Wendell dominates All-Canyon football

The Times-News
WENDELL — State 2A semifinalist and Canyon Conference champion Wendell dominated the honorees with 12 players named to the all-conference team recently.
Glenns Ferry seniors Jesus Ortiz, Justin Partlett and Ted Walker garnered honors on both sides of the ball as did Wendell juniors Zac Davis and Matt Myers.
A full list of honorees follow:
Offense
Wide receiver — Chris Laib, Glens Ferry, junior; Joe Miller, Valley, senior.
Tight end — TJ King, Wendell, junior.
Offensive line — Justin Partlett, Glens Ferry, senior; Matt Pressnell, Glens Ferry, junior; Kevin Oden, Wendell, senior; Zach Rietzke, Wendell, senior; Adrian Southfield, Wendell, junior.
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Wide receiver — Adam Kroeger, Wendell, senior.

ior: Mario Aguilar, Wendell, senior; Tommie Stone, Wendell, senior.
Linebackers — Cody Darrington, Glenns Ferry, sophomore; Levi Titus, Glenns Ferry, senior; Tony Morrison, Wendell, senior; Will Howerton, Wendell, junior.
Secondary — Ted Walker, Glenns Ferry, senior; Kendall Grant, Valley, junior; Zac Davis, Wendell, junior; Matt Myers, Wendell, junior.
Special teams
Kicker — Jesus Ortiz, Glenns Ferry, senior.
Punter — Matt Myers, Wendell, junior.
Honorable mention
Defense
Defensive line — Kelly Roseborough, Wendell, senior.
Linebackers — Kole Adams, Glenns Ferry, junior; Kyle Brown, Glenns Ferry, senior; Caleb Davis, Wendell, senior.
Secondary — Adolpho Valle, Glenns Ferry, junior; Michael Chandler, Wendell, senior.
Offense
Running back — Chad Anderson, Valley, senior.
Wide receiver — Adam Kroeger, Wendell, senior.

Notre Dame fires Willingham after three years

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Coach Tyrone Willingham was fired by Notre Dame on Tuesday after three seasons in which he failed to return one of the nation's most storied football programs to prominence.

Willingham went 21-15, including 16-5 this season. The Fighting Irish lost 41-10 to No. 1 Southern California on Saturday.

"We simply have not made the progress on the field that we need to make," athletic director Kevin White said. "Nor have we been able to create the positive momentum necessary in our efforts to return the Notre Dame program to the elite level of the college football world."

Players are considering not playing in the Insight Bowl on Dec. 26, and White said he didn't know who would coach the game. Notre Dame accepted the invitation to the game

College football

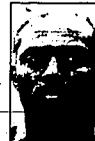
on Sunday.

Willingham's firing comes after a season in which the Irish pulled off upset victories over Michigan and Tennessee but also were beaten badly by USC and Purdue. Student groups were planning a protest on campus Tuesday evening to call for Willingham's firing; he faced criticism from fans much of the season.

White praised Willingham's handling of the team, especially the Irish's strong academic record.

"From Sunday through Friday our football program has exceeded all expectations, in every way," he said. "But on Saturday, we've struggled. We've been up and down and sideways a little bit."

White and Willingham met with some players Tuesday to



Tyrone Willingham

tell them of the firing.

"As a player, you think it's your fault. We didn't get the job done," senior tight end Clark said.

"I think coach Willingham was a great coach and I enjoyed playing under him."

Notre Dame lost to USC on Saturday marked the fifth time the Irish lost by 31 points or more under Willingham — including three against the Trojans. By comparison, former coach Bob Davie's team had just one such loss; Lou Holtz and Dan Devine had none.

Notre Dame hired Willingham, the first black head coach in any sport for the Irish, from

Stanford to replace George O'Leary. The former George Tech coach resigned five days after taking the job because he lied about his academic and athletic achievements on his resume.

With Tony Samuel fired by New Mexico State and Fritz Hill resigning from San Jose State last week, there are now only two black head coaches in Division I-A: Karl Dorrell at UCLA and Sylvester Croom at Mississippi State.

Hayd Keith, executive director of the Black Coaches' Association, said he was disappointed with Notre Dame's decision.

One coach certain to be mentioned as a possible replacement for Willingham is Utah's Urban Meyer, an Irish assistant during 1996-2000. The Dues are 11-0 and ranked No. 5 in their second year under Meyer.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

T.F. Rec boys basketball registration extended

TWIN FALLS — The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation announced the boys' rec basketball has been extended through Friday, Dec. 3, with no late fee. Call the Parks and Recreation office at 736-2265 for more information.

Embattled BYU coach's future in the balance

PROVO, Utah — Brigham Young University's future was pending Tuesday.

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Butch Davis resigns as Browns coach

BEREA, Ohio — Cleveland Browns coach Butch Davis resigned under pressure Tuesday, leaving a last-place team with 11 wins and made the playoffs just as head coach.

Davis left with three years remaining on a contract worth about \$12 million. Browns president Jim Collins said the team worked out a financial buyout with Davis, but did not reveal any details of the settlement.

Tyler Hamilton gets fired by his cycling team

GENEVA — Olympic gold medalist Tyler Hamilton was fired by his cycling team two months after testing positive for blood doping.

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Prosecutor: Pacers players will be charged

ALBURN HILLS, Mich. — Indiana Pacers players will be charged with tampering with fans during the Nov. 19 brawl at the end of a game against the Detroit Pistons, Oakland County Prosecutor David Goreyca told The Detroit News.

Four Walter Camp finalists named

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Three college quarterbacks and two running backs, all from undefeated teams, are finalists for the Walter Camp Player of the Year award, officials with the Walter Camp Foundation announced Wednesday.

De-licing, other factors eyed in Ebersol crash

MONTROSE, Colo. — Investigators probing what caused a jet to crash during takeoff want to know whether it was de-iced before it went down, killing NBC's sports executive Dick Ebersol's youngest son and two other people, a federal official said Tuesday. They have not ruled out other possible factors.

Buccs release veteran kicker Gramatica

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers released struggling kicker Martin Gramatica Tuesday and replaced him with AcquanFootball League kicker Jay Taylor.

Major independents

Team	W	L	T	PA
Florida Atlantic	1	0	0	107
North Carolina	1	0	0	107
San Diego State	1	0	0	107
Utah State	1	0	0	107

BASKETBALL

Team	W	L	PA
Arizona	1	0	107
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9:00 PM	Baseball: White Sox at Yankees, ESPN
10:00 PM	Baseball: Red Sox at Yankees, ESPN2
11:00 PM	Baseball: Cardinals at Yankees, ESPN
12:00 AM	Baseball: Mets at Yankees, ESPN
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

CSI holds nursing open house

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's health sciences program will hold an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday to answer some of the questions that prospective nursing students have about CSI's nursing programs.

Dr. Chloë Büttner, dean of health sciences and human services, along with CSI's director of nursing programs, Dr. Pam Holloway, will answer questions about the program and the profession. Nursing Program representatives from Idaho State University in Pocatello have also been invited.

Anyone is welcome to attend the session at no charge, in Aspen 195 on the CSI campus; no reservations are necessary.

SEC seeks additional information on merger

GOLDEN, Colo. — Federal regulators that submitted another inquiry to Anheuser-Busch Inc., the United States' third biggest brewer, about its proposed merger with the Canadian brewer Molson Inc.

Coors spokeswoman Laura Sanchez declined Tuesday to detail specifics of the communication from the Securities and Exchange Commission, which arrived last week.

"The SEC did provide some comments on that were in the process of working through those," Sanchez said. "We certainly would like to have the merger close as quickly as possible."

The brewer still plans to schedule a shareholder vote on the proposal in December or January, Sanchez said, the next step will be for Coors to submit another proxy statement responding to the SEC.

Sanchez confirmed that Montreal-based Molson did not return a telephone message seeking comment.

Molson is neck-and-neck with Labatt Brewing as Canada's top brewer.

Molson Coors Brewing Co. would have sales of about \$6 billion. The two companies have agreed to pay a special dividend of \$316 million to Molson's shareholders.

Coors shares rose \$1.81, or 2.5 percent, to close at \$74.90 in trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Coors' brewing business has elevated and research operations in Magic Valley and buys barley from local growers.

Shopping group cuts holiday forecast

NEW YORK — The leading shopping center organization trimmed its sales forecast for November and December 2.9 percent for the three-day weekend. That compares to a strong shopping surge on Friday fizzled dramatically as the first weekend of the holiday shopping season wore on.

The International Council of Shopping Centers said sales at stores open at least a year will be up anywhere from 2.5 percent to 3.0 percent for the month, versus the original forecast of 3 percent to 4 percent.

Meanwhile, ShopperTrak, which tallies sales results from 30,000 outlets, reported Tuesday that sales rose a modest 2.9 percent for the three-day weekend. From a year ago, that was down from the robust 10.8 percent increase stores enjoyed on Friday.

The latest data and reduced forecasts provided more evidence that the nation's retailers had a modest and unimpressive start to the holiday shopping season.

The shopping centers group said that sales at stores open at least a year, also known as same-store sales, were down 1.5 percent for the week ended Saturday compared to the previous week. Same-store sales are considered the best indicator of a retailer's health.

Same-store sales were up a modest 2.4 percent compared to the year-ago period, the association said.

compiled from staff and wire reports

Dell recruiters will visit CSI

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Seeking computer-savvy people to answer its business customers' technical questions, direct-selling computer maker Dell Inc. will send recruiters to a six-hour session today at the College of Southern Idaho.

Today's recruiting session does not signal another major expansion at Dell's Twin Falls call center, which opened in February 2002 with 203 employees and grew rapidly throughout that year.

"This is just reflective of the growth of our business and an opportunity to spread aware-

ness of Dell in the community where we've been very pleased with our team's performance," Mike Grayson, a Dell spokesman at the company's Round Rock, Texas, headquarters, said by telephone Tuesday.

