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Grouse might not make list

Biologists: Sage grouse extinction is unlikely

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

WASHINGTON — Sage grouse will not be listed under the protection of the endangered species list if the director of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service heeds the suggestion of senior biologists announced on Friday.

"The recommendation is that sage grouse is not under consideration for listing," said Service Director Steve Williams.

Sage grouse, a large, round-winged bird with a long, pointed tail, has seen its population decline drastically to an estimated 140,000 to 500,000 birds from its historic highs of 16 mil-

■ **Last we knew:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service considered petitions to list sage grouse as either endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

■ **The latest:** On Friday, senior officials for the Service an-

nounced their recommendation not to list sage grouse as either endangered or threatened.

■ **What's next:** Fish and Wildlife Service Director Steve Williams will make a final decision on whether to list sage grouse by Dec. 29.

lion. The species makes its home among sagebrush habitats in 11 western states, including Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon

and Montana. Williams reserves the final decision, which is expected by Dec. 29, on whether to list the

Western governors call for reform of Endangered Species Act.

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species as either endangered or threatened. Since much of sage grouse habitat falls on public grounds, Williams' recommendation could support development projects, grazing and recreation decisions on Bureau of Land Management grounds in Idaho. For example, officials

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WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE



ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Charisse Stevenson and sons, 10-year-old Bo, left, and 8-year-old Treg, peer through a hole in the side of their house made by a tractor trailer wheel that came off a semi-truck traveling west on Interstate 84 Sunday afternoon. Charisse was within feet of the burning tire when it stopped in her basement. The fire that ensued destroyed their house.

Tire rolls through house, ignites it

By Chip Thompson Times-News writer

HAZELTON — Charisse Stevenson paused for a moment before carrying a load of laundry upstairs in her Hazelton home Sunday and it probably saved her life.

Shortly after 5 p.m., a semi-truck on Interstate 84 lost its right front wheel due to an overheated bearing. The wheel, which the driver described as glowing with heat, rolled off the shoulder and bounced across the frontage road before crashing through a wall in Stevenson's home and landing at the base of the stairs.

"I was just on the stairs," Stevenson said. "It would have hit me and I'd be dead."

The home at 2854 E. 300 S. is just a few hundred feet from the interstate and the wheel left a large hole in the wall some four feet up from the ground.

The wheel was so hot that it instantly ignited several small fires on the basement level of the home. Stevenson and her son Bo, 10, were on opposite sides of the landing, trapped by the burning wheel.

"Bo came running yelling, 'fire, fire' and here we are dancing around this tire trying to figure out how to get out of the house," Stevenson said.

There was another way out of the room Stevenson was in and she said she thought about running out of the house and then coming back in to get her son.

But she said she just couldn't leave him behind. Fueled by adrenaline, she stepped into the fire and picked up the burning wheel, which she estimated to weigh 250 pounds or more.

"I don't know how I did it," Stevenson said. "I went back and tried to lift it afterwards and there's no moving that tire."

With the fire out of the way, the petite Stevenson was able to lift her 135-pound son up and over the flames to the staircase.

She described reaching out at

arms' length and picking him up like a baby, but on Friday she was unable to lift him more than a few inches, with her arms wrapped around him.

Bo's younger brother Treg, 8, was upstairs shooting a dart gun at soda cans at the time of the accident and saw the fire flying toward the house. He said the "dings" he remembers were how high it was booming and "the noise it made when it hit the house."

"Treg bolted out the back door as soon as he heard the crash," Stevenson said. "I thought the roof was falling down."

Standing in the smoky air

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Scientists say new treatment can prevent paralysis in dogs

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Dogs with paralyzed hind legs regained the ability to walk after getting a shot of a chemical cousin of antifreeze that helped repair nerve cells in their damaged spinal cords, scientists reported.

Purdue University researchers who led the project hope the approach can soon be tried in people, but caution that there are significant differences between human and canine spinal cords. The treatment only worked on dogs given the injections within about three days of their injury. Some dogs not given the injections eventually walked again, but those getting the new treatment had a dramatically higher recovery rate.

In one case, a dachshund named Oscar was initially sent home with a wheel cart and little hope of recovery after a serious injury.

Soon after the dog got the chemical treatment, he began walking, although his back legs work in unison, giving him an

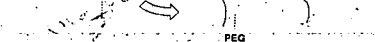
Chemical Band-Aid for cells

A project led by a Purdue University researcher repaired nerve fibers in canines with damaged spinal cords. Dogs injected with polyethylene glycol (PEG) within 72 hours of their injury recovered sensory and motor functions within eight weeks.

Damaged membrane deteriorates causing nerve to die; by-products from dead cells kill surrounding cells

Nerve fiber

If holes in nerve cells are sealed quickly, the cell is saved



PEG injected anywhere in the body travels to the nerve damage and seals the holes allowing them to heal, unaffected by body fluids or other materials.

SOURCE: Purdue University

unusual gait. "I used to make fun of him, saying he walks like a drunken sailor," said Oscar's owner, Dan Paulin of Boonville, Ind. "I don't think he'll ever be normal, but at least he's not confined to the wheel cart."

Secretary of health and human services resigns

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson resigned Friday, The Associated Press learned, broadening an exodus that has emptied more than half of President Bush's Cabinet before he takes the oath of office for a second term. Thompson submitted his resignation to Bush, and planned to announce his departure at a Friday afternoon news conference, said an official close to the former Wisconsin governor who asked not to be identified.

Mark McClellan, the government's Medicare chief and brother of White House press secretary Scott McClellan, is Thompson's likely successor, officials said.

Thompson's resignation brings to eight the number of members of Bush's 15-member Cabinet who have left.

News of Thompson's departure came not long after Bush introduced former police commissioner Bernard Kerik as



Tommy Thompson

Tom Ridge's successor to be secretary of homeland security. Kerik is a Thompson's ex-brother-in-law. Kerik's official, eight of the 15 members of Bush's Cabinet will have departed.

Kerik is the steady former military man who helped New York get back on its feet after Sept. 11 terror attack.

"Bernie Kerik is one of the most accomplished and effective leaders of law enforcement in America," Bush said.

Kerik said what he witnessed in the days after the attacks would be etched in his mind if he were confirmed to lead the department. "I know what it is at stake," Kerik said.

"Both the memory of those courageous souls and the horrors I saw inflicted upon our proud nation will serve as per-

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Ukrainian court calls off runoff

The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — The Supreme Court ordered a rerun of the head-to-head presidential contest between self-cleaning Viktor Yushchenko and the Kremlin-backed candidate on Dec. 26, setting off rejoicing Friday by opposition supporters who waved orange flags and lit flares as they chanted "Yushchenko! Yushchenko!"

The court found that government bodies had "illegally meddled in the election process" and distorted the results of the Nov. 21 runoff. The bold ruling was a

blow to outgoing President Viktor Yushchenko and his supporters. He will take Ukraine's

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Handfuls of thousands of Yushchenko supporters celebrated in the capital, changing his name, wearing orange ribbons that said "YES" and waving orange balloons. Passing cars blasted their horns three times to sound out the wishes of Yushchenko's fans. The crowds were the largest in the 12 days since protesters set up their tent camp in Independence Square.

In a pro-Moscow eastern Ukrainian stronghold, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich expressed anger at the decision. "We have a president — Viktor Yanukovich," said Konstantin Sidalsky, shaking his fist at a TV screen in an Internet cafe in the eastern city of Donetsk.

Kuchma had initially supported Yanukovich and later, under pressure from the throngs in Kiev and international monitors who called for a runoff, he pushed for a completely new election. Critics said he hoped to field a new candidate more popular than Yanukovich.

"The Supreme Court decision also was a slap at Putin, who appeared with Yanukovich during the campaign, congratulated Yanukovich on winning,

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and seasonably cool. Highs in the 40s to 50s.
Tonight: Cloudy skies and light winds. Lows in the lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Clear, and isolated snow showers. Highs in the 40s to 50s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes temperature ranges (High 35, Low 21) and weather icons.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 3 columns: City, Hi, Lo. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy skies. Highs in the middle 30s.
Tonight: Turning cloudy. Lows in the middle 20s.
Tomorrow: Isolated snow showers and abundant clouds. Highs in the lower to middle 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho with weather forecasts for different regions: Sun Valley, Boise, Northern Utah, and Southern Utah.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS. Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

MOON PHASES and MOONRISE AND MOONSET. Table with 4 columns: Date, Moonrise, Moonset, Moon phase.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Boise, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

NATIONAL FORECAST

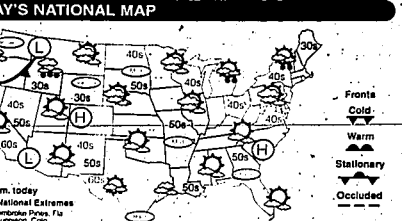
Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for major US cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for international cities.

Advertisement for 'Comunidad' newspaper, including phone numbers and website information.

CANADIAN FORECAST. Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Canadian cities.



Resign

Continued from A2. Samuel J. Plumieri, superintendent of the Port Authority police, called his resignation effective Sept. 11.

Samuel J. Plumieri, superintendent of the Port Authority police, called his resignation effective Sept. 11, said his department had worked closely with Kerik.

Tire

Continued from A2. Family watched as the fire spread through the downstairs portion of their home. When the fire broke a few minutes later, the force was so great it shattered all but one window in the house.

West End Fire District Chief Randy Sutton said it took 18 firefighters about three hours to extinguish the blaze. He said the entire level of the home was destroyed and the burning tire caused extensive smoke damage throughout the house.

One of the first things Stevenson did was to honor a commitment to make ornaments for her church's Christmas tree. When she went to Memories for the Heart in Boise to buy supplies for the ornaments, the owner recognized Stevenson and refused to accept payment for the purchase.

Stevenson said she's amazed at how many people in the community have come forward and said she especially wanted to thank the couple who stopped help during the fire, as well as the truck driver, 56-year-old Wesley Rankin of Winterville, Maine.

Stay on top of your investments with the Money pages. Advertisement for investment services.

Grouse

Continued from A1. At BLM will take sage grouse habitat into consideration when making a determination on the Cotterel Mountain wind farm project.

Identified 410 sage grouse in the area. However, the species population level remains lower than it did in 1987 when 1,334 grouse were spotted.

enthus' initiatives in the future. Senior Service biologists were privy to the discussion and estimates.

lowed to continue on much of the sagebrush steppe, to the generally better scores of other wildlife species. Mark Salvo told the Associated Press, Salvo directs a sage grouse and sagebrush campaign for American Lands Alliance.

Circulation information for The Times-News, including contact details for Daniel Walock, director.

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In June, a coalition of state wildlife agencies released a 610-page report assessing sage grouse populations in the West. The group concluded that while populations have stabilized in recent years, the long-term outlook for sage grouse still appears grim.

Times-News telephone directory. List of phone numbers for various departments and services.

NATION/WORLD

Insurgent attacks kill 30 in Iraq

Two U.S. soldiers die in roadside bombings

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — In the deadliest insurgent violence in weeks, militants stormed two police stations and a mosque in Baghdad on Friday, killing 30 people in the northern city of Mosul, 11 militants died in street battles with American and Iraqi forces.

Roadside bombs in Baghdad and Kirkuk killed two American soldiers and wounded five others, the military said. The surge in violence indicates militants still can stage attacks at will despite a U.S.-led military campaign to quell the insurgency before Jan. 30 elections.

A car bomb detonated Friday near a unit of U.S. Marines on Iraq's border with Jordan causing casualties, said Lt. Lyle Gilbert, spokesman for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

"A Marine guard fired on the vehicle closing in on a military position and the vehicle continued toward the Marine position and impacted an area that caused it to detonate," Gilbert said. "There were casualties, but

it's too early to give in details of deaths and injuries."

Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group, al-Qaida in Iraq, claimed responsibility for a raid on a Baghdad police station and other attacks.

"The destructive effect that such operations have on the morale of the enemy ... is clear," said the claim, which could not be independently verified. It was posted on an Islamic Web site.

U.S. commanders and Iraq's interim authorities hope to boost security in the mainly Sunni Muslim areas of central and northern Iraq before the elections. Sunni politicians have urged them to postpone balloting because of escalating violence.

The visiting NATO commander expressed surprise Friday that Iraq's insurgency had proven so resilient by comparison with Afghanistan, where he said security has improved significantly.

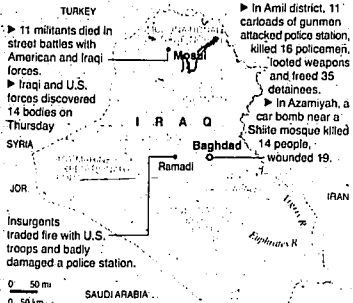
"At the beginning I would have projected the opposite, with Iraq coming along faster," said U.S. Gen. James Jones, the supreme allied commander in Europe.

The attacks in Baghdad began just before 6 a.m. when 11 cars jammed of gunmen attacked the police station in the western Al-Ramadi district with rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire.

Insurgents killed 16 policemen, looted weapons, torched

Insurgent attacks continue

Insurgent attacks continued Friday, the deadliest in weeks in Baghdad, despite the U.S.-led military campaign aimed at stopping the insurgency before the Jan. 30 elections.



TURKEY
 ▶ 11 militants died in street battles with American and Iraqi forces.
 ▶ Iraqi and U.S. forces discovered 14 bodies on Thursday

SYRIA
 Insurgents traded fire with U.S. troops and badly damaged a police station.

JOR
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IRAQ
 In Amil district, 11 carloads of gunman attacked police station, killed 16 policeman, looted weapons and freed 35 detainees.
 In Azamiyah, a car bomb near a Shiite mosque killed 14 people, wounded 19.

IRAN

SAUDI ARABIA
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AP
 Source: ESRI

Sunnis to stoke sectarian strife there. However, the imam of the nearby Sunni Abu Hanifa mosque quickly condemned the attack.

"Iraqi resistance has nothing to do with bombing mosques and churches and killing innocent people in markets and streets," Sheikh Ahmed Hassan Al-Taha said in a sermon. "The resistance (exists) to defend the country and liberate it."

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Putin accuses U.S. of double standard in war on terrorism

He says violence threatens honest election in Iraq

NEW DELHI (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin sharply criticized the United States on Friday, accusing it of a double-standard in fighting terrorism and questioning whether any election in Iraq can be democratic when fighting is raging in the country.

ending "political expediency" in the global fight against terrorism. The declaration made no reference to any country.

But in an interview in a Hindu newspaper, Putin said the United

States and European nations practiced double standards by allowing into their countries some Chechen rebels whom Moscow considers to be terrorists.

Putin, who has been angered by U.S. and European denunciations of the Ukraine election as rigged unacceptable, began a three-day visit to India with continued criticism of Washington, saying it seeks a "dictatorship of international affairs."

"Even if dictatorship is wrapped up in a beautiful package of pseudo-democratic phraseology, it will not be in a position to solve systemic problems," Russia's Inter-Tass news agency quoted him as saying in a speech Friday night in New Delhi.

Putin, who has been critical of the United States for going to war without international approval, warned that the fighting in Iraq was threatening the possibility of a democratic vote slated for Jan. 30.

"All this will definitely call in question the possibility of holding honest and democratic elections in Iraq early next year," he said.

Putin and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh signed a joint declaration that called for

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Mall Stores	11-6	10-9	10-9	10-9	10-9	10-9	10-10
Santa (Center Court)	12-6	2:30-7:30	2:30-7:30	2:30-7:30	2:30-7:30	2:30-7:30	11-7

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 Special Activities: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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INSPIRATIONAL DAY • SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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12:30 pm	The Reformed Church Instrumental Ensemble	2:30 pm	Marla Garrett Trio
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1:00 pm	Calvary Chapel "Good Friday" Band & Adult Choir	4:00 pm	Lighthouse Assembly of Jerome
	Under the Direction of Bill Highland		Under the Direction of Lannin Swartz
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Police serve warrant on Jackson's Neverland ranch

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sheriff's investigators conducted a search of Michael Jackson's Neverland ranch on Friday, a department spokesman said. Sgt. Chris Pappas confirmed that a warrant was served at the rural estate but he would not release any more information. Jackson has already been charged with child molestation, and his Neverland ranch was searched previously in the case. He faces trial next year. The search warrant was served at 9 a.m. and investigators remained there into the late morning, Pappas said. Attorneys on both sides are barred from commenting on the case. A message seeking comment was left at the office of Jackson's spokeswoman Raymone K. Bain. Neverland, about 100 miles northwest of Los Angeles, was first searched on Nov. 18, 2003. At least 60 investigators from the Sheriff's Department and district attorney's office conducted that raid on the multimillion-dollar property. The pop star has pleaded not guilty to child molestation, conspiracy and administering an intoxicating agent, alcohol, to the alleged victim, Jackson's trial is scheduled to start Jan. 31.

Judge refuses to set trial day for Moussaoui

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Terrorism defendant Zacarias Moussaoui will not go on trial anytime soon because of pretrial disputes over his access to al-Qaida witnesses and his eligibility for the death penalty, a trial judge said Friday. Prosecutors had asked that the trial begin May 31, the day after Memorial Day, but U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema denied the request. Moussaoui, the only defendant charged in the conspiracy that led to the Sept. 11 attacks, is being held at Alexandria's detention center in the Washington suburbs. Brinkema said in a two-page order that intense pretrial work in her court, including the handling of classified information, cannot resume until Moussaoui has exhausted pretrial appeals. Moussaoui was indicted in December 2001, charged with participating in an al-Qaida conspiracy to carry out the Sept. 11 attack on the United States. The conspiracy included the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks but was not limited to them, the government said. Moussaoui has acknowledged his role in the Osama bin Laden hit but said he was not to be part of the Sept. 11 hijackings, and had been arrested for immigration violations a month before they occurred. The court-appointed lawyers for the French citizen have informed Brinkema they will ask the Supreme Court for direct access to three al-Qaida prisoners, two of them former high-ranking members of bin Laden's network who may help the defense.

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December 24 - 7:30 p.m.

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Christmas Service
Sunday, Dec. 26 11 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 24 7 p.m.

Crossroads United Methodist Church
Dec. 4 9 a.m. Annual Christmas brunch and Church anniversary
Dec. 5 10:30 a.m. Advent Worship
Dec. 12 10:30 a.m. Advent Worship
Special Music - Susan Brown Quartet
Dec. 19 10:30 a.m. Advent Worship
Special Children's program: The Nativity Story with Puppets
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Special Music: Crossroads Praise Singers
Dec. 24 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service - Martough Community Hall
8 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Service with Communion at Crossroads UMC in Kimberly
Dec. 25 Merry Christmas!!!
Dec. 26 10:30 a.m. Christmas Worship
Special Music: Bari Huth
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WORLD

Where will the new vote take Ukraine?

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Once again the Kremlin-backed candidate will face the opposition leader who favors closer ties with the West. But little else will ever be the same for Ukraine, where a sea of protesters decked in opposition orange have reshaped the political landscape. The Supreme Court's decision to stretch back Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich's victory and order a repeat runoff against opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko on Dec. 26 tips the political scales. The Western-oriented Yushchenko goes into the race stronger than ever, pitted against an opponent so tarnished by the post-election fallout that his sponsor, outgoing President Leonid Kuchma, had pushed for a completely new election, a move widely seen as a bid to field a more popular candidate. The key question now is whether the new vote can heal the fractures that have riven Ukraine during the bitter election crisis or whether it may drive the wedge deeper. The crisis threatened to open a serious rift between largely Russian-speaking, eastern Ukraine, where ties with Russia are treasured, and Yushchenko's power bases in the west, where Ukrainian nationalism is stronger and many are wary of Moscow's intentions. The disputed election also deepened the divide between the West and Russia, which has staunchly backed Yanukovich. However, both candidates and Kuchma pledged in advance to honor the court's decision, and analysts said the court's clean reputation — and the live broadcast of its proceedings — gave the losing side little room to maneuver. The live broadcast of the court session played a positive role, helping allay suspicions and ease tensions, said Oleksandr Lytvynenko, an analyst with the Kiev-based Razumkov Center for Political Studies. "It was especially important because people got tired of the lack of openness. Yanukovich and Kuchma did not immediately react to the ruling, but only after their silence doesn't mean Yushchenko can expect a free ride. The opposition leader must try to appease people in the east, who are concerned about his ties to the Ukrainian nationalists, and he already has begun softening his rhetoric and peppering his speech with Russian in an effort to ease their fears. He must deal with a humiliated and angry Russian — and he must still win the runoff. If Yushchenko wins the Dec. 26 election, he will have to contend with an entrenched elite that controls the economy and a bureaucracy that has been used to running the show for 10 years under Kuchma. The problem is that the former oligarchs, and I say former because they are losing power, will not give up so easily and that is a major risk," said Andriy Bilov of the Kiev-based International Center for Policy Studies. "This former elite will be fighting to hang on and their opposition will be hard to overcome." Yushchenko also made a deal with Socialist Party leader Oleksandr Moroz to carry out political reforms that would weaken the presidency and harden the hand of parliament — an agreement that might come to light in the future.

Parliament meets this weekend to pass legislation for the Dec. 26 vote that is intended to prevent the fraud that marred last month's runoff. Lawmakers also are expected to consider replacing the 15-member Central Election Commission. The Supreme Court's decision, and the fact that it was allowed to decide at all, is likely to strengthen the backbone of the Ukrainian public. "This was a great step forward for the Ukrainian people," said Anton Butenko, an independent analyst. "This is evidence that the Ukrainian people are starting to follow the path where law is the ultimate power." Vyodor Lukyanov, editor of a leading Russian foreign policy journal, noted that this election — despite all its troubles — opened Ukraine's eyes to the West. "No matter who becomes the new president, Ukraine will begin to drift toward the West," he said.

Should the U.S. expand projects to reduce Mideast oil dependence?

Yes

I will be several decades at least before alternative fuel vehicles and the infrastructure needed to fuel them will be developed enough to satisfy America's transportation needs. Additionally, oil is a critical component of plastics, pharmaceuticals, fertilizers, lubricants and construction materials.

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Unfortunately, the United States uses more oil than it can produce, making it dependent on supplies from geologically unstable parts of the world. While America will never have complete energy independence, Congress should remove obstacles to domestic production both to reduce energy prices and so that, in times of crisis, America's prosperity is not held hostage to hostile foreign powers.

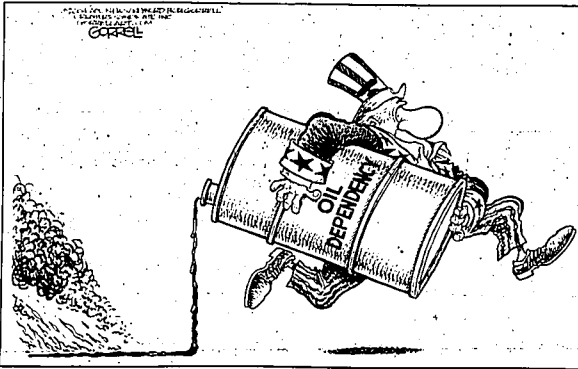
By all accounts, America's remaining large deposits of oil lie under public lands and offshore. Regrettably, these areas have been placed off-limits to oil production due to environmental concerns.

For 24 years, for example, Congress has wrestled with the question of whether to open a small part of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, less than half of 1 percent, to oil and gas exploration and development.

Environmental lobbyists, opposed to oil production on public lands, claim that the oil in ANWR equals only a six-month supply. This is true, however, only if one imagines that the United States stopped using oil from any other source - no imports, no domestic production, nothing else - which is unrealistic.

To put the matter in proper perspective, the Energy Information Agency estimates that ANWR contains between 6 billion

U.S. can tap reserves without harming environment



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Otherwise, how can one explain their legal efforts to stop the federal government from accessing oil in the National Petroleum Reserve - an area set aside in 1923 specifically for oil production.

and 16 billion barrels of oil. By comparison, the United States imports 7 million barrels of oil per day. If only 6 billion barrels of oil were recovered in ANWR, in a time of emergency, the United States could cut all imports of foreign oil for two years with little or no effect on our economy. Or, put another way, ANWR could deliver enough oil to the United States to free us from Saudi Arabian oil for more than 20 years.

And, contrary to environmentalists' claims, there is no reason for thinking that oil production and environmental quality are incompatible.

You don't have to take my word for it. Carbon herds have expanded in and around Prudhoe Bay and other arctic fields flourished as well, apparently unaffected by the relatively primitive (by today's standards) oil and gas development in the area.

And environmental groups including the Nature Conservancy and the Audubon Society oppose oil drilling on some of their most unique properties. They would hardly allow this if oil and gas production were harmful to their environmentally sensitive preserves. As with the rest of the economy, technology has improved in the oil patch.

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Environmentalists have long argued that oil exploration in ANWR was not needed because the NPR was nearly, yet

when the Bush administration proposed opening new areas in the NPR to development in January 2004, environmental groups sued to stop exploration.

The United States has more than a 100 million acres of designated or de facto wilderness and roadless areas, not to mention millions of acres protected as national parks. All of this land is off-limit to energy production.

On the remaining parcels of the public lands, except where energy production would necessarily be incompatible with unique characteristics some of them may contain or with the specific purpose for which they were established, environmentally sensitive exploration should at least be an option.

H. Sterling Burnett is a senior fellow at the National Center for Policy Analysis.

No

Bush has no mandate to drill for oil and gas in fragile eco-systems

Does President Bush have a mandate to let his campaign contributors drill for oil and gas in our public lands? Does he have a mandate to spoil the fragile eco-system of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to benefit his cronies in the energy industry? Have the American people given him free rein to cause environmental destruction in the nation's most cherished wild places?

Of course not! After Nov. 2, President Bush made a lot of preposterous claims about what Americans - or at least 51 percent of the voting population - gave him a mandate to

Build a new generation of nuclear weapons? Hardly! The Republican-controlled House of Representatives just pulled the money. Aggressively prosecute the war in Iraq? No way! A majority of Americans don't even agree with it anymore.

Bush, however, does have power, as fleeting and tenuous as it is for a second-term president. No matter how the president chooses to deploy his power, he will undoubtedly claim he was given a mandate. Yet an arrogant presumption of a mandate can lead to the erosion of power.

Richard Nixon in his first term signed into law many of the great environmental protections of our era, but he squandered his authority in a botched illegal operation to undermine the candidacy of George McGovern. Ronald Reagan chose to use his second-term mandate to get

JOHN PASSACANTANDO

involved in trading arms for hostages, a bizarre scheme that derailed his agenda.

To understand what Bush will do, we have to understand the political costs and benefits that Karl Rove will be tallying for any new initiative. To finally open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil drilling will certainly make oil companies happy.

How much is that worth compared to sending young men and women to their deaths for Middle East oil while the only solution back home is to destroy a pristine landscape for six months of gasoline for the U.S. auto fleet? Is this the legacy that the Bush administration really wants to leave? The Bush team needs to evaluate this when it plots how it can further its anti-environment agenda.

Bush is threatening to let his campaign contributors drill in the Rocky Mountain front. These are the wild lands of Colorado and Montana with grizzlies and elk.

The catch: The campaign contributors are happy and can make more donations for future elections. But what about those Bush supporters who love to hunt and fish?

Millions of Republicans love the environment and very few of them can enjoy it on their own private ranch like Bush and Cheney. Except for the very rich, people need public lands to hunt and fish, hunt and camp.

Those of us who work to protect the environment have to redouble our efforts in the face of an onslaught that has not been witnessed in 100 years. The Bush administration needs to calculate if continuing to be the handmaiden for corporations by destroying this country's great natural heritage is an effective - or wise - way to spend political capital.

Bush has no mandate to destroy our natural world. He may, however, waste his second term trying to do so.

John Passacantando is the executive director of Greenpeace USA. Readers may write him at Greenpeace, 702 H Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.

LETTERS

Parcels from home will lift soldiers' spirits

A friend recently sent me a wonderful and timely Web site I'd like to share with your readers, soldiers.

Initially set up by soldier in Iraq, it has grown now (nearly a million people have visited the Web site) and makes it easy to find the names of soldiers who are not receiving mail in the way of mail or care packages. It gives individual bios, describes what sort of things they need or want (practically anything and everything is welcome) and explains exactly how to address and dispatch your parcel - or even just a letter.

As this terrible war drags on, our young people continue to die or are wounded and maimed. Let's at least try to ensure that there won't be a single homesick kid out there without a package to open on Christmas Day. I have my first three parcels on the dining room

table, ready to go. Teachers? How about a great class project?

DIANA FASSINO Ketchum

Draft would go on long after Bush leaves

I hope that those who voted for Bush were right and the rest of us were wrong. In fact, I have never hoped to be wrong so much in my life.

However, it makes it a little hard to hold out hope when I read letters like those submitted by Mike Simmons and Bob Leazer on Nov. 15.

If they are examples of the kind of intellect used by those that voted for Bush, we are doomed.

I don't take a rocket scientist to calculate that if President Bush starts a war in 2006 that lasts even four years (Vietnam lasted 10 years, we've been in Afghanistan for three years), then Mr. Cimino's children may

indeed have to fight in one of Bush's wars.

Fortunately for Mr. Cimino, I am sure that many of those who support President Bush are living up at the recruiters' offices to help ease the strain on our troops - what? You say recruitments are down; how can that be if Bush had such overwhelming support?

Like said, I really hope you Bush supporters were right, but you really don't give the rest of us much reason to believe so.

MIKE PRAZIER
Twin Falls.

Ideas for national pension plan need debate

National Pension Plan - Congress needs to pass this bill since the president wants to privatize Social Security. A fair retirement plan for every American, male or female, married or single, providing benefits equal to the average national wage, which would be \$34,000. Spouses will receive equal benefits.

Using this formula, a couple at retirement age of 62 years would receive \$76,000. Spouse and dependents receive benefits when the breadwinner is taken from family by death. Death benefit lump sum, \$4,000 for each deceased retiree's estate. No limited earnings after retirement. All retirements will be tax free. Qualifications for retire-

ments: Age 62 years, early retirement 59 at two-thirds of full benefits. Proven disability will get full benefits. Social Security tax system will be abolished. All of the people of the USA will have a retirement plan - 30,000,000 Americans have already abolished the Social Security tax at their principal job. Before any change is

ed, we will be certain that the process will not reduce the benefits of any person who are retired or about to retire.

People who covered by a pension plan when the National Pension Plan is implemented will receive retirement promised. Financing will be accomplished by adding a National Pension Tax to the price of all products and services sold in the USA. This is a painless and non-visible method of financing a retirement plan that will be put into a Retirement Trust Fund. Eligibility for retirement benefits will be age plus length of residency in the USA for 25 years of their adult life will be 100 percent vested.

This must be proven: Adult life begins at age 21. Never will Americans be cheated out of their promised pension as is now common. Persons never employed in their lifetime will receive their deserved pensions under a National Pension Plan.

EDWARD A. CHUPA
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Edward Chupa is a retired educator.)

Stealing decal honoring military is rather low

To the person who stole my magnetic "Keep My Brother Safe" sticker on Dec. 2: You are not worthy of it!

My only brother is over in Iraq fighting to keep the freedom we have! I displayed that sticker to let others know the sacrifice my family and others like us are giving!

You should be the one over there fighting them, for a change, you would be doing something honorable instead of being a menace to society.

For those that have personal stickers, display them inside of your vehicle somehow so that this doesn't happen to you.

God Bless all of our service men and women.
MARTY BUSS
Twin Falls

Getting in touch

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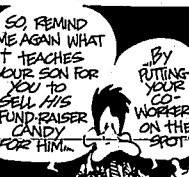
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Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



NATION

Bush's Ohio win was closer than thought

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — President Bush's victory over John Kerry in Ohio was closer than the unofficial election night totals showed, but the change is not enough to trigger an automatic recount, according to county-by-county results provided to The Associated Press on Friday.

Bush's margin of victory in the state that put him over the top in his re-election bid will be about 119,000 votes — smaller than the unofficial margin of 136,000, the county election board figures showed. That means Kerry drew closer by about 17,000 votes.

The margin shrank primarily because of the addition of provisional ballots that were not counted on Election Day and were not included in the unofficial tally. Overseas ballots also were added to the count in all 88 counties.

And about a quarter of Kerry's gain was the result of an electronic voting system glitch that gave Bush 3,893 extra votes in a suburban Columbus precinct. The extra votes had been included in the unofficial count, but aren't part of the official tally.

Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell will certify the results Monday.

The president's margin of victory was about 2 percent, not close enough to require an automatic recount. That happens only when the difference is 0.25 percent or less.

Bush beat Kerry nationally by 3 percentage points.

Out of 156,977 provisional ballots checked, 121,598 were pronounced valid and were accepted, meaning about one in five was thrown out, according to an AP tabulation. Provisional voters are cast when poll workers cannot immediately confirm if a voter was properly registered.

Group shoots and kidnaps attorney

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A prominent criminal defense attorney was shot and kidnapped from his home by four people, then escaped when the suspects took him to a bank to withdraw money.

The suspects, two men and two women, took attorney Mark Henriksen, 50, and Brett Hubert, 27, hostage Thursday night after shooting both of them in their home, said Oklahoma City Police Capt. Jeffrey Becker. The wounds were not life-threatening, he said.

The next morning, the suspects took the men to a bank where they ordered Henriksen to withdraw cash. Henriksen called police while inside the bank alone.

Officers arrested the four suspects soon after. They could face charges of shooting with intent to kill, robbery, kidnapping and extortion, Becker said.

Becker said officers were investigating why Henriksen was targeted and whether the suspects knew him. They also were certain the suspects got into Henriksen's home.

Henriksen and Hubert were both treated for gun shot wounds and were expected to be released from the hospital.

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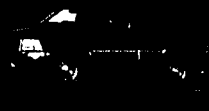
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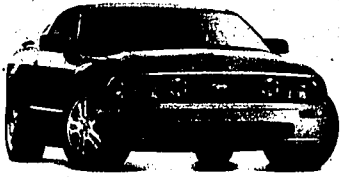
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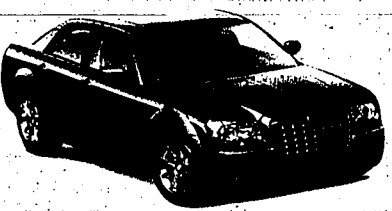


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Buffalo Bills nose tackle Pat Williams on the NFC West

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who said: "A hot dog at the ballpark is better than a steak at the kitchen."
ANSWER: below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- HS Boys Basketball: Pocatello at Twin Falls, 6 p.m. Blackfoot at Jerome, 6 p.m. Skyline at Minico, 6 p.m. Century at Century, 6 p.m. Kimberly at Wendell, 6 p.m. Dietrich at Raft River, 7:30 p.m. Carey Holiday Tournament, 8 p.m. Bliss Tournament, 5:30 p.m. HS Girls Basketball: American Falls at Idaho Falls, 6 p.m. Wood River at Buhl, 4:15 p.m. Murtaugh at Richfield, 6 p.m. Hagerman at Shoshone, 6 p.m. Glenns Ferry at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m. Carey Holiday Tournament, 8:30 p.m. College Women's Basketball: CSI at Snow College, 5:30 p.m. College Men's Basketball: CSI at Snow College, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Boise State offers Hawkins new deal
POCATELLO - Boise State coach Dan Hawkins is signing a five-year, \$2.6 million offer from the university that could keep him with the school through 2009. The State Board of Education on Thursday approved the new contract offer, which would boost Hawkins' salary more than 30 percent from this year. Hawkins, who has led the Broncos to 22 straight victories, said he wouldn't make a decision until Sunday, at the earliest. "I need to get back and mull it over and talk with my family and advisors," said Hawkins, who made \$50,000 when he joined Boise State as an assistant head coach in 1998. The offer, which Hawkins himself helped structure, includes big bonuses and incentives - but penalties if he left before the end of the deal. If Hawkins stayed for less than the full five years, it would cost him or his new employer \$850,000 to end the agreement. "This is a package that (Hawkins) consented to," Boise State president Bob Kastra said. "We've discussed this with him over the course of the last few days. He knows everything that's in it, and he thought it was a very attractive offer for Boise State to make." During his four years as head coach at Boise State, the Broncos have won three consecutive Western Athletic Conference championships and compiled a 44-6 record. Hawkins, 44, signed a deal two years ago that will net him \$501,500 this season, including bonuses, if he remains employed at Boise State through March 2005. Compiled from staff reports.

TRIVIA ANSWER: Actor Humphrey Bogart.

Area athletes garner state Heisman

MURTAUGH - Two area high school seniors did the Magic Valley proud recently by winning the 2004 Idaho Wendy's High School Heisman awards. Jena Bubak and Trent Cummins both received the state awards recently. Bubak is a 4.0 student at Jerome, where she competes in football and track. She takes courses at the College of Southern Idaho and plans to study education or accounting after high school. "I never expected to win it," Bubak said.



Jena Bubak

The award factors in academic, athletic and community service equally. Bubak has enjoyed her share of sports. She has 10 state track medals through her first three years of competition and was the state breakaway roping champion as a junior and 28th in the nation. She was the state reserve champion (runner-up) as a sophomore.



Trent Cummins

Bubak's rodeo success likely made her stand out from a crowd of worthy nominees from all over the state. "I'm pretty sure it caught their attention because while most everyone competes at the state level, not everyone places at a national level," Bubak said. "I've grown up around rodeo ever since I was little. I love doing it as a family." Her community service includes activities in school, church and the community. For example, she serves as a volunteer volleyball coach at the Jerome Rec Center, tutors after school, is on a student council fund-raising committee and helps in a church soup kitchen along with friend drives. Jena first learned of the award from her mother, Mary, who was told by track coach Elmer Musgrave. Her father is Bill Bubak. The 102 state winners out of the 50,000 applicants nationwide earned a silver medal. While the award doesn't give her a college scholarship, such an honor will certainly jump out on her college applications. It may pay even bigger dividends. It gives me a lot of confidence," Bubak said. Cummins is also a 4.0 student who participates in football, basketball and track for Murtaugh High School's Red Devils. After fulfilling his high school graduation requirements as a junior, Cummins returned to Murtaugh to play sports his senior season. He is currently enrolled in two classes at CSI and plans to take a full 17-credit graduation requirement as a junior. Cummins played tailback for Murtaugh's football team after playing quarterback the last two years. Please see HEISMAN, Page B2

Seniors lead Filer in comeback

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

FILER - There's nothing quite like experience.

Even when things looked bleak for the Filer boys basketball team, its seniors didn't allow their team to crack as the 3A Wildcats rallied for a 60-55 double-overtime win over Wood River on Friday night in Filer. Filer trailed by as many as 12 points late in the third quarter, but a quintet of seniors led the charge in the fourth quarter. Much of the Wildcats' success was a product of their pressure defense, which made life miserable for 84 feet against the younger, less-experienced 4A Wolverines.

The kids came out and put a lot of ball pressure on," Filer coach Loyd Garey said. "They were really denying passing lanes and we were creating some turnovers." "I thought the leadership by the seniors we had on the floor was enormous," he added. "When it came down to the end, it was seniors against their juniors and sophomores."

David Ryan and Paul Gerrish, both seniors, carried Filer (2-0 overall) after regulation. Ryan and Gerrish each scored five points in the two overtime stanzas. Gerrish's jumper from the right side late in the first overtime carried the Wildcats into the second overtime. Ryan then began the second overtime with a long jumper before Gerrish lifted Filer to a 59-55 edge on a pull-up 3 with 1:42 remaining. Gerrish and Ryan both finished with 16 points. Dan Ramseyer chipped in with 11 points while Cole Blitzenberg added nine for the Wildcats.

"I thought we got a little tired, and they were a lot bigger than us," Wood River coach Fred Trendle said. "That's a good senior ballclub. I've been looking at those guys for a couple of years."

Sophomore point guard Morgan Uhrig, who led Wood River (0-3) with 18 points, dominated play in the early going. He finished the first half with 11 points, nine of which came on 3-pointers, while also dishing out three assists in the first quarter. His 3-pointer near the end of the first frame gave Wood River a 16-9 lead.



Filer guard David Ryan heads for the basket in the first quarter of their game with Wood River Friday night in Filer.

Wood River led 27-21 at half-time and grabbed a 42-30 lead.

In the third quarter on Brady Penning's mid-range jumper.

Filer outscored its opponent Please see FILER, Page B2

A scandal years in the making unfolds

By Steve Wilstein Associated Press writer

Baseball's steroid scandal could be seen coming six years ago. The Olympics have feared the one unfolding now for two decades.

A series of federal grand jury testimony leaks, confessions and new accusations link the San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds, the New York Yankees' Jason Giambi and Olympic star Marion Jones to steroids distributed by the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. The revelations are less a surprise than a confirmation of widespread suspicions that some of the world's greatest athletes have been building better bodies through chemistry. The revelations are less a surprise than a confirmation of widespread suspicions that some of the world's greatest athletes have been building better bodies through chemistry. The revelations are less a surprise than a confirmation of widespread suspicions that some of the world's greatest athletes have been building better bodies through chemistry.

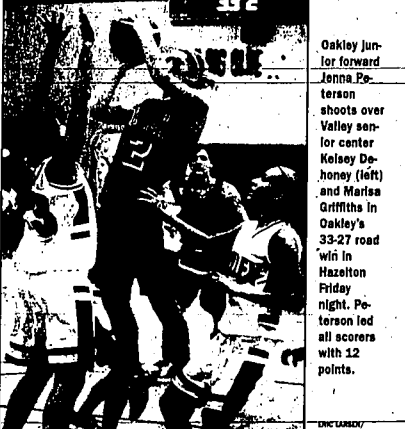
Camruld, two former MVPs, admitted using steroids, and alleged many others were doing the same, baseball still did little. Banned by the players' association, the sport was slow to set up a drug-testing program that doesn't even have random, year-round testing. That head-in-the-sand mentality has come back to haunt the game and tarnish Bonds' pursuit of Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron's career home run marks. Reports in the San Francisco Chronicle that Giambi told a federal grand jury he used human growth hormone and steroids, and that Bonds testified he unwittingly used steroids provided by his trainer, brought quick condemnation of the sport's approach to performance-enhancing drugs. "It shows the problem is endemic in baseball," World Anti-Doping Agency chief Dick Pound told The Associated Press on Friday. "It also shows that their so-called steroid testing didn't help a lot." Please see SCANDAL, Page B4

Oakley grinds out win over Valley

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

HAZELTON - Pretty describes a lot of things. Things like flowers, models, and sunsets - but not the game played between the host Valley Vikings and Oakley Hornets girls basketball teams Friday night in Hazelton.