Record global product shipments, revenue, net income and earnings per share made Dell's fiscal third quarter, which ended Oct. 29, the best reporting period in its history. On Nov. 11, Dell posted an 18 percent increase in the quarter's revenue. Earnings per share were 33 cents, up 27 percent.

Conway said Dell's search for new employees in Twin Falls is part of the normal course of Dell's growth.

Dell opened 2002 with a local staff of 727 — during a busy holiday season — and hasn't released specific Twin Falls employment numbers since then. Tuesday was no different: Conway declined to specify Dell's Twin Falls staff size.

Greg Rogers, Idaho Commerce and Labor economist for Magic Valley, pegged Dell's employment in March at about 630 people, and on Tuesday in the neighborhood of 650 employees.

"It's a very strong, consistent number," he said, adding that Dell maintains relatively stable employment year-round. "That's what you like to see from a large employer."

Rogers said Dell has created an entirely new sector of local workers which he hopes will attract other good employers to Magic Valley.

Earlier this year, Dell upgraded its Twin Falls call center to serve the company's growing business-to-business customer base. Instead of consumer clients, employees went through additional training, and Dell said the switch would provide nice career paths for Dell's local workers — with better pay potential, higher-level technical training and industry certifications.

Announcing the upgrade in March, Harry Mand, site lead

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COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

ROISE — Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

June M. Erstad, 475 Caswell Ave. W., No. 500, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-42344.

Joey Lee Anderson, 377 S. Morningstar, No. 2, Twin Falls, and Cynthia Rose Anderson, also known as Cynthia Rose Wittlich, 117 E. Ave. G, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-42459.

Cecilio Juarez, 951 N. 500 E., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-42471.

Low Rivers, 805-H-H-Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-42475.

Patricia Selene Eickley, also known as Terina Eickley, 370 Lois St., Newburg, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-42481.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Michael Ray Stewart and Sherry Lee Stewart, 554 S. Advertiser St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 04-42461.

Ralph John Scheu, No. 3 Canadian Club, Ketchum, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 04-42473.

Jon Cory James and Linda Diane James, 1185 S. 2600 E., Blaine, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 04-42483.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Mavis M. Anestios, 46-8 S. 850 W., Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-42473.

Joseph Frederick Schmidt and Laurel Jean Schmidt, 245 E. Lincoln, Richfield, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-42446.

Jonny D. Johnson and Rhonda Kay Johnson, doing business as Rhonda Johnson, Care and Preschool, 822 Aiken, Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-42472.

Gannon Schutte and Jeana Schutte, also known as Jeana Hawley, doing business as "Tint Law," 743 E. Flamingo, 743 Lawrence, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-42476.

Janeal Cox, 1827 Yale Ave., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 04-42480.

Rosendo Mireles and Margarita Hernandez, 270 Maurice St., Twin Falls, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-42480.

Chapter 7, business, \$50,000 to \$100,000

KMitt Fabric Products Inc., 956 Sunrise Blvd., Twin Falls, corporate, business, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 04-42445.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Kyle Laws Bodily and Dena Valorie Bodily, 1627 Occidental, Burley, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 50-99 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-42457.

Chapter 13, business, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Clayton Hoyt Wages and Andrea Susan Wages, doing business as Wages Livestock, 626 S. 300 W., Heyburn, individual, business, Chapter 13, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-42468.

Only one in three vehicles gets repaired

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Timothy Michael died last May after falling from the tailgate of a Chevrolet pickup and suffering severe head injuries.

The 19-year-old from Maine never knew that General Motors Corp. had recalled the pickup two months earlier because the tailgate cables could corrode and snap. At the time of the accident, Michael's employer — who owned the used 2000 pickup — hadn't received a recall notice, said Stephen Schwartz, an attorney for the Michael family.

The pickup was one of the millions of recalled vehicles that go unrepaired each year. Sometimes, vehicle owners are at fault for not getting repairs. But some safety experts say automakers and federal regulators share the blame because they haven't developed a better system to track whether a vehicle has in fact been repaired.

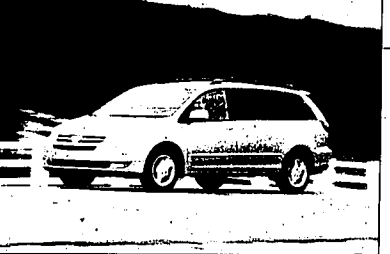
"California requires that whenever you go in for registration, they check out emissions recalls have been done," said Clarence Dillwine of the Center for Auto Safety, an advocacy group. "If you can't do for emissions recalls, you can do it for safety recalls."

Kathy DeMeter, director of defect investigations for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said around 72 percent of recalled vehicles are repaired each year. That means that in 2003, when 19.1 million vehicles were recalled, about 5.3 million vehicles weren't repaired.

While the repair rate is lower than the NHTSA would like, DeMeter said it's up from a decade ago, when the average was 65 percent. She also said it's higher than other auto-related products. Only 35 percent of recalled tires and 45 percent of recalled child seats are repaired because it's harder to track the owners.

"People are becoming more aware of safety, and manufacturers are doing a better job of notifying them," DeMeter said.

Automakers are required to give the NHTSA repair data for six months after they send a notification letter to owners. If repair rates are exceptionally low, DeMeter said, the NHTSA will occasionally require an au-



In this photo released by Toyota, a 2004 Toyota Sienna XLE LTD AWD is shown. Millions of recalled vehicles go unrepaired each year. Sometimes, vehicle owners are at fault for not getting repairs. But some safety experts say automakers and federal regulators share the blame because they haven't developed a better system to track repairs.

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Ford Motor Co. has one of the highest repair rates — around 80 percent — because it sends multiple letters to owners instead of the one letter the NHTSA requires, DeMeter said. Charlie Kopeika, Ford's manager of recalls, said the company will send up to five letters and postcards over two years.

"Ford buys registration data from states to track down vehicles even after they've changed owners. Despite those efforts, a certain percentage of owners are never found," Kopeika said. The oldest recall, a 1999 recall of Windstar minivans with a fuel tank problem, shows 3,253 of the 83,052 owners were never reached. Automakers don't have to contact owners if the vehicles have been moved abroad.

Repair rates for newer vehicles are generally higher. As of Sept. 30, one year after they were recalled because of a fuel tank defect, 80.6 percent of 2004 Toyota Sienna minivans had been repaired. By comparison, the repair rate for older models of the Volkswagen New Beetle was 56.7 percent on Sept. 30, a year after they were recalled because of faulty brake lights.

Federal law has required automakers to provide free repairs for safety-related defects since

1966. Since then, more than 366 million vehicles have been recalled in the United States.

Automakers won't reveal how much they spend on recalls, but the costs go into the billions. The Automotive Industry Action Group, a Michigan-based advocacy group for the auto industry, said automakers can save \$25 million for every 10 percent decrease in the time it takes to find defects. Earlier this year, GM cited high recall costs as a drag on its second-quarter profits.

"Despite the expense of providing repairs, Kopeika said manufacturers can be trusted to make sure owners know about recalls."

"It's a huge customer satisfaction issue," Kopeika said. Some safety advocates aren't so sure. Jon Claybrook, who led the NHTSA during the Carter administration and now is the president of the consumer group Public Citizen, said manufacturers could do a lot more to improve repair rates, starting with the wording of notification letters.

"Manufacturers like to tone down the letter," Claybrook said. "If the consumer isn't given a red hot alert, then they're less likely to respond."

A letter GM sent to pickup owners in April included a warning in bold print not to sit

Auto recalls up

The number of auto recalls yearly has more than doubled in the last decade.

YEAR	RECALLS	VEHICLE INVOLVE
'93	221	8,408.95
'94	247	6,202.88
'95	265	18,121.56
'96	304	17,826.39
'97	285	14,712.65
'98	365	17,146.87
'99	396	19,376.29
'00	541	24,646.74
'01	454	13,626.26
'02	434	18,435.58
'03	528	19,098.10
'04	462	24,353.88

As of Sept. 30

SOURCE: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

or stand on the tailgate until the cables were replaced. One of the letters was sent: GM needed to get millions of parts to dealers, so repairs didn't begin until mid-September. As of Sept. 30, fewer than 1 percent of the 3.4 million recalled vehicles had been repaired.

In the meantime, Michael's family brought a claim for wrongful death against the automaker. The claim is being litigated by GM and the NHTSA, Schwartz said. He said the family didn't wish to comment further.

Claybrook said manufacturers also should be less resistant to reporting injuries and deaths.

One recent case is Mitsubishi Motors Corp., which still is grappling with a 25-year recall cover-up scam. But other manufacturers are pressuring the NHTSA in court to prevent it from publicizing data on deaths and injuries.

Claybrook said the NHTSA also should stop certain practices, such as allowing manufacturers to recall vehicles in certain regions. The NHTSA doesn't have the capacity to keep track of repairs to individual vehicles, she said, but should list recalls needed by vehicle identification number and publicize its system so owners know where to look for recall information.

Pilots union expects at least 100 Delta flyers to retire

Employees depart before pay cuts arrive

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — At least 100 Delta Air Lines pilots are expected to retire early Wednesday, the start date for a 32.5-percent pay cut agreed upon in a \$1 billion concessions package aimed at saving the struggling carrier from bankruptcy.

Delta, whose hub is Salt Lake City, is the only nonstop flight destination from Twin Falls. It's the nation's third-largest airline.

The exact number and breakdown of early retirements versus normal retirements were not known until Wednesday, said Karen Miller, spokeswoman for the pilots union. But she said she expected a total of at least 100 pilot retirements.

Those pilots who retire effective Wednesday will receive retirement benefits based on their salaries before the pay cuts, Miller said. "We do anticipate there will be a higher number of early re-

tirements for Dec. 1 than we have experienced for several months," she said.

Delta warned about the consequences of the continued wave of retirements in a regulatory filing two weeks ago.