Both teams had to claw for every point in the low-scoring nonconference scrap. In the end, Oakley gutted out a 33-27 win to move to 3-2 on the season. The Hornets were able to move the ball around Valley's tough 2-3 zone to some success, finding versatile junior forward Jenna Peterson, who dropped in a game-high 12 points. "It was hard to just get in our offense when they're playing so tight like that," Peterson said. The Hornets not only battled 2-5 Valley, but fatigue from a three-game week and a tough loss to Hagerman the night before. "That was really hard," Peterson said. "We are all kind of tired. We thought we might come out slow because of that, so our focus was to come out really strong. I think that

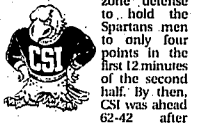


Oakley junior forward Jenna Peterson shoots over Valley senior center Kelsey Dehoney (left) and Marisa Griffiths in Oakley's 33-27 road win in Hazelton Friday night. Peterson led all scorers with 12 points. helped a lot." Valley's typically stifling defense held Oakley to only one Please see OAKLEY, Page B2

Eagles sweep Colo. NW

The Times-News

RANGELY, Colo. - The College of Southern Idaho men's and women's basketball teams survived early scares to hold on for wins at Colorado Northwestern CC in Rangely, Colo. Friday night in their scenic West Athletic Conference openers. The women prevailed 58-47 earlier. The fifth-ranked men (9-0) won 96-60, relying on a stifling zone defense to hold the Spartans men to only four points in the first 12 minutes of the second half. By then, CSI was ahead 62-42 after leading 47-38 at the break.



Point guard Jamaal Brown left the game with 3:50 remaining in the first half with a lower right leg injury but he returned for the second half. He finished with 11 points, fouling out with 5:09 remaining.

The No. 2 CSI women (13-0) pulled away late in the first half after a game Colorado-Northwestern squad trimmed a 13-point Golden Eagles lead to only 25-20 on a Lindsay Isaacson 3-pointer with 7:03 left.

"We weren't prepared," head coach Randy Rogers told 1270AM KTFI. "We didn't have tape on them." CSI responded with a 18-6 run to lead 43-26 at halftime, sparked by Krystin Patterson, Joanna Hixon and Nakeya Isabell. Hixon led all scorers with 18 points, scoring 12 in the second half.

"She had a great game," Rogers said. "She's starting to play better and better for us." Patterson scored 14 down low while guard Sidney Omdorff added 15, seven coming early in the second half to help put the Spartans away.

CSI's trouble further hampered Colorado Northwestern (2-7, 0-1 SWAC), especially with only nine players on the roster. The teams travel to Ephraim, Utah to take on Snow College at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., starting with the women. Eastern Utah defeated Dixie State 65-63 in Price, Utah Thursday night.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Meyer heads to Florida, sister confirms

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida is getting its first choice this time. Coached down by Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops and Denver Broncos coach Mike Shanahan three years ago before settling on Ron Zook, the Gators lured coach Urban Meyer away from his "dream job" Friday.

Meyer signed Notre Dame, where he worked as the receivers coach for five years, and agreed to coach the Gators, and to succeed his sister, Gigi Escoe. Asked whether her younger brother had taken the Florida job, she said, "Yes. It was a tough choice for him, but he's happy with his decision. He had two wonderful choices. He couldn't go wrong."

Meyer signed a seven-year deal worth \$11 million, according to The Gainesville Star. His wide-offense system should be welcomed at Florida, where Zook never could satisfy fans who became accustomed to the run-oriented offense system that was fun to watch and tough to stop.

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Pennington will start against Texans
HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Jets quarterback Chad Pennington will start Sunday against the Houston Texans as little-sung about the last three games with a strained right rotator cuff.

Coach Herman Edwards made the move official Friday, saying it comes as little surprise Pennington has been a questionable all week, but he practiced with the first-team offense and took the majority of snaps with the starters.

Former Jerome High and College of Southern Idaho standout Pennington scored 20 points for the Jets in a game to lead Northwest College (Wyo.) to a 60-53 win over Sheridan College (Wyo.) on Thursday night in Rock Springs, Wyo.

Grechen Shumway scored 18 points and led the Jets to a 10-0 victory over the Rebels to lead Northwest College (10-0 overall).

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Backman sentenced for probation violation
KENNICK, Wash. — Fired Arizona Diamondbacks manager Wally Backman was sentenced to 10 days in jail Friday for violating his probation three years ago.

Backman was fired by Arizona last month just four days after he was hired. He was dismissed following revelations he had been arrested twice and struggled with financial problems.

Benton County District Judge Holly Hollenbeck had ordered Backman to serve 30 days in jail for the probation violation. Instead, he ordered the 10-day sentence and a \$250 fine.

Backman, 45, was arrested on a driving under the influence charge in Kennewick in 2000, when he was manager of the Tri-City Posse minor league team. He later pleaded guilty.

Backman served one day in jail and 360 days suspended on the condition he commit no new crimes.

Nitties leads Australian PGA by one stroke
COOLMUN, Australia — Former Australian amateur star James Nitties shot a 7-under 65 on Friday to take a one-stroke lead over American Bob Estes after the second round of the Australian PGA.

The 22-year-old Nitties, playing in his fourth professional tournament, had a 12-under 132 total. Estes, playing in tough afternoon conditions on the Hyatt Regency resort course, shot a 70 after matching the course record with a 63 Thursday.

Nitties evened the "same game today" shot Estes, a four-time winner on the PGA Tour, 1 played as well today as I did on Thursday, but the winds were gusting, changing direction, knocking us all around. It was really tough."

Australian Peter Lonard, coming off a victory Sunday in the Australian Open, was two strokes back after a 69 on Friday to tie for second with Craig Parry and Peter O'Malley were another stroke behind at 9 under after a 69.

Arbitrator sets hearing in Artest suspension
NEW YORK — An arbitrator ruled Friday that he has jurisdiction to decide whether the brawl-related suspensions given to Ron Artest and other NBA players can be appealed to someone other than commissioner David Stern.

Mediator Roger Kaplan set a hearing for next Wednesday, after the league quickly filed a lawsuit challenging Kaplan's authority.

Spain quiet U.S. on opening day of Davis Cup

SEVILLE, Spain (AP) — With drums pounding and a brass band playing, Andy Roddick and his U.S. teammates were reduced to silence Friday in the Davis Cup final.

The Americans lost the opening two singles matches, falling into a big hole while Spain moved into commanding position to win the title for the second time.

Rafael Nadal defeated the second-ranked Roddick 6-7 (6), 6-2, 7-6 (6), 6-2 after Carlos Moya opened by beating Marley Fish 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

"It was crazy," Roddick said. "It was unlike anything I've experienced before." Fish, an inexperienced clay-court player, likened the atmosphere to a college football game.

"This was definitely the closest thing to it that we have in tennis. I'm sure of that," he said. Spain, whose lone title came at home in 2000 over Australia, needs one more victory in the best-of-five series.

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Only one team in Davis Cup history has come back from a 2-0 deficit to win the championship — Australia in 1938 over the United States.

"We know our backs are against the wall," U.S. captain Patrick McEnroe said. "There's no big mystery of what we need to do."

Spain can clinch the Davis Cup on Saturday if Nadal and Tommy Robredo beat twins Bob and Mike Bryan in doubles.

The brothers are 4-0 in Davis Cup play and have lost a set. Nadal was sensational on the slow, red clay. He combined power with his sweeping left-handed groundstroke with touch on repeated drop shots, prompting Roddick to applaud with his racket.

"I had cramps at one point but I got through it," Nadal said. Asked if he were ready to play Sunday, he replied: "Right now, I'm not. I'm really beat. But I think I'll be ready."

Attendance was 27,000, a record for a sanctioned tennis match. The old mark was set in 1954 in Sydney, Australia, when 25,578 watched the United States defeat Australia in the Davis Cup final.

The crowd was a blanket of red and yellow. Just off courtside was a 10-piece brass band named "The Spanish Armada." Fans wore overcoats and some sat under umbrellas. The court is exposed to open air, but the band, however, provided the heat.

Nadal, 18, became the second-youngest player to win a singles match in a Davis Cup final — Boris Becker was slightly younger.

Nadal paid tribute to the crowd, which made a tennis match seem like a Real Madrid soccer game.

"This has certainly been the match of my life," Nadal said. "I think 50 percent of the victory is because of the fans."

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON TV

NBA Basketball

• Kentucky at North Carolina, CBS, 10 p.m.
• Notre Dame at Michigan, ESPN, 10 p.m.
• Illinois at Arkansas, ESPN, Noon
• Duke at Valparaiso, ESPN2, Noon
• Cincinnati at Dayton, ESPN, 2 p.m.
• Colorado at Oregon St., FSNW, 2:30 p.m.
• Heat at Nuggets, NBA TV, 7 p.m.

Boxing

• WBC lightweight championship, IBF super middleweight championship, heavyweight box, SHO, 7 p.m.

Hockey

• Minnesota at Colorado College, FSNW, 7 p.m.

Football

• Pittsburgh at South Florida, ESPN2, 9 a.m.
• Virginia Tech at Miami, ABC, 11 a.m.
• Army vs. Navy, CBS, 12:30 p.m.

Tennis

• Davis Cup final, U.S. vs. Spain, doubles (tape), ESPN2, 5 p.m.

Rodeo

• Wrangler National Finals, second round, at Las Vegas, ESPN2, 7 p.m.

Football

• Pittsburgh at South Florida, ESPN2, 9 a.m.
• Virginia Tech at Miami, ABC, 11 a.m.
• Army vs. Navy, CBS, 12:30 p.m.

High School Basketball

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SPORTS

Hokies and Hurricanes set to battle for BCS spot

MIAMI (AP) — Their rivalry formed about a decade ago in the Big East, moving to the Atlantic Coast Conference and heightened the disdain Miami and Virginia Tech have for each other.

The Hurricanes want revenge; they were simply awful in last year's 31-7 loss at Virginia Tech, losing the ball four times and their tool countesses others. The Hokies want respect; they've beaten Miami in six of the last nine years, yet usually have found themselves looking up at the Ganes by year's end.

Saturday's showdown at the Orange Bowl between the league's two newcomers essentially will serve as the ACC championship game, with the winner set to represent the conference at the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 3 and the loser headed to the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Eve.

"Each year, we put a star by Miami on the schedule," Virginia Tech quarterback Bryan Randall said. "We feel like when we get to that game, that should be the biggest game of the year if everything works itself out right. This year, it just so happened that it is really the biggest game."

No. 9 Miami (8-2, 5-2) is looking to send off the seniors

Va. Tech at Miami

TV: ABC, 11 a.m.

playing their home finale in style, with a ticket to a Bowl Championship Series game with the first straight year. No. 10 Virginia Tech (9-2, 6-1), which has won seven straight games, can win the ACC title outright and reach the BCS for the first time since the 1999 season.

"It's going to be a long afternoon," Miami coach Larry Coker said. "It's an afternoon where we'll have to, as we say, keep punching. I hope they don't even turn the scoreboard on. I don't even want to know what the score is. I just want to play until somebody says they win or we win."

Last year's game in Blacksburg was marred by fights and Miami accusing Virginia Tech of cheap shots, even purportedly knocking defensive tackle Antonio Thomas and Oriën Harris from the game.

"The Hurricanes' last game was perhaps their most complete, a 52-7 romp past Wake Forest two weeks ago. Since then, they've feasted on the chance to atone for last year's loss to the Hokies.

OU hopes for another Orange New Year

NEW YORK (AP) — Back when the conference was known as the Big Eight and guys like Bud Wilkinson, Barry Switzer and Billy Sims made the headlines, a trip to the Orange Bowl was always the goal for Oklahoma.

It is again this year, but for a slightly different reason. This year, that's where the Bowl Championship Series national champ will be crowned, and the Sooners need a win over Colorado in the Big 12 title game Saturday to get there.

"The Orange Bowl is a great venue," coach Bob Stoops said of the game (Oklahoma has been to 17 times).

"It's always a great bowl game and we have an incredible tradition at the Orange Bowl. So, yeah, sure."

He conceded, of course, that he'd like a national title wherever he could get it.

For it to happen this year, the second-ranked Sooners (11-0) will first have to defeat the Buffaloes (7-4) — 22-point underdogs — in Kansas City, Mo., in a game known for its history of upsets.

The last one came last year when Kansas State swamped Oklahoma, 35-7 and denied the Sooners their 39th conference title.

Before that loss, Oklahoma was being lauded as one of the best college teams of all time. That isn't happening this year although, in many respects, the Sooners might be better, especially with two serious Heisman Trophy contenders in quarterback Jason White and tailback Adrian Peterson.

"You still have to go out and play and call the plays that help us win and, as players, make the plays when you get the opportunities," Stoops said.

Oklahoma has long had a knack for getting it done against the Buffaloes.

The Sooners are 37-16-2 against the Bulls — including 3-0 over the last two seasons — in a series that dates to 1912.

OU won 29-7 in the Big 12 title game two years ago.

Among their more memorable meetings was Oklahoma's 82-42 win at Folsom Field in 1980, a game that wasn't as



Colorado quarterback Joel Klatt (14) rolls out for a pass under pressure from Iowa State defensive end Tyson Smith in the fourth quarter of Colorado's 19-14 victory in this Oct. 16 file photo in Boulder, Colo. Much like the team Klatt leads, the Buffaloes have grown and matured a great deal this year. The result has been an unexpected trip to the Big 12 title game, where Colorado will play No. 2 Oklahoma today.

Big 12 Championship
TV: ABC, 6 p.m.

exciting as the score might indicate, mainly because so much time was spent hauling the ball back upfield

for kickoffs.

With Switzer on the sidelines that season, Oklahoma won the conference and got the Big Eight's customary invite to the Orange Bowl for the fourth straight year.

Meanwhile, fans in the sparsely populated student section at CU threw oranges onto the field to mock a team that would finish 1-10.

Led by quarterback Joel Klatt on offense and tackle Matt McClesney on defense, the Buffaloes won their final three games. That and a lot of good breaks elsewhere in the weak Big 12 North landed the CU in the title game for the third time in four years.

A win would turn a memorable season into a remarkable one.

The last laugh: Tuberville leads Auburn to SEC game

ATLANTA (AP) — Who could have imagined Tommy Tuberville in this position? Yet there he was Friday, standing alongside the Southeastern Conference championship trophy, posing for pictures and undoubtedly chucking a bit on the inside.

"You could make a movie script out of this," Tuberville said, trying to grin, "and no one would believe it."

"Indeed, it was a little more than a year ago that Auburn was preparing Tuberville's pink slip. Top school officials even conducted a clandestine interview with Tuberville's buddy, Petrino, gauging his interest in becoming the Tigers' next coach.

But the way the whole situation was handled — Petrino was interviewed just days before Auburn played its biggest rival, Alabama — led to a showdown against the school's president (who quit) and athletic director (who announced his retirement). Tuberville stayed. Now,

SEC Championship

TV: CBS, 4 p.m.

just one year removed from that ugly ordeal, he's probably more secure than any employee on a Tennessee campus.

The third-ranked Tigers (11-0) have put together one of the greatest years in school history, claiming a spot in Saturday's SEC title game against No. 15 Tennessee (9-2).

Beating Georgia and Alabama to close the regular season, Auburn feels it has made a persuasive case for playing in the national game.

Unfortunately for the Tigers, they are projected to be the odd team out unless either No. 1 Southern Cal or No. 2 Oklahoma wins this weekend. Both scenarios hinge on the long shots — USC is a 23-point favorite against crosstown rival UCLA, while Oklahoma is a 22-point pick to beat Colorado in the Big 12 championship game.

Scandal

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called efforts to determine whether there was a "problem" was limited to anabolic steroids with full warnings to everybody, ignoring all the other stuff that's clearly being used, and followed by a set of ludicrous scenarios. It indicates that baseball is not at all serious about this."

There is no shock, either, in BALCO founder Victor Conte, claims that he sat beside Jones as she injected herself with human growth hormone three years ago. Suspicions have surrounded Jones for years, and she remains under investigation by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

"She pulled the spandex of her bicycle shorts above her right thigh," Conte wrote in a first-person account for ESPN: The Magazine. "She dialed up a dose of four-and-a-half units of growth hormone and injected it into her quadriceps."

Conte said he started working with Jones, at the request of her then-husband and coach C.J. Hunter before the 2000 Sydney Games, where she won three gold and two bronze medals.

"I started providing her with insulin, growth hormone, EPO and The Clear — which was nutritional supplements," said Conte, who identified "The Clear" as the designer steroid THIG, which could not be detected by tests at the time.

"The Olympics have been worried about a scandal involving this big a star since the Ben Johnson case stained the 1988 Seoul Games.

Jones should be stripped of her Olympic medals if allegations that she used banned drugs before the Sydney Games prove to be true, Pound said.

Jones, however, has repeatedly denied using performance-enhancing drugs, and her attorney, Richard M. Nichols, said Conte is not credible.

Bonds and Giambi also have denied using steroids, but their grand jury testimony last year contradicted what they said in public.

Bonds testified that in 2003 he used a clear substance and a

cream given to him by his friend and trainer, Greg Anderson, but didn't know they were steroids, according to the report.

Bonds, who hit a record 73 homers in 2001, said Anderson told him the substances were the nutritional supplement flaxseed oil and a rubbing balm for arthritis.

Bonds' attorney, Michael Rains, said the leak of grand jury testimony was an attempt to smear his client.

He also maintained Bonds testified truthfully before the grand jury.

"His statement would be to you if he were standing here, he did not take anything illegal," Rains said.

Even if the substances Bonds took were steroids, Rains said they were not banned by baseball at the time and the slugger believed they were natural. Bonds also maintains the substances did nothing to aid his rise as one of the game's greatest home run hitters, Rains said.

How this all plays out for Bonds, Giambi and baseball is uncertain.

Bonds could face charges if prosecutors believe he lied in his grand jury testimony.

His records may be stained, but his eventual election to the Hall of Fame probably won't be jeopardized. The 40-year-old slugger has 703 homers, behind only Ruth (714) and Aaron (755).

For baseball, it is stuck in the mud of a scandal that won't go away.

Selig said he's committed to riding baseball off performance-enhancing substances and is calling on the players' association to adopt a stronger drug-testing policy modeled after the minor league program.

"The use of these substances continues to raise issues regarding the game's integrity and raises serious concerns about the health and well-being of our players," the commissioner said.

Selig didn't take that attitude six years ago when he beefed-up McCwire was hammering homers. Maybe now, he can persuade the union to change its attitude, too.

IOC could strip Marion Jones' Olympic medals

LONDON (AP) — Marlon Jones should be stripped of her five Olympic medals if allegations that she used banned drugs before the 2000 Sydney Games are true, World Anti-Doping Agency chief Dick Pound said Friday.

Victor Conte, head of the lab that allegedly provided steroids and other banned drugs to elite athletes, told ABC's "20/20" that he gave Jones performance-en-

hancing drugs and watched as she injected herself with human growth hormone.

Conte said on the ABC show Friday night that he started supplying Jones with doping substances in the weeks leading up to the 2000 Olympics.

Jones, who won three gold and two bronze track and field medals in Sydney, reportedly has denied ever using banned drugs.

"I think she made her decision and she's going to have to be accountable to the consequences of her decision," Conte told ABC. "If she said she didn't use drugs, then she lied."

Pound said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press that Jones' medals should be taken away if Conte is telling the truth.

International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge

said he was aware of Conte's accusations, but that it was too early to speculate about stripping the medals.

Jones' attorney, Richard M. Nichols, said Conte is not credible.

"We invite the public to decide: Victor Conte is a man facing a 42-count federal indictment, while Marlon Jones is one of America's most decorated female athletes," he said.



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YOUR WEEKEND



Be upstanding

- **What:** The College of Southern Idaho Chamber Choir, the Jerome All-Faiths Choir and the Magic Valley Chamber Orchestra will present Handel's "Messiah."
- **When:** 8 p.m. tonight in Jerome and at 3 p.m. Sunday in Twin Falls.
- **Where:** Tonight's concert is in the Jerome High School Auditorium; Sunday's is in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.
- **How much:** Admission is a suggested \$5 donation to the CSI Music Activity and Scholarship Fund.

Deck the halls

- **What:** The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Festival of Trees concludes in Twin Falls this weekend.
- **Where:** The old Anderson Lumber building on Eastland Drive.
- **When:** 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$1 for kids, are available at the door.



Bliss school bond falls short

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

BLISS — The second try wasn't charmed. Residents of the Bliss School District turned out in record numbers Friday to defeat a proposed \$2.5 million bond issue with a slightly larger margin than in a May vote.

The \$2.5 million bond issue would have financed a new main building for the district's

184 students. Out of 342 votes, 129 were against the bond and 213 were for it. That's 62 percent in favor of the bond issue, but 4 percent shy of the two-thirds supermajority needed to approve it.

The district saw a 64 percent increase in turnout from the May election when 208 people voted. In that election, the bond had a 64 percent approval, six votes shy of passing, district officials said.

Superintendent Kevin Lancaster said the increased turnout was a result of people on both sides of the issue working to get out the vote.

Lancaster said he's not sure if the district will pursue another bond issue election to replace the approximately 75-year-old building that many district officials say has outlived its usefulness. Changes in student demographics in recent years have led to declining secondary

school enrollment and crowded elementary classrooms, school officials say. They also say they need more space for small group and specialized instruction.

The plan for the 20-year bond issue was for a new building with 17 classrooms, hand-capped access, about 6,500 more square feet, separate areas for the elementary and secondary students, a library, offices and a multipurpose room.

Lancaster said the voters kept

coming right up to the 8 p.m. close of the polls Friday and district officials counted ballots until about 9:30 p.m.

The levy would have cost a taxpayer with a \$75,000 home and a homeowner's exemption \$141.60 per year. For a \$100,000 farm, the levy would have been \$250 per year.

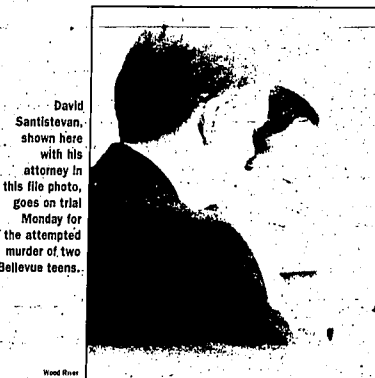
Times-News writer Karin Kowalski can be reached at kowalski@magicvalley.com.

LIGHTS AND SMILES



Alex Sharp, 7, waves to the crowd from the top of the Magic Valley Snowmobilers float during the Twin Falls Festival of Lights Parade along Main Street on Friday night. The 12th annual parade saw crowds in the hundreds and featured some 33 floats.

Santistevan trial will start Monday



David Santistevan, shown here with his attorney in this file photo, goes on trial Monday for the attempted murder of two Bellevue teens.

Bellevue resident faces two counts of attempted murder

By Pedro Salom
The Wood River Journal

HAMLEY — Eight months after two bullets changed the lives of two Bellevue teenagers, their alleged assailant, David L. Santistevan, will finally stand trial in 5th District Court on two counts of attempted second-degree murder.

"This will be an interesting trial," said Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Justin Whitehead. Jury selection will start on Monday followed by opening statements Tuesday morning and a trial expected by attorneys on both sides to last approximately one week.

Santistevan, 46, is accused of shooting fellow Bellevue resi-

dents Tyler Peak and John Marshall Hooten, 15 and 19 respectively at the time they were shot, on the evening of March 29 in the alley behind the Silver Dollar Saloon and South Silever Pizzeria. The shootings allegedly followed a string of shouting matches between the parties throughout downtown Bellevue.

Peak, who was shot in the pelvic area and has since recovered, will be one of the prosecution's main witnesses. He described the shootings in detail at a preliminary hearing on April 13, and pointed to Santistevan as the man who had shot him and Hooten.

This week prosecutors, still

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Greek tragedy

- **What:** The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present Leon Anouilh's "Médée."
- **Where:** Room 119, CSI Fine Arts Center, Twin Falls.
- **When:** 8 p.m. tonight (the production continues Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Dec. 11).
- **How much:** Tickets which are \$6 for general admission and \$4 for students and senior citizens, are available at the CSI Bookstore from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and at the CSI Fine Arts box office from 1 to 4 p.m. on weekdays, or by phoning 732-6788.

Trees in Burley

- **What:** The Cassia Health Care Foundation's 27th annual Festival of Trees wraps up this weekend.
- **Where:** Snake River Plaza, Burley.
- **When:** 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today.
- **How much:** Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children.

Holly in Gooding

- **What:** The Gooding Memorial Hospital Foundation will conclude its Festival of Trees.
- **Where:** Round-Building-Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind campus, Gooding.
- **When:** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.
- **How much:** Tickets are \$2; kids under 5 get in free.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of peak
Salmon	62%	14%
Big Wood	51%	11%
Little Wood	53%	11%
Big Lost	71%	15%
Little Lost	82%	20%
Henry Fork/Taton	79%	18%
Upper Snake Basin	71%	17%
Oakley	66%	12%
Salmon Falls	84%	17%

*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average, is an indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in late March or early April.

Times-News will hold Millionaire auction today

TWIN FALLS — The Times-News will conclude its Make Me a Millionaire III reader promotion with an auction at 9:30 a.m. today at the College of Southern Idaho Gymnasium. Registration will begin at 6:30 a.m.

Musser Brothers Auctioneers will host the auction, which is in its third year. Bidders have been collecting "Millionaire III" bills from The Times-News since September. Bidding on weekly auction items that have been promoted in the newspaper.

Today, thousand of dollars worth of items will be auctioned off, including digital hearing aids, a speedboat, a college scholarship, tools, jewelry and more. Additionally, after the last item has been auctioned, several items will be raffled.

Pomerelle bus service begins today

ALBION — Snow last week allowed Pomerelle Mountain Resort to open its 2004-05 season Nov. 28.

Ninety percent of the mountain was open as of Thursday and bus service to the resort is scheduled to begin today.

A new "magic carpet" lift has been installed on the beginner's slope to provide easier rides for children and novices. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day and night skiing will

Magic Valley in brief

begin on Dec. 28. For more information, contact the resort at 673-5599.

Public can comment on Cassia County judge

BURLEY — Public comments are being solicited on the performance of Cassia County Magistrate Judge Rick Bolter. During an 18-month probationary period, new judges must undergo at least one performance appraisal pursuant to Idaho Supreme Court Magistrate Commission rules, according to a press release issued Friday.

Evaluation forms can be obtained from Cassia County Clerk Larry Mickelsen, 1159 Overland Ave., Burley or Trial Court Administrator Linda Wright, 427 Shoshone St. North, Twin Falls. Forms can also be obtained by calling 736-4085. All evaluations, which are confidential, must be signed and mailed to Wright by Dec. 22.

Seniors can apply for medication savings

TWIN FALLS — Attention senior citizens. You could be saving a lot of money on your medications.

Seniors have until Dec. 31 to apply for a \$600 credit to help

them purchase medications in 2004. That's not much time to spend the money this year, but money not used will be rolled over to 2005, at which time they'll get another \$600 credit. That's \$1,200 to help pay for medications.

To be eligible for the \$600 credit, a single person cannot make more than \$12,569 and a couple cannot make more than \$16,982 a year. However, all seniors on Medicare A or Medicare B can apply for Medicare-approved drug discount cards.

More than 70 such cards are offered through the pharmaceutical companies. It can be a difficult maze to figure out, but Tamara Stricker, a senior health insurance benefit advisor for the Idaho Department of Insurance, can help.

Seniors with questions or needing help filling out applications for the cards can call her at 736-4173 or at 1-800-888-5331.

Electronic Club will raffie off prizes at CSI

TWIN FALLS — Electronics students at the College of Southern Idaho are raffling prizes to raise money for their club, Electro Tech Skills USA.

Prizes include a 27-inch television, a Sony surround sound system, a 400-power, 60-mpn telescope; gift certificates from a variety of businesses and restaurants; cookware; and toys.

Tickets are \$1 each, six for \$5, 13 for \$10 or 30 for \$20. They can be purchased from any CSI electronics student, club advisor or Ben Bartlett at 732-6324, or at the CSI vs. Trece Valley basketball game Tuesday at CSI.

The drawing will be held during half time of the game Tuesday. Winners need not be present to claim their prizes.

DAV will hold meeting and potluck dinner

TWIN FALLS — The Stradley Chapter No. 5 Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary will hold their December meetings Monday at the DAV Hall at 459 Shoop Ave. in Twin Falls. The two organizations will have a meet and greet beginning at 6:30 p.m. before their business meetings and potluck dinner. Disabled veterans and invited to bring their spouses and other service-connected disabled veterans to the meetings and dinner.

The DAV is the only congressionally chartered, nonprofit organization dedicated to the needs of disabled veterans. The two chapters are growing in strength and look forward to re-activating disabled veterans into the camaraderie they are accustomed to.

For more information, call DAV Commander Tom Elliott at 734-9759 or Auxiliary Commander Dorothy Warren at 734-5208.

— compiled from staff reports

Bringing kids with cancer together

Optimist Club launches project

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Her mother was diagnosed with cancer a year and a half ago.

Krista Volk has been accompanying her mother to base for treatments ever since. And every time she sits in the waiting room, she sees kids with cancer. She has watched how hard her mother has struggled with the disease, and she thought, if it's a difficult journey for an adult, it's got to be an especially rough journey for a child.

The kids have great spirits — they really do, but it's got to be hard for them," Volk said.

So Volk got together with other members of the Twin Falls Optimist Club and started a local Childhood Cancer Campaign, part of a national effort

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Helping children with cancer

The Twin Falls Optimist Club will hold a "Christmas Club Day" for children with cancer and their siblings at 2 p.m. Dec. 18 at Hands On at 147 Shoshone St.

The club is looking for children and their families who would like to come and make Christmas ornaments and enjoy some refreshments. Those interested should call Krista Volk, chairman of the club's Childhood Cancer Campaign at 736-6729.

The Twin Falls Optimist Club is raising money for its Childhood Cancer Campaign, a project to help children with cancer and their families with travel expenses, food and phone calls during trips out of town for cancer treatment. Funds will also be used to help pay a teacher to work with children with cancer at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Optimist Club members are planning fund raisers and selling gold ribbon golf ball pens for \$5. Those interested in donating to the campaign can call Krista Volk, chairman of the club's Childhood Cancer Campaign at 736-6729.

Tax-deductible donations can also be made to Twin Falls Optimist Club, 736 Aspenwood Lane, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401.

WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Jeremiah Lee Moore.
Age: 28.
Description: 6 feet, 185 pounds, black hair, hazel eyes, brown eyes.
Wanted for: Probation violation.
Original charge: Felony burglary.
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department, 735 Aspenwood Lane, Twin Falls, Idaho 83401, anyone with information about Moore's whereabouts to call 735-1911 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST



Visitors stand on an overlook at the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area near Florence, Ore., in the spring of 2004. Western lawmakers have expressed concern over an amendment added at the last minute to the spending bill that makes permanent a temporary recreation fee being charged for picnics, hikes and canoe rides in some forests and national recreation areas.

Western governors call for reform of federal Endangered Species Act

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Several Western governors called Friday for a reform of the federal Endangered Species Act that would promote conservation while giving states a greater say in how their lands are managed.

"What I believe is we want to recover the species," said Colorado Gov. Bill Owens, a Republican. "Let's not use the act as a way to try to manage private and public properties. Let's use the act to help us learn how to recover the species."

The 18 states that make up the Western Governors Association, which opened its winter meeting in San Diego Friday, say they are uniquely affected by the 30-year-old law. Nearly 70 percent of the nation's endangered species are located in the West, according to the association.

Owens, the association's chairman, supported efforts by House Resources Committee Chairman Richard Pombo, R-Calif., to change the law. Pombo, who is a keynote speaker at panels Saturday, hopes to line up support for his legislative effort reform the act, which remains at the top of his agenda again when Congress reconvenes next month.

Pombo wants to require scientific peer review for any major decision under the act, including listing species. The congressman also wants critical habitat to be designated for species to be done more efficiently and with better scientific data.

"These governors will be very important to his goal and their goal of improving and modernizing the act," said Brian Kennedy, a Pombo spokesman. Republican Govs. Linda Lingle of Hawaii, Mike Rounds of South Dakota, Kenny Guinn of Nevada and Judy Martz of Montana also joined the call for reform of the act at a news conference at the opening of the two-day session in San Diego. California's Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican, was due to attend the session Friday night.

Gov. Bill Richardson, D-New Mexico, however, said a major overhaul of the Endangered Species Act wasn't needed. He said Pombo was setting the bar too high by calling for "stronger science" instead of "sound science."

"I think you need sound science," Richardson said. "I don't think what we want to do is create a scientific definition that increases the possibility of extinction."

David Hogan, of the Tucson, Ariz.-based Center for Biological Diversity, an endangered species and habitat protection advocacy group, said most of the Western governors, with a few exceptions, want to gut the act.

"What's clear from this meeting and other legislative proposals is that many lawmakers are mounting a campaign to really eviscerate our nation's



Gov. Bill Owens of Colorado, at podium, speaks as, from left, Gov. Kenny Guinn of Nevada, Gov. Linda Lingle of Hawaii, Gov. Judy Martz of Montana, Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico, and Gov. South Dakota look on during a news conference at the Endangered Species Summit of the Western Governors Association on Friday in San Diego.

strongest wildlife protection law solely to benefit their enemies in the timber industry, mining industry and others," he said.

On Friday, the governors' association praised a recommendation by Interior

Department biologists against adding the sage grouse to the endangered species list, a determination that could wind up benefiting natural gas and oil producers but add to environmentalists' concerns.

Congress will extend recreation fees for at least another decade

WASHINGTON (AP) — Recreation fees charged to people who picnic, hike or canoe in national forests and other public lands will stay in place for at least 10 more years under a giant spending bill approved by Congress.

The fees were first imposed in 1996 on a temporary basis and have been renewed every two years since. Lawmakers have resisted efforts to make them permanent, citing their widespread unpopularity, particularly in the West.

Federal land managers say charging \$5 for use of marked trails and restrooms — or \$10 for a campsite — ensures that those who use the land help pay to maintain it. The fees generate about \$170 million per year for the Forest Service and Department of the Interior, which use the money to maintain restrooms, collect trash and provide other amenities.

But critics call the fees a hidden tax that discourages the public from using public lands. The fee "amounts to nothing more than a stealth double tax for hikers, hunters, picnickers or anyone wishing to spend a day at the beach or in the forest with their family," said Rep.

Peter DeFazio, D-Ore. He and other critics were outraged that the measure extending the fees for at least 10 years was inserted into the \$308 billion spending bill at the last minute by Rep. Ralph Regula, R-Ohio, an Appropriations subcommittee chairman who has no public lands in his district.

"This was a victory of pork over principle," said Robert Funkhouser, president of the Colorado-based Western Slope No-Fee Coalition, which has opposed to oppose the fee demonstration program. "Ralph Regula is responsible for the first tax increase of the Bush administration."

A spokesman for Regula could not be reached for comment. But Assistant Interior Secretary Lynn Scarlett called the new law "a very important accomplishment by the Congress."

The National Park Service and other agencies have long had the ability to charge fees, Scarlett said, but now can keep much of the money on site, so it can be used for maintenance and improvements where it is collected.

"Our No. 1 reason (for the fees) is to provide enhanced services and facilities to the public," she said.

Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., chairman of the House Resources Committee, said the bill should put an end to fears that fees will be misused, because Congress has laid out circumstances under which they can be collected. Only developed sites, with some type of rest room or picnic area, will be allowed to charge fees.

The Forest Service recently stopped collecting fees at 400 sites after the public complained the sites had no amenities.

Even with the safeguards, some activists call the fees fundamentally unfair. Scott Silver, executive director of Oregon-based Wild Wilderness, said there is virtually no federal land near his central Oregon home that does not charge a fee.

"Those who argue that a \$5 hike costs less than a movie or hook miss the point," Silver said. "A movie is a private good that comes from a company that produces it," he said. "The forest is our birthright. To equate the two is a false equation."

GOP leaders change legislative committee leaderships

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The new Republican leadership of the Utah legislature has shaken up the committee leadership posts, even removing Sen. Leonard Blackham from his influential position.

Most committee leadership assignments announced Thursday changed little from previous years, but with a new House speaker and Senate president, there was some shuffling.

That maneuvering, however, left Blackham without any leadership position.

Sen. Lytle Hilliard, R-Logan, will replace Blackham, of Monticello, as co-chairman of the Joint Executive Appropriations

Committee, the Legislature's main budget panel.

Blackham eked out a primary victory over Rep. Darin Peterson, R-Nephi, in a race that quietly pitted some Republican legislators against each other.

"We felt it was time for a change," Senate President-elect John Valentine said. "He ended up with some pretty good assignments."

Hilliard will be a senior member of the Senate.

Blackham said he was "fine" with the assignments. "I'm just happy to serve," he said. "There's no repercussion here at all and there's no conflict between me and leadership."

In other changes, Sen. Michael Wadsworth, a Republican from Taylorsville who lost his bid for Senate president, will take over as chairman of the Rules Committee, a job previously held by Hilliard.

Sen. Bill Hickman, R-Sr. George, will take over as head of Capital Facilities and Administration, a post that could benefit Southern Utah University and Dixie State College because Hickman will have a key role in deciding construction funding.

In the House, Rep. Ron Bigelow of West Valley City retained his post as co-chairman of the Joint Executive Appropriations Committee.

SERVICES

Douglas James Robbins of Burley funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main; friends may call one hour before the service on today.

Violet "Vi" Lielle Bower of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

Len F. Marrs of Albion, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at the Albion Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; luncheon will follow burial at Sage Mountain - Grill in Albion for family and friends. Viewing one hour before the funeral on today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Verietta Mendenhall Anderson of the Kasota area, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Syracuse Cemetery in Syracuse, Utah (Parke's Funeral Home).

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

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

Edith Mae Lance-Downing memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the English Funeral Chapel, Post Falls, Idaho.

Alec Daniel Murdock of Wendell, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Wendell LDS Church.

Visitation for family members and friends from 11 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. today at the Wendell LDS Church (Demar's Wendell Chapel).

Esther Christensen of Filer, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Lindquist Layton Mortuary, 1867 N. Fairfield Road; friends

may call from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. before the service.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at the Filer LDS Stake Center, 841 W. Midway (Lindquist Mortuary).

Juan Guerry of Burley, vigil service at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Little Flower Catholic Church in Burley; funeral Mass celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday at the Little Flower Catholic Church (Payne Mortuary).

DEATH NOTICES

Thomas Steven Patterson

BURLEY — Thomas Steven Patterson, 56, of Raymond, Mo., and formerly of Burley, died Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, at his home in Raymond.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, where friends may call one hour before the service. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

F. Kenneth Drury

TWIN FALLS — F. Kenneth Drury, 92, of Twin Falls, died Dec. 3, 2004, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. A funeral will be held at 2

p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Neil C. Weir

TWIN FALLS — Neil C. Weir, 84, of Hagerman, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary.

Damon W. Lawson

RUPERT — Damon Woodrow Lawson, 86, of Rupert, died Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, at his home.

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

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WEST

Scientist says prairie dogs appear to communicate in their own language

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Prairie dogs, those little pups popping in and out of holes on vacant lots and rural rangeland, are talking up a storm.

They have different "words" for tall human in yellow shirt, short human in green shirt, coyote, deer, red-tailed hawk and many other creatures.

They can even coin new terms for things they've never seen before, independently coming up with the same calls or words, according to Coon Slobodkinoff, a Northern Arizona University biology professor and prairie dog linguist.

Prairie dogs of the Gunnison's species, which Slobodkinoff has studied, speak different dialects in Grants and Taos, N.M.; Flagstaff, Ariz.; and Monument Pass, Colo., but they would likely understand one another, the professor says.

"So far, I think we are showing the most sophisticated communication system that anyone has shown in animals," Slobodkinoff said.

Slobodkinoff has spent the last two decades studying prairie dogs and their calls, mostly in Arizona, but also in New Mexico and Colorado.

Prairie dog chatter is variously described by observers as a series of yips, high-pitched barks or raps. And most scientists think prairie dogs simply make sounds that reflect their inner condition. That means all they're saying are things like "ouch!" or "hungry" or "eck."

But Slobodkinoff believes prairie dogs are communicating detailed information to one another about what animals are showing up in their colonies, and maybe even gossiping.

Linguists have set five criteria that must be met for something to qualify as language: It must contain words with abstract meanings; possess syntax in which the order of words is part of their meaning; have the ability to coin new words; be composed of smaller elements; and use words separated in space and time from what they represent.

"I've been chipping away at all of these," Slobodkinoff said.

He and his students have done work in the field and in a laboratory. With digital recorders, they record the calls prairie dogs



Black tailed prairie dogs are seen at the Living Desert State Park in Carlsbad, N.M., in this undated file photo. Prairie dogs have different 'words' for tall human in yellow shirt, short human in green shirt, coyote, deer, red-tailed hawk and many other creatures. —

make as they see different people, dogs of different sizes and with different coat colors, hawks, elk. They analyze the sounds using a computer that dissects the underlying structure and creates a sonogram, or visual representation of the sound. Computer analysis later identifies the similarities and differences.