"If our pilots retire prior to their normal retirement at age 60 or greater than historical levels, this could disrupt our operations," Delta said in a Nov. 15 Securities and Exchange Commission filing.

To try to ease staffing shortages, the nation's third-largest airline will let September retirees reach an agreement with the pilots union to allow early retired pilots return to duty on a limited basis. But the program is voluntary for pilots and is an option for those who sign a waiver of retiring, the union's Miller said.

Only three of 71 pilots who retired early on Oct. 1 were retired under the agreement, according to the SEC filing. The airline has not said how many Please see PILOTS, Page D6

WestCoast sells Ridpath Hotel to finance makeover

SPOKANE, Wash. — Spokane's historic Ridpath Hotel and 10 other hotels, including two in Idaho, will be sold to help finance renovation of 31 other WestCoast Hospitality Corp. properties, the company announced.

WestCoast hopes to raise \$50 million to renovate the publicly traded company's Red Lion Hotels in 12 states and British Columbia, WestCoast officials said Tuesday.

Also being sold are the Crescent Court and a Budget Inn in Spokane. The downtown Crescent Court is a retail and office complex housed in the former Frederick & Nelson department store building.

Other properties being sold include Red Lion hotels in Yakima and Aberdeen-Idaho Falls and Boise, Idaho; Kalspell, Mont.; and Hillsboro, Bend and Klamath Falls, Ore.

"Seven of the properties being sold are in markets where WestCoast has multiple hotels, allowing us to focus our investment and marketing on the properties which will best rep-

resent our brand and have the greatest growth potential," Arthur Coffey, WestCoast's chief executive officer, said in a statement.

Improvements are planned in the company's remaining hotels over the next 18 months, including new guest room beds, renovated bathrooms and updated technology, WestCoast's investor relations manager Julie Langemeyer said. Among the chain's hotels is the Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs in Twin Falls.

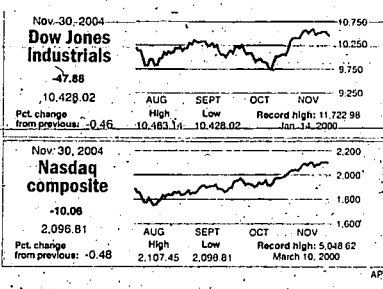
The additional investment follows \$11 million the company already has spent on renovating its system at the beginning of the year, she said.

WestCoast Hospitality, formerly Goodale and Barberi Companies, bought WestCoast Hotels in 1993 and subsequently changed its name to the company's name.

The company acquired Red Lion Hotels and Inns in 2001. The sale of the Ridpath, a 342-room Spokane landmark, Please see MAKEOVER, Page D5

Stocks drop on downbeat consumer confidence reading

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks sagged Tuesday as sliding consumer confidence trumped the latest report on the nation's gross domestic product, which grew at a fast pace but was expected to fall. The major indexes ended November with their best monthly performance for the year.



After a modest opening weekend to the holiday shopping season, a fourth straight monthly decline in consumer confidence was the last thing investors wanted to see. But analysts weren't overly alarmed by the selling, noting that it seemed relatively controlled and was typical of the sort of pause stocks often see after Thanksgiving and ahead of the seasonally strong month of December.

Nasdaq surging 6.17 percent. It was the biggest monthly gain of the year for all three indexes. Brick-and-mortar business spending helped the nation's GDP grow at an annual rate of 3.9 percent during the third quarter, stronger than previously thought. U.S. exports, however, fell 1.3 percent, also contributing to the overall economic growth.

"We don't like to see consumer confidence reduced as we go into the Christmas holiday season, but going by what we saw from sales over the weekend, we think sales will be pretty good," said Alfred E. Goldman, chief market strategist with A.G. Edwards & Sons.

The latest reading on economic growth was a significant pickup over the second quarter's 3.3 percent. GDP, which measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States, is considered the broadest measure of the economy's health. Some analysts think the economy will expand slightly faster than 4 percent in the current quarter.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 0.78, or 0.46 percent, at 10,428.02, slipping back into negative range for the year.

But consumer sentiment didn't match the bullish GDP report. The Conference Board's index of consumer confidence registered a fourth consecutive decline, reflecting doubts about the economy in the months ahead. The index fell 0.9, to 93.2 from a revised reading of 93.3 in October; analysts expected a reading of 96.0 for November.

inflation gauged to be the GDP report showed prices, excluding food and energy, rose at an annual rate of just 0.7 percent, down from a 1.7 percent growth rate during the second quarter. It was the lowest reading since 1962.

Encouraged by the economy's performance, the Federal Reserve has raised short-term interest rates four times this year, and analysts think another rate hike is likely when the policy makers meet in two weeks.

Among the day's gainers, Pfizer Inc. closed up 44 cents at \$25.17 after reaffirming its earnings forecast for the year. Smithfield Foods Inc. rose \$1.15, or 4.1 percent, to \$29.05, after matching earnings as sharply improved but production offset lower pork margins and a modest loss in the beef segment.

On the Nasdaq market, Taser International Inc. added \$1.39, or 11.7 percent, to \$12.75, as a company defended its stun gun against calls by Amnesty International to suspend use of the product until more testing is done to determine its safety.

Declining, outnumbered advancing issues by about 5 to 4 on the New York Stock Exchange. Preliminary consolidated volume came to 1.37 billion shares, compared to 1.74 billion shares Monday.

Colorado Wal-Mart workers make their move to unionize

The Associated Press
LOVELAND, Colo. — In a move that has been unsuccessful elsewhere in the United States, 17 workers at a Wal-Mart store in Loveland have taken the first step to unionize at the store's largest retailer, with stores in Jerome and Burley.

The National Labor Relations Board planned a hearing Thursday to determine if the workers' request to be represented by the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 7.

"Wal-Mart workers don't have a choice," said a spokeswoman for the union, which also represents workers in the United States who have stayed, while in Canada, a government agency this year certified workers at a Quebec store as a union and told the two sides to negotiate. Wal-Mart has said it may have to close that store.

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woman for Hentonville, Arkansas-based Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart said it treats its workers fairly and has an open-door policy that lets each employee directly with management. Wal-Mart executives don't have to pay hard earned money to do what they can do every day," she said.

The union is in negotiation with the Colorado growers, which have a long tradition from nonunion discount chains such as Wal-Mart in offering wage and benefit increases that have been rejected by workers.

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The Bidpath has been restructured following fire in 1992 and 1990, and expanded across First Avenue in 1959 when the Spokane Hotel was purchased and razed.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Columns include Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diary. Includes volume and index values.

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Table showing index values for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and others. Columns include 52-Week High, Low, Name, Last, Net, YTD, 52-Week Chg.

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Table listing local stocks with columns: Name, Div, PE, Last, YTD, Name, Div, PE, Last, YTD. Includes companies like Albertus, Alameda, etc.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are 1,115 leading. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

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MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of commodity futures including Soybean, Corn, Wheat, and various oil products. Columns include contract name, high, low, and change.

SOYBEAN

Table of soybean futures contracts with columns for contract name, high, low, and change.

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Table of fossil fuel futures including Light Sweet Crude Oil, Heating Oil, and Gasoline. Columns include contract name, high, low, and change.

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Table of metals and money futures including Gold, Silver, and various metal contracts. Columns include contract name, high, low, and change.

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Table of cheese futures including Cheddar and American cheese. Columns include contract name, high, low, and change.

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Table of potato futures including Idaho and other potato varieties. Columns include contract name, high, low, and change.

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Table of bean futures including Soybean Meal and Soybean Oil. Columns include contract name, high, low, and change.

GRAINS

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SUGAR

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Dell

Continued from D4
Twin Falls said the local center's top support agents will handle queries about entry-level server products. The facility may also support Dell's entry-level desktop and portable business computers.

Recruiting session
Dell Inc. recruiters will meet with potential job applicants today at the College of Southern Idaho. The computer maker is seeking new technical support employees for its Twin Falls call center.

Continued from D4
The college is currently teaching two sections of PC Prep at its Twin Falls campus and its Mini-Cassia center, he said. In the spring semester, CSI plans to offer a section at its Blaine County center.

What to expect: Dell representatives might opt to interview some job prospects on site today, but don't count on the spot hires. Corporate spokesman Mike Conway said Dell isn't wanted to commit to "any defined number of outcomes" from today's session, stressing that Dell just wants to visit with people and make good contacts.

Pilots

Continued from D4
The news comes a few weeks after pilots ratified the pay cuts agreement with management. The pilots will remain in effect until 2009. Pilots also agreed to a 16 percent reduction in vacation pay changes to the composition of the pension plan and increased cost sharing for active-pilot and retiree medical benefits.

Unclaimed
State safeguards properly for some residents of Albion, Bellevue, Regester and Twin Falls.
Thursday in Money

Advertisement for Perkins, Smart & Boyd, Inc. featuring a dog and the text: "When You're Serious About Investing... Perkins, Smart & Boyd, Inc. Call Nita Barnes Clontz for appointment. Nita, Box 5097 • Twin Falls, Idaho 83401 • 208-736-0026"

COMMUNITY EVENTS

COLLECTING GLASSES

ISU will offer creative writing course in spring

TWIN FALLS—Idaho State University is offering an advanced level creative writing course next spring. The three-credit class will be taught by Bill Studebaker, a Twin Falls author and poet, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Jan. 12, in the Shields Building, room 105, on the College of Southern Idaho Campus, 315 Falls Ave. L. Students are encouraged to register as soon as possible. The cost is \$185 per credit. The course will include Web site and classroom learning and is designed for those with previous writing experience and/or courses, who have a work in progress, are suffering from writer's block or need another push to get started. For more information or to register, call Chris Less at the ISU Twin Falls Center at 736-2101.