The prairie dogs have calls for various predators but also for elk, deer, antelope and cows.

"It's as if they're trying to inform one another what's out there," Slobodkinoff said.

So far, he has recorded at least 20 different "words."

Some of those words or calls were created by the prairie dogs when they saw something for the first time. Four prairie dogs in Slobodkinoff's lab were shown a great-horned owl and European ferret, two animals they had likely not seen before, if

only because the owls are mostly nocturnal and this kind of ferret is foreign. The prairie dogs independently came up with the same new calls.

In the field, black plywood cutouts showing the silhouette of a coyote, a skunk and an oval shape were randomly run along a wire through the prairie dog colony.

"There are no black ovals running around out there and yet they all had the same word for black oval," Slobodkinoff said.

He guesses the prairie dogs are genetically programmed with some vocabulary and the ability to describe things.

Computer analysis has been able to break down some prairie dog calls into different components, suggesting the critters have yet another element of a real language.

"We're chipping away with this at the idea that animals don't have language," Slobodkinoff said.

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Youngsters make TRACKS to educational program

JORDANVILLE STATE PARK, Utah (AP) — Kathy Donnell can always spot the big-city kids during TRACKS nature programs at this popular state park.

Children from this 42,000-acre area are just like "Oh, we have those in our back yard," but the city kids are like "oh my gosh" when I show them the different animals which live around here," said Donnell, who runs the Trees, Rocks and Animals Captivating Kids Spirits (TRACKS) program at Jordanelle, now in its second year.

"Some people have become so removed from the natural environment. This is a way for kids to become reconnected, and we do that by showing them how we are connected."

TRACKS is offered the first and third Friday of each month through March at the Rock Cliff Nature Center on the east side of the reservoir where the Provo River flows into Jordanelle.

Donnell planned TRACKS to give parents of preschool-age children a chance to get out of the house for a fun field trip while older siblings are in school.

Activities range from using the senses to connect with nature to learning how animals handle the harshness of winter and tracking animals in the snow with the aid of snowshoes

provided by the state park.

"My little girl still points out tracks wherever we go," Jaimee Robinson of Coalville said of her 4-year-old daughter, Calissa, who participated in TRACKS last winter.

"Kids really enjoy the hands-on stuff, and it is especially true with nature." The nature center at Rock Cliff is loaded with fun stuff that toddlers can touch, even if their parents tell them not to. "Parents tell them not to touch anything, but I whisper in the parents' ears that it's OK. We

want them to touch the quills of a porcupine, feel the fur of a bear and know what antlers feel like," Donnell said.

"Some things are more easily touched than others, like rubber scented replicas that help kids learn how to recognize what animals have been in the area."

"We can always tell when they are playing with the poop. We hear a lot of yucks and giggles," Donnell said.

Each program starts with a quick introduction of participants and staff, followed by a

discussion of the week's theme using items in the nature center for reference.

Then, kids bundle up and head outside for a journey on the boardwalk and/or along the river.

Afterward, back at the nature center, kids have a chance to work on a craft project linked to the day's theme.

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Former legislator faces fraud charges

PROVO, Utah (AP) — A former Utah state representative who also served a stint as Springville mayor has been charged with 20 counts of fraud.

The Utah Division of Securities claimed James Brent Haymond, 68, of Springville and another man fraudulently obtained more than \$340,000 from several investors, including a state representative from Provo.

According to an affidavit by division investigator Susan M. Jones, Haymond obtained some of the money by telling an investor the money would be used to help The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints establish church missions in China.

The Department of Commerce, of which the Division of Securities is a part, said the LDS Church was not involved.

Other alleged scams involved building power plants and then airplanes in China.

Current state Rep. Stephen Clark II-Brow, his business and members of his family invested more than \$100,000 in investment proposals involving alfalfa fields and airplanes, officials said.

Clark has not received any money back and declined to comment about the case.

Haymond said he is innocent and believes the case will be resolved before it goes to trial.

"I'm not guilty," Haymond told the Daily Herald of Provo.

Haymond and co-defendant Gen Yee Lin, 63, of Lafayette, Calif., are scheduled to appear in 4th District Court in February for a waiver hearing.

Haymond is charged with 16 counts of securities fraud, one count of theft by deception, one count of sale of an unregistered security, one count of unregistered securities agent and one count of pattern of unlawful activity.

Jury declines to blame manufacturer for fan death

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A Spokane County jury has declined to blame a manufacturer and two other companies for a 2000 accident in which a University of Idaho worker was killed in a giant ventilation fan.

The jury Thursday decided that technician Joel P. Crisp and the university were responsible for Crisp being sucked into the 4-foot opening of a fan capable of generating an 80 mph wind.

Crisp's wife and four sons couldn't sue the university because he was covered by Idaho's worker compensation program.

Crisp, 43, of Colfax, had 17 years of experience working on the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems in university buildings.

Jurors apparently agreed with defendants that Crisp should have known better than to enter the fan room while the fan was running.

Testimony indicated Crisp was one of a number of workers who frequently entered metal enclosed "air-handling units" on the roof of the Gauss Engineering Building without turning off fans inside the units.

No one witnessed Crisp's death.

The jury heard testimony for a month and deliberated most of Thursday before ruling there was nothing negligent or reckless about manufacturing or installing such powerful fans without screens over their intake holes.

Smart's alleged kidnapper will get new round of competency hearings

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The man accused of abducting Utah teenager Elizabeth Smart will get a new round of competency evaluations after he broke out into a Christmas hymn in court Friday.

Brian David Mitchell sang, "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel" — the name he went by as a street preacher, when authorities charged he snatched the 14-year-old girl from her bedroom in June 2002 and kept her as his wife for nine months.

Mitchell, who already had been declared competent to stand trial, closed his eyes and sang from a defense table for about 40 seconds before a judge ordered him removed from the courtroom.

"That's enough, Mr. Mitchell, but that's great," 3rd District Judge Judith Atherton told Mitchell, who was in court for a scheduling conference. "He sings well."

Mitchell's lawyers said the de-

fendant had been growing increasingly delusional in jail since September, when Atherton declared him competent after seven months of delusional evaluations.

The public defenders were prepared Friday to argue for new evaluations, and as they put on the case, the judge said his conduct seemed to underscore the need. Prosecutors were unconvinced, but didn't oppose another review.

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Workers, volunteers help sheep spot critters that want to eat them

CURLEW, Wash. (AP) — Kevin Doloughan and his friends are helping bighorn sheep that might not see the felines for the trees.

For the past four years, they have thinned thick stands of Douglas fir, killed weeds, installed a watering trough and planted shrubs the wild sheep favor.

The idea is to open up thickets, surrounding the Little Vulcan Mountain meadow where the herd forages and feeds its young, allowing them to see and escape from predators that want to eat them.

Even conservation groups have applauded this rare example of government land agencies logging trees specifically to help animals survive.

"They're real vital animals. If they can't see through it, they don't go through it," Doloughan, a Bureau of Land Management range management specialist, said of California bighorns. "It's real brushy and thick, they tend to avoid it."

The wild sheep, with curved horns like the deer on a Dodge truck, have been transplanted since 1971 to Eastern Washington from herds in Nevada and British Columbia. The 14 transplanted herds in Washington state are remnants of native species that historically roamed the West.

Doloughan got involved in efforts to save the Little Vulcan Mountain herd after its population crashed in the late 1990s, falling from an estimate of more than 150 to just 17 animals in 2001.

The sheep range over 5,200 acres on land owned by the BLM, U.S. Forest Service and state Department of Natural Resources, as well as private property. So efforts to save the herd had to be cooperative, Doloughan said.

After veterinarians concluded a parasite known as lungworm was



In this photo released by the Bureau of Land Management, bighorn sheep graze in a meadow on Little Vulcan Mountain, near Curlew, Wash., Nov. 23. Contract loggers for the BLM have thinned stands of Douglas fir, killed weeds and planted shrubs the wild sheep favor, all to protect the Little Vulcan Mountain herd from extinction.

partially responsible for the herd's decline, blocks of salt containing medication were scattered throughout the herd's range.

But Doloughan suspected predators also might be responsible, so he put together a plan to rehabilitate their habitat, making it easier to spot cougars, bears and coyotes and lead to safety.

Last spring, crews moved into the thickets that surround the sheep's home meadow and began felling Douglas fir that had crowded out open-canopy ponderosa pine and other native species.

Others chopped out underbrush and smaller trees, creating a stand that looks much like it did in pictures Doloughan found in the area from the 1940s. Helicopters were used for most of the logging, an expensive method that spares the steep ground from damage and prevents erosion.

The result was the opening of

"lanes" through the trees and the reduction of underbrush where predators could hide.

The efforts appear to be working.

During a recent visit to the meadow on a bench above the Kettle River, Doloughan, BLM specialist Glenn Paulsen and state Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist Steve Zender watched a group of nine of 10 sheep rest on a rock outcropping above the Kettle River outside Curlew.

Later, as they crested a rise on the edge of the sheep's home meadow, they startled another herd of about 20, including six of seven rams.

Because it is difficult to find and count moving herds of elusive animals, estimates of the herd's size range from about 40 to as many as 200, Zender said. A 40-110 would be the optimum size for the amount of available food and land available.

The population has sprung

back to a point where Zender thinks it may be time to open a limited-run hunt. Annual hunts were suspended by the state and Colville Confederated Tribes in 1999 because so many animals had been lost to disease and predators.

Starting four years ago, Doloughan and volunteers from wildlife conservation groups began making changes in the lambing meadow to make the sheep's lives easier.

With funding from the non-profit Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, Safari Club International and Inland Northwest Wildlife Council, Doloughan and others have installed a spring-fed water trough, built fences to keep domestic animals out and seeded the meadow.

The wild sheep foundation also paid for satellite collars and helicopter time to track the sheep, which appear to be on the rebound, Doloughan said.

Officials clean up mercury from old mine at Silver Reef

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — State and federal officials are cleaning up mercury left behind a century ago at the Christy Mill mine in Silver Reef.

The mercury being cleaned by the state and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was used in the silver extraction process. Work began Wednesday and will continue until the site is cleaned up, which will take about six months.

The agencies said there is no public health risk.

"Our main message is that some things being done about the clean up site," said Dave Allison, spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Quality.

All large, on-scene coordinators with the EPA, said water samples in had not returned indicating the 47-acre clean up site have tested clean.

About 11 acres of that ground about 16 miles northeast of St. George and one mile north of Leeds is contaminated with high levels of mercury.

Edison invents phonograph on this day in the year 1877

This day in history: "Mary had a little lamb" — on Dec. 4, 1877, Thomas Edison spoke these words into his new invention and, to his delight, the phonograph played his words right back to him.

The word "chipmunk" comes from the Chippewa word for squirrel: "tchitmanuk." It means "head first."

Mary Olahomans (and also some folks from elsewhere) claim that the grocery cart was invented in Okla. in 1937.

More people are committed to mental institutions during the summer months than any other time of the year.

In the Southwest, another term for buttermilk is "jockey," pronounced hoe-koe-kah. English-speakers picked it up from the Mexicans who have a milk product by that name that resembles watery sour cream.

Don't get into a spitting match with an elephant. Its trunk can hold about a gallon and a half of water.

In the fast and dangerous sport of jui abai, the ball is made from rubber and goatskin. It's so hard and flung so fast that if it were to hit a player during the game, it could be fatal.



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS Jack Mingo Erin Barrett

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Appeals court: Judge erred in shutting down Interior Internet

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge should not have ordered the Interior Department to pull the plug on many of its Internet connections without giving the agency a chance to show that improved security measures, a federal appeals court ruled Friday.

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth ordered the shutdown in March after finding security holes could have allowed hackers access to hundreds of millions of dollars in royalties from Indian lands managed by the agency.

But the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit said Lamberth ignored evidence showing Interior had addressed his concerns and faulted Lamberth for making

the decision without holding an evidentiary hearing.

The shutdown lasted only nine days because the appeals court blocked Lamberth's order while it considered the Interior Dept.'s motion for appeal.

A department spokesman said he would not comment until officials had a chance to review the decision.

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Helping patients - Idaho Home Health and Hospice needs volunteers to visit with patients or relieve caregivers. Training will be provided with hospice orientation. Office help is also needed. Call Susan at 734-4061 or visit the office at 826 Eastland Drive.

Clothing - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center resettles families from European countries. Winter clothing for men, women and children is needed. Drop items by the center, 1525 Addison Ave. E., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (closed from noon to 1 p.m.) Monday through Friday. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

Run errands - Hospice Visions needs volunteers to run errands, buy groceries, go shopping, do light housework, write letters, read stories and other activities for hospice patients in patients' homes and in the Hospice House. Call Flo Slater at 735-0121.

Lift chair - An elderly woman needs a lift chair delivered to her home. Call Edith at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging at 736-2122, ext. 320.

Mentor - The Building Excellence in Academics, Character and Health Club is an afterschool, mentor program that meets at Central Elementary and Jerome Middle schools in Jerome. Mentors who can volun-

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 320. RSVP is a United Way sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho. Please submit your request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Call weekly to rejoin request.

teer at least one hour each week are needed. Pre-service training is provided. Call Joy Karavadas at 324-3396, ext. 2831, or Millie Cavittina at 324-4286.

Respite - The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program needs volunteers to give respite to elderly homebound clients so their main caregivers can take a break. Volunteers are needed in the Gooding, Wendell, Jerome, Rupert and Burley areas. Call Edith at 736-2122, ext. 320, or Kitty at 878-0727.

Reading - The America Reads Program needs seniors age 55 and older to help children in kindergarten through third grade with their reading skills at all elementary schools in the Magic Valley. Call Shirley Basham at 736-2122, ext. 325.

Drivers - The College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging

needs volunteer drivers age 55 and older to take clients to medical appointments and grocery shopping in all Magic Valley towns. Volunteers are reimbursed mileage and covered by excess insurance. Call Edith at 736-7464 or Kitty at 878-0727.

Tax assistance - The Internal Revenue Service and AARP Foundation needs volunteers all ages, backgrounds and skill levels to provide free state income-tax assistance for the elderly, disabled, non-English speaking and those with limited incomes. Volunteers will receive free training at their choice of class sessions. One will be held on Saturdays starting Dec. 11, and another on weekdays starting Jan. 3. Volunteers are reimbursed for program-related travel expenses. Computer experience is helpful. Contact Bob Wunderle at 837-9178 or fax: hplpds@earthlink.net; Fred Ripley at 549-6544 or feripley@aol.com; Vicki Wona-cott at the IRS in Boise 387-2829, ext. 340, or victoria.wonacott@irs.gov; the national Tax-Aide at 1-888-AARP-NOW, or visit the Web site at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

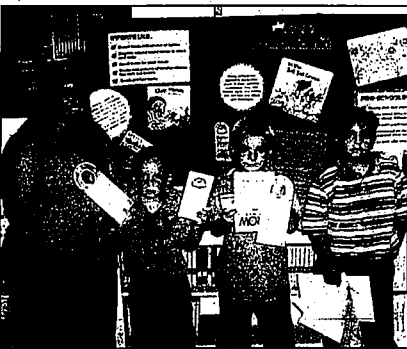
Volunteers - First Choice Hospice needs volunteers to sit with patients and give their primary caregivers time out to do holiday shopping for a couple of hours each week. Training is provided. Call Pat Fiscus at First Choice Hospice at 736-0900.

DECORATING



Cassia Regional Medical Center Volunteers have donated many hours preparing for the Festival of Trees. Doris Shortt, Della Skaggs and Delinda Schwendiman are shown making arrangements of various wreaths and decorations for the Holiday House at the Festival of Trees. Today is the last day of the festival, which is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE SUCCESS



St. Nicholas School in Rupert reported a successful open house with one class having 70 percent participation. Parents attended the Parent Teacher Club meeting to meet the staff and listen to plans for the year. Children also showed parents their classroom and the library. This display was sponsored by the Idaho Reads! VISTA and Idaho Department of Education, with help from the Idaho State Library. Picking up materials is Monica Day with her son, Duncan; Daniel Frauburger; and Pedro Villacana. All of the boys are second-graders at the school.

GETTING HER WINGS



First Lt. Jean Nodacker had her Civil Air Patrol Pilot wings planned on by her husband, Col. Milton Nodacker, in a ceremony at the squadron Oct. 25. Lt. Nodacker joined CAP in July 2001. The couple met at a squadron meeting that month and were married in the squadron building at the Twin Falls Airport in December 2001. Lt. Nodacker passed her Private Pilot Practical Test and received her license Oct. 20. She also serves the squadron as Aerospace Education Officer and was selected Idaho Wing's Aerospace Education Officer of the Year for 2004.

Ministerial association collects food baskets

BUHL - The West End Ministerial Association is coordinating the assembly and delivery of Christmas food baskets to the needy. Those requesting a food basket must return applications by Dec. 15 to the First Christian Church, 1005 Poplar Ave. The main change in the process this year is to require requests for toys to include a statement of financial need by Wednesday. Sponsors are the West End Food Pantry, Buhl Police Department, Chamber of Commerce,

senior citizens center, West End Head Start, area schools and most area churches. To donate nonperishable food items, deliver them from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 15 to the First Christian Church. Food will be sorted that day and items will be boxed for families starting at 9 a.m. Dec. 16 with deliveries starting at 9 a.m. Dec. 17. Any person or organization who wants to deliver to or adopt a specific family must mark the special delivery section in the top right hand corner, including

their name, but a form must still be turned into the church. Volunteers are needed to help with the organization and delivery. Cash donations will also be accepted at P.O. Box 206, Buhl. For more information, call Mike Graybill at 537-6912 or 308-6925. Last year, 155 families were served and 282 children received gifts collected and wrapped by the Buhl High School Key Club, the association reported. The average value of the baskets was \$60.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Group takes Christmas food baskets applications

EDEN - The Valley Community Helpers are taking applications for Christmas food baskets for Eden and Hazelton-area residents. Applications are available at U.S. Bank, 225 Main, and Lakeview Apartments, 856 S. 1900 E., both in Hazelton; or the Silver and Gold Senior Center, 210 E. Wilson, in Eden. Applications are due by Dec. 10. Food baskets will be delivered Dec. 18 at the Silver and Gold Senior Center. Donations of food or money to help with the baskets can be dropped off at the U.S. Bank in Hazelton. For more information, call Diane at 829-5441.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced weekly winners: Nov. 18: first, Jessie Linow and Sam Smuntzy; second, Bobette Plankey and Ruth Raher; third, Harold and Renee Bulcher; and tied for fourth and fifth, Enid Cook and Don Rahe with Tom and Mary Schmidt. Nov. 20: first, Mike Noss and Max Thompson; second, Billy Burton and Bobette Plankey; third, Tom and Mary Schmidt; fourth, Renee Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll; and fifth, Harold Bulcher and Betty Grant. Nov. 22: tied for first and second, Ise Hyllon and Leona Watson with Milo Pearson and

Duane Schneberger; and third, Don and Shelley Montgomery.

Nov. 23 for north/south: first, Dottie Miller and Mary Lee Pfeiffer; second, Harold Bulcher and Jim Holden; and third, Joye Astorgua and Betty-Frantz. East/west: first, Emma Lou Andrews and Vesta Roberts; second, Bonnie Asplante and Enid Cook; and third, Carmen Kevan and Norma Prestidge. The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Refreshments are served. For a partner, call 324-2000.

Dancer offers hip-hop workshop today

TWIN FALLS - Kimberly Madsen is hosting a hip-hop dance workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. today at the Dance Center, 434 Main Ave. S. The cost is \$15. Madsen has danced with Nielsen's School of Dance, the University of Idaho Spirit Squad, was in the top five at the Miss Idaho 2003 and 2004 pageants and has been training at the Debbie Reynolds and Millennium dance studios in Los Angeles. For more information, call 736-1054.

Dorcas Society plans Christmas party

RUBENIT - The Dorcas Society of Trinity Lutheran Church will provide phone cards to servicemen as a mission project this month. The Lois Circle will also host a Christmas Party at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Conner's Cafe, Interstate 84, Highway 27. The society held its November meeting with President Janet Draper presiding. Officers were elected for the coming year. They are: president, Janet Draper; vice president, Hildegard Holy; secretary, DeLoris Thae; treasurer, Dorothy Rogers; and Christian Life, Mary Lou Freeman. Freeman also led the opening and closing devotions and the topic "Lifetime Guarantees." Joanne Heib showed a video about the Angel Tree program in which Trinity Lutheran Church will participate. Members-at-large for November are Lorinda Stevens and Sue Suchan. Betty Martin was the hostess. For more information, call 436-4220.

Santa Claus visits indoor flea market

FILER - The Indoor Filer Flea Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, 215 Fair Ave. Earned goods for the Salvation Army will be collected and Santa Claus will visit Saturday.

Admission is 50 cents with return privileges. Preschoolers are free. For more information, call 312-4900.