Christmas bazaar takes place at Wendell church

WENDELL—A Wendell Christmas Bazaar with lunch will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the Wendell Methodist Church, 175 E. Main. The bazaar will have refreshments, kitchen towels, baked goods and other homemade items will be sold. Vegetable beef soup or chili will be served with french bread, salads and homemade desserts from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

United Methodist Church sponsors harvest dinner

PAUL—The Paul United Methodist Church, 127 W. Clark St., will hold its annual bazaar and harvest dinner from 5-7 p.m. Friday. The dinner cost is by donation at the door. For more information, call 438-5524.

Burley Elks Lodge holds annual memorial service

BURLEY—The Burley Elks Lodge will hold its Memorial Day Service at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Lodge, 1340 Oakley Ave. The service is performed every year on the first Sunday in

December to honor deceased members. Anyone who is a widow-of-a-Burley-Elk-or-his-or-her-widow-whereas-a-member-is-widow.

There will be cinnamon rolls and chili afterward in the dining room.

For more information, call Cynthia at the Lodge-678-5681.

AARP safety course will be Thursday and Friday

BURLEY—The American Association of Retired Persons 55 Alive Driver Safety Program will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave. The program is sponsored by the Golden Heritage Senior Center. This is an eight-hour classroom refresher course designed for drivers age 50 and over. The cost is \$10. Many auto insurance companies offer discounts to those who take the course. For more information, call Bolo B. Harrison at 878-1705.

Senior center serves pancake breakfast

RUPERT—A pancake breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Minidoka County Senior Center, 702 11th St. The menu will include pancakes, eggs, biscuits and gravy, french toast, breakfast burritos, bacon, sausage and ham. The cost is \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children under age 10 and \$20 for a family of five. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 436-9107.

Christmas Home Tour takes place Saturday

GOODING—St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church second annual Christmas Home Tour will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$5. Participants age 10 and older are welcome. Tickets are available at Phil's Flowers, Coyote Jobs, Wilson's and the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center. The tour will end at the Gooding Hotel and breakfast with refreshments and door prizes. Proceeds benefit the Gooding

T.F. Bank employees meet for lunch Saturday

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Bank and Trust employees will meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Mountain Steak House, 1026 Canyon Crest Drive. To receive a spot or for more information, call Dee at 734-4895 by Friday.

IAD presents second annual holiday bazaar

GOODING—The Idaho Association of the Deaf second annual holiday bazaar will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, 1450 Main. Crafts, woodworking, stained-glass work, quilts and more will be available. Proceeds go to funding a center to help deaf children in Idaho. Admission is free. Vendors are welcome. The cost for a 10-by-10 foot booth is \$20 and includes two tables. For more information, call Della Wilding at GoldtoppedLola@hotmail.com or call 529, Ninth Ave. W.

Ageless Senior Center holds fund-raiser

KIMBERLY—The Kimberly Ageless Senior Citizens Center December fund-raiser dinner will be held from noon until 2 p.m. Sunday at 310 N. Main. The menu will feature ham with all the trimmings for \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. For more information, call 622-3650.

DAV holds dance Friday at DAV Hall

TWIN FALLS—The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a public dance at 8 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup. The Idaho Old Time Fiddlers will provide the music. Suggested donation is \$2. For more information, call 734-5208.

Jerome Senior Center holds craft show

JEROME—The Jerome Se-

nior Center is having a craft show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the center, 212 1st Ave. E. Tables are \$10. For more information, call 324-6642.

T.F. Senior Citizens Center holds dance

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center is holding a dance from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at 536 Shoshone St. W. Music will be provided by the Melody Masters. The cost is \$4. For more information, call 734-5084.

Gooding County Seniors serve breakfast Saturday

GOODING—The Gooding County Senior Citizens Center will serve breakfast from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the center, 308 Senior Ave. The menu includes coffee, cereal, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy and juices. The cost is \$3.50. The public is invited. The center plays bingo every night at 6 p.m. (except for Christmas and New Year's Eve). The potluck is welcome. For more information, call 934-5304.

Caritas Chorale holds Christmas Sing-a-long

SUN VALLEY—Caritas Chorale will host its Family Christmas Sing-a-Long at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and 5:30 p.m. Sunday at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 201 Sun Valley Road. For more information, call 622-3650.

Kimberly Nurseries holds wreath workshop

TWIN FALLS—Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Ave. E., will teach "Fresh Wreath Creation" at 9 a.m. Saturday. The workshop is \$25 to cover materials. Space is limited. Pre-payment and registration is required in The Garden Gate Gift & Garden Shop at Kimberly Nurseries. Pre-registration will also be taken each week, so call. "Unique Holiday Wrapping Ideas." For more information, call 733-2717.



Brad Cottom, president of the Rupert Lions Club, is presented with a box of 56 pair of used eyeglasses and 48 cases by Linda Castaneda and Jose Macias of the International Association of Workforce Professionals. The donation was collected from members and their families in southern Idaho as a service project. Lions Clubs International collects used eyeglasses to distribute to needy individuals in developing countries.

Rahkah has resilience, good sense of humor

"My name is Rahkah," after school. I like to run and play in the park. I run really fast. I'm pretty good at swimming underwater, too. I like to catch corn dogs, hot dogs, hamburgers and pizza. "When I'm a dad I will have good rules like no shoes in the house, no arguing, and no making noise at bedtime. If I don't break the rules, I will take away the game they like most for a little while. "I like math and reading in school, but I don't like writing. "If I could choose," I would want to be the middle child in a family, so I could teach the little kids what to do and have I hope I have a dad that is playful and likes to play games. I would like a mom who's not strict and not always talking about rules — one that gives hugs. "Although Rahkah and his older siblings are in several different placements, they remain extremely close. He'll



Wednesday's Child

helping on parents who will be helping him maintain contact with his siblings as the aids learn how to sustain new relationships. "Rahkah is available for adoption through the state of Oregon. Contact Idaho Care-Line at 1-800-926-2588.

Rahkah Age 9

Civic

Rotary Clubs

Burley - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Red Lion Inn in Burley Falls, call 236-0730. **Burley** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Burley Inn, call 438-6722. **Gooding** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Grandstands, call 541-0624. **Gooding** - 12:15 p.m. Fridays at the Red Lion Inn, call 438-5485. **Jerome** - Noon Tuesdays at the Blaine Center, call 438-5485. **Jerome** - Noon Tuesdays at Chin Village, 123 S. Alder, 321-7000. **Paul** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Blaine Center, call 438-5485. **Paul** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Blaine Center, call 438-5485. **Paul** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Blaine Center, call 438-5485.

Lions Clubs

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beta of PNT conference noon, call July at 829-0201

Delta Sigma Phi Sorority

Alpha Tau - 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays in Twin Falls, call 529-4273. **Beta Chapter** - 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays in Twin Falls, call 529-4273. **Gamma Chapter** - 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays in Twin Falls, call 529-4273. **Delta Chapter** - 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays in Twin Falls, call 529-4273. **Epsilon Chapter** - 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays in Twin Falls, call 529-4273.

Elks

Snake River Elks Lodge - 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at Lodge #9137 Forest Garden Highway, 431-3210. **Snake River Elks Lodge** - 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at Lodge #9137 Forest Garden Highway, 431-3210. **Snake River Elks Lodge** - 8 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at Lodge #9137 Forest Garden Highway, 431-3210.

DivorceCare

Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Mondays at Twin Falls Fellowship Center, 401 Guadalupe Dr. N., call Vickie at 734-7571, Ross or Bill at 734-7571 on Deans at 423-0575. **Burley** - 6:00-8:00 p.m. Mondays at Burley First Methodist Church, 150 E. 27th St., call Lynn at 626-2643, evenings, 541-2700. **Paul** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Twin Falls Reformed Church, call Connie at 734-2410, 626-8892. **Rupert** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Twin Falls Reformed Church, call Connie at 734-2410, 626-8892.

Breakfast-feeding support

Magie Valley Breeding Facility - help call information at 324-8692. **Magie Valley Breeding Facility** - help call information at 324-8692. **Magie Valley Breeding Facility** - help call information at 324-8692.

Club Calendar

Send to Attention: Club Calendar. **The Times-News**, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403. **Or fax to 734-5538.** **Or email to pat@magnolia.com.** **For more information, call 735-5288.**

Other

Anonymous - Call 732-0267. **Anonymous** - 8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Thursday at Paul's Hogout, call 734-7628. **Anonymous** - 8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Thursday at Paul's Hogout, call 734-7628. **Anonymous** - 8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Thursday at Paul's Hogout, call 734-7628.

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NATION

More than one semester abroad

Some students mull full degree overseas

The Associated Press

For some, it's about the adventure of an extended stay at a foreign university. For others, it's about saving money, or just getting farther away from home.

Whatever the reason, as they send out their college applications, attending school outside the United States is an option more high school students appear to be considering. Foreign universities are urging them on.

“It seems to me, talking to people that live in Europe, that there's a different aura. The pace of living there is so beautiful.”

— Susan Schell, a high school senior from Birmingham, Ala., who is applying to several universities in England

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have gotten in the United States.

“I don't start every body, but I think I'm better prepared to head out into the real world than people who have had their hands held all along,” she said.

McCall has tripled its enrollment of American undergraduates to more than 1,000 in less than a decade. Recruiters visit 150 U.S. high schools and college fairs each year, according to Howard Freni, the school's recruiting director.

Many foreign schools are making the application process easier — often they consider the same materials, like SAT scores and high school transcripts, that American colleges require. Many U.S. college counselors say they encourage students to explore the option.

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This year's Festival of Trees will benefit area Quick Response Units and the MVRMC Foundation's Women's Health Fund.

The MVRMC Foundation Women's Health Fund provides:

- Support of programs that will ultimately improve the health of women in the Magic Valley.
- Equipment, education and other health related programs
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- May be the first to respond to your emergency call
- Have needs for continuing education, equipment and maintenance



SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY • THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Festival Site 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Senior Activities 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Free for all senior citizens.

New this year, Seniors' Health Fair. Come and explore various health information booths. Complimentary photo from Trilby's, make a special memory with a Christmas card. Free refreshments and served by Fred Meyer of Twin Falls.