Candle lighting ceremony set in Burley

BURLEY - Light a Candle of Love, a community memorial service, will be held at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 321 E. Main St. The funeral home will light a candle for all the families it served over the past year. There will be a short memorial service and candle lighting ceremony. Refreshments will be served. Scheduled to be a prayer will be led by Pastor David Graham, a holiday grief message by Mr. and Mrs. Bortz, Thom Simpson will sing and Pastor Dennis Slonecman will give the closing prayer. This event is open to the public. For more information, call 678-2521.

BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

RUBENIT - The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced the results of American Contract Bridge League sanctioned open puts play for Nov. 30. North-south: first, Nancy Gibson and Trudy Carver; second, Vera Mai and Nanette Woodland; and third, Elise Heins and Linda Haloniska. East-west: first, Don Creason and Norma Goodman; second, Marlene Temple and Pat Adams; and third, Frances Anglin and Allen Burke.

The club plays bridge at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. Refreshments are served during play. All area bridge players are invited. For more information, call 878-3997.

Caregiver Support Group hears about holidays

TWIN FALLS - The Caregiver Support Group will meet for lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging, 980 Washington St. N. Judy Gerard, manager of Home and Community Based Services through the CSI Office on Aging, will provide tips on how to get through the holidays. Lunch is included. For more information, call Sherry Cunn at 736-2122, ext. 308.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club holds annual dinner

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Unit Duplicate Bridge Clubs annual Christmas dinner will be held Dec. 12 at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. E. Unit bridge play will start at 1 p.m. and will be free for those unable to play for the last two months. Reservations must be made for the dinner by Wednesday by calling 733-8699. **Volunteers needed for reading program** **SHOSHONE** - Adults are needed immediately to help in a

ninth-grade reading class from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. each day. Volunteers are needed to help with the organization and delivery. Cash donations will also be accepted at P.O. Box 206, Buhl. For more information, call Mike Graybill at 537-6912 or 308-6925.

Ladies of the Elks holds Christmas party Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - The Ladies of the Elks is having a Christmas party at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Perkins Restaurant, 1564 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The past presidents will sponsor the event.

Yoga workshop takes place at Episcopal church

TWIN FALLS - A Holiday Yoga Workshop will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N. The cost is \$10. The workshop will include active and restorative poses. Participants should bring their own props. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Church Outreach Program and used to help feed the homeless in the community. For more information, call instructors Joyce Ballard or David Duhaime at 733-8881.

Burley High School Booster Club meets

BURLEY - The Burley High School Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at Burley High School, 2100 Parke Ave. For more information, call 678-2451.



German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, right, and Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi leave a news conference after their talks in Berlin on Friday, focusing on the situation in Iraq.

Germany arrests three in suspected plot to attack Iraqi prime minister during visit

BERLIN (AP) — German authorities arrested three Iraqis with alleged al-Qaida links on suspicion they were planning an attack on Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi while he visited Germany on Friday, the country's chief prosecutor said. The arrests were announced while Allawi was in Berlin and hours before he met German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder. Investigators who had the three suspects under surveil-

lance noticed an increase in activity: phone calls and suspicious movements by one suspect before Allawi's visit that amounted to "evidence of plans of an attack," chief federal prosecutor Kay Nehm said. All three were members of the terror group Ansar al-Islam, Nehm said at his agency's headquarters in Karlsruhe. German authorities have said Ansar al-Islam has about 100 supporters in Germany; and U.S. authorities have linked the

group to al-Qaida. The suspects' phone calls grew more hectic after initial intelligence led officials to cancel a Thursday night meeting between Allawi and Iraqi aides in Berlin, Nehm said. From the reactions in the various phone calls to the change in the visit's schedule, one must conclude that they indicate that something was planned against the Iraqi prime minister," he said. "The conversations differed

markedly from the usual "support" activity for Ansar al-Islam, he said. "Naturally that made us suspicious." It was unclear what kind of an attack the group might have planned, and Nehm refused to elaborate. He said the suspects appeared to have acted largely on the spur of the moment — seizing the opportunity of Allawi's visit — and he added that initial searches had not found any bomb-making materials or weapons.

Five explosions in Madrid follow a phone warning from separatists

No injuries reported

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Five small explosive devices detonated Friday at Madrid gas stations along busy highways after a telephone warning from the armed Basque separatist group ETA, officials said.

There were no injuries and only minor damage at the stations, which were evacuated before the blasts, an Interior Ministry official said.

Earlier, the Basque newspaper Gara said it had received a call from a person claiming to speak on behalf of ETA who said five explosive devices had been placed at gas stations along major highways leading out of Madrid. Gara often serves as a mouthpiece for ETA statements. Friday night marked the start of a long holiday weekend in Spain and the highways where those gas stations are located had been bumper-to-bumper with traffic.

ETA has been blamed for more than 800 deaths since the late 1960s. It struck a string of small explosions in resort towns in northern Spain over the summer, causing slight damage and only a few minor injuries.

Its last fatal attack was in May 2003, a car bombing that killed two policemen in the northern town of Sanguesa.

Last month, a banned party seen as ETA's political wing proposed a new formula for peace talks. The government raised hopes that ETA might be prepared to end its armed struggle.

But days later, ETA issued a statement pledging to continue attacks against Spanish security forces.

Kabila accuses Rwanda of seeking pretext to disrupt Congo

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — President Joseph Kabila accused Rwanda on Friday of trying to create a confrontation with Congo in an effort to disrupt Congolese efforts to secure the country and move toward 2005 elections.

Kabila's first public statement since Rwanda's President Paul Kagame began warning last week that his country would act against 8,000 to 10,000 Rwandan Hutu rebels taking shelter in eastern Congo. Rwandan warnings have raised fears of renewed war in central Africa, reviving a 1998-2002 conflict that drew in the armies of five nations. Kagame insists a 5-month-old U.N.-led disarmament program has so far failed to neutralize the Rwandan Hutu rebel forces.

Rwanda has twice invaded eastern Congo, in 1996 and 1998, to hunt down Rwandan Hutu combatants responsible for the 1994 genocide.

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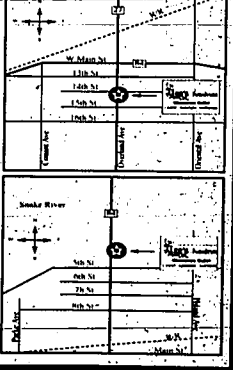
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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley's report

Help wanted
Employers in November placed more local job openings than they did a year earlier. Last month, employers in The Times-News' classified advertising section sought 1,601. Employment ads that's up 19 percent from the 1,346 placed in November 2003. It also beats the 1,217 ad total of November 2002.
*Out-of-area companies are searching in our area for accountants and professional sales representatives, said The Times-News' classified and on-line manager, Doby Johnson.
*Local area companies are still seeking drivers, medical and manufacturing in the ag sector. They are looking for experienced dairy and equipment workers.
*Year-to-date 2004's employment ads are running 8 percent above the total ads placed in the first 11 months of 2003.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Main Street Plaza businesses open

TWIN FALLS — Retail businesses in the Main Street Plaza are open for customers, despite a broken pipe that caused a flood Tuesday afternoon in the downtown building.
Sugar Bakers of Main Street Plaza restaurant re-opened to weekday morning and lunch crowds, was closed only on Wednesday because of the building's flood. But business has been slow since then, and co-owner Mary Bennett said she's worried that people might mistakenly think that all the businesses and offices in Main Street Plaza are out of commission.
In fact, Bennett said, Sugar Bakers and two of its fellow tenants, Professional Frame and Marjion's Massage, escaped most of the damage of the flood, and they're all three open for business.
Some of their Main Street Plaza neighbors, however, have things worse.
Magic Valley Arts Council and the associated Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft had to move their galleries to a temporary location across the street.
The Main Street Plaza's hallway and offices of the Living Independence Network Corp. and the Historic Old Towne business improvement district sustained the worst damage. LINC and Historic Old Towne employees are muddling through, doing some work from home and some from their soggy offices.
Clean-up crews put dehumidifiers in the building's hallway, and they sucked gallons of moisture out of the air even after soaked hallway carpet was removed. Bennett said.
"The humidity in here was just amazing," she said.

Hailey chamber elects directors and officers

HAILEY — The Hailey Chamber of Commerce announced election results for its 2005 directors and officers.
These officers will make up the chamber's executive council president, Al Stevenson (Stevenson — Management Group), Vice President Heather Abrams (Mountain West Bank), Treasurer Chris Maloney (American Hailey) and Secretary Tom Smith (executive director of the Hailey chamber).
Elected to the board for two-year terms are Jeff Bartz (Copy & Print), Bud Bolin (Hailey Realty), Steve Beaufort (dentist), Gary Coats (Marketron), Lisa Emerick (Friedman Memorial Airport), Kim Magill (Hailey Sport & Spin), James Mitchell (Mountain Express), Kim Patterson (Wood River Journal), Mary Peterson (McCamp, Daech & Fenton Realty), L.L. Rowsey (Company of Foods) and Jim Spindell (Wood River Insurance).
Also, Andy Andrews (Andrews Heating & Sheer Metal) will remain on the board.
The new board recently held its first meeting, set the agenda for the coming year.

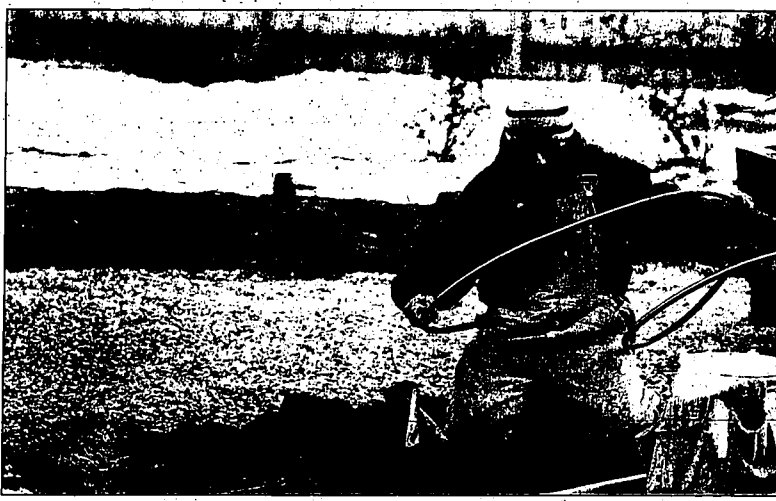
Del gets \$700 million deal from Philips

DALLAS — Dell Inc. said it has won a \$700 million, five-year contract to provide computers and services for Royal Philips Electronics.
Dell said it will supply desktop and notebook computers for 75,000 workstations in 60 countries for the Dutch electronics giant.

McDonald's CEO pledges continuation

CHICAGO — New McDonald's Corp. chief executive Jim Skinner pledged Friday to maintain and even accelerate the fast-food giant's recent resurgence with more new products and a continuing focus on restaurant operations.
Speaking publicly for the first time since succeeding the ailing Charlie Bell last week, Skinner emphasized that "changing leadership does not mean changing strategy." He told reporters he will carry on with existing initiatives aimed at making McDonald's "better, not just bigger."
Skinner, 60, acknowledged mixed emotions because of the circumstances that elevated him

BETWEEN SEASONS



Gerardo Rayas of Kimberly Nurseries Inc. installs pipe for sprinkler heads in a Twin Falls yard Friday. Kimberly Nurseries' landscaping crews are still busy winterizing lawns and installing new sod.

Gap nudges up M.V. jobless rates

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley's jobless rates crept upward in November, thanks to an employment gap between the harvest season and holiday hiring, Idaho Commerce and Labor reported Friday.
South-central Idaho is still feeling the effects of a short winter year, as seasonal workers were taken out of the fields earlier than average. Ideally, the harvest overlaps with retailers hiring temporary workers for the holidays, but that wasn't the case last month, said Greg Rogers, the department's regional labor economist.
Statewide, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was forecast at 5.1 percent, down from 5.2 percent for October. Idaho's November rate was one-tenth of a point above the 5.0 percent rate during the same month a year ago. Like Magic Valley, the state forecast gains, in the retail sector but forecast a decline in the numbers of agricultural workers.
Camas and Gooding counties saw their

County	Nov. '04	Oct. '04	Nov. '03
Blaine	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%
Camas	6.8	6.5	6.1
Cassia	6.0	6.7	5.9
Gooding	3.9	3.6	5.9
Jepson	4.0	4.1	3.9
Lincoln	5.3	5.7	4.0
Minidoka	9.2	9.3	9.0
Twin Falls	4.4	4.0	4.0

Source: Idaho Commerce and Labor forecasts

respective jobless rates jump three-tenths of a percent in November as a result of the unemployment gap, Rogers said. Camas County's November rate was seven-tenths of a point higher than the same period a year ago.
But despite the slight rise last month, Gooding County's jobless rate was two points lower than a year ago due to steady dairy employment. Jerome County saw its jobless rate drop one-tenth of a point to an even 4.0 percent, thanks again to the dairy industry, Rogers said. But Jerome's November rate was a tenth of a percent higher than last November.

Blaine County saw a tenth of a percent drop in unemployment — from 3.5 percent to 3.4 percent — which Rogers attributed to tourism traffic that should continue through the ski season. And while Lincoln County's rate dropped four-tenths of a point from October, from 5.7 percent to 5.3 percent, the rate was more than a percentage point higher than a year ago.
"Lincoln County has been fairly hard hit by the water situation," Rogers said.
Unemployment in Twin Falls County, which has held steady around 4.0 percent in recent months, rose four-tenths of a point from October to November. The combined Magic Valley jobless rate which includes Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties — rose two-tenths of a percent, from 4.0 percent to 4.2 percent. The three-county November rate also was two-tenths of a percent higher than the same month last year.
Rogers said those numbers are somewhat anomalous. He blamed the rise both on the unusual gap between field work and holiday retail jobs, and on a slowdown in the lawn care industry.
In the past two years, Twin Falls' housing boom has kept landscapers busy through the winter.

Les Schwab will build a new store in Jerome

JEROME — Les Schwab Tire Centers will move its Jerome tire center to a new location on Lincoln Street South.
The Prineville, Ore.-based company recently purchased from owner Mike Higley a franchised Les Schwab store on Jerome's west side. That location is now owned and operated by Les Schwab, said Dick Borgman, the company's executive vice president.
The company is now constructing a building valued at just more than \$900,000 at 1048 Lincoln St. S. The new store is slated to open sometime in spring, said store manager Andy Richmond.
"It'll be a larger location, a better location," Richmond said. "We're excited about it."
The decision to move the store was based on the company's desire to have a presence on Lincoln Street South, said

Briefly in money

Marlin Eldred, Jerome's economic development director.
"It's going to be a good addition to the area," Eldred said.
In addition to the Jerome store, the Les Schwab Tire Centers chain includes Magic Valley locations in Bull, Hailey, Burley, Jerome, Rupert, Paul and Twin Falls.
GARY I. COLSHOTT, vice president of Dell's service unit, said the deal surprised the company or maker's decision to build its managed-services business starting nearly three years ago. Dell, based in Round Rock, Texas, is competing against more established services companies such as IBM, HP and Accenture Ltd.
In October, Dell won a three-year deal to manage 16,000 desktops and notebooks for Honeywell International Inc., 15 European countries. Terms of that agreement were not disclosed.
In the third quarter, revenue at Dell's service unit rose 32 percent over a year earlier, Colshott said.
Dell is a Magic Valley employer, handling technical support and customer-service queries from its business customers at a Twin Falls call center.

Pier 1 Imports cuts quarterly profit forecast

FORT WORTH, Texas — Pier 1 Imports cut its quarterly profit forecast because of weak sales and price markdowns taken in November.
The home-furnishings chain with a Twin Falls store now expects to earn 21 cents to 23 cents a share for the three months ended Nov. 27, down from a previously projected range of 24 cents to 26 cents.
Pier 1 has had trouble attracting customers this year, in part because of economic conditions and "ineffective commercials featuring Queen Eye for the Straight Guy design guru Thom Filicia. The company halted its television advertising a follow-up to a widely successful campaign with actress Kirstie Alley, after hiring a new advertising agency

November jobs report disappoints

WASHINGTON — Employers added 112,000 workers to their payrolls in November, the government said Friday in a disappointing employment report for the holiday season.
Coming in the wake of sluggish holiday retail sales, the Bureau of Labor Statistics' monthly employment report suggested that businesses may again be growing more cautious about hiring.
And some analysts believe the economy could be headed for a slowdown early next year as higher interest rates and an end to the stimulus from tax cuts take a toll on spending.
Projections that companies could add as many as 200,000 new payroll jobs last month were dashed by the report's harsher reality.
Also, the bureau dropped from 337,000 to 303,000 the number of payroll jobs actually created in October. And the September report was revised downward from 139,000 jobs to 119,000.
On pretty much every level, this was a weak report.

Robert J. Gordon, chief economist at John Hancock Financial Services in Boston. "We saw less hiring, fewer hours (worked) and wages were essentially flat."
The report examined some of the exuberance that accompanied October's huge increase in payroll jobs and suggested that employers will keep their work forces smaller.

Some economists said the economy could slow in the first quarter of 2005 from the nearly 4 percent increase of the fourth quarter, making greater job gains difficult to achieve. They could decline to as low as 2.5 to 3 percent in the first quarter, said John Silvia, chief economist at Wachovia Securities.
Silvia said the payroll job increase was the smallest since July. The increase meant employment has been on the rise for 15 straight months, said Treasury Secretary John Snow.

The economy has created more than 2 million jobs so far this year, averaging nearly 200,000 jobs a month, he said.
A separate survey of the job market by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Burean poll, presented a brighter picture. It showed 483,000 jobs were created in November, causing the national unemployment rate to drop from 5.5 to 5.4 percent.

Many stores look to counter Wal-Mart effect

Knight Ridder News Service
FORT WORTH, Texas — As the holiday shopping season begins, many retailers are grappling with new ways to overcome what some see as a growing griet.
With more than 4,300 stores worldwide, 100 million customers per week and annual sales in excess of a quarter of a trillion dollars, Wal-Mart has become a year-round threat to its fellow retailers. Come holiday time, a make-or-break season for many retailers, the pressure only intensifies.
It is not just the promise of low prices that attracts throngs

of gift buyers to Wal-Mart. The opportunity for one-stop shopping has become a major draw for time-crunched consumers, and Wal-Mart's expansion into the grocery business has only enhanced the retail giant's reputation for convenience.
"Especially during the holidays, when the important thing is spending time with family and friends, customers can come to Wal-Mart and get their errand list and get a lot of things checked off at once," Wal-Mart spokeswoman Karen Burk said. "They can get their groceries for their holiday traveling, they can get their
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MONEY

Falling oil prices give stocks a modest boost

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks edged higher Friday as another drop in oil prices helped Wall Street withstand the effects of a disappointing jobs report.

The major indexes achieved a "second straight week of gains." Crude oil futures continued their decline, falling below the \$40-per-barrel mark for the first time in 2 1/2 months.

Oil's performance helped investors look past a worrisome jobs report. The Labor Department said there were 112,600 new jobs in November, far less than the 200,000 Wall Street expected.

However, investors' remained bullish on stocks, with inflows of capital continuing to climb since the presidential election.

"It's not really rational right now, because the fundamentals of the market don't match up with the sentiment out there," said Chris Johnson, chief economist at TD Ameritrade.

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Wal-Mart

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grocery shopping down, they could see some gains in the long run for a party and they can get their shopping done for gift giving."

With that proposition, is there room for other chains to compete? Just ask Neilman Marcus, J.C. Penney or GameStop, which have thrived in the shadow of Wal-Mart.

"We don't try to compete with Wal-Mart," because nobody wants a pricing contest with Wal-Mart," said Dick Fontaine, chairman and chief executive of the GameStop video-game chain, based in Grapevine, Texas.

Even Target, in many ways a direct competitor to Wal-Mart, has made a point of carving out its own niche, with designer-inspired clothes and housewares geared toward discerning shoppers on a budget.

But the retail industry's Ghost of Christmas Past can point to plenty of chains that failed to prosper their businesses from Wal-Mart.

Kmart hastened its downward spiral into Chapter 11 with an ill-fated price war against Wal-Mart in the 2001 holiday season. Last Christmas it was sandwiched by two high-profile bankruptcies in the toy business, with FAO Schwarz heading to bankruptcy court in early December and KB Toys following suit in January.

Other chains are facing different kinds of drastic action to stay relevant.

The shopping Sears, Roebuck and Co. just announced a megamerge with the reorganized Kmart chain. The move was designed to make both companies more formidable, but even combined they would have just one-fifth of Wal-Mart's sales.

Size is one of Wal-Mart's biggest advantages because it makes the chain indispensable to major suppliers. By buying in mass quantities and wringing favorable terms from vendors, the Bentonville, Ark.-based company can hold down costs and pass the savings along to consumers through low prices.

"They were the ones that took 25-inch TV sets and started advertising them at \$299," said retail consultant Bill Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group. "They can ultimately dictate what the retail price is because they can tell the manufacturer what they're willing to pay for it."

Wal-Mart's impact has been especially felt in the toy business, which is highly dependent on "hot" items at holiday time. Though it never had the breadth of selection of specialty toys, Wal-Mart carried enough of the most popular items at discount prices to overtake Toys R Us in the late 1990s as the nation's largest toy seller.

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"Every square foot has to pay when you're doing that — you can't take a loss on things," says Beemer. "Wal-Mart sets a key toy below cost to attract customers," they hardly

feel that because you're still paying full price on car batteries and nail polish while you're at the store," he said.

Specialty chains in other merchandise categories are changing the way they do business as well. Pier 1 Imports, for example, is working hard to find customers who are willing to pay a bit more for higher-quality furnishings.

"We had been appealing to a broad customer base, but the lower end we probably need to let go of a little bit," Pier 1 Chief Executive Marvin Grunwald said. RadioShack, meanwhile, has put more emphasis on high-profit items that use new technology and might require one-on-one assistance from a salesperson.

It is a strategy that Wal-Mart cannot easily duplicate. RadioShack Chief Executive Len Roberts said, because Wal-Mart does not have the same focus on individualized customer service and because its customers tend not to be the early adopters of new technologies. But as products become more common and their prices drop, Wal-Mart is bound to step in and quickly dominate the playing field.

"We have to learn to be smart enough to get out of those businesses before they get to that commodity level and step in," Roberts said. "Wal-Mart's business, and Wal-Mart is great at that business."

RadioShack learned that lesson the hard way two years ago, when it tried to match Wal-Mart

in offering rock-bottom prices on best-selling DVD players. The move hurt profit margins, and it was not repeated last Christmas. Instead, RadioShack focused on areas in which it believed that it brought unique expertise.

Product expertise has also been a strength of GameStop, which advertises that it has "the world's largest selection of gaming products." The chain also has a game trade-in service, a magazine devoted to the gaming pastime and employees who can assist avid gamers or intimidated gift buyers. All these are ways to differentiate the chain from Wal-Mart, GameStop's chief executive said.

Despite their best efforts, plenty of retailers have been unable to overcome Wal-Mart's might. The industry's recent history is littered with regional chains and independently owned stores that could not compete on price, selection or convenience.

But early this year, Wal-Mart Chief Executive H. Lee Scott assured his rivals that there is plenty of room for them to grow. After all, he said, his keynote address to the National Retail Federation convention in New York, while Wal-Mart accounts for 8 percent of all domestic retail sales, that leaves 92 percent of the pie for everyone else.

"We don't think we're going to own the world," Scott said. "If you doubt it, go to the Best Buy on the day after Thanksgiving."

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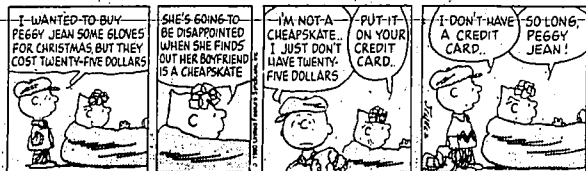
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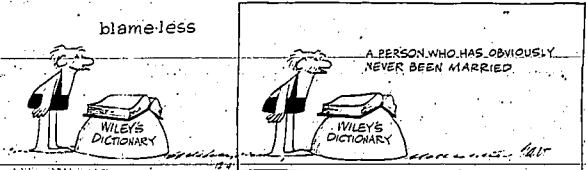
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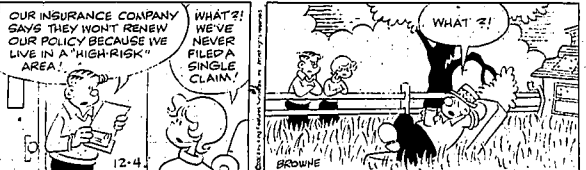
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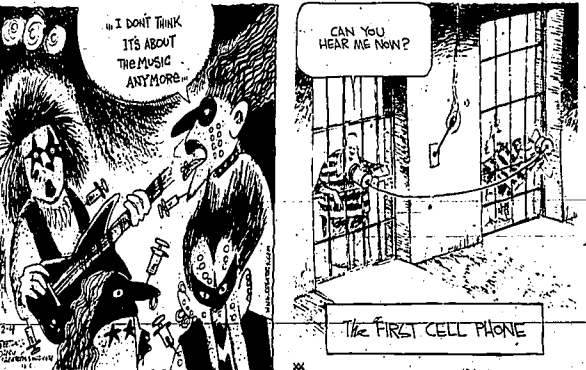


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Learn about the real St. Nicolas

Eight tiny reindeer, toy-making elves and, of course, the jolly one himself.

Before we're inundated with the cute and commercial side of Christmas, let's take a few minutes to get a little holiday perspective.



TOM SCHAEFER

If your celebration of Christmas is no more than galling cards to friends and family or forced listening to Christmas carols in stores, at least examine why Santa has a place in holiday festivities.

The Rev. Bob Layne of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Newton, Kan., will surely take time to task for suggesting Santa has anything to do with the celebration of Jesus' birth.

The good-natured priest is noted for his anti-Santa attitude, calling the red-suited elf a symbol of greed and waste. But I know he agrees with me that, buried beneath the white beard and overstuffed apparel, lies the little-known story of a saint who embodied what true giving is all about.

So, before you read Clement Moore's sugary version of Santa Claus, learn about the real St. Nicholas, whose feast day will be celebrated on Monday.

Nicholas was born in the village of Patara in present-day Turkey sometime between the years 260 and 280. Though he was quite young when his parents died, they already had instilled in him a deep faith in Christ.

Taking his substantial inheritance, Nicholas decided to follow the admonition of Jesus, who had told a wealthy man in the Gospel of St. Mark to "sell what you have and give to the poor."

That's just what Nicholas did, dedicating his life to helping the poor and suffering.

In the year 300, he became bishop of Myra, and his reputation of caring for children, the needy and sailors became widely known.

During the persecution of Christians by the Roman emperor Diocletian, Nicholas was arrested and sent into exile. After his release, he continued to serve others until his death, Dec. 6, 343.

In the centuries that followed, stories were told about the kindly bishop. According to one, a man had three daughters and was in poverty. Without it, they most likely would have been sold into slavery.

On three different nights, Nicholas tossed bags of gold through the father's open window that landed in the stockings or shoes left by the fire to dry. (The idea of hanging stockings by the fireplace to receive gifts grew from this story.)

It's only one example of his deference to the poor and love of others. As newcomers arrived in America, they passed along the stories of Nicholas, embellished by the traditions of their various cultures.

The image of Nicholas as a jolly elf was bolstered in 1823 by Moore's poem "A Visit From St. Nicholas," also known as "The Night Before Christmas."

Most businesslike, Nicholas' birth, what are we to make of him? Does a third-century saint, morphed into a shopping mall icon, have any relevance for us today, beyond inspiring us to consume?

For almost 20 years, my brother-in-law Tom Brooks, a retired Lutheran pastor, would tell the story of St. Nicholas to his congregations.

He would put on a red chasuble, mitre and beard and invite the children to the front of the church on the Sunday closest to St. Nicholas Day. He'd briefly tell them about the saint whom the kids knew only as Santa Claus.

It was his way of taking on the commercial "super" power and getting young and old alike to think, if only for short time, about the true spirit of the man in red.

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Jamie Leigh Curtie and Tim Allen star in 'Christmas with the Kranks,' a movie about a couple that decides not to celebrate Christmas.

Photo courtesy of Columbia Pictures

THE humbug option

Spurred by hit movie and book, some Christians will skip Christmas this year

Knight Ridder News Service

LEXINGTON, Ky. — A Kentucky church is approaching Christmas a little differently this year. It's skipping it.

And through advertisements around town and their Web site, www.skipchristmas.net, members of the church are urging you to do the same.

Crossroads Christian Church in Lexington isn't suggesting hailing out on the celebration altogether, just the bad parts.

The stress, spending money you can't afford to spend. The huge crowds.

"We want to encourage people not to get so caught up in the trappings of the season that they miss the heart of what Christmas is about," said Fred Turner, a minister at the church. "We are not calling for people not to buy presents or put up trees, but we are trying to turn the focus on the things that matter."

He said people often tell him

how they wish they could scale back and not spend as much this Christmas. Or how they feel obligated to buy gifts for certain people, even if they don't want to.

Crossroads Christian Church is giving those people permission to do just that, Turner said.

He said the church got the idea from John Grisham's newest book, "Skipping Christmas," which has been made into a movie "Christmas with the Kranks," featuring Tim Allen.

"The story is about Luther Krank (Allen), who is sick of the high costs of Christmas, and persuades his wife to skip the holiday and spend the money on a cruise."

But when his Peace Corps-bound daughter decides to come home for Christmas, he goes into a frenzy of preparations.

The church, a non-denominational Christian church, began a series of weekly discus-

sions on Saturday. The sessions focus on helping the community find simplicity, joy, rest, belonging and Jesus, while skipping the loneliness, obligations and rush that come with the holiday.

The last session will be on Christmas Eve.

"We really think this is important because the heart of Christmas needs to be getting back to who Jesus is and why he cares," Turner said.

Davis Caldwell, a member of the church since 1989, said he thinks some people might consider the church's message negative when they first see the billboard advertisements — some just list the Web site address.

Caldwell said he thinks the advertisements will intrigue some, though, and encourage them to log on to find out what the message is all about.

"I think people will find it interesting when they see the Web site," he said.

Taking back Christmas

1. Make homemade gifts.
2. Invite friends or relatives to dinner instead of trying to give expensive gifts that no one uses anyway.
3. Don't roll your eyes when someone says, "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."
4. Whatever your faith, speak up and say that Christian-bashing (or bashing of any other religion) offends you, especially around the Christmas season.
5. Get together with friends and family and make care packages for homeless shelters, nursing homes, etc. Make that your gift to each other.
6. Call those friends or relatives you usually avoid talking to. Hearing about your old college roommate's third marriage might not thrill you, especially since you can't get a word in edgewise, but it's a good way to give

of your time, something we all feel we don't have enough of but make for friends anyway.

7. If you're just dying to cook that turkey dinner but your parents or mother-in-law insist on doing it THEIR way, give in. This is not a "me me me" time.

8. Rent or watch "A Charlie Brown Christmas, Linus' recitation of the Bible and the gang's rendition of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" could make even Scrooge smile.

9. Take quiet time to think, meditate, and, yes, pray. Consider the mental vacation to Tahiti you can't take because the family has camped out at your house.

10. Appreciate your children's gifts, especially the homemade macaron ornaments. The first gift of Christmas was a child.

Source: People of Faith.com

Caldwell said that, when the idea was brought up at church last week, he and other members were instantly excited.

He said the "Skipping Christmas" theme, as ironic as it might sound, will bring some

back to the original reason for the holiday.

"It's fun to celebrate, it's fun to give gifts and talk about Santa and all of that, but it's important to focus on the gift God gave us Jesus," he said.

Savvy TV preacher rises to stardom

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Joel Osteen, whose gospel of optimism and telegenic good looks have turned him into a fast-rising star in the nation's evangelical firmament, is, nothing if not confident.

Just days after his father, the Rev. John Osteen, died suddenly in 1999, the minister's son stepped into the pulpit for the first time, facing thousands of worshippers at Houston's Lakewood Church.

"I had never preached before," recalls Osteen, 41. "It was kind of a weird thing. I never wanted to preach, but (knew) in my heart it was what I was supposed to do. I knew I was supposed to step up."

In the five years since he preached his first sermon, Osteen's rise has been meteoric. While his congregation has grown from 7,000 to 30,000, Osteen has become one of the most popular religious broadcasters in this country, filling arenas as far away as Madison

Square Garden

Osteen is the author of "Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential." Largely based on his sermons, the book is No. 4 on the New York Times best-seller list and was recently No. 1 on the Wall-Mart list with 800,000 copies in print.

Few would have predicted Osteen's impact that Sunday morning in 1999.

After less than a year at Oral Roberts University, Osteen had returned home to work at Lakewood's television ministry, where he spent the next 17 years behind the scenes.

But since taking over as pastor of Lakewood, he has turned it into the largest and fastest-growing congregation in the nation, according to Church Growth Today, a megachurch research organization.

"There is a simplicity to his message," explains John Vaughn, president of Church Growth Today. "Almost immediately, Osteen is able to win the trust of those who hear him."

He also has a knack for doing with it what he can do with it.

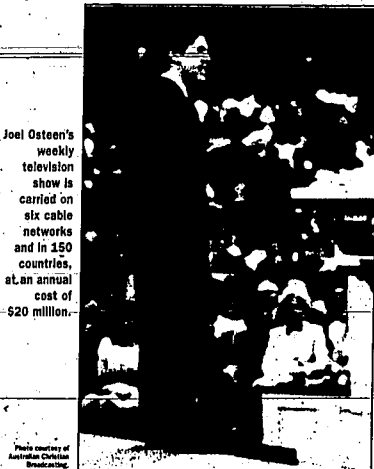
He's like the guy next door.

Osteen's father, a former Southern Baptist, founded the non-denominational Lakewood in 1959 in an abandoned feed store and later referred to it as the "Oasis of Love."

Starting early next year, the congregation will move to a new home at Houston's 16,000-seat Compaq Center, a basketball arena once home to the Houston Rockets that the congregation has leased and renovated at a cost of \$80 million.

The young minister, who bears a passing resemblance to comedian Jerry Seinfeld, is connecting with believers through his upbeat, motivational approach to Christianity.

"I don't condemn," he says. "I don't believe in being judgmental. When I preach is that it is the goodness of God that leads people to repentance — that's right out of the Bible. God has a good Please see PREACHER, Page E2



Joel Osteen's weekly television show is carried on six cable networks and in 150 countries, at an annual cost of \$20 million.

Photo courtesy of Lakewood Broadcasting

RELIGION

Father of aerobics credits his faith

The Dallas Morning News



Kenneth Cooper Launched aerobics movement

DALLAS — He added an "m" to aerobic, turned it into a noun and launched a worldwide fitness revolution.

He made stress tests commonplace and antioxidants a household word.

He earned the nickname "the father of preventive medicine" and a "piece of heaven" on Prudman Road in North Dallas he built a world-renowned wellness center that attracts presidents and princes, pro athletes and preachers.

But don't expect Kenneth Cooper to take credit for any of it.

"It was divine intervention in my life that has led me where I am," said Dr. Cooper, a devout Christian.

"Some things have been leading-edge research that people wouldn't touch. And I honestly don't know why I did, because I can't claim that kind of wisdom."

For all his success, the founder of the Greater Aerobics Center said, life hasn't come easy. He's made his share of mistakes and has been at the center of controversy in the medical community.

And times, he said, he's lost sight of his main priority, God. But whenever that's happened, he added, events have righted him, leading him back to his roots.

Since he was a boy growing up in Oklahoma City, he has been passionate about two things: faith and fitness.

"At 73, his passion is as apparent as ever."

Sitting behind a desk covered with medical files, Cooper pulled out his Bible, given to him almost 30 years ago by Bill Bright, the late founder of Campus Crusade for Christ. Scripture is what Dr. Cooper relies on to guide his life, he said, along with verses memorized long ago.

There's 1 Timothy 4:8: "For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life to come."

"Dr. Cooper, the message is clear: 'Unless you're spiritually

fit and physically fit, you don't know the real joy of living," he said.

Now the Greater Dallas Fellowship of Christian Athletes is honoring Dr. Cooper with its Tom Landry Excellence of Character Award, which recognizes exemplary Christian leaders. Past recipients include Billy Graham and James and Shirley Dobson.

Dr. Cooper said he was humbled by the award. "I knew Tom for many years, and I don't feel worthy to receive it."

But Dallas Cowboys great Roger Staubach, a longtime patient and friend, said Dr. Cooper reminds him of the legendary football coach.

"We always looked at him kind of like Coach Landry was in my life," Staubach said. "He really cares about people. He's someone you can look up to. He's got a strong faith, and he lives it."

The son of a prominent dentist and the grandson of an itinerant Southern Baptist preacher, Cooper was baptized when he was 5.

As a teen, he prayed as he ran more than a mile to school, part of his training for track. (He earned a track scholarship to the University of Oklahoma.)

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Bishop says he won't bless same-sex unions

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — In a move to win back three breakaway Southern California parishes and placate conservative critics internationally, the Episcopal bishop of Los Angeles said Tuesday he will not bless a moratorium on blessing same-sex unions. However, he said his priests were free to continue officiating at homosexual ceremonies.

At the same time, the Rt. Rev. I. Jon Bruno, bishop of the six-county Los Angeles diocese, called for an international church summit in Los Angeles. Essential participants, he said, would be bishops who have claimed jurisdiction over the three parishes.

Bruno said he wanted to seek an accommodation in the controversy that erupted in August when the three parishes unilaterally declared that they had left the diocese and the U.S. Episcopal Church over differences involving Scripture and homosexuality. They said they had jurisdiction over their members of our church or in the Anglican Communion," Bruno wrote.

A high-level Anglican Communion commission appointed by the archbishop of Canterbury last month proposed such expressions of regret by the American church for elevating Robinson, as well as a moratorium on same-sex blessings.

"I wish for you to know that I regret any confusion, hurt or offense any of my actions may have caused in other members of our church or in the Anglican Communion," Bruno wrote.

Meanwhile, Bruno said Tuesday he would indefinitely delay filing church charges against a retired Episcopal bishop in Texas, the Rt. Rev. Maurice M. Benitez, who is standing in for the African bishops in overseeing the three breakaway parishes. But Bruno is proceeding with a civil lawsuit, seeking to regain control over the three parishes.

Methodists convict lesbian minister of violating church law

PUGTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A lesbian minister who lives with her partner was defrocked for violating the United Methodist Church's ban on actively gay clergy — the denomination's first such decision in 17 years.

A 13-member jury made up of Methodist clergy convicted the Rev. Rosemary Deacon on Thursday, the second day of her church trial. Methodist law bars "self-avowed, practicing homosexuals" from ministry. The panel voted 12-1 to find Stroud guilty of violating church law.

Jurors then voted 7-6 to defrock Stroud, the bare majority necessary in the penalty phase of the trial, though her supporters' congregation in Philadelphia has said Stroud can continue performing most of her duties.

"I did not go into this trial expecting to win," said Stroud, who has 30 days to appeal the conviction. "I went into it knowing it would be a painful moment in the life of the United Methodist Church."

Stroud said she was saddened by the verdict but also saw it as a teaching moment that showed her she was not alone. She said she would continue to minister to her congregation.

Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold, who has issued similar expressions of regret to other members of the denomination, said he was pleased by the decision. "What is needed is clear repentance in both word and deed," they wrote.

Bruno also sent word of his regret to a retired Episcopal bishop in Texas, the Rt. Rev. Maurice M. Benitez, who is standing in for the African bishops in overseeing the three breakaway parishes. But Bruno is proceeding with a civil lawsuit, seeking to regain control over the three parishes.

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Leaders of the Tennessee Baptist Convention sing along with delegates, foreground, during the convention's annual meeting Nov. 10 in Sevierville, Tenn. A resolution supporting conservative Christian-based schools and homeschooling was quashed before it reached the floor for debate. Convention president Mike Boyd, right, said the resolution, now being considered by other state organizations, was too divisive.

Southern Baptist school movement grows popular

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Frustration with public education seems to be growing among the nation's Southern Baptists, with supporters of Christian schools and home schooling arguing that if God is absent from the classroom then their children should leave, too.

"What has happened is not so much that the Christians are leaving the public schools as that the public schools have left the Christians," advocate Ed Gamble said.

Gamble is executive director of the Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools, an Orlando, Fla.-based group that supports the more than 600 Southern Baptist schools created in the past eight years.

"As the public schools have become increasingly secular and increasingly intolerant of things Christian, people who are openly Christian have said, 'I guess they are not part of our team anymore,'" Gamble said.

The number of conservative Christian schools grew by nearly 11 percent between 1999-2000 and 2000-2002, according to the U.S. Department of Education's latest statistics.

At that rate, Christian schools are growing faster than private schools as a whole, and have increased their share to nearly 1 in 5 private schools in the country.

Earlier this year, a resolution proposed at the national meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention — which guides the nation's largest Protestant denomination — urged parents to withdraw their children from "officially Godless" government education.

"While the measure was rejected, interest in faith-based schools has continued to spread among Baptists at the state level, particularly in Tennessee, Missouri, Florida, South Carolina,

Illinois, Texas, Virginia, North Carolina, California and New England, according to Exodus Mandate, a Columbia, S.C., group that promotes private, Christian and home-school education.

A recent resolution promoting Christian schooling easily passed the Missouri Baptist Convention but was quashed in committee at the Tennessee Baptist Convention meeting in Sevierville last month.

The Missouri resolution talked about the "inherent dangers of secular educational philosophies that now permeate America's public education system" and affirmed "the importance of systematically training ourselves and our children in the ways of authentic, biblical Christianity."

"What we are saying is that God has given us some very specific commands that we are to train our children in the ways of the Lord, not in the ways of the world," said the Rev. Roger Moran, of Troy, Mo., the resolution's author and a member of the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee.

That means teaching creationism over evolution, that life begins at conception, and that homosexuality is immoral, as is sex outside of marriage. But it is more.