Complimentary transportation to the Festival for our senior citizens provided by Sunlight Care and Rehabilitation, call 734-8647. Senior Citizens Day Sponsors: Alterra Wynwood, Bridgeview Estates, Heritage Woodstone Retirement Center, Idaho Home & Hospice, Mountain View Care Center & Geriatric Hospital, SunBridge Care & Rehabilitation, Twin Falls Care Center, Fred Meyer Health Fair Sponsors: Kur's Pharmacy, Magic Valley Denture Center, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Senior Health Services, Joel Newton, DDS, Snake River Eye, Nose & Throat, Drs. Welch, Allan & Hatch

LADIES NIGHT OUT - PUTTING ON THE HOLIDAY RITZ

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 • 7:00 P.M.

Tickets: \$40 per person. Seating is limited.

For reservations, call 737-2480

This special night is just for ladies. Bring your friends. You will not want to miss this event! Come enjoy all the entertainment, live music and laughter. Hours of dancing by Wild Rice's Catering and sponsored by Magic Valley Women's Health. Complimentary champagne and sparkling cider. Fashion show featuring vintage attire. A walk through the years' plus today's holiday fashions by Dillard's and Sheepskin Coat Factory and Fur Salon. Silent Auction 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Ladies Night Out Sponsors: Dr. Bruce & Mrs. Staci AlComas — Southern Idaho Comprehensive Vein Care Clinic, Pioneer Federal Credit Union, Seagraves Family Foundation, Stevens Pierce & Associates, CPA's

CHILDREN'S DAY • SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. • Children's Activities, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Special Activities: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

New this year! Fantasy characters come to life. By the IMPI Company and many more, Home Depot "Make a Take a Card" Give "Two for the cost of 1" (children ages 4-12) to attend on Children's Day. Events — get some shopping done while Home Depot's in-store employees entertain your children! Special Events of the Day: Live Old World Santa • Live Naivets • Hay Stough Rides • Special Hot Line to North Pole Lives • Photos with Santa by inkby's, only \$5* Now This Year, Children's "Touch the Tree" • Story Corner with Mrs. Claus • Refreshments Children's Day Sponsors: Home Depot, United Dairyman of Idaho, Physician Center (Drs. Bart & Lois Adlan, Mary Beth Curtis, Kenneth Harris, Matthew Jolley, Greg Jones, Laurence Martens, Ronald Miller, Dan & Jennifer Prewell, Kathryn Reese, Richard Sandison, Jane Scott, Keri Seppi, David Spritzer, Ding Stage, Jack Trotter, and their staff.

INSPIRATIONAL DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Come see performers from a variety of Magic Valley churches!

Set up and take down sponsors: AmeriPride Coin Linen & Apparel Service, Bekins-Ford Transfer and Storage Co., Magic Valley Christian Class, Steve Bond Electric, Festival Glow-Holiday Lighting, Frontier Moving & Storage, Lions Club of Twin Falls, MVRMC Plant Engineering - Signs, Nowe, U-Haul, Company, Unified-Oil-Western Waste-Services Location Sponsor: Stock Building Supply West.

Visit our "Pastry Parlor". This year we are also featuring Mrs. Cavanaugh's Chocolates - A Chocolate Affair.

General Admission Prices: Adult: \$4 Seniors: \$3 - Except Thursday, Seniors Day (60 and over) free Children 12 and under: \$1 - Except Saturday, Children's Day, free

All Festival of Trees visitors receive a complimentary matinee movie ticket for Saturday, December 4, or Sunday, December 5, for the featured matinee at the Twin Falls Cinema 12. A great opportunity for time with your family. Donated and sponsored by Interstate Amusement.

Holiday Entertainment • Main Stage

Thursday • December 2		Saturday • December 4	
10:00	vi Oregon Trail Elementary Honor Choir & Drum Corp.	10:00	vi The Dance Center <i>Under the Direction of Melissa Belliston</i>
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Partying turns deadly for college student

Chilly town lacks weather observer

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — By the time the rainy night stretched into early morning, Samantha Spady had been drinking and partying for hours. Earlier it was beer and shots of tequila. Now, inside a fraternity house, she was swilling vanilla vodka straight from the bottle.

The binge had gone on for 11 hours. When it was over, the Colorado State student's blood-alcohol level was more than five times the legal driving limit in Colorado. She was stumbling, unable to even stand on her own.

Two students wrapped the 19-year-old's limp arms around their necks and walked her to a forgotten fraternity room full of extra furniture, old beer bottles and the glow of a black light.

They laid her on a couch, and a few minutes later, Sam blinked her eyes and nodded as the last person left the room. She just needs to sleep it off, her friends thought.

Sam grew up in Beatrice, Neb., a small town in the southeast corner of the state about 35 miles from Lincoln. There, her father owned a car dealership and everyone knew her.

It was hard not to. Senior class president, cheerleader, Honor student, Homecoming queen.

Almost perfect. On weekends, she and her friends would head to the country to hang out and sometimes drink beer. But Sam never drank to get drunk, said her best friend.



This undated photo shows Samantha Spady, of Beatrice, Neb., who was found dead in September 2004 in a fraternity house on the campus of Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo.

More than anything, she wanted to escape her rural life. Fort Collins, with its 122,000 people, was just big enough. She loved this college town, its quaint downtown shops and free-lined neighborhoods. In the fall, streets fill with amber and chestnut leaves that crackle when students stroll to class in the Colorado chill.

The sophomore business major hadn't really known anyone on campus until she met her friends. Her mother had always admired that about her, the way people were drawn to her.

Sam had pledged Chi Omega sorority as a freshman, but it took about a year to get the functions to attend and it was hard to balance with schoolwork. She longed for home-cooked meals and her bed at home and by her second semester, she had dropped out of Chi Omega.

In her health class journal, she talked about her struggles with the sorority and how she missed her family.

Mirna Guerra hadn't known Sam that long when the two decided to get together Sept. 4, the Saturday before Labor Day and the evening of the big Colorado State-Colorado football game. Sam picked up Mirna, a freshman, just before 6 p.m., and they went to a house to watch the game. Sam drank a beer, downed two shots of tequila, ate a hot dog and munched on chips and dip. They left two hours later.

They watched the rest of the game at another house, where Sam drank a few beers from a super-size cup. They left around 10:30 p.m.

Mirna told police Sam had been out partying the past three nights. It wasn't unusual for her to drink three or four times a week. Sometimes, Sam vomited and later passed out.

"It's what everyone does," said Sam's roommate, Sam Gibson. "Some people party every night."

It's college. Away from parents, often for the first time for any extended period, college students can come and go as they please and are free to experiment with alcohol. Drinking becomes part of the culture.

Parties come on the fly and there's never a shortage of keys to pop. In the dorms and bars near campus, drinks are cheap, and women often get them free. All-you-can-drink nights for \$5 a pop are common. All of it is an invitation for binge drinking, said J. Wayne Warner, director of the College Alcohol Studies at the Harvard School of Public Health. And there is no one to

tell them "no."

"They're without parental supervision. They're at a period of life when they explore and experiment," he said.

Nationally, 44 percent of college students report binge drinking — five drinks in a row for men, four for women — at least once in the previous two weeks. Half of those students do it more than once a week.

While the percentage of binge drinkers has stayed about the same over the past 11 years, the amount they drink at one sitting has increased, Wechsler said. Members of fraternities and sororities tend to drink more than other students.

Nationally, there are more than 1,400 alcohol-related deaths each year among college students, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Most are the result of automobile accidents.

Sam was upset and unsure of what to do. Sam called her parents. No answer.

It didn't spoil the evening. Sam and Mirna still wanted to find a good party. They soon found one.

For about two hours, they drank and danced to Michael Jackson. Sam downed four or five cups of beer. She may have played drinking games.

"By then, we had started drinking pretty fast," Mirna said. Still, Sam seemed fine. She and Mirna were having a good time, talking about music they liked and possibly rooming together next year.

Around 2:30 a.m., Sam and Mirna were at the Sigma Pi house, a place she felt comfortable. Sam had lots of friends in the fraternity and had dated a few members. Some considered her a little sister.

"She always made people smile," Sigma Pi President Darren Fetapiece said.

About 25 people were at the fraternity house, hanging out in the hallway or drinking and talking in rooms.

"You could kind of tell she was drunk, but you couldn't tell how drunk," said Matthew Killy, a student at Colorado Northwestern Community College in Rangely who was at the Sigma Pi house that night.

Gibson, 19, and another one of Sam's roommates were also there, but they left about an hour later. They knew Sam was drunk, but they had seen her worse.

"I was like, come back with me," she said. "She looked me in the face, saying I want to stay."

Another beer later, and Sam and Mirna were hanging out in one of the bedrooms, listening to the rock band Dispatch with other students. By then just a few people were still awake at the Sigma Pi house. Around 4 a.m., Sam and Mirna were doing swigs of Sam's favorite drink — vanilla vodka. They put the bottles to their lips and tilted their heads back, as the room echoed: "Go, go, go!"

Minutes later, Sam was sitting on the front stoop, resting her head on her elbows.

She was unable to stand and fell back. Her head hung down and she didn't respond when friends spoke to her.

"When did you get so drunk?" Mirna asked.

Unresponsive, incoherent. She should have been taken to a hospital then, said Dr. Charles Lieber, an expert in alcohol metabolism at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. But she wasn't.

Around 5 a.m., Sigma Pi member Baylor Ferrier and a friend helped Sam upstairs and put her on a couch in an unused social room they called "Le Boom Boom." Ferrier had dated Sam the previous semester and says he had seen her worse; he thought she just wanted to sleep.



Members of the Chi Omega sorority grieve during a candlelight vigil on Sept. 7 in Fort Collins, Colo., over the loss of their sorority sister Samantha Spady. Authorities said Spady died of alcohol poisoning at the Sigma Pi fraternity on Sept. 5.

TOWER, Minn. (AP) — You betcha it gets cold up here, but how will we know how cold this year?

This small northeastern Minnesota town that recorded the state's record low in 1996 — a pretty nippy 60 degrees below zero — is without an official weather observer.

The woman who previously held the post left in mid-October, she'd reported lower daily temperature and precipitation since 1972.

In the meantime, highs and lows are being recorded at a building in town that stands at a higher elevation than the official weather station. Colder air typically drains into the valley.

Tower, about 35 miles south of the Canadian border, and nearby Embarrass usually vie for Minnesota's daily low. Forecasters say. Both towns are generally apart by a degree or two.

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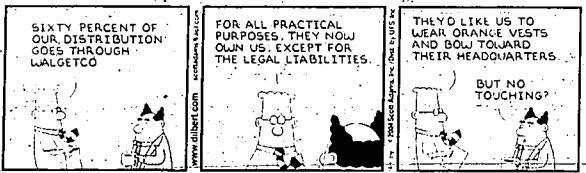
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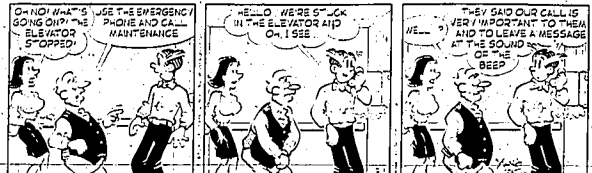
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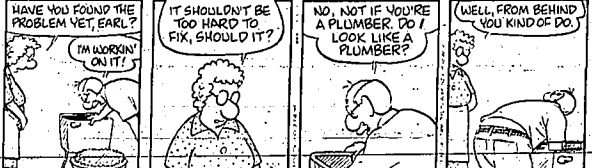
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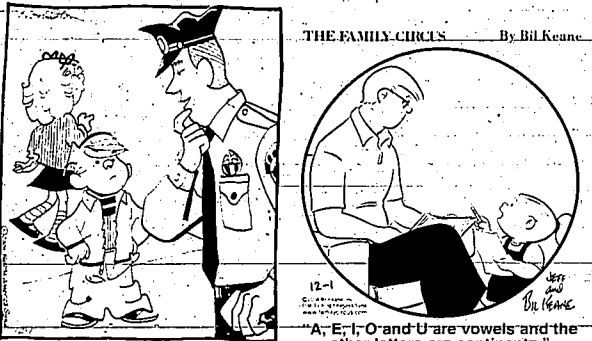
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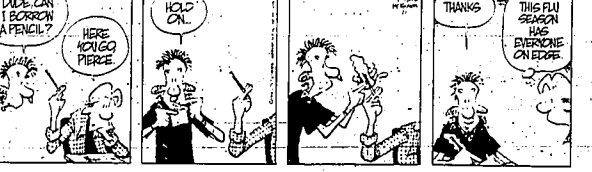
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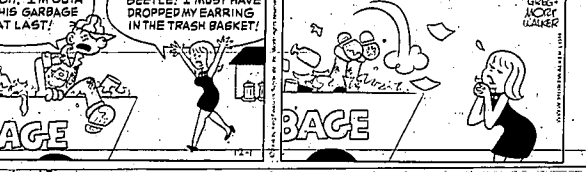
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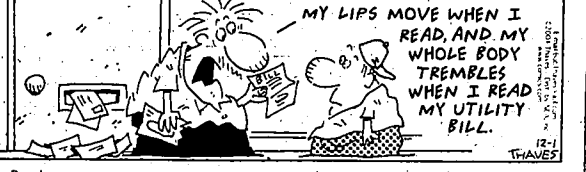
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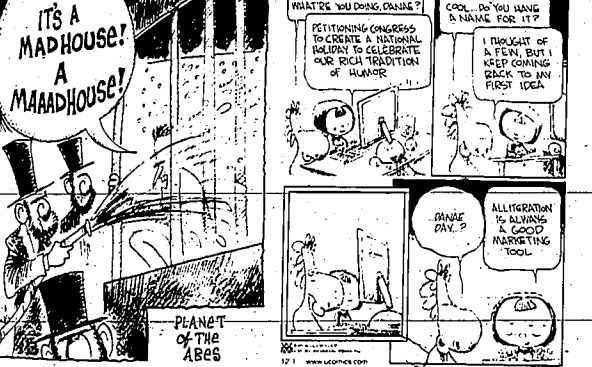
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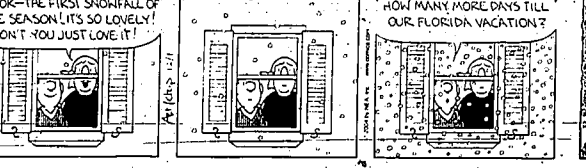
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DEATH ROW'S FORGOTTEN

Woman seeks to secure legal help for inmates

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Robin Maher is a traveling saleswoman whose wares are condemned prisoners. From Boston to Albuquerque, from Denver to New Orleans, she pulls out their pictures and histories and makes her pitch. They have been sentenced — for sometimes gruesome crimes, she acknowledges. Many may be guilty as convicted; others have circumstances that could save their lives. A few could be innocent.

Not one has an attorney. Every face looking back at you is a human being on death row without a lawyer," she tells audiences. "This is a terrible crisis of counsel."

Maher leads the American Bar Association's Death Penalty Representation Project, and the people to whom she pitches are fellow lawyers. Most work at large, prestigious civil firms, specializing in such fields as antitrust and securities litigation for powerful people and major corporations. She asks them to take on the cases of murderers for what could be years of effort and scant compensation.

If the national debate on capital punishment, much has been made of lawyers who show up in court drunk, sleep through testimony, or do such paltry or inept work as to violate their clients' constitutional rights.

But there is another, equally daunting issue for indigent inmates with lives on the line: the lack of any lawyer at all. As their cases wind their way through appeals, no state or federal deadlines and hearings come



Robin Maher is a traveling saleswoman whose wares are prisoners on death row. She makes her appeal to fellow lawyers at the U.S. Courthouse in Washington.

and go and executions near, no right of legal assistance.

The result is a system riddled in crisis. The ABA and other groups estimate hundreds of inmates are without representation. And with the nation's death-row population nearing a record level and the appeals process still constricted by federal and state laws, soliciting pro bono counsel for them has become increasingly critical and difficult.

"This is for the only, though," she said. "It's now or never."

Maher flew to Seattle with high hopes early this year, a full schedule of recruitment meetings set up with law firms.

She stayed on message: The bar association neither supports nor opposes capital punishment. Its interest is ensuring legal counsel.

At Preston, Gates & Ellis, Maher described the record that many court-appointed trial attorneys leave behind, sometimes so slim that it fits within a couple of folders. She conceded the complexity of death penalty appellate law and the gravity of what is at stake.

at sentencing, they presented a single witness.

One of the three Preston Gates lawyers listening studded.

"We've never, to my knowledge, done a death penalty case here," Susan Jones said. "We're not criminal lawyers."

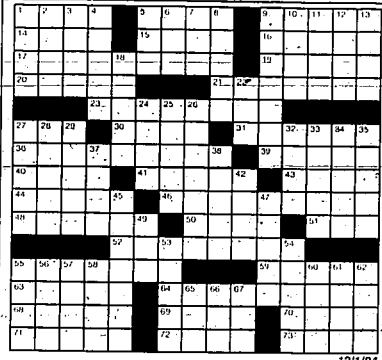
"Neither was I," Maher stressed.

"I can hear in our executive committee. What are the hard-dollar costs?" Jones said.

"They're all over the place," Maher answered. Still, no case comes cheaply.

As for the most challenging cost: "There's so much riding on it," Jones began.

Maher understood immediately. "Of course, it's possible," she said, possible that a volunteer lawyer could have to walk a client to execution. "The only thing I can tell you, she's convinced. It's that you're giving (them) some hope and advocating for them."



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Rescuers examine the wreckage of Lion Air passenger plane after it skidded off the runway in Solo, Central Java, Indonesia, Tuesday. The accident killed at least 31 people and injured 62 others.

Plane skids off runway, killing 31 in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A Lion Air passenger plane carrying more than 150 people skidded off a runway in central Indonesia, during heavy rain and split into two pieces Tuesday, killing at least 31 people, airline officials and witnesses said.

Three of the dead were children, and at least 62 people were injured, officials said. Some survivors remained stuck in the wreckage for more than three hours after the crash, media reports said.

The accident occurred at about 6 p.m. as Flight IT883 landed in Solo, a thriving tourist town about 30 miles southeast of the capital, Jakarta, the station said. The MD-82 plane took off from Jakarta with 141 passengers and five crew members aboard, airline officials said.

The plane stopped in the East Java town of Surabaya before heading to Solo, where it skidded off the runway, broke up and came to rest in a nearby cemetery about 100 yards away, airport officials said.

"The plane hit the tarmac and we all started yelling 'Allahu akbar!' (God is Great)," one passenger told Metro TV. "I grabbed a woman next to me and just tried to reach (the) emergency exit. Everyone around me was screaming."

Metro TV showed a chaotic scene at the airport, with dead and injured passengers lying on the terminal floor and crying relatives searching for news of their loved ones. The plane sat in darkness.

"My plane crashed. My plane crashed," one passenger screamed into a cell phone. "I've lost everything."

Many of the passengers were delegates to the annual congress of Mahdhaul-Ulama, the country's largest nonpolitical Muslim group, media reports said.

Hours after the crash, Rudi Patrianto, the airport's chief of commercial administration, told The Associated Press that everyone had been pulled from the wreckage.

Drinking

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Mirna stayed with Sam for a half hour, urging her to walk back to her dorm room with her. She tried to help Sam stand, but Sam swayed and then fell over. Sam Mirna put her on another couch.

"She was going in and out of it. I would wake her up and clap," Mirna said.