"It hits everything, when you realize the reality of life is that life was created by God and the entire universe is his creation. Therefore, everything has meaning and reflection on his nature, whether it's math or history or science. Two plus two equals four because God created them that way," said Glen Schultz, who heads the Baptist LifeWay curriculum program for church-based schools and homeschoolers.

The Tennessee resolution came one step short of asking

Baptist parents to pull their children from public schools.

"I wanted to be positive in promoting Christian education. I didn't want the resolution to be portrayed as attacking public education," said the Rev. Larry Reagan, of Dresden, who wrote the measure.

But the Rev. Mike Boyd of Knoxville, outgoing president of the 1 million-member Tennessee Baptist Convention, worried about the divisiveness of the issue.

"It was not wise, in all I am saying," added the Rev. Roger Westover, of Whiteville, chairman of the resolutions committee.

Reagan's resolution would have promoted more "Kingdom education" schools following LifeWay's lead. Schultz said the program has reached some 150 churches since 1996.

"We encourage our members to pray for this ministry and we encourage the promotion of an adequate system of Christian schools," Reagan said.

Boyd agreed there were "some serious" issues in the public schools to resolve but said the focus should be on supporting the teachers working in them, including many Baptists and parents.

Historically, Baptists have been staunch supporters of the public school system, and they still are," said Gamble, who was not surprised to see the convention resolutions fail.

"But this is a bottom-up movement, as it is a bottom-up denomination. This is not a movement that is being led so much by pastors as it is being led by moms and dads who are frustrated with the schools."

And some day, I don't know how long it will be, most of the kids will be educated in Southern Baptist schools or in their homes.

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Osteen's promotional materials hint that the man sometimes described as "The Smiling Preacher" may have the makings of a 21st-century Billy Graham, the Texas upstart approach is in sharp contrast to Franklin Graham, Billy's son and designated heir, whose darker personality, judgmental messages and penchant for criticizing Muslims and Hindus have caused head-scratching in national evangelical circles.

"Joel would alienate as many people, that's clear," says William Martin, author of "A Prophet With Honor: The Billy Graham Story." "But nobody is going to be the next Billy Graham in the sense of being the dominant person in American Christianity."

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Preacher

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plan. It doesn't matter what we've done. We can ask for forgiveness and move on."

The message clearly resonates beyond Houston.

Osteen's weekly television shows are carried on six cable networks and in 150 countries, at an annual cost of \$20 million, according to Nielsen Media Research. Osteen's broadcast is the highest-ranked syndicated program in the nation based on average television viewers per market.

"It strikes me as very self-confident, and that seems to project across the country," says Randall Ballner, professor of religion at Barnard College in New York. "He is similar to a young, up-and-coming corporate executive, a go-getter."

Scott Thumma of the Hartford Institute for Religion Research agrees.

"A lot of his success I attribute to his savvy understanding of the media and the technology," says Thumma, who studies megachurches. "There is a real media gift there," including knowing which markets, cable systems and time slots to buy for his shows.

"Nevertheless, his critics charge that Sundays at Lakeview are more of a show than a service, that little is asked of those in the seats. Ole Anthony of the Dallas-based Trinity Foundation, has described Osteen's message as 'coron candy.'"

"I am a Christian and I live by those principles," Osteen says. "I have never felt it was necessary

to explain the Bible. I want to teach people how to live by biblical principles. I talk about everyday living. I use stories from my life and tie them back to biblical principles.

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Presbyterian Women will hold Christmas Brunch

TWIN FALLS — The Presbyterian Women of the First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls will hold their annual Christmas Brunch at 10 a.m. today in the fellowship room at the church. All church members and friends are invited, and other Presbyterian churches in this district are welcome.

An Advent activity will be held after worship Sunday in the fellowship room. Following a light lunch prepared by the Fellowship Committee, participants will "check the hall" for Christmas. Child care and activities for younger children will be available. All members and friends are invited.

Church news

season is under way with the theme, "Tumbling to Hallelujah." Advent activities began Nov. 21 and will continue through Christmas. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., followed by worship at 10:50 a.m. Sunday Pastor Keith Wise will deliver special messages, and the Chancel Choir will provide music. Organ and piano duets are scheduled.

"God Bless Us Everyone" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Wilson Theater.

The event includes a variety of musical groups from throughout the community. It is sponsored by radio station KUNCI LP 93.3 FM, owned and operated by the Rupert United Methodist Church.

Admission is by donation. For more information, call 436-3354.

LDS church holds annual Christmas Devotional

SALT LAKE CITY — The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' annual First Presidency Christmas Devotional will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday in the Conference Center auditorium.

President Gordon B. Hinckley and his counselors, President Thomas S. Monson and President James E. Faust, will speak from traditional Christmas music will be provided by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the Orchestra at Temple Square.

The hour-long program will be broadcast on its satellite and can be viewed at any stake or ward meeting house with satellite equipment.

Agape Interfaith Luncheon will be Tuesday at 11:30

GOODING — The Agape Interfaith Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Basque Center on University Avenue.

Jean Harris will present the program, "Our Christmas Joy," and music will be by Kathy Gilbert.

Cost for the luncheon is \$6 per person. Reservations should be made by Sunday by calling Carolyn Herzinger at 934-5700. Those who want to attend the program only may come at noon at no charge.

"Everyone is welcome," she says.

Ladies Fellowship holds luncheon for season

HEYBURN — The Ladies Life-Line Fellowship will hold a non-denominational luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Connor's Cafe.

The meetings theme is "Remember the Reason for the Season." Joan Parr will present the program, music will be by Doris Senecal and Tina Mullins, and Leman Mestley will be the speaker.

For reservations, call Lila at 438-5376. For prayer concerns, call Ruth 436-5380.

Prayer circle will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 15 at Lila Harris' home. Call 438-5376 for directions.

Church will present musical drama 'The Gift'

TWIN FALLS — "The First Assembly of God will present 'The Gift,' an original musical drama, at 7 p.m. Friday and Dec. 11 and 12 at the church, 143 Locust St. N."

"The Gift" begins with Mary and Joseph riding in on a donkey, followed by three wise men who come bearing gifts for the baby Jesus, and concludes with the message that everyone has a gift to give. The production will include live animals, costumes, a manger, an adult and children's choir and soloists.

"The Gift" was written by Dave Holster, who is also the technical director of the pageant. Admission is free. An offering will be taken.

Aglow International will hold monthly meeting

TWIN FALLS — Aglow International will hold its monthly meeting at 2 p.m. Dec. 11 in the community room at the Twin Falls Housing Authority, located at the corner of Shoup and Sycamore (behind Pizza Hut on Addison Avenue).

Suzantha Rice will speak on "Rejoice in His Love." She will explore the barriers to worship and freedom found in accepting God's love.

Rice and her husband, Lewis, co-pastor the Harvest Community Church in Richfield.

Aglow International, formerly Women's Aglow International, changed its name last year when the ministry expanded to include men. It is a non-denominational network.

Everyone is invited. For more information, call Karen at 404-6749.

Church hosts community movie night on Dec. 11

KIMBERLY — Community Movie Night will be held Dec. 11 at the Crossroads United Methodist Church, 205 Madison E.

A light supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the movie, "The Santa Clause," will be shown at 7 p.m.

All ages are welcome. Rides are available for children and senior citizens.

Movie Night is the second Saturday of each month. Call 423-4311 for movie information.

Harris earns Young Womanhood award

BURLEY — Hillaree Harris recently received a Young Womanhood Recognition Award.

To earn the award, she completed community and church service and projects, including handiwork,

gardening, sewing in a humanitarian project, a modesty fashion show, developing musical talents in singing and piano, and offering baby-sitting services.

Harris is a member of the Star 2nd Ward and a junior at American Heritage Academy in Burley, where she sings in the school's Ensemble choir. She is a 4-H member and a winner in county and district style reviews, pianist and singer and active in youth leadership in church, 4-H and school. Her parents are Randy and Denise Harris of Burley.

Smith receives Young Womanhood award

WENDHELL — Elizabeth and Alice Smith recently received Young Womanhood Recognition awards through the Young Women's program of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Elizabeth's projects included sewing her own clothes, tending children for sick relatives, making quilts for her 11 siblings, acting in a play and participating in musical groups. She received her award while living in Wallburg, Utah, where her leader was Colleen Nielsen. She is now a senior at Wendell High School, where she is active in music and drama. She teaches piano and choir after school. She likes to write and has written several plays, stories and essays.

Alice's projects included tending children, learning Japanese, memorizing a faith-promoting document, sewing pillowcases for a children's hospital and completing a keepsake craft about temples. She received her award in Wendell, where her leader is Cheryl Glines. She is a junior at Wendell High School, where she plays the French horn and is active in band and choir. She studies languages as a hobby and enjoys acting, singing and reading, and studying about ancient history.

Elizabeth, 17, and Alice, 16, are the daughters of Susan and Kathleen Smith of Wendell.

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MISSIONARIES

Three young men from the Magic Valley area have been called to serve missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Elder Robert Hawkes will serve in the Brazil Campinas Mission.



Robert Hawkes

Hawkes is the son of Richard and Niki Hawkes of Twin Falls and an Eagle Scout. He graduated in 2003 from Twin Falls High School, attended Brigham Young University-Idaho for one year and worked in Houston, Texas, through the summer.

where he participated in golf. He worked the past year for J.C. Penney's. His parents are Suzanne and David Lepp of Twin Falls.

Elder Jed Bateman will serve in the California Oakland Mission.



Jed Bateman

Bateman is the son of Richard and Debbie Bateman of Twin Falls, a graduate of Twin Falls High School and an Eagle Scout.

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Elder Ryan Leigh Nesmith will serve in the California Long Beach Mission.



Ryan Nesmith

Nesmith is a 2003 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Hildreth performs today at the M.V. Gospel Opry



Bryon Hildreth

TWIN FALLS — Singer-songwriter Bryon Hildreth of Twin Falls will be the featured artist at the Magic Valley Gospel Opry at 7 p.m. today at the First Assembly of God Church, 143 Locust St. N. It's free.

Hildreth will be debating his new album, "The Man That I Am Not." Also featured are local vocalists and musicians Dave and Lavette Kay Holster, Dave and Bev Bennett, Rachel Williams, Darin Gere, Mark Beams, Jim Nimo and Dave Stone.

The Opry is held at 7 p.m. every Saturday night at the First Assembly of God Church, 143 Locust St. N. It's free.

Choirs present Handel's 'Messiah' today, Sunday

JEROME — The Jerome All-Faiths Choir, College of Southern Idaho Chamber Choir, Magic Valley Chamber Orchestra and soloists will perform Handel's "Messiah," Paris 1 and 2.

at the Jerome High School and again at 3 p.m. Sunday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts auditorium.

CSI Music professor Carson Wang will direct the combination choir and orchestra.

Rebecca Prescott, daughter of Roy and Judy Prescott of Jerome, sings soprano and will be the soloist for tonight's program only. She is a graduate of Jerome High School and Boise State University with a major in theater and music. She is a second-year graduate student at Roosevelt Music Conservatory in Chicago, where she will graduate in September with a master's degree in music in vocal performance. She has performed with the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, Idaho Theatre for Youth and the Sierra Repertory Theatre in California, where she received an honorable mention for acting in the Backstage West Dialogue awards. In Chicago, she received an After Dark award for work with The Baldwin Theatre. She is an associate artist with the Alan Stone Debut Artist Program, a past soloist with the Chicago Chorus and regional finalist for the Chicago NATS competition.

Admission is a suggested \$5 donation to the CSI Music Activity and Scholarship Fund. The public is invited.

Advent season features activities at Rupert church

RUPERT — The Rupert United Methodist Church's Advent

LETTER

God tells us to settle differences peacefully

If President Bush's higher father told him to go to war in Iraq, then he must have a different higher father than what Jesus had, for the higher father Jesus had wanted people to settle their differences in a peaceful way.

In Matthew 5:9, Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

Paul the Pharisee, who wrote so many letters in the Bible, believed the story that Jesus rose from the dead, for in 1 Corinthians 15:14, he said, "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your

faith is also vain." Jesus said, "God is a spirit." It also said a spirit has no flesh nor bones.

Some of the good religions are those who do the civilized people should do and one of the things is "Thou shalt not kill."

WILLIAM HÄFFNER
Twin Falls

The Times-News welcomes letters on religious topics of 200 words or less from readers. Letters should include the writer's signature, mailing address and telephone number. Letters considered libelous, obscene or in bad taste will be rejected, and The Times-News reserves the right to edit all letters.

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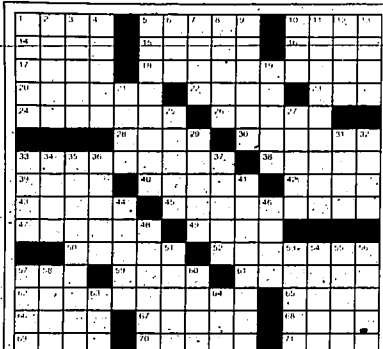
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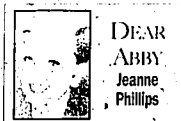


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Promise to son concerns mother

DEAR ABBY: A promise I made to my child is tearing me apart. My 7-year-old son, 'Lyle,' has been talking a lot about death. A while back, we were in the car and he brought the subject up again. He said he was sad he would be in heaven alone, and asked that should anything ever happen to him, if I would go with him, I promised that I would, and it seemed to make him feel much better. We talked about how we would fly down to Earth and touch our loved ones to give them comfort, even though they would never see us. That promise I made is killing me now because, God forbid if something bad did happen to Lyle, I could never go with him. I have four other children who need me. I'm afraid if I take back the promise that gave my son so much comfort, it will upset him. Also, I need to know why at his tender age, Lyle is talking so much about death. Is this normal? Sometimes it scares me. —TORN MOTHER IN VERMONT



DEAR ABBY: I dated 'Carter' for five months. During that time, he bought me all kinds of presents, from flowers to tires for my car. I never asked Carter for anything. In fact, I told him twice that there were 'too many presents.' He responded that I

was insulting him, and told me I should just accept them graciously and say thank you. I tried to reciprocate by doing things for him. I would cook him dinner every time he came over and give him fresh produce from our garden. I even loaned Carter my car when his was in the shop. Now that we are broken up, he is demanding that I return all his gifts and pay him \$100 for the tires or he will sue me. (I have proof they were gifts, and given with love.) I feel Carter is wrong. Should I give him back the things and pay him? —SORRY NEVER MET HIM IN CALIFORNIA DEAR SORRY: Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with as she (or he) wishes. However, in this case, since you now know they were intended as strings to bind you to him, it might be better to return them and be rid of him once and for all. PS: He can sue you if he wishes, but whether he could WIN is

another matter. I hope for his sake he won't decide to try. DEAR ABBY: I was having a snack in a restaurant a few days ago. A mother and her two young children were sitting at the next table. The younger child — a boy about 3 — picked up the salt shaker and licked the top of it. The mother instructed the older child to take the salt shaker to an unoccupied table and exchange it for another salt shaker. —Should I have spoken to her about it, or taken it off the other table myself and turned it over to an employee? I should have done something, but I didn't. —FEELING GUILTY, KILGORE, TEXAS DEAR FEELING GUILTY: You should have informed your server or the manager of the restaurant about what you saw, so the item could have been removed and sanitized. And shame on that mother for what she was teaching her older child. Mother of the year, she's not.

You will get warm reception today, Taurus

IF DECEMBER 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... Life may have seemed just like a never-empty box of chocolates this past year, but the ecstatic pleasures you have been experiencing are addictive. It is best to find new dreams and make fresh plans in 2005. You may have had a hint of an exciting new direction just a few weeks ago. In February and March opportunities to take giant leaps forward are present. People will be gracious and willing to lend a helping hand on any worthwhile project. More doors will open in March and July. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Shifting celestial signs predict that it will be easy to make amends and resolve relationship or financial issues tonight and tomorrow. Tickle the fancy of your significant other with some humorous moves this weekend. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stars overhead are forming a happy and friendly pattern in which your shrewdly shines brightly and romantic doubts will be banished. Seductive

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

moves will receive a warm reception from the object of your desires. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Trust can be restored between you and a loved one this weekend. Circle 'x's and make up on your calendar and let your imagination run wild. Singles may find a sweet new romance to spice up the long winter hours ahead. CANCER (June 21-July 22): It is time to put doubts away by talking over plans and being firm about your commitment to a special someone. The light of love will burn brightly this weekend, so concentrate on togetherness and drawing the bands of affection tighter. Leo (July 23-Aug 22): Restore that loving feeling and turn the magic on by confidently pursuing amorous connections. You can attain bliss with a faithful other but new relationships

formed this weekend should flourish as well. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The stars are shifting into more pleasant arrangements. Sincere heart-to-heart chats can dispel tensions and conflicts. With trust restored, seductive ideas will be welcomed. Charming candlelit dinners for two can lead to satisfying late night play. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Expect a month sailing through love or money, if concerned. Make reparations if needed and be assured that sincere apologies will be accepted. If you are foot-loose and fancy free, a new love could ensue this weekend. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Moody lovers beware; one might stand could turn into lasting love affairs under these auspicious skies. Passions can be restored as mutual understanding overcomes small rifts in existing relationships. Move forward with the utmost confidence. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Four charms are irresistible. Beware the baneful where romance is concerned. A wave of

tenderness can arouse the depths of passion. Indulge your senses and let your heart carry you away to greener and richer pastures. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It could be that it is time to change your mind about something or someone. Deep reflection will show you the errors of your ways. Ask for forgiveness if you stepped on someone's toes and relationships will move swiftly to a more satisfying level. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Peace and tranquility return. A few words of apology or an act of contrition easily heal troubled relationships. Flirtatious glances can lead to heavenly pairings, so be prepared for sensual hookups with a significant romantic partner. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be confident that you can make dreams come true. Playing hard to get may pique someone's interest, but sweet surrender is definitely in the stars this weekend. Those looking for true love could hear it knocking on the door tonight.

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FOUND Yellow Lab, female, no collar, no tag, in Houghton, Call 208-212-2577. LOST Biker male, Red Brindle-worse white, approx. 4 month old. Lamb Weston area. Call 208-733-6172. LOST Buhl boy class ring on 12/01 in Buhl. If found call 543-5403 or 403-731-9999. LOST Chocolate Lab, older male, lost on west side of Jerome. REWARD! Call 208-324-9194, 539-4549, or 208-324-3066. LOST dental retainer in small red case with hulk sticker on top and name on bottom. Found in Jerome. Elementary in Buhl. We really need it. If found call 208-549-6745. ***** LOST Golden Retriever, Aug 5th 1-84 mile marker 201 in Burley (Paw) area. Call 208-324-9194. Name is "Buz" Still looking. P.E.S. 811-860-8900/866-1963.

LOST Nikon SB-28 flash (black) with SC-17 flash cord (gray). May have been left at Magic Valley Mall. Call 208-735-0251. LOST Retriever/Red Heeler, female, no collar, "Tiana", 6 months. Lost around the Sugar Factory area. 208-934-8575 or 539-1100. LOST Coat, Camo, 11/29. West between Wendell & Hagerman. Call 208-320-2148. LOST watch-ladpole Black Hills Gold band. In the area of MV Mall or Home Depot. Call 208-324-4593. LOST woman's wedding set, Gold & diamond. Around BURMC or South of Jerome. REWARD! 208-324-8552 or 320-2057. All advertising is subject to the newspaper's standards of publication. The Times-News reserves the right to edit, abbreviate, decline or properly classify any ad. Receipt of copy cut. (fax, e-mail, etc.) does not constitute final acceptance by this newspaper. The advertiser, not the newspaper, assumes full responsibility for the truthful content of their advertiser message. Place your ad Online... Now you can Log on to www.magicvalley.com and place your advertisement. Check on the Classified section. Classifieds. For people everywhere. 733-0931

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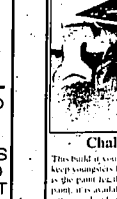
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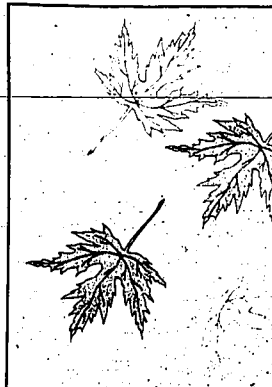
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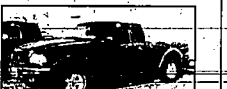
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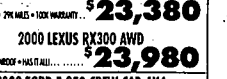
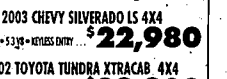
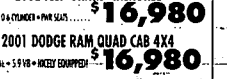
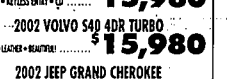
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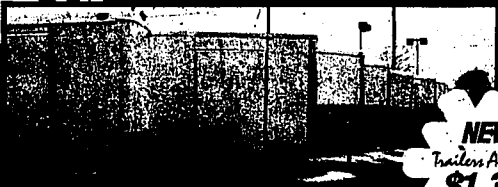
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