Sam opened her eyes, but couldn't speak well. She nodded her head. She just wants to sleep, Mirna thought. She'll be fine.

But the homecoming queen with the megawatt smile was dying.

She was likely in a coma, Lieber said. Her brain cells asleep, her respiration slowed. If she had gotten medical help, he said, even that late she might have lived. But it was no help in the Sigma Pi storeroom.

Soon after Mirna left, Samantha Spady took her last breath.

As Sunday dawned and the light of orange crept through the mountains, Sam's cell phone started ringing.

"Sam Sam, you were so drunk last night," Mirna's message began.

Lies mother, Patty Spady, called, then waited. She called again. Still no Sam. She tried not to worry, but it was so unlike Sam not to call back.

Sam's roommates tried too, calling Sigma Pi members, asking if anyone had seen her.

At Sam's house near campus, Gibson had a bad feeling.

Almost 13 hours after Sam had been left to sleep off the drunken night, a fraternity member was giving his mother a tour of the house. Beer bottles and cans littered the house. Families and boys hung from the entryway chandelier, a striped pole was in one room.

When he opened the door to the social room that had been stuffed with extra couches, he saw Sam's alcohol-poisoned body, clad in jeans and a yellow T-shirt. Her long blonde hair

was pulled back. Her knees were on the floor, her face resting on a foam cushion. Her arms were outstretched to each side almost like she was crawling.

It looked like she was sleeping.

"Hello?" he asked. "Hello?" He touched her leg. It was cold and stiff.

She had a blood alcohol level of 0.136 percent. The coroner said it probably was higher when she was left there; her body would have continued to metabolize alcohol while she was unconscious.

Since Sam's death, the parties continue, the booze still flows.

But the Sigma Pi house has been shut down. Fraternities have banned alcohol, and alcohol sales are banned inside the football stadium. Nineteen people were cited for alcohol-related offenses as part of the investigation into Sam's death.

"It's not so much that we have a problem," Sigma Pi member Matthew Durr said. "It's more that we have a few people who make the wrong decision. Sometimes young people don't know how to handle alcohol."

On Colorado campuses alone this fall, there have been four other alcohol-related deaths. Three students at colleges in Oklahoma, Arkansas and New Mexico died after drinking with their fraternity brothers recently.

"It's not just the students on that campus. It's not just the faculty. It's not just the bar owners. Everybody in the community has a responsibility for some changes to take place," Patty Spady said.

Mirna Guerra and other friends Sam was with that night still party. But they also remember Sam, and they wonder how she could have drunk so much — enough to die — and they didn't know it.

"I was thinking, why didn't I stay with her?" Mirna said. "Why didn't I know something was wrong?"

U.S. attorneys file complaint over prison abuse

BERLIN (AP) — A group of American civil rights attorneys filed a criminal complaint in German court on Tuesday against top U.S. officials, including Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, for acts of torture committed at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

The complaint also names former CIA director George Tenet, the former commander in Iraq, Gen. Ricardo Sanchez and seven other military leaders.

Attorneys from the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights said they filed the complaint because they were disappointed in U.S. investigations into the Abu Ghraib abuses, and hoped the filing would prompt an investigation by German authorities.

Sounds of the season

Pageants and praise abound in Magic Valley churches Saturday in Religion



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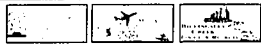
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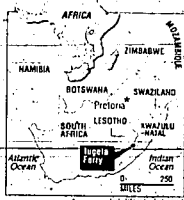


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Cuba frees dissident writer from prison

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban authorities on Tuesday freed dissident writer Raul Rivero, the best known of a dozen political prisoners released over the past few days in a move widely seen as intended to court favor with the European Union.



Raul Rivero

"This was a gesture to improve relations, little by little," the 59-year-old Rivero said, speaking from his modest Havana apartment, where he was surrounded by family and several international journalists hours after his release.

Rivero, among 75 dissidents rounded up in a crackdown in March 2003, was freed on medical parole Tuesday after a checkup at a Havana prison hospital for emphysema and cysts on a kidney.

He had been sentenced to 20 years in prison on charges of working with the United States to undermine Fidel Castro's communist government. Rivero and the other activists denied the charges.

Also freed Tuesday was oppo-

sition party member Osvaldo Alfonso Valdes. Alfonso Valdes, 39, was also arrested in March 2003 and had been sentenced to 18 years in prison.

The releases came a day after Cuba unexpectedly freed three other men jailed in last year's crackdown: economics writer Oscar Espinosa Chepe and dissidents Marcelo Lopez and Margarito Broche. Seven others were released earlier. Like Rivero, all had health problems in jail.

Castro's government made no public statement about the releases, but analysts said Cuba was eager to avoid the possibility the dissidents would die in jail, and also wanted to signal flexibility to the EU amid warming relations with Spain.

Drugs begin to help AIDS patients in South Africa

The Washington Post

TUGELA FERRY, South Africa — Every evening, by candlelight, Sithombi Malembe swallows two pills and one capsule with a gulp of water hauled by hand from the Tugela River. Under conditions once feared to primitive for such treatment, she is journeying back from the brink of death.

Three years ago, Malembe, 42, was a first-year law student from her home here in KwaZulu-Natal province and wasting away from a disease she did not understand. Today she is one of Africa's rare success stories in the battle against AIDS.

Malembe is still thinner than she would like, but seven months after starting treatment with antiretroviral drugs, she no longer has the emaciated frame or mottled skin common to AIDS patients in final decline, and she is recovering with her three children in a new mud-brick home she did not expect to live long enough to occupy.

"I knew I was going to die," she said. "I wanted to leave something for my family."

One of 280 patients receiving medicines from a hospital in this busy river town, Malembe is proof that antiretrovirals, which have barely reached AIDS in wealthy nations, can offer similar hope in Africa. The disease has already killed more than 15 million people across sub-Saharan Africa, and an estimated 5.3 million South Africans are currently infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Yet more than a year after the South African government decided to offer low-cost antiretroviral treatment to everyone with AIDS, only about one out of every 50 AIDS patients who are medically ready for antiretrovirals receive them from the public health system, said researchers who track the disease.

At least 500,000 people with HIV need antiretrovirals immediately, experts said. The public health system is delivering them to about 1.1 million, while private insurers and employers are reaching tens of thousands of others. But by any measure, the vast majority of those who need the medicine are not yet getting it.

The expanding availability of antiretrovirals, moreover, has not slowed the death rate from AIDS, which continues to kill more South Africans with each passing year, researchers and activists said.

Stymied by shortages of clinics, doctors and nurses, the government program will take years to reach every South African sick enough to need it, officials said. Moreover, the medicine is effective only if patients have the support and knowledge required to take the regimen of various pills correctly and on schedule.

"If you're dying of AIDS in South Africa at this point, you'll be lucky to be getting medicine," said Nathan Gelfen, spokesman for the Treatment Action Campaign, an activist group based near Cape Town. But he added that the new government program had brought progress against the disease. "It's better than it was last year."

The Church of Scotland Hospital, where Malembe receives her medicine, operates one of the country's most ambitious rural AIDS clinics. The conditions are far from ideal, with sagging roofs and patients waiting for hours under nearby trees. One doctor and three nurses tend 700 patients.

Since antiretrovirals became available in March, however, dozens of patients such as Malembe have begun to recover, many from near death. One man, a convicted criminal so sick he was released from jail to die, has returned to health. People who had checked into a nearby hospice, expecting to die, have checked out.

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Gender gap grows in higher education

Los Angeles Times

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — When admissions officers for Santa Clara University recruit new freshmen, they do their best to reach the kind of students they'd like to see more of on the Silicon Valley campus boys.

"We make a special pitch to them to talk about the benefits of Santa Clara, as we do for other underrepresented groups," Charles Nolan, Santa Clara's vice provost for admissions, said of the school's efforts to boost male enrollment.

It's a special appeal to anyone who remembers that Santa Clara was all male until 1960. But the besut-run school reflects an important transformation of American college life.

Among the 4,550 undergraduates at Santa Clara, 57 percent are female. That matches the percentage of U.S. bachelor's degrees now awarded to women, a demographic shift that has accelerated since women across the country began to attend college at a higher rate than men about a decade ago.

Today, many colleges, particularly selective residential schools, face a dilemma unthinkingly rejected by Santa Clara. To place well in influential college rankings, those schools must enroll as many top high school students as they can — and most of those students are female. Admissions officers are watching closely for the "tipping point" at which schools become unappealing to both men and women. They fear that lopsided male-female ratios will hurt the social life and diverse classrooms they use as selling points.

Despite employing the same tactics used for years to lure ethnic minority students, few colleges say they give admissions preferences to boys. But high school counselors and admissions experts say they believe it is happening.

"At some schools, it's definitely a strategic advantage" to be male, said Eugene Hughes, former Harvard admissions officer who is now a private admissions counselor and author of "What It Really Takes to Get into the Ivy League and Other Highly Selective Colleges."

Vincent Garcia, a college counselor at the Los Angeles prep school Campbell Hall, said liberal-arts colleges, especially, can be "more forgiving of the occasional B or even a C" from a boy. "Sometimes the expectation is a little bit less" than for girls, he said.

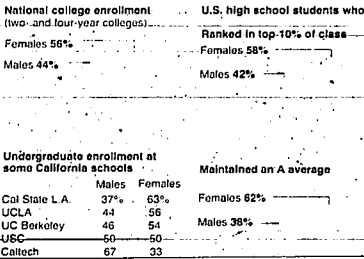
At Santa Clara, admission standards have risen along with female enrollment, and officials say those are not eased for boys. But for the past few years, the college has targeted special mailings to high school boys.



Freshman Jason Clark appears to be in a minority in his class at Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, Calif. Women are now in the majority on many campuses across the United States.

Boys and girls

Women now make up a majority of college students, a trend expected to continue as high school girls outperform boys in the classroom.



Although U.S. high school girls score lower than boys on the SAT, they earn better grades in school and take more college-prep courses.

Current students also telephone every accepted male to encourage him to attend, something that is not done for every girl.

So far, Santa Clara's change into a female-majority campus has been more evolution than revolution.

Football was dropped in 1993. Now thousands of students instead fill the stadium to cheer the women's soccer team. Women routinely hold most of the campus leadership positions. And when the student union was remodeled recently, the number of men's toilets — which had been more than double those for women — was cut to make space for more women's stalls.

If students complain about the gender mix, it is usually with a sense of humor. "My friends tell me I should switch my major to engineering if I want a boyfriend," joked student government president and religious-studies major Annie Selak, citing one of the few mostly male sectors on campus.

Researchers are divided about the causes and extent of the college gender gap.

Some say the gap is limited to lower-income students and minorities, with girls from those populations more likely to attend college and boys more likely to go directly to work or the military. Affluent white males are at least as likely to attend college as their female counterparts, according to the survey experts. Others say the gap crosses race and class lines.

Whatever the cause, the highly selective colleges attracting affluent students are also getting stronger applications from women than men.

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Chicago mayor's son joins Army

CHICAGO (AP) — Mayor Richard Daley's son, whose name and MBA from one of the nation's most prestigious universities would have opened doors to a lucrative career, has instead joined the Army and could be sent off to the battlefields of Iraq or Afghanistan.

Patrick Daley, 29, who got his master's degree from the University of Chicago in June, said he "always wanted to find a way to serve — just like my grandfather and father." He said the Sept. 11 attacks played a role in his decision to enlist in the airborne infantry.

"Think of it. It's amazing I get to serve my country," he told the Chicago Sun-Times, which disclosed his August enlistment in a story Tuesday.

The mayor said he was very proud of his son's decision. He said that he was concerned about his son's safety but did not try to talk him out of it.

"I'm better off as part of public service," the mayor said.

The younger Daley will report during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day to Fort Benning, Ga., where he will undergo basic training, advanced infantry training and airborne training for 20 weeks, said Bill Kelo, spokesman for the Army's recruiting battalion in Chicago. After that, Daley could be sent anywhere, including Iraq or Afghanistan, Kelo said.

Kelo said Daley asked that the Army not publicize his decision.

"I didn't want to make a big deal out of it," Kelo said. "I didn't want any special treatment, and he didn't want any special coverage."

Patrick Daley declined all interview requests Tuesday. He spoke only to the Sun-Times.

Patrick Daley, who briefly attended West Point, comes from a famous Democratic family. His father was first elected mayor in 1989. His grandfather Richard J. Daley was Chicago's longest serving mayor for more than two decades before his death in 1976.

Typically, people with Daley's background sign up for officer training school rather than enlisting in the military. Following his Army career, "it's better to start out at the bottom," the mayor said.

The mayor declined to discuss his opinion about the war in Iraq but insisted "you stand by the president, you stand by the men and women in the military."

Patrick Daley joins a small roster of prominent people in the military today. Fewer than a dozen members of Congress have sons who have been on active duty since the Sept. 11, according to published reports.

NFL player Bill Hillman gave up a multimillion-dollar football career to join the Army after Sept. 11. He was killed in April in Afghanistan.

Joseph Goodwin, a 2001 graduate of Harvard University and the son of a prominent Washington, D.C., historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, enlisted in the Army after Sept. 11.

After nine years, NAACP president will step down

BAITIMORE (AP) — NAACP President Kweisi Mfume announced Tuesday that he is stepping down after a nearly nine-year tenure in which he helped rescue the nation's oldest and largest civil rights group from debt and scandal.

Mfume, 56, said he wanted to spend more time with his family, namely his 14-year-old son.

He became minority-eyed at a

news conference as he described how the son — the youngest of his six children — has come to know a world of airplanes and news conferences for most of his life.

"I don't want to miss another basketball game, Lyann to see on his varsity letter on his sweater," Mfume said of his son, who recently made the basketball team. "I just need a break. I need a vacation."

Mfume, whose adopted West African name translates to "conquering son of kings," began his career as a dashing, pop radio talk show host and political activist in the 1970s and transformed himself into one of the nation's foremost civil rights leaders.

Kweisi Mfume (pronounced kwah-EE-see oom-FOO-may) inherited an organization tarnished by scandal and

burdened by a \$3.2 million debt when he took over as president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in early 1996.

He is credited with steering it into an era of stability and growth with corporate-style management techniques.

"For the last nine years, I've had what I believe is both the honor and the privilege to help revive and to help restore this

great organization," said Mfume, a former congressman and Baltimore city council member. "In my heart of hearts, I know the job has been done."

Shortly before his announcement, Mfume said he received a phone call from senator, House adviser Karl Rove, who extended best wishes on behalf of President Bush, who is traveling.

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Article 18. So far as is consistent with proper operation of the project, the licensee shall allow the public free and open access to project waters and project lands owned by the licensee for the purpose of full public utilization of such lands and waters for navigation and for outdoor recreational purposes, including fishing and hunting.

Article 401. Project Operation. The licensee shall at all times operate the project in a run-of-river mode for the protection of federally listed snails in the project area with the exception that for the purpose of public access to project waters and project lands owned by the licensee, the licensee shall operate the project in accordance with the procedures and schedule stipulated in Attachment 2 of the Settlement Agreement Concerning the Reopening of Idaho Power Company's Bliss Hydroelectric Project (Settlement Agreement) filed on February 11, 2004.

When operating in a run-of-river mode, the licensee shall at all times maintain the project reservoir at full pool while acting to minimize the fluctuation of the reservoir surface elevation by maintaining a discharge in the project area, lower pool levels, and immediately downstream from the project tailrace approximate the sum of inflows to the project reservoir.

The operational requirements above may be temporarily modified if required by operating emergencies beyond the control of the licensee and for short periods upon mutual agreement among the licensee, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and Idaho Department of Fish and Game (Idaho DFG). Temporary modifications may include the need to:

- (a) protect the performance, integrity, reliability, or stability of the licensee's electrical system or any other public utility system which is interconnected, including the need to provide the Western Electric Coordinating Council with a North American Electric Reliability Council reserves.
(b) compensate for an unscheduled loss of generation;
(c) provide generation during severe weather, energy shortages or periods of market instability;
(d) inspect, maintain, replace, or improve the licensee's electrical system, including the system associated with the project;
(e) prevent injury to persons or damage to property;
(f) assist in search and rescue activities;
(g) respond to emergencies beyond the control of the licensee;
(h) adjust flows for the annual Three Island Crossing Celebration; and
(i) address other situations when the licensee, FWS, and Idaho DFG agree upon variation in operations in the event of an emergency.

With regards to the temporary modifications described in (a) through (i) above and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the incidental take statement filed by the FWS on May 18, 2004, the licensee shall:

- (1) minimize the duration of altered flows (i.e. operations other than run-of-river) to the extent possible when temporary modifications occur during run-of-river operations;
(2) maintain ramping rates to a maximum one foot per hour as measured at United States Geological Survey gage 13135700 to the extent possible when temporary modifications occur during run-of-river operations;
(3) provide notification to the FWS within 72 hours, via telephone or electronic mail, when temporary modifications occur during run-of-river operations;
(4) request a meeting with the Mid-Snake Technical Work Group, established pursuant to section 4.6 of the Settlement Agreement, within two weeks of the beginning of the modification to discuss any adjustments to the operational requirements beyond the control of the licensee;
(5) by June 1 of each license year, file a report with the Commission and send copies to the FWS and Idaho DFG detailing the dates, times, and duration of each temporary modification that occurred during the preceding April through March 31 operating year. The report shall include the ramping rates and spill of water from the project reservoir at the time of each temporary modification, and include the results of any monitoring of federally listed snails, pursuant to Article 402, that occurred during the temporary modifications; and
(6) notify the Commission as soon as possible but no later than 10 days following any temporary modifications.

Article 402. Rainbow Trout Stocking. Within one year of license issuance, the licensee shall file for Commission approval a plan to annually stock 4,000 pounds of rainbow trout in the Snake River downstream from the project tailrace to improve sport fishing in the project area.

The plan, at a minimum, shall include:

- (1) specific descriptions of stocking locations, the timing and approximate number of fish to be stocked at each location, and the size and type of fish to be stocked;
(2) a provision to monitor the success of the stocking program, including any proposals to increase, decrease, or terminate stocking. The report shall include copies of any comments and recommendations provided by Idaho DFG, the licensee shall allow a minimum of 30 days for the agencies to comment and to make recommendations on the completed report before filing it with the Commission; and
(3) an implementation schedule.

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Article 18. So far as is consistent with proper operation of the project, the Licensee shall allow the public free access to the project area, including project waters and adjacent project lands owned by the Licensee for the purpose of full public utilization of the project area for outdoor recreational purposes, including fishing and hunting.

Article 402. Minimum Flows Commencing with the start of the project, the Licensee shall maintain a discharge from the project so that, at any point in time, flows measured immediately downstream from the project intake approximate the sum of:

Article 403. Middle Snake River/Shoshone Falls/Lower Salmon Falls and Bliss Projects. In addition to identifying and explaining the policies, standards, guidelines and designations, the Licensee shall also identify and protect and manage environmental resources and public use and safety as outlined in the conceptual plan.

Article 410. Recreation Management Plan. Within one year after the start of the project, the Licensee shall file for Commission approval a Recreation Management Plan. The purpose of the plan is to provide guidance for implementation of recreation resources.

Article 411. Banbury Springs and Briggs Creek Habitat Management Plan. Within 6 months of license issuance, the Licensee shall file for Commission approval a final Habitat Management Plan for Banbury Springs and Briggs Creek.

Article 412. Middle Snake River Land Management Plan. Within six months of license issuance, the Licensee shall file for Commission approval a final Middle Snake River Land Management Plan.

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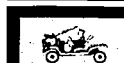
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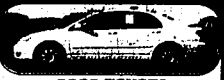
